

KNOW ATTITUDE UNFAIR, CLAIMS DEPOSED RULER

Zelaya Reiterates His Views As To Action Of United States In Recent Embroglio—In Mexico City.

TREATMENT OF CANNON JUSTIFIED

Salina Cruz, Mex., Dec. 27.—Declaring the attitude of Secretary Knox toward him could not fall of disapproval by all fair-minded persons...

For Six Months

"I am going to Mexico City to remain for six months," Zelaya said. "If the climate agrees with me, I shall send, or go for my family..."

The Cannon Case

As regards Cannon and Groce, no one else in my position would have acted other than I did. Neither of these men had a property in Nicaragua...

COCHRANE WILL CASE IS ADJOURNED

Contest Over Will Of Late William Cochrane Goes Over Until Feb. 22.—Empress Waiting To Cross Straits.

Special To The Standard.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 27.—The steamer Empress did not leave Summerside for Point Du Chene today.

The estate of the late William Cochrane of Dorchester was before Judge of Probate Emmerson today.

RAPID STRIDES MADE.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—Rapid strides were made today in the work of clearing away the snow which encumbered tracks and paralyzed railroad and street car traffic in this city.

GYMNASTICS OF ROCK ISLAND TO BE PROBED

Stock Exchange To Sift Causes Which Led Up To Yesterday's Phenomenal Dealings In Stock.

COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED TO ACT

New York, N. Y., Dec. 27.—The New York stock exchange has an investigation on its hands. Common stock of the Rock Island Company rose 3 1/4 points almost immediately after the opening today...

STORM PLAYS HAVOC WITH THESE ROADS

Country Roads In Vicinity Of Moncton Are Impassable—Railways Blocked And Trains Everywhere Stalled.

Special To The Standard.

Moncton, Dec. 27.—The Moncton and Buctouche train did not leave Buctouche today as expected.

SWITCHMEN MAY CALL FOR GENERAL STRIKE

President Hawley Of The Switchmen's Union Of North America States That Proposals Are In Progress.

Special To The Standard.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 27.—President Frank T. Hawley, of the Switchmen's Union of North America, said tonight that the heads of the various branches of the Railway Department...

MAINE DECISION IN PORTABLE MILL CASE

Augusta, Me., Dec. 27.—A portable saw mill, logs and sawed lumber were made taxable in the town where the owner was an inhabitant on the first day of April and not in the town where it was found on that date...

DISASTER AT SEA IN GREAT STORM

Five Masted Schooner Davis Palmer Believed To Have Been Lost With Crew Of Ten Men Off Boston—Tern Schooner A. K. McLean Ashore at Martha's Vineyard—Other Disasters.

NEW CRIMINAL CODE OUTLINED IN GERMANY

Radical Changes Suggested In Report Of Commission The Result Of Four Years' Labor.

Special To The Standard.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—Imprisonment without dishonor, fines payable in instalments and the rehabilitation of offenders are the leading features of a project for the reform of the German criminal code...

Special To The Standard.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 27.—The telephone, telegraph and transportation lines in this city, after more than 24 hours of seemingly hopeless demoralization, were restored tonight to a fairly workable basis...

Special To The Standard.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 27.—Conditions throughout the state, resulting from the storm of Saturday and Sunday, began to show improvement today and railroad and trolley traffic as well as telegraph and telephone communication which had been generally impeded and in some sections held up, is again regaining a normal state.

STEAMER IROQUOIS IS CRIPPLED OFF NORFOLK

Wireless Call Brings Assistance To Clyde Liner And Two Steamers Are Lying By To Render Aid.

Special To The Standard.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 27.—Wireless messages received here late today say the Clyde Line steamer Iroquois, Captain Ingram, from Charleston, S. C., for New York is at anchor off Prying Point, N. C., with a badly disabled rudder.

LONDON IS THE STORM CENTRE IN ENGLAND

Liberals Feel Uncertain Of Result In Metropolis And Fierce Fight Will Be Waged There.

SIR ROBERT PERKS LEAVING FOR CANADA

Special To The Standard. London, Dec. 27.—As a result of the issuing of writs of January 10th, there will be a great many borough elections on Saturday, the 15th.

Special To The Standard.

London, Dec. 27.—The results of the polling on the 15th have been announced, a fair guess can be made of how the elections will go.

\$12,500 IN SMOKE WHEN JANITOR SPEAKS

Unable To Keep His Own Counsel Dresden Janitor Forgoes Comfortable Annuity—The Price Of A Royal Throwing.

Special To The Standard.

London, Dec. 27.—Janitor Moeller of the European Court Hotel at Dresden, is a sorrowful man today, for not only has he forfeited the world's sympathy but also \$12,500 in good hard cash.

Special To The Standard.

South Portland, Me., Dec. 27.—Fire destroyed two grocery stores owned by Fremont C. Jose, and Frank W. Dyer. Mr. Dyer's greenhouse and Mr. Jose's dwelling today.

Special To The Standard.

Dalhousie, N. B., Dec. 27.—Yesterday a little before noon fire was discovered in the double tenement house on Williams street, owned by Geo. E. Mercier and occupied by the family of Mr. Wm. McKean and Mr. Valentine Magee.

BROKAW DOES NOT WANT WIFE TO RETURN NOW

Defendant In Long Island Divorce Suit Takes Back Previous Statements Made At Trial—Knows More Now

MRS. BROKAW ARRIVES ON A BOB SLED

New York, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Mrs. W. Gould Brokaw, who is suing her husband for separation and \$60,000 a year alimony, did not get over to the court at Mineola, L. I. today until the afternoon, appearing heavily clad in white furs.

Special To The Standard.

"Not so much as I did," answered the witness. "Then how about all these reconciliation statements?"

Special To The Standard.

London, Dec. 27.—Sir Robert Perks leaves for Canada early in the new year to devote his undivided attention to the Georgian Bay canal.

DECLARES COLLISION OF PLANETS IMPOSSIBLE

Professor T. C. Chamberlain Of Chicago Scouts Theory Of Approaching Cataclysm—Scientific Bodies In Session.

Special To The Standard.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—That there is no possible chance of a cataclysm which will bring about the end of the world through collision of the planets or other atmospheric or geologic eruption was the claim of Professor T. C. Chamberlain of Chicago, retiring president of the American Society for the Advancement of Science...

MOTHER AND CHILDREN ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Ontario Inn Razed By Fire—Mother And Two Children Believed To Have Been Burned In Beds.

Special To The Standard.

Englehart, Ont., Dec. 27.—A stopping place, nine miles from Elk Lake, kept by Mr. Hayes, was burned this morning. Mrs. Hayes and her two children were burned to death.

OBTAINS LICENSE TO MARRY TAFT'S NIECE

New York, N. Y., Dec. 27.—George Hogg Snowden, 26 years old, who is in the lumber business at Seattle, obtained a license at City Hall, to wed Miss Louise Wetherill Taft, the 21 year old daughter of Henry Taft, brother of the president.



INSTALLATIONS IN TWO MASONIC LODGES HELD LAST EVENING

Albion No. 1 And Carleton Union No. 8 In Annual Session—Presentation of Jewel To P. W. Wetmore.

The installation of the officers of Albion Lodge, No. 1, F. and A. M., for the coming year took place last night at the Masonic Temple, Germain St.

Mr. J. Herbert Crockett, W. M., Mr. Francis R. Burpee, P. M., Mr. Thomas Walker, P. M., Chap. Mr. Chas. Robinson (P. M.) treas.

Carleton Union Lodge. The installation of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, also took place last evening, Past Grand Master J. V. Ellis installing the new officers at their rooms on the West Side.

Mr. John Emerson, W. M., Mr. Enoch Thompson, S. W., Mr. N. P. McLeod, J. W., Rev. G. F. Scott (P. M.) Chaplain, Mr. Uriah Drake (P. M.) treasurer.

VOTE TO RETAIN AMERICAN GAME

New York, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Fifty colleges out of approximately eighty-eight in the intercollegiate Athletic association, have voted for the retention of the American football game with the elimination of mass plays and other dangerous plays.

The executive committee, it was announced, favored the changes proposed by the athletic committee of West Point and would so report to the convention tomorrow.

DEATHS.

Stewart.—At his residence, 12 Canon street on Sunday, Dec. 26, John Stewart, aged 84 years, leaving a wife, four daughters and two sons to mourn their loss.

Laird.—On the 27th inst., at Everett, Mass., Fannie E. Laird, second daughter of Sarah and the late Charles Laird, of this city.

Safety Board Votes Salary Increases

Engineers and Drivers of Fire Department Recommended for Higher Pay—Committee Appointed to Report on Improvements in the Stations—Rentals Raised on Stores in Market Building.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Public Safety last evening, increased \$100 a month to the engineers and \$5 to the drivers of the fire department were recommended.

Mr. Robert Wisely, director of public safety, reported on an inspection of the fire stations and recommended that the land adjacent to Hook and Ladder station No. 1, now used by the Public Works Department for stable

his inspection of the fire stations. He spoke of improvements at No. 1, No. 2, No. 4 and No. 3 H. and L. station, and recommended changes in the stabling at No. 2. It was necessary, he said, to obtain the consent of the county council and have the rock excavated at the back before there could be any addition.

Increases ranging from \$25 to \$400 in the rental of the stores in the Market building were recommended. Ald. Vanwart presided, and Ald. Potts, Hayes, Wilson, Kelley, Sprout, Scully were present with Chief Kerr, Chief of Police Clark, the director, recorder and common clerk.

On motion of Ald. Hayes, the director was authorized to issue the usual notices to tenants for quit rents.

Report on Fire Stations. The director submitted a report of

the recommendation for an increase in the salaries of Chief Clark, Chief Kerr and all members of the fire department which had been referred back, was first brought up and on motion of Ald. Kelley was laid on the table until the other business was disposed of.

Chief Kerr said he could start with six men in the company. Mr. G. V. Anderson resigned as member of Salvage Corps No. 1. The widow Joseph Davidson, late engineer of the fire department, on motion of Ald. Potts, was granted a gratuity amounting to two months' pay.

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THIS INVENTOR IS A NEGRO

United States Has Recognized Benjamin Franklin Jackson—Almost Caught Big Idea When a Boy.

New York, Dec. 27.—Benjamin Franklin Jackson, inventor of the steam boiler, is a Negro. He was born in Virginia before the war. The inventor has a gas canister on exhibition at the show of the sort, so it is said, that does twice as much in half the time.

Thirty years ago when Benjamin Franklin Jackson was a ten-year-old Negro boy running a sawmill along the docks of the Appomattox at Petersburg, Va., he got an idea about building. It is just about the same idea that they are making use of now in the biggest ships.

The boat when it was done had six or seven compartments in it, and the inventor found that when he punched a hole in the bottom of the boat, it didn't sink. That was the find that matches up with the way they build ships now.

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British Editor On Future of Canada

George Paish, Editor of London Statist, Writes Interesting Letter on the Dominion—Factors That Will Aid in Canada's Progress—What European War Will Mean to Country.

George Paish, editor of the London Statist, has just completed a trip through Canada and is writing a series of letters which will be interesting reading to the Canadian.

I have visited both western and eastern Canada and am convinced that this country has entered upon a long period of prosperity. From time to time there will doubtless be checks to the prosperity, but these always come to states which make rapid progress and the reactions are necessary to prevent inflation.

The primary factor making for progress is the possession by Canada of great undeveloped resources of natural wealth—agricultural, mineral, forestry and piscatorial. The greatest of these natural resources is the vast tracts of undeveloped and virgin lands that are merely waiting for farmers to produce a supply of food-stuffs sufficient to support a great population.

The second factor making for growth is the willingness of Great Britain to find all the capital that Canada can profitably employ and to supply it at a low rate of interest in comparison with the rates of interest usually required from young countries.

A third factor of great import is the ability and far-sightedness of Canada's statesmen. They recognize that the essential thing to be worked for is to open up the country and to bring the population to the natural wealth.

A fourth factor of great moment and weight is the world's special need of new sources of food supplies at the present time and the high prices that are now current for food of all descriptions.

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Canada to dwell in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Furthermore, considerable numbers of American farmers are also coming into western Canada. These pioneer farmers are a great acquisition to the new country. In the first place they have skill and experience in breaking up the wilderness and in making it fruitful, and, secondly, having sold at good prices the lands they had previously made productive they have secured large profits and they are bringing a considerable amount of capital, consisting of farming machinery, cattle, furniture and cash into the new country.

Another factor of no small moment making for rapid development is the fact that the world's unappropriated lands are fast becoming exhausted and that Canada is one of the few countries which still make grants of fertile land to anyone who will carry out the very simple and easy conditions attached to the grants. The construction of the large mileage of new railways in Saskatchewan and Alberta is opening up new districts in which anyone can obtain homesteads of 160 acres on the payment of the nominal fee of \$10 with the condition attached that the owners shall live upon the land for a few months each year and shall fence and get into cultivation a small portion of his holding within three years.

The tradesman who purchases and erects some kind of a building usually sees the value of his land immensely increased in value in the course of a few years. Indeed, it is not too much to say that persons dwelling in towns and investing their savings in town lots are rapidly growing rich. Shop assistants, clerks, typists, machinists and others are also investing their savings in a similar manner. In many instances property purchased in this manner by the wage-earning classes out of their savings has quadrupled in value in four or five years. It will be apparent that the knowledge of these things which spreads as quickly among tradesmen and the working classes as among farmers, cannot fail to induce migration from countries where the pressure for existence is severe, where it is impossible to obtain land even at high prices and where, moreover, it is difficult to obtain a rate of wage which permits of savings to be effected. Lastly, the time is favorable for Canada to obtain the large number of workmen needed for railway construction, for extensive building operations, for distribution and for industries.

In brief, every essential to progress is apparently at the service of Canada. The natural wealth, a practically unlimited amount of capital at low rates of interest, free markets and good prices for produce, a good supply of unskilled labor, and the knowledge of the large number of hours of capital and labor and to develop the natural resources of the country.

One of the great influences which prevented the development of Canada in the past has long ceased to operate. The long winters, the coldness and the liability to frost even during summer months have entirely lost their terrors. Experience has shown that the large number of hours of sunshine pressed into a few months more than make up for the shortness of the season and that there is ample time to sow and harvest the crops. Further, liability to damage from frost and drought is diminishing as cultivation extends. The recognition that the drawbacks to farming in western Canada have been greatly exaggerated is likely to cause the number of incoming farmers to grow steadily greater from year to year. In brief, from whatever point of view the outlook is regarded, the future of Canada appears to be assured.

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SECOND EDITION OF BOOKLET ON ST. JOHN VALLEY NOW READY

George Ham In Town Yesterday To Confer With Immigration Department—Mr. Bowder Doing Great Work.

The activity of the immigration department, the New Brunswick government is showing itself in the request that comes from Great Britain for 25,000 more copies of the St. John Valley booklet, issued by the C.P.R., for distribution by Mr. A. Bowder, who is doing yeoman service in England in the interests of this province.

Probate Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAINT JOHN To the Sheriff of the City and County of Saint John, or any C. of Probate of the said City and County—Greeting: WHEREAS the Executor of the Estate of MARY JANE PRICE, late of the City of Saint John, in the City and County of Saint John, widow, and administratrix in and to the said estate, has filed in this court an account of his Administration of the said deceased's estate and has prayed that the same may be passed and allowed in due form of law, and distribution of the said estate directed according to the terms of the last Will and Testament of the said MARY JANE PRICE deceased.

You are therefore required to cite to the Deceased and all the creditors and other persons interested in her said estate to appear before me at a Court of Probate to be held in and for the City and County of Saint John, in the Probate Court room in the Pugsley Building, in the City of Saint John, on Monday the seventeenth day of January next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to attend at the said Court, and to show to the said Court the said account, and to file the order for the distribution of the said estate as prayed for and as by law directed.

(L.S.) Given under my hand and the Seal of the said Probate Court, this thirteenth day of December, 1909.

(Signed) J. R. ARMSTRONG, Registrar of Probate. (Signed) M. O. McNERNEY, Registrar of Probate. (Signed) AMON A. WILSON, Proctor.

Public Notice THE UNDERSIGNED, having been appointed by the Common Council of the City of Saint John a committee of the said Council for conducting the sale of the Fisheries for the ensuing year, pursuant to an Act of the Legislature, in relation to the Fisheries, and in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act, hereby give notice that the sale of the Fisheries for the year 1910, will be held at the Fishery Lots on the East Side of the Bay, River and Harbor, and all the Fisheries situated on the East Side of the Harbor, and in the vicinity of the Navy Island, and in the Fishery Lots on the Western side of the Harbor, on the FOURTH DAY OF JANUARY NEXT, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, in the City of Saint John, for the fishing season of the ensuing year, to end on the 1st day of December, 1910.

Dated the 15th day of December, 1909. JAMES H. FRINK, JOSEPH A. LIKELY, EDWARD C. TUCKER, FRANK L. POTTS, JOHN B. M. BAXTER, JOHN B. M. BAXTER, JAMES F. BELVEA, A. C. HAYLOCK WILSON.

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THE SPORTING ATTRACTION OF THE YEAR Johnson-Ketchel Contest ONE HOUR AND A HALF MOTION PICTURES. SPECIAL SHOWS NICKEL, Jan. 3-4-5 Starting 9 o'clock p.m.

From Time To Time We Feel called upon to draw your attention, Mr. Advertiser, to the value of St. John's newest morning daily, as a connecting link between Your Store and Our Public. Note that phrase Our Public. The Standard goes Three Hundred and Twelve mornings out of a year to the breakfast tables, not offices and warehouses, but breakfast tables, of a patronage that is almost entirely unsolicited, that has at the least never been tempted into subscription by offers so brilliant as to make the worth of the paper itself, a secondary consideration. The result is summed up in the one word—QUALITY. People who pay willingly and without rebates for our newspaper make good customers for you.



# Weather Man Has No Terrors For Roof School Children



CHICAGO'S ROOF SCHOOL IN SESSION. THE CHILDREN IN THE PICTURE SIT HERE SIX HOURS A DAY.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26.—Does it really pay to be sick?

If the teacher of Chicago's school on the roof were to ask her 25 little pupils the question in class some time, it is certain they would answer in chorus:

"Yes!" They are the luckiest sick children in this great city. For they get every day, in addition to free education, free meals, free clothes and free medical attention. Then, too, snow or sleet, they are bathed and rubbed down every day, just like trained athletes are.

Chicago's school on the roof is the most unique educational institution in the country. All these 25 boys and girls are predisposed to tuberculosis. Though not afflicted with the white plague, the doctors who examined

them said they were liable to get it, but the roof school came into being.

It is at 818 Ewing street, in the center of a tenement district. In such neighborhoods as this the white plague gets a firm foothold. The school was made possible by the gift of \$2500 by the McCormick family to the United Charities, and is under the latter's management.

Children come to the nursery, as the charities people call it, at 9 in the morning. They get a cool shower bath and a nice rubdown the first thing. Then they put on the free clothes that are a part of the school uniform. And such clothes! Bundled up in warm woolen blankets and overgarments that make them look like little Eskimos, the children go to their classes after a breakfast of cocoa and bread and butter.

Study lasts three hours, then they lie down in the open air to get a rest. Their clothing is as warm as that worn by Dr. Cook or Peary in the quest for the north pole.

A substantial dinner follows, and then there is some more study. After the day's work is ended the doctor comes and looks over each child. All the children are gaining in weight.

The schoolroom is exposed to air on all sides. Whether snow falls or blizzard rages, they breathe the pure outdoor air all the time. But it's very cold. There is a brisk breeze blowing in from Lake Michigan. It's all very nice for the children. They are learning fast and they like their teacher—

"Poor teacher!" She has to stay in the cold, too. She has the coldest teaching job in this great city.

# English Women Styles In High Favor

## AN AUSTRALIAN

### How They Appear in the Eye of a Writer from the Antipodes—Likes the Dowager Type.

Coming from Australia I fell to studying the Englishwoman, and I give you here what I feel are the salient points of her character, writes Frank Fox, an Australian journalist in The Standard.

My criticism ranges between two points—of extreme admiration for that exquisite work or nature, the English gentlewoman; of extreme disapproval for the frequent "decent" Englishwomen of other class who will, as a matter of course, go into a public house and have her plate of beef and stout. No respectable Australian woman would enter a public-house bar, and it is a shock to see Englishwomen do so.

**Good Looks.** The high type of Englishwoman, from her first stage of a delicate, willow beauty maturing slowly, so that she is a young matron up to fifty and a grandly beautiful dowager at seventy, is surely an exquisite product. You must come to England to study her. Do not most of them go off abroad. For the Englishwoman is not a good Colonist. Irish and Scotch emigrants settle to life in Australia with a certain amount of affection. The well-to-do Englishwoman does not seem always to sigh for England. I now know why. England offers so much to a woman of that class. It is impossible that she should enjoy so good a time anywhere else in the world. Life in London is "society" sublimated; and essentially, woman is a social creature.

On the whole, I think the English dowager type, as it is often called, impresses me most—dignified but kindly in mien, with keen eyes and fresh color, surviving all time the effects of years, her snowy hair giving lustre to her complexion, her interests wide, her charities great. Balzac's idea of happiness was to be a pretty woman until forty, then a great general from forty to sixty, afterwards a cardinal. In England he would have wanted to return to womanhood at sixty.

**Not So Resourceful.** Apart from looks, what are the chief impressions about the Englishwoman? They must naturally be comparative. She is not so resourceful as the Australian woman. She develops into a splendid household manager, but she is evidently not generally trained to do much for herself. She does not make as good a poor man's wife as the Australian in the same rank of life. The young professional man, who is his way, yet to make, cannot ask his girl to marry him on a small income as safely in England as in Australia.

I do not think that that is good for the average man, who is not a man of letters, may be termed the "intellectual" of the nation would have an energizing effect on the national type.

But the Englishwoman is not on the average, an extravagant spender. She spends less on her adornment. She does not dress for the street so much. Her ordinary attire is simpler, and, I confess, in better—i.e., quieter—taste. Some allowance, of course, must be made for the greater exuberance of the semitropical life of Australia. From what I can gather the restraint of English dress habit shows a tendency to disappear. That would be a pity. There are many societies in London formed for every conceivable object, from preventing a cat being left in the house during the holidays to provide Indian babies with social opportunities. May I suggest another, for the benefit of the Englishwoman? If a great lady took it under her aegis, no doubt it would have some success. The most incongruous thing I have noticed in London is the contrast, at big receptions, between the noble dowagers, the dignified matrons, the sweet girls, and a few eccentric "smart setters," gorgeously adorned, rather than clothed, in "sheath" gowns.

**As to Physique.** The English shop girl, the factory girls, the poor girls generally, are not nearly so good in physique as Australians of the same class. They do not play games enough, and the most - and inquiry fails to disclose any organized system of physical culture among the girls of the poor. That, in my opinion, is a first duty of county councils or somebody—to see that every school-girl goes through a course of physical culture, at least on leaving school. The London race wants a better physique. It can only get it from better mothers. With a steady exercise and the London climate admirably healthy. Without exercise I can imagine it to be seriously undermining.

The independence of the Englishwoman is remarkable. She has not the vote, but she has a good share in the national government and a great freedom of action. All the political societies have women branches. Many notable women, single and married, take such a large share in affairs that they find secretaries necessary. The social-political influence, too, of women seems to be enormous.

**Competition With Men.** As to women industrially in England, I hold strongly the opinion that in any country women's ambition to become a wage earner is discouraged. The industrial woman derives a man of her employment, rarely earning an adequate self-supporting wage, and takes herself away from the task which is her special work, that of home-keeping and home-keeper. It is easier to preach that doctrine in Australia than in Great Britain. For we have a surplus of men; you have a surplus of women. The disparity of numbers is further accentuated by the army and navy withdrawing many young men to a celibate life. Another factor, affecting the middle classes mostly, is the advanced age at which men marry. It seems that for a big proportion of Englishwomen there is no scope as wife and mother. The problem is difficult, but it is no insol-



You see they still insist upon the Russian blouse, all belted in and braided, and sometimes fur-lined. This fashion is so becoming to the slender figure that it is bound to be popular.

## HISTORIC GUILLOTINE TO GO UNDER HAMMER

### Perfectly Good Guillotine To Be Sold This Week—Has Interesting History—Famous During Revolution.

London, Dec. 27.—When Newgate prison in London was pulled down, every horrible appurtenance of the gallows found ready buyers at the auction, but the actual guillotine was put up for sale. Amateurs of the guillotine will now be able to bid for a warranted genuine guillotine, which is to be offered this week. It is not only an historical instrument, and is certified to have cut off a great number of heads. It is the authentic guillotine made for and used by the Revolutionists. Javonnes, of whom several vigorous sayings are recorded: "The only divinity of a good Republican is the guillotine," and "two million heads are wanted to accomplish holily the work of the regeneration of France."

This bloodthirsty maniac established a "Commission of Public Justice" in the little town of Feurs, in the Loire, on Nov. 7, 1793, and a fortnight later the guillotine, specially ordered from Paris, was set up in the chief square. The executions began two days afterwards, and went on regularly at the rate of one or two a week until the following February. On one occasion during the revolutionary rejoicings the guillotine was used for solemnly beheading the effigies of the kings of England, Prussia, Spain and Piedmont, the emperor of Austria, the pope, and William Pitt.

How the instrument, which is authentic, by inscription upon the wooden uprights, came into the possession of an old curiosity dealer, from whom the present owner, who is putting it up for sale, bought it some years ago for £56, is not known. The guillotine is all but complete, as only the knife is missing. The suggestion has been made that the Grand Guignol should buy the instrument for use as a property in its performances, which always include at least one guillotine scene of an evening.

## SIR WILFRID INVITED TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.—Private information has been received that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, will get an invitation to accompany the Prince of Wales to South Africa to attend the opening of the Parliament of United South Africa. It is not likely that the Premier will be able to accept the invitation. Should the opening occur any time within the next four months Sir Wilfrid will be engaged with parliamentary duties at Ottawa, and next summer, he will probably take a trip to the Pacific coast.

able if Great Britain once made up its mind to deal with the evils which have followed in the train of industrialism, and to aim at a "Merrie England" again. For the present, surplus women folk should be encouraged to go to the British overseas dominions, where there is a surplus of men.

## RECORD DIVORCE YEAR IN UNITED KINGDOM

### Interesting Statistics Furnished in Registrar General's Report Just Issued—Age No Bugbear to Brides Now.

London, Dec. 27.—With his announcement of a falling birth and marriage rate in England and Wales in his latest annual report just issued, the Registrar General states that the divorce rate for 1908 was a record. In the official language the number of persons divorced annually have been increasing for many years and was more numerous in 1908 than in any previous year. The marriages of persons described as divorced have also steadily increased, and in the year 1908 were the highest on record.

The number of divorced persons who were married in 1876-80 was equal to about nineteen per cent. of the number divorced, whereas in 1908 the proportion had risen to more than fifty per cent. It is pointed out, however, that in some cases persons who have been divorced abroad re-marry in England.

The bride of to-day is not so coy about her age as was her early Victorian grandmother, and the Registrar-General is therefore in a position to state that "a gradual improvement" has taken place in the marriage registers in reference to the definite statement of ages at marriage. Seventy years ago the ages of both parties were stated in only six per cent. of the marriages.

In the year 1896 the proportion exceeded ninety-eight per cent. and gradually rose until in 1908 precise statements of age were made by 99.19 per cent. of the husbands and 99.09 per cent. of the wives. Unstated ages are more frequent in second marriages than in first marriages and most frequent of all in remarriages of widows.

**YALE PROFESSOR STRICKEN SUDDENLY**

New York, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Dr. Wm. Graham Sumner, who has occupied the chair of social and political science at Yale University for 37 years, fell unconscious at the Murray Hill Hotel today from a rupture of one of the small blood vessels in the brain. Tonight he was in a serious, though not necessarily critical condition and was conscious.

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## DR. BOVEY RESIGNS FROM ACTIVE WORK

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Dr. Bovey, who was a year or two ago appointed rector of the Imperial Institute at Kensington, London, one of the most eminent positions in the scientific world, has resigned that office for the purpose of taking a needed rest.

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## PAYING GUESTS POPULAR NOW

### The Host or Hostess Who Receives Pay for Entertaining Guests Never So Popular in England as Now.

London, Dec. 27.—So little is heard nowadays of the paying guest that it might be surmised that that profitable source of income to needy members of the British aristocracy was a phase which had scarcely survived the beginning of the century.

The contrary, however, is the truth. The guest who pays her own way, or rather the host or hostess who is paid was never more flourishing than at the present day. This Christmas, for example, there were numbers of amusing house parties meeting together on a common basis. At the end of their stay every one left a check behind, or what is still more probable, had already settled the delicate matter of payment before arrival.

**Well Known.** The hosts were, of course, mostly well-known people in society. They have their position, their place, property and land to keep up, their house is large, their stable commodious—though probably bareer than they should be—and their hospitality unlimited. The only thing lacking is the means to entertain. Years ago, people used to advertise their intention to pay well. The heterogeneous collection, who have their own ideas on the subject of board, based on the prices of a Swiss pension, are never inclined to be very generous, whatever trouble they may give.

The paying guest of the day, who is most sought after, is, in fact, the man or woman who rides, drives, automobiles, as the case may be, and who, in the case of the woman, although she may not actually wish to be chaperoned, still has not quite the means to be her own chaperone.

## ENGLISH JURISTS FAIL, SAY WOMEN

London, Dec. 27.—London women declare that the education of English barristers is far from complete and that justice as to the claims of modest will never be obtainable the subtleties ofatorial art in regard to the feminine raiment. In fashionable circles clothes are not viewed merely as clothes, but as decorative "properties" and till judges learn the difference between the costume that is a covering and the costume that is a "confection" there is little chance of arranging a fair ruling as to prices. For women of means do not buy by costume because they are in need of them, but because the "infinite variety" of beauty must be maintained, and therefore a "confection" that is a misfit is worse than worthless, and no compromise in charges that may be suggested by the well wishers of litigants can make it other than a plain and grief to its possessor.

It is a curious fact that while most men can tell to a hair the fine line in a frock coat that will divide them from cad and coxcomb they are incapable of appreciating the minute differences that create the distinction between the well dressed woman and the "drowsy" one. The ladies, however, do not suggest any means of supplementing the barristers' education in

## EACH THOUGHT OTHER DEAD AND REMARRIED

### Strange Sequel to Separation of Thirty-two Years Standing—Meet to Patch Up Old Squabble.

Owosso, Mich., Dec. 27.—After a separation of thirty-two years, during which each thought the other dead, and both married, A. E. Mead, of Brant and the wife who left him have found each other.

Mead became a wanderer after his wife had left him, because of a trivial family trouble, finally marrying Susan in Oklahoma. He returned to Michigan and lived for a quarter of a century within a dozen miles of his former wife. Winters during the lulls on the farm he worked as a fireman in a sugar factory here.

## PRINCESS PATRICIA VISITING IN SWEDEN

London, Dec. 27.—Princess Patricia of Connaught, who spent her Christmas in Sweden on a visit to her sister, the Crown Princess, has lately been working hard to master the somewhat difficult language of her sister's adopted country. The princess and her lady-in-waiting, who usually goes with her to Sweden, have been having lessons at Clarence House, two or three times a week from a Swedish woman teacher. The princess, who is an enthusiast for outdoor sports, is eagerly looking forward to a revival of the delights of skating, skiing and tobogganing, which she so thoroughly appreciated last winter on her visit to Stockholm. Not a few English people are going this winter to enjoy these sports in the Venice of the north, but for the present the exodus of winter sportsmen and sportswomen is toward the Swiss resorts, of which many new centres are being opened.

this important particular, and clearly there are difficulties in the way. Perhaps the best method of surmounting them would be to allow members of the fair sex to be called to the bar.

## OTTAWA WOMEN TO ENTER FRAY

### Coming By-Election in Ottawa to Mark Opening of Perfectly Good Suffragette Campaign in Canada.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.—The first gun in an organized campaign for woman suffrage in Canada will be fired in the Ottawa Journal, be fired in the coming by-election, in this city.

The initiation of the campaign here depends, according to the same authority upon the ability of the leaders to bring their organization to a sufficient state of efficiency.

This much is known, that plans and preparations for the campaign have been quietly made during the past few weeks, and the leaders have been steadily engaged in recruiting and organizing their forces.

## SMALL HOUSES DILKED

There are many people who dislike a small house and the manners and customs of simple message, and would infinitely rather spend their time in exploiting different parts of the country than in spending their income in a small house of their own making. Even visiting does not fill the gap. It is always a little galling to be in a state of continual dependence on friends, and to be obliged to lose good hunting or an amusing time for the simple reason that there is no open door to receive one at the particular moment when a favorable meet is to take place, and no one sufficiently hospitable at Christmas time to make a visit really desirable.

The mere fact that money passes between host and the guest does not prevent discrimination on either side. References, however delicate the question may be, have to be exchanged with the finesse of a diplomat before a business and social agreement of this kind can be reached.



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SAINT JOHN, TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 28, 1909.

### AN ANSWER REQUESTED THIS YEAR.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has had all the time since March to give the early answer which he promised the delegation which waited on him to ask whether the Government would operate the St. John Valley railway as part of the Intercolonial system. The delegation took to Ottawa from the Hazen Administration an offer to guarantee the bonds of the Valley Line on condition that the federal Government would work the road on the usual percentage basis. It was a definite and distinct offer. Sir Wilfrid so described it at the time. The Premier made a definite and distinct promise of an early answer. But he has never given one, early or late.

Mr. Carvell has since made one statement, and Mr. Pugsley two. But these were not the promised answers. They were evasions and excuses, showing that Sir Wilfrid's failure to reply was probably due to the interference of his New Brunswick supporter and colleague, who was apparently determined that the people of the St. John Valley should not obtain a railway through the assistance of Mr. Hazen, if Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Carvell could head it off. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has evidently been persuaded to break his promise and refuse an answer, while Mr. Pugsley conducted a campaign of humbug, delay and obstruction.

All that can be got out of these obstructive letters is the statement that Mr. Hazen ought to be more definite. He ought to say exactly what sort of a road his government would guarantee. Mr. Pugsley himself suggesting a standard higher than the Intercolonial or the Transcontinental, or any other railway in this part of Canada. This is just such a course as would be taken by a politician determined to block the whole enterprise, but Mr. Hazen did not propose to be held up by any such tactics. He informed the representatives of the Valley delegation that he was quite prepared to discuss any matter of detail that the Dominion Government or the Department of Railways deemed important. He was ready to admit that if the Department of Railways proposed to operate the railway in connection with the Intercolonial, the department would wish to define the standard of the line to be constructed. Therefore he explained that the Hazen administration had appointed a committee of its ministers who would meet representatives of the federal Government and discuss these matters of detail. Mr. Hazen said that his committee would meet the Government at any time and place that might be desired, and would go over any matters that the Ottawa authorities might wish to have explained.

That proposition was made last summer, some half a year ago. But neither Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government, nor the Minister of Railways has named any time or place, or showed a willingness to take up the matter. Now while the Minister of Railways may have good reasons for not wishing to operate the proposed railway, and while he and his colleagues have a perfect right to decline Mr. Hazen's offer, they have no right to refuse an answer to a plain proposition of this kind. More especially are they in courtesy and in decency required to reply when their leader has solemnly promised to do so. Sir Wilfrid Laurier should therefore not allow the year 1909 to pass away without giving the promised statement on this important public matter.

### THE OTTAWA RIVER CANAL.

Sir Robert Perks is announced to be leaving for Canada to take up the business of the Georgian Bay and Ottawa River Canal. This enterprise has not been authorized by Parliament, and the Government has given no sign that it is to be taken up. A survey has been made, and the report of the Government engineers has been received, showing that the cost for the least expensive plan proposed would be \$100,000,000. Remembering that any of the larger public works recently undertaken by the federal Government have cost about double the estimate, we perceive that this canal will cost as much as a transcontinental railway. So far as Sir Wilfrid may be committed to anything respecting this project, he is pledged not to take it up until the Transcontinental has been completed. This pledge ought to be good even when a by-election is impending at Ottawa. But the presence of Sir Robert Perks, as the chief promoter of the canal enterprise may make things run more smoothly in the campaign. Sir Robert has told his constituents that he cannot be a candidate in this election because the Georgian Bay Canal will occupy the larger part of his time for several years to come. Evidently he has been taking the matter seriously.

### FOOLISH REPROACHES.

The Danish court says that the United States Minister Egan is to blame for the Cook tragedy. Mr. Egan says that he does not pretend to know about science, but he was informed that Dr. Cook had discovered the North Pole and so presented him to the king as a distinguished American. But this did not happen until the president had sent congratulations. All of which appears to be frivolous, and most foolish of all the demand that Mr. Egan be recalled because of the part he took in honoring Denmark. Mr. Egan and the others knew Dr. Cook as one who had been on Arctic expeditions, and whose reputation was unclouded. When he returned from the Arctic regions saying that he had reached the Pole his word was accepted. No one is much to blame but Cook himself. It has not been the custom to treat a returned explorer as if he were on the defence. The statements of Nansen, Ahrens, Grelley, Peary, Lockwood and Shackleton had been accepted without an inquest. Dr. Cook has

introduced an entirely new and unexpected element into the records of polar navigation, destroying the noble traditions of two centuries. Why not let it go at that, without reproaching those whose faith in Arctic explorers was based on history?

### THE YIELD OF PRECIOUS METALS.

The world's production of gold in 1908 is valued at \$442,000,000. This is probably the largest product in any year of the world's history. It exceeds the yield of 1908 by \$31,000,000. It is estimated that \$327,000,000 of this gold was coined into money, and that the industrial arts called for \$78,000,000 worth. This constantly increasing yield of gold is evidently one of the controlling factors in the increased price of commodities. While the gold standard does not prevail everywhere, and the single gold standard is still less general, there is no doubt that gold is much more potent than silver in determining prices. But the silver product of the world was also large in 1908. The quantity mined is estimated at over 200,000,000 ounces, worth at the average price, \$108,000,000. This does not equal the production of some other years, but it exceeds by 19,000,000 ounces, or more than \$10,000,000 the output of 1907.

Mexico and Canada show the chief increases. The Canadian yield for 1909 will be larger than that of 1908. Meanwhile the silver production of the United States grows less.

### THE BRIDGE.

The attempt of the Pugsley organ and of Mr. Pugsley himself to stamper Mr. Hazen into an offer on the part of the province to pay one-third of the cost of a harbor bridge with the condition shall pay another third, does not seem to be making much progress. The Attorney General has evidently no intention of trying to force on the city an enterprise of uncertain cost, but certain to impose the heaviest burden on the taxpayers. The city itself has the largest interest in the project, and will have the heaviest burden to bear if the bridge should be built. Mr. Hazen and his colleagues have done all that is necessary to give the city power to take action. If the city desires to undertake the work in partnership with the Dominion and the province, there is no law to prevent the corporation saying so. It is a matter which might well be referred to the city electors.

### WHAT WILL PARENT ALLOW?

Mr. Parent, of the Transcontinental commission, is said to be negotiating with the Richelieu Steamship Company for land to be occupied for the Montreal terminal works of the Grand Trunk Pacific. Let us hope that there is no six hundred per cent. intermediary. It is fair to Mr. Parent to say that in the only case of the purchase of Transcontinental terminals that has come to light no such profit was allowed. At Winnipeg the middlemen bought the option on the terminal property from the original owner for \$99,200. Mr. Parent's commission then came along and paid \$222,000. The profit was \$122,800 or 123 per cent. Like Lord Clive the Middlemen at St. Boniface should be surprised at their own moderation.

### A QUESTION OF PROPORTION.

A correspondent sends The Standard the following problem. If it costs the Dominion \$5,000 to buy a heap of sawdust which the owner values at \$700, how much would build a Canadian Dreadnought? The Standard cannot answer this question, further than to say that the market price of a Dreadnought seems to be over \$10,000,000. Multiply this by seven and one-seventh, and we have \$71,428,571.42. But this does not allow for the fact that there would be more than one middleman in the Dreadnought deal.

A Moose Jaw farmer had business last week at Detroit. A part of his errand was the purchase of an automobile. The farmers of Saskatchewan are doing pretty well now and this one paid \$4,500 for his car. He observed to the dealer that some of his neighbors had a fancy to own motor cars, and that as a friendly act he had consented to select machines for them. So he purchased thirty automobiles, some at \$5,000, some at half the price, the whole costing about \$100,000. The farmer handed in thirty drafts for the amounts paid, ordered the cars to be sent in the spring, and went his way.

As suggested yesterday by The Standard the British election writs will be issued on the tenth of January. It is not expected that many elections will come off on the fourteenth, but on Saturday the fifteenth a large number of polls will be held. Probably the London boroughs, and those of most of the large cities in England will vote that day. Unless the result is very close, it will be possible to estimate the general result by the return of the Saturday polls.

Zelaya has escaped to Mexico where he may expect to learn something from President Diaz in addition to what his own experience has taught. The President of Mexico never allows an opposition leader to get strong enough to make a fight. There is room for only one party in some republics.

It is now one year and two months since Dr. Pugsley promised that before two years ships of ten thousand tons would be taking and discharging cargo at the Grand Trunk Pacific terminus at the head of Courtenay Bay. As yet no change in the appearance of the locality is perceptible to the naked eye.

It will be two years and four months tomorrow since the Quebec bridge fell. The latest announcement concerning the new structure is that the engineers will be in a position to call for tenders for the superstructure in about three months.

Reports from the northwest show a great increase in the value of real estate. But Richibucto beats them all. Six hundred per cent gain in a few weeks makes the western real estate people envious. They are thinking of coming east to grow up with the country.

Dr. Fred Cook has not only failed to gain new permanent honors out of his claim to have discovered the Pole, but has lost some titles that he had before. He has been expelled from the Explorers' Club because of his false pretence of having climbed Mt. McKinley.

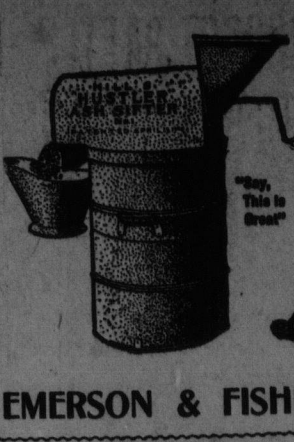
The British free trade orators and pamphleteers who teach that Canadians under protection are paying ten pence for a broad-loaf that costs three pence in England may be telling the truth. There are camps in the Yukon where bread is quite dear.

Zelaya insists that any one else in his position would have shot Cannon and Groce, the American citizens, who inspired and assisted the revolt in Nicaragua. But the victims would probably have had the same objections to be shot by anybody else.

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Italian Savant Out With New Apparatus for Transmitting Messages—Is Good Within Radius of 30 Miles.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The Italian savant, Mgr. Cerebotani, papal nuncio at Munich, is the inventor of an instrument, like a large watch, which enables a person to receive messages transmitted from "wireless" stations.

The apparatus is merely a pocket receiver, and the only accessories are a bobbin of wire and a metallic incased cane. A person thus equipped can at a given moment receive communication from a station within a radius of twenty or thirty miles.

In order to do this he halts in the vicinity of an elevator point or at the foot of a tree, unrolls his bobbin of wire and fastens one end to the high-est branch or any other support; the other end of the wire is fastened to the apparatus which is connected on the opposite side, with the cane firmly planted into the earth. The tele-graphic receiver is now complete, and all that remains to be done is to watch the movements of the single needle stimulated by the Hertzian waves of the transmitter.

The needle points successively to the various letters or signs inscribed on the apparatus, and thus messages are formed which can easily be deciphered in the fashion of the Breguet system. The instrument works rapidly, and it is expected will be of great importance for military purposes.

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**MARRIAGES.**  
Clarke—Allingham.  
The marriage of Alleen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Allingham, formerly of Woodstock, N. B., to Mr. Harry Edwin C. Clarke, formerly of St. John, N. B., took place on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at St. Margaret's church, Winnipeg. The bride and Mrs. Clarke will be at home at 318 Carlton street, Winnipeg, after January 1. Many friends in this province of both bride and groom will be interested in the announcement.

Stinson—Syer.  
The wedding took place at the residence of Mr. W. E. Earle, Lancaster Heights, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22, of Miss Letitia Syer and Mr. Robert Stinson, of Toronto. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. R. Planders and Rev. J. Ross. Mr. and Mrs. Stinson went to Toronto, where they will reside.

**BANDIT'S HAIR TURNS GRAY IN ONE NIGHT**  
Man Who Tried to Kill a Tacoma Pawnbroker Suffers Greatly in Dark Cell—Declares He Was Starving.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 27.—By some peculiar freak of nature the hair of William Williams, a bandit, who held up the pawnshop of Morris Bloom and was captured after trying to kill Bloom, turned gray in one night.

Williams in police parlance "holled" him in the dark cell. When he turned making a confession that has hardly been equalled in its completeness. Notwithstanding the police placed him in the dark cell. When he awoke he found that his hair had turned gray and the lines of suffering on the man's face caused him to be ordered removed at once to a common cell.

The silence and isolation of the solitary confinement coupled with his hysterical condition is thought to have caused the phenomenon.

Williams still sticks to the story of hunger making him desperate and driving him to holding up the Bloom establishment.

"I could have begged," he admitted, "but I would rather steal or rob than to beg, and I guess if it was to do over I would take a chance at the hold-up game again."

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Busy Days Ahead for Peers,  
Who Must Quit Arena Jan. 8  
—Lordly Eloquence of Little  
Apparent Avail.

**NEW YORK AND  
BERLIN IN FIGHT**  
New York, Dec. 27.—The Sun's cable from H. A. Chamberlain says the Christmas lull in the political campaign is welcome to everybody. The battle will be renewed Tuesday. The peers must leave the arena on January 8, after which they are not allowed by the constitution of Great Britain to participate in electioneering work, so far as addressing meetings is concerned, but between Tuesday and that date the peers are booked for hard work, thirty-five of them addressing 113 public meetings in all parts of the country within that period.  
Little Effect.  
This unprecedented flood of lordly eloquence does not seem thus far to have had any great effect. Lord Curzon and Milner have probably done their cause good service, but in reviewing the first weeks of the campaign a Unionist paper is obliged to confess that "with the best cause in the world the Unionists are lamentably lacking in men who appeal to the imagination and more especially the sensational interest of the electorate." It adds that the voters required to be interested as well as instructed and it is afraid that they for the most part are more deeply impressed by the "purple patches" of Mr. Lloyd-George and the daring inexactitudes of Mr. Winston Churchill than in the cultivated, thoughtful arguments of Lord Curzon and Walter Long. This is undoubtedly true and the Unionists are now relying chiefly on the silent, mysterious factor known as the silent voter. Certainly those who attend their meetings give them little encouragement.  
Apart from the budget and the House of Lords, London and Berlin have perhaps been the most prominent features in the political fight during the past few days. One wonders what kind of an idea the unsophisticated, untravelling Britisher has of Christmas conditions in these two great cities. One set of newspapers refer pitifully to New York's headlines and the enormous cost of provisions there. Then turning to Berlin these papers draw harrowing pictures of German workmen living on sour, black bread, horse manures and dog's shit, while unemployment is rife throughout the fatherland. Other papers declare that America celebrates Christmas joyfully, prices are high, the money is abundant, unemployment is rare, while Berlin is described as a paradise for workmen.  
A Society Item.  
London, Dec. 27.—The reality of the Christmas truce is best illustrated by the following society item:—A party is staying with the Duke of Marlborough at Blenheim, including Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill and Mrs. Churchill and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Smith. The Duke and the Duchess, though cousins, are kept political opponents of each other in platform conflict. Marlborough has said more bitter things against Churchill than he has said against any other Unionist, and will begin again to say them on Thursday.  
Lloyd-George is spending a few days' holidays golfing with two sons at Crispwell, Carnarvonshire, though while attending the annual Eisteddfod at Llanystrymdydd Village on Christmas night he found opportunity to recall his earliest village recitation, "Child, to the contrary, to tell the truth." "That," added Lloyd-George, "I have endeavored to do all along (applause) and this despite that fact that I was brought up a lawyer." (Laughter.)  
Balfour is so much better at Whittingsham, that he is allowed out-doors a few hours each day.  
How little below the surface heathen political feelings are is shown by a pastoral letter of Dr. Bourne, Roman Catholic archbishop of Westminster, who implores, almost commands, Catholics to vote for supporters of Catholic causes, that is Unionists. No other question, that is to say Irish Home Rule, should be considered. All so to be noted is the peremptory call of the Navy League to elect Every and Drop the party for once and vote for a supreme navy.

**BOSTON TO  
MONCTON, A  
YMAS WISH**  
Canadian Clubs of Hub and  
the Railway Town Exchange  
Holiday Greetings --- What  
Loyal Canadians Are Doing.

**KEEPING FLAME OF  
PATRIOTISM BURNING**  
Special to The Standard.  
Moncton, Dec. 27.—The Canadian Club of Moncton has received the following letter of greetings:  
Boston, Mass., Dec. 23, 1909.  
The Canadian Club of Boston through its president desires to extend to each as a club, and to you all its individuals, members of the club. And not alone to you, our brothers, in this adopted country, but also to extend our "hands across the line" to our brothers who remain on their native soil, and there in clubs, and in other ways, keep in touch with us.  
Canadian! You! We are doing a great work. It was descended upon our shoulders in this country to keep the flame of patriotism alive, and right and wrong, patriotically has it spoken of, may more, most favorably commented upon by those who our brothers in Canada have honored in the mother country. Those who, living in the mother country, love and affection, trusting you may grow and prosper in your good work and gather round you many of the faithful, so that the work may be perpetuated for all time.  
Fraternally yours,  
ALEX. P. GRAHAM,  
President Canadian Club of Boston.  
The following reply was sent:—  
Moncton, N. B., Dec. 23, 1909.  
Col. Alex. P. Graham, Pres. Canadian Club of Boston:  
Dear Sir and Fellow Canadian,—  
The Canadian Club of Moncton heartily reciprocates your fraternal Christmas and fraternal greetings and wishes you "many happy returns."  
We agree with the sentiment so nicely expressed by you that "we are doing a great work," yes, we are building better than we know. Success generations will record the work and right you are doing, recognizing as one of the vital factors that made Canada great. You, under the Stars and Stripes, have your duties and privileges in this patriotic work, and right you are doing, which alone can mature her greatness as a nation.  
We appreciate what you are doing to unite Anglo-Saxons in whatever clime they may be cast. The twentieth century is Canada and her loyal sons everywhere she looks for that fealty, integrity and fidelity to duty which alone can mature her greatness as a nation.  
Your fraternally,  
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**UNITED STATES  
COLOSSUS WITH  
FEEL OF CLAY**  
What the Thunderer Has To  
Say of Uncle Sam's Unpre-  
paredness for War --- Must  
Oust Japan from Pacific.

**AMERICA'S PEACE AND  
ENGLAND'S FRIENDSHIP**  
London, Dec. 27.—While the English people busy themselves with the bugaboo of possible war with Germany or other Continental nations—a nightmare that is more than ever present in these days when political orators are persistently making it a part of the spellbinding of the present Parliamentary campaign—they have found opportunity to make a few plain remarks as to the real preparedness of the United States.  
This discussion as to the effectiveness of the muffled fist of Uncle Sam has been aroused especially by General Homer Lea's recent book, which bears the title of "The Valor of Ignorance." That volume, too, has served as a inspiring, as was flatly asserted, in the recent warning sounded by Lord Roberts and Major Baden-Powell that England must "wake up" and take steps to utilize aerial craft for war purposes. It has been put to the same purpose in connection with the political spellbinding over the Admiralty and the British navy, in which Lord Charles Beresford and Mr. McKenna, First Lord of the Admiralty, are the foremost antagonists breaking lances in the political lists.  
A "Crumbing Power."  
As far as the United States is concerned, here is then what the London Times sees the situation after analytically setting forth General Lea's plain statement.  
"This book deals with world forces and with the United States as the central but crumbling power among these forces. This merciless exposition of American military weakness will prove very unpleasant reading for American citizens. The sting of the book lies in its truth. It is known to every intelligence office that despite all the wealth and population of the United States the Great Republic is, in a military sense, a Colossus with feet of clay and that the defenceless condition of American possessions in the Pacific is a fact. Nothing can alter this situation so far as the insular portions of American territory are concerned except a fleet stronger than the Japanese navy as a whole and permanently stationed in the waters of the Pacific. It is not clear when, if ever, such a fleet can be provided, while, as General Lea considers that Germany can place 250,000 men within the Union in a fortnight, it is not clear how it can be watched without uncovering the East."  
"Unpalatable though it may be to the United States, the security of the territory depends largely upon the friendship of the British Empire. It was this friendship which stilled at their inception the designs of Europe to intervene during the war with Spain, and it is the same influence which would, were Japan to contemplate aggressive war, cause her to think twice and to think better of committing such a folly. But Japan, dream as she may, has never yet displayed an aggressive spirit, in which the moderation and prudence of all her foreign policy is entirely alien. Nor can one think for a moment that she would ever so insane as to attack, with annexation as her aim, the States of the Union which border the Pacific Ocean, for, though she might capture and confirm her hold on them, she would begin a war of such length and such exhaustion that certain to bring other combatants into the field, that no one but a fanatic or a madman could contemplate it."  
England's Problems.  
Meanwhile Great Britain is endeavoring to clinch with its own problems, under the spur of the "awakeners" and the lash of politics. With reference to the obtaining of suitable candidates for command in the regular army it is held in some quarters that the problem is assuming serious proportions. "Calets of the 'right social and education stamp,'" as it is pointed out, "is becoming fewer and fewer, and the present November-December examinations for commission in the infantry, artillery and engineers have had to be dispensed with. Provisionally were abandoned owing to the paucity of candidates presenting themselves. It is sufficiently evident that parents and guardians are seeking other careers for their sons, and the usual and convenient commission is being comprised of a far reaching representation in membership to inquire into the subject.

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**News of a Day**

**Commercial Man Dead.**  
Toronto, Dec. 27.—Robt. Martin, a well known commercial traveller, is dead.

**Paintings to Remain.**  
London, Dec. 27.—All fears of the fate of the George Sallings Art Collection have been dispelled by the publication of Mr. Callings' will, dated 1899, which bequeaths such pictures as the trustees may select to the National Gallery. Callings' prints and drawings will go to the British Museum while South Kensington Museum will receive all his other collections.

**Brown-Parsons.**  
Fredericton, Dec. 27.—A wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Parsons, on Brunswick street, on Christmas night, when Miss Annie L. Parsons was united in marriage to Frank T. Brown, of St. John. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. A. Riddout and was witnessed only by the immediate friends of the young couple.

**Almost a Record.**  
Chatham, N. B., Dec. 27.—The Miramichi river froze over Friday night after one of the longest periods of open navigation within the past century. In 1832 the river was open until December 30, and the nearest approach to this year's record was in 1870, when on December 23 the ice broke formed. Although tides are now high it is expected that the ice will hold for the winter.

**Settled Claims.**  
Fredericton, Dec. 27.—Mr. P. A. Barbour, of Boston, who is here today to arrive at a settlement of the account between himself and the city. Mr. Barbour claims about \$200 is due him and City Auditor McKay does not entirely agree with him. The city treasurer's books show a total of \$4,956.19 paid Mr. Barbour. He will go to St. John for a conference tomorrow afternoon with the harbor board re his claim against St. John of some \$1,600.

**Ex-M. P. P. Dead.**  
North Bay, Ont., Dec. 27.—Charles Lamarche, ex-M. P. P., dropped dead at Sunbury, Saturday evening, shortly after entering the home of his daughter, Mrs. Foster Shields. Mr. Lamarche was 69 years of age. He was elected to the legislature at East Nipissing in 1902, resigning about a year later in favor of Hon. Frank Chisholm. For several years past he had occupied the position of local master of titles and registrar for Nipissing, being also stipendiary magistrate.

**Christmas Mishap.**  
Galt, Ont., Dec. 27.—Charles Freure, of Beverley street, and his brother-in-law, Charles Hillcock, of Guelph, are in the hospital here suffering from terrible injuries and burns received in an explosion of natural gas in the former's home late Christmas night. The gas evidently had been leaking for when a match was struck in the cellar the explosion followed immediately. The southern wall of the building, a roustabout structure, was blown entirely out.

**A Royal Joke.**  
Berlin, Dec. 27.—A story is circulating in court circles to the effect that during the ceremonies in connection with the Duke Regent's wedding last week the kaiser, happened to see Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria, leaning out of the window, brought down a sound slap on the exposed nose of the Czar's body. Ferdinand did not join the kaiser's burst of laughter, but looking grave murmured protests. The relations of the two monarchs remained strained for the rest of the visit. Ferdinand leaving Brunswick without bidding farewell to the kaiser.

**Held For Murder.**  
Montreal, Dec. 27.—Timothy Riordan, chief actor in the Christmas tragedy, was once held on account of this morning as a result of the inquiry into the death of Mrs. Bridget Leacales. That the murderer did his work thoroughly was shown by the medical testimony which went to show that the woman's back was broken in two places, several ribs were fractured and she was covered with bruises. The tragedy was the culmination of a protracted spree. The woman's body was found Saturday night on Farm street sidewalk and Riordan was intoxicated when taken by the police nearby.

**Enriching Treasury.**  
London, Dec. 27.—The British treasury has come in for no less than \$20,000,000 through the death of three members of one family of millionaires within the past seven months. Charles Morrison, dying seven months ago, practically an unknown man, left an estate valued at \$60,000,000, on which there was once paid an account of death duties \$5,500,000, while the succession duties brought the total contributions to the treasury up to \$6,250,000 with a further sum of \$1,000,000 in the name of his sister. Morrison's sister-in-law died some days ago and the state came in for a large share of some millions of pounds left her by Morrison. Following this came the death last Thursday of Morrison's sister Ellen, to whom Morrison left \$10,000,000. The death and succession duties on this will aggregate \$3,500,000.

**LOCAL**

**Special Meeting Today.**  
The special meeting of the water and sewerage board, which was announced for yesterday afternoon, has been postponed until today at 2 o'clock, when Mr. F. A. Barbour, C. E., will be heard with reference to his account against the city.

**Fell Through the Ice.**  
Mr. Ford Dykeman, of 274 Main St., North End, went through the ice on the Kennebecas while skating on Christmas day and had a narrow escape from drowning. He was accompanied by a friend and with the assistance of Mr. A. B. Seely of Land's End, was rescued in an exhausted condition. The accident was all the more serious as it occurred about two miles from shore. At Irvine's store, in Mill-Hillville, Mr. Dykeman was cared for, and after a time was able to make his way home.

**Exchanging Positions.**  
It is reported that Mr. C. J. Street, of the C. P. R. freight department, travelling staff in this division will exchange positions with Station Agent Howard at Fredericton, the latter going on the road. Mr. Street has been travelling for the C. P. R. over the I. C. R. St. John east. The change will likely take place after the first of the year.

**New Brunswick Apples.**  
Rev. Dr. Morton of Trinidad, writing to a friend in this city under date of 15th December, says:—"We were at the opening of the Royal Horticultural Society. I was quite carried away by the magnificent show of apples from British Columbia and next to that I was surprised and delighted at the splendid show from New Brunswick. The Saint John River district seems to have a great future before it in garden and orchard line."  
The Mechanic's Lien case of Hamilton vs. Whitenet and Seymour was commenced before Judge Forbes in County Court Chambers yesterday morning. Mr. A. A. Wilson, K. C., and Mr. E. H. Busby appear for the plaintiffs, and Mr. G. H. V. Belyea for the defendant.

**"LITTLE TIM" DIED  
A MILLIONAIRE**

New York, Dec. 27.—"Little Tim" Sullivan died a millionaire. He leaves half a million dollars in gilt-edge stocks and bonds in the vaults of the Commercial Trust Company, Broadway, and Forty-first street and interests in other stocks.  
In addition to this wealth, which totals \$500,000 and is held in "Little Tim's" own name, he left more than \$200,000 worth of property in the name of his wife, and more than \$300,000 in the name of his sister.  
"Little Tim" experienced heavy financial losses during the summer. He dropped \$250,000 as a result of the building code fight.

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**AUCKLAND INTERESTED  
IN NEW LINE PROJECT**

Auckland, N. Z., Dec. 27.—The greatest interest is being taken here in the effort which is being made to establish a line of steamships from Moncton and St. John or Halifax to various New Zealand ports, including Auckland. This is the result of the proposal that a direct line of cargo steamers be operated by the Canadian delegates to the Chambers of Commerce Congress at Sydney. At present all goods coming into the country from Canada are brought via New York, and are subject to heavy charges, which are naturally detrimental to the trade between the two Dominions. This session the Canadian Government will consider a proposal that a direct line of cargo steamers should be established between Montreal (in the summer) and St. John or Halifax (in the winter), and Auckland, and other ports in the Dominion. Presently, merchants and delegates, is taking back with him to Ottawa the following list, signed by twenty-three of the most prominent wholesale firms in Auckland:—"We, the undersigned, merchants and importers of Canadian goods, fully endorse the opinion of the visiting Canadian delegates that the establishment of a line of steamers from the Canadian Atlantic seaboard to New Zealand and Australia is imperative for the healthy development of the existing trade relations between the two Dominions. Present unsatisfactory shipping facilities militate very much against any expansion of trade between these important parts of the Empire. Mr. Pender will submit this letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The visiting delegates have also forwarded a cablegram to Sir Wilfrid supporting the suggestion for the proposed line, and they have satisfied themselves that there is a good market for Canadian goods in the Dominion."  
Woodstock; R. L. Eaton, Wolfville; A. B. Tim, Woodstock; E. J. O'Neill, A. D. Pringle, St. George; R. R. Mott, St. John; W. A. H. Adams, Summerside; G. E. Flagg, Boston; C. W. Robinson, A. M. Jardine, W. S. Dall Moncton; W. B. Bishop, Moncton; G. G. King, Chipman; E. E. Crandall, Chipman; H. H. Payne, Moncton; A. G. Campbell, Toronto.

**LIVED THIRTY YEARS  
WITHOUT HAVING SLEPT  
Blow on the Head Had Curious  
Effect on Kalamazoo Man--  
Another Blow Made Him  
Sleep.**

Detroit, Dec. 27.—Henry Stephens, night watchman, who resides at Kalamazoo, has gone without sleep continuously for the past 23 years on account of a blow on the head. Ordinary cuts and bruises on the body did not feel in the slightest.  
A few days ago Stephens fell and struck his head on the slippery sidewalk. Immediately his sleepless condition became reversed, and now it is almost impossible for him to remain awake long enough to eat his meals. His body is as sensitive as the ordinary man's to superficial wounds, and the loss of nearly 100,000 hours of sleep bears heavily upon him. This is the only instance on record of a human being going without sleep and apparently being unaffected in general health.



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MONTREAL STOCK MARKET

Morning Sales. Crown Reserve 250@410, 200@400, 100@400, 200@400, 225@400.

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET: FRI-DAY'S TRADING ON WALL ST.

(Quotations Furnished by Private Wires of J. C. Mackintosh and Co., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange, 111 Prince Wm. Street, St. John, N. B., Chubb's Corner.)

Shares. Pions High Low. Amalgamated Copper, 88 1/2, 89, 85 1/2, 87 1/2.

AMERICAN PRODUCE MARKET YESTERDAY'S TALLY IN ROCK ISLAND

New York, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Flour—Quiet without quotable change. Receipts, 32,000; shipments, 35,948.

Wheat—Spot, firm; No. 2, 107 1/2, 107 1/2, 107 1/2, 107 1/2.

Corn—Spot, firm; No. 2, 107 1/2, 107 1/2, 107 1/2, 107 1/2.

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CANADIAN PRODUCE MARKETS

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 27.—A fair trade in passing in potatoes as supply are not excessive.

Quebec 50c to 55c, per bag. Flour prices are strong under a good demand from local sources and on export account.

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THREE MINERS ARE BURNED TO DEATH. Cumberland, Md., Dec. 26.—Michael Malone, Michael McGraw and Fred Malone, miners, were burned to death yesterday near Harrison, W. Va.

PLEADS GUILTY TO ROBBERY BANK MANAGER. Toronto, Dec. 26.—Victor Symon, in the sessions yesterday pleaded guilty of robbery with violence, at Rainy River, Ont., in July last.

VON KOTTEN SUCCEEDS TO KARPOFF'S JOB. St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—Colonel von Kotten, chief of the secret police of Moscow, has been appointed to succeed Colonel Karpoff, chief of the secret police in St. Petersburg.

TWO KILLED WHEN CAR JUMPS SWITCH. Seymour, Conn., Dec. 26.—A trolley car jumped a switch on the route alongside the Naugatuck river, a mile above this place, during today's storm.

OLDFIELD IN NEW RECORD. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—Barney Oldfield established a new world's record for fifteen miles on a circular track today at Ascot Park.

DR. COOK LOOKED HONEST TO THEM. English Journalists Still Have Faith in American Who Laid Claim to Having Reached North Pole.

London, Dec. 27.—The decision of the University of Copenhagen that Dr. Cook has not made good his claim of reaching the pole is being received here with great satisfaction.

Those who met Dr. Cook immediately after his return, however, take a more charitable view of the situation. Undoubtedly he impressed everyone with whom he came in contact with the simplicity of his mind and his straightforwardness.

Had he deliberately resolved to hoax the world he could with little difficulty have furnished proof in the shape of faked astronomical observations and minute details of adventure which might have fooled the elect.

As it was, he furnished nothing but the most obvious devices for giving an appearance of truth to his story.

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JOHNSON SCORES 168 GAME SCHEDULE

SPORTS

BOWLING, BASEBALL THE RING, FOOTBALL

Oh You High-Brow Stuff



BAY NELSON THE HIGH-BROW BRUSHER DOES NOT FEEL HIS EDUCATION COMPLETE UNTIL HE CROSSES THE FOND AND MASTERS WELLS AND SHAKESPEARE, MILTON AND HOYLE HAVE NOTHING ON BAY

IF THIS HIGH BROW THING GETS THING MAYBE THEY'LL ALL FALL FOR IT. IMAGINE JEFF SPOUTING THE CHARGE OF THE HEAVY-WEIGHT BRIGADE WITH PUNCHING BAG OBSCURITY

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FEVERISH ANSWERS

SAILOR PICKS JEFFRIES TO WHIP NEGRO

(By Tom Sharkey). New York, Dec. 27.—It's a hard matter to try and dope out a fight seven months before the men climb into the ring, but looking over the situation of the big battle I feel confident that Jim Jeffries will collect the large end of the purse when he meets Jack Johnson July 4. Now, before I go any further I want to say that I am looking at this great contest from the outside. It is only natural that I should hope that Jeff wins the battle, if only to have the title remain in the white man's class. Many may shriek that there should be no color line in the fighting game, but there is, and always will be as long as we are on this earth. This doesn't mean that I am knocking Johnson. If there was ever a colored man that was really white Johnson is the man. If he had been born white instead of black, well there might have been a different story. I have met both fighters time and time again and want to go on record as saying that I claim that I consider the pair two clever men in the ring, and outside of the squared circle they are men worth knowing.

Johnson Scores 168 Bail Game Schedule

New York, Dec. 27.—Since his arrival in Cincinnati from the recent National league meeting in this city, Garry Herrmann has expressed his views in this manner: "I realized before I left Cincinnati for New York that we had little chance of electing Hoydler, and so we bent our energy toward preventing the election of Ward, who wasn't satisfactory to at least four of us. We succeeded in blocking the Ward programme. Then we informed Brush that any other candidate he might name would be satisfactory and we would vote for him on the first ballot. So when Brush offered the name of Tom Lynch the former umpire, we were there with our four votes for him, making his election unanimous. Great Surprise. "The offerings of Lynch's name was a great surprise to me, especially as I had never had the pleasure of meeting him, as he quit the game before I became interested in the Cincinnati club. However, I had heard enough about him to know of his reputation as an official, and I was willing to accept Brush's estimation of him as the right man for the job. After I met Lynch and had talked with him I was convinced that we had made no mistake in choosing him to head our league. I believe that he will make an excellent president and that with Heydler secretary and treasurer our affairs will be well taken care of. "When I reached New York I was confronted with the rumors that Cincinnati and Pittsburgh might withdraw from the league at the event of Ward's election. The first thing I did when the meeting convened was to assure my fellow club owners that there was no slightest foundation for the report. I made it plain that whatever the majority wished would be acceptable to me, even the election of Ward which I bitterly opposed. Nor did I credit the stories of a war between our league and the American. A few hot headed individuals may have mentioned such things without authority, but as a matter of fact there never was the slightest chance for a split in the National league or a war with Ban Johnson's organization. To Old Schedule. Speaking of the adoption of a 168 game schedule by the National League for next year President Johnson of the American League, which will adhere to the 154 game schedule says: "The longer schedule tends to cheapen the game. I am strongly opposed to the bargain feature, which will be worse than ever now that National

NEGRO WILL WIN, SAYS OWEN MORAN

New York, Dec. 27.—Owen Moran, an English lightweight fighter, who arrived here yesterday on board the Cunard liner Lusitania from Liverpool, said that in his opinion "Jack" Johnson would defeat "Jim" Jeffries in their coming battle for the heavy-weight championship of the world. "My money will go on Johnson," remarked Moran. "And I'll just tell you why. Jeffries has been out of the game for several years, and as a result he has lost his judgment of distance. Just let a man stay out of the game for a few months and his ability to judge distance is gone. You do not hear of any of the big fellows who have been out of the game for a while being able again to step into the ring and show their true form. When a man once loses his judgment of distance he generally does so for good." Moran says he is done with England so far as fighting there is concerned. "I'd be a fool to fight for the small purses which they offer there," he said. "Managers there are about a century behind the times in the fighting game. Then again, in numerous small ways they fail to treat a fighter properly. The only fighters, apparently, who get any sort of good treatment from them are the negroes, who are dolled by the sporting club managers. A white fighter is treated badly. I've had enough of their game." Moran comes here to seek a fight for the lightweight championship with Battling Nelson. "James J. Corbett is anxious to get us together and to close a deal for a match," continued Moran. "It merely remains for Nelson to get down to business. It has been suggested that a fight between Nelson and myself might afford a good preliminary for the Jeffries-Johnson battle. I'm willing to listen to terms along that line, or to anything else that looks good."

COMMISSION WANTED FOR BASEBALL

By Tip Wright. Why not reconstruct the national commission—baseball's court of last appeal? The time for the move is present. Opportunity is beating in the door panel and unless the baseball men are stone deaf they can hear the thumping. As now constituted, the commission is formed of the presidents of the National and American Leagues and a third member. Garry Herrmann, owner of the Cincinnati club is the third member; he has been ever since the commission was founded. I'm not finding fault with Herrmann, whose work has been all that anyone, save an American League partisan, could ask for. Still, the fact that Herrmann owns a club in the old league, gives the balance of power to that organization. This has been counter-balanced in a measure by the aggressiveness of President Ban B. Johnson of the American League, who is the strong man of the three. But to be absolutely impartial and above suspicion, the commission should be more evenly balanced. Herrmann, as chairman, draws \$5000 a year which just about pays the general German's entertainment bills. Why not reconstitute the commission and instead of making Herrmann chairman, give the office to someone not connected with either league? The minor leagues which have become of far more importance in the baseball world than the majors, as the result of having joined hands as the National Association, have no representation on the commission. I believe they should be represented and suggest that when Herrmann retires, as he has announced he will, that his place be filled by a representative of the minors. A suggestion was made to me that Herrmann's place should be filled by a capable lawyer big enough and broad enough to use his knowledge, his legal training has given him, for the best interest of the national game. "Many of the questions put up to the commission involve technicalities

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST WIN IN BOWLING ABE ATTELL MORAN GO POSTPONED

In a close and exciting game rolled on St. Peter's alleys last evening, St. John the Baptist scored a three point victory over the Knights of Columbus. Scores were rather low but the rolling was pretty steady. Hennessy was the leading light, rolling 86 with Murphy and McCuskey following closely with 85.23. The latter is a new man on the K. C. quintette and strengthened the team considerably. The scores follow: St. John Baptist. Griffith... 66 68 93 227-752.3 Goggan... 81 86 71 238-791.3 Littlejohn... 77 80 90 247-821.3 Honnissay... 66 94 98 253-86 McNeil... 69 69 69 207-69 359 397 421 1177 Knights of Columbus. Murphy... 83 87 87 257-852.3 Cobolan... 86 80 76 242-802.3 McCuskey... 85 87 85 257-852.3 Coughlan... 68 63 73 204-68 O'Neill... 66 68 69 203-672.3 388 385 390 1163 Weekly Roll Off. The pin pickers were out in force last evening for the weekly roll off on Black's Alleys and about twenty prize chasers lined up at the foul line. After an exciting scramble the prize, a handsome silver cake basket, was finally landed by Peter Sinclair with a score of 162. The postponed game between the Pirates and Newmans will be played Thursday night. which should be passed upon by a trained legal mind," said the man who offered the suggestion, "and it would be a wise move to pay such a man \$10,000 a year to devote his time or as much of his time as is necessary to the demands of the office. "For such a sum it would be possible to secure the services of a first-class corporation attorney, whose value to the game would be far more than the \$10,000 paid him. And, too, such a man would be free of league prejudice. He would not care whether the National or American league wanted a decision, but would give it as the evidence showed it should go. I am sure a commission of this kind would meet with the approval of the unselfish magnates, and I know the public, which, after all, is the body to be considered, would view such a choice with satisfaction. "And when you ponder on this for a few minutes, I think you'll all agree that my friend has a good hunch."

SHRUBB AND MEADOWS TO RACE NOW

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 27.—Alf Shrubbs and Fred Meadows have agreed to run ten miles in the Excelsior Rink here Wednesday, Jan. 5. CHANGE IN SITE OF MONTREAL TERMINAL Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 27.—Hon. S. N. Parent was in the city today on business connected with the National Transcontinental Railway. In the afternoon he held a conference with the directors of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company with a view of ascertaining on what terms that company would be willing to dispose of its extensive property holdings on the Quebec river front. The recent destruction by fire of several of the Government's buildings in that county has led the commissioners to contemplate establishing the N. T. C. terminal on the plot where the old station house stood instead of the Champlain market, as was at first decided. To all of this it would be necessary to obtain considerable additional property along the river, of which the R. and O. holds a large slice. It is understood that the navigation people are disinclined to part with their holdings at any price.

JOHNSON-KETCHELL BOXING BOUT HERE.

As the pre-eminent athletic event of the year, the last word in boxing circles, and will be a sporting event which has taken and shaken their ideas to the four winds, the Johnson-Ketchell contest at Coney, on October 16th last has been the most engrossing topic of conversation among sport lovers ever since. So great an interest has been stirred up in this clever encounter and so much conjecture has arisen as to the future of the negro boxer, Jack Johnson, that the Nickel Theatre management has consented to a special exhibition of the whole event in motion pictures. There will be three performances, commencing Monday evening, January 3rd, at 9 o'clock. The same programme will be repeated Tuesday and Wednesday evenings commencing at the same hour. In order to make this special show exclusive to the sport loving public the regular shows of the theatre will commence at 6.30 and close at 10 o'clock. The theatre will then be emptied and the new show commenced shortly after. An admission of ten cents will be charged.

SERMON ON CHANCES OF EX-CHAMPION

Cedar Cliff, N. J., Dec. 27.—The sermon preached Sunday night by the Rev. John Hamilton Timbrell, in M. E. church, entitled, "Can Jeffries Come Back?" has caused much lively discussion. The preacher took his text from the Book of Judges, and after describing as pathetic and humiliating the downfall of Samson, he said it pointed a moral to the case of Jeffries. "Can the old time champion come back?" the preacher asked, and then he said: "What is the point in this case? Jeffries won the belt, and much more, and then stepped out of the ring to have a good time and enjoy himself. And for five years, like Samson, with his head in the lap of Delilah, Jeffries has slept in the lap of a luxurious and bibulous life. "While he has slept, a big black gorilla has come into the ring, and has put the world of sport into about the same condition that ancient Israel was in when Goliath of Gath was awagging about the bragging what he could do, in the presence of the crowd that was sore afraid to tackle him. "And the pugilistic crowd is looking the world over to find some champion who can stand up to the gorilla and down him, and take the belt, which means about the same thing to these modern heathens as the wreath of laurel meant to the ancient heathen in the Corinthian games. And with desperation in their glance they turn to Jeffries with this question, which means far more than a laurel wreath to them.—'Can Jeffries come back?'"

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THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh northwesterly winds fair and colder. Toronto, Dec. 27.—The Atlantic coast storm has moved to Newfoundland and the weather has cleared in the Maritime Provinces. The temperature continues low in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and is falling in Ontario and Quebec.

Port Arthur—2 below, 10. London—12, 23. Toronto—14, 27. Ottawa—Zero, 12. Montreal, 20, 12. Quebec—8, 12. St. John—10, 20. Halifax—18, 32.

New England Forecast. Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Forecast for New England:—Partly cloudy in south; occasional local snows in north portion Tuesday and probably Wednesday; variable winds.

AROUND THE CITY

Another Turkey. Another large turkey has been offered by the management of the Victoria Bowling Academy for the highest score between now and New Year's Day. V. Kelly was leading last evening with the substantial score of 116.

Private Assembly. About fifty couples attended the private assembly given by the Misses Halls, at the York Assembly Rooms last evening. A programme of sixteen dances was enjoyed. The Nickel orchestra was in attendance.

Cabin On Dump Burnt. Between 8 and 9 o'clock last evening, fire destroyed a cabin on Britannia street dump that was owned by Jas. Dunlop, a city employe. Officer Marshall telephoned for the chemical engine which responded quickly, but was too late to save the building.

S. S. Sobu Arrives In Port. Pickford and Black, S. S. Sobu, Captain Bridges from Bermuda, almost two days overdue, arrived in port last night about eleven o'clock and anchored in the stream. She will dock at the Pettingham wharf this morning, the Shenandoah having moved over to Long wharf.

Caught Nearer Home. A communication received at Police headquarters yesterday stated that Francis John Bevington, the youthful clerk, who robbed the Lancashire & Yorkshire bank of \$1,100 on Dec. 8th as announced in yesterday's Standard, and who was believed to have taken passage to St. John, was arrested last Thursday in Liverpool.

In Honor of Chief Justice Barker. The members of the Cliff Club held a dinner at their club house, Pokok, last evening, in honor of the 71st birthday of the Hon. F. E. Barker, chief justice of the supreme court of New Brunswick, one of their number. At the conclusion of the dinner, the health of the guest of the evening was proposed. Chief Justice Barker made a suitable reply.

Seamen's Annual Treat Tonight. The ladies auxiliary of the Seamen's Mission were busy last evening preparing the comfort bags which will be presented to the seamen tonight at their annual treat. All ladies who have not sent in their comfort bags are requested to do so this morning. Mr. W. H. Thorne will preside at the gathering and Rev. Dr. G. M. Camp will be the principal speaker. Ship owners and merchants are especially invited to be present.

Old Age Pensions. In the Every Day Club rooms last evening, Mr. N. W. Brown, Government Lecturer, delivered an interesting address on the Canadian System of Old Age Annuities, with numerous illustrations of what the returns would be at different ages, also explaining the absolute security of all money invested. At the close of the lecture several questions were asked by the audience, and were answered clearly by Mr. Brown. Mr. A. M. Bedding presided. At the close of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Brown, and the meeting dispersed with the singing of the National Anthem.

St. Joseph's Y. M. S. Elect Officers. At a largely attended meeting of St. Joseph's Y. M. S. held in their rooms, St. Malachi's Hall, last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, F. Fuller; Vice-president, B. Stafford; Financial secretary, E. Moran; Recording secretary, Harold Carleton; Treasurer, Geo. Cunningham; Chairman of dramatic committee, Wm. Gable; Chairman of room committee, E. Fitzgerald; Chairman of sporting committee, D. McCarthy; sergeant at arms, J. Lewis. The annual reunion of the society will be held on January 3rd, when the members of the sister organizations will be invited to attend. A musical and literary programme will be rendered.

At the Opera House. The story of the Chimes of Normandy, which will be played by the Robinson Opera Company in the Opera House tonight, is too well known to St. John theatregoers to require extensive comment. Suffice to say it has been played by the Robinson Opera Company in every city in which they have appeared this season, and has been acknowledged by the press of these cities to be one of the best balanced productions in their repertoire. Particular attention has been paid to the staging of this opera by Mr. Frank D. Nelson. Mr. Geo. A. Prietsch, the musical director, has put forth his best efforts and has both the principals and the chorus under excellent control.

In The Police Court. In the police court yesterday, William McDonald, charged with being drunk and creating a disturbance in the Dew Drop Inn was fined \$20. Leonard Knell, Michael Nixon and Charles Patey were remanded on the charge of using obscene language. Mary Rumbley, charged with cutting and stabbing Joseph Diggs, was further remanded. Edward and Percy Moore, two brothers, belonging to Loch Lomond were in court, the former charged with assaulting Abraham Laboud in his store on Brussels street and the latter with resisting the police while in the discharge of their duty. A fine of \$40 was imposed on Edward, while a fine of \$16 was struck against his brother, but was allowed to stand.

C.P.R. EMPLOYEE LOSES MEMORY AND FINDS IT IN VIRGINIA

Strange Case Of Thomas Greatorex, Station Agent At Brownville Junction, Who Disappeared Early In December And Recently Returned—Found Himself In Southern State, And Wired Home For Money—Had Series Of Adventures.

Coming as a sequel to the tragic death by fire of his three little children, a remarkable lapse of memory on the part of Thomas S. Greatorex, station agent at Brownville Junction, Maine, one of the most important stations on the C. P. R. between St. John and Montreal, may not appear so strange, but considered in any other light, this latest case of lost memory and subsequent disappearance is little short of marvellous. A month ago, Mr. Greatorex was handling the key at Brownville Junction seemingly in the best of health. Suddenly he disappeared and left no trace behind. Days lengthened into weeks and still no word was received from him. Rumor said that a tragedy at Hoyt Station last winter, in which his three bright children were burned to death in their own home had unbalanced his mind, but rumor failed to find him. His accounts were in perfect order and the railway authorities in St. John could assign no material reason for his disappearance. When hope had been abandoned one day last week, a wire was received from a small town in Virginia signed "Greatorex" and asking that money be forwarded. This was done and Mr. Greatorex in time returned to his home.

Found Himself in Virginia. Investigation showed that Mr. Greatorex had completely lost his memory from the time he left Brownville Junction early in December. It appears he bought a ticket for some place in Virginia and when he registered his full senses he came in a hotel in a small town in this southern state. Finding he had no money he made his way to the telegraph office.

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MARRIED.

Smith-Applebee.—On the 27th inst. at the residence of Mrs. Fred C. Jones, 271 Princess street, by Rev. Wellington Camp, Fred W. Smith of Portland, Me., formerly of St. John, to Miss M. Applebee of Enfield, Me.

PERSONAL

Mr. F. L. Conway, of Moncton, was in the city yesterday and returned home on the Halifax express last evening. Mr. George Miller was a passenger to the city on the Boston train last evening. The many friends of Mr. Allan Adams, of Mount Allison University, who underwent an operation yesterday afternoon at the public hospital, will be glad to hear that the operation was successful and that he was resting comfortably last evening. Mrs. T. B. Roberts, of Hoyt Station, came to the city yesterday morning on the Moncton train, and left again in the evening, accompanied by Mrs. A. S. Spragg, 552 Main street, who is on her way to Wyoming, to visit her daughter, Mrs. John Hart. Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Fraser, who were in the city for Christmas left for Hatfield's Point yesterday morning.

A Holiday Trip Far Afield.

Mr. Robert Thomson and Col. J. Russell Armstrong, judge of probates, propose taking a holiday trip to the Mediterranean. They plan to leave New York on February.

Mr. Fred W. Smith And Miss Applebee On Visit Here, Made One Yesterday—Will Reside In Portland, Maine.

Impressed with the Christmas spirit and pleasant experiences while visiting in St. John, a happy thought occurred to Mr. Fred W. Smith, of Portland, Me., and Miss Maude E. Applebee, of Enfield, and they decided to add to the joyousness of the occasion by joining hands in matrimony. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Wellington Camp yesterday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Jones, 271 Princess street. The couple were on a visit to Mrs. Jones, who is a sister of the bridegroom, and when they arrived here recently, neither had any idea that the blissful day was so near at hand. The St. John atmosphere had such a powerful effect, however, that the ceremony resulted, and everybody was made happy. Mr. and Mrs. Smith left on the evening train for a visit to the groom's mother, Mrs. George W. Foster, of Marsville, N. B. Mr. Smith has been away from the province twelve years and will take his bride back to Portland.

Good Chance.

A good chance to buy an Empire typewriter. See Mr. Frank R. Fairweather.

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After Christmas Bargains THAT YOU SHOULD RECKON WITH. The Christmas selling has left us with a lot of broken lines and odds and ends which we have decided to clear out at greatly reduced prices. This gives you a splendid chance to buy acceptable gifts for some whom you have overlooked in the rush of your Christmas buying. Men's \$10.00 and 12.00 Overcoats, Sale Price \$7.50. Men's Regular \$6.00 Overcoats, Sale Price \$4.49. Men's \$5.00 and 5.50 Reefers, Sale Price \$3.98. Boys overcoat prices almost cut in two. All Leather Goods such as Dressing Cases, Purses, Pocket-books, etc., LESS 20 PER CENT. Many other lines at greatly reduced prices. If you want bargains act quickly. J. N. HARVEY, TAILORING AND CLOTHING, 199 to 207 UNION STREET.

Lace and Sequin Robes. Dress Accessories for Evening Wear. Lace Robes in Ivory and Black. Ivory Lace Robes, \$9.90 to \$28.00. Ivory Lace and Embroidery Robes, \$1.75 to \$5.60. Black Lace Robes, \$1.75 to \$5.60. Sequin Robes. Silver Sequin Robes, \$10.90 to \$21.50. Black Sequin Robes, \$16.50 to \$18.25. Colored Embroidered Robes, \$12.00. Sequin, Jetted and Bigle Panels For Front and Back. Dainty Embroidered Handkerchiefs. Real Lace Handkerchiefs. Dainty Fans in Gauze and feather, .95c to \$2.50. Pearl and Silver Galons. Gilt and White Galons. Fine Gold Cloth. Berrbeau, the Indian, Recovering. Michael Berrbeau, the Navagewauk Indian, who had his hand cut off at the I. C. R. depot last Thursday, and was taken to the general public hospital, is making rapid progress towards recovery. He does not seem to have a clear recollection of just how the accident occurred, but says that it was caused by the wheel of a locomotive passing over his hand. During the Christmas rush, several small parcels left by shoppers have been found. Inquiries regarding them should be made at retail offices.

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