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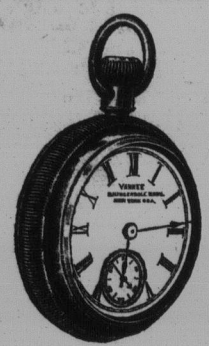


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LORD MINTO.
NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The Hon. Arthur Elliot, M. P., states, according to a London despatch to the Tribune, that, so far as he is aware, there is no foundation for the report that his brother, Lord Minto, is about to resign the governor-generalship of Canada.

Dr. A. A. Stockton was in the city last night, says yesterday's Gleaner, his first visit here since his recent severe illness. The few of his many friends who had the pleasure of meeting him last evening or this morning before his departure for his home at St. John, gave the doctor a very hearty greeting.

St. John, December 11, 1902.

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ACROSS THE BAY.

John Troop of Bear River Walked to His Death.

DIGBY, Dec. 10.—Digby has experienced one of the severest blizzards for years. When the thermometer drops to eight degrees below zero it means extremely cold weather. Our usual winter weather registers ten degrees above, and then we call it cold. Snow has been falling during the last three days, and travel is practically stopped owing to the drifts.

Sad news was received yesterday from Bear River. Sub-collector of customs John Troop was found drowned in the dock near his office. It seems he had an attack of grippe. He went to his office about six in the morning of the 8th inst., taking a lighted lantern with him. Not going home to dinner his wife sent out to see why. Friends went to the office and found the lantern there, also keys, and papers on which he had been at work. Going down stairs they saw his tracks and followed them to the dock. At half-past ten on the evening of the 8th they found his body, the tide having ebbed. The supposition is that Mr. Troop had an ill turn, went out for fresh air, and being confused, turned to the right instead of the left and walked off the wharf.

Mr. Troop was born in Annapolis County, April 3rd, 1826, was of German origin, married and belonged to the Wesleyan Methodist church. He was appointed to the customs 1st June, 1880, succeeding the late Dow Morse.

Mr. Troop was a good citizen, faithful officer and an enthusiastic temperance man. He leaves a widow. The funeral will take place at half past one on Thursday.

BELMONT DISASTER.

Gen. Man. Pottinger Says There Was no Apparent Cause.

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—The railway department has received from General Manager Pottinger of the Intercolonial a report on the wreck at Belmont, N. S., on the 6th inst., which caused the death of seven persons, and the injury of many others. The report declares there was no apparent cause for the accident, and describes in detail the damage wrought. The engine went over an embankment, carrying postal and baggage car with it. The locomotive ran underneath the baggage car, the top of the former down to the window sills being cut off and left below the latter.

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

Raises Rate on Call Loans to 7 Per Cent. in Toronto.

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—The Bank of Nova Scotia raised its rate on call loans to 7 per cent. yesterday. There was a good deal of excitement among brokers on the bank's action and some of them after some hustling, paid off their obligations to the bank, rather than pay the increased rate asked. So far the Nova Scotia has been the only bank to raise loans to seven per cent.

THE MAD MULLAH.

ADEN, Arabia, Dec. 11.—A rumor has reached here of the assassination of the Mad Mullah in Somaliland. The report was brought to the coast by a native runner from Carror, via Berber. The Mullah is said to have been killed by a spear thrust in the stomach inflicted while he was praying.

Haji Muhammed Abdullah, the Mad Mullah, so called, belonged to the Habi Sulleman Ogaden tribe of Somaliland. He was in the prime of life and only recently became a dominant factor in the military and political situation of the protectorate of Somaliland by forcing the neighboring tribes into allegiance.

CORINTHIAN STILL OUT.

The Allan line steamer Corinthian, which sailed from Halifax Monday afternoon has not since been heard of and fears are beginning to be entertained for her safety. Capt. Hurling, of the Alcides, which arrived this morning, saw a steamer yesterday morning heading southward by Seal Island. He thinks it was the Corinthian, and is of the opinion that she put to sea to escape the thick weather around the coast. This explanation of her prolonged delay is not considered sufficient by the majority of the shipping men and the general opinion is that she has suffered some mishap to her machinery or has come ashore somewhere along the coast. Up to the time of going to press she has not been sighted off the island, though the agents of the line here expect her every hour.

A CHALLENGE.

Coke O'Brien wants exercise. If the challenge he now issues should be accepted there is a prospect of a high old time in store before Christmas. Coke is after the scalp of Officer Marshall, who, he says, has frequently advised him to stand up and take his medicine. Mr. O'Brien says that he is now prepared and is more than willing. The contest is to be of four three minute rounds, Marquis of Gooseberry rules, and not far to kick the shins, the contestants to weigh in on King Square at three p. m. any old day.

BRAKEMAN INJURED.

Between nine and ten o'clock this forenoon a man by the name of Lawrence Berryman, employed as a brakeman on the I. C. R. was painfully injured on the Ballast wharf. He was attending the flanger in clearing the tracks, when a lever flew up and struck him on the face, inflicting several severe cuts. The injured man was removed to his home on High street, where Dr. G. O. Baxter put ten stitches in his face.

VENEZUELA.

Troops Arrive at La Guayra—Prisoners Released.

Strong Feeling Against British and Germans—Cables From London and Berlin.

LA GUAYRA, Dec. 10.—The British cruiser Indefatigable arrived here at six o'clock this evening from Guayra, the port of Barcelona, where she is believed to have been in search of the Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador.

The German cruiser Vineta and the British cruiser Retribution left here at six o'clock this evening. It is supposed they have on board Venezuela's answer to the demand of the foreign powers, which arrived on a special train from Caracas, at two o'clock. The German charge d'affaires, Herr Von Pilgrim-Balzani, and British Minister Haggard, and the personnel of the British legation are still on board the warships.

What is termed an inopportune demonstration and the remittance to the Venezuelan foreign minister of the demands of Great Britain and Germany are freely criticized here. The government has sent 2,000 men and 18 guns from Caracas to reinforce the garrison at La Guayra. These troops are camping tonight at Cauracuti, distant one hour from La Guayra. All day and night ammunition has been carried to Fort La Vigia, which covers the harbor, where preparations are being made to resist the foreign forces. Volunteering to the number of 926 men, all from La Guayra have been armed today and more are receiving arms. It is asserted that the government can find sufficient men to resist the foreign forces, as the movement is popular. Everywhere one meets men of all classes and conditions carrying Mauser rifles.

The news of the capture at Port of Spain, Trinidad, of the Venezuelan gunboat Bolivar by the British cruiser Charybdis was communicated to President Castro by a report of the Associated Press. The event created intense excitement.

All the British and German subjects arrested here yesterday were released this afternoon.

THE NEWS IN LONDON.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The foreign office at one o'clock this afternoon was still without official news from Venezuela. The officials were glad to hear of the release of the British subjects, but were unable to express any opinions on the press despatches except to say, as under Foreign Secretary Cranborne did, that it is presumed they are correct.

In connection with the reported seizure of the Venezuelan customs the foreign office officials say arrangements for that stop have not been completed. Before any general seizure could occur Germany, Great Britain and other nations would have to come to an agreement for a pro-rata division and adjustment of their respective claims, similar to that arrived at by the allies in China, except that the La Guayra custom house possibly may have been seized as a purely military measure. Although the seizure of the custom houses will take place eventually, it is pointed out while hostilities are in progress the customs, as a fiscal institution, are practically valueless.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—In the house of commons today, under Foreign Secretary Cranborne confirmed the report of the capture of three Venezuelan vessels at La Guayra and the disablement of a fourth vessel without resistance, and also confirmed the capture of the Venezuelan gunboat Bolivar at Port of Spain, Trinidad. Two of the prizes, he added, were sunk. The under-secretary also said that the release of the British subjects arrested at Caracas had been demanded, but that up to that time the government had not been informed that the demand had been complied with. The government had official information of the reported arrest of the British consul at Caracas.

The latest information received was that he left La Guayra yesterday evening. The British subjects arrested had not been harmed.

VENEZUELAN TROOPS ARRIVE.

LA GUAYRA, Venezuela, Dec. 11. General Ferrer, the minister of war, has arrived here with 2,000 troops. Eight hundred men under President Castro's brother are expected here at ten o'clock. Only the British cruiser Indefatigable is now here, she is at anchor in the middle of the harbor. All the other warships have left La Guayra.

Minister Haggard and Herr Pilgrim-Balzani, it was learned today, left here last night. The former was on board the Retribution and the latter on the Vineta, which sailed for Trinidad.

GERMAN COMMENT.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—The German foreign office officials are much pleased at Minister Bowen's energetic action at Caracas, resulting in the release of most of the Germans imprisoned there, and by his efforts to obtain the liberation of the others. Full advice on the subject have been received from Washington. Despatches received directly from Venezuela by the foreign office say Venezuela's naval vessels have not yet been seized, that only her revenue cutters were captured, that the seizure of the former is expected immediately.

All the newspapers here with the exception of the Socialist Voerwaerts are in sympathy with the government's action towards Venezuela. The morning papers contain many humorous references to what they term President Castro's "Magnificent Manifest" cabled to the residents of Venezuela in Paris and made public last night. The Voerwaerts, which never loses an opportunity to assail what it considers to be "political shams," says it thinks the formidable ultimatum of the two powers and the naval demonstration are

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A BOSTON MURDER.

A Painter, Goaded by Jealousy, Kills a Butcher.

BOSTON, Dec. 10.—Maddened by jealousy Louis Lyman, a painter of No. 6 Cable street, Jamaica Plain, tonight killed Charles Brushner, a German butcher, in a quarrel in the street near the former's residence. Lyman then ran to his home, locking himself in, but upon the arrival of the police, surrendered himself without showing any sign of resistance, and is now locked up on a charge of murder. Lyman and his wife formerly lived at 16 Cable street, but two weeks ago they separated, owing to Lyman's objections to Brushner's alleged intimacy with Mrs. Lyman.

Lyman had a policeman's club, with which he attacked Brushner, and the latter, in self defence, had evidently drawn a knife or some sharp instrument from his pocket. During the fight their weapons were exchanged and his own weapon, he receiving a fatal stab wound in the right lung and a deep cut on the head.

Lyman is 45 years old and has a wife and six children, five of whom live with their mother. Brushner, who was 32 years old and single, lived at 86 West Cambridge street, city proper, but had a stable in Jamaica Plain, where he had a butcher's route among the German residents.

THE COAL STRIKE

Some Interesting Testimony Was Given Yesterday.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 10.—The most interesting, if not important testimony brought out at today's sessions of the coal strike commission was to the effect that an alleged attempt was made by a former mine foreman to bribe two presidents of local unions of the miners to have ten men in each local use their influence to have a resolution passed sending the men to work, thus making a serious break in the solid ranks of the strikers. Each of the presidents was to receive \$2,500 and a good position as mine foreman and each of the ten men were to get from \$100 to \$200 each. The name of no company was mentioned in connection with the bribery scheme, and none of the lawyers cross-examined the witness.

A large amount of technical testimony was heard on various phases of the question at issue. Two check weighmen produced figures which tended to show that at two Delaware and Hudson collieries the miners produced 118,839 tons of coal more than they were paid for. The miners must bring up 3,136 pounds of coal and dirt to make a ton of 2,240 pounds of pure coal, and the union claims that the company gets more than 2,240 pounds of coal out of each "miner's ton" of 3,139 and produced figures to show it.

The Delaware and Hudson Company presented its figures to the commission today. They show the average earnings of the miner in 1901 to have been \$622.68 and his laborer \$449.47. When Mr. Mitchell was on the stand he said that \$600 should be the minimum of American living wages.

UNION LABELS.

Wholesale Counterfeiting Establishment Raided in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—In a raid by constables and labor leaders early today it is believed the greatest plant in the country for counterfeiting union labels was discovered, says the Inter-Ocean. The printing establishment of H. L. Meites, 330 Halstead street, was entered and the ten counterfeit plates were captured from which it is believed all the counterfeit labels in the United States have been printed. One hundred thousand counterfeit stamps were also confiscated. Officers of the Cigar Makers' International Union assert, that the plates are the only ones in existence. Meites shipped the counterfeit blue slips, in lots varying from 1,000 to 100,000, to all parts of the United States. The prisoner was taken to the county jail in default of \$1,500 bonds.

THE FERRY GATEMEN.

To the Editor of the Star:

Sir.—We often hear of the overworked and underpaid civic official. There is, however, one class of civic employees that are overworked, I refer to the gatemen employed at the ferry boats. These men have to perform all sorts of menial duties, such as saying out in a blinding storm, shovelling snow and cleaning out the waiting rooms, which at times are filthy. Then again they are called upon to stand in the most violent of storms without sentry box or other safeguard against cold weather.

The least that the city could do, in my opinion, Mr. Editor, is to shovel the snow away from the ferry approaches and not force the gateman to do work which is entirely outside of their province.

Thanking you for space, etc.,
St. John, N. B., Dec. 11.

TAXPAYER.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 11.

CATTLE COMING.

A cattle train of thirty-six cars delivered to the I. C. R. by the Grand Trunk is expected to arrive on Friday morning. They will be shipped to Liverpool by the steamer Corinthian. Like the other shipments the cattle for the Corinthian will be taken to Sand Point and examined there. It is also expected that 500 cattle will go by the Alcides and 500 by the Concordia, of the Donaldson Line. No word has yet been received as to the fitting up of accommodation at the Ballast wharf.

WEST INDIA LINE.

The "Ocamo" left St. Kitts on Monday, 8th inst., for Bermuda and will be due here on Wednesday, 17th inst.

Men's Winter Goods:
Winter Hats in grey and black, new shapes. Prices \$1.50 and \$2.
Winter Capes, from a good blue cloth driver at 35c. up to one at 1.75
Winter Gloves, wool and fur lined, from 50c. to \$3.
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For terms, &c., apply any evening at
88 PRINCESS STREET, ST. JOHN.

SISTER OF CHARITY DEAD.

The death took place rather suddenly at the Industrial Home at Silver Falls yesterday afternoon of Sister Mary Callista. The deceased lady was in middle life and was a niece of Mrs. Spillane, formerly of Dorchester street. She was a Miss Mahoney and had been a religious for quite a number of years. Death was due to paralysis. The funeral will be held from the Home at nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

A PRESENTATION.

W. B. Douse and D. A. Smith, horsemen, of Charlottetown, guests at the Hotel Edward, were last evening presented by their admirers with fur collars. Dr. Myhrall in a neat and complimentary speech made the presentation. The guests were afterwards entertained by Messrs. Douse and Smith. These gentlemen before returning home will visit Boston and New York.

THIS EVENING'S EVENTS.

Tea and sale, Carleton Presbyterian church.
New Brunswick Veterans meet in Foresters' Hall.
Tea and sale in St. Mary's church this afternoon and evening.
Concert, City Hall, Carleton.
Cello recital, York Theatre.
Chapman Festival Chorus practice.
Concert, Murray street Baptist Mission.

STEAMERS, ETC.

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WANTED—At the Hotel American at once, a cook and chambermaid.

WANTED—A good girl to do general housework. Apply to Windsor Hotel, No. 23 King street.

WANTED—At once, a housemaid, where a parlor maid is kept. Good wages given. Apply between two and six p. m. at King's Daughters Guild, 15 Prince William street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Advertisements under this head: Two words for one cent each time, or Three cents a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

Get \$2.00 worth of the latest sheet music for 10c. Address ST. JOHN MUSIC CLUB, St. John, N. B.

WANTED—Everybody to try one of our "Lord's Prayer" Bibles. Rings, made from gold filled 14 k. wire, 15 cents by mail. Name Brooches, 25 cts.; Brooch and Ring, 35 cts. Send size, stamps or coin, "L. P. B." Ring, St. John, N. B.

BOARDS WANTED—First class board and rooms may be obtained at reasonable rates at 75 King street, just over Macaulay Bros. store.

"ONE BETTER" You can get one pound of Tartar and one pound of Baking Soda for 20 cents at 127 Charlotte street.

SHOW-CASES A bargain for some one. Get \$2.00 worth of the latest sheet music for 10c. Address ST. JOHN MUSIC CLUB, St. John, N. B.

FOR SALE.

Advertisements under this head: Two words for one cent each time, or Three cents a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

FOR SALE—Ash Pump, can be seen at James Mansson's, Fairview. Apply to J. H. Butt, Germain street, city.

FOR SALE—How you are a Grocer's Delivery Sleds and Varnished Pumps. They are first class. Call and see them at J. R. ANDERSON, 163 Main street, opp Car Sheds.

HOUSE FOR SALE—Home 165 Adelaide road, 3 bns, 5 rooms on each flr. Enquire on the premises.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

Advertisements under this head inserted free of charge.

WANTED—A situation as housekeeper or for work in a small family, where the washing is done out. Apply Mo. 4 Middle street (off Waterloo street).

WANTED—A sober, industrious man, married, wants situation at general work. Accustomed to horses. Apply W. F. Star office.

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WANTED—By a middle aged man, employment as bookkeeper or for general office work, long experience, best of references. Address "Scribe," care of Sun Printing Co.

NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 10.—M. H. Nickerson has been elected to the local house of assembly for Shelburne, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Thomas Robertson. Andrew Robertson was nominated by the liberal convention, and he was endorsed by Hon. W. S. Fielding. M. H. Nickerson of Cape Island was nominated as an independent liberal and he was elected today with a majority of nearly 300.

NILE RESERVOIR OPENED.

ASSAUAN, Egypt, Dec. 10.—The great Nile reservoir and dam were opened today in the presence of the Khedive, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Lord Cromer, the British agent and consul general in Egypt, and Lady Cromer, the ministers and many other distinguished persons.

To cure a headache in ten minutes, use KUMFORT Headache Powders.

DIED.

GRAHAM—In this city, on Dec. 10th, Henry Crawford Graham, infant son of George and the late Sarah Graham, aged four months and 21 days.

CUNNINGHAM—In this city, Dec. 9th, Robert Cunningham, aged 72 years.

Funeral on Friday at 2:30 p. m. from his late residence, Crown street. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

SANTAL-MIDY
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ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 11, 1902.

A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

The effects of the coal strike are felt most by those who had nothing to do with the trouble. No doubt some of the miners and their families are suffering, but a fund was contributed for their benefit, and they at least can get coal at a reasonable figure. The worst of their trouble was in the warm weather. So far as the owners of the mines are concerned, they can always live in luxury. But all over the country, in the great cities, all through the winter, the very poor will suffer keenly because of the scarcity of coal. They are paying the penalty for a strike, in the beginning or ending of which they had no voice. The evidence brought out before the anthracite commission shows that the miners have not been well treated by some of the operators, and no doubt much room for improvement in their condition will be discovered before the enquiry is ended. Doubtless some illustrations of ill-advised action by the union will also appear. For none will contend that unions are infallible any more than combinations of employers. But the question that is most frequently asked by those not directly interested is whether there will be a benefit derived from the strike and the subsequent proceedings proportionate to the amount of loss and suffering entailed upon the people of the country at large. Of course there is the obvious suggestion that the occurrence of such a strike in the future should be made impossible, but if any man has a workable plan of prevention it has not yet been given to the world. Human society is stumbling dimly onward toward a better state, but the problem of a right adjustment of the relations between capital and labor is still very far from solution.

The unfortunate part of the present trouble in the coal mines is that when the men struck the effect was most keenly felt by those in their own sphere of life. The rich could get along all right; the poor, never very far from suffering, received the blow. We can but hope that it is not in vain, and that in some way, not now clear to us, the ultimate result will be for the good of all the toiling millions.

ANNALS OF THE POOR.

The amount of poverty and suffering in great cities is appalling when one learns of the extent to which assistance is rendered. In its annual report the Brooklyn Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor states that during the year ending May 1st, 1902, it helped no less than 10,707 families in Brooklyn. It will be noted that the number indicates families—not individuals. The association, which was organized in 1843, makes no distinction of race or creed, renders help at once, and at the same time investigates each case to prevent imposture. When one thinks of over ten thousand families in one city, or a number of persons nearly equalling the total population of St. John, receiving aid of some sort from a charitable body during a single year in one city, the thought is indeed startling. The Brooklyn association will have a much more busy winter this year, because of the high price of coal and provisions.

The theory that a man must become a member of a union before he is permitted to earn a living is not one that commends itself to a free people. The individual liberty under which one set of men are free to unite themselves together ought to extend as well to those who prefer to stay out of the union. Any action taken to force a man into a union is as much an act of tyranny as would be the discharge of a man because he belonged to a union. The best way for a union to earn and hold public favor is to avoid as far as possible any action which would suggest that it is overstepping the boundaries of reason and fairplay.

The Times-Democrat of New Orleans has received from its correspondents final reports on the cotton crop of 1902. The answers state that the phenomenal lateness of frost resulted in a substantial addition to the crops and that farmers have sold pretty freely in order to discharge their pressing obligations. It is disposed to hold the remnants of the reports, as a whole, point to a slight increase over the yield of 1901. The total crop this year for the state is estimated at 11,000,000 bales.

The Montreal Transcript sends this complimentary to the Chatham Advance: "The Chatham Advance editor talks swelled head, but he ought to know a little better, because he has for years past been afflicted with the largest head and the least brains of any New Brunswick journalist."

VENEZUELA.

Marines Land at La Guayra to Seize Customs.

U. S. Consul Will Protect British and German Interests.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—A Venezuelan government communication is issued here stating that President Castro has appealed to the Venezuelan people to take up arms against Germany and Great Britain.

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Dec. 10.—There was a great patriotic demonstration in Caracas at 8 o'clock last night, when the news arrived that the British and German warships had seized the Venezuelan war vessels at La Guayra. Violent speeches were delivered at various points.

The populace marched to the palace of President Castro, who addressed the mob then moved on to the German legation, shouting "Death to the Germans." The windows were shattered with stones and attempts were made to force the doors, but the latter retreated before the mob. M. von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, the wife of the German charge d'affaires, who had been ill in bed for the past two months, and therefore could not leave Caracas with her husband, was thus saved from violence. The crowd then marched to the German consulate and to the residence of Dr. Koehler, again stoning the windows and attempting to force an entrance. The police made no effort to disperse the demonstrators.

LA GUAYRA, Dec. 10.—The combined Anglo-German fleet is entering this harbor and the first vessels are not 300 feet from the customs house. The landing of marines has begun.

CAPTURE OF VENEZUELA NAVY.

LA GUAYRA, Venezuela, Dec. 10.—The Venezuelan fleet was captured yesterday by ten German and four British cutters. They went alongside the Venezuelan vessels and ordered them to surrender, and without a shot being fired the British and German forces seized the Venezuelan fleet in the name of the German Emperor and the King of England. Two of the vessels, which were undergoing repairs, were broken up.

The German cruiser Panther steamed into the harbor during these proceedings with her decks cleared for action. The Venezuelan steamers were taken outside the harbor, and at two o'clock this morning the General Crespo, Autumo and Margarita were sunk. In view of the protest made by the French charge d'affaires, M. Queveaux, who notified the commodore of the allied fleet that the Ossun is the property of a Frenchman.

At ten o'clock last evening 130 German sailors were landed and proceeded to Cardonal, a suburb of La Guayra, in which is situated the residence of the German consul, Lents, whom with his family they escorted back to La Guayra and placed on the warship Vineta. On their way back to this port the German sailors met a party of Venezuelan soldiers, but no collision took place.

At five o'clock this morning a landing party of 30 British seamen went to the British consulate and conducted the British consul, R. Schunck, and his family on board the Retribution. The German and British residents at La Guayra have also been arrested, with the exception of Messrs. Fieldwick, Prince and Le Page, the English directors of the harbor corporation, who barricaded themselves in their houses and who were today rescued by the allied forces and taken on board the Retribution.

No one here can explain the action of the allied powers in taking action without giving Venezuela time to reply to the note.

The British torpedo boat destroyer Quall arrived here at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The German cruiser Panther left this morning in the direction of Curapano, and the German cruiser Fluke has sailed for Puerto Cabello on a search for the remainder of the Venezuelan fleet. It is believed that the "British cruiser" is preferable to her way to the Venezuelan port of Guanta, the port of Barcelona, where of the Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador is now lying.

Troops are expected here from Caracas, as the government is credited with the intention of repulsing any attack by the allied forces.

All the banks and stores here are closed. Great excitement prevails in the population fears that the town may be shelled or other action taken by the Anglo-German vessels tonight.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 10.—The commander of the Charybdis sent an order and thirty men with a letter to the captain of the Bolivar, informing him that he must leave the harbor of Port of Spain without British permission. He further intimated that resistance would be useless, whereupon Lieut. Hurtado, on behalf of the captain of the Bolivar, who was absent, surrendered, and the commander of the Charybdis placed a crew aboard the Bolivar. The officers of the Venezuelan gunboat accepted an offer to land here.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—The naval plans of Germany and Great Britain provide for the patrolling of the Venezuelan coast by launches in order to prevent smuggling and for the blockade of those Venezuelan ports where the customs houses have not been taken over. In order to prevent vessels avoiding the ports occupied by the allies.

Official suggestions supplied to the German newspapers and to the English correspondents here, lay stress on the fact that the United States has undertaken to safeguard diplomatically the German and British residents in Venezuela until the dispute is settled. Consequently any affront offered to the resident Germans and Britishers which is not in accordance with international usage, such as an arbitrary arrest, will be an affront to the United States and would cause that power to protest. It is this consideration which makes the German foreign office doubt the reported arrests at Caracas.

The foreign office tonight is still without any official advice from La Guayra of more recent date than Monday night, though the newspapers have received telegrams dated Tuesday.

The German government's reply to President Castro's complaint that the ultimatum were delivered irregularly on a holiday at the private residence of the Venezuelan foreign minister, is that President Castro was informed that the ultimatum might be expected and Germany and Great Britain being unwilling to delay action any longer, the ultimatum was presented Sunday at the foreign minister's private house, as his office was closed on that day.

VENEZUELA PROTESTS.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—A Venezuelan government communication to its representative here protests that Great Britain and Germany, acting in concert, have committed an act of hostility in a manner as arbitrary as it is unprecedented by the seizure of Venezuelan vessels lying at La Guayra. The communication says that indignation in Venezuela is at its highest pitch and the government is resorting to justifiable reprisals. It has arrested the resident subjects of both hostile countries and has seized the railways and other undertakings belonging to them. At the same time, adds the communication, President Castro has appealed to the Venezuelan people to take up arms. He has decreed a general amnesty for all political offenses and has ordered the restitution of the confiscated property of Venezuelan citizens.

CAPTURE AND BLOCKADE.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 10.—The British cruiser Charybdis seized the Venezuelan gunboat Bolivar in this harbor last night. She landed the Bolivar's officers here while the British sloop Alert took the crew of the captured gunboat to the port of Guayra, on the Venezuelan coast opposite to the island of Trinidad.

The British torpedo boat destroyer, Quall, has sailed with instruction to capture the Venezuelan war vessel now engaged in blockading the mouth of the Orinoco.

The entire coast of Venezuela from the Orinoco River to La Guayra will be blockaded from today by British warships, while the Venezuelan coast from La Guayra to the Colombian frontier will be blockaded by German war vessels.

UNCLE SAM'S PART.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Minister Bowen at Caracas, has cabled the state department confirmation of the Associated Press report that the British minister and the German charge d'affaires, withdrew from Caracas yesterday after presenting an ultimatum.

Before they left these officials requested Mr. Bowen to take charge of the interests of their countries in Venezuela. This request will be granted as there is no warrant for a declaration in such of the U. S. legation at Caracas will extend protection to the British and German residents.

ITALY ACTS.

ROME, Dec. 10.—The government has instructed the commander of the Italian third-class cruiser, Giovanni Bausan, which arrived at La Guayra yesterday to fully protect Italian subjects in Venezuela; to take them aboard or if necessary to land blue jackets for their protection.

BRITISH AND GERMANS ARRESTED.

WILLEMSTAD, Dec. 10.—The excitement was still intense at Caracas when at ten o'clock at night the government ordered the arrest of all the German and English residents. One hour later 205 persons of prominent in the social and commercial life of the city, were crowded together in the police station. All the British residents were arrested, except Albert Cherry, of the Venezuela British-owned central railway, and Mr. Wallace manager of the telephone company, who escaped to a place of safety.

Ninety-seven German residents were arrested, among them the German Consul Valentine Blohm and Herr Knoop, manager of the German Central Railway. Herr Simms, chancellor of the German legation, was met by the police near Bolivar Square and also arrested. Amid cries of "Death to the Germans," and "Down with the foreigners," the police directed its way to the German residential quarter and gathered outside the hotel Klindt and the German Club, vociferating and offering insults. The Belgian charge d'affaires, F. J. S. Goffart, was arrested by mistake for a German, because of his fair complexion. In spite of his vigorous protests he was taken to the police station but was released ten minutes later.

On learning of these incidents U. S. Minister Bowen and Secretary Russell went at once to see President Castro and after a long conference succeeded in obtaining the release of Dr. Koehler, M. von Pilgrim-Baltazzi's physician and Consul Valentine Blohm. Minister Bowen also obtained the official authorization of the Venezuelan government to represent British and German interests during the imbroglio. The government has placed an embargo on the British railroad to Labarra and on the German Central Railway from Caracas to Valencia. The populace is still intensely excited and the situation is regarded as critical. The British and German flags have been publicly burned.

ELECTION DECLARED VOID.

MONTREAL, Dec. 10.—The St. James division protested election case came to a sudden end this morning when Chief Justice Tait and Judge Loranger intimated that they did not require to hear any more evidence, but had sufficient on which to declare the election void. The prosecution asked for delay until Friday to decide as to what should be done towards asking for the personal disqualification of the parties concerned in the frauds. This the court granted.

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Malcolm McDonald and he is now succeeded by Lawyer Morson of Charlottetown. The other district, West River, was held by Farquharson, once the liberal premier, and now member of the house of commons, who resigned a year ago and whose seat has since been vacant.

THE TWO SOULS OF ALCOHOL AND MORPHINE

(From London, Eng., Times and Opinion.)

A recent remarkable discovery in medicine which has been found to annihilate the appetite for alcoholic drinks and all drugs, even in the most hopeless case, is attracting a good deal of attention among those interested in temperance work. The medicine is purely vegetable, perfectly harmless and absolutely free from narcotics. It leaves no evil after-effects and can be carried in the pocket and taken in absolute privacy, thus dispensing with the publicity, loss of time and expense of an institute treatment.

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Full particulars regarding this medicine can be obtained by writing to Mr. Dixon, No. 81 Wilketts street, Toronto, Canada.

ELECT OFFICERS.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 10.—The annual meeting of the Maritime Commercial Travellers' Association was held tonight. W. B. Arthur was elected president. The new vice president for New Brunswick is Henry Thomas. The treasurer's statement shows an increase in the funds of \$2,602. The total resources now amount to \$24,606. The membership is 518.

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STORE OPEN EVENINGS

THE WEATHER.

The highest temperature recorded today was 38, and the lowest 8. The humidity at noon was 64. The wind at noon was northwest, blowing with a velocity of 24 miles per hour.

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—Forecast for maritime provinces: Decreasing northerly winds, fair and colder. Friday, fair and cold.

Synopsis.—The disturbance which was over Ontario yesterday has moved quickly to Newfoundland. The weather is cold throughout the domain. Today and Friday from Nova Scotia to the Banks decreasing northerly winds, from Bay of Fundy to U. S. ports, decreasing northerly winds today, freshening easterly on Friday.

LOCAL NEWS.

The steamer Empress of India arrived in Vancouver Wednesday.

Oil opened at 148 on the Pittsburg exchange today.

Bed comfortables at reduced prices at Morrell & Sutherlands.

The S. S. Athenian arrived in Yokohama Wednesday morning.

The city teams should haul off the snow from the street crossings more rapidly than it is being done.

The Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Co., W. M. Jarvis, agent for the maritime provinces, has issued a very handsome double calendar for 1903.

The pocket book lost by Willie Lemon on Main street, as noted in yesterday's Star, was found by George Chase and returned to the happy young owner.

It is stated that the receipts of the J. C. R. for the five months ending December 1 show an increase of \$320,000 over the receipts for the same period last year.

The damaged express and baggage cars have been hauled to Moncton from the scene of the recent accident at Belmont, and the remains of the tourist car were burned by the side of the track.

The Neptune Rowing Club boys have accepted an invitation extended to them by the M. McKeon-Ellis Company to attend their performance at the Opera House Friday night. Fifty seats have been reserved for their use.

The Insurance Assurance Company, of which Tilley & Fairweather are the St. John agents, are sending out a handsome and useful calendar for 1903. This is the company that took over the Imperial during the last year, one of the largest insurance deals ever made.

Cruiser Curlew has been cruising in Charlotte County waters lately collecting bounty claims and looking after lobster-catchers who anticipated the law. Captain Pratt says he destroyed over 400 lobster traps that had been illegally set.—Beacon.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson arrived in St. John today via the Boston express from a month's pleasure trip through the Southern States, which has greatly improved his health. He leaves on the Quebec express this evening for his home in Dorchester.

Some of St. John's best musical talent will take part at the grand concert in City Hall, Carleton, this evening. Miss Jennie Trueman, Miss Daisy Sears, Prof. Eville, Messrs. Davidson, Beattie, Hamm, Bond, Nixon and the St. Andrews Male Quartette will give selections.

The ladies of St. Mary's church are holding a five o'clock tea and sale in the school-room of the church this afternoon and evening. The affair is under the management of Mrs. Godfrey, president of the circle. A concert will be held in the evening.

An new law firm in Digby, N. S., is that of Nichols & Nichols. The senior member, E. Hurd Nichols, who has been practising there for some years with marked success has recently taken into partnership his brother, Frank W. Nichols. Their offices are in Bank of Nova Scotia building.

WITH ADVERTISERS.

A sale of sample toys and fancy goods. Don't miss it, at McLean's Department Store, 565 Main and 14 Dock Streets.

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PERSONAL.

Jos. M. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell, of Sydney, are at the Dufferin.

J. W. Holden, of Manchester, England, is in the city.

S. L. Black of Sackville is in town today.

Mrs. Wm. and Miss M. Cummings returned by the St. Croix yesterday from a visit to Boston.

Wm. J. Davidson, of the Molson's Bank, Montreal, who has been in the city attending the funeral of his father, returned to Montreal last evening.

John H. Thomson left for Boston last night.

J. Roy Campbell left for Halifax yesterday afternoon to attend a meeting regarding the amalgamation of Kings and Dalhousie colleges.

The engagement is announced of L. P. D. Tilley to Miss Richardson, daughter of Rev. Canon Richardson, London, Ont. Miss Richardson visited St. John last summer.

G. E. Troop, train messenger for the Canadian Express Co. at Truro, who has been very ill, has been granted several months leave of absence in order that he may take a much needed rest.

Among the Canadians registered at the high commissioner's office, London, for the week ending Nov. 29 were Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Turnbull, of this city.

Miss Pauline Whitaker, who has been visiting friends in New York for the past three months, returned by Boston express yesterday.

Dr. J. B. Calkin of Truro and his daughter, Mrs. S. B. Patterson, principal of the N. S. Normal School Kindergarten, passed through the city this week on their way to visit Mr. Calkin's son, who is engineer in a large establishment in southern Pennsylvania.

ALCIDES ARRIVES.

Donaldson Liner in Port After Hard Weather—Big Cargo—Samples of Scotch Coal.

The heavy weather of the past few days has caused considerable delay in the shipping business and not a little uneasiness. Last night three ocean liners were overdue, the Donaldson liner Alcides, which sailed from Glasgow Nov. 27; the Allan liner Corinthian, which left Halifax Monday morning, and the S. S. Orleans, which sailed from Liverpool Nov. 29.

Of these the Alcides arrived and docked at the I. C. R. wharf shortly after ten o'clock this morning. She came outside the island about midnight last night guided by the fog horn, the snow being so thick that the light was invisible. She lay there all night. This morning Dr. March boarded her, found everything in good condition and allowed her to proceed. She brings a big general cargo about 3,000 tons in all, and will load at the Long wharf with a similar cargo for her return trip.

Capt. Hurling reports heavy weather ever since he left Glasgow. Strong northerly and northwesterly gales have faced him without a day's intermission. Coming up the bay last night a hard southwesterly gale was encountered with a driving snow storm that wiped out everything. The voyage in consequence has been longer than usual, but was uneventful. No damage of any kind was sustained.

Early yesterday morning the Alcides was steamed in thick weather putting inside Seal Island. Capt. Hurling could not make her out, but it is supposed that the boat was the Corinthian, which should therefore arrive this afternoon. The Alcides also passed the West India steamer Ocamo off L'Anse-au-Loup, and signalled the Head Line boat Dumore Head off Grand Manan outward bound.

In the cargo of the Alcides are two sample lots of coal, the first, Scotch anthracite ever imported to this part of the country. These lots, one of 100 tons and the other of 25, are for Gilson & Co., and represent the two leading varieties of Scotch anthracite; nut, or smaller size, for self-feeders, and a large coal about the size known here as furnace or broken coal. Should the sample lots work satisfactorily further importations will be made.

ST. JOHN'S ATHLETIC CLUB.

The annual meeting of the St. John Athletic club will be held in the Neptune Rowing club's rooms tomorrow evening. Reports will be heard, officers elected for the ensuing year, and a programme for next season considered. During the past year this club has done much to awaken the interest in amateur sport. A cricket league was formed and a series of games played. The Zingari team and one from Moncton visited this city, football has been given a fresh start, and tennis proved a strong attraction. The ladies' auxiliary in connection with the club helped in the work.

The success met with during the past season is considered highly gratifying and it is hoped that next year the interest in amateur sport will be still further excited.

THE FISH MARKET.

During the past week, although fish are still scarce, and the fishermen unable to do much, the supply is slightly better than it has been. This is due to the fact that the fish can now be kept in a frozen condition. The quotations are the same as last week.

In the past few days the first fresh herring have made their appearance. They are large and sweet, the quality being improved by the frost. Red snappers, a species of fish caught at Grand Manan, have also been received. Herring are twenty cents per dozen and snappers eight cents per pound.

VAN HOOSE CONCERTS, MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

The plan of securing for the Van Hoose concerts of next Monday and Tuesday, opened at the box office yesterday. The great tenor singers for the Pittsburg Orchestra, in that city tomorrow evening and Saturday afternoon, leaving there immediately after the second concert. He is due to arrive here at twelve noon Monday. Miss Wetmore will come on the same train. The opportunity to hear this famous tenor should be neglected by none who can make it possible to attend. As will be seen by the advertisement the prices are very low.

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VENEZUELA.

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governmental "bluster, a fine piece of pretence and international nonsense, suggested, however, for the promotion of certain financial aims."

The paper adds: "So far as Germany is concerned the action taken is likely to do more harm than good, since \$150,000,000 of German capital is invested in Venezuela. The United States may feel secret satisfaction at seeing Germany ruin its dominating power in Venezuelan commerce and finance, and must hope to supplant German by American financial influences."

PRISONERS RELEASED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—United States Minister Bowen at Caracas in a cablegram to the state department dated today, confirms the press report that all German and British prisoners have been released.

A SCOTCH MATE

Whose Knowledge of Cargo Was Confidential.

A Scotchman's canniness sticks to him closer than the Scotch burr to his tongue. Even the force of many strong north Atlantic gales does not avail to blow it out of him.

There are many Scots who come to St. John on the steamers that make this their winter port. A good sample of the race is the chief officer of one of the most familiar boats in the harbor. He is a big, rough faced, hard-bitten, weather-scared man, with staring eyes. A Star man boarded his steamer as she docked and got some news from his captain regarding the events of the voyage. For information about the cargo the reporter was sent to the chief officer. He approached that heavily booted, wrapped and muffled individual with his modest request:

"There's a newspaper mon, ay, an' ye want news d' ye? Well I'm a married mon, d' ye see, an' I've got a wife an' four children and I have to keep 'em. I don't know anything about the cargo but maybe I could find out something if ye—if ye—"

But the reporter was broke so he didn't find out anything about the cargo from the chief officer.

POLICE COURT.

With James Taylor it has been a long time between drinks. He hasn't been loaded for seven years but evidently could not stand the strain any longer. On Monday evening Taylor was in a somewhat excited state of mind and ordered his wife to leave the house. She went, and shortly after the husband went out to bring her back. It was another case of "won't you come home Bill I've done you wrong." But Mrs. Taylor's son-in-law is said to have planted a kick on the bottom of Mr. Taylor's waistcoat, and Mrs. Taylor did not go home. The prisoner was ordered to find two sureties for his future good conduct.

Edward Corbett for being drunk on Main street was fined eight dollars or thirty days.

NO MORE CHOIR.

The congregation of Leinster Street Baptist church have decided to do away with singing by the choir, and for the future congregational singing, accompanied by the organ, will be adopted. This decision, which was reached at a meeting held on Monday evening, is due to the fact that the choir in the church has been but a small one and that the attendance of its members has not been as regular as could be wished. It is believed that congregational singing would add considerably to the interest in the different services.

HUGHES L. O. L.

Hughes L. O. L. No. 70, Fairville, elected their officers for the ensuing year on Wednesday evening last. The officers are as follows:—J. Scribner, W. M.; J. Calvert, D. M.; C. Finley, C.; J. Linton, secretary; R. Davis, T.; Bradley, F. S.; W. Cheeseman, D. C.; T. Moore, F. of C.; committeemen: T. Raynes, J. C. Calvin.

The treasurer's report showed the lodge to be in a good financial condition.

ISLAND MAILS DELAYED.

The first mail to be received from Prince Edward Island since Monday evening arrived here this morning. It contained papers of no date later than Saturday, Dec 6th and letters of Dec. 4th. It is somewhat unusual for early in the season, but the recent delay is probably due to the re-arranging of the steamboat service from the island to the mainland.

TRAINS AGAIN LATE.

The trains on the C. P. R. are late again today but this time the delay has been caused by the connecting lines. The Boston express was received one hour late from the Maine Central and the Montreal express six hours late from the eastern division. The Boston train reached the city shortly before one o'clock, while the other is not due until half-past five o'clock this afternoon.

AND COAL SO HIGH.

A telegram from Boston last night said: "Schr. Etta A. Stimpson, Capt. McLennan, bound from New York for St. John, N. B., with a cargo of coal, which went ashore at Plymouth, has blighted and is now full of water. The life saving crew boarded the vessel and took off the crew. The Stimpson has on board 385 tons of coal for R. P. & W. F. Starr."

COUNTRY MARKET.

Stall-holders in the country market are now preparing for the Christmas decorations for their stalls and supplies of spruce are being secured. Last year some of the decorations were highly creditable and it is expected that they will be even better this year.

CIVIC TAXATION.

The civic assessment committee met again last evening, and heard a delegation from the trades and labor council. All of these declared themselves in favor of exemption of incomes up to \$500, and the substitution of a poll tax of \$5.

The Best Silk Sale Of the Entire Season

NOW ON.

All-Silk Taffeta, 59c.

Your choice of our entire stock of plain TAFFETA SILKS, regular price 75c. and 85c., next week for only 59c. yard. Black, white, and 18 newest shades, including pink, sky blue, cadet blue, royal navy, old rose, cerise, cardinal, garnet, grey, mauve, helio, purple, Nile green, yellow, brown and myrtle green, 21 in. wide, next week only

59 Cents.

All-Silk Peau-de-Sole, 47c.

This silk has a bright lustrous finish, and is noted for its good wearing qualities. It comes in black, white, and all popular shades, as pink, old rose, sky blue, turquoise, Nile green, navy, brown, etc. Particularly adapted for house gowns and waists. Extra good value at our regular price, 55c. yard. Next week only for 47c. 31-2 yards, a waist length, costs only

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A Bargain Sale of Samples.

50 Doz. DOLLS, 2 for 1 cent to \$1.99; 500 for 5 cents each.
DOLLS, CRADLES AND CHAIRS, 25 cts. for 15 cts.
NOAH ARKS, 5 cts.
35 different kinds of TOYS, 1 ct. each, or 10 cts. dozen.
100 Doz. FANCY CUPS AND SAUCERS, 5 cts. to 25 cts. All 25c. Cups and Saucers for 15 cts.
PURSES AND CHATELAIN BAGS, 5 cts. up.
See our display of Xmas presents. Nothing like it in the city for lowest prices.
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