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JAPAN SENDS SHIPS TO COREA.

May Seize Korean Port of Masampo

War Declared to be Inevitable—English Sentiment as Usual is Against Russia.

TOKIO, Jan. 2.—A powerful squadron consisting of six armored cruisers and Admiral Kamimura, is expected to leave Sasebo tomorrow for Masampo, Corea. Sasebo is a Japanese port, twenty-five miles northwest of Nagasaki.

JAPAN MAY SEIZE COREAN PORT.

TOKIO, Jan. 2.—The report is current that the Japanese squadron of six armored cruisers, under Admiral Kamimura, now at Sasebo will seize the port of Masampo, Corea. In well informed circles, however, it is doubted that Japan would seize Masampo, or any Korean port, except to forestall Russia in the event of the latter showing evidence of any intention to take such a step or in the event of the negotiations between the two countries finally ending in failure.

Great activity prevails and the force of workmen has been increased at the Osaka arsenal. The holiday of the arsenal operatives have been curtailed in order to hurry the work in hand.

DISTRICT OF U. S.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald says that the active Far Eastern policy of the United States attracts much attention and causes distinct distrust. This feeling, he adds, is inevitable. No matter what the papers say. We behind the scenes know better. War would be an unfortunate for Russia, but Japan apparently is determined to fight it.

FAINT HOPES OF PEACE.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—No word has yet been received here tending to show when the Russian reply to Japan may be expected. Foreign Secretary Lansdowne has informed Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister that he fears the war party in Russia is in the ascendancy and he has faint hopes of Japan receiving a favorable reply. Baron Hayashi says he has received news of the intended dispatch of a Japanese squadron to Masampo. The latest news he heard was that a Russian cruiser was there. The minister pointed out that the dispatch of a squadron to Masampo would not be regarded as a war-like action, though it could scarcely help being regarded in the line of other precautions which Japan has openly taken.

BRITISH OPINION.

The weekly papers here share in the general feeling, although the current of British opinion. The Spectator says war draws ever nearer and adds: "If we are dragged into this war, as we may be, the country will not be divided in sympathy, dislike of Russia being as strong among the masses of our population as it was in the Crimea." The papers surmise that Russia may keep her ships in her harbors, as she did during the Crimean war, thereby forcing land action or a dangerous attempt by Japan to seize Port Arthur and Vladivostok.

The Standard Review adopts a somewhat similar tone, saying that the likelihood of Chinese intervention menaces the commercial interests of all Europeans and the United States. A communication has been received in London diplomatic quarter unfriendly to Russia, that M. Bezobrazoff, who was recently raised by the czar to the rank of a baron, is the power behind the scenes of the Russo-Japanese negotiations. M. Bezobrazoff, who is reported to be now the prime favorite of the czar and the leader of the war party, is largely interested in the commercial enterprises in Corea and is the bosom friend of Viceroy Alexieff. Through the news is evidently partial it receives some credit and adds to the alarmist feeling.

INDIAN WAR THREATENED.

Nevada Tribe Threaten Wholesale Massacre of the Whites if Indian Murderer is Executed.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—

A despatch to the Tribune from Caliente, Nev., says: War has just reached here in the killing of two prospectors. Wm. Jones and Henry Alexander by Plute Indians, who are threatening to revolt against the whites. The prospectors were working in Arrow Range. Henry Stove and James Dunlap, two other prospectors passed their tent and found the bodies of the men lying near the ashes of a camp fire. They had been shot and their bodies afterwards frightfully outraged. Plute Indians are roving about committing depredations on the ranches and camps of prospectors or prospectors. A general uprising is feared.

The trouble started over the passing of a sentence of death on a Plute boy who killed William Williams, near Las Vegas in August, last year. The Indians threaten a wholesale killing of whites if the sentence of death is carried out.

IROQUOIS THEATRE'S OWNERS CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

Man Who Lost Wife and Three Children Will Press Case to Full Extent of the Law.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—

A Chicago despatch to the World today says: Warrants charging Harry J. Powers, Will F. Davis and Building Commissioner Williams with manslaughter were issued last night by Justice Underwood on complaint of Arthur E. Hull, whose wife and three children were killed in the Iroquois theatre fire. The complaint states that these defendants did wilfully and maliciously cause the death of Helen Hull by failing to provide the proper protection against injury and death by fire in the construction and management of the Iroquois theatre.

Word was sent to Manager Davis and Powers and Commissioner Williams that warrants were out and that they would come in and give bail they would not be subjected to arrest. States Attorney Deane when told of the filing of the complaint and the issuance of the warrants, said that he would take charge of the case and prosecute it to the full extent of the law. No more drastic case than that of the Hull family can be found in this city. The wife, her two boys and little daughter were overcome. Mrs. Hull was 35 years old. Her body and that of her son Dwight were found at Jordan's morgue, Heis and

NEW YEAR REFORMS.

Aldermen Favor Changes in Civic Departments—Water and Sewerage Will Get Attention.

There is a growing feeling among the aldermen of the city that the present year some more economic management of the civic public works will be required. The department is the one which is considered most in need of attention and it is not long that there will be some economies introduced into the methods of management of the board of works. It was decided that a plan of the West Side water system should be prepared. The East Side system is said to be beyond human understanding, and the West Side is rapidly approaching a similar condition. No accurate plans are available of either of these works.

During the year just passed about \$20,000 was spent out of revenue water improvements in addition to whatever may have been covered by bonds. It is believed that some of this money has been expended on work of an experimental or unnecessary nature, and members of the board of works desire to put an end to this. They also wish to stop the present habit of voting for new work until some more definite and practical knowledge is obtained.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Jane A. Lang was held at half-past two o'clock this afternoon from 213 Union street. Services were conducted at the house by Rev. G. M. Campbell and the body was interred in Fernhill.

At half-past two o'clock this afternoon, the funeral of the late Miss Margaret McKinley was held from her late home on Erin street to the cathedral. Rev. R. J. Coughlin officiated, and interment was in the New Catholic grounds.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Sullivan, widow of Jeremiah Sullivan, takes place at half-past two o'clock this afternoon from the Mater Misericordiae Home. Rev. Father Carleton conducts services at the home, and the burial will be in the New Catholic grounds.

HOME FOR BURIAL.

The body of the late William McGuire, who died in New York on Wednesday evening was brought to the city by the noon train from Boston today, and was taken to Mr. McCarthy's mother's home on Waterloo street. William Gleason, formerly of this city and now of New York, accompanied the body. The funeral will take place at half-past two o'clock tomorrow.

GOLD STANDARD FOR MEXICO.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 2.—A plan for reforming the currency has been prepared by the fifth sub-committee of the national monetary commission. The commission advised that in order to obtain stability or fixity of international exchange, the government should be advised by a monetary commission to adopt a monetary system based on the gold standard. The committee does not recommend the immediate adoption of the gold standard, but rather creating a system very similar to that which the United States government has put in operation in the Philippines.

JEALOUSY AND MURDER.

HUNTSVILLE, N. J., Jan. 2.—Oscar Donnelly, a young farmer shot his wife dead in their home near this village yesterday and fired a bullet through his own heart. The motive for the crime is said to have been jealousy.

There will be special services held in the Salvation Army barracks in Indian town Sunday, January 3rd, led by Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Sharp, assisted by Major Howell, and headquarters staff. Services at 11 a. m., 3 p. m., & 8 p. m.

WAR RAGING IN FREIGHT RATES.

Canadian vs. American Lines for St. John Traffic

The Seizure of McClary's Goods Was Only An Incident—Rates May Drop Lower.

It now appears that the seizure of two carloads of goods brought here by the McClary Co. was only an incident in a brisk fight which is going on between the C. P. R. and other lines for business of this sort to St. John. This fight has been developing for three or four weeks and while the present affair relates only to the goods brought by the McClary Co., the competition is intended to affect all kinds of freight brought to St. John from Upper Canada, via American points.

The railways some time ago established the rate of \$4c. per hundred on the class of goods now under immediate attention, and the McClary people got a rate through Boston to St. John, via the Eastern S. S. Co., which meant a saving of between \$40 and \$50 on a car. When the railways saw the loss of business resulting from the new \$4c. rate, they at once made a cut of 12c. so that now 42c. per 100 lbs. is quoted. This is still 8c. per 100 lbs. higher than via Boston, which route is still about \$18 per car cheaper. It is altogether probable that a still further reduction will be made for the business to St. John is an important item.

Canadian manufacturers would, it is believed, give the preference to Canadian lines if the difference in rates amounted to only a few dollars per carload, but this feeling will not carry them through when there is a difference of twenty dollars to be gained or lost.

Large quantities of flour, handled from the Canadian West, to lay and from Boston may also be affected by this struggle between the competing lines. The railroads running to St. John will be in a good position to reach out for this business when the new south shore steamer goes on the route.

WOMAN KILLS TWO.

As a Result of a Little Quarrel She Smothered Her Two Visitors With Gas.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Henry McKee and his four year old grandson, Matthew Dempsey, are dead and Mrs. Ella Brennan is in a serious condition in Bellevue hospital, suffering from poisoning as the result of a little quarrel, the police say, in the latter apartment. Mrs. Brennan had left the apartment, she turned on the gas in the kitchen, where McKee, a visitor, with his grandson, was. When her husband returned to the room he found the three occupants unconscious. She is a prisoner at the hospital, charged with homicide and attempted suicide.

MINE EXPLOSION.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 2.—Samuel Olson has been killed instantly, Fred Drysdale fatally injured and the foreman John Penultima, overcome by gas in what appears to have been a clash between the Amalgamated company's miners from the Pennsylvania mine operating in the Michael Davitt property and the miners from the Rarua mine, a Heins property, adjoining. The Pennsylvania miners escaped from the mine under the orders of the United States State to determine to what extent the bodies of the Michael Davitt mine had been unlawfully worked as alleged by the Amalgamated people.

The miners were engaged in stopping passages through a door into the Heins working to prevent the blasting work of the miners creeping in, and driving them from their work, when, without warning there was a deafening crash which blew the door from its place and crushed the timbers.

Sheriff Quinn is now making an investigation. The continuing forces of miners are wrought up to a high degree.

WINTER PORT.

Four Sallings Tomorrow—Donaldson Liner Concordia Arrives Today.

There will in all probability be four sailings of winter port steamers tomorrow. Two C. P. R. boats, the Montrose and the Monmouth were expected to get away today, but will not be ready before Sunday forenoon. The Donaldson lined Lakonia will also sail in the morning, and the Allan line mail boat, Pretorian, early in the afternoon. The Donaldson liner Concordia, from Chicago, reached port about one o'clock today and is now lying in the stream, where she will remain until the Lakonia sails tomorrow.

The C. P. R. steamer Lake Champlain was expected early today, but until two o'clock had not been reported from Blair Island. The Champlain is bringing about eight hundred passengers.

FOUND FORCEPS IN MAN.

Curious Blunder Two Years Ago, Discovered by Second Operation, Causes Patient's Death.

HAMMOND, Ind., Dec. 31.—Dr. I. B. Washburn, of Rensselaer, Ind., is dead at a private hospital at Valparaiso, Ind., as the result of a curious blunder made during an operation performed two years ago. He had complained in the morning and the Allan line mail boat, Pretorian, early in the afternoon. The Donaldson liner Concordia, from Chicago, reached port about one o'clock today and is now lying in the stream, where she will remain until the Lakonia sails tomorrow.

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TOOK IN THE SITUATION.

"John, here are your slippers."
"Thank you."
"And your smoking jacket."
"How good you are!"
"And your pipe and tobacco."
"That's all right, I know you're tired."
"And now sit down and let me rub your head, for I know you're tired."
"And then he looked enquiringly at her and said:
"John, let's be perfectly candid with each other. What kind of a present do you want?"—Washington Star.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

FOR SALE—Have about 25 "Buff Rocks" the new breed of poultry, standard bred. Will sell at reasonable prices. For particulars address A. Star.

LOST—A lady's gold watch, on German time, Charbon or Gruve street. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at Daily Sun Office.

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts—Wind shifting to north-east and east and increasing to gales by morning; fair and very cold today, followed by a snow storm, possibly turning locally for a time to rain.

Synopsis—Intense cold prevails over the greater part of the continent, and a storm now developing to the south of the lakes indicates very stormy conditions for the Maritime Provinces. Winds to shift to easterly and the Banks, shifting to easterly and increasing to gales by morning.

Lady (to applicant for position of nurse maid)—Why, were you discharged from your last place?
Applicant—Because I sometimes forgot to wash the children, mum.
Chorus of children—Oh, mamma, please excuse her—Tut-tut!

Customer—What sort of a chicken do you call this?
Walter—That, sir, is, I believe, a Plymouth Rock.
"Ah! I'm glad it has some historic interest. I thought it was just an ordinary cockatrice."—Illustrated Elit.

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F. I. POTTS, Auctioneer.
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Just now, very likely, you are most interested in garments for Dress and Half-Dress affairs. We are prepared for your wants with an excellent assortment of Black Coatings and Worsted Trousers which we are prepared to make to your order with despatch and in the best style.

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Fresh Eggs, 24c. per dozen. Pure Lard, 10c. per pound. Quarts Cranberries for 25c. Cream of Tartar, 24c. lb. Dried Peels, Pure Spices, Raisins, Currants, and a full line of other groceries.

Very Cheap For Cash, at ROBERTSON & CO. 562 and 564 Main Street, St. John N. B. PHONE 776 A.

Table with columns for NAME and ADDRESS, listing various businesses and their locations in St. John.

COTTON MILLS CLOSED.

Marysville Mills Lack Raw Material. St. John Skaters in Fredericton. Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 1.—Sylvanus Rideout, brakeman on the Canada Eastern Railway and brother to Policeman Rideout, was caught between two cars while shunting at Gibson station last evening and seriously injured.

The Marysville cotton mill has been obliged to shut down for a few days on account of the scarcity of raw cotton. The half mile skating race at Arctic Rink this evening between Ed. Dalton, of Fredericton, and Mike Walsh, of St. John, resulted in an easy victory for the latter.

Pen Parker, of St. John, gave an exhibition half mile in the remarkably fast time of 1:15. His effort was lustily cheered by the thousands spectators in attendance.

The first match in the local hockey series was played this evening between the Trojans and C. R. C.'s and was won by the Trojans, 7 to 0.

KING O'KEEFE. Britcher Who Wedded a Dusky Queen. King O'Keefe, the South Sea Island millionaire, disappeared a couple of years ago and recently the wreckage of the vessel in which he sailed from Hong Kong has made its appearance.

O'Keefe's story is a romance of real life. Twenty years ago he was cast ashore on a coral island called Yap. The queen of those regions fell in love with him, and in due course he became king-consort of Yap. But he was not a man to waste much time "sporting with a dusky Amazon in the shade of a coco-nut palm."

THE ALASKAN AWARD. Disappointment of Canadian Commissioners Will Bear Fruit. LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Manchester Courier, in taking a retrospect of 1903, refers to the Alaskan award, and thinks that the slight protest against the composition of the doctrine of the future will have greater weight in the return owing to Canada's dignified dissatisfaction at the outset of the Alaskan inquiry.

POWERFUL FIRE FLOAT. The city of Manchester will shortly be provided with the most powerful steam fire and salvage boat in the world, which will be manufactured for the protection of the docks and other property on the Manchester Ship Canal.

NEW YEAR'S SERVICE. There was a large congregation in St. David's Presbyterian church yesterday forenoon, when the usual New Year services were preached by Rev. A. M. Hill, D. D., of the Fairville Presbyterian church, who took for his text the eleventh verse of the forty-sixth Psalm: "The Lord of Hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge."

BRITAIN ALERT. PORTSMOUTH, Jan. 1.—The King Alfred is taking new crews for her battleship Glor, Admiral Noel's flagship and the river sunboat Kusta. She is provisioned for six months and will remain on the China station in the event of war.

WINTER PORT

Some of the steamers continued loading yesterday. It was an expensive arrangement, the laborers' wages amounting to 40 cents per hour. The Donaldson str. Lakonia will leave St. John Sunday morning for Halifax, where she will complete her cargo.

The Allan mail str. Pretorian is expected to get away Sunday for Halifax and Liverpool. The Allan liner Ionian, from Liverpool for Halifax and St. John, left Belleville yesterday.

Experiment For Transporting Troops On the C. P. R. Proves Highly Successful. VANCOUVER, Jan. 1.—The special train which conveyed the 48th company of the R. G. A. across the continent from Halifax to this city, arrived here yesterday morning.

Major English, who is in charge of the transport, expressed himself as highly pleased with the transportation arrangements of the C. P. R., despite the fact that the train was made in mid-winter. Attached to the train was a regular military "commissary" car of the C. P. R., in which the commissary was given to this transportation troupe across the continent by the experiment of using hammocks for men, the idea in the place of regular berths.

Another Chicago Fire. CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Three persons were killed and four others injured in a fire tonight that destroyed the Lows Hotel, 311-313 Lake Avenue. Nearly 100 guests were in the hotel at the time the fire broke out, several of whom had retired for the night.

ODD FELLOWS ANNUAL GATHERING. The annual gathering of the Oddfellows of St. John in Peers Lodge rooms yesterday, was largely attended. C. John Stanger, district deputy, presided and welcomed the members.

WAGES REDUCED. PITTSBURG, Jan. 1.—The 3,000 employees of the Edgar Thomson Steel Works and the eleven blast furnaces of the Carnegie Steel Co. at Braddock today accepted the reduction in wages offered them. The tonnage men to the mill plant received the heaviest cut, which is from 12 to 22 per cent.

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BAKERS AND CONFECTIONERS. The journeyman bakers and confectioners' union of St. John held their election of officers at the last meeting. Mr. McKinley, president, re-elected; Mr. Pooley, vice-president; Mr. Simms, secretary; Mr. Grant, treasurer; re-elected; Mr. Wolf, sergeant-at-arms; Mr. Knight, Mr. McKinley, Mr. Turnbull, trustees; Mr. Wolf, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. McBride, counsel committee.

PRESENTATION TO T. H. ESTABROOKS. A pleasing feature of the festivities in connection with the opening of the new Red Rose Tea house was a presentation to T. H. Estabrooks by his employees. The gift was a handsome chest of silverware.

A CONSERVATIVE NOMINATION. WINGHAM, Ont., Jan. 1.—Dr. T. Oshelton, of Wingham, has accepted the nomination of the East Huron Conservatives for the dominion elections.

ANNUAL PASS FOR A DOG TRAVELLER.

Devey, a well behaved fox terrier, whose home is in Rye, will be the first dog to travel on a regular annual railroad pass. Devey has been a regular passenger on the New York, New Haven and Hartford road for several years, and has been accompanied by his owner, Hilbert, who has been deadheaded or traipsing along the line, but now for an annual. It will be put in a silver case and Devey will wear it about his neck whenever he wants to make a trip.

Every station agent and express messenger from New York to Springfield knows this dog. Never a week passes, winter or summer, that he does not go on a trip of inspection on the line, frequently travelling through to the end of the road and back again. James Grant, agent of the Adams Express Company, at Fort Chester, is supposed to be the owner of the dog, but Devey regards any man on the line who wears the company's uniform as his friend and makes himself perfectly at home in any station on the road.

The dog's usual custom is to leave home early in the morning on an express train going toward New Haven. He rides in the baggage car, gets out, whisks about among the employees at a station, grinning and wagging his tail, and then goes to the door of an express car, jumps in when it is opened and goes on a few stunts. When night comes the dog crosses the track, boards a train going toward home, cuts up in the driver of the car and is sure to awaken and get off at Rye station.

CHRISTMAS TREATS IN FAIRVILLE. The Fairville Methodist Sunday school held its annual Christmas treat and treat last evening. It is said to have been the most successful Fairville event for years.

QUEBEC FIRE. QUEBEC, Jan. 1.—A big fire last night caused damages to the extent of \$200,000, partially covered by insurance. About 9 o'clock fire was discovered in the large block on St. Peter street occupied by Dr. Ed. Morin, wholesale druggist and McCall and Sheehan, wholesale dry goods. It started in the upper story occupied as a drug factory by Dr. Morin and in three hours the whole building with its contents was destroyed. Dr. Morin had stock valued at \$40,000 and insurance \$150,000. McCall and Sheehan's stock was valued at \$150,000 with insurance of \$130,000, divided in different companies.

THE COUNCIL MEETING. Monday's meeting of the Common Council will deal with matters of importance; in fact, it is understood a report will be submitted making public the negotiations going on in the direction of the provision of the additional berths at Sand Point. At this session the mayor of the city will present the freedom of the city, along with the cash present voted to them some time ago to the crew who manned the lifeboat to look after the American schooner Edna when it was found she would be driven ashore in a gale some months ago.

HARBOR FISHERIES. That the aldermen of St. John are devoting their entire attention to the business of the city was shown yesterday by the fact that while there had been meetings each afternoon since Monday, the committee appointed to sell the harbor fisheries on Tuesday next sat at the City Hall to make the arrangements for the sale. The lots will be disposed of at the old city court room, in the Court House, beginning at 10 a. m. F. L. Potts was agreed upon as the auctioneer.

A NEEDLESS ALARM. About one o'clock this morning an alarm was rung in from box 4, corner of Sewell and Gordon streets. The firemen quickly responded, but their services were not required as no blaze was to be found. A party passing by a newly plastered house on Peters street belonging to John Nixon, saw the smoke from the walls escaping through the windows, and thinking the house was on fire pulled the hook.

MONTEREAL, Jan. 1.—Dr. Ed. Morin's wholesale drug establishment was the scene of a big fire today which did great damage. The loss is estimated at \$600,000.

OTTAWA NEWS.

OTTAWA, Jan. 1.—The New Year's levee of His Excellency the Governor General was attended by an unusually large number of citizens, probably because this will be the last that Lord Minto will hold. The function varied somewhat from the usual routine. A goodly number of ministers were present to pay their respects to his excellency, and in the ordinary course of events were presented, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, his colleagues. After the cabinet had been presented, there was a pause for a moment. Major Maude then handed to the Governor General a medal to the breast of Sir Wilfrid, at the same time expressing the hope that he might long be spared to wear it.

Following this pleasant break in the proceedings, Col. Pinault and Mr. Herbert, well known sculptor, who were in attendance, were summoned before his excellency and received the insignia of C. M. G. Over 300 leading citizens were presented to the King's representative.

GRAHAM FRASER IS DEAD. HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 1.—Graham Fraser's appointment in connection with the Dominion Iron & Steel Company as director of works took effect today, declared J. H. Plummer, chairman of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company, to the Sun's correspondent tonight, and tomorrow he assumes absolute control of the works at Sydney. Fraser's appointment as assistant to the director also took effect. Both will be on the plant tomorrow and begin active duties. David Baker's connection with the company as general manager ceased today. Mr. Fraser will follow his own policy respecting the future conduct of the works, and we expect the very best possible results from him. The work of construction, said Mr. Plummer, "is being pushed ahead as vigorously as possible, and it is expected, will follow Mr. Fraser's assuming the management of the works."

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THE COUNCIL MEETING. Monday's meeting of the Common Council will deal with matters of importance; in fact, it is understood a report will be submitted making public the negotiations going on in the direction of the provision of the additional berths at Sand Point. At this session the mayor of the city will present the freedom of the city, along with the cash present voted to them some time ago to the crew who manned the lifeboat to look after the American schooner Edna when it was found she would be driven ashore in a gale some months ago.

HARBOR FISHERIES. That the aldermen of St. John are devoting their entire attention to the business of the city was shown yesterday by the fact that while there had been meetings each afternoon since Monday, the committee appointed to sell the harbor fisheries on Tuesday next sat at the City Hall to make the arrangements for the sale. The lots will be disposed of at the old city court room, in the Court House, beginning at 10 a. m. F. L. Potts was agreed upon as the auctioneer.

A NEEDLESS ALARM. About one o'clock this morning an alarm was rung in from box 4, corner of Sewell and Gordon streets. The firemen quickly responded, but their services were not required as no blaze was to be found. A party passing by a newly plastered house on Peters street belonging to John Nixon, saw the smoke from the walls escaping through the windows, and thinking the house was on fire pulled the hook.

MONTEREAL, Jan. 1.—Dr. Ed. Morin's wholesale drug establishment was the scene of a big fire today which did great damage. The loss is estimated at \$600,000.

TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

Table with columns for DEPARTURES and ARRIVALS, listing train routes and times.

By Dominion Atlantic. A. B. Prince Rupert leaves St. John every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7.45 o'clock; arriving from Digby at 9.30.

By Eastern R. R. Co. Steamer leaves St. John at 6.00 a. m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for Digby, Pictou, and Sydney.

By Grand Manan R. Co. Leaves St. John (Thursday) at 7.00 a. m. on Wednesdays for Grand Manan, leaving for St. John on Mondays at 12.00 a. m.

OPERA HOUSE. Woman Against Woman Will be the Opening Bill Next Week. The Opera House was packed to the doors at both performances yesterday, when the great southern melodrama, At Piney Ridge, was the bill. In this play the Daley Stock Company appeared to splendid advantage, each member being cast to particular advantage.

From Grain Elevator to Coal Elevator. The Colburn Grain Elevator at St. John, near Gilbert's Lane, which has been converted into a Coal Elevator by the Colburn Coal & Ice Co., has been opened for business. It is situated on the same site as the old grain elevator, and is a fine example of modern construction.

Yorkshire Bar. English Silver not faded worth its full value. Hit Also a Specialty. EUROPEAN PLAN. J. REHA, 20 MILL ST. MANY ALREADY CLAIM THAT ROBINSON'S BREAD equals any in the city; only first-class material and workmanship employed; combined, these must produce GOOD BREAD. TRY IT AND BE CONVINCED.

HERRING. Fresh Frozen Herring at JAMES PATTERSON'S, 19 and 21 South Market Wharf, St. John, N. B.

WOOD. DRY HARD WOOD CUT. DRY HARD WOOD SPLIT. DRY ROCK MAPLE. SOFT WOOD AND KINDLING. M. NUDELL CO. LAW & CO., [Phone 1340] OFFICE AND YARDS: Foot Clarence St. Broad Cove Coal, \$7.00 a Chaldren. Delivered. Tel. 1023. E. RILEY, - 254 City Road

It is BECAUSE WE KNOW TEA that we have made such a success of VIM TEA. BAIRD & PETERS, The Tea People, St. John, N. B.

ST. JOHN STAR, SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1904

Woman's World.

NEW IDEAS FOR FIREPLACES.

(By Florence S. Thompson.)
The lady of the house on the occasion of the building of her new home, and long before the plans were drawn, decided that there were to be four fireplaces and that each one was to be unique. As she was an artist, we expected something unusual either in the architecture of the mantels or in the decorations.

For the library, which was furnished with green and blue tiles, each about six by six inches, and painted in them all, in shades of green, various well-known scenes from the surrounding country. There was a quaint old rustic bridge on one tile; on another a corner of a well-known, white covered government building which looked like some picturesque old castle, and so on.

The grandmother's room deserves special mention. The articles made to friends who became conspirators with her in a loving plot. Where it was not possible to send sketches of the grandmother's old home made from nature, photographs were used and the copies transferred to the tiles. Then everything was ready and a copy of the tiles was introduced to her room in a new house and the surprise prepared for her—a surprise that took her back to the days of long ago and where she had spent her girlhood.

Grandmother was bewildered, re-nesting among the trees, was quaint old church she used to attend. Here was the old home almost as among the vines; there—a walk used to know—oh, once—long ago. Her cheeks were pink and her eyes shined! Why, here is the path over which she used to go to school; here is the stream that she used to wade in; here is the old mill where she used to spin; here is the old house where she used to live; here is the old church where she used to pray; here is the old home where she used to rest.

THE HAIR FOR THE HEAD BY THE TON.
The revival of the pompadour dressing women's hair and the "rat" there has been a great increase in the importation of hair. It is estimated one ton of hair, valued at \$100,000, has been received at the port of New York this year. This doesn't mean that the expense the style has decided impetus to the hair-dressers. There are times as New York women now patronize as a rule a few years ago, when the hair-dressers were not so numerous as at present.

FOR CLEANING SILVER.
The following will be found satisfactory: Dissolve one ounce of powdered borax in a pint of water. Add one ounce of salt. Boil for ten minutes when the liquid is cold pour it on four ounces of precipitated chalk and beat it with a rubber. Make the starch in this manner: Mix one tablespoonful of starch with four tablespoonfuls of cold water, and pour on this three quarts of boiling water. Boil for twenty minutes, then add one teaspoonful of salt and paraffin wax half the size of a nutmeg. Stir until the wax is dissolved; then cool and strain through cheesecloth. Have the table linen wrung dry and work well in the starch. Pass through the wringer and dry in the sun. When dry make very damp and roll in a damp cloth. Have the irons fairly hot and use a good deal of pressure.

A FRENCH IDEA.
A curious but very useful device for enabling passengers who have alighted from a railway carriage to find their compartments again is that which has been tried on a French railway. It is a system of pictures. On the window of each compartment of each carriage is a different picture—a windmill, or a soldier, or a horse. This makes recognition easy. It is difficult in England on the continent to find the right carriage after leaving it—Golden Penny.

Lord Lamington, the new governor of Bombay, has been appointed Knight Grand Commander of the Order of the Indian Empire.

was held very successfully lasted from nine in the morning until late in the evening. A good-sized room had been made into a dolls' department store, where any doll could have it renewed in the latest style.

There was a dressmaking department, where wonderfully made gowns waited to be tried on; a hat department with the latest millinery creations; a drug department, where minute hand-mirrors, tiny boxes of powder, fluffy puffs, smoky-water bags, and cologne to please dolly could be had. A number of bald-headed dolls were made happy with new wigs. There were also underwear, shoe and clock departments and a house-furnishing corner where the dolly could buy a toy carpet-sweeper, a cook-stove, or anything she needed for household use.

Have the tables containing attractions for the children built low, so that they can see all that is on them.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.
TO SET COLORS IN COTTON FABRICS.
Sugar is the best all-around mordant. Prepare by dissolving one ounce of sugar of lead in eight quarts of water. Soak the articles overnight in this liquid. In experiments with sugar of lead solution I found it darkened reds and yellows, lightened greens, and deepened blues slightly. Remember that sugar of lead is a poison. Do not leave the powder or solution within reach of children. When you have finished with the liquid pour it into the drain, and not on the ground, where it might filter into the well.

HOW TO REVIVE COLORS.
For several years I have been making experiments with faded fabrics. The results have been unusual, so much depends upon the dyes and other conditions. For example, the agent light to which red will give a purplish tinge to another. Some dark blues were brightened while some light blues were given a dull or purplish tinge. Light blues were sometimes given a greenish light. Citric acid deepened the color brown no matter what chemical was used. It was so with alum, but it would not be observed except by close inspection. Here is a list of what seems to me the simplest revivers a house-keeper can use. The first article would seek for an hour or more in the reviver.

Acetic acid—slightly darker and brighter.
Alum deepened and dulled the color.
Yellow—Alum brightened the color.
Acetic acid—lighter and brighter.
Green—Citric acid deepened the color several shades.
Acetic acid—near the same effect.
Blue—Acetic acid deepened and brightened.
Citrone acid, several shades deeper than acetic.
Sulphuric acid deepened and brightened some blues; on some navy blues it gave a purplish tinge, on some light blues it gave a greenish tinge. The proportions used were as follows: Alum—Four tablespoonfuls to a gallon of water.
Acetic acid—Four tablespoonfuls to a gallon of water.
Citrone acid—One ounce of the crystals to a gallon of water.

WHICH IS BETTER, PAINT OR VARNISH?
It will be found that the varnish or oil finish will require less time and care in keeping clean than paint. Just now, paint is more fashionable than the finish in natural wood, but since you do all the housework I would decide upon the natural finish. Then wiping it off with a very fine cloth once or twice a year, to remove the dust, is all that will be required, while the paint would need to be carefully washed.

SATIN FOLISH ON TABLE LINEN.
There are many substances that may be added to starch to help produce a satiny effect. Among these substances are sugar, salt, borax, arsenic, paraffin wax. I have found paraffin wax and salt very good. "Make the starch" in this manner: Mix one tablespoonful of starch with four tablespoonfuls of cold water, and pour on this three quarts of boiling water. Boil for twenty minutes, then add one teaspoonful of salt and paraffin wax half the size of a nutmeg. Stir until the wax is dissolved; then cool and strain through cheesecloth. Have the table linen wrung dry and work well in the starch. Pass through the wringer and dry in the sun. When dry make very damp and roll in a damp cloth. Have the irons fairly hot and use a good deal of pressure.

AT THE LONDON HOUSE,
SATURDAY, Jan. 2nd.

Sale of Men's WINTER GLOVES
At Greatly Reduced Prices.

January Clearance Sale
Of all Men's Lined Gloves:

- The best makes of Gloves; all reliable and guaranteed or taken back.
- \$1.60 Lamb lined Mocha Gloves, \$1.25 pair.
- 1.25 Wool lined Mocha Gloves, \$1.00 pair.
- 1.00 Wool lined Dressed Gloves, 75c. pair.
- Special Dressed Kid Gloves, 50c. pair.

Ladies' Hats at Great Bargains.

Ladies Ready-to-Wear and Felt Hats to be sold for a merely nominal price to clear before stock-taking.
\$2.75, 2.65, 2.95, 3.25, 4.65 Hats,
All at One Price, 98c. each.
\$1.15, 1.25, 1.45, 1.50, 2.00 Hats,
All at One Price, 50c. each.

Bargains in Ladies' Coats, \$5.00 Each.

The clearing time for all Coats. Very small prices do the selling.
\$9.75, 10.00, 10.50 Coats to be sold At \$5.00 each.
\$10.00 and 12.00 Box Coats, At \$5.00 each.

Sale of Handsome Artificial Plants.

Used in Decorations—
Rose Trees, Carnations, Peonys and Potted Palms; beautiful plants for house decorations, halls, stairways, Etc.
\$3.50 Peonys, with jardiniere, \$1.95
2.50 Areca Palms, with jardiniere 1.25
2.50 Rose Trees, " " 1.50

1500 Yards More American Waistings

Just in; 45c. for Waist Length. Striped Waistings, new reds, greens, navys, sky blues linen shades and pink.
15c. yard; 45c. for Waist length.

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MAYOR CLOSES 19 THEATRES.

Chicago's Leading Playhouses Shut Up.

Careful Investigation of Causes of Iroquois Fire—Many Reading Scenes.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Mayor Harrison today took steps to provide as far as possible a repetition of Wednesday's horror at the Iroquois Theatre, an investigation of the causes of the fire, and the closing of the city's theatres and museums were ordered closed, some of them being among the leading and most popular playhouses of the city. The act of the mayor was based on opening of the theatres and museums which are intended to protect the patrons of theatres from just such an occurrence as that which cost so many lives on Wednesday. This was that everyone of the places had given the supply of asbestos curtains. The theatres ordered closed are: Howard's, Sam. T. Jack's, Marlowe, New American, Olympic, Grand Opera House, Avenue, Bijou, Chicago Opera House, Columbus Stock, Thirty-first Street, Criterion, Regent, Grand Opera House, Garrick and Chickman's.

In addition to these the London Globe museum and the Clark street museum were also ordered to close their doors. The Chicago Opera House and the Olympic Theatre are vaudeville houses of the highest class, and probably do as much business in point of numbers as any of the theatres in the city as a single performance. They, however, give matinee every day in the week and it is said that seats can be obtained for any performance at the time of opening. In addition to this they have been accustomed to selling large numbers of tickets for standing room, and as a general rule, the people are within these places of amusement at an average performance than can be found at any other playhouse in the city.

The inspection ordered by the mayor today was carried out by Building Commissioner Williams and Chief of Police O'Brien. The greatest number of the investigation included no other feature than asbestos curtains. The mayor instructed Commissioner Williams to report to him promptly at the conclusion of his investigation, declaring that it was his intention to have a law passed which would allow the use of asbestos curtains in all theatres and places of amusement. He said that he would not allow any of the theatres to open at all times and under all conditions. He said that he would not allow any of the theatres to open at all times and under all conditions.

Such a day of mourning, Chicago never witnessed as that which followed in the new year. In every portion of the city almost it seemed as though there were funerals going on, or as though the people were mourning for the dead. The streets were filled with people who were being brought to their homes for the last time. The funerals were held in the streets, and the people were seen to weep and to pray.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—McCullen, the light operator of the Iroquois Theatre, underwent a searching examination by Assistant Chief of Police Schuetzler this afternoon. McCullen's story was as follows: "I was standing on the roof bridge at the right side of the stage from which the 'spot light' is operated. The lamp seemed in good condition, but in the middle of the second act, just as I changed from a white light to a blue one, the arc between the carbons spluttered and jumped. A spark struck the bridge to the stage. A little child in one of the front boxes had already been badly burned. I seized her and carried her out and then returned to the theatre. Here I worked, pulling people out of the stacked seats until it was useless to stay any longer."

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—A pathetic incident occurred today on the Cottage Grove Avenue cable line. This passes within a half a square of Rolston's theatre. Late this afternoon a man, haggard and worn, walked up to a Cottage Grove avenue car and climbed aboard, carrying in his arms the body of a dead child. The man was wrapped in a canvas cloth. As he took his seat with the child in his arms, the conductor eyed him doubtfully, then approaching, touched him on the shoulder, saying: "If I am sorry, but the rules of the company do not permit the carrying of bodies in this manner. I must ask you to leave the car."

Without changing his expression in the slightest, without showing a trace of excitement or irritation, the man rose to his feet, still holding on one arm the body of his child. With his free hand he thrust into the face of the conductor a large revolver, and said in a tone which betokened utter weariness and almost lack of interest in the proceedings: "This is my daughter. I have looked for her all last night and all of today. I have tried in vain to obtain a cab or a carriage. I am taking my baby home to her mother and I intend to see her on this car. Now go on."

Other men on the car interceded with the conductor and the latter realizing the situation, gave way and allowed the crowded car the father sat and carried the corpse of the child to his home.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Dying in a hospital tonight is Muriel or "Nellie" Reed, the petite "queen of the air" of the Mr. Bluebird company, whose performance was a feature of the serial ballad.

Miss Reed, who was on the program as Florine, is a fragile little woman, but she managed to escape unscathed from the stage. The crowd of spectators of her suffering companions were too much for her, and she ran back and managed to guide 18 people to safety. In so doing she sacrificed herself, for

BRITISH TO INVADE THIBET

On the maps of the world there does not appear another such country unknown to the outside world as mountain walled Thibet, which, it is announced, the British may invade shortly, and open to commerce. For centuries Thibet has been a sealed book to civilization. Its high priests, or lamas, have ever denounced the foreigner as an incarnated devil; and they preach that so long as Thibet remains isolated from the rest of the universe, so long shall she be great. A few missionaries and explorers, among them a Canadian girl, Dr. Susie Rhynhardt, whose husband was murdered, have wandered across the corners of this great tabular, and visited a few of its stone cities; yet the greater part of its 500,000 square miles, an area equal to Germany, France and Italy combined, is still unknown to the outside world.

From the accounts of travellers, Thibet would seem to be a land where religion is supreme. The people obey their priests with almost slavish obedience, and accept the most marvelous teachings with utter credulity. In Thibet all roads lead toward Lhasa, the forbidden capital, and the residence of the Dalai Lama. It is the mystic city of Buddha, where in are kept the countless sacred relics, images and other paraphernalia wrought and adorned in pure gold, and studded with precious gems. To enter within its gates and witness some of the mysterious lamasitic ceremonies of centuries veiled from European eyes, has been the coveted goal of the most intrepid travellers of recent times. The late Chandra Das, the noted Indian surveyor, in the interest of the English government, disguised as a priest, entered the city, and succeeded in making numerous illustrations of its buildings and inhabitants. His appearance of these misleading pictures has been made public.

A Mongol lama for some transgression forfeited his right to visit Lhasa. By way of punishment for his offence, he was ordered to travel from his home to Lhasa, a distance of several hundred miles, in a crawling posture. Flung himself prone with his hands stretched out on the ground in front of him, he drew his knees up toward his hands, and in this way traversed the whole distance, which took him six years to accomplish. His knees became as hard and horny as the callouses on the foot of the camel, and his body was covered with sores. The head lama or abbot of these institutions acts as magistrate of the law, and sends out justice in their own name. If a lama is killed, a big sum, of course, is levied—on three to four hundred bricks, a lifetime of slavery in work, if the fine cannot be paid.

The most imposing and awe-inspiring edifice in Lhasa is the great palace and abode of the Dalai Lama. This is a veritable acropolis, rising four stories above the roof tops. This palatial monument to Buddhism is composed of a series of square structures, the tallest of which is the central tower. A central building of red sandstone, thirteen stories in height, is the official residence of the incarnate

boy ruler of Thibet, said to be about twenty years old. This is styled the St. Peter's of Asia, surpassing even the Vatican in spaciousness, containing more than three thousand rooms, innumerable temples with domes of gold. The other edifices contain the quarters of the high dignitaries, officials, priests and religious personages. During the great celebrations and fairs, twenty-five thousand can be accommodated within the inclosure. The enacting of the great secret drama or mystic play, which is done on the occasion of the anniversary of the birth of the founder of lamasism, at the end of the old year, is said to be the most grotesque and ghoulish production of the present age. At the time of the New Year festival it is performed before the Dalai Lama on the hill of Tsetan, and is presented in all the Oriental splendor and religious fanaticism of Buddhist ritual. It is performed in the open air, and witnessed by the head religious officials, through of pilgrims and spectators. The main object of the mystic play is to portray in pathos the leading historical epochs of lamasism, especially its triumph over other forms of worship. A certain portion of the play is intended to expel all the old year evil spirits and devils from the land. Several hundred maskers, representing the various demon lords, fiends and evil spirits of the innumerable places of punishment of the other world, take part in the performance, which lasts five days. According to the Thibetan belief, the soul of man, both on earth and after death, is surrounded by a vast number of malignant demons, who are constantly seeking to destroy him, and save him with all sorts of tortures. Against the oppression of these hordes of evil he himself can do nothing, and the prayers of the lamas can avail, and save him from their attacks. In order to acquit the people with the appearance of these misleading pictures of evil, the lamas during a dance put on masks representing their faces, and imitate their antics. In this way the people are made familiar with the looks and appearance of these tormentors.

Deaths and births cause the Thibetan a mind to work exactly counter to the Caucasian. Before he can die in Thibet, there is rejoicing. The corpse is seated in a chair, in front of his home, so that the multitude may behold his nervous face. He is dressed in all his finery, and his neighbors invade his home and offer him their best and his most precious puffs. They pay the lamas his full manner of compliments, such as: "We wish we were dead like you." "How much happier you are than we." "May you live again in a holy land."

At last the body is carried to the grave and unceremoniously dumped into the open pit. The men shout for joy, but the women are compelled to shake themselves and will bewail their sorrow that they are only women. The stolidity of the Mongolian type seen in the Chinaman's eyes comes out when contrasted with the plain, despairing Thibetan. From infancy the native of the Asian central plateau is hardened against feeling, and taught to regard cruelty as the noblest evidence of manhood. When a woman of the middle class is washed in the waters of a sacred pool and smeared with oil. Before he can die, he is allowed to have knives and permitted to cut his fingers to his heart's content. When a man is killed, he is put to the test of a warrior; and should he fail to pass the ordeal without showing fear of pain, he is treated thereafter as a slave. At such an ordeal the youth appears before a council of his elders, his thumbs are strung up till he stands on his toes, his flesh is burned with red-hot iron, a tonal extracted with pinchers. If he endures all this agony without flinching he is imprisoned in a hut for a month, and starved so that he is on the verge of death.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Rev. Gordon Dickie was inducted pastor of Little East St. Paul church, C. B., today. Rev. P. M. McDonald, of Truro, wrote to the Presbytery declining the Falmouth street church at Sydney.

WORLD'S FAIR.

Freaks of All Lands for the St. Louis Fair.

Thomas H. Carter, president of the National Commission of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, has submitted to the president of the United States...

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Western tried New York Journalism and now he's home again. It was in one of those thrashing small western cities...

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SNU-GOLD.

By Helen M. Merrill. All day the sun drops gold, the grass like miter often hoarding underground...

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TRADE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Already the market of South Africa is a very important one to us, says Engling, as will be evident from the fact that the total imports by way of Cape Colony, Natal, Delagoa Bay and Beira...

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FOR YOUNG FOLKS.

A PICTURE GAME. One That Will Result in Plenty of Fun and Laughter.

Here is a splendid game to introduce when you have a party of girls and boys with you at your house for an evening's good time.

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OFFICIAL REPORTING.

Stenographer Butcher's Elaborate Effort. Mr. Nelson Butcher, the official stenographer of the Gaiety investigation...

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An Extraordinary Sale of Ladies' Flannel Waistings.

A Lot of Fine French Flannel Waistings, regular 50c. quality, to be sold for 25c. per yard.

French Flannel Waistings, plain colors, 34c.

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A large assortment of Silk Embroidered, fine Cashmere finished Waistings, 68c. per yard.

A Sale of Ladies' Flannel And Flannelette Waists.

The entire stock is reduced so as to clear them out in the next few days. \$9.00 Waists are marked \$2.00. The lowest priced Waists in the lot are 50c. These are Flannelette, and the regular 75c. quality. The Waists in this lot run from 22 to 42 inches.

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CALENDARS FOR 1904.

We have Reduced the Prices on all our Art Calendars for 1904.

These Calendars make Excellent New Year's Gifts.

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A SMALL QUANTITY OF Hard Wood, SOUND AND DRY, Only \$1.60 per load DELIVERED.

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WANT \$1,000 DAMAGES.

Before Judge McLeod in the admiralty court this morning the case of W. L. Leavitt against the ship, Calvin Austin, was continued.

The damages claimed by the plaintiff are \$1,000. The Eastern Steamship Company are making a big counter claim.

A special meeting of Court Union Jack, No. 64, I. O. F., will be held in the Orange hall, Germantown street, this Saturday evening, and all the members are requested to be present.

The Rev. Prof. B. A. Falconer, of Halifax, N. S., will occupy the pulpit of St. Andrew's church tomorrow at both services.

About a thousand people enjoyed a good skate at the North End rink yesterday. It is in fine condition.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Celebrated Broad Cove coal, \$7.00 per ton delivered, at Watters, Walker & Co., 725 St. St.

Sale of men's lined kid, mocha and hand lined mackintoshes at greatly reduced prices at the London House, Charlotte street.

Great sale tonight at the Walter Scott store of men's underwear and top shirts, also ladies' vests. Come and get a bargain.

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Patrik McCarthy, an old and respected citizen, died yesterday at his home. He was a member of the common council for many years, and by his sale and independent manner in dealing his civic matters gained the lasting esteem of his fellow townsmen.

On New Year's Eve the employees of the Gas Company assembled at the works, and presented to Charles Ward, the foreman, a smoker's set, showing the high estimation in which they hold him. Mr. Ward acknowledged the very acceptable gift in a short speech of thanks.

If the provincial board of education accepts the recommendations of the provincial institute's committee on text books and course of instruction, Dr. G. U. Hay's history of New Brunswick will soon become a text book in the public schools of the province and be studied by the pupils of grades five and six.

Mrs. James E. Basie, of 115 St. Patrick street, who has been very anxious since the Chicago fire regarding the safety of her sister, Mrs. E. W. Sprague, and her family, who live in that city, was delighted yesterday with a telegram informing her that they were all safe.

The D. A. R. steamer Yarmouth took the Company's Frigate Report on the bay route this morning. She will make three trips a week. Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. The Report will lap up at Yarmouth on the winter.

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WIFE'S NAME NOT JENNIE.

Mrs. Muller Suspects Her Husband in Jail of Making Dates With Another Woman.

Mrs. William A. Muller is jealous, and feels very badly over recent disclosures. Since her husband was sent to jail some few days ago on the serious charge of visiting the jail, Mrs. Muller's name is not Jennie, and she is greatly agitated. Her husband, she says, never asked her to go and see him nor did he ever enquire after the welfare of the children. Detective Killen consoled the woman this morning, pointing out that even if Jennie did go to the jail she and Muller could not even kiss each other without being seen by others. Strangely enough, this consolation, well meaning enough though it may have been, did not calm Mrs. Muller's troubled mind, but seemed rather to excite her more. She hurriedly left for the sheriff's office to obtain a permit to see her husband.

A PECULIAR FIND.

Duke Fox made a rather peculiar find on the West Side yesterday, and one which is causing quite a lot of speculation. While in the C. P. R. stock yards he picked up a bag, which, when opened, was found to contain a quantity of boy's clothing, consisting of a sailor suit and cap, sweater, several suits of underwear and overalls. The groundwork is the cutting of the cap bore the name H. M. S. Defence, and some of the clothing had the mark of a Montreal house. The bag could not very well have been lost, for no persons who might have such articles had any business in the stock yards, and it is improbable that the owner of the clothing would have thrown it away.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The following deaths occurred in the city this week: Consumption, 4; Senility, 2; Cystitis, 1; Bronchitis, 1; Convulsions, 1; Erysipelas, 1; Albuminuria, 1; Multiple neuritis, 1; Cancer of stomach, 1; Cancer of breast, 1; Chronic Nephritis, 1.

Six cases of measles were reported to the Board of Health this week.

MIDWINTER EXCURSION PARTY.

The midwinter excursion party are now planning for their annual outing, which takes place this month. The party will be unable to attend. The groundwork is the cutting of the party will be held on Monday, the 18th. It will consist of a drive and dinner at Newcomb's, and it is the intention of the party to include in the party a number of friends besides those who have attended in the past. A meeting will be held in Isaac Erb's studio on Monday evening at eight o'clock to make arrangements.

A BEAUTIFUL CALENDAR.

The Intercolonial Railway's 1904 calendar is one of the most artistic products of the press since the 1903 calendar issued by the same people, came last year. The groundwork is a splendid illustration of birch bark, on which is strikingly pictured, as if painted in oils, the lovely moose-head, which is the trade mark of the road. The colors are chosen with fine taste and the whole effect is even more attractive than was their famous imitation burnt wood calendar of last year.

A GOOD START.

Thirty-nine births for the last week last 'bad. Twenty-one of the new ones were girls, but that was to be expected as this is Leap Year. Register Jones also reports that eighteen couples made New Year's resolutions to love, honor and obey.

Mr. Wright will address the temperance meeting in Union Hall, North End, at four o'clock tomorrow.

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THE DAYLIGHT STORE.

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These are for Men and Women. The best 25ct. Hose made. Plain Seamless Foot.

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THE COLDEST YET.

Thermometer Grazed 15 Below Zero This Morning—Cold Wave All Over the Continent.

A marked falling in the temperature occurred last night. From 24 degrees above at eight o'clock last evening, the mercury in the course of twelve hours dropped 39 degrees. At nine o'clock this morning, it was nearly fifteen degrees below zero, a figure that was only reached once before in the last sixteen years. Intense cold prevails over the greater part of the continent. Reports from other sections of Canada indicate the bitter coldness of the wave. At Toronto it is two below at Montreal, 34 below, at Quebec 24 below, at Chatham, N. B., 16 below, at Charlottetown, P. E., 16 below, and at Halifax six below. Between eight and ten o'clock last night, there was a strong breeze, accompanied by heavy gusts. Early this morning the wind moderated considerably, and by nine o'clock it had fallen to about a ten mile an hour breeze. The indications are for a speedy change in the weather conditions. A snow storm is prognosticated and eventually rain. January 21st, 1901, was a day of intense storm. The official thermometer registered on that day fifteen degrees below zero, the coldest in thirteen years. The coldest day of 1903 was December 28th, when it was 11.62 below.

POLICE COURT.

Nine Prisoners and Not One a St. John Man.

The prisoners in the police court this morning were interesting from the fact that there was not one St. John man in the crowd. Nine persons had been arrested and every one was a stranger in the city. Seven of them were charged with winter port business and one man, by the name of James Wilson, a sailor, who has been here for five or six days, spent all his money and then applied to St. Andrew's Bay, a police station and there created some disturbance, which resulted in his removal. Finally he was arrested for vagrancy, along with another man whom he had picked up on the street. Two or three of the others were charged with wandering about the streets and not giving satisfactory accounts of themselves. The whole lot was committed by the usual four or eight dollar fines.

CRIME IN 1903.

During 1903 there were 1276 cases disposed of by Judge Ritchie in the police court. Of these 828 were drunk, 83 assault prisoners, 60 theft, 51 vagrancy, 41 fighting, 39 profane, 39 disorderly, 37 smaller offences, 36 other offences. Of the prisoners 1170 were males, and 98 females. There were 272 persons arrested in 1903, and 1147 in 1901. The police court receipts in 1903 were \$3,890.85, as compared with \$2,829.29 in 1902, or an increase of \$1,061.56. This is accounted for by the hard labor paid, on account of which many who formerly went to jail now pay their fines.

A WESTMORLAND MAN.

An British Columbia paper of a recent date says:—The steamer Iroquois and business of the Sidney & Nanaimo Transportation Co., Ltd., has been purchased by two well known steamship men of Victoria, A. D. Munro, who for a number of years was purser in the C. P. R. Co.'s employ, and Capt. Sears, who has more recently been in command of P. C. S. Co. steamers. Mr. Munro will act as purser and business manager. It is understood the purchase price is in the neighborhood of twenty thousand dollars.

REV. WM. FERRIE DEAD.

Rev. Wm. Ferrie, formerly of this city, died at his home in Monticello, New York, on Wednesday, aged eighty-nine years. He was born in St. Andrews, Scotland, and at the age of twenty was ordained minister of the Established Church of Scotland. In 1843 he left the established church and helped to form the Free church of Scotland. In 1851 he came to America as pastor of St. David's church here. In 1861 he was called to New York as pastor to the Fourth Associated Reform church. He spent his declining years with a daughter at Monticello, N. Y. Mr. Ferrie was the establisher of the well known Ferrie Trust.

A QUIET NEW YEAR.

New Year's day was quietly observed yesterday, although quite a number of societies and other organizations went in for a good time. There was good skating in all the rinks, and large crowds attended. In the opera house the Dally Company played to good business, and several sleigh drives were held. In the evening they were a number of receptions, and entertainments were provided for the inmates of reformatory institutions. During the afternoon, although the old custom of calling on friends was in order, it was not very generally observed.

NEW YEAR'S SERMON.

At the Main street Baptist church, the pastor will preach a New Year's sermon in the morning of Sunday, 3rd, and Rev. W. B. Bogg, missionary to India and ex-pastor of the church, will preach upon the missionary enterprise in the evening. A men's bible class will be organized among the men of the Main street church, Sunday afternoon (tomorrow) at 2.30. E. M. Sipple, to be the leader. Sec. Wilson, of the Y. M. C. A., and others will address the organization.

A QUEER COINCIDENCE.

Number of Infectious Diseases Here in 1903 Was Exactly the Same as in 1902.

Secretary Burns of the board of health, has completed his report on infectious and contagious diseases for the year 1903. Strangely enough there were exactly the same number of cases, two hundred and nineteen, as were recorded in the previous year, although the details of the report differ in almost every particular. Scarlet fever heads the list with 78 cases and four deaths, as compared with 103 cases and one death in 1902. Of measles there were 89 cases and five deaths, to 9 cases and no deaths in 1902. Typhoid fever was responsible for six deaths out of 45 cases in 1903, and seven deaths in 21 cases in 1902. There were 33 cases and 10 deaths from diphtheria, and 75 cases with 12 deaths in 1902. Smallpox shows four cases in 1903 and six in 1902, with no deaths in either year. The total deaths from all these diseases were 25 in 1903, and 29 in 1902. By months the cases were reported as follows:—January, 3; February, 21; March, 4; April, 7; May, 13; June, 22; July, 7; August, 15; September, 25; October, 29; November, 28; December, 38.

PERSONALS.

Rev. Dr. Faulkner of the Halifax Presbyterian College is the guest of John H. Thomson, Queen square. John Hughes, Jr., of the north end, left yesterday for Boston, New York and Amsterdam to visit friends. James Dodd, of St. George, registered at the Victoria this morning. J. B. Pollock, of Halifax, is stopping at the Victoria.

KINGS COUNTY LIBERALS.

Lieut.-Colonel Donville and other leading liberals of Kings county are in the city today in consultation with Attorney General Pugsley regarding the choice of a representative for the constituency of Kings-Albert. It is generally understood that the party is in a hopeless quandary on that point. Hon. A. S. White is most prominently mentioned, but there are many who have strong objections to him and favor the claims of rival candidates. The new constituency is not in any way different from the rest of the province in its absence of any unity among the liberals.

NASTY INJURY.

Herbert Morrell, an employee of the Portland Rolling Mills was quite severely injured while at work in the mills on Thursday. He was carrying a heavy piece of metal on his shoulder and stumbled over some article lying on the floor. In falling the piece of iron Mr. Morrell was carrying struck him on the head, back of the right ear. Dr. Roberts was sent for and found it necessary to put a number of stitches in the wound. Mr. Morrell will be laid up for some days.

RE-OPENS MONDAY, JAN. 4.

The Currie Business University, Ltd., will re-open on Monday, January 4th. The management expects to begin another contest in arithmetic during this month. The institution offers instruction in all departments for one week free of charge. The school now occupies the two large floors over the American Express Co.'s offices; also, one floor in the new building adjoining.

COUNTY COURT CHAMBERS.

In the county court chambers this morning, the examination of Edridge G. D. Pidgeon, of Sussex, who made application to be sworn out, was concluded. Judge Forbes refused the application because of the insufficiency of the evidence. A number of St. John merchants are creditors of Mr. Pidgeon to a considerable amount. G. H. V. Bailey appeared for Mr. Pidgeon, and E. T. C. Knowles for P. & L. Tutts, creditors.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Sch. Eric, 15, Boston, from New York, coal. Sch. Eric, 15, Boston, from New York, coal. Sch. Eric, 15, Boston, from New York, coal.

THIS EVENING.

Dalley Stock Company at Opera House in At Piney Ridge. Rehearsal chorus of Yeoman of the Guard at York Theatre. Meeting of Pressmen's and Assistants' Union in Labor Hall. Meeting of bakers and confectioners in Labor Hall.

SALVATION ARMY.

The "Eastern Revivalists" of the Salvation Army will continue their special revival meetings tonight and all day tomorrow at the Mill street barracks. Well prepared addresses will be delivered by Staff-Capt. McLean and good music and singing by the revivalists. The public are invited.

BOWLAND-HENRY.

Miss Emma Blanche Henry, of St. Martins, and Robert Thompson Bowland, of Sydney, C. B., were united in marriage on Thursday at Holy Trinity church, St. Martins, by the Rev. Alfred Barham. Mr. and Mrs. Bowland will reside at Sydney, C. B.

U. S. TROOPS FOR PANAMA.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 2.—The Constitution says the Sixteenth Regiment U. S. A., stationed at Fort McPherson, has received orders to hold itself in readiness to go to Panama and preparations to this end are in progress.

ANOTHER CHICAGO FATALITY.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—A man, supposed to be James Davis, a driver for the 72d Teaming Company, was burned to death today in a fire which destroyed the Western News Company's barn. Another is believed to be in the ruins.

RUBBERS.

SLOPPY WEATHER PROTECTION—OUR RUBBERS. Curious how melting snow hunts out holes and cracks in one's shoes. Maybe, you've been discovering this lately. Did it suggest our Store as an easy way out of the difficulty? If not, we will. We have Stormy-weather Rubbers, Arcticos and Alaska, for Grown ups and for Children.

First quality, perfect in every way, and made to fit the current Shoe styles:

For Women—Storm Rubbers, 60c. Croquet Rubbers, 50c. Storm Alaska, \$2.15. Button Arcticos, \$2.00.

For Men—Self-acting Rubbers, 95c. Storm Out Alaska, \$1.30.

For Children—Storm Rubbers, 50c. Plain Rubbers, 45c. Arcticos, some made to fit spring heels, \$1.25.

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