

A Very Merry Christmas to All

SIX MEN WERE BADLY INJURED BY EXPLOSION OF A BOILER

A Threshing Engine Used at a "Buzz" Near Lambeth Blew Up Without Warning, Scalding and Maiming Workmen.

THE ENTIRE OUTFIT IS A COMPLETE WRECK

Parts of It Were Hurling Hundreds of Feet Away—Six Miraculous Escapes From Death—No Cause Can Be Found for the Accident—Victims Will Likely Recover.

RESULT OF THE EXPLOSION

WM. SCHRAM, Westminster Township, several scalp wounds, skull slightly fractured, face and upper part of body fearfully scalded, condition serious.

WM. NIXON, Westminster Township, face and upper part of body badly scalded, leg badly fractured at ankle, condition very serious.

JOS. POOLE, Westminster Township, bad scalp wounds and other injuries, will recover.

GEO. POOLE, Westminster Township, badly burned on upper part of body, injuries very painful but not serious.

HENRY WOODS, Delaware Township, face and shoulders badly scalded, not serious.

ARTHUR PORTE, Westminster Township, shoulders and face badly scalded, will recover.

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT—Explosion of a threshing engine.

TIME—Shortly after two o'clock yesterday afternoon.

A threshing engine exploded yesterday afternoon at the farm of Mr. Henry Woods, Delaware Township, about two miles and a half west of Lambeth, seriously injuring six men.

Two of them are not expected to recover, while the others are painfully injured, although not very seriously.

How any escaped instant death is a miracle.

Dr. Routledge was called, and is attending to the injured men.

Yesterday morning, Mr. Wm. Nixon, of Delaware, moved his threshing engine to the farm of Mr. Henry Woods, to "buzz" wood.

The saw was placed in the morning, and it was decided to begin to saw wood after dinner.

About 2 o'clock the men left the house and began making preparation to saw.

Mr. Nixon and his hired man, Mr. Arthur Porte, began getting up steam.

A good fire was put into the fire-box, and the men began to chat until steam was up.

Mr. Jos. Poole was not with the rest, but was busy getting wood ready, at the big pile, ready to "buzz" into small stovewood.

The other five had taken their positions at the end of the tongue in front of the boiler, and were patiently waiting to get ready to start.

A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

Suddenly there was a terrific explosion, and the whole six men were thrown violently to the ground.

Mr. Poole, who was at the woodpile, was thrown under a flying mass of wood.

All were completely stunned by the terrific explosion, and lay almost lifeless for some moments.

Neighbors heard the explosion, and came rushing over from all sides.

Mr. George Poole was the first to recover consciousness, and began looking for his father.

Mr. Woods also rushed out and called to the neighbors for help.

George Poole found his father lying under a mass of timber and wood.

Although badly scalded and painfully hurt he dragged his father out from under the wood and got him to the house.

By this time the neighbors had arrived, and the other injured men were carefully taken to the house.

DOCTOR ON THE SCENE.

Dr. Routledge, of Lambeth, was hastily summoned, and arrived on the scene shortly after the accident.

He dressed the wounds of the injured men, and had them all sent to their homes, except Mr. Nixon, whose injuries are so serious that he cannot be removed as yet.

The escape of the men from instant death is little short of miraculous.

Five were standing within ten feet of the boiler when it exploded.

The front end of the boiler was the first to go.

It lifted over the heads of the men, pouring scalding water over everything. Fragments of iron and twisted steel went screaming through the air.

BADLY SCALDED.

The impact threw the men to the ground. As they lay there unconscious the steam and hot water of the boiler poured over them, scalding them fearfully.

Mr. Jos. Poole was out of line of the steam, but still some of the hot water reached him, and although his scalds are not so serious as the others, they are indeed painful enough.

Not a scrap of the boiler remains.

Fragments of it were found many hundreds of yards from the scene of the accident.

The major portion of it was lifted clear over an orchard, and fell on the other side.

The orchard is riddled with flying splinters. The front wheels are all that remain intact, and they are the only monuments of the old engine.

The big rear wheels were lifted bodily and hurled two or three hundred feet back into the orchard. The wreck was most complete.

INJURIES OF THE VICTIMS.

Of the injured, the most serious are Wm. Schram and Mr. William Nixon.

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London Generous With Poor Churches Dealt Prodiggally With All

Some of the Services Which Will Be Held on Christmas Day.

That Londoners are not behind when it comes to distributing gifts of clothing, food and other things to deserving families and gladdening their hearts at Christmas time every pastor in London can bear witness.

In nearly every city church yesterday many of the members gathered during the afternoon and brought articles of all kinds with them.

Parties were selected in many instances who went around through certain sections and with their gifts brought joy and comfort to many a person who otherwise would have passed unremembered.

The aged, the sick, the little children, each one received something to remember Christmas, 1907.

Collected \$100.

At Askew Street Methodist Church the congregation got together and collected nearly \$100 in cash, and how far that money went and how many people it made happy only those who had charge of distributing it know.

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TWO HUNDRED FACE STARVATION

Fire Razes a Village and Torrent Cuts Off From Civilization.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 24.—Two hundred inhabitants of Bulkley Valley in Northern British Columbia are in imminent danger of starvation. A dispatch received here today says fire has completely gutted the store of Broughton & McNeill, where are located all the provisions to last the little scattered community until the opening of navigation. The estimated damage is \$10,000. The Skeena River, the only possible route to civilization, is a raging torrent.

GOTHAM BROKERS IN GLOOMY MOOD

No Christmas Celebration on Stock Exchange and Little Business Done.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

New York, Dec. 24.—There was no Christmas celebration on the stock exchange after the close of business today.

The usual Christmas tree, the Seventh Regiment Band and the push ball game, that have been the features of the brokers' observance of the holiday in past years, were missing.

The members just quit business at 3 o'clock, as usual, and went home.

The reason that the celebration was abandoned was lack of initiative on the part of those who have usually had charge of it. Other than taxing the members a small sum for decorations, nothing else was done in the line of raising funds. Nor were the members in so gay a mood for celebration of Christmas this year, it was said.

A similar course was followed on the Consolidated. Both organizations, however, distributed the usual amount of Christmas funds to employees.

The transactions in stocks today were but 150,000 shares, the smallest in any full business day during the year save one.

The low record was made on June 24, when but 142,000 shares were bought and sold, and save on the occasion named today's business was the smallest of any in the last 2½ years.

Inasmuch as nearly half of the dealings today were concentrated in the first hour of business, the dullness of the market during the remainder of the day may be imagined.

MAY SHIP THEM HERE

Another Attempt to Divert Honolulu Japs to the Dominion.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 24.—Mail advices from Honolulu state another strong effort is being made to divert Japanese labor from there to Canada.

A steamer has been chartered and will leave for this port in January.

The same people are engineering the scheme as chartered the Kumeric, which brought 1,200 Japs to this coast. The hotel-keepers who were in the Kumeric scheme are this time.

All the yellow men who will be sent are already possessed of passports, and each will be furnished with the necessary \$25 without which he cannot land on Canadian soil.

TODAY IN LONDON.

Bennett's—Good vaudeville bill.

Grand Opera House—Uncle Tom's Cabin.

Skating—Simcoe, Jubilee, East End, and Victoria rinks.

Bowling—Ideal and Liberal Club alleys.

Curling—Thistle Club, president and vice-president match.

7th Sergeants Hold an "At Home" Pleasant Time at the Armories

Members and Officers From Other Corps Were Present.

The sergeants of the Seventh Regiment held their annual "At Home" in their messrooms at the armories last evening. There was a very large attendance of the sergeants and their friends, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

The messrooms were very prettily decorated for the occasion.

Among the visitors were the sergeants from the barracks, the battery and the cavalry.

Sergeant Pink, of the Royal Grenadiers, Toronto, represented the Queen's City soldiers, and was given a good time by the London boys.

Among the guests was Corp. Woodliffe, of the South African Cavalry.

He has lately returned from South Africa, whither he went with the first contingent, afterwards seeing service with Gen. Baden-Powell.

There was a splendid musical programme, in which Sgt. Ridge, Sgt. Major Sherard, of the Engineers' Corps, and Sgt. Roberts, took part.

The affair was one of the most successful ever given by the sergeants.

Changes Announced By the Bishop

An announcement of much interest was made yesterday by His Lordship Bishop Williams, who stated that about the middle of January the following changes will be made in the Diocese of Huron:

Rev. E. Softley, who has been stationed at Morpeth, will take charge of the parishes of Pinkerton and Carleton Place.

Rev. E. C. Jennings, of Kingston, will take charge of the church in Blenheim, and Rev. T. G. Lawrence, of Florence, will be moved to Delhi.

Couldn't Get Work and Tries Suicide

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Once more has the inability to secure employment seemed to have caused a man to attempt suicide.

Yesterday, between the hours of 4 and 5 in the afternoon Harry Simmons, an Englishman, 35 years of age and unmarried, after a period of enforced idleness, and with probably no hope of bettered conditions, locked himself in his room in a Rochester street boarding-house, and placing the muzzle of a 32-caliber revolver over his heart, pulled the trigger.

According to the medical experts who later made a thorough examination, it was a very near thing, and in their opinion the only thing which prevented the man from carrying out his intentions to the full, and which saved his life, was that at the critical moment Simmons' hand must have become unsteady.

The bullet entered right above the heart, but missed the vital organ by the narrowest margin.

Black Hand Headquarters Raided Find School for Teaching Murder

Pittsburg Detectives Round Up Big Batch of Desperate Criminals.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—A squad of local detectives, aided by scores of detectives from other cities throughout the country, this afternoon raided what is supposed to be the headquarters of the Italian Black Hand in this section of the country.

At the headquarters the police found, when the raid was made, seventeen young Italians receiving from two teachers instructions in the art of dealing deathblows, through the Black Hand's favorite weapon, the stiletto.

All of the nineteen men in the place and the lookout were arrested after a severe struggle, and are now in the prison at Central station.

For months Pittsburg has been terrorized by lawless Italians, who styled their organization the "Black Hand." Several murders have been committed and dozens of persons have paid tribute, under fear of their lives, to the Black Hand.

Some weeks ago captain of detectives, Edward M. Cough, learned that the organization had its headquarters here and that school was in existence, where younger members were taught the use of weapons and the methods of the organization.

The Englishman Resented the Slur

To make, with his fists, five able-bodied men take to their heels, on Dundas street, is the record of a young Englishman, whose name is said to be Black.

It seems that Black, who is a moldor, was celebrating the gladsome Christmas time last night by imbibing quite freely, and he was feeling quite fit to tackle the Canadian pugilist, Mr. Thomas Burns.

Consequently when he met five parties equally stimulated there was trouble.

It appears that one of the quintet made some slurring remark about

"Gunner" Moir, the English pugilist. Black dodged that remark, but when another inebriated one added that no Englishman was any good, the trouble started.

The five men attacked Black in a body. But one of them struck the walk. Then another followed. About that time the other three decided that discretion was better than valor, and speedily retired from the scene of action.

The other two also made their escape from the infuriated Englishman with the hard fists just as Officer Tommy Fish was in sight.

No arrests were made.

CHARGED WITH ARSON WANTED TO GO TO JAIL

A South Sandwich Negro Arrested by Provincial Detective Mahoney

Sandwich, Dec. 24.—Provincial Detective Mahoney has arrested Henry Shanklin, a negro in Sandwich South, on a charge of attempted arson. It is said that Shanklin attempted to set fire to the big saw and feed mill owned by John P. Plant, of Sandwich South, shortly after the workmen employed in the place had deserted it for the night.

Shanklin was today remanded for a week for trial.

RECENT ARRIVAL FROM ENGLAND HURLED BRICK THROUGH WINDOW.

Peterboro, Dec. 24.—Because he wanted to go to jail for a month, Joseph Blake, a recent arrival from England, threw a brick through the large plate glass window at the Singer Sewing Machine Company's office, on George street, last night. Blake was arrested. He has been in Peterboro three days, arriving here from Toronto without a cent.

CENTER YORK TO HAVE A RECOUNT

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—There will be a recount of the ballots cast in the Center York by-election yesterday.

Capt. Tom Wallace, the Conservative candidate, telephoned Mr. J. S. Carstairs, the organizer, this morning, asking that preparations be

EXPERT TALKS OF LONG CRUISE

CARLINGS

CELEBRATED
ALE, PORTER
and LAGER

NOTED FOR PURITY, BRILLIANCY AND
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No Advertisement Accepted Less Than Fifteen Words.

Meetings—When no admission is charged, one cent per word each insertion.

Articles For Sale, To Let, Help Wanted, Situations Wanted, Board and Lodging, Lost and Found, Rooms to Let, and all similar condensed advertisements—First insertion, one cent a word; each subsequent insertion, one-half cent per word. Advertisement less than fifteen words.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

DEATHS.

MEREDITH—At 565 Talbot street, on the 24th day of December, 1907, Isabella Magdalene, second daughter of the late John W. C. Meredith. 32u

SCOTT—Suddenly, in London, England, on Saturday, Dec. 21, 1907, Harry C. Scott, son of William Scott, 847 Maitland street, city.

LEADBITTER—At her late residence, Grand avenue, South London, on Dec. 24, 1907, Mary A. Kibbey, widow of the late Henry Leadbitter.

Funeral from her late residence, Grand avenue, on Thursday, Dec. 26, at 2:30 p.m.; service at 2 p.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. Please omit flowers. Interment at Woodland Cemetery.

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC.

BENNETT'S

Twice Every Day This Week.

FIRST TIME HERE.

Elinore Sisters

In "The Actress and the Maid."

LUIGI ROSSI AND HIS WONDERFUL MUSICAL HORSE.

JUPITER BROS.,

In a Mystifying and Surprising Specialty.

HERBERT CYRIL,

"The London Johnnie."

4-Other Metropolitan Acts—

GRAND TODAY

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN

Matinee, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, 1.00.

SATURDAY MATINEE AND EVENING

The Social, Patriotic and Dramatic.

"The Fatal Flower"

William Walcott and Excellent Company.

Matinee, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, 1.00.

Evening, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, 1.00.

THE BIJOU DREAM

INAUGURATE NEW ENTERTAINMENT.

Continuous variety, moving pictures, vocal, instrumental, etc., etc.

SHOW LASTS ONE HOUR.

Afternoon and Evening. Admission, 15c.

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Empress Ships

Empress of Ireland sails St. John to Liverpool, Dec. 27. Rates and sailing folders, at F. B. Clarke's, Richmond street, next Bank of Commerce.

SCOTLAND

Spent New Year's in Scotland. New steamship Grandin, 11,000 tons, sails Boston to Glasgow, Dec. 24. F. B. Clarke, agent, Allan Line, Richmond street, next Bank of Commerce.

JAN. 1. NEW DANCING TERM—BEGINNERS.

Also Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, men, Tuesday evenings; children, Saturday afternoon. Call or phone. Dayton & McCormick.

VICTORIA RINK CORNER ADELAIDE

and Piccadilly. Skating tomorrow afternoon. London Concert Band tomorrow evening. Admission, 10c.

WESTMINSTER RINK—CADET BAND

this afternoon and tonight.

SKATING TONIGHT—BAND CHRISTMAS

afternoon and night. Good ice. East End Ice Rink, Rectory and York. 31u

JUBILEE RINK—ROLLER SKATING.

Band Christmas afternoon and evening, also Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, men, Tuesday evenings; children, Saturday afternoon. Call or phone. Dayton & McCormick.

IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE CONDITION

of the ice, there will be no skating at the Princess Rink Christmas Day, afternoon or evening. Date of opening indefinite. 31u

LEARN TO DANCE—PRIVATE LESSONS

by R. B. Millard, 345 Princess avenue. Season open. Call and register. 39f

OCEAN TICKETS—MONEY EXCHANGED

for steamship passengers. Gold, drafts, etc. F. B. Clarke, Richmond street, 2.

MUSIC FURNISHED FOR PARTIES

balls, banquets. Phone 1265. Tony Villa's Italian Harpers, 122 Queen's avenue.

TONY CORSE—ORIGINAL LONDON

Harpers. Music furnished for all occasions. 161 Maple. Phone 1570.

MEETINGS.

Dominion Lodge, I. O. O. F.—NO MEETING tonight. Thomas D. Hastings, secretary.

RELIGIOUS MEETINGS.

CATHEDRAL, ST. PAUL'S—CHRISTMAS Day. Holy Communion at 6:30 a.m., 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Choral Communion at noon (I. H. Maunders). Matins, 11 a.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop. Processional hymn, "While Shepherds Watched"; Festal responses (Tallis in G); "Te Deum"; and "Tribute" (I. H. Maunders); anthem, "There Were Shepherds" (Frank Lyons); offertory solo, "The Star of Peace" (M. Barker); Recessional hymn, "O Come, All Ye Faithful." 31u

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST, TUESDAY EVENING, ON QUEEN'S avenue, Waterloo street on Central avenue—Parcel containing child's shoes, etc. Will finder kindly return to this office? 32u

LOST, TUESDAY EVENING, ON DUNDAS, between Richmond and Talbot—Gentleman's fur-lined coat and gloves. Kindly leave at this office.

LOST—OLD-FASHIONED GOLD LOCKET, heavy gold chain attached; initials "H. B. C." Return to Advertiser. 35u

LOST, SATURDAY NIGHT—LARGE BUFFALO robe, on York street, opposite station. Reward, Dr. Eccles, General's avenue.

LOST, ON SATURDAY, ON OR NEAR THE corner of Central avenue and Colborne street—Girl's gray lynx ruff. Reward for returning to 455 Wellington street. 36u

LOST, ON OR NEAR THE CORNER OF Oxford and Richmond streets—Large black comb, set with brilliant. Liberal reward on returning to this office. 36u

MAIL HELP WANTED.

INTELLIGENT, ACTIVE YOUNG MAN wanted by wholesale house, as bookkeeper for branch office; must be good penman, quick and reliable on books and figures, and possess practical knowledge of double entry bookkeeping, state experience and wages expected. Box 25, Advertiser. 30f

ALMOST EVERY RAILWAY COMPANY IN Canada is a part of telegraph. Salaries steadily "going up." Send for particulars. Dominion School of Telegraphy, 9 Adelaide east, Toronto. 30f-2

WANTED—EXPERIENCED FARM HAND for small dairy farm; must be good milker. Apply, calling wages. Box 31, Advertiser. 31u

ORGANIZERS WANTED, APPLY ALFRED Tyler, 355 Clarence street.

FEMALE HELP WANTED.

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED COOK. Apply J. O. Duffield, 518 Queen's avenue. 36f

BUSINESS CHANCES.

GROCERY BUSINESS FOR SALE. APPLY A. Cattnach, 672 Adelaide street. 25f

TO LET—LARGE STORE, 28 FEET BY 150, nearly opposite City Hotel; rent, \$100 a month. Apply B. A. Mitchell, 180a

CHINESE LAUNDRIES.

LEE HING LAUNDRY COMPANY—SHIRT ironed, trousers, etc., will not hurt neck. Standup collars ironed so wing will not be broken. Ladies' dresses fitted. Vests ironed. Goods called for and delivered. Jung Hay, proprietor, 485 Richmond. Phone 1344. 31u

JOHN TOM, WAH LEE LAUNDRY CO. Goods called for and delivered. Guaranteed work. 308; Dundas street, Phone 1809.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY W. H. Barram, 59 Dundas street.

BOARDING ROOMS, ETC.

TWO ROOMS, WITH BOARD. MODERN conveniences. Apply 43 Queen's avenue, or Box 28, Advertiser. 30c

200 BOARDERS WANTED—BIG BELL Restaurant. All new rooms and beds \$1.50 per week. F. G. Myers, proprietor.

THE LEADER RESTAURANT—ACCOMMODATION for any number of boarders. New rooms and beds. Good meals, all hours, 50 cents. C. Myers, 143 King street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MALE NURSE, CONTAGIOUS, INFECTIONS and various diseases. H. A. Hundertmark, No. 134 Wray street. 32u

DENTAL CARDS.

WOOLVERTON & ZIMMON, DENTISTS, 218 Dundas street, over Craincross & Lawrence. Phone 822.

DR. S. M. KENNEDY, DENTIST—OFFICE, 212 Dundas street. Telephone No. 2434.

DR. Q. H. KENNEDY, DENTIST—SPECIALTY, preservation natural teeth. 162-172 Dundas. Phone 576.

DR. BENTLEY, DENTIST, OVER ROVER-ELION Bank, Dundas and Adelaide. Phone 2462.

HOTEL CARDS.

DOMINION HOUSE, ADJOINING GRAND Trunk Railway station, London. J. J. Cox, proprietor.

BRITANNIA HOUSE, YORK AND WELLINGTON streets, 31, upwards. C. W. Morrow, proprietor.

DUKE OF YORK HOTEL, 65 DUNDAS street. Remodeled. Rates, \$1 and upwards. Frank McLean, proprietor.

HOTEL WINDSOR, OPPOSITE MARKET. London. Rates, \$1 to \$1.25. Charles James.

LONDON HOUSE—REMODELED and steam-heated throughout. Rates, \$1 and upwards. J. H. Wright, proprietor.

METROPOLITAN HOTEL—41 AND UP DUNDAS, Dundas and Wellington. Wm. Wright, proprietor.

ARCHITECTS.

REMOVAL—GEORGE CRADDOCK, ARCHITECT, 461 Talbot.

WILLIAM G. MURRAY, ARCHITECT—114 (second floor) Masonic Temple. Phone 1557.

W. FLETCHER SHEPHERD, ARCHITECT—Duffield block (late Toronto). Phone 566.

LEWIS THOMAS & NUTTER, M.I.A.C. architects and civil engineers, 374 Central avenue. Late Department Public Works. Sanderson, Phone 2220, London; 652, St. Thomas.

H. C. McBRIDE, ARCHITECT—SIXTH floor, Bank of Toronto Chambers.

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What a blundering, short-sighted fool he had been! What a madman to open his house to any one whose very appearance he knew nothing of! He might have suspected this, he might have foreseen it, but somehow, he had not. And the boy, too! Had it been the girl it might have been less noticeable.

He had deemed it safer to have them under his own roof; he could see what they were about, and they could not make awkward inquiries then without his knowledge, he had told himself; but face to face with them now he registered a vow to get rid of his son; the boy could not remain at Abbotsdale.

"You are not like each other," he said, looking at them both with what cool criticism he could muster. "One naturally looks for a strong likeness in twins."

"Tom is a little like what mamma was," Margot answered. "I must be like my father, I think."

"Possibly—possibly. I believe you are." Was the girl right, was his imagination playing him false? he wondered. Was he seeing what he was not there to see?

"You have motored north, I am told—how did that come about? I understand that everything belonging to your mother had been sold."

"So it has, but the car is mine," said Tom. A good deal of his confidence had evaporated; this cold, miserably lighted house was a shock to his ideas of luxury; this man with the shabby coat and the cruel, merciless face was utterly opposed to what he had pictured the great philanthropist to be. "I have been trying to sell it, but I haven't been successful, so I thought perhaps you wouldn't object to my keeping it till a good chance turns up."

"I object to the abominable smell of the things, but, of course, you must not part with it at a loss. I shall see if I can dispose of it for you. Now, about your mother."

He glanced toward the door to make sure it was closely shut, then lowered his voice.

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What I wish to impress upon you is that both she and I were agreed it would be to your advantage that no hint that she was on the stage should be given here. She wishes that to be forgotten."

"You mean that we must not tell any one that mother was Gladys Beresford, the actress?" It was Margot who put the question, looking straight at him. "Why? Mother had nothing to be ashamed of; she loved her profession, and we were very proud of her."

"Nevertheless, she desired that her connection with it should be lost sight of, and I expect you to honor her wish." He dismissed the subject with a wave of his hand, and, rising, touched the bell. "One of the maids will take you to your rooms," he said. "We dine at half-past 7, and you will meet my son and daughter then."

The rooms to which the servant conducted them had no vestige of fire. Margot shivered as she changed her heavy costume for a simple evening frock of black tulle, but she bravely resisted the homeliness and the impulse to cry which were making themselves felt; and as soon as she was ready, she made up her mind to go downstairs.

The recollection of their journey brought another thought in its train, and she blushed as she recalled their encounter with the big, handsome man at the gates of Conyngham.

"I would like to know his name—what a strong good face he had! And how pleasant! Very likely Miss Garrick knows him. I shall ask her."

When she went out into the corridor a door at the farther end opened, and a young man in evening dress emerged. He quickened his pace when he saw her, and a moment later was by her side.

"How do you do, Miss Beresford? Awfully glad to see you—by George, I am! The governor told me you had arrived, and I've been putting my best foot foremost to get down in time for once. I'm one of those Johnnies, you know, who needs a pretty girl to make him buck up; but can't I rise to the occasion when there is one about?"

Margot stared at him in amazement. Could this insipid, conceited-looking fool, with eyes which had a half-vacant leer in them, be Sir Anthony's son? He seemed to divine her unspoken question, and he answered it with a hilarious giggle.

"I'm Archie! Everybody knows Archie—by George, they do! You go down to the town and ask anybody who Archie is, and they'll jolly quick tell you! See if they won't!"

Margot thought it was very probable they might, but politeness forbade her saying so. She shook hands with him instead, murmuring something about it being good of him to appear early on her account, and he indulged in another giggle.

"You watch the governor's face when he sees me—I don't show up in time once in a blue moon. It's a beastly nuisance not getting leave to feed when one chooses, and just because Isobel is so mighty exact I like to rile her. But I'll pull up now that you have come to stay. 'Fon my word I shall!'"

The fire that was burning in the drawing room was very small, and the big room was almost as cold as the other parts of the house. Archie wheeled a chair close to the hearth for her, and she was leaning forward, thawing her hands, and silently marveling at his inane chatter, when Miss Garrick came in. She was stiff and very prim, but Margot decided she liked her better than her brother. At all events, she could talk sense, and that was what he appeared to be incapable of doing.

Sir Anthony kept Tom in the dining room with him after dinner, but Archie returned to the drawing room with the girls, and presently a visitor, the Rev. George Courtney, the rector of St. Mary's, was shown in. Mr. Courtney was a young man, with a good living and very aristocratic connections, and Archie, by a series of nods and winks and pantomimic gestures, conveyed to Margot the information that he was after "Isobel!"

"The governor has a mighty respect for the church, especially when it appeals to him in the form of a good stipend," he grinned. "And Isobel thinks she is cut out for mothers' meetings. She is keeping herself in training, anyhow."

He began about London theaters and actresses then; evidently he considered himself a man about town, and an authority on matters theatrical. He was in the habit of running up to London whenever he got his father out of the way, he confided in Margot.

She listened uneasily, her discomfort increasing with every word he uttered, and by-and-by she flushed scarlet, and almost lost her presence of mind, for he mentioned her mother's name.

"I went to see Gladys Beresford last time I was up, but I didn't think much of her. Her acting was all right, of course, but she was a precious lot too stiff. Have you seen her?"

"Yes." To him the actress had been what she looked on the stage—wonder, awe, and, though the similarity of names struck on his shallow brain for an instant, he never dreamed of connecting her with the girl beside him. He rattled on, not noticing her embarrassment.

"I sent her a bouquet and my card, and what do you think she did? Sent it back to me next morning. Didn't I feel small when one of the hotel servants carried the withered thing up to me!"

Margot smiled—an odd, tremulous smile, and rose.

"But she did not care to accept flowers from a stranger—no lady would," she said. "Good-night, Mr. Garrick, I am going to bed. I am very tired."

She made her excuses to Isobel, and when she had gone Archie glanced at his watch, then suppressed a low whistle of dismay. Two minutes later he had slipped on a coat and cap and was outside, hurrying in the direction of that part of Fleetville where his father's great colleries were, and near

which the manager's house was situated. At a certain quiet corner there, Greta Arbuthnot, the manager's only daughter, would be waiting for him, he knew.

CHAPTER VI.

Read in Her Hand.

One snowy evening, nearly three months later, Sir Anthony's breakfast stood before the door of Abbotsdale. The lamps were lighted, the well-groomed horses pawed the ground restlessly, the coachman on the box was muffled in a big fur cape, and a footman, wearing an equally huge cape, his cockade showing like a star against the lamp, waited alertly by the step. Sir Anthony's carriage being an evidence of his wealth and social superiority, was constantly in the public eye. It was perfect in every detail, and if the coachman and footman were underdressed, they were at least well dressed.

A dance was being given at one of the big country houses, and Isobel and Margot, escorted by Archie, were going. Margot had been out a good deal since she came to Abbotsdale; she had speedily become a universal favorite, and as popularly in any form appealed to Sir Anthony, he had insisted upon her, despite her mourning, accepting the invitations which were showered upon her.

Tom had almost invariably got these invitations also, and at first had almost as invariably accepted them, but he had not fulfilled his engagements; Sir Anthony had seen to that, and lately people had ceased to ask him. Sir Anthony had not been successful in getting him away, but he was careful to keep him in the background.

The hall door swung open; a servant unrolled a strip of matting down the snow-sprinkled steps, and the little party came out. Isobel and Margot first, their skirts held up in billows of lace beneath their long silken coats; Archie following, a silk handkerchief showing at the opening of his coat collar, which was turned up round his ears.

Isobel was unusually genial tonight, and she laughed and talked gaily as the horses went quickly along the snowy roads. The Rev. George was safely annexed at last; she had been wearing his ring on her finger for a week, and the anticipation of all the pleasant, congratulatory speeches which would be made to her at the dance was exciting her. Margot answered her brightly; she had happy anticipations of her own, and her sympathy was ever ready.

"What do you think? They are to have a palmist tonight," she announced when they were rolling up the wide avenue to the house which was their destination, and the bright lights of the windows were twinkling near at hand. "I met Gwen Aylford in Fleetville today, and she told me so. Isn't it a lovely idea? Lady Lingard could not have thought of anything more amusing. We shall all get our hands read."

"Speak for yourself," said Isobel. "I shall not trouble her, but I shall, if 'Oh, won't you? I shall. Curiosity, if nothing else, will take me to her. I couldn't resist the temptation of a real, live palmist under the same roof as myself. It will be fun; we will get something to laugh at, at any rate."

"Trust a girl for wanting to have her fortune told," Archie commented with a grin. "You are all the same; every one of you. I'll bet, Isobel, you would have been after the palmist jolly quick if you had the chance a fortnight ago. You hadn't got the Rev. George fixed up then?"

"I wish, Archie, you would stop speaking of George in that odious manner!"

"Nothing like giving him his title."

To Be Continued.

HARE-HOWITT

Wedding of a Popular Couple at Mount Brydges.

The marriage of Miss Pearl Hare and Mr. J. Howitt, Thamesville, was solemnized at the residence of Mr. O. Monger, Mount Brydges, as high noon, Dec. 24, in the presence of a few intimate friends. Rev. J. McInnes, pastor of St. James' Presbyterian Church, Thamesville, performed the ceremony.

The charming bride, wearing a costume of champagne crepe de chene, with pale blue trimmings and carrying white carnations with maiden hair fern, was conducted to the drawing-room by Mr. Monger, while Miss Mabel Donaldson, of Strathroy, played the wedding march.

After a dainty luncheon the happy couple left on the 5 p. m. train for Toronto, followed by the good wishes of their many friends. The bride's going-away gown was of brown Panama cloth. The beautiful presents were an evidence of the esteem in which the bride is held.

AMERICAN STEAMER ON FIRE AT KOBÉ.

Kobe, Dec. 24.—Fire broke out on board the American steamer Minnesota, captain Austin, in this harbor. Both the vessel and her cargo were damaged. The Minnesota is from Seattle for Hong Kong via Yokohama, etc.

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DETAILS OF THE G. T. R. PENSION

Splendid Christmas Box Handed the Employees By the Big System.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—A splendid Christmas box was handed out to its men by the Grand Trunk, in the shape of announcement of the details of its new pension system, which is of a most generous nature. The pension fund will be entirely contributed by the company, the men not being assessed one cent for its maintenance or administration. It will affect every member of the staff from Charles M. Hays down to the humblest section man, while provision is also made for men incapacitated by accident or otherwise, or even men discharged without cause, and otherwise eligible under the pension rules.

The establishment of this pension system was approved at the last annual meeting of the shareholders, when the handsome sum of \$200,000 was voted as a nucleus. In addition to the income from this sum, however, it is estimated that the company will have to supplement this by a large sum, varying from \$70,000 to \$75,000 a year.

It was stated at Grand Trunk headquarters yesterday that it is now proposed to make the operation of the pension fund effective on and after Jan. 1, 1908, and the rules will be published to all the 35,000 or more employees on the rolls of the railway. Unlike the pension funds which have been established by some of the other large railways of this continent, in which there are not a few, the rules of the Grand Trunk pension fund will apply from the highest to the lowest of the staff—from the general manager himself down to the humblest sectionman or gatkeeper. They require absolutely the retirement from active service of every officer or employee when attaining the age of 65, and if he has entered the service before the age of 50 years, and has served for a period of 15 years, or more, he is entitled with the approval of the pension fund committee to an annual salary paid for ten continuous years, for each year of uninterrupted employment, the basis of calculation being the same as that practically universal on this continent.

Thus if a man has served, say 30 years, receiving an average of \$1,000 per annum (\$33 33 per month) on the pay rolls of the company for the last ten years—or for any period of ten years during his term of service—he would be entitled to 1 per cent of \$1,000—\$100 per annum, or \$833 33 per annum, equal to 32 1/2 per cent.

The company, however, have made a provision that irrespective of rate of pay or service, the minimum allowance to be paid under any circumstances will be \$200 per annum, and this without any counterbalancing maximum.

Another distinguishing feature is that whilst nearly all other companies base their pension on the average wage rate of the last ten years of service, the allowance from this fund will be on the highest average rate of wages for any ten consecutive years of continuous service. The most satisfactory rule, however, from the employees' standpoint will be one providing that any employee over 50 years of age, after fifteen years of service, if discharged without cause, at any time previous to reaching the pension age limit, becomes eligible to pension in proportion to the number of years of service up to date of discharge.

Company to Bear Whole Cost.

Although it was originally considered desirable to follow the general rules prevailing in Great Britain, of the formation of such a fund by mutual contribution from the company and employees, it has been finally decided to follow the practice of companies generally on this continent, of contributing entirely out of their own revenues the necessary fund for the pensioning of their aged and faithful employees.

There is an old saying that is often worn threadbare by interested agitators and cynical politicians, that "Corporations have no souls"; such statements fall to the ground, however, when met with facts such as are illustrated by the details of this fund, which is to be contributed entirely by the company, without requiring any contribution whatever on the part of the employees.

The rules of the new Grand Trunk pension department will include the best provisions of all other companies, railway and industrial, with two or three features entirely novel or not common to all. It will be administered generally on the basis of the company from among its official staff (which board will be known as the pension committee, whose decisions will be final in all matters pertaining to the administration of the fund).

The benefits of the fund will also apply to worthy employees who may have been injured in the service of the company or who have suffered the loss of faculties which render them incapable of self-support, such employees having served the company the minimum period of 15 years—whether the age limit has been attained or not.

Supersedes Old System.

While the Grand Trunk established, a number of years ago, what is known as the "Superannuation and Provident Fund Association," which is still in existence, its membership is limited to the official and clerical staff throughout its lines in Canada only, whereas the new fund will apply to employees on all lines of the present system, and, as before stated, to all classes of employees.

The superannuation fund will continue in operation with the registered membership as of Dec. 31, 1907, but will be closed against admission of any new members after that date.

It is anticipated that the pension scheme will forever supersede the old company's Insurance and Provident Society, which has been for many years in a state of stagnation, and which was the inability of an aged or permanently disabled employee to keep up his payments to the insurance fund, although privileged to do so. Hereafter a very small deduction from his pension allowance will enable him to insure his family for his family up to the maximum amount of \$2,000.

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BULLET WENT WIDE

The Hamilton Shooting Affair—Little Evidence Against Accused.

Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Harry Rushbrook, who was arrested last night for shooting with intent to kill at Mrs. Agnes Davis, with whom he was quarreling, was before the magistrate this morning, but the complainant was not sure that he intended to kill her when he fired the shot. Neither did she know where the bullet went. The case was enlarged until Thursday to give the police a chance to get some further evidence.

A DRY CHRISTMAS

For First Time in Chattanooga All the Saloons Will Be Closed.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 24.—For the first time in the history of the liquor business in Chattanooga all the saloons of the city will be closed tight on Christmas day. This is neither the result of law, ordinance or outside influence, the saloonmen having some weeks ago agreed to observe the day. This action has aroused much favorable comment.

MEMPHIS SAVINGS BANK FAILED.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 24.—The Memphis Savings Bank failed to open its doors this morning. A notice posted on the door said that the bank had been placed in the hands of a receiver. No statement has been issued.

A Bad Stomach

Lessens the usefulness and mars the happiness of life.

It's a weak stomach, a stomach that can not properly perform its functions. Among the symptoms are distress after eating, nausea between meals, heartburn, belching, vomiting, flatulence and nervous headache.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Cure a bad stomach, indigestion and dyspepsia, and the cure is permanent. Accept no substitutes.

A Merry Christmas

May Christmas pack your stocking, from toe to top, full of prosperity.

And your Christmas joy be bright as berries on the holly wreath.

May Christmas love be like the Christmas Tree—evergreen.

May the old be young again—though you're fifty, sixty, seventy or more, may you feel once again as you did when you crept downstairs in the dawning to see if Santa had been down the chimney.

May our Customers, Old Friends and New—everyone—feel the hearty hand-clasp of this store, with "A Merry Christmas and A Bright and Prosperous New Year."

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BRASS CASTINGS TO PATTERN

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. SPECIAL PRICES.

The Canada Metal Co., Limited, William St., Toronto, Ont.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. Has been used for over THIRTY YEARS by MILLIONS OF MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEETHING, WITH PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES THE CHILD, SOFTENS THE GUMS, ALLAYS ALL PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's."

MEN AND WOMEN. Use Big 40 for unnatural discharges, inflammation, irritations or ulcerations of the male membrane, Pains, and not astriction or polypus. Sold by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for \$1.00, or 5 bottles \$2.75. Circular sent on request.

Latest News From
Far and Near

IN THE WIDE WORLD OF SPORT

Well-Written and
Breezy GossipCamp Chooses All-American Team
Three Yale Players On Line-Up"Germany" Schultz of Michigan
Best Center of the
Year.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 24. — Walter Camp, whose all-America football team will appear in this week's number of Collier's, has honored the west by naming Schultz, of Michigan, as the best center of the year, and placing him on the first team.

Stefen, of Chicago, is made quarter-back of the third team, and Capron, of Minnesota, also is given a berth on the third eleven.

Yale, the championship team, is given three positions on the famous expert's all-America while Princeton and Pennsylvania, the two next best teams, are represented by two players apiece. Michigan, Annapolis, West Point and Harvard each landed one star on the hypothetical eleven.

In picking the team, Yale's noted

adviser lays heavy stress on the need of equipment to play the necessarily varied forms of attack and defense essential to victory under the new rules. First as to attack, and defense to that most important part of the forward pass, Tad Jones, of Yale, is considered by the famous authority par excellence the most skillful man in any back field in executing the forward pass since frustrating the efforts of the opponents to use the same play, a loose ball — a quality which he picks as the ends to assist in that play, Alcott, of Yale, "the best man to take any kind of a pass," said Dague, of the Navy, "was the best man on the gridiron at securing a loose ball — a quality which is exceptionally valuable in the chances that are from time to time occurring in the new game."

"Next as to on-side kicking," writes Mr. Camp, "I have Harlan, of Princeton, admittedly the most successful performer of the year of this kind of a trick." Then the authority goes on to select the cream of the players as to ordinary attack and defense.

TOMMY RYAN.
(JOE YOUNG'S)

Famous middleweight champion boxer, who may be called upon shortly to meet a foeman worthy of his steel, when the winner of the Papke-Kelly bout meets Young Ketchel.

Ryan has been out of business for some time.

Camp's Choice for
All-American Team

Player and college.	Position.
Schultz, Michigan	Center
Erwin, West Point	Guard
Ziegler, Penn.	Guard
Biglow, Yale	Guard
Draper, Penn.	Tackle
Dague, Annapolis	Tackle
Alcott, Yale	End
Jones, Yale	End
Wendell, Harvard	Quarter
Harlan, Princeton	Halfback
McCormick, Princeton	Fullback

BETTING TAKING
ANOTHER TURN

Odds Now Favor Kelley at 10
to 7—Think Papke Has
No Show.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Fight fans who have been watching Hugo Kelly train have changed the opinions they held when Hugo was first matched with Billy Papke, and are now declaring that the latter cannot lose—that he is too cool, too clever and too skilled in all round generalship. Papke is no match for Hugo in experience, and Kelly's friends aver that he cannot even hit as hard.

The betting has veered rapidly in the last few days, and from being a 10 to 7 proposition in favor of Kelly, the rush of small bettors and large bettors from La Salle, Peoria and other places where Papke is thought invincible will doubtless change this again to even money when Milwaukee is reached by the fans.

Papke, training steadily at Kewanee, thinks Kelly will be no harder to hit than other good men, and that he will fall just as suddenly. Kelly figures that he can get Papke, as the fight goes on, through skill and coolness, and the backers of each man cannot see a chance for a disaster.

The preliminaries to the Milwaukee bout look promising, and ought to furnish an evening of excellent diversion. One thing is certain—the Illinois followers of Papke will buy up the whole house if the natives do not get a move on them as soon as the seat sale is opened.

TORONTO SHOOTERS
ARE VICTORIOUS

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Toronto defeated Montreal in an inter-city revolver match. Each team shot in their own ranges, the targets being exchanged by mail. The match resulted in a victory for the home team by Toronto.

W. Cook	81	85	166
A. S. Todd	74	88	162
George Thompson	82	73	155
P. White	79	77	156
Dr. Van Duser	78	77	155
D. Namuth	78	71	149
W. H. Meadows	68	74	142
J. Trainor	69	73	142
R. Storror	65	74	139
A. Rutherford	67	70	137

Grand total 1,493

Montreal.

E. G. Brewer 72 87 159

R. A. Lockery 81 75 156

I. M. Lockery 79 74 153

K. D. Young 79 73 152

E. C. Eaton 69 73 142

A. M. Taylor 68 74 142

K. B. Young 74 60 134

T. C. Cooke 63 69 132

W. P. McEwen 65 58 123

Grand total 1,435

The shooting was done at twenty yards, two targets of ten shots each per man, on the standard American target.

Professor Koppay, the Austrian painter, has just passed through Paris on his way to Vienna from New York, where he did several portraits, among them that of John D. Rockefeller.

Professor Koppay, it is understood, received \$55,000 for portraits painted in America, which is not a bad return for six months' work.

SPORTING GOSSIP

BY SOUTHPAW

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

BIG CURLING MATCH ON TODAY.

TODAY IS THE DAY of the big president-vice-president curling match at the Thistle Club. Players are requested to report not later than 9 o'clock this morning. Anthony Adare has assured the members that the ice will be in the best of shape, and that means that it will be fit for a king. Any time they get ahead of "Tony" they will have to travel some.

Both sides are very confident of a victory, and the contest should be a battle royal.

WHAT IS DOING IN THE CITY LEAGUE.

AT THE REQUEST of the executive of the City Hockey League, Mr. H. B. Moyer, sporting editor of The Advertiser, has accepted the secretary-treasurership of the league.

Mr. Ward Casselman was elected by acclamation to the office, but was unable to accept owing to the press of business.

On Thursday the secretary and Mr. B. Vining will interview Mr. Holman at the Princess Rink, in reference to ice. At present, matters look very favorable, and the only hitch, if there is any, would be on the matter of terms. However, no difficulty is anticipated, and it is expected that City League games will take place on Friday evenings.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE WON'T DOWN.

MAJOR JUDD HAS RECEIVED A LETTER from a New York State baseballman asking for particulars as to the placing of an international league team in this city next summer. If his worship does the square thing, he will inform the gentleman that, with St. Thomas on the map, there is no chance.

ENGLISH ARE NOT ALL LEMONS.

THE FACT THAT one lone Englishman last evening whipped five men proves conclusively that all of the British are not built on the Mole plan. At that, everybody concedes that the "Gunner" stopped everything that came his way without a whimper.

FIVE DAYS MORE BEFORE HOCKEY GAME.

FIVE DAYS MORE remain before we can see our hopeful Londoners in action on the ice, and in the meantime, local sportsmen can busy themselves figuring out the probable result.

There are those who cannot see the locals in an O. H. A. combat, and chance, on paper, at least.

Every loyal Londoner will be present at the opening battle with Ingersoll to root for a "home" victory, no matter which way the tide turns.

TRICKS OF THE "GOOD OLD DAYS."

IN THE "GOOD OLD DAYS" many a trick was pulled off in this town at the hockey game, and inasmuch as those days are past and the majority of those who were parties to the tricks are out of the game, no harm can be done recalling a few of the big stunts.

A BIG TRICK PULLED OFF.

Perhaps the biggest trick turned was the one at Stratford, about six or seven years ago, when Frank Wind, a Montreal crack, was rung in under the name of a punk player from Delaware. The tip was handed out all over London and wads of money, large enough to choke a cow, were laid down on the locals' chance. London was then playing in the Inter-Without Winn.

WINN OPENED THEIR EYES.

Everything went without a hitch until Winn got to performing. Then the staff was off. A Stratford player named Benjamin, recognized Winn, and at once informed the other players on the team of the fact. Stratford finished the game, but in a half-hearted manner.

GAME THROWN OUT.

The game, of course, was protested, and the London players were professionalized. Among those professionalized were: Frank Hobbs, Percy Aspland, Walter Little, Ernie Westcott, and Ernie Lang.

Of these, but one player, Walter Little was reinstated.

Aspland is now a doctor in the States, Hobbs is traveling out of Toronto, and the Winnipeg representative of Robinson, Little & Co., Westcott two years ago played professional hockey in the big league. He is a hardware salesman. An effort was made last year to reinstate Lang, but the effort was futile. His whereabouts are unknown.

THE BETTING PROPOSITION.

The funny part of the betting proposition, though, was that those who wagered on London's chances in winning the game, lost, while those who bet that the locals' score would be larger than that of Stratford, won out.

ANOTHER HOCKEY TALE.

Another story involves a joke on a well-known clubman of this city. London was playing Ingersoll, and a man had been imported for the occasion. The clubman in question had been given \$50 by a friend to wager on London.

The clubman did not know of the importation, and decided that the locals were not worth a bet, and kept the \$50 in his pocket.

London won out by a small margin, but the trick was discovered and a protest entered.

WHEN JONES MET ROBERTSON.

Perhaps the funniest one, though, was the time a player—well call him Jones—was imported and reputed to be employed at a Dundas street clothing store. This player was in reality receiving \$100 a month from the local management. Jones used to stand at the door or at the front window of the clothing store every day for a half-hour or so, not even removing his overcoat. Then he would pike over to the rink for practice.

The O. H. A. people were suspicious of the man, but could prove nothing, and he stuck.

NOT PLEASED TO KNOW HIM.

One day Jones met J. Ross Robertson, head of the O. H. A., in a Toronto hotel. The recognition was mutual.

"Hello! Who are you?" asked Mr. Robertson.

"That's Jones," replied Jones. "Oh, I'm Jones, of the London team."

"So you're Jones, of London, eh? Well, I can't say that I am over-pleased to have met you," was the reply.

Jones laughed, and lit up a cigarette.

Tom Longboat Is a Professional
Says New York Sporting WriterNew York World Joke Artist
Springs a Novel Gag—Every-
thing Cut and Dried.

Well, well, well! A New York writer has the professionalization of Longboat, Canada's greatest runner, all cut and dried. Surely the writer of the article must have missed his calling. He should be given a trial on Puck or Judge. The article reads:

"Tom Longboat, the famous Indian runner, will not toe the scratch in a race for world's honors in London next year."

"What is more, he will not be a competitor at the Pastime A. C. games in Madison Square Garden on June 27, President Sullivan, of the A. A. U., has taken a stand against the Canadian redman that bars him from competing in the metropolitan district."

"It all hinges on a reported agreement entered into by Longboat to pose as an amateur for five years, when he was to receive \$2,000 from Hugh Graham, of Montreal."

"Here is an extract from a letter received by Longboat from Mr. Graham: 'If at the end of five years you are still in the athletic field, and it can be truthfully said of you that you have resisted temptation, kept temperate and ranged yourself on the side of clean sport, I shall be pleased to hand you a check for \$2,000.'"

"The Indian replied: 'You are very kind. I know how you feel. You want Canada's name kept good. I feel the same. I will do my best. Five years from today I will send you a little bill for \$2,000, and will buy a nice little wigwag for my best girl.'"

"This makes the Indian a professional, and the English A. A. U. will never accept the entry of an athlete under a cloud, and Longboat is now under suspension by the Amateur Federation of Canada."

NOT FOR DAN

Dan Murray, the racing form chart genius, prides himself upon his knowledge of military matters. While the Windsor meeting was running this fall, Dan was standing with a few friends opposite the City Hall in Detroit, when a regiment of American soldiers marched by. One of his friends remarked: "Say, Dan, do you think an army officer who has no private income can live on his pay?"

Quick as a flash Dan answered: "Not unless he's a teetotaler. I've tried that game myself."

Jennings Will Depend On Colts
No Chance To Sign Up VeteranEfforts To Sign Up Seasoned
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Futile.

Detroit, Dec. 24.—It begins to look as though the champions will have to open the race of 1908 without the addition of the veteran pitcher expected.

Despite the efforts made to land some seasoned box artist, there appears to be little chance. Washington is the one team in the league which could give a twirler for some man to strengthen the club, and Canton will depend upon Sum-

mers, Willett, Bump Jones and Malloy. He is confident he can get at least one heavy-weight start from this quartet.

Last year the little manager tried a new plan. He went south early with his colts, and studied them before the regulars came. This year he plans to stand pat with his colts, so he will start with them in Hot Springs.

Before they leave this place for Little Rock they will be in shape to play. He then expects to devote his entire time to the colts, pitchers.

Edgar Willett will be the big task for Hughie. Down south last year he was busily engaged in becoming acquainted with his regulars and stamping out the discussions which flooded the camp. He had little or no time to watch his youngsters. Then the season opened. There was not on rest-

ing place during the entire schedule. From July on he hardly dared trust the team's fate with a good pitcher. The regulars were worked harder and the colts dallied along doing nothing.

HERMITS VS. STRUTHERS THURSDAY
AN INTERESTING GAME IS PROMISEDRecluses Are Looking for More
Practice—Rounding Into
Trim for Contests.

On Thursday evening the speedy Hermit will tackle the Struthers' Company seven at the Sincere Street Rink, from 10 to 11 o'clock.

There is no need to comment on the Hermit's tackle the Struthers' past players, and he promises to keep past players excellent sportsmen and players.

The Struthers team, too, did good work last season in the Drygoods League, and should be able to give the Hermit a good contest.

The Hermit is desirous of arranging other practice games.

Phone the sporting editor of this paper (phone 134), or communicate with Mr. Arthur Keene, King street.

The Recluses are rapidly getting into shape for the promised City League battles, and hope to keep things stirring when the whistle starts the four teams on their way.

Ice Sport On Strong Footing
Opens Way for New Champion

New York, Dec. 24.—This will be the first season in several years when ice skating has been upon a substantial footing, the organization of the International Skating Union affiliated with the A. A. U. and the closing of the factional fight giving the sport a better foundation. The withdrawal of Champion Morris Wood from the amateur class has also given fresh opportunities for other skaters, among them being Edward Lamy, the 17-year-old boy from Saratoga Lake, and Allan Taylor, of the Irish-American Club.

The metropolitan championships will be held at Saratoga Park, Newark, and New York rinks later in the season if the ice is suitable.

The auspices of the Saratoga Skating Club, of Brooklyn. The national outdoor championships will be held at Orange Lake and under the auspices of the Newark Wheelmen about Jan. 20.

Montreal has secured the international outdoor championships for Feb. 1, and the international indoor events will be held at Duquesne Rink, Pittsburgh, on Feb. 7 and 8. All the best skaters of the United States and Canada have promised to come here on Lincoln's Birthday for the big open international races at Verona Lake, while a number of other interesting meets will be held at Saratoga Park, Newark, and New York rinks later in the season if the ice is suitable.

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ation that we extend
our thanks for the
liberal patronage we
have enjoyed this
HOLIDAY SEASON
and wish everyone a
Very Merry
Christmas and
Bright, Pros-
perous New Year.

Thos. Gilleen

QUALITY STORE

Wish to All
a
Merry Christmas

HARRY RANAHAN
515 RICHMOND STREET.

**Diamond
Hall Wish**

MAY the "gifts"
purchased from
either of our stores
for today's giving,
make the recipients
happier.
MAY we be your
"Family Jeweler"
in future.

**DIAMOND HALL,
W. G. YOUNG**
TWO STORES.
214-674 Dundas St.

City and District

—Rev. A. J. Vining and Mrs. Vining
are spending Christmas with relatives
in Thorndale.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Exley, King
street, are spending the Christmas
holidays in Wheeling, W. Va.

—Mr. D. W. Gibson left Moosejaw
on Friday for his home in this city,
where he will spend Christmas.

—Mr. William Michael, of Hamilton,
is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
William Michael, 317 Bathurst street.

—Mr. T. Allen, of Hartford, Conn.,
formerly of this city, is visiting his
son, Mr. H. P. Allen, 571 Queen's
avenue.

—Rev. Mr. Holmes, of Blenheim,
who has been in Victoria Hospital
for some time, left yesterday for his
home.

—Dr. D. C. Tennent, V. S., Govern-
ment inspector, who is stationed at
Pergus, is spending Christmas with
his parents in this city.

—Mr. Leslie Tanton, of the School
of Science, in Toronto, is spending

**Merry Christmas
to One and All**

J. BLOOMFIELD
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For men and women, stand for all
that is extremely good in shoe-
making—for faultless fitting, for
beauty of finish and thorough de-
pendability. They cost \$4.50 and
\$5.00 a pair, but every pair repre-
sents more than a dollar's worth
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Sold exclusively in London by

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LIMITED.

Good Shoes for All the Family.
167 DUNDAS ST., near Richmond.
388a RICHMOND, near Dundas.

**Beltz's
Removal Sale**

CHRISTMAS FURS

Some good Ladies' Cloth
Fur-Lined Coats at the
manufacturer's price.

BELTZ
PRACTICAL FURRIER.

few days with his father, Mr. John
Tanton, 379 Waterloo street.

—Mr. D. Frank Smith, of this city,
is spending Christmas with his father
in London Township.

—Mr. T. H. Taylor and wife, of
Vancouver, B. C., is spending Christ-
mas with Mrs. J. Taylor, Evergreen
avenue.

—Mr. A. W. Vining, of Brandon Col-
lege, Brandon, Manitoba, has been
spending the holidays with his brother,
Rev. A. J. Vining, of Talbot Street
Baptist Church.

—W. C. Lee, of Saskatoon, Sask.,
arrived in London on Friday last, on
a visit to his mother, Mrs. John W.
Lee, of Westminster, after an absence
of sixteen years.

—Mrs. Joseph Harker, Strathroy, is
spending Christmas with her grand-
son, Mr. John Harker, Wellington
street. Mrs. Harker, who is in her
93rd year, is a remarkably active lady
for her age.

—Messrs. Fred Elliott, Fred. Mathe-
son and Fred Sangster, three popular
representatives of the Acme White
Lead and Color Company, the largest
paint plant in the world, are home on
their half-yearly visit. They state
business is getting brisk again. The
three Freds certainly look like ad-
vance agents for good times.

Cigars for Police.

The members of the police force
were made the recipients of several
boxes of cigars yesterday by local
manufacturers, and wish to extend
their thanks for the same.

Remembered the Employees.
The Sherlock-Manning Organ Com-
pany presented each of its married
employees with a turkey on Tuesday.
Each single man was given a neck-
tie.

Resigned His Position.
Mr. John Tanton, jun., of Warton
High School, has resigned his position
and will take a course in Queen's
University, Kingston. Mr. Tanton is
at present spending the holidays with
his father, Mr. John Tanton, 379 Talbot
street.

Called to Toronto.

Rev. R. J. Treleven, of the First
Methodist Church, Hamilton, and a
former London pastor, has received
and accepted a call to become the
pastor of Carlton Street Methodist
Church at the close of his pastorate.
Rev. Mr. Treleven will remain in
Hamilton until the summer of 1909.

Few Drunks.

The police report that for Christ-
mas Eve the number of drunks was
unusually light. Only four inebriates
were gathered in, and they spent the
night in the cells. Last year there
were sixteen drunks brought in on
Christmas Eve.

Death of H. C. Scott.

Word was received last night of the
death of Harry C. Scott, which took
place in London, England, suddenly,
on Saturday last. Deceased was a son
of Mr. Wm. Scott, of 847 Maitland
street. No particulars have been re-
ceived as yet regarding the matter.

The Dog Show.

Over 80 dogs have been entered for
the local dog show, Dec. 26, and in-
clude many well-known prize-win-
ners. Dr. Fred L. Wood, the secre-
tary, declares that the toy classes—
the fox-terriers and the Boston bull
classes—are exceptionally well filled,
and will provide splendid competition.
The show promises to be a great suc-
cess.

Card of Thanks.

The father and mother of Alex.
Southern, now in Niagara at St. John's
Hospital, beg to thank the staff there for their
unremitting kindness and care of their
son. Also the London Lithographing
Company, where he worked and was
injured, the pastors and many friends
who have called and sympathized
with all at home, and last, but not
least, the many friends known and

unknown who have taken of their
bounty to add good cheer and comfort
for the whole family.

Ancient Order Foresters.

Court Forest Queen, 5563, held its
annual meeting last Monday evening,
when the following officers were
elected for the ensuing year: Past
chief ranger, Bro. W. J. Boyce; chief
ranger, Bro. Wm. Sloman; sub-chief
ranger, Bro. W. E. Bateman, M. D.;
treasurer, Bro. F. W. J. Ball, retained;
financial secretary, Bro. R. H. Brock;
secretary, Bro. Wm. Woodward, Bro. Wm.
Eveling; junior woodward, Bro. F.
Wright; senior beadle, John Potter;
junior beadle, Geo. Brown; minute
secretary, Wm. Brimblecombe; medical
officers, Bros. W. E. Bateson, M. D.,
and Dr. Shaw; trustees, Bros. A. O.
Jeffery, Geo. Mortimer and T. R.
Howard; auditors, Bros. Wm. Brim-
blecombe, Herbert Bass and R. Lucas;
representatives to juvenile branch,
Bros. R. H. Brock, W. J. Boyce and
Wm. Sloman; union committee, Bros.
F. W. J. Ball and R. H. Brock; or-
ganist, Bro. Wm. Howstan, corre-
spondent to A. O. F., Bro. Wm. Slo-
man.

EMPLOYES HONOR

MANAGER WOOD

Gave Him a Beautiful Pipe and
Case on Monday as Token
of Their Esteem.

Monday afternoon the employees of
the Gurney-Oxford store presented
Manager Wood with a beautiful pipe
and case, and the following address:
"Dear Mr. Wood: For five years
you have been directing the affairs of
the business by which we are em-
ployed, and during that time, by your
straightforward methods and kind-
ness in all things connected with your
dealings with the staff, you have en-
deared yourself to us.

"We would feel that we had been
derelict in courtesy if we allowed this
opportunity, coming at the one time
in the year when gifts are always ac-
ceptable, not for their intrinsic value,
but for the spirit in which they are
given, to pass, without in some way
expressing to you in a tangible form
the sentiments that we now and ever
will entertain towards you. Trusting
that you will long be with us, and
that the present relations now exist-
ing will never be marred or strained,
we beg of you to accept this little
tribute.

"WM. A. HUNT,
"R. DE COURSEY."



The Old "Perennial" Today.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" will appear at
the Grand today, matinee and evening.
There never has been a better pro-
duction of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" on
the road than that made by A. W.
Martin. It is the largest company
ever used in the production of the
play. The scenery and electrical ef-
fects are special features of the pro-
duction.

The first production of Howard
Hall's, "The Fatal Flower," will be
made in this city next Saturday, mat-
inee and evening, at the Grand. The
play is one of merit, compares favor-
ably with the production of "The Lion
and the Mouse," and other plays on
that line, and will appeal strongly to
the theatergoers who admire this class
of attraction. William Walcott eads
te cast, supported by Miss Florence
Boyd, who will play the part of the
heroine, a part which is a stirring
portrayal of the passions which make
up a woman's life.

Dining Cars and Buffet Cars

Have become a necessity for patrons
of the Grand Trunk Railway System.
They run on all principal day and
evening trains to Niagara Falls, Buf-
falo, Detroit, Chicago and Montreal.
Spotless linen, rich cut glass, Limoges
china and exquisite silver make it a
delight to enjoy a choice steak, chop,
cigars, etc., as you pass through the
while riding over smooth, double-track
line at a 50 or 60 mile gait. The best
of everything, at moderate prices is
the Grand Trunk's aim.

Advertiser Correspondence

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

As cheap power seems to be the burning
question with the citizens of this city at
the present time I would like to give a
little more enlightenment on the ques-
tion through your valuable space. The
following is the result of a test run a
few days ago on the power of the engine
which was conducted as a service test.

The machine was a 500-horsepower
double-acting producer gas engine, and
directly connected to a 500-kilowatt gen-
erator, and the particular interest at-
tached to the test is that it was made
with the equipment in charge of its regular
operating force, working under the ordi-
nary conditions of service, and the engine
was in no wise under select, favorable con-
ditions. The average consumption of coal
of the producer during the 51 hours cov-
ered by the run was 1 1/2 pounds per kilowatt
hour, which is equivalent to 0.97
pounds per horsepower hour. The coal em-
ployed was Clearfield bituminous, run of
mine averaging 14,321 B. T. U. per pound.
The cylinder indicated consumption was
slightly charged against the gas engine,
when all other arguments fail, proved to
be 0.6 per day, an amount which does not
imply a serious expense per full load 2 1/2
hours and below the mean, and the peak
load was 225 per cent above the mean or
average load. The gas consumption varied
from 190 cubic feet per horsepower at one-
quarter load, to 30 cubic feet at full load.
Take it just as it is, a plant such as the
one considered, is a challenge to the city
of London cannot safely overlook.

From this data one would be disposed to
say that the engine at 825 a horsepower is
an outrageous figure, even if we only had
to pay for what is used, and it is certain-
ly twice the burden to charge us this rate
(on the peak load basis) when the same
power could be produced here for less
than \$7 per horsepower for 24 hours, power
by peak load, with even as small a unit
as 500-horsepower. It is safe to say that
the gas engine is still far from perfect.

and, as stated by professors of the highest
rank, that the present gas engine is now
in about the same relative state as the
steam engine was when carless and com-
pounding.

It is therefore reasonable to expect that
a private company, with such a plant as
the above, could do city street lighting
for one-half the cost that Niagara Light-
ing is quoted at, and then leave a good
margin of profit for the company, and at
the same time not costing the city of
London a dollar. And, Sir, I am strongly
of the opinion that before the next five
years the cost of gas producer power will
be still reduced at least 25 per cent.
Yours truly,
F. G. MITCHELL.
London, Dec. 24.

**BAD COLORED MAN
WAS GATHERED IN**

**William Johnston Was Drunk
and Has Unsavory
Reputation.**

William Johnston, a colored man well-
known to the police as being drunk
last night on Dundas street for being
drunk, and it is quite likely that a
charge of assault or disorderly conduct
may be laid against him when he ap-
pears. Johnston is said to have been
pretty drunk and to have stopped a
lady on the street and insulted her.
Johnston has done time at the Central
prison for insulting ladies.

WAS ALLOWED TO GO

**William Webb Is Said To Be Weak-
Minded.**

William Webb, a farmhand, was
yesterday allowed to go free by Squire
Chittick on a charge of trespass, pre-
ferred by a farmer named Hanna, of
Westminster.

Webb had been dispossessed in
Dorchester and tried to rent a small
house on Hanna's premises. This was
refused him, and he moved in the
face of the refusal.

Webb was assessed the costs. He
is said to be weak-minded.

SIX MEN BADLY INJURED

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Schram's face is terribly scalded.
One eye is completely closed, and his
shoulders are also scalded fearfully.
Several scalp wounds add to the se-
riousness of his case. The skull is
slightly fractured, and he is in a se-
rious condition.

Wm. Nixon has a very badly burned
body. He is scalded fearfully from his
head to his hips, in many places the
skin peeling from his body. He has
also a very badly fractured leg. It ap-
parently was struck by some flying
piece of steel. There is a big hole in
his ankle, and Dr. Routledge had to
remove several pieces of the bone from
it. His injuries are of a most serious
nature.

Mr. Jos. Poole is suffering from a
severe scalp wound, and, although
scalded, his wounds are not so serious
as those of the others.

Mr. Henry Woods, at whose home
the accident occurred, is also badly
scalded.

Mr. Nixon's hired man, Arthur
Porte, is badly scalded likewise.

Mr. Nixon Owned Engine.

The engine belonged to Mr. Wm.
Nixon. He had used it for many years
for his own accommodation for cut-
ting wood and such, and occasionally
he helped his neighbors out, although
he did not make a business of it. The
engine was a relative of his, and
it was Mr. Nixon's custom to give him
a day or so every year for "buzzing"
wood.

The engine was supposed to be per-
fectly safe, and there was no reason to
believe that it was otherwise. While
old, it was considered all right, and
had been used practically all fall for
one purpose or another. No reason
for the explosion can be given. No
one seems to know how it happened,
or from what it occurred.

A Terrible Sight.

"It was the worst sight I ever saw,"
said Dr. Routledge to The Advertiser,
last night. "The engine was com-
pletely wrecked. Only the two front
wheels remain. The rest of it is scat-
tered all over the orchard. The explo-
sion was heard at a great distance.
The neighbors were on hand a very
few minutes after it occurred, and did
all they could for the unfortunate
men. They were in awful shape when
I got there. They were all uncon-
scious and covered with blood. They
are all badly scalded.

Cases Very Serious.

"I consider the cases of Mr. Nixon
and Mr. Schram very serious. They
will probably get better, provided no
complications set in, but nevertheless
they are in a very bad way. How any
of them escaped is a wonder to me. It
is nothing short of a miracle. They
were standing only a short distance
from the engine when it exploded.
"It seems as if the boiler blew up
over them.

"The flying steel and iron passed
over their heads, only a few fragments
striking the men, and most of the
pieces seemed to strike glancing
blows.

"But, of course, they were covered
with scalding steam and water, and it
is from that that most of the injuries
are due. It is a miraculous thing. I
really can't understand how the men
escaped."

Scene of the Accident.

The scene of the accident was about
two miles and a half west of Lan-
gton, where was Mr. Nixon's hired man,
both on the farm of Mr. Henry Woods.

All the victims are married men
with families, with the exception of
Mr. George Poole, who is a son of
Joseph Poole, and Mr. Arthur
Porte, who is Mr. Nixon's hired man.
All were resting as well as could be
expected at last reports.

Comfortable rubber-tired carriages
for theater. Hueston's Livory.

Buy White House Coffee, 40c pound. It's
delicious. In one or two pound tins. F. E.
Smith, grocer, Phone 125.

The Russo-Japanese Company, for
the importation into Russia of the
products of Japan, has been definitely
organized. It has a capital of a mil-
lion yen (\$100,000) and proposes to
found a bank.

A. Screaton & Co.

Extend to their
many customers
and friends in
London and
throughout
Western Ontario

**Christmas Greetings
and Best Wishes**

Merry Christmas!

"At Christmas Play and Make Good Cheer,
For Christmas Comes But Once a Year."

TODAY we "Play and Make Good Cheer," and in the
spirit of good fellowship that animates all mankind,
we extend to the good people of London and
vicinity a hearty "Merry Christmas." In addition, we
embrace this opportunity to acknowledge the favor of
liberal and increased trade that our friends the public have
bestowed upon us, and to testify that it shall be our con-
stant effort to merit a continuance of their steadfast pa-
tronage and good will.

Cairncross & Lawrence

Your Vote is Respectfully Solicited for

STEVELY

Candidate with good municipal record and successful
business experience.

**FOR
MAYOR
FOR 1908**

LONDON GENEROUS WITH POOR

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members met on Monday night and
held a unique meeting.

It was decided that each one should
bring to the church some article of
food or clothing. This was done and
the goods collected nearly filled the
large platform. Yesterday afternoon
those who had given met again at the
church and went around and distribut-
ed it.

In the English churches gatherings
were held during the afternoon at
which good cheer was distributed to
many families who were reported to
be in want.

Special Services.

Special Christmas Day services will
be held in the morning in many of the
city churches.

For many days past decoration com-
mittees have been busily engaged in
getting ready for Christmas, and many
of the churches present a very beauti-
ful appearance with festoons of holly
interwined among pretty notices
bearing greetings.

At St. Paul's Cathedral, Holy Com-
munion will be observed at eight
o'clock in the morning and at eleven
regular services will be held. A ser-
mon appropriate to Christmas will be
preached by Bishop Williams. Special
Christmas music has been arranged.

In Catholic Churches.

At St. Peter's Cathedral special high
mass will be celebrated by Right Rev.
Bishop McEvay at ten o'clock.

Father Aylward will preach the
Christmas sermon, after which a spe-
cial offering will be taken up. Earlier
in the morning a special mass for chil-
ren and other masses will be cele-
brated.

At St. Mary's church mass will be
celebrated at six, half-past six and
seven, children's mass at eight o'clock,
a special Thanksgiving mass at half-
past eight and solemn high mass at
half-past ten.

Rev. Father McKeown will celebrate
the latter mass and will be assisted by
Father Roche, of Sandwich College as
deacon and Father Tobin as subdeacon.

A Christmas sermon