

900 MUTINEERS BURNED TO DEATH BY COSSACKS.

Imprisoned in Barracks and Fire Applied--- Cossacks Massacre Hundreds of Civilians ---Horrible Scenes in Distressed Russia

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A cablegram from Vladivostok to the American says: The mutiny and rioting in the Manchurian army are extending and the most terrible scenes are witnessed daily. A detachment of Cossacks attacked the barracks at Tomsk wherein 900 mutineers were confined and set fire to the buildings. It is reported that all the imprisoned men were roasted to death.

Professor Mlukkoff, leader of the democrats, this afternoon is presenting a petition to the proletariat against a general strike.

RUSSIA, Dec. 21.—The International Socialist Bureau has issued a manifesto to the Socialists of the world as follows: "The revolution in Russia advances from aspiration to realization. In this struggle the Russian proletariat should have the moral and material assistance of our brothers throughout the world. Our comrades in the United States request the International Bureau to invite the affiliated organizations to solemnly commemorate January 22, the workers of the world will recall the struggle which the Russian proletariat was then carrying on and therefore the order is hereby given that all affiliated groups, organize meetings and collections January 22 next, and the night of the Sunday preceding. That the orators refer to the heroic efforts of our Russian brothers and let the collections from all countries aid those who are battling against imperialism and for liberty."

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Beyond keeping two British merchant steamers in readiness at Riga for the removal of British subjects in case of necessity, the British government is not taking any other action in respect to the British residents in Russia. The report that the government is sending a warship to the Baltic, is denied by the British officers, who said that the cruiser which reached Swinemunde, Prussia, today, will not go any further. The British officials are confident of Russia's ability to protect foreign subjects and property, and will not send a warship to the Baltic except in case of extreme necessity.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 20, 4.30 p. m.—Reports received from Moscow late this afternoon indicate that the strike was successfully inaugurated and is spreading rapidly. Even the electric light plants are closed. Governor General Douhaassoff has declared the city to be in a partial state of siege which gives the civil authorities exceptional power of arresting, etc. The next move will be to declare a state of siege in which the military supercedes civil power. It is expected that the inauguration of the strike here tomorrow will be followed by a similar measure, but if the situation becomes worse, as anticipated, martial law will be declared.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 20.—The strike promises to be on a far more extensive scale than any previous movement of the kind. It was ascertained tonight that many of the largest concerns will cease operations tomorrow. Almost all the papers suspended by the censorship are appearing under new names and are meeting with huge sales. The railway union at Moscow has resolved to run troop trains from Manchuria and to convey grain to the famine stricken districts.

A loan institution in Winnipeg is in difficulties. The trouble is due to some of the reasons behind the York Loan Company failure. Obligations toward shareholders were assumed which could not be performed unless money came in from new investors. Such a concern is practically insolvent from the beginning, though its insolvency may be concealed by the fact that the company is able to borrow. It is in the position that McEwber was when he paid off his debt by giving a note.

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RUSSIA IN THE HANDS OF FRENZIED STRIKERS.

General Strike Successfully Inaugurated at Moscow Yesterday at Noon.

St. Petersburg Filled With Troops; Moscow in Darkness, and Communication Cut Off With Capital City—Word From Kharkoff States That 10,000 Revolutionists Are Under Arms and May Recapture That City.

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MOSCOW IN DARKNESS. MOSCOW, Dec. 21.—The town is in darkness and the theatres and clubs are closed. The employees of the municipal offices have abandoned their work. Fifty thousand factory hands are idle. The troops consigned to their barracks and every possible military preparation for eventualities has been made.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 21, 2.10 p. m.—Since noon today the streets, particularly in the industrial sections, have been filled with troops. The railroad stations are in possession of the military. Wholesale arrests of the leaders of the workmen were made last night. It is reported that the police included in their captures the members of the second workmen's council, who were placed in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, with the members of the first council, who were arrested Saturday night. A third council, however, promptly took the place of the second.

SITUATION IN RIGA. RIGA, Government of Livonia, Russia, Saturday, Dec. 16, via Setin, Prussia, by steamer Dec. 21.—A special staff correspondent of the Associated Press, who arrived here from Revel by freight steamer today (Dec. 19), while coasting through the Gulf of Riga during the night, great fires on land, probably burning country houses, for it is reported that the military headquarters here thirty-three memorial places were burned after the peasants had driven off or killed the proprietors and their families and burned the mansions and adjoining buildings.

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STRIKE STARTS TAMELY. The strike started here at noon very tamely. In the centre of the city the shops were not closed, the proprietors having received guarantees that if they remained open they would be given ample protection and that any deputations of strikers seeking by threats or force to compel the closing of shops would be instantly arrested. There was, however, an impressive demonstration in the industrial sections. The main interest in the strike of the railway men is centred in Warsaw station, where the government was to make a test of its ability by moving a train for Berlin. The depot was packed with troops. Promptly at noon there was a wild hurrah accompanied by the roar of escaping steam, and a few minutes later the railway men walked out of the yards in a body. The authorities, however, were prepared, and after a delay of ten minutes a locomotive manned by soldiers of a railway battalion, backed into the station and was coupled to the waiting train, which was crowded with people seeking to depart from the unhappy country. Lines of soldiers with fixed bayonets flanked the train and an official with four soldiers entered the carriages and thoroughly searched them in order to ascertain if suspicious persons were on board.

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The Universal Cake Baker. At this season should be very popular in every house. Think of the labor and time it will save during this month. If you haven't seen, look for it. If you haven't bought, buy it. PRICE \$2.00. Raisin Seeders. The Enterprise, Price \$1.00. The X Ray, Price 70 cts. W. H. THORNE & CO., Ltd. Market Square, St. John, N. B.

ST. JOHN BILL STICKER LEFT ESTATE WORTH \$16,624. The last will and testament of Thomas Rogers, whose death took place the other day in Boston, was admitted to probate yesterday afternoon. Mr. Rogers, it will be remembered, was a bill poster, who has resided in Boston for about six years. Letters testamentary were granted to his sister, Katherine Rogers. The estate of the deceased bill poster was found to consist of \$16,624 of personal property, all of which he leaves to his sister, Miss Katherine Rogers. The executor is Edmund G. Kaye.

OPEN TILL 10 THIS WEEK. ST. JOHN, N. B., DEC. 20, 1905. BIG CLOTHING SALE IN FULL SWING.

Crowds of people are taking advantage of this Big Sale and saving from a third to a half of the usual prices. Every Overcoat greatly reduced in price. Men's Suits, Regular \$6 to \$12 for \$3.95, \$5.75 and \$6.98. Boys' Suits, Overcoats and Reefers marked below factory prices. Don't miss this Christmas Sale.

J. N. HARVEY, 199 to 207 Union St, Opera House Block.

Convicts Saved Hundreds of Women From Firery Death. Fearful Holocaust at Blackwell's Island Only Averted By Heroic Prisoners—644 Women Rescued.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Men forgot that they were convicts and remembered only that they were men on Blackwell's Island early this morning, when the male prisoners, marshalled by their keepers into a fire fighting and life saving corps, bore from the flaming floors of the women's wards five hundred and ninety-four frantic women, and from the hospital beds fifty more. Starting in the sewing room of the workhouse and from a cause which has not yet been definitely decided, the fire had reached a fierce blaze at 2 o'clock, when it was discovered. The fire engines proved inadequate and a call for help was sent to the city department. Seven engines were sent over, but were not sufficient to save the women's workhouse from destruction.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR \$42,013. To J. B. McManus, Ltd. of Memramcook. Several Tenders Before Fredericton City Council for Placing of Sewerage—Estimated Cost.

SEARCHING INQUIRY RE YORK LOAN CO. (Special to the Sun.) TORONTO, Dec. 21.—W. H. Cross, government auditor, appointed to look into the affairs of the York County Loan Co., has decided to conduct a searching investigation. This decision was taken after the examination of Joseph Phillips, president of the York County Loan, yesterday. The investigation will be conducted under oath, and will begin Tuesday next.

LETTER TO MAYOR ELLIS. (Special to the Sun.) OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—Vicar General Routhier wrote to Mayor Ellis tonight stating that as he had published what was a private letter he might remind him that, last year he (the mayor) came to solicit the support of the vicar general and gave a definite pledge then that he would advocate the claims of a French-Canadian this year.

CANADIAN WINS AT OXFORD. (Montreal Witness.) The Rev. Dr. Rose of Hamilton has received a cablegram stating that his son Herbert has won both the Ireland and the Craven scholarships, the latter of which is recognized as par excellence the blue ribbon of the Oxford course. Mr. Rose is one of three former students of McGill now attending Oxford under the Rhodes scholarship foundation. He graduated from McGill in 1904 with first rank in honors in classics and the Chapman gold medal. At Oxford Mr. Rose's success from the outset has been remarkable. Among the honors which he has already won is a first class in moderations. He has also, by the way, won the title of chess champion of the university. A winner of the Craven is usually a student in his third year at the university, while Rose is but now entering upon his second year. An attempt to win the scholarship is occasionally made in the second year, but it is rather with a view to gaining experience than with the hope of winning the coveted honor. This in itself places his achievement in winning the Craven and at the same time the Ireland on a footing with the most remarkable achievements of students at the university. Among the oldest of the foundations at the university the Craven and Ireland count in the number of their winners. Names of men who have achieved distinction in almost every path of life. Among them are such men as the Right Hon. Herbert Asquith, a member of the new Campbell-Bannerman cabinet; Goldwin Smith and William Gladstone.

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WHAT ST. JOHN WOMEN WEAR AND ARE LIKELY TO WEAR.

OBSERVATIONS OF A WOMAN WHO FOLLOWS THE WORLD OF FASHION AT REASONABLY CLOSE RANGE.

By POLLY GADABOUR.

MANUFACTURERS ARE STILL BUSY ATTENDING TO HOLIDAY ORDERS of umbrellas for ladies and the variety which has been in demand for holiday trade embraces many new styles of handles. While black silk umbrellas are easily in the lead, there is considerable interest taken in brown, red, navy and royal blue, as well as the now popular green and wine color. Some of these handsome colored-silk umbrellas can retail from \$4 up to \$15. Exceedingly effective handles will be found in evidence on these umbrellas. Despite the fact that the greater part of the manufacturers' attention is now being directed to getting out their holiday goods, they are giving quite a little thought to the spring output. These seem to be a general feeling now that hard-embroidered will play an important part on linen parasols, and that the latter will again be in evidence to some extent. It is expected that many of the income-two-tone parasols which proved so popular last season, will again be much in use next summer. The manufacturers promise to get out some things in this line that are radically new, and are trying as far as possible, to avoid closely following the productions of last season. Another effort will be made to launch the Japanese parasol. As this quaint style came out rather conservatively last season, and not very early at that, there is no reason why it should not be given another trial. This style, being distinctly new as applied to silk parasols for American use, has this point in its favor. The white parasol promises to be in evidence in the spring, and the staple navy blue will also be a good selling number, particularly in the popular-priced articles. The tendency toward smaller umbrellas for women will be more marked than ever this spring, and the 24 and 25 inch sizes, doubtless, be a great favorite. These umbrellas will sell particularly well in spring on account of being able to serve a twofold purpose: it can be utilized for the sun as well as rain.

LATE LAST WINTER WAISTS OF LEATHER WERE LAUNCHED IN PARIS. This year they are revived and with success. There is, however, a great difference in the manner in which the leather is treated. It is now seen perforated in altered designs of English embroidery order, the holes being left as produced by the perforating process, not sewed over. They are, in fact, a great improvement on the leather which is, or at any rate closely resembles, kid, and has the same glossy aspect, is dyed in all the fashionable colors, as these waists always match in color the dress of which they form a part. The waists in question are generally constructed without sleeves, are of a fitting order, and are applied on a lining composed of the material of the dress, which shows through the perforated design. There are also revers for the sleeves and occasionally also bands, or some other leather garniture, ornamenting the skirt. This, however, is not an improvement, rather the contrary, the simple leather waist and sleeve revers supply a far better effect. They form part of velvet, taffeta or cloth costumes, and the only case where they are not self-colored is when the leather is black or white, which is then worn with any color.

ALL LINES OF WOMEN'S GARMENTS ARE ACTIVE. Despite the warm weather that has prevailed throughout the East, a good business has been transacted. There has been quite a remarkable selling in long-coated suits, doubtless helped on by the vogue for the princess effect. With the trade the 50 and 55 inch coat suit has been a big feature. This has particularly applied to the general utility suit, for the more dressy models have tended toward the short coats. At no time during the season, however, has the demand been concentrated on any particular style. It has been a season of may ideas, and suits have sold with jackets in varying lengths, from the very short empire bolero to the full-length coat. Because of this condition manufacturers have been careful to avoid an accumulation of stock, and now with the season drawing to a close there is practically nothing on hand to dispose of at a sacrifice. In separate wraps Empire styles have proved remarkably successful. There is something about the comfortable, easy fit of the Empire coat that appeals to the average woman. It is a particularly graceful garment in the quarter and longer effects. The improved cut of the Empire model of this season has made them less extreme and, therefore, more generally popular. In three-piece costumes the wrap accompanying is usually in the short effect.

THE HAT MANUFACTURERS ARE ALREADY PREPARING THEIR SPRING LINES. They are making fair progress with these, though, of course, it is the cheaper end that is now receiving the greatest attention. It is more than probable that the spring hats will be larger than the winter hats, but the very small model which had been such a factor in the situation this season will give way more to the medium-sized shapes, and these will probably rule all along the line. Straw bodies will be in evidence to an unusual extent, the braids including everything from a leghorn up to a tucan, as well as fancy styles and textures. These will be worked up into a variety of new and attractive styles. The mode that prevailed during last season of twisting the hat into unusual

where, provided the weight is around eight ounces and the material has the chiffon finish. Heavy broadcloths are not wanted and manufacturers who have not changed their construction find little call for their products. Mohairs are doing well for spring especially in whites, blacks, grays and blues. Fancies to retail at popular prices are comparatively speaking neglected, but neat effects are in better request. While Siciliennes are called for they are subordinated in popularity to mohairs, especially those on the market that are about one-third lighter in weight than mohairs generally are.

THE TREND OF TRADE IN THE NEGLECTED SECTION OF THE MANUFACTURING WORLD is unquestionably toward the production of more elaborate and extravagant garments throughout. The tea-gown is once more the staple item of the trade, as it was in days gone by, but it is a garment of far more formal character today than erstwhile. The bodice gowns referred to before in this column are being eagerly taken up by many of the old importers, houses along Fifth Avenue and the side streets abutting therefrom, and, incidentally, these same side streets are beginning to consider themselves as more exclusive avenues of trade than is the avenue itself. The little Empire slips and the Josephine gowns—two quite different patterns, by the way—fashioned by the negligee houses are being freely sold by specialty shops and department houses alike as dinner frocks for the younger section of society. Originally planned for "the hour of ease," they are being made to do duty as formal toilettes, and, besides, they are proving profitable to both manufacturer and retailer alike. Garments upon the princess order are the best sellers among more recent models, and, except for the negligee houses, being freely sold by specialty shops and department houses alike as dinner frocks for the younger section of society. Originally planned for "the hour of ease," they are being made to do duty as formal toilettes, and, besides, they are proving profitable to both manufacturer and retailer alike. Garments upon the princess order are the best sellers among more recent models, and, except for the negligee houses, being freely sold by specialty shops and department houses alike as dinner frocks for the younger section of society.

JAMES PENDER NOT AFRAID OF ANTI-COMBINE INQUIRY. The Existing Association, He Says, is of Benefit in Keeping Down Prices.

With reference to the despatch from Toronto, telling of information laid against several firms, including James Pender and the Portland Rolling Mills, for illegally combining to restrict the manufacture of tacks, Mr. Pender and the manager, Mr. Bruchhoff, said there was an association to sell at a certain price, but there was no conspiracy of any kind. Beyond that he declined to discuss the situation. Mr. Pender said that in the first place his firm does not manufacture tacks. As to any association or any business transaction he had entered into he was not afraid of any investigation all the crown attorneys or other attorneys in the world could do. The consumers were getting an advantage to the increase in duty considered, over what they paid five years ago, only one third of the increase being paid by the consumer. The other two thirds being borne by the manufacturer. His own firm were selling tacks today within a very narrow margin of the selling price in large lots and in a figure that could not be raised.

NO 3 WHAT WOMEN WEAR. THAT INDIA LINONS WILL OCCUPY FIRST PLACE for spring there is no question. The demand has developed strongly along these lines and the only trouble is that it now looks like a little difference that the shades of the tints are very soft and pretty. For walking suits it is evident that checks will be extremely popular. But here a line must be drawn. It is not the check, distinct check composed of two or more different colors that is in question, but the one with a soft, gradual blending of several and very nearly akin shades of a single color. This will be most favored, traversed frequently by very black or quite dark crossbars. These, however, do not at all stand out in relief, but simply serve to impart a darker shade to the ensemble. The check of the coming spring will show in this respect novel effects, differing greatly from that of last year. A note remarkable in many of such materials is the addition of a slight or in some cases, especially when the color composing the check is gray, though the same idea is occasionally visible among brown fabrics.

MANY OF THE NEW CORSET MODELS ORDERED BY BUYERS DURING THE SUMMER TRIP TO THE PARIS MARKET, and but recently out of the custom house to be displayed to store patrons, show considerable difference that, to the interested student of corset fashions, have more than a passing significance. To begin with, despite the undisputed fact that American women have not taken kindly to the high bust models as introduced something over a year ago and have shown a marked preference for the medium high bust, the latest imported models not only adhere to the high bust line but show a tendency to make it even a trifle higher. The added height is almost imperceptible, but importers and buyers admit that it is there, and that the education of the great middle class up to the latest, most fashionable corset ideas will, through the medium of the imported model, be carried persistently forward during the fall and winter. The upper classes are not, according to the statements of authoritative persons, in need of introduction to the advanced corset styles, nor do they need persuasion to give them a fashionable trial. For one thing, society makes frequent trips abroad, and it is not unusual to see with its own eyes what is the established mode in fashion centers, buys and wears, and is convinced of the good and bad merits of the article or garment in which, for the time being, it is interested; so that the things which to the stay-at-home appear as fads, fads, luxuries or foolishness, are, in fact, accepted or rejected the regular visitor to fashionable European capitals.

\$100,000 FIRES IN WASHINGTON. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Washington early today was visited by two fires, entailing an approximate aggregate loss of \$100,000. At one of them four women were carried to a ladder by a fireman and a policeman. When found the women were nearly overcome by smoke.

NOT FOR HER. Mrs. Johnson—I want to get a desk for a Christmas present for my husband. Furniture Salesman—Here is a very handsome one. It has over a hundred drawers. Mrs. Johnson—Not for anything. Whenever my husband says anything he expects me to find it. Let me see a desk with just one drawer.

Standing Offer. Good always, everywhere. Beware of cheap imitations. Tuttle's Elixir. Great relief remedy in the world. Tuttle's Family Elixir invaluable for human ills. Sold by all druggists and by mail. Price 25 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists and by mail. Price 25 cents per bottle.

WOLFFVILLE NEWS.

WOLFFVILLE, N. S., Dec. 18.—The Baptist organ, which was so badly injured by fire last Tuesday morning, will be thoroughly repaired by the insurance company and in a few weeks ready for use again. On Sunday morning Prof. Martin used the piano, while his choir sat in the west students' gallery. The schools will close on Tuesday for the holidays. The Rev. F. Bamford, pastor of the Carleton Baptist Church, spent Sunday here, on invitation of the students. In the morning he preached an excellent and eloquent sermon, on the title "Abode of God," and held the audience spellbound with his beautiful imagery. In the afternoon, College Hall was well filled, when he addressed the students, under the auspices of the Carleton B. S. C. A., on "The Attitude of Rationalism Toward Christianity." His address was an eloquent explication of important truths and was much appreciated by his hearers.

Rev. E. M. Hill, of the Methodist Church of Wolfville, has reached his sister, Mrs. J. B. Oakes, of the death from pneumonia, of Nathan T. Smith, formerly of Richibucto, N. B., at his home in Liverpool, England.

Wm. C. Shafter, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Wolfville, died on Friday, of pneumonia. Dr. F. L. Shafter, M. P. of Manitoba, is a son.

A survey is being made for a railroad from Nictaux to the new shafts at Torbrook. Mrs. Leo Raymond of Woodstock is visiting her sister, Mrs. Clifford Tufts, at Kenville and her father, Canon Brock.

Mr. Philip Payzant, a former resident of Falmouth, daughter of the late John Payzant of Black River, died on Sunday at her home in Gasperau, of pneumonia, aged sixty years. Her brother, Otis Payzant, a deaf mute, was buried on Saturday.

Frederick Forsyth, station agent at Fort Williams, died on Thursday of a complication of diseases. He will be succeeded by Mr. Brown of Cambridge station.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sandford celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding at their home in Berwick on Tuesday. Mrs. Charles Blair has recently sold her beautiful residence, Elmlea Cottage, at the west end, to S. Percy Benjamin, who will probably take up his residence there, at the west end of the home property of his father, S. P. Benjamin. Mrs. Percy Benjamin was Miss Waterbury of St. John.

The 110th anniversary of the Kings Co. Agricultural Society was held on Tuesday evening in Evangelical Hall at Grand Pre. B. H. Dodge, M. P., and Joseph Landry of the Agricultural College, Truro, were present and gave excellent addresses.

Miss Emma Woodworth, a very estimable young lady, much beloved by a large circle, died on Friday at her home at Berwick after a long illness. Her father, the late Dr. G. W. Woodworth, died on Sunday at Sydney, N. S., aged 78 years.

Mrs. Charles Haley of Windsor died at the hospital after a short illness. She was 55 years. Mrs. William Redden is a daughter.

The repairs on the piers of the Windsor bridge are about completed, and the public are asked to exercise the lights to be placed there.

An interesting event took place at Canard on Wednesday at the residence of H. L. Rafuse, when his eldest daughter, Cora Rafuse, was married to Lewis D. Spill, of Woodside by the Rev. J. D. Spill.

Harry L. Dennison has been appointed stipendiary magistrate for the town of Digby. An accident occurred on Friday of one of the oldest and most respected residents of Horton, Capt. W. A. Curry, aged 80 years.

Workmen Entombed In Railway Tunnel.

Gas Explosion in Railway Tunnel—Gas Explosion in New York Kills Three—Boiler Burst on Freight Train—Chapter of Accidents.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Two men are buried 700 feet deep in a tunnel, facing death in three different forms, by starvation, suffocation and drowning, while about 300 of their comrades a few feet above them are digging against time to save their lives. For more than thirty hours these workmen have been imprisoned in this tunnel by the cave-in of its mouth, and it is by no means certain that there are only two men buried. The police of Long Island city say there are six.

This tunnel is being built under the East River to Manhattan Island, and the entombed men are sealed up in the approach under Long Island City. The first word to be spoken to the rescuers by the two men imprisoned 700 feet deep in the Pennsylvania tunnel came through an iron pipe at noon today.

"For God's sake hurry up," was the message. The speaker said no more than this to indicate what their plight might be. The rescuing parties then had only 7 feet to drill through the cement roof of the tunnel under which the men have been buried for 38 hours. The message was transmitted through the pipe which is being used to transmit air into the tunnel.

The rescuers say it might require several hours to penetrate the last seven feet of the tunnel roof. Meanwhile one of the dangers threatening the imprisoned men had been diminished by the lowering of the water in the tunnel. Two large steam pumps brought the water down so low that an attempt was made to reach the men in boats, which were launched in another part of the tunnel. The boats, however, could not squeeze beneath the roof at the point where the water was highest, and this attempt was given up.

READING, Pa., Dec. 19.—Three men were killed by the explosion of a boiler of a freight engine on the Reading railway near Birdsboro, Pa. The dead: Wm. T. Hesser, aged 28 years, fireman; H. W. Leinbach, aged 47 years, engineer; W. T. Alderman, aged 21 years, brakeman.

Leinbach and Alderman died while being brought to the hospital here. They were fearfully scalded and burned.

Hopewell Hill. HOPWELL HILL, Dec. 18.—The death of Albert on Saturday morning, at the residence of Watson, side, and widow of the late Henry Handron of that place. The deceased was about 75 years of age, and was highly respected. She leaves a grown son, Wm. H. Handron, and a daughter, Mrs. J. Wesley Newcomer of this place. Interment took place today at Water-side.

As Christmas draws near the demand for poultry increases, and prices for country market are very high. Geese are bringing from \$1.25 to \$1.50 each, irrespective of weight, and turkeys are quoted at 20 to 25 cents per pound. Chickens, too, are doing their best to take the plump look from the Christmas pocketbooks. There is an unusual scarcity of poultry of all kinds.

The weather is now excellent, with fine sleighing conditions, which, if they only last a week or two, ought to materially benefit the Christmas trade.

Miss Ethel Stevens, who has been ill with pleurisy, is improving satisfactorily. Considerable sickness prevails throughout the country.

DEATH OF MISS MOORE. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Moore of Amherst, N. S., will regret to learn of the death of their only daughter, Miss Beate Hazel Moore, which occurred on Monday afternoon. Miss Moore had not been seriously ill except for a few days, and her death came as a surprise to a large circle of friends.

The deceased was a granddaughter of the late Captain and Mrs. Fred Mitchell, formerly of St. John, and also of the late Rev. and Mrs. F. S. Moore of Charlottetown, P. E. I.



SURPRISE SOAP. A PURE HARD SOAP. ST. JOHN IS SLOW SAYS MR. TURNBULL.

Interviewed in Toronto a Day or Two Ago. He Spoke of Delays Caused to Passengers Landing at Sand Point.

(Toronto World.) Staying at the King Edward Hotel is E. H. Turnbull of St. John, N. B., and Hartford, England, who is visiting Toronto after a 12 years' absence.

Mr. Turnbull is delighted with the progress he has seen both on the way to the city and in our midst. To the World yesterday he contrasted the facility with which he "took in" the city on Sunday with the dreary experience he had on arriving here one Sunday on the way home from Chicago World's Fair, when it was impossible to get around the city except on shanks' pony.

Mr. Turnbull has large interests in St. John, and his present trip has made him more keen than ever to see the New Brunswick city grow quickly as the winter port of the dominion. He said: "Two weeks ago I came to St. John from England by a C. P. R. steamer. I was disappointed in the slow speed of the boat, although they were partly compensated for by the excellence of the service, which, compared with that I have experienced on the great liners, left practically nothing to be desired. I am sure that when the C. P. R.'s new 'Empresses' begin their sailings next season the C. P. R. will get a great share of overseas passenger traffic, and I look to the time when the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific will also be running their own steamers. The Grand Trunk may be that time find it is no longer advisable to use an American port for Canadian winter trade."

NEED BETTER WEARERS. "I was disappointed with the disembarkation arrangements at my native city, and I hope the government and the steamship people will combine to speed up the arrangements, because to most travellers time is one of the most important, and they do not like to feel that by taking the all-Canadian route they must sacrifice business opportunities. We berthed at St. John about 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. The baggage was sent ashore, and carried to the cars adjoining the C. P. R. freight shed, loaded closely, and then, if you pleased, hauled about two hundred yards and unloaded into the government immigration shed, where the customs officers dealt with it.

"It is said that the reason for this is that the customs officers would not examine in the freight sheds because the temperature was not warm enough. The double unloading meant that the special train for Montreal did not get away until 9 o'clock at night, and passengers for Toronto and the west could not leave Montreal until late the following night. SO SLOW.

"It was rather annoying to a St. John man to have to concur in the complaint which both experienced and inexperienced travellers made as to the delay. After three or four years' residence in England I was beginning to think that the old country was pre-eminently in slowness, but one's opinion might easily be modified.

OSLER SHATTERS STORIES OF DEATH BED VISIONS.

Most Dying Men Unaffected by Future Life—In 500 Cases He Saw Only One Terrified and One Remorseful—Majority Just Fell Asleep. NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A Baltimore despatch to the American says: Dr. William Osler, now of England, in his latest book says that "deathbed visions, believed in by thousands, and of which there are scores of supposed authentic reports, are plain nonsense. Moreover, he supports his declaration by 500 deathbed observations of his own which he thinks prove absolutely that such reported deathbed visions. In all these cases there were suffering, fear and other emotion, but no thought of the future. His observation is a startling contribution to a subject which has always been of interest to scientists, clergymen and physicians, and it is certain to provoke general discussion.

Dr. Osler says: "As a rule a man dies as he has lived, uninfluenced practically by the thought of a future life. I have careful records of about 500 deathbeds, studied particularly with reference to the modes of death and the sensations of the dying. Ninety suffered bodily pain and distress of some sort or another, eleven showed mental apprehension, two positive terror, one expressed spiritual elevation, one bitter remorse, and the majority gave no sign one way or the other, like their birth, their death was a sleep and a forgetting. The preacher was right in this matter, man hath no pre-eminence over the beast, as one dieth, so dieth the other."

FOUR CANDIDATES ARE CANADIANS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Among candidates for parliamentary honors at the forthcoming general election are four Canadians. Hamer Greenwood, the liberal candidate for York City, has his opponent J. G. Butcher, who was at the last election returned unopposed. York City is a conservative stronghold, but it is believed Greenwood will be returned. Foster Boulton, formerly of Toronto, is the liberal candidate for North Huntingdon, his opponent being A. E. Fellows, the late president of the board of agriculture. Mr. Fellows' majority at the last election was 1,151, but it is thought that though the majority to be overcome is large, Mr. Boulton has a fighting chance. H. F. Wyatt, well known in connection with the Navy League, is the unionist candidate for the Russell division of North Hampshire. Wyatt's opponent is J. E. Billy, who had the radical majority at the last election of 448. Dr. Ranelagh Dawson, son of the late Sir William Dawson, of Canada, is the liberal candidate for date for East Edinburgh. Mr. McRae, the present liberal member, had a majority of 1,281 at the last election.

THE STEAMER BRUCE has gone in the dry dock at St. John's, N.B., for a thorough overhauling. The old machinery on being taken off will be renewed with heavy greenback to extend aft 100 feet on either side of the bows. The hull, engines and boilers will receive particular attention. The ship will be on the dock three weeks.

SACKVILLE NEWS.

SACKVILLE, Dec. 18.—Frank P. Day, Rhodes scholar at Oxford, was again heard from a day or two ago. Just before writing he had played in his college football team against Exeter College and made a touch-down, spraining his ankle, however, in doing so. In consequence of this notable deed he had received about a hundred calls at his rooms, including those of the graduates of the late W. E. Gladstone, the great statesman.

On Thursday our postmaster, J. F. Allison, expects his only son, Beverley, home from Edmonton, Alberta, to spend a month. The latter has been one from Sackville for over two years, so there is great joy in the Allison home at the prospect of his arrival.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 20.—Knoxville chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy today presented the recent recommendation of President Roosevelt for the care of southern graves. This is stated to be the first official endorsement of that recommendation in the south.

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THE SUMMING UP.

The Season's Crops in Westmorland

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POINT DE BUTE, Dec. 21.—The time for summing up the results for the year has come around again, and in the three eastern parishes of this county, Sackville, Botsford and Westmorland, they may be classed as a good average one.

BALTIC BARBARIANS.

Whatever feeling of sympathy there might be among free people with the aspirations of the Latvians, Letts and other natives of the Baltic provinces, will be destroyed if the reports of their treatment of their soldier prisoners, their wounded enemies and the German refugees and their families, are confirmed.

A LOYALIST REPORT.

The Ontario provincial archivist, Mr. Fraser, is reported by the Toronto World to have made a great discovery in unearthing the Pemberton and Dundas reports of the Loyalist families in British America a few years after the revolutionary war.

YOUNG CANADIAN MUST HANG

WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 20.—Charles Edward Bassett tonight was convicted of murdering Thomas Lockwood, the aged Waterbury recluse, as the result of an assault committed February 7th last.

MR. TIFFIN DISCUSSED G.T.R.-I.C.R. ARBITRATION

(Montreal Herald.) Mr. Tiffin, freight traffic manager of the Intercolonial, is here for the purpose of attending the Grand Trunk and Intercolonial arbitration which was resumed at the Court House this morning before Judge Killam, Judge Davidson and G. F. Shepley, K. C., the arbitrators.

REAR END COLLISION.

ANDOVER, Mass., Dec. 20.—A rear end collision between a passenger train and a freight train occurred on the Boston & Maine railroad at Baldwinsville late tonight. No one was injured.

VALUE OF 'OZONE.'

The value of "Ozone" (it is really liquidified Oxygen) known to medical science. It kills the germs of intestinal disorders. If taken in concentrated form, and that means "Solution of Ozone (the coupon kind)" it ensures a speedy cure for asthma, bronchitis, Bright's disease, kidney trouble, malaria and rheumatism.

WHEAT POURING INTO PORTLAND

The Maine Seaport Will Be Kept Busy

By Canada's Great Crop—Records May Be Broken—Large Cargoes Being Shipped.

To the Editor of the Sun: Dear Sir—It will be interesting for your readers to know that Portland this year expects to ship 15,000,000 bushels of wheat, more than one-half of which will be from Canadian wheat fields.

SAD DEATH OF CAPT. N. V. MUNRO

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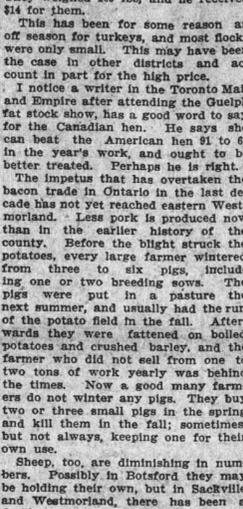
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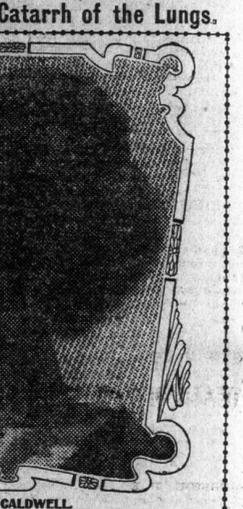
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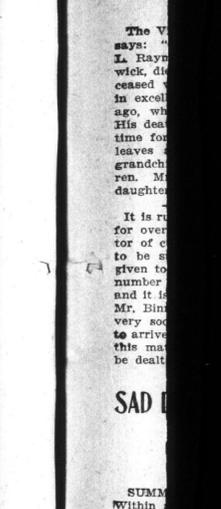
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CITY NEWS.

Recent Events in and Around St. John.

The Victoria Colonist of Dec. 13th says: "On Sunday morning last Geo. L. Raymond, formerly of New Brunswick, died at Olympia, Wash. The deceased was in his 80th year. He was in excellent health until about a year ago, when he began to fall rapidly. His death has been expected at any time for several months past. He leaves a large family of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mrs. Eugenia of this city, is his daughter."

It is rumored that I. W. Binney, who for over thirty years has been collector of customs at Moncton, is shortly to be superannuated and the office given to a younger man. There are a number of applicants for the office, and it is expected that the question of Mr. Binney's successor will be settled very soon. Hon. H. R. Emmerson is arriving in Moncton next Monday, and this matter will then, it is expected, be dealt with by him.

SAD DEATH OF P. E. ISLAND MAN

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I., Dec. 19.—Within a quarter of a mile from his home, and bleeding profusely from hemorrhage, Clovis Arsenault perished on Sunday night, 16th inst., at Abram's Village. His lifeless body was found frozen on the road next morning. News of the young man's death came as a shock to residents of Abram's Village and vicinity. The young man had recently returned from a trip to the United States. Although in somewhat delicate health, he was apparently well on Sunday and, in company with some other young men, went out to spend the evening at a neighbor's residence. He left the house with the other young men and parted with them after going some distance. Before reaching home, however, he took hemorrhage. When his body was found next morning it lay near a post. Hanging on the post was his cap, showing that he had either leaned against the post as he was weakening from loss of blood, or that when he found himself dying and likely to be covered by the drifting snow, he hung up his cap as a signal to his friends who would begin searching for his body. The circumstances are most regrettable and the family have the sympathy of the community in their hour of bereavement. Deceased was a son of Dominic Arsenault and twenty-two years of age.

TEACHERS' BUREAU

HARCOURT, N. B., Dec. 20.—As recommended by the last convention of the N. B. Teachers' Association, a teachers' bureau has been organized in Harcourt. Its object is to aid teachers in securing schools and trustees in getting teachers. Trustees are asked to send notice of vacancies to the bureau, stating the number of departments in their school, the sex and class of teacher desired, the salary they are willing to pay, the cost of living in their district, nearest railway station, etc. Teachers looking for schools should notify the bureau, stating their license, number of years in the profession, lowest salary acceptable, etc. All communications should be addressed to H. H. Stuart, secretary-treasurer, N. B. A. T. There are two other such bureaus in the province managed by R. E. Eastbrooks, Woodville, and H. B. Leggie, Chatham. No charge is made to either teachers or trustees. Miss Linda Wilson, who lives with Mrs. Taylor at Ford's Mills, is very ill with consumption. Yesterday she was considered at the point of death.

BABY ONE DAY OLD EARNS \$1,000,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—A grand daughter of Senator W. A. Clark of Montana was born yesterday at San Mateo, the parents being Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Clark, the mother having been Miss Celia Tobin of this city. When informed of the birth of the baby Senator Clark announced that he would give the little girl \$1,000,000 following the example set by himself at the birth of his first grandchild.

MURDERED HIS WIFE THEN KILLED HIMSELF

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Driven to desperation by the refusal of his wife to live with him ever since the day they were married, William McCoy, a seaman on the Lakes, went to his wife's home at No. 384 Swan street last night, talked with her for about fifteen minutes, and then fired four shots at her. One bullet hit the woman near the heart and death followed in a few minutes. McCoy then put a bullet in to his own heart and fell dead. They were married two years ago last May. The young woman had refused to live with her husband from the day they were wedded for reasons she had never communicated to any one, so far as could be learned.

MONTREAL FIRE

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 20.—Fire tonight did \$20,000 damage in the wholesale warehouse of B. Silver & Co. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

THE REAL THING.

"Pa, what's a cynical smile?" "Your mother will show you, my son, the next time I tell her I can't spare the money she wants for her Christmas shopping, because I need it in my business.—Baltimore American."

I. C. R. OFFICIALS ARE INVESTIGATING

Clerks Suspected of Stealing Stamps from General Offices—Narrow Escape from Death.

MONCTON, Dec. 20.—I. C. R. officials have been engaged the past few days investigating the wholesale stealing of postage stamps from the general offices. A year or more ago twenty dollars' worth of stamps were stolen from the I. C. R. advertising department, and no clue was ever obtained to the party who committed the theft or, if there was, nothing was ever done. Of late the stamps have been missed at different times from different departments. It is alleged that someone has been stealing at the rate of ten dollars per week from one department. One department was found broken open and stamps missing. In another office twenty dollars' worth were taken at once. Suspicion rests upon one or two clerks who have been watched, and the officials have been making an investigation with the view of fixing the stealing upon the guilty parties. The matter is a very serious one, as a certain amount of reflection is cast upon those employed in the offices where the stealing has been going on, and nothing but the prosecution of the parties suspected will satisfy the public interest. It is rumored that the department will send a man from Ottawa to assist in a thorough investigation of the wholesale robbery. A lad named Robt. Robinson had a narrow escape from being killed by a train on the M. & B. railway at Notre Dame last Monday evening. He was crossing Notre Dame bridge, and was unaware of the approach of the train until it was on him. He had no time to get off the bridge except by jumping. In a desperate effort to save his life he leaped from the bridge, and fortunately landed in a snow bank thirty feet below.

The marriage of Rev. W. A. Ross, formerly pastor of Humphrey and Shadie Presbyterian church, now pastor of the Presbyterian church at London-derry, to Miss Dorothy, daughter of R. C. Donald, contractor of Sunny Brae, was solemnized in Humphrey Presbyterian church at 9.30 this morning. Rev. D. McLeod performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Dr. MacRae of St. John.

SALVATION ARMY GETS \$500,000

Gen. Booth Tells King Edward of Herring's Gift for Home Colonization.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—General Booth of the Salvation Army today wrote to King Edward, announcing that George Herring, chairman of the City of London Electric Lighting Company, had donated \$500,000 to the army to be used in a home colonization scheme, but that the army has engaged to repay this sum in 25 annual instalments to the King's Hospital Fund. Gen. Booth says the army proposes to purchase tracts of land in England, giving five acres or thereabouts to each settler, building cottages, providing food and implements, and supporting the settlers until the lands become productive. Each settler will repay the army by a system of easy instalments. In this way, Gen. Booth hopes to provide for those who find themselves unable to leave England under emigration plans of the army. Mr. Herring is a well known philanthropist.

FACED DEATH IN RAGING SEA

But Rescuers Got Their Reward from Canadian Government Last Night in Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Facing death in a raging sea in order to rescue men in distress brought its reward tonight, when Harry Olsen of Gloucester and Henry May of Newfoundland were awarded handsome watches by the Canadian government. The presentation took place at the British consulate, Vice-Consul A. W. Woodhouse officiating. The watches were awarded to the men for bravery shown in rescuing the crew of the British schooner Ayr of St. John, N. B., off Boston on Jan. 5, 1905. The schooner Jennie Hodgdon was passing when the disabled Ayr was sighted. Capt. Hodgdon of the Gloucester schooner called for volunteers, and Olsen and May accompanied him in a dory to the rescue of the five men on board the Ayr. Capt. Hodgdon is at present on a fishing trip to the Grand Banks, and when he returns he will also receive a watch.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 19.—Rev. W. C. Rice, Methodist, of Sunny Brae, Moncton, has received a call to New-castle and accepted, subject to the approval of the conference. E. H. Sinclair, a well known Newcastle lumberman, has returned from a trip to California. George McLellan, son of Duncan McLellan, I. C. R. locomotive forman at Sydney, is in town on his way home from the west, where he went some time ago with the intention of locating. McLellan decided, however, that the east is just as good a place as the west for a mechanic, and will return to Sydney. The indications are that turkeys and geese will run high in this market for Christmas. The present price is from 20 to 25 cents for choice fowl. Some betting has been done here on the Fitzsimmons-O'Brien fight. A wager of fifty to twenty-five dollars is offered, Fitzsimmons being the favorite.

SHIP NEWS.

Domestic Ports.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 20.—Ard, str Siberian, for Glasgow and Liverpool via St. John, N.B.; Enel, from North Sydney, C. B., and cleared to return; Bonavista, from Louisbourg. Cleared, sch Only, for New York. Sailed, str Gulf of Annapolis, for St. John, N.B.; St. John City, Bovey, for London; Arramore, Pickett, for Boston; Hilda, Bond, for Inghamport, to load for Glasgow.

British Ports.

QUEENSBORO, Dec. 20.—Ard, str Nancy Lee, from Chicoutimi via Sydney, C. B. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 20.—Sld, str Celtic, for New York. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 20.—Ard, str Athena, from St. John for Glasgow. GLASGOW, Dec. 19.—Sld, str Leely Head, for Sydney. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 20.—Ard, str Lake Champlain, from St. John. QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 10.—Ard, str Baltic, from New York for Liverpool (and proceeded). AYONMOUTH, Dec. 20.—Sld, str Manxman, for Portland. Foreign Ports. CADIZ, Dec. 20.—Sld, brig Beatrice, for St. John, N.B.; Claidora, for St. John, N.B. NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 20.—Ard, str Pontiac, from Sydney, C. B.; bark Addie Morrill, from Fall River; sch Rebecca Shephard, from Lynn. Sld, sch General E. S. Greely, for Portland. BUENOS AIRES—Ard Nov 24, sch Maritana, from Bridgewater, N.S. SAVANNAH, Dec. 20.—Ard, sch Helen L. Martin, from Boston, bound for Georgetown, S. C. (in distress). PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 20.—Ard, sch Geo. E. Walcott, Bunker, from Newport News. Cleared, ship Atlantic, for Lovik, for Buenos Aires; schs Peace, for east harbor; Kate L. Pray, for Mount Desert. BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Ard, str Unch-nario, from Calcutta via Algiers; schs Helen G. King, from Boston River, N. J.; Ethel F. Merriam, from Boothbay Harbor. Below, tug Waltham, towing two barges from Philadelphia. Cleared, schs Cleopatra, for Lunenburg, N.S.; Lilly B. Nurse, for do; Beatrice, for Methuen, N. B.; Ambition, for Riverport, N. S. Sailed, str Canadian, for Liverpool. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Ard, bark Nor, from Hillsboro; schs Lotie, Park, from New Bedford; Daylight, from Boston; Matilda B. Borda, from Portland; Ruth E. Merrill, from do; Sallie E. Tidman, from St. John. Cleared, str Regular, for St. John, N. B. NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Ard, str Celtic, from Liverpool; schs P. Pendleton, from Georgetown; Chas. W. Alcott, from Norfolk; J. H. Elliott, from Virginia. Cleared, str La. Bretagne, for Havre; Rosalind, for Halifax and St. John; bark Argentina, for Annaberg, N.B.; John A. McNeil, for Halifax. Sailed, strs Majestic, for Liverpool; Victoria, for Liverpool; schs A. Buck-ley, for Norfolk; Lucie, Wheatley, for Virginia. CITY ISLAND, Dec. 20.—Bound east, str Rosalind, from Halifax, N. S., and St. John, N. B. VINEYARD HAVEN, Dec. 20.—Ard, schs Henry May, from Norfolk, Conn. for Portland; Chas. W. Alcott, from New York, for Diligent River, N.S. Sld, schs Meteor, from Halifax, for New York; Miranda, from Bangor, for do. Passed, sch Wm. Booth, from Hurst-castle, for Philadelphia. GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 20.—Ard, and sld, bark Onway, from Turke Island, for Portland (in tow). Ard, sch Mercedes, from Boston, for St. John, N.B. SALLM, Mass., Dec. 20.—Ard, schs Vineyard, from South Amboy, for Newport; Chester R. Lawrence, from Perth Amboy, for Rockport; Mary E. from Boston, for St. John, N.B.

ST. JOHN FEELS LIKE AN ANNEX OF MONTREAL

Hon. Dr. Pugsley Tells How Winter Port is Getting Closer to St. Lawrence City as Summer Port.

(Montreal Herald.) "We people of St. John feel that we are very close to Montreal—that we are a sort of annex in being the national port for winter traffic." Hon. William Pugsley, attorney general for New Brunswick, gave utterance to the foregoing sentiment at the Windsor last evening when he discussed with Hon. P. J. Wilson, lawyer general, important questions of interest to his province and to Canada. He is here on professional business which has called him to Ottawa and Toronto, but he made an exception to his general rule of not dining in his own home on Christmas day. "St. John," remarked Mr. Pugsley, "has every reason to look forward to a record season so far as overseas traffic is concerned. Such activity as there is now at the docks has never been witnessed before, and the trains are bringing down daily by the all-rail route from Montreal, large quantities of grain for shipment on the C. P. R. steamers." "There is a complaint, Mr. Pugsley, of the inadequacy of the dock and wharf facilities at St. John," said Mr. Wilson. "Unless it is increased the two C. P. R. steamers—Empress of Britain and Empress of Ireland—will not be placed in commission at St. John next winter. Do you think the facilities are likely to be enlarged?" "We are rather pressed for room now," replied the attorney general. "But we have a new dock under construction and the crib work for the wharves has already been laid down. Before next season the dock and wharf will be completed, and we shall be in a position to accommodate the largest steamer in the world. The necessity requires, we will keep on enlarging the docks and wharves. The construction work is being carried out by the municipality of St. John and the Dominion government, and it is for the benefit of the traffic of the government railway system." "How are changes that have been introduced by the minister of railways for the purpose of stopping the deficits in the Intercolonial being accepted by the people?" "On the whole there are few complaints. Here and there one finds a grumble, but they are recognized as necessary. The expenses had to be cut down, and I believe that as the result of the internal economies that are being carried out by the minister assisted by the new deputy minister, Mr. G. G. Macdonald, a very able man, the line will be made to pay its way." "What is the nature of these economies?" "Some of them have taken the form of cutting out unnecessary services. It has also been found necessary to economize in other directions—and a number of employees have been placed on a paying basis." "Do you think the line will now be on a paying basis?" "I believe the changes have already resulted in a very substantial reduction of expenditure. The view the people of the maritime provinces hold with regard to the Intercolonial is that the line should be operated by the government, even if at a loss. They look upon it as a national highway for inter-provincial travel, and they want the St. Lawrence canal system as an undertaking similar to the Intercolonial, which has cost the country about the same amount of money and which is perfectly paying towards the cost of construction. It has in fact recently been made free. Of course, I think the railway ought to pay working expenses, and I believe with the present management it is possible to make it do so and give satisfaction. You must remember, though, that it is not the maritime provinces people alone who benefit, but the Ontario and Quebec shippers and merchants and the cheap rates a great advantage." "You do not believe there is any truth in the reports that are occasionally heard about the line passing into the hands of one of the big railway systems?" "I do not. These reports are only newspaper talk."

PROGRAMME FOR NEW BRUNSWICK WICK HOUSE.

"Are you looking forward to a busy session in the New Brunswick house?" Mr. Pugsley was asked after he had given his views on the railway question. "We shall have a pretty good legislative programme. The two principal measures will be a judicature bill, on the same principle as the English, introducing changes in the system of jurisprudence, which will put an end to the distinction that now prevails between law and equity and a bill providing for the more efficient administration of justice. The new judicature act will bring us into line with the other provinces, and with England, as regards the judiciary. You may have still a court of chancery in New Brunswick, and our equity court is distinct from the law courts. That distinction will be maintained no longer. Whether all these changes will be adopted, I cannot say, but it cannot be doubted that the change will be to some extent at least beneficial. So far as the act for improvement of the administration of justice is concerned, it will, I believe, have a most salutary effect, as it will take out of the hands of the unpaid magistracy a certain class of law cases that they have not the professional qualifications to deal with, and place them in the hands of the county court judges." "Has anything been arranged yet as to the inter-provincial conference with regard to the revision of the terms upon which the provinces stand in re-

THE STENOGRAPHER

She Declares Anti-Christmas Gift League Would Quickly Enroll Millions of Members.

"Well," observed the Bookkeeper, "the joyous Christmas tide is almost upon us." "Yes," cried the Stenographer, "the annual hold-up is about due, when we run ourselves in debt to give things that we can't afford to give to people who don't want to receive them." "Top," agreed the Bookkeeper, "that's right. I never yet have been able to decide which I hated the most—those to whom I felt under obligations to make presents or those who insisted that they were bound to give things to me." "It is more blessed to give than to receive," quoted the Stenographer, "especially when you want to get even with anybody, and Christmas gives you a swell chance to get hunk." "A woman once did me a shabby little trick, and when Christmas came I sent her little boy a tin horn, a drum, and a train of cars that you would up and that made a noise like a subway explosion as they ran across the floor. The last I heard of the woman she was in a sanitarium from nervous prostration." "You never know how little your friends really do think of you until you receive their 'Christmas gifts,'" responded the Bookkeeper, gloomily. "And that's no joke!" exclaimed the Stenographer; "there's something peculiarly insulting in a misfit Christmas gift. It isn't the mere fact that you are getting something you don't want, when there are a million things you do want. It is the humiliating knowledge that your friends do not take sufficient interest in you to observe your taste and habits." "I've never forgiven the chumps who sent me riding breeches and golf sticks last Christmas, when the only thing I ever ride is a hobby, and the mere thought of exercise makes me tired," put in the Bookkeeper. "Nor I the man who sent me a bracelet when my arms are like matches," said the Stenographer. "It's a fool thing, any way you look at it," went on the Bookkeeper, "to give people presents just because it is a certain day of the year and not because you happen upon something that especially suits them. You have some unusual tenderness toward them." "And the funny part of it all is," remarked the Stenographer, "that everybody hates it, and everybody dreads it, and everybody does it because everybody is too big a coward to refuse to stand and deliver at the command of an imbecile custom; yet I'll bet that if some intrepid soul would organize an anti-Christmas league, he could enroll four million members in four minutes." "It ought to be a felony to give to any one but the poor and little children at Christmas," said the Bookkeeper. "And what makes the thing worse," continued the Stenographer, ignoring the Bookkeeper's remarks, "is that all of us hate to see good money wasted, and when we get a present that we don't want, or give one that doesn't hit the right spot in the recipient's breast, we can't help shedding a few tears over the gift that might have been a really useful and accurate one. I wish I could see a present that we don't want, or give one that doesn't hit the right spot in the recipient's breast, we can't help shedding a few tears over the gift that might have been a really useful and accurate one. I wish I could see a present that we don't want, or give one that doesn't hit the right spot in the recipient's breast, we can't help shedding a few tears over the gift that might have been a really useful and accurate one." "Now," said Edward's mother, telling him to be cheerful, "that letter will be right up the chimney and direct to Santa Claus." Edward seemed very much impressed. 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Following we publish two letters from a woman who accepted this invitation. Note the result.

First letter.  
"Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—For eight years I have suffered something terrible every month with my periods. The pains are excruciating and I can hardly stand them. My doctor says I have ovarian and womb trouble, and I must go through an operation if I want to get well. I do not want to submit to it if I can possibly help it. Please tell me what to do. I hope you can relieve me.—Mrs. Mary Dimmick, 50th and E. Capitol Sts., Benning P.O., Washington, D.C.  
Second letter.  
"Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—After following carefully your advice, and taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, I am very anxious to send you my testimonial, that others may know their valuations what you have done for me."



## CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS IN KINGS COUNTY

### Workman at Perry Point Had His Face Cut—Axe Fell on Another Man's Head.

HAMPTON, N. B., Dec. 20.—A young man, named Scribner, who is working for E. A. Flewelling at Perry Point mill, while working with a heavy rolling log yesterday afternoon struck an axe which flew up and cut a bad gash in his right cheek, penetrating to the bone and the mouth cavity. Dr. Wetmore was summoned from Hampton and gave the young man all needful surgical attention.

Mrs. Samuel Snodgrass, of Smithtown, went out from her house to the road to pay a man a bill when her dog and that of the man got into a fight in the course of which Mrs. Snodgrass was bitten on the leg so badly that it has laid her up in bed.

A young man named Willie Riley, working for Perry Point mill, was killed at Lower Norton, a few days ago climbed into a felled tree which had lodged with the intention of clearing it when it dislodged itself and the man, throwing away his axe and falling into the water. He was rescued by a boat from the mill and taken to the hospital. He is now recovering from his injuries.

### St. Andrews.

ST. ANDREWS, N. B., Dec. 18.—A. M. Budd, barber, has gone to Boston to take a post-graduate course.

W. F. Kennedy has returned from his western trip, during which he took in Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec city, returning via Boston.

John McFarlane, who for the past twelve months has had serious trouble with one of his arms, met at the time being unable to work, had the trouble solved recently by the extraction from the arm near the armpit of a needle.

How it got there is a mystery. Dr. J. A. Wade, who took the needle out, thought that McFarlane had swallowed it and that it worked its way to the arm from the stomach.

Mrs. Wm. Anderson, who some weeks ago had an attack of paralysis, is very ill at present. As she is of very advanced years, her recovery is not expected.

Amongst the arrivals for the holidays there came by the C. P. R. on Monday Robert Clarke, student in the U. N. B., Fredericton.

Miss Beattie, daughter of F. H. Grimmer, after the holidays, is to leave for Winnipeg to spend the winter with her aunt, Mrs. E. B. Wood.

Mrs. C. M. Gove intends to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. W. C. H. Grimmer in St. Stephen.

The wife of Mr. Stuart, sheriff of Charlotte county, accidentally fell down the cellar stairs in her residence on Saturday last. She fortunately escaped serious injury.

### ECZEMA FOR 20 YEARS.

"I was troubled with eczema for twenty years and was treated by three doctors to no avail. Dr. Chase's Ointment has cured me completely, and I have not had the slightest return of this disease."—John Pratt, Sleigh, Huron Co., Ont.

### RIOTS IN SHANGHAI

#### HAVE BEEN QUELLED.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 20.—All is quiet in the town today. Business has been resumed by the volunteers and sailors landed by the warships in port recently.

Major Levesque, who has escaped from his guardians once again. He was seen walking rapidly through the main street in the direction of the palace, followed by a breathless officer whose clothing bore unmistakable evidence that he had sealed a wall in pursuit of the more agile prince.

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## SOME ANECDOTES OF THE IMITATIVE JAP.

There is one travelled woman in New York city who has no admiration for the Japanese. Her feeling is the result of a trip which she took recently in the Orient and which ended at her brother's home in Tokio, where he is the head of an exporting firm.

"The Japs are too tricky for me," she said recently, half angrily. "When I landed I thought everything about the country was lovely, and I enthused until my brother was weary."

"I told him the charming part of it all was that the Japanese were so honest. He smiled in a pitying way. Now I understand why."

"What started the trouble was that bead necklace, the one with the pearls inserted in rough links with diamond locket suspended by a band woven from tiny gold chains. There never was another like it, and everybody admired it as unique."

"It had been in Tokio a few days the clasp in the back of the thing broke, and I took it to a native jeweler. The fellow looked it over and said that he could fix it in two or three days."

"I gave up and went back to my hotel, and he finished on time to the very second. It cost about half as much as it would have done here in the city."

"A day or so after that I started on my trip to the east Twenty-second street, and got back a month later, more charmed with the land than I had been before. My brother took us to one of the big native gardens that evening, and there were a lot of English and Americans there."

"We hadn't been seated at one of the tables more than a minute when Sally, my sister, pulled my sleeve and pointed at nearby table."

"She's got your necklace on!" Sally said.

"I looked. It was true. There was an English woman with the exact duplicate of my bead necklace."

A few minutes later I saw another woman who also had a necklace like mine. Before the evening was over I saw nine of them.

"I lay awake that night, and thought it over. Early the next morning I hurried around to the jeweler who had repaired my necklace. To my horror, there was a window filled with them."

"The Very New in American Nobility," a sign read.

"I gave up all hope of ever wearing that necklace again. Every woman in Tokio who had the money bought one, and they were so common that I was ashamed to be seen wearing the original."

"My brother bought one and we compared the two. They had copied it exactly from mine. Even the same number of links were in each of the little chains. The jeweler had even copied our family crest and had included my own monogram in the design."

"The last I saw of the duplicate necklace was in the hands of a Chicago woman I had never seen come into the dining-room with one of them on, monogram and all, I passed her in the hall that evening, and smiling, I said:

"She nodded with a smile, and then I saw a look of surprise steal over her at once. She's probably wondering yet how I learned where she had been."

"The Japs are great inventors, but they are greater imitators, and still greater thieves. I'll never forgive that race in all my life. They destroyed the value of the only real heirloom I own."

"Do not do anything with anything, even an old dress. They copied a waist for me, though, so closely, from one of my old ones, that I never had to have a fitting, and it came out exactly right."

## TROUBLESOME HEIR TO SERVIAN THRONE.

BELGRADE, Dec. 18.—The Crown Prince who was ordered by the king to be confined in the fortress for ten days for grossly insulting his late tutor, Major Levesque, has escaped from his guardians once again. He was seen walking rapidly through the main street in the direction of the palace, followed by a breathless officer whose clothing bore unmistakable evidence that he had sealed a wall in pursuit of the more agile prince.

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## CRIPPLE SHOT DEAD BY TWO BURGLARS.

BEAVER FALLS, Pa., Dec. 20.—Hugh McCoy, a cripple, aged forty-five years, was shot and instantly killed last night by two thieves while he was sitting at the kitchen window of his farm, two miles from Darlington, near here. Two shots were fired through the window. Robert McCoy, a brother after a dog in pursuit of the burglars escaped and spread the alarm. During his absence, the murderers looted the house and secured about \$200 in cash. The brothers lived alone on their farm and recently received \$200, the first money in payment of the property, which they had sold. It is assumed the murderers were familiar with the sale and the presence of the money.

To cure Headache in ten minutes use Kumford Headache Powder, 10 cents.

## DESPATCH NEWS.

### Col. Ray, Formerly of St. John, Dead in New York.

### York Loan Stockholders Holding Meeting—Horrible Accident at Vancouver—Bicyclist Killed.

MONTREAL, Dec. 19.—Eight young men whose ages averaged twenty-one years, were today sentenced by Judge Desoyes to terms in penitentiary aggregating twenty-five years. They had all been found guilty of theft.

BERLIN, Ont., Dec. 19.—Simon Erb, of this town, a printer, was returning on a bicycle from a visit to a son in New York on Sunday evening, when he collided with another bicyclist, Robt. McCutcheon. Erb was thrown violently to the ground and sustained an injury to his head which caused death yesterday morning. He was aged 58, and leaves a widow and a grown up family. McCutcheon was bruised about the head and sprained his shoulder. The night was dark, and neither man had a light.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Col. Charles R. Ray, a former mayor of St. John, N. B., died suddenly in a Lexington avenue street car at Twenty-sixth street at two o'clock yesterday afternoon.

When he was overcome Col. Ray was reading from the seventh chapter of the Book of Job, in which Job seeks to justify his own desire for death in the troubles that beset him. The passenger, not realizing that he was dead, went to his side when he collapsed in his seat, and they carried him to a drug store. An ambulance surgeon was called, and the body was removed to the east Twenty-second street police station, and later to an undertaking establishment at the request of George P. Ray, his son.

Col. Ray was seventy-four years old. He left St. John many years ago and took up permanent residence in this city. He was religious, and a lay preacher in the Episcopal pulpits.

(This announcement of the death of Col. Chas. R. Ray will be read with interest, particularly by the older residents of this city. Col. Ray belonged to a Nova Scotia family of Loyalist descent, and was engaged for many years in the dry goods business. In 1870 he was elected to the majority and served two years with credit to himself and benefit to the city. During his term of office the governor general, the Marquis de Lorne, and his wife, the Princess Louise, visited St. John and were entertained. On retiring from the majority Col. Ray became chairman of the board of water and sewerage commissioners, and later removed to the United States. For many years Col. Ray was actively interested in the militia movement, and he commanded the 62nd Regiment for some time.)

Mr. Ray was a man with a tender, even sentimental nature, and a very kind heart; but he was also a man of independence of spirit, and great fairness of mind, and, thus possessed, he appeared in many ways to the good feelings of the people of St. John. There was a general feeling of regret when he left the city; and among older people announcement of his death will awaken many agreeable remembrances of him.

Mrs. Ray, who has been dead a number of years, was a Miss Pagan, from the Miramichi.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 19.—Violet Emmerson, a child, has died of poison used by Indians in dyeing the body to conceal her identity.

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Dec. 19.—Rev. Morice W. Britton, rector of St. Barnabas' Church (Anglican), has resigned to accept a call to the vicarage of the church of the Holy Cross, New York city. His salary will be \$6,000 a year.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 19.—By the overturning of a motor and a slag pot at the British Columbia Copper Company's smelter at Greenwood, George Verriach was roasted to death and George Wilbur, bruised and burned about the hands, but not seriously injured. The accident occurred in connection with the dumping of molten slag by means of an electric locomotive which Wilbur was driving. Verriach was attempting to stop the engine, and caught his glove in the brake, and engine and car went over the dumping platform to the flat beneath the slag track. The molten metal ran over Verriach, but Wilbur miraculously escaped. Verriach had all his clothes burned off. He lingered in agony for eighteen hours.

PETERBORO, Dec. 19.—A meeting called by Mayor Best of the shareholders in the York County Loan and Savings Co. yesterday was attended by about 200 persons. The majority present were women, many of them with babies in their arms. It was stated there are fully 1,200 shareholders in Peterboro. Mayor Best, City Solicitor Hall, Ald. R. Hicks and J. Ozias de Lantais, were appointed a committee to take such action as may be deemed necessary to protect the interests of the local stockholders and report at a general meeting.

GUELPH, Ont., Dec. 19.—About five hundred persons, a large number of whom were women, assembled in the Opera House last evening to discuss the York Loan Company matters. J. Downey, M. P. F., reviewed the whole affair and scathingly denounced some of the methods used. He urged, however, moderation and full support of liquidation. In the course of a few remarks, W. E. Buckingham, speaking as a lawyer, cautioned the shareholders against expecting immediate returns. If they got fifty cents on the dollar within three years they would be doing well from his judgment of the assets. A committee was appointed with power to act.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 20.—Miss Ethel Watterson, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Watterson, was married today at Mansfield, Mr. Watterson's country home, to Alexander Gilmour, a Louisville business man.



## FARROWING TIME

Is as critical a time as any in hog raising. The litter eating of many sows is largely due to bad feeding, causing a constipated and irritable condition. The sows digestive organs should be kept free and open to prevent this fevered and litter eating condition by feeding **Clydesdale Stock Food**. Besides making a better flow of milk owing to the better blood circulation. This means more and better pigs, as a healthy apple tree gives more and better fruit than a diseased tree. For young pigs it makes more bone and muscle on which to put flesh, and nothing better for starting and keeping Runts growing. Its ingredients are absolutely harmless and pure, and if you are not satisfied with results your money cheerfully refunded by the dealer. **CARBOLINE ANTISEPTIC MAKES THE PIGS AND PENS CLEAN.** TRY HERCULES POULTRY FOOD. **Clydesdale Stock Food Company, Limited, Toronto, Ont.**

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of local views, will be sent to any SEMI-WEEKLY SUN subscriber who sends one dollar on his subscription account before the 31st December next. A splendid picture of King Edward VII, or 5 Picture Post Cards, will be sent to any new or old subscriber sending 75 cents for a subscription one year in advance.

## Equity Court Judgment In Important Cases.

The regular sitting of the equity court opened Wednesday morning at 11 before His Honor Judge Barker. Judgments were given in three cases. In the case of Duncan vs. the town of Campbellton, a motion to perpetuate the injunction restraining the town from submitting to arbitration the claims upon a piece of land which the town had taken for the extension of the water works system. The motion to continue was refused and the injunction discharged with costs. V. A. Mott for the plaintiff and H. F. McLatchey and Hon. A. S. White for the defendant. In the case of the C. P. R. vs. Connell in which the plaintiff had filed 39 exceptions to the defendant's answer, 125 inclusive, 30-38 and 39 were allowed with costs. J. C. Hartley for plaintiff and F. R. Taylor contra. In the case of Evans vs. Evans, it was decided that the land and premises held by Sarah E. Evans were acquired by her by way of gift from the plaintiff her husband after their marriage and during coverture. Order made restraining defendant from making any sale except with her husband's approval during his lifetime. No order as to costs. W. H. Trueman and Dr. A. I. Trueman for plaintiff and E. S. Ritchie and W. B. Wallace for defendant. In the case of Dr. Wm. J. Lewis vs. Henry Turner, a suit for the foreclosure of a mortgage, J. D. Hazen moved to take the bill pro confesso for want of an appearance. Order made for sale of land. In the case of Chandler vs. Peters, an order was made for the sale of real estate in York Co. and owned by George Dibles, R. W. Hewson for plaintiff and M. G. Teed contra. In the matter of James McGilvery, Daniel Mullin, K. C., moved for the discharge of George McArthur, one of the committee who has refused to act. Order to refer back to referee to report to court as to some proper person to take his place or whether a committee of two is sufficient. In the matter of Turbush vs. Russell, C. H. V. Pelroy moved to take bill pro confesso against defendant for want of an appearance. Order granted accordingly. In the matter of Lillian A. Bernard, a Lunatic, B. R. Armstrong asked for appointment of a guardian and collection of accounts of estate. Court considered. The case of attorney general vs. St. John Lumber Co. stands over until January 9.

## TERRIBLE VOLCANIC ERUPTION NEAR SAMOA.

HONOLULU, Dec. 20.—The steamer Venture arrived from Australia yesterday. She brought a report that the eruption of Mount Matakutu, on the island of Savali, in the Samoan group, has increased to such force that the mountain has been piled up 8,000 feet. The lava has covered 20 square miles, and a stream of lava 12 miles wide is flowing into the ocean. The lava is being thrown 200 feet high. The natives have deserted the region. BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 20.—Governor Douglas and the members of the executive council present today signed an illuminated memorial to be presented to congress urging the senators and representatives to save the frigate Constitution.

## TRAGEDY AT HAMPTON; ONE KILLED, THREE HURT.

### Heaped Up Mass of Lumber, Used as a Shed, Collapsed, Burying Four Employees of the Flewelling Mill.

HAMPTON, N. B., Dec. 19.—One man killed outright, two badly, if not fatally injured, and others more or less cut and bruised, is the outcome of an accident this afternoon at the G. and G. Flewelling Co.'s mill at Hampton Village, where a make-shift shed collapsed upon the men who worked under its roof loading trucks with edgings and refuse boards which are used to feed the furnaces.

These edgings accumulate greatly in the summer months and are run out into the yard, where they are piled, sloping, in stacks, like piles of cordwood, and left to dry.

After a time, and when hundreds of cords have been collected in these stacks, the tops are leveled off, scantling laid at intervals, and thereon boards placed, forming a rude but effective roof for shedding the rain.

Into this immense mass in winter time the men bore for material to replenish the furnace fires, which is run away on trucks built for the purpose. These run on rails between the two points.

As the fuel was hauled out day after day a wide, roomy space was formed, with a good deal of the material left overhead to serve as a protection roof from snow and wind to the men engaged in its removal. It seems that although some precautions had been taken by the boss of the gang, Eli Yeomans, to shore up the mass, they were insufficient to prevent the disaster which resulted in his own instant death and the terrible crushing and wounding of the men working with him.

This afternoon Eli Yeomans, a man long in the service of the milling company, William Reid, also a veteran employee and a householder, George Baxter, connected with the mill for years, and William Myles, a young Englishman, who has been here for about a week, were all busy at their accustomed labor, when without a moment's warning the overhead mass came down upon them and the sides bulged inwards, crushing them and crushing them in the fatal trap.

Eli Yeomans, who was about sixty-four or sixty-five years of age, an old resident and a widower, without family, was instantly killed; William Myles of Birmingham, England, about thirty-two or thirty-three years old, who has been in this country something over three years and a half, but who has been in his present employment only about a week, was desperately crushed and bruised, and may yet succumb to his injuries; William Reid, nearly sixty, a man of family, residing on Station road, was badly cut about the head and face, and George Baxter, another workman, was considerably bruised, but not seriously.

Ready hands were soon busy in removing the wrecked material, and rescuing those who were suffering, as well as in caring for the poor crushed body of him, in whom the spark of life had been extinguished.

Dr. F. H. Warnford was summoned and rendered every assistance to the living. Coroner Dr. F. H. Wetmore was sent for to view the body and decide as to an inquest. As he has been called away to Perry Point to attend a man who has received some injury to his face from an accident with a pike-pole, no definite word of the time of holding the inquest can be obtained.

## NEGRO KILLED 3 WHITE MEN AND HURT ANOTHER.

ST. JOSEPH, La., Dec. 20.—Asa Bee, a young negro, beat two white men to death here last night, with a piece of iron pipe, fatally wounded another and seriously injured a fourth, using the same weapon. Robbery of \$45 and the clothing the men wore prompted the crime. The dead are: John Kelly, of Memphis, Tenn.; and Charles W. Heiker, of Chicago. The fatally wounded is a companion of the victims, name not known. The seriously wounded is a man named Callahan, suffering from a cut in the head.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 20.—J. A. Taylor, the retiring president of the National Ginners' Association, said today the amount of cotton ginned would be given out later.

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# HAULTAIN, HE SAYS, THE REAL VICTOR IN THE SASKATCHEWAN CONTEST

## Mr. Borden Declares Scores of Public Em- ployes Worked as Liberal Election Agents ---Management of the Intercolonial.

The following portion of Mr. Borden's banquet speech refers to the Intercolonial, the civil service, the independence of parliament and the administration of the Northwest:

**THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.**  
In this connection the Intercolonial Railway should not be forgotten. In Canada we have about 1,700 miles of railway owned by the people. The mileage has been considerably extended by the present administration upon the promise that deficits would disappear. In extending and improving the railway the government have added fourteen millions to capital account, which has been increased from fifty-five millions to seventy-three millions. The promise has been fulfilled in much the same way as other liberal promises. During the last two years of the conservative administration the total deficits on the Intercolonial were less than \$400,000. During the past two years, in a time of unparalleled development and expansion, the deficits upon the Intercolonial have amounted to nearly three million dollars.

We advocated the extension of the road to Georgian Bay and for obvious reasons. At present it is handicapped because it has no western connection and the proposed extension would give it such connection. Moreover, it is essential that the management of the road should be freed from party political control. On the 29th September, 1903, I moved this resolution in the house of commons:

"That the management of government railways, and of all railways under the control or direction of the government, should be freed from party political control, influence and interference."

On the 18th April, 1904, I moved a similar resolution:

"To develop and extend the government system of railways, and to free the management of the same from party political control or interference."

The administration and its followers voted down my proposals. One of the prominent members of the liberal party, after recent investigation, is strongly in favor of our policy in that respect. His words are reported as follows:

Senator McCullen—"I consider the I. C. R. a good Dominion asset and it carefully and conscientiously under an independent head it would pay all operating expenses and contribute considerable, in addition, substantial revenue to the Dominion treasury. Put the system under the management of a Shaugnessy or a Hays, give him free hand, and I am satisfied the result would be as above stated."

The road is overrated.

"The operating staff is too numerous. Repair shops are overcrowded with workmen and in many cases men simply put in their time as easy as they can and draw their pay."

Here we have a distinct issue between the two parties. We favor business management and freedom from

party control. Our opponents cling to the system of patronage and political interference, but the continuance for many years to come of the growing deficits upon this great public asset.

This brings me to another subject well worthy the consideration of the conservative party at the present moment. It is a subject which has not much engaged attention in recent years, and for the views which I express I alone am responsible. The position of the civil service in this country is not satisfactory. When the liberals attained power in 1896, after eighteen years in opposition, they dismissed conservatives very freely. In some cases the dismissals were just. In other cases they were absolutely unjust. Men were dismissed without an opportunity of investigation, upon the mere dictum of a liberal member of parliament. Conservatives were dismissed from nearly every important position in the department of the interior. This policy apparently looked forward to that exploitation of the public domain which has had such happy results for some prominent friends of the party now in power.

**CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.**  
In the federal civil service, reform is very desirable. Great Britain has led the way, and the United States has in some measure followed. A non-partisan civil service has been created in Great Britain, and the cause of patronage has been removed from the lives of members of parliament. We lag behind. Government influence in this country is more powerful than in Great Britain, and the cause of patronage is more rampant. The system of granting appropriations for so-called public works, or rather the granting of such appropriations without any system whatever for purely partisan purposes, is used unscrupulously and boldly by the present administration, to influence communities as well as corporations and individuals. We should look forward in Canada to a non-partisan civil service, and in the meantime we should insist that public officials should not be employed at the public expense as election agents of a political party.

Mr. Lake, the member for St. Appelle, a prominent conservative, moved in the house of commons, during the past session, this resolution:

"That whilst it is desirable that every official in the employ of the government of Canada should enjoy perfect freedom of political opinion and the unrestrained exercise of his franchise in accord therewith, no official should be engaged or permitted to engage in partisan work of any description in the election of a representative to a provincial or dominion legislature."

The government for very shame's sake were obliged to accept this, although much against the wishes of the minister of the interior. That resolution has been absolutely disregarded by the administration in the recent campaign in the west. Public officials have been boldly and unblushingly employed as the instrument and agents of the party machine. There has been little attempt at disguise. A horde of public officials has been campaigning for the government in Alberta and Saskatchewan. The machinery of the interior department has been freely used. It is only a repetition of what took place at the federal elections of 1900 and 1904. In this way the liberal leaders provide the salaries of their election agents at the expense of the people of Canada, and such means they dominate and coerce the home-steader and the newly arrived immigrant. This is not politics. It is simply political buccannery.

But the government went even beyond this. They made the high and honorable position of lieutenant governor a fixture of their party machine. Mr. Haultain had the confidence of the people of the Northwest to an unusual degree. He was prime minister of the territories. In right and in justice he should have been called upon to form an administration for the province in which he elected to reside. Undoubtedly he was passed over at the dictation of the federal government. This utter degradation of the lieutenant governor's office will be an unending disgrace to the memory of the present administration.

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**Kidney-Liver Pills.**

If you enquire into the cause of sickness, pain and suffering, you will find that fully nine-tenths of it results from derangements of the liver, kidneys and bowels.

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The liver and kidneys are intimately related as filters of the blood, and the regularity of their work depends on the healthful action of the liver.

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Mr. Stanislas Hache, Burnsville, N. B., writes: "Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills have entirely cured me of kidney disease and backache, from which I have suffered for several years. Besides the pains in my back there was weakness and lameness which bothered me continually, and to say that these troubles were entirely removed by one box of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills seems almost incredible. This is a fact, however, and there are many more people in this locality who have proven the merits of this great medicine."

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**HAULTAIN THE REAL VICTOR.**  
Notwithstanding all these gambling devices, notwithstanding the loading of dice and the stacking of cards, the present reports indicate that Mr. Haultain has won the battle of provincial rights in Saskatchewan. Whether this is the case or not he fought against almost overwhelming odds, with a courage and a success which have never been surpassed under similar conditions. Walter Scott, naturally explains that his hopes are centred in the back townships. It is there that the government officials can more thoroughly exercise their influence upon the newly arrived immigrants or the expectant homesteader. It is there that certain machine methods can accomplish their best results. Haultain's triumph, not a defeat, for the cause of provincial rights.

We advocate the enactment of further measures to protect the public interest in the auditing of public accounts. The present administration seems indisposed even to consider the necessity of any such measure. An officer such as the auditor general should be invested with the amplest powers, not inconsistent with the

theory of responsible government. The parliamentary committee on public accounts have a certain oversight, and can perform certain functions, but an expert, auditor general, with a competent staff, can accomplish much more. A courageous and independent officer filling this position is an essential part of the machinery of government. His presence and the ample power with which he is vested should be welcomed by a government which sometimes fails to meet the raids of the "interior element" which is always ready to attach itself to a political party holding office.

Further, it is my purpose to introduce legislation at the approaching session for more thoroughly ensuring the independence of parliament, and of its individual members. The lobbying system has to some extent prevailed in Canada, although until recently we have not noted the special evils which have sometimes manifested themselves in the United States. During the last few sessions of parliament a change has been apparent to those who are observant. It is desirable to propose certain statutory restrictions upon members in connection with the promotion of bills. It has been the practice of members of parliament who are members of the profession to use their professional capacity in the promotion of private bills. This I think should be discontinued. It may be urged that a member of parliament being a professional man, may be expected to use his client to promote a bill upon which he does not speak or vote, and which is dealt with in the first instance by a party not a member, but by a member of the profession. I am satisfied does descend, into something very much more objectionable. It is the practice of some members of the senate and congress even to be subjected to fine, if not imprisonment, for violation of this statute. I believe the provision is wholesome, and I am prepared to support, and I believe the conservative party should support, a measure which will do away with the practice of members of parliament from practicing their profession before any committee of the house, or in any department of the federal government.

**SOME GOVERNMENT SCANDALS.**  
Economic and honest administration was a feature of the liberal platform in 1892. Ten years of power have demonstrated that the government believed that these professions were honest and sincere. Tonight I have not time to give many illustrations, but two at least may be mentioned.

A certain gentleman of the province of Quebec was unwilling to become a candidate for his party, but finally consented to do so, and was elected at the general elections of 1900. At this time he owned a large timber land in a place called "The King's Head," a village, having a population of 350, according to the census of 1901. The exploitation of this timber land required the building of a very considerable amount of what is called a "road." There was no local tax or requirements to justify any such large expenditure. The sum of \$50,000 of the public money of Canada was appropriated by the liberal majority in parliament for the construction of this road, against the protest and vote of the opposition. The result, although not especially beneficial to the country, was extremely gratifying to the member who had been elected.

It is a certain gentleman, who has been publicly stated in the house of commons that he had received a letter from a certain gentleman, who had arranged and carried out this misappropriation of public funds have the authorization of a parliamentary majority and are not amenable to the law.

In 1902 certain gentlemen formed themselves into a corporation known as the Saskatchewan Valley Land Co. They acquired the land grant of the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway Co., amounting to 1,500,000 acres. Public lands in the west were divided into odd and even numbered sections. Odd numbered sections are set apart, out of which are selected certain sections as reserves for homesteaded entries—that is, for those persons who become bona fide settlers. In addition to the land which this company acquired from the railway, it was granted certain sections, by means of a certain reservation, for 500,000 acres out of the land reserved for settlers. The application was made in the spring of 1902, and shortly afterwards the government handed over to this company 350,000 acres of homesteaded lands, to be selected out of an area of at least 750,000 acres. The price was fixed at \$1 per acre, and the grant was made upon the following conditions: In each township the government reserved five sections, comprising twenty homesteads of 160 acres each, upon each of which the company agreed to locate a settler.

The company also agreed to settle twenty homesteads in each township upon their lands purchased from the railway company. By this arrangement the company obtained the control not only of the 350,000 acres granted to it, but also the control of the remaining land open to settlement in no less than 76 townships. The lands still remaining in the possession of the government are thus controlled by the company for settlement, and homestead rights therein may be used by the company as an inducement to those to whom it may offer the 250,000 acres, which it received from the government. By this cunning device that which is the right of the settler, the company as a condition is made to ensure to its benefit. Apparently this grant of 250,000 acres has been disposed of by the company, whether to actual settlers or to subsidiary companies, I do not know. What we do know is that these same lands so acquired only three years ago from the government at \$1 per acre are now held and valued at \$5 to \$15 per acre.

**DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE.**  
In this regard I do not speak without the book, because I hold in my possession the written declaration of the company, declaring that these prices are placed upon such lands, and since the date of the statement it has been publicly announced that the company has still further increased the price of its holdings. We may, therefore, conclude that the liberals inter-

ested in this enterprise have enriched themselves at the expense of the country to the extent of a million dollars per annum during the past three years. If the government was unable to settle these lands by the aid of its much-vaunted department of immigration, why in the name of all that is honest and decent did it not put them up for sale by public tender and competition under the same conditions as those which were imposed upon, or rather granted, to the Saskatchewan Valley Land Co.? No true reason can be assigned, other than the desire to enrich at the public expense the already ample fortunes of those who are not unwilling to benefit thereby. Let me add that one of my colleagues in parliament has been investigating the quantity of lands available for free homesteads in the west. Excluding lands which require irrigation and those unsuitable for agriculture, he is of opinion that in four more years the government will have exhausted the lands available for settlement.



GENERAL FEJERVARY, OF AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

The King-Emperor has re-appointed General Baron Fejervary to the Premiership on the ground that his new programme has been accepted by His Majesty, and instructed him to fill the vacant portfolios.

It is understood that the Cabinet will be charged to dissolve Parliament and to prepare for a general election next summer on the basis of the granting of universal suffrage on the Belgian system. It is reported that the re-appointment of Baron Fejervary will involve the resignation of the Austrian Premier, Baron Gutsch von Frankenthurn.

**A TIMELY HINT.**  
One time there was a little boy so naughty all the year  
His record was denominated shock-  
ing;  
So good St. Chris, observing this, remarked, "Too bad—dear, dear!"  
I'll have to put a switch in Willie's stocking.

"He's teased his ma, displeased his pa,  
And come in late to school,  
And dropped his grandma's spectacles to bust 'em;  
Although I ain't a peevish saint I must obey the rule  
And punish him according to the custom."

So Christmas eve, with pack on sleeve,  
The saint came down the flue  
A-blowing on his fingers all at-tingle;  
His beard was white, his smile was bright, as cheerful to his view.  
He saw the stocking hanging by the ingle.

He left a doll for Baby Moll, a book for Sister Ann,  
Then suddenly his face grew stern and chilly  
As from the pack upon his back he took a package plain,  
A wondrous looking spanker labelled "Willie."

The saint looked sad. "Too bad, too bad!"  
He murmured with a sigh.  
A moment through the bedroom door he peeped,  
Where Molly lay and Jane the gay, and in his cot nearby  
The naughty, naughty Willie was a-sleeping.

"Think how forlorn tomorrow morn the little chap will look,"  
He said, a teardrop down his nose a-rolling;  
"A child enjoys a lot of toys, but less I am mistaken, in a stocking."  
A spanker ain't so awfully consoling."

He thunk and thunk and wunk and wunk and laughed, "It's all a joke—"  
They can't be sad when Santa Claus comes knocking!"  
Then lustily across his knee he wicked switch he broke  
And dropped the silver watch in Willie's stocking.

Then up the flue and up the flue swift leaped the sprightly elf  
To where his merry reindeer stood a-feeding.  
"I sympathize with boys," he said; "I've been a boy myself—"  
Up, Lightfoot! Whitefoot! haste, the night is speeding!"  
—New York Globe.

**ANOTHER FAMILY COMBINE**  
**INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Henry P. Townley, president of the Life Assurance Society of America, resumed his testimony before the legislative committee today. He said that when his company started business as a stock company it had \$268,000 in its treasury, which was obtained from the sale of stock.

President Townley received a salary of \$12,000, the treasurer \$3,000, the medical director \$3,000 and the general counsel \$5,000. G. W. Townley, son of the president, is the secretary and also a general agent. He receives no salary, but receives commissions, which amounted last year to \$4,000. The medical director is George G. Vanechak, a brother of the general counsel, who, with the witness organized the company.

**BOYS' REFORM SCHOOL BURNED.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The boys' reform school of the district of Columbia, located some distance outside of Washington, caught fire early today, and the building in which were housed 300 boys was totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. No lives were lost. The cause of the fire is not definitely known, but it is believed to have resulted from spontaneous combustion among some goods stored on the fourth floor of the building.

**HARCOURT.**  
HARCOURT, Dec. 19.—Miss Ruby Dunn came home last night from Mt. Allison Musical Academy to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Harry Wathen, the I. C. R. agent at Kent Junction, has been ill several days and compelled to keep his bed. He is somewhat improved today.

**HOME FROM THE WEST.**  
Oran Mabee, of Calgary, but formerly of the North End, arrived from the west yesterday and will probably, return with his family. He is now the superintendent of a flourishing cash and door factory doing a \$7,000 business monthly. Geo. W. Mullan is the head bookkeeper, Ollie Lytha, his wife, who worked on the I. C. R., is foreman in the C. P. R. yard in Calgary. George Andrews is with the Hudson Bay Co., Calgary. Frank Murdoch is travelling for the Gurney Steam Heating Co.

**MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 19.**—As the result of a dynamite explosion which took place this afternoon in a quarry belonging to the corporation, at the corner of Laurier avenue and St. Andrew street, four civic employes are now lying in Notre Dame hospital, and one of them is not expected to recover.

The men were at work in the quarry, and after lighting a fuse, which failed to set off the dynamite, the men went to investigate. While approaching the charge it exploded and debris was thrown in all directions.

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**WAS IN RUSSIA**  
**AND SAW ENOUGH**  
Yankee Jockey Glad To  
Get Home Again

He Gives a Graphic Description of  
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NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—After seventeen days of the Russian revolution in Warsaw, after seeing hundreds of people shot down by Cossacks, and after having felt two bombs explode in the room under him, the American jockey, J. Mitchell, fled from Russia. He arrived here today on the steamer Blutchter, Mitchell was in Russia under a contract with Baron Stover.

"I have had all I want of Russia," he said today. "The Cossacks are human devils without any thought beyond killing."

"I stayed at the Bristol Hotel in Warsaw. The night of Nov. 14 I was playing billiards on the second floor. Suddenly there was a fusillade of shots and a crashing of plate glass. Then cries of anger from men and shrieks from women from the cafe below. We ran to the head of the stairs and saw men and women rushing from the cafe. While we stood there a bomb was thrown into the cafe and exploded, wrecking the ground floor. Another bomb quickly followed and the whole building seemed to shake."

"Before the sound of the explosion had died away the crowd had begun to rush through the windows and a break in the wall, and we heard the crashing of chairs and the breaking of tables. The crowd had begun to think of the upper stories and we of some way to escape, when we heard that indescribable yell of the Cossacks. Then came a charge of cavalry, the cries of the wounded, the crack of revolvers, the impact of horses against a living wall of people, which yielded with a sickening sound."

"Five hundred Cossacks literally cleared their way through the crowd. Some rode their horses through the windows, cutting down all inside who did not flee."

"The official statement issued showed three killed, but three carloads of dead bodies were taken away."

"A few days after this I was in the American bar which faces on a park square while there was a meeting of workmen. There were fully five thousand people in the place when the Cossacks charged and cleared the park. The Cossacks were fired upon and several were wounded and this appeared to drive them to fury and they used their sabres freely. The place resembled a slaughterhouse."

"Some of the workmen rushed back and caught up the body of one of their dead comrades and threw it into a wheel-barrow, and the legs dangling over the front. The crowd then passed through the streets singing revolutionary songs with the dead man wheeling at the head."

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Yankee Jockey Glad To  
Get Home Again

He Gives a Graphic Description of  
Cruelties Practiced by the  
Military.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—After seventeen days of the Russian revolution in Warsaw, after seeing hundreds of people shot down by Cossacks, and after having felt two bombs explode in the room under him, the American jockey, J. Mitchell, fled from Russia. He arrived here today on the steamer Blutchter, Mitchell was in Russia under a contract with Baron Stover.

"I have had all I want of Russia," he said today. "The Cossacks are human devils without any thought beyond killing."

"I stayed at the Bristol Hotel in Warsaw. The night of Nov. 14 I was playing billiards on the second floor. Suddenly there was a fusillade of shots and a crashing of plate glass. Then cries of anger from men and shrieks from women from the cafe below. We ran to the head of the stairs and saw men and women rushing from the cafe. While we stood there a bomb was thrown into the cafe and exploded, wrecking the ground floor. Another bomb quickly followed and the whole building seemed to shake."

"Before the sound of the explosion had died away the crowd had begun to rush through the windows and a break in the wall, and we heard the crashing of chairs and the breaking of tables. The crowd had begun to think of the upper stories and we of some way to escape, when we heard that indescribable yell of the Cossacks. Then came a charge of cavalry, the cries of the wounded, the crack of revolvers, the impact of horses against a living wall of people, which yielded with a sickening sound."

"Five hundred Cossacks literally cleared their way through the crowd. Some rode their horses through the windows, cutting down all inside who did not flee."

"The official statement issued showed three killed, but three carloads of dead bodies were taken away."

"A few days after this I was in the American bar which faces on a park square while there was a meeting of workmen. There were fully five thousand people in the place when the Cossacks charged and cleared the park. The Cossacks were fired upon and several were wounded and this appeared to drive them to fury and they used their sabres freely. The place resembled a slaughterhouse."

"Some of the workmen rushed back and caught up the body of one of their dead comrades and threw it into a wheel-barrow, and the legs dangling over the front. The crowd then passed through the streets singing revolutionary songs with the dead man wheeling at the head."

**CHATHAM CHRISTMAS**  
**TRADE IS DULL.**  
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Treachurous Under Certain Con-  
ditions—Matters of Interest.

CHATHAM, N. B., Dec. 19.—Christmas trade has hardly developed a boom as yet. Nearly all the storekeepers are complaining of dull business, while the stocks of goods are sufficient to tempt the most misgavely. The scarcity of cash may be the real cause, for as yet there has been very little distribution since the closing of the saw mills. Smelt-fishing has not so far been so productive as to make this industry very much felt in the general trade of the town. Some fairly good catches are reported from points down river, particularly at East Point, but only the most venturesome of the fishermen have succeeded in the condition of the ice renders the business rather dangerous.

Christopher McLean was one of those whose perseverance and pluck were rewarded on Saturday night while the weakness of the ice deterred some, others equally anxious, but at the season a successful fisherman requires to be an amphibious animal. The ice generally is rather treacherous except on the prepared roads, a teamster lost control of his horse yesterday on the ice and the animal left the reins of the unhealed and snow-covered waste of ice with the result that he broke through. Fortunately it was near town, and with prompt assistance the steed was rescued very little the worse of his adventure.

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The condition of the sidewalks is trying to the pedestrian under most favorable circumstances, but when one is "loaded" inside and out, a disaster may reasonably be apprehended. The inside load was in evidence only by the apparent exhilaration, but the coat pocket and the bulging protruded two "long-socks" and it is said that it is his successful efforts to prevent disaster to his outside load his winter's job was sacrificed by breaking his arm.

A congregation of the church held a meeting last night in the church building to consider the question of the resignation of Rev. Duncan Henderson, who has for some time been incapable, and whose resignation has been handed to the session. Very general sympathy has been extended to the reverend gentleman in his affliction and the question of providing a pension for him was under consideration. The meeting called to consider this matter as well as the question of supply, and at the discussion which ensued it became apparent that the pastor occupied a very delicate position with his flock. The meeting resolved to continue the pastoral connection for another year at any rate, and the hope was expressed by all present that the infirmity from which he is suffering may, before the expiry of that time be entirely removed. Rev. Mr. Henderson will therefore continue in charge of the congregation for another year, and provide whatever supply may be required during that period. The decision of the congregation will be conveyed to the Presbytery, which will hold a session today for the purpose of considering this matter as well as the supply for Deplainsburg church.

Mrs. Wing sang a solo at the evening service at St. Luke's on Sunday, and won considerable praise, possessing as she does, a pleasing voice of considerable power and compass, and having a very happy style with a good presence.

Miss Hessele Gunn of St. John's church choir, is winning ecstasies by reason of her fine choral performance, which are especially marked in the solo parts, as the exhibits marked traits of a rising prima donna. Miss Gunn is taking lessons in vocal culture under the tuition of Burton Loggie, who, himself, a graduate of the best schools of voice training, has great hopes for the musical career of his young protegee, who is already a good instrumental performer.

The military stock of Miss Louise Brehant is being offered for sale by auction at Mr. Wynn's rooms. This stock is valued at about \$700, but the best offer, on a bloc, was only in the vicinity of \$70, or less than one-tenth of the value. The stock was erroneously reported to be sold at \$100, but it is now to be offered at auction to meet the liabilities of the proprietor, the arrangements of which are being made by Mr. Wynn.

Many loads of Christmas supplies arrived last night from the south, the chief commodity was beef, but mutton, goose and a very few turkeys are included. Turkeys bring all the way from nineteen to twenty-five cents, twenty-three being the ruling figure.

The schools are preparing for the Christmas examinations and Dr. Cox of the high school, is drilling some of his pupils in the histrionic art; the piece decided upon for production is an act or two from the Merchant of Venice, and already the cast of characters may be observed in the youthful Shylock, Portia and other Shakespearean characters.

**INTERESTING CASE**  
**BEFORE U. S. COURTS**  
BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 19.—The validity of a legacy of \$40,000 in cash and work of art, worth \$30,000, \$30,000 and \$40,000, made in the will of Mrs. Esther M. Byers, of Andover, but formerly of New York, to the Abbott Female Academy of Andover, is the question raised by Edward C. Mills and others, her executors, to be decided for the supreme court. When she made her will she owned a residence at 27 East Thirty-seventh street, New York, and placed the property with the executors in trust to see it and pay \$40,000 to the academy for a fire-proof building, and to place in it her paintings, statuary, and works of art which were then in her possession.

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