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SIAN REACHES HALIFAX; HAS SOLDIERS AND IMMIGRANTS ABOARD.

Who Gained Honor on Battlefields of South Africa led by Port Physician Who Had Tended Them When Wounded at the Front—Some Swedish Lumbermen.

S. Dec. 8.—(Special)—The S. S. "Corinthian," Capt. J. W. Liverpool, arrived at 11 o'clock yesterday, after a rough passage. She left Liverpool on the 28th, and her passengers, including 100 of the United States, were met by the port physician, Dr. Jones, who had tended them when wounded at the front in South Africa. Some of the passengers were Swedish lumbermen.

NEWS OF TRURO AND VICINITY.

Truro, Dec. 8.—The merry sound of the sleigh bells is again heard for several inches of snow have fallen, and the beautiful is still coming down. The new pipe organ to be put in the Pleasant Street Methodist church is to be used for the first time Christmas night, when a recital will be given. A treat is in store for music lovers as Prof. Wilson, from Mt. Allison Ladies' College, is to have charge of the recital, assisted by Miss Foy, from the same college, and some of our best local talent. The board of trade is arranging for another excursion over the Midland Railway from Windsor to Truro probably, Dec. 17. The turkey supper given in the Y. M. C. A. hall, Dec. 4, was a grand success. The proceeds amounting to more than \$100. The money is to be given to the hospital fund.

CASTRO'S GAME IS PLAYED OUT NOW.

BRITISH AND GERMAN MINISTERS LEAVE CARACAS, GOING ABOARD WARSHIPS.

They Feared Violence After They Had Delivered Ultimatum of Powers—Combined Squadrons Will Send Landing Parties to Seize Custom Houses Unless Castro Begs Off.

London, Dec. 8.—Great Britain and Germany have presented ultimatums to Venezuela, which will be followed by the seizure of the customs unless a satisfactory settlement is forthcoming within a brief period. The ultimatum has a time limit, but the exact date cannot be ascertained here. The foreign office states with regard to the time limit: "It is a reasonable time in which Venezuela can satisfy the injured governments. Both notes are practically identical, although the amounts of the claims differ. The notes merely reiterate the continued disregard by the Venezuelan government of all our representations, specify the claims and demand immediate action on the part of President Castro's government in connection therewith."

REGULATIONS UNDER WHICH DR. ELLIS WILL DEAL WITH IMMIGRANTS.

He Will Have Medical Officers Under Him at Quebec, St. John and Halifax.

Department at Ottawa Prepares Rules for Guidance in Dealing With New Comers to the Country Who Have Infectious or Dangerous Diseases.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—(Special)—Regulations have been drawn up by the immigration department for the guidance of Dr. W. L. Ellis, of St. John (N. B.), the medical superintendent appointed under the act for the deportation of immigrants suffering from loathsome, infectious or dangerous diseases.

The medical officer is to order the deportation of those immigrants whose destination is to the United States, and who have been refused certificates by the American commissioners at the ports on the ground that they are physically or mentally defective. An exception, however, can be made if the medical officer thinks the new comers are suffering from an ordinary disease of a non-infectious or non-contagious character or a minor deformity and are not incapacitated from earning a fair livelihood. In the case of passengers destined for Canada they must be deported if suffering from a dangerous disease. Where the disease is of the milder class of contagious or infectious disease, the immigrant may be permitted to enter the hospital at the port of arrival, provided he or his friends are able to defray the expenses incurred.

CABINET DECISION IN THE CASE OF HIGGINS WILL BE MADE KNOWN TODAY.

Mr. Mullin Has Interviews With Officials—Ministers Will Meet Today for Final Settlement of the Matter, Though Hope for Commutation is Not Felt—British Cable Open for Business.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—(Special)—D. Mullin, counsel for Higgins, spent the greater part of the afternoon at the justice department. He first called upon Mr. Fitzpatrick, minister of justice, and presented the petition asking for clemency on behalf of the prisoner. Afterwards Mr. Mullin had a long interview with A. Power, K. C., of the department, who has charge of all capital cases. Seen by your correspondent after the interviews were over, Mr. Mullin said that he had nothing to communicate beyond that he was going to see the minister again tomorrow. There will be a meeting of the cabinet tomorrow afternoon when Mr. Fitzpatrick will present his report, and the case will in all likelihood be finally disposed of. So far as can be gathered unofficially there is no ground upon which to recommend commutation. But the fate of Higgins will not be known definitely until after tomorrow's cabinet meeting. Meantime Mr. Mullin, who will wait over until tomorrow afternoon, is doing all that he can to save the boy from the scaffold. Pacific Cable Open for Business. The Pacific cable was opened this morning for business and messages can now be sent by any one in any part of Canada, to any of the Australian states, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji and other points reached by the new "All-Red" cable, at 38 cents per word. The old rate was 99 cents. The Canadian Pacific and Great North Western Telegraph Companies announce this morning that they are ready to receive and transmit messages for Australasia. Sale of Territorial School Lands. Hon. A. L. Sifton told your correspondent tonight that the territorial government had applied to the dominion government to arrange for an extensive sale of school lands in the territories. The application has been granted and the sales will take place in May and June next. It has been arranged to dispose of some of the lands within easy access of the railway between Mooseomin and Moose Jaw and also on the line of the Calgary & Edmonton Railway, between Didsbury and Edmonton. Before the lands are put up for sale they will be valued and an upset price placed upon them, not less than \$7 per acre. The first sale will take place early in May. The present is regarded as a good time to place some of the lands for school purposes on the market.

MINERS BRING STRONG TESTIMONY AGAINST THE MARKLE COMPANY.

Say the Increase Granted Meant Really No Increase—Lawyer, Who Referred to President as "Teddy Roosevelt," is Promptly Sat Upon—Boston Faces Coal Famine.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 8.—Almost the entire day's session of the coal strike commission was taken up by the miners workers in presenting their side of the controversy with O. B. Markle & Co. Witnesses said the company refused to employ them and has ejected them from the houses because they belonged to the union; that the docking system was intolerable. Two Hungarian women told how the Markle Company deducted house rent from the last wages of their husbands, who were killed in the mines, and how the company attempted to get them to sign a paper which would absolve the Markles from damages for the death of the men. Two men also confirmed a story that children had to work without pay until the debt owned by dead fathers was paid off. The commissioners were surprised to learn that the 10 per cent. granted in 1900 was not a straight out raise in wages, but instead a 2 1/2 per cent. raise and a reduction in powder of 7 1/2 per cent, making the net increase in earnings 10 per cent., which the miners claim is not being given by the Markle Company, through some way of figuring they do not understand. The question came in for considerable discussion and no one in the court room could give the commission a satisfactory explanation. There was a flurry at the afternoon session because Lawyer Ira H. Burnes, of Scranton, for the independent companies, referred to the President of the United States as "Teddy Roosevelt." The remark brought out an emphatic objection from Brigadier-General Wilson, and the general was sustained by Chairman Gray. Chatham, Mass., Dec. 8.—Under the weather conditions tonight it hardly seems possible that the huge and torrid passing north over the shoals would be able to get around the tip end of Cape Cod against the northwest gale. A delay means much, as all the barges are supposed to be laden with anthracite coal for Boston. Boston, Dec. 8.—So far as anthracite coal for domestic use is concerned, Boston appears to be facing a coal famine. The situation today is the most serious ever known by the local coal dealers and most of the leading retailers have stopped taking orders. The supply of gas and anthracite coal coming to tide-water, at New York, is now about 61,000 tons a day from all roads. About one-third of this is the normal amount and then it would not be all destined to Boston. Even if the whole supply of eastern shipment coal to Boston and its suburbs under the present conditions, it is not enough to supply the city. The price is normally unchanged at \$9 a ton, but there is every indication that this price will be higher within the next few days, as the suburban dealers have already put the price up to \$12 a ton and even higher in some cases.

RODIES OF VICTIMS OF BELMONT TRAIN WRECK, CARED FOR.

Miss Croake's Mother Did Not Know of Daughter's Death Till Monday.

Manager Pottinger Wires Statement to the Disaster-Conductor Mill Has Gone to Truro to Attend the Rest Today.

Truro, N. S., Dec. 8.—(Special)—The scene of the Belmont train accident is still a mystery, on which the investigation tomorrow at 9 o'clock may throw some light. The work of clearing the wreckage is now completed. The main track was cleared about 4 o'clock this afternoon. A telephone line has been strung across the valuable parts of the smashed and been used for removal, but all of the wood work is splintered so that it has been piled on one side and burned. A tender has been placed on the rails, and efforts to right the engine are now made. A body of Drivers Trider was sent to Truro today; the body of Miss Croake to Halifax, that of Malcolm McLean to P. B. Island; those of William Kennedy and John O'Toole to Newfoundland. The bodies of W. B. McDonald, of New Glasgow; William Waugh, of Brantford, are still here awaiting arrival of friends to take them away tomorrow morning. Mother Remains of Miss Croake's Death. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 8.—(Special)—Fredrick and Leslie Croakes, who went to Truro last night to view the body of the woman killed in the railway accident Saturday, identified it beyond doubt as that of their sister Miss Croake. The brothers returned from Truro today, bringing the body. The mother of the dead girl, who is critically ill, did not know until this morning of her daughter's death. The news was broken to her by a clergyman. The Telegraph received the following reply to a message sent D. Pottinger, manager of the I. C. R., regarding the cause of the wreck: "The cause has not yet been ascertained. We have men engaged in picking up the damaged cars and locomotive, and as they are picked up they are being examined." D. POTTINGER.

Shooting Accident Near Bathurst.

Bathurst, Dec. 6.—While visiting Dickie, son of Andrew Dickie, of four miles from here, was rabbit hunting yesterday, his gun, loaded with rifle shot, was accidentally fired by the charge entering the trigger mechanism, which he had hoped for.

Truro Has 16 Inches of Snow.

Truro, N. S., Dec. 8.—(Special)—Sixteen inches of snow fell on the level here. At South Matland, 10 miles from Truro, there is two feet of snow in the roads. T. G. McMullen studied the first load of logs of the season to Matland this morning. He is fitting up all sleds possible to take advantage of the fine sliding on the high lands, feeling Matland mills. There is bad bottom for snow, but Mr. McMullen will make a good thing out of the early fall.

The Fire Record.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Fire today destroyed the five-story building at 23 and 24 Canal street, and considerable damage to a four-story building adjoining it. A panic among the 100 employees of firms occupying the building was created at the first alarm, and many had narrow escapes. The loss on building and contents is estimated at more than \$100,000. The Marshall & Huschard Machinery Company occupied nearly the entire building.

BRITISH AND GERMAN WARSHIPS IN VENEZUELAN WATERS.

Table with 2 columns: British Fleet and German Fleet. Lists various ships and their specifications.

No Plot to Kill Czar.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The Russian ambassador, Count Casini, authorizes the Associated Press to deny the report circulated from Vienna that a plot had been discovered to assassinate the Czar at Livadia, that four Russian students were arrested.

Vessels Ashore.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 8.—The blizzard is still raging and five schooners, the Ellen James, Arbitration, Industry, All Right and Rogers have been driven ashore on different parts of the coast. All the crews escaped.

QUEBEC HERO HAS SAVED 24 LIVES.

Presented With Address, Clock and More Than \$500.

Quebec, Dec. 8.—(Special)—A public testimonial, inaugurated by the Chronicle, in reward of the bravery of Patrick Murphy, of this city, for saving 24 men, women and children from watery graves, was presented to Mr. Murphy this evening. It consists of an eight-day bronze clock, appropriately engraved; a check for \$519, and an address.

UP GO FLOUR RATES TO ST. JOHN AND ELSEWHERE.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—(Special)—At the Canadian Freight Association meeting tomorrow an advance of two and one-half cents per 100 pounds in the rates for flour for export from Ontario to the seaboard will be made to meet an advance recently put in force by the roads from Chicago to New York. The ports affected will be St. John, Halifax, Boston, Portland, Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore. No advance is expected in local rates.

HUGE HOAX RECALLED.

Death of One Who is Said to Have Been Connected With Rev. Mr. Jernegan's Lubec Gold Scheme.

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COAL WAVE GENERAL; BRINGING SUFFERING, EVEN DEATH TO SOME.

Scarcity of Coal Severely Felt—Five People Die in Chicago from Effects of Weather.

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CABLE BITS ON MATTERS OF CANADIAN INTEREST.

Lloyd's Times Correspondent Continues Fight Against Canada's Fast Mail Service—The C. F. Wages Increase.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—(Special)—A correspondent of the Times writes that the London cable says: "The Times correspondent continues his fight against Canada's fast mail service. The C. F. Wages Increase."

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SEVEN DEAD IN RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT BELMONT

Fifteen Injured, Including Several from This City--Colonist Car Telescoped by Baggage in Death Sweep -- Driver Trider Died at His Post.

The dead: Samuel Trider, aged 55, engineer, Moncton; died at his post. William Kennedy, aged 23, Black Rock (Nfld.), was taken from wreck badly hurt; died later. W. B. McDonald, aged 45, Cambridgeport (Mass.), was visiting friends in New Glasgow.

Malcolm McLean, aged 27, Alberton (P. E. I.). Philip Toole, aged 25; Wm. Wall, aged 25, Hoche Cove, Newfoundland. Miss Minnie F. Croake, aged 25, Halifax, was returning to Waverly, (Mass.), where she was employed. The injured: R. H. Brown, Newfoundland, legs injured, body bruised.

W. K. Edwards, brakeman, St. John--knee injured. J. Crandall, brakeman, Bloomfield--leg broken. R. J. Norton, Dominion Express agent, Montreal--arm broken. Frank DeBoo, Canadian Express agent, Newcastle--leg lacerated. C. Clapham, dining car conductor, thrown headlong by concussion. Samuel Taylor--passenger. Wm. Vicars, Newfoundland--body and legs bruised. James Cavanaugh, W. Lionce, M. Morrice, passengers, slightly hurt. George Woods, baggage master, St. John--back bruised. Arthur Belyea, postal clerk, St. John--hand bruised. George McFarlane, Newfoundland--head hurt. J. P. Hipwell, mail clerk, St. John--bruised.

latter being telescoped by the baggage car. It was in the colonist car that the majority of the fatalities occurred. Each of the coaches, as it left the rails fell over. The first class, Pullman and diner, remained on the roadbed, but each was slightly off the rails. Engineer Killed: Fire in Saved Fireman Henry Campbell was in the engine. The former was buried beneath the caboose--the latter was pitched headlong through the caboose window and, landing in deep snow, escaped harm. In the postal car next the engine were clerks Arthur Belyea and John P. Hipwell, of 30 Wellington Row, at 25 Esplanade street, this city, respectively. Both were bruised by the jolting and tossing received as the car dived. In the baggage car were Express Messengers Norton and DeBoo, baggage-master Wm. Edwards, Norton belongs in Montreal, DeBoo in Sussex and Woods and Edwards in this city. All were injured, but not to any serious extent. DeBoo had his leg and thigh lacerated, Norton an arm broken, Woods his back strained and a foot jammed, and Edwards his right knee crushed and swollen. The next car was the colonist--full of passengers, and with whom was Brakeman Crandall, of Bloomfield formerly of St. John. These were the cars derailed, in the other three no one was harmed. The telescoping of the colonist car was a lightning rush of death. The baggage car, mounted slightly, then dived and splintered, shoved into the

passenger crowded colonist, jamming seats and occupants into a heap of agony. The dining car in the rear had nearly all its dishes broken and a dish laden with pudding was sent from one end of the car to the other. Conductor Clapham, of the diner, had just left the second-class car, where he had been conversing with Miss Minnie Croake, of Halifax, when the disaster came. He was about entering his own car at the moment and the shock sent him headlong. In the colonist car was a man named Geo. McFarlane, of St. John's (Nfld.), who occupied a seat across the aisle from Miss Croake. The conductor of the diner had just gone out," said Mr. McFarlane, who went on to Boston Sunday. "When I heard the crash, I saw ploughing through the car toward me, the whole end of the baggage car. I couldn't think. I couldn't move--then all I was blank for a moment and when I came to my head was aching and I was perched on a small hill of broken seats, splintered boards and debris generally. Body of the Young Woman Found. When the searchers began work and were probing about the wreck, Conductor Milligan came to the body of a man. It was pulled out and in the space it left was earth and splinters partly covering what looked like a bundle of clothing. Mr. McFarlane saw a small foot protruding and when he was asked what was supposed to be a bundle of clothing was in reality the body of the young woman. She was tenderly drawn forth and carried to the waiting room of the station.

St. John Survivors (Thrilling Description: the Terrifying Scen Rev. A. M. Hill's Grap Story--Sad Death of M Croake.

The opinion generally expressed as to the cause of the disaster was that the pilot part of it, had become detached from the locomotive and, gripping caused the engine to jump. A wrecking train was soon on the spot from Truro and the Belmont station made a temporary hospital. The bodies were carried in on car doors, and some of the injured died while being conveyed. The Dead Driver. Driver Trider, of Moncton, was found buried beneath his engine. He was the oldest engineer on the road and brought the Duke of York's train into this city. He was through the Palmer's I dent. He was a native of the Plains, near Windsor (N. S.), the genial "Sam." He had his Moncton with his family some married a daughter of St. D. C. Sack, of Truro. Was the who ever ran a locomotive over R. from Truro to Moncton. His sister of Mrs. Peter Robertson, bond is so well known in the building of the I. C. R. duties he stuck to his post. The special made up at the scene of the wreck reached Union station about 11:15 (Continued on page 8, third column.)

ANSWER TO THE C. P. R. EFFECTIVE

WEAKNESS OF ITS POSITION SHOWN.

Mr. Hardwell of the Government Road Asks What the Canadian Pacific Will Do With Its Idle Cars, and Says the C. P. R. Will Pay for What It Needs--Hon. Mr. Fisher Justifies Government Action --The British Attitude.

Montreal, Dec. 6--In an interview today in reference to the refusal of the Canadian Pacific to turn over live stock to the Intercolonial, Assistant General Freight Manager Hardwell, of the government road, said: "In dealing with the prohibition of live stock exports through the New England States, the press has attributed certain statements to officials of the C. P. R. which are calculated to mislead the public and, particularly, the exporters of cattle and sheep to Great Britain. Assuming these gentlemen to have been correctly reported, it may charitably be taken for granted that they had no intention of prejudicing the Intercolonial, the one railway which is in a position to help them and the exporters out of their present difficulties. An Effective Answer. "One of the statements I refer to is to the effect that the C. P. R. would have to provide more motive power and more rolling stock in order to send cattle to the seaboard by the government railway. In reply to this I have to say that if more motive power is necessary it will be furnished by the Intercolonial, which is well provided with modern first class engines, and that the Intercolonial has not asked the Canadian Pacific to supply the power for hauling this traffic further east than Montreal. "As regards the car supply, it is the common practice for the initial railway to furnish the cars and those we are prepared to return prompt to the C.P.R. and to pay them the usual rate. We would treat the company in fact as well as the American connections to Boston. These Cars. "If the C. P. R. withdraw their open cars from this traffic it is difficult to see to what other purpose they could put them, whereas, by permitting them to run over the Intercolonial to the seaboard, the cars would be earning rental instead of standing unused on sidings. "It is further stated that the additional prices the cable exporters will be able to obtain on account of the quarantine will enable them to pay higher rates to the government railway. The principal exporters must be well aware that the intention that the I. C. R. would take advantage of the situation to charge a higher rate

TWO THOUSAND C. P. R. EMPLOYEES GET MORE PAY.

Company Grants Increases Well Up to 15 Per Cent.

MEANS \$250,000 A YEAR

All the Conductors, Trainmen and Yardmen East of Fort William Came in for the Raise--What the New Rates Will Be.

Montreal, Dec. 5--(Special)--Two thousand and employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway, comprising all the conductors, trainmen and yardmen east of Fort William, were granted increased wages today. The increases reach well up to 15 per cent. The increases were granted by the company after negotiations covering a period of six weeks with a joint committee of the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. Passenger conductors north of Lake Superior will receive \$125 a month, instead of \$108, on lines east of the lake they are increased from \$100 a month to \$110 and \$115. Passenger conductors on branch lines will be paid \$60 instead of \$50 a month. Through freight conductors who were paid \$2.70 per 100 miles will receive \$2.90. Through freight brakemen are increased eight cents per 100 miles, making the rate \$1.98. The increase on way freight trains is about 10 per cent all round. Baggage men received an eight per cent advance. Their wages will range from \$33 to \$50 a month. Yardmen's wages were advanced about 15 per cent, making them the best paid in eastern Canada. In the larger yards foremen will receive 25 cents an hour and others 21 cents. In the smaller yards the rates will be 23 and 20 cents. Roughly estimated the advances granted mean about \$250,000 a year to the company.

DOMINION STEEL COMPANY WINS AN IMPORTANT SUIT.

Justice Burbridge Decided an Interesting Technico-legal Point Arising in the Pig Iron Bounty Payment.

The Government Must Pay the Bounty on Mutton Raw Iron--The Ontario Government Wins on Its Action for Interest on the Disputed Accounts Case.

Ottawa, Dec. 5--(Special)--Two important judgments were delivered in the exchequer court this morning by Justice Burbridge. In the petition of right of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company vs. The King judgment was directed to be entered in favor of the company for the amount claimed in their petition, viz., \$196,907.15, and leave was given to either party to move for an order to have an account taken, and the amount so ascertained to be entered for the respondent. The supply of the steel and so get all the relief they went into court to obtain. The case arises upon the construction of the Dominion Statutes 60-61 Vic. C. 6, and 62-63 Vic. C. 4, authorizing the government in council to pay bounties, "on steel ingots, puddles, iron bars and pig iron made in Canada, that is to say, on steel ingots manufactured from ingredients of which not less than 50 per cent of the weight thereof consists of pig iron made in Canada, a bounty of \$3 per ton. On puddled iron bars manufactured from pig iron made in Canada a bounty of \$3 per ton. On pig iron manufactured from ore, a bounty of \$3 per ton on the proportion produced from Canadian ore, and \$2 per ton on the proportion produced from foreign ore." The company has four blast furnaces for making pig iron and 10 open hearth furnaces or making steel at their works in Sydney (N. S.). The company, like most manufacturers of pig iron and steel today, use the product of their blast furnace while yet in a liquid or molten state for the manufacture of steel, the hot metal being taken direct from the blast furnaces to the steel mill. A question having been raised by the auditor general as to whether the company were entitled to the said bounties, these were withheld pending the decision of the exchequer court. Judge Burbridge holds in effect, that in the usage of the trade the iron master and those familiar with the process of manufacturing steel from pig iron, the term pig iron includes that substance in a liquid or molten state as well as in the solid form. This judgment is of the utmost importance to the trade. The other judgment was in favor of Ontario against the Dominion for \$113,773. This was for interest in connection with the disputed accounts case. Permits to enter the Transval or Orange River will be issued only at South African ports, persons are advised to ascertain before leaving whether permits will be granted them. Mayor Cook received word today that the American Veterinary Association would hold its next annual meeting in Ottawa in September, 1903. The invitation sent by the city council has been accepted and it is expected that fully 300 delegates will be in attendance. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 5, '02. Round the World to Mayor Ottawa: Operators please invest local received after name station, following list and immediately transmit--Canso 7.50, London Ascension, Cape Town, Durban, Coos 1.15, Perth Brisbane, Fanning 5.55, Bamfield 5.33. (Signed) SANDFORD FLEMING.

THIRTY-NINE DAYS DRIFTING ON DERELICT.

Eleven Seamen Rescued Nearly Starving After Terrible Experience.

SEVERAL SEA DISASTERS

Saturday's Gale Along Atlantic Coast the Worst Since the One Which Destroyed the Steamer Portland--Schooner Abandoned Off Cranberry Island, Canso.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 6--The British steamer Darlington, Captain Work, arrived today with Captain Ramussen and 10 men of the Norwegian barque Ruth for Greenock, rescued in lat. 29 W. and lon 45 N. The Ruth was dismantled and wrecked the latter part of October. For 39 days she drifted a helpless derelict with the crew aboard, the men on the verge of starvation when the Darlington sighted them and took them off. Mobile, Ala., Dec. 6--A cable from Capt. Martensen, dated Port Limon, reports the loss of his vessel, the Norwegian steamer Kitty Von Ronander; crew was saved. Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 7--Captain Miller, of the schooner Eva A. Danoehower, from New York, which arrived here today reports having passed off Prying Pass about noon today a damaged schooner, name unknown, in tow of a steamer of the Savannah line. Highland Light, Mass., Dec. 6--The northeast gale which began at daylight yesterday increased to 75 miles an hour at noon, with rain, sleet and snow. Nothing equaling it in fury has swept across the coast since November 27, 1902, when the Portland went down. It was on this date in 1803 that the British ship Jason and 25 of her crew were lost here. Telegraph and telephone wires were prostrated. A large Cape Cod Bay. The storm was of short duration. Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 6--The schooner Lucinda Lovell reported derailed and abandoned off Cranberry Island, Canso (N. S.), is owned by David B. Smith & Company, of this city, and was on her return from Bay of Islands with about 1,200 barrels of salt herring. The mate, who is reported killed, was George Roberts, of this city, aged 48, but the name of the member of the crew who was drowned is not known. Canso, N. S., Dec. 7--The sailor drowned in the disaster to the schooner Lucinda A. Lovell, was Peter Fogar.

NEW COAL MINE IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Truro, N. S., Dec. 6--(Special)--There is considerable excitement at Victoria, Cumberland county, near Oxford, James Strang, United States mining expert, has opened a six-foot seam of coal and is developing it rapidly. He says he will raise coal for market within three weeks. He has taken up about 20 square miles of country surrounding the shaft and expects a large output.

Britain's Imports from Canada Toronto, Dec. 7--(Special)--The Telegram's special cable from London says: "The value of the imports from Canada for November are as follows: Cattle, \$1,182,205; sheep, \$2,490,000; bacon, \$104,324; butter, \$2,742,221; cheese, \$2,636,947; eggs, \$22,511; hams, \$15,514; horses, \$1,330.

SYDNEY STORM SWEEP.

Nine Schooners Blown Ashore in Sydney Harbor. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 7--(Special)--The worst storm in years swept over Cape Breton Friday night. Nine schooners alighted their anchorages and went ashore in various parts of Sydney harbor. About 5 o'clock it commenced to snow, and shortly before midnight it turned to sleet. The wind blew 40 miles an hour. Trees were uprooted and in some places blown across the I. C. R. track. Chimneys and fences were blown down, and other damage done. Most of the schooners blown ashore are Newfoundland fishermen and some will be total loss.

"Dear me," said Mr. Meek: "It seems so absurd for men to be constantly talking about their wives having the last word. As for me, I never object to my wife having the last word." "You don't?" "No; a Mt. I always feel thankful when she gets to it."

CONSUMPTION CAN BE CURED

EDITOR'S NOTE--The Slocum System of Treatment for the cure of Consumption, Pulmonary Troubles, Catarrh, General Debility, and nearly all the ills of life, is medicine reduced to an exact science by the world's foremost specialist. By its timely use thousands of apparently hopeless cases have been permanently cured. The Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil is needed by some, the Tonic by others, the Expectorant by others, the Oxyell by others still, and all four, or any three, or two, or any one, may be used singly or in combination, according to the needs of the case. Full instructions with each set of four free remedies illustrated here. Our readers are urged to take advantage of Dr. Slocum's generous offer.



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Shediac, Dec. 5--(Special)--Incorporation was carried today by a majority of 40, although a small vote was taken on account of the great storm. Russian Troops Kill 20 Rioters. London, Dec. 6--A despatch from St. Petersburg to the Times says that in the recent riots at Rostoff the troops fired on the workmen, killing 20 of them.

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

IMPTON.

The annual meeting of the Spring Club was held last night... The report of the treasurer... The President, Dr. E. M. Wilson...

DALHOUSIE.

Dalhousie, N. B., Dec. 6.—Rev. George Fisher, who has been in charge of the Presbyterian congregation here during the last 14 years, has resigned on account of poor health...

TRURO.

Truro, Dec. 4.—The congregation of the First Baptist church gave their pastor, Rev. W. N. Hutchins, and his bride a very hearty reception on their return from their wedding trip...

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Point of view is everything. A prominent citizen was approached this week to sign the petition asking for executive council towards young Frank Higgins, a student of the Royal Academy...

They say a good newspaper man gets copy, even if he has to make the index himself, which is a rare occurrence, used to tell a pretty good story of how his friends in newspaperdom, the late Frank Risteen and Billy Everett...

Washington, Dec. 8.—The first decided move in the senate this session in the French reciprocity treaty was made by Senator McCulloch, chairman of the committee on foreign relations...

They are unexpected and when they welcome. Be armed with one ounce of French reciprocity treaty...

