

MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL
H. N. WILLIAMS, 10 VICTORIA ST.

TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR

PREMIER ROSS AT BARRIE
REPEATS HIS OLD SPEECH

Claims That Liberal Party Advocated
Municipal Ownership Before the
Conservatives Thought of It.

Barrie, Dec. 23.—(Staff Special).—To-night Premier Ross enunciated the new policy framed by the convention of the Liberals held in Toronto a few weeks ago. He offered no new material, and his address was somewhat disappointing, because it was expected that he would elaborate some of the essential features of the platform.

The Premier raised and his reference to the important question of municipal ownership did not occupy more than five minutes of his time at the podium, and this was after he had expressed a desire to close. At this time the audience called for him to continue, and when he failed to do so, the government program in respect to the temperance question there were many cries of approval.

The opera house seats 1000 people. The body of the building was not filled, but the balcony was fairly well filled, mostly with ladies, and no more than a dozen boys occupied the gallery. The house was empty. A dozen prominent Liberals sat on the platform. Two flags and a picture of the premier, with a motto, "Ontario's Honored Premier," were the only decorations. The reception given Mr. Ross on his appearance was hearty, considering the many empty chairs.

To Quoque Argument.
A good deal of the premier's speech was a reiteration of the charges of corruption against the Conservatives. He was shocked at the failure of the Conservative conference to resolve in favor of electoral purity, as the Liberal convention had done. The Conservative policy enunciated at the conference was a surprise.

The conference itself was an imitation of the Liberal convention. The Conservatives had declared against bonuses to railways, but Mr. Ross said this had been the policy of the government for some years. They had, however, departed from this line, in so far as aid to railways projected into new settlements was concerned. The government had taken up the question of free text books. This was one of the planks adopted by the Liberal convention. Mr. Whitney had appropriated the idea of a minister of mines from the government, while the Conservatives had declared that the government had been in favor of government ownership from time immemorial.

He said that the municipalities should own every public service required by the community. On the subject of the development of Niagara Falls power, he claimed that the government had been in favor of charging a rental. It was the policy of the Conservatives to make this power "free as air," but Mr. Ross said he had been in favor of a rental. The government had compelled the railways to contribute a greater share of the cost of the railway commission named during the last session had reported on a scheme this question would be decided.

More Filling Up.
"Fill up the hinterland and regain what has been lost in the representation of the provinces in the Dominion parliament," was the burden of a great portion of the speech. It was to the credit of Sir John A. Macdonald that he built the C.P.R. The Liberals were the small men then and desired the C.P.R., but in provincial affairs they were the men of the large ideas. There was no sharp against the administrative work of the government. The department of agriculture had done well in encouraging the farmers to greater production. He did not object to Mr. Whitney's policy on agriculture, but found fault with the past record of the government.

The premier spoke a little over two hours and went over much of the ground traversed at the Toronto convention. He was somewhat discursive in explanation of the subjects that he was expected to cover. The main portion of his speech.

On the Platform.
H. E. Joy was chairman of the meeting and along with him on the platform were: J. B. Tupper, ex-M.L.A., East Simcoe; Rev. Dr. Grant, Dr. McLean, R. B. Gunn, K.C., J. Miller, all of Ontario; Rev. Dr. McLeod, C. E. Hewson, Liberal candidate in Centre Simcoe; D. Davidson, Conservative candidate in Centre Simcoe; County Councillors Graham and Martin, Duncan Marshall. The premier was given a good reception when he came to the platform. He was greeted with the cry, "That's the grand old man," shouted one, and the cheering was renewed. All other called out: "He'll never go back."

The chairman said that this was really the opening meeting of the campaign. The issues raised by the opposition were so slight that at the public meeting the premier had to waste his time in answering them. Before calling on the candidates, Mr. Joy read a letter from Rev. John Gray of Orillia, who described himself as the oldest Reformer in Ontario, in which he deprecated the "vulgar" and "slandering attacks" made upon the premier, who from the farm had risen to be a teacher in Sunday schools and Bible classes, and thence to the office of premier.

Mr. Hewson admitted that he had known adaptability as a representative of the people in the county council, and if elected he would be one of the first to turn Mr. Ross out of office if he did wrong. Duncan Marshall of Bracebridge seemed to be among friends, and his reception was cordial. The leader of the opposition had not been able to say in his Napier speech that his policy was "I think they had better have a policy or have an election sale." His experience was that so far as honesty or integrity was concerned, Gits and Tories individually were pretty much alike.

On the premier being introduced, the chairman started the premier by asking him to take out his handkerchief and ask the audience to rise and salute, when about his stand up and cheer lustily. Centre Simcoe had sent some splendid members to parliament, the premier said, but he could not say that for the men who had gone to Toronto. The Tories had taken advantage of his confusion at Napier and said if he had flinched he should be elected.

"But if they elected you, what is going to happen?" asked one. The premier had not expected this. He had expected that he would have some hope for them. It was clear from the attitude of the two parties that it was the opposition that was on trial. They had no fault with the administration of the government, but they were against the man who was in office. It was against this forced discussion that he objected.

No Rejoinder.
He had been called the "old war horse" of the party. He was not a belated.

Mr Fyshe to Resign From the Merchants Bank

Then That Institution Will Be Joined With the Royal Bank of Canada, Tho the General Manager Does Not Confirm the Statement.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—(Special).—It looks as if the difference of opinion that has been going on for some time past between the members of the directors of the Merchants Bank of Canada would result in the retirement of Thomas Fyshe from the general management of that institution and its fusion with the Royal Bank of Canada.

It is an open secret that the gentlemen composing the Merchants directors have been divided on the question of amalgamation, which is strenuously opposed by Mr. Fyshe and the older members of the bank. The proposition of union, which has been favored by Sir Montague Allan, the president of the Merchants, and some of the less conservative directors would give the

proposed merger a capital of \$2,000,000 and a rest of \$6,000,000. In the case of the Royal Bank of Canada, the proposed merger would become joint general manager.

It was stated this evening that Mr. Fyshe had really resigned, altho that gentleman did not confirm it. A leading director declared, however, that the matter was under consideration at the board meeting this afternoon, and when asked if Mr. Fyshe wanted to get out, he added: "I would not like to put it that way." Be this as it may, there is a strong possibility that Mr. Fyshe has determined to retire, that the Merchants and the Royal will come together, and that Mr. Fyshe will be the general manager.

Thomas Fyshe, who came to the Merchants from the Bank of Nova Scotia some years ago, is considered one of the ablest bankers in Canada. He had a contract with the Merchants which will not run out for some time yet.

WHOLE JAP FLEET GOES OUT
TO MEET THE BALTIC SHIPS

All the Vessels About Port Arthur
Prepared to Do Battle on Proper Notice.

London, Dec. 23.—Telegraphing from Tokyo, the correspondent of the Daily Express says he learns that in the event of Admiral Kusunuma (who is reported to have gone south with a squadron of powerful cruisers, notifying of the approach of the Russian second Pacific Squadron, the whole Japanese fleet, which has been operating at Port Arthur, will be ready to go south on a day's notice to give battle.

JAPS EVACUATE TRENCHES.
Mukden, Dec. 23.—Volunteers the night of Dec. 21, occupied Japanese trenches opposite their positions. Three trenches were evacuated by the Japanese with scarcely a fight. The victors were surprised to find the trenches in such a state of repair.

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Resisted Vaccination.
Canderville, Ont., Dec. 23.—While resisting arrest for refusing to submit to compulsory vaccination, Ross Garrett, 40, of Canderville, was taken to the hospital. He was taken by a posse and shot a deputy marshal, who arrested him. He probably will die.

17 Sentenced to 170 Days.
Richmond, Dec. 23.—Sentences were pronounced to-day upon the persons found guilty of participating in the anti-Jewish riots here in May, 1903. Seventeen of them were sentenced to 170 days imprisonment, two to 90 days and 11 were acquitted.

Good Advice for Christmas Week.
Not everyone has sufficient money to buy champagne for Christmas dinner, but everyone has enough to provide for his family. The best advice is to buy Scotch or rye and after all even champagne is not more exhilarating or refreshing than the delicious blend produced by mixing an icy cold bottle of fresh sparkling radnor with your Scotch or rye.

Do not forget to order radnor from your grocer or wine merchant.

The Advantages of Accuracy.
The Sovereign Life Assurance Company is the first company in Canada to adopt the new British Mortality Tables. These tables are the most modern and accurate in existence and give the experience of companies to-day and not fifty years ago.

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The finest collection of Gift Furniture in Toronto is on sale at Adams, City Hall-square.

Must Accept it Right Away
Or Plan Will Be Withdrawn

Toronto and York Radial Railway Company Issues an Ultimatum to Citizens of Whitby.

Whitby, Dec. 23.—(Special).—At 3 o'clock this afternoon notices were sent out by Mayor Bligh calling a special meeting of the town council for Monday afternoon at 7 o'clock. The notices were prepared by the solicitor for the Toronto and York Electric Radial Company.

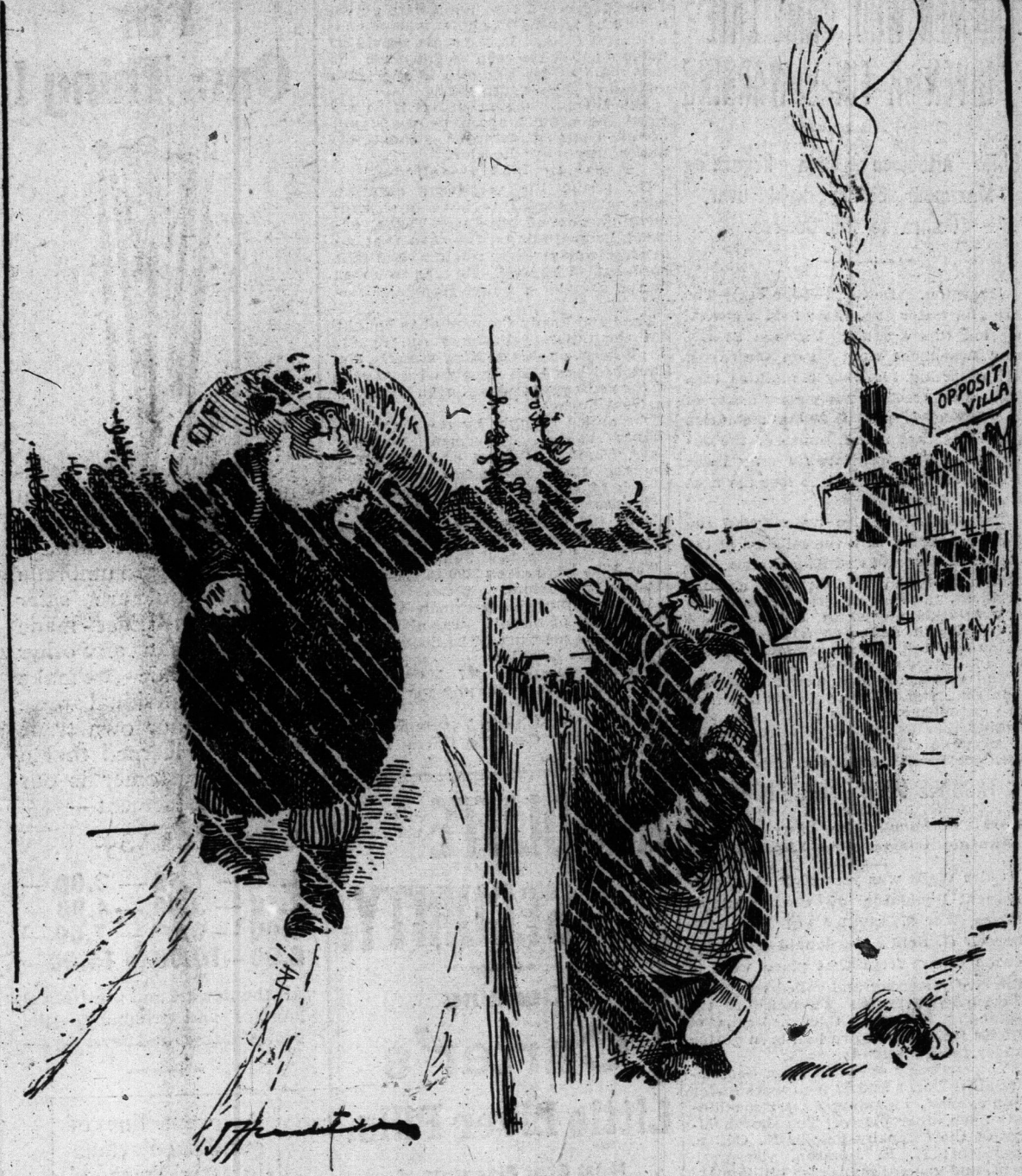
The friends of the company have given as the reason for their haste that the company, by its solicitor, has said the town MUST EITHER IMMEDIATELY ACCEPT OR REFUSE THE TERMS OFFERED, OTHERWISE THE OFFER WILL BE WITHDRAWN.

The feeling was strong among the council that at a date so near the municipal election the matter should be left to the people, so the following clause was added to the agreement, which gives on the conditions therein set out a perpetual and exclusive franchise.

The saving clause is: "The agreement and the bylaw based thereon shall not be binding on the council or the town until the agreement and the bylaw based thereon, bearing date, made between the town and the company, which have been approved by a majority of the ratepayers who vote thereat at the ensuing municipal election and confirmed by an act of the legislature."

It now behooves the opponents of the agreement to get to work, as many of the citizens are either indifferent or put little value on the franchise, but the whole matter is now before the electors.

A DESERVING CASE.



JAMES WHITNEY: "I hope he turns in here. There hasn't been a real Christmas at our house for thirty-four years."

SLIM NOMINATION CROWDS IN CITY BUT THE USUAL GRIST OF RUNNERS

Three out for Mayoralty and McPherson Gets Personal—West End Words Provide Liveliest Meetings.

According to custom, the free and independent electors assembled at the call of city clerk Littlejohn in the chilly bare attic of the city hall yesterday morning to nominate representatives for council. The attendance was fully up to that of former years, and all aspirants for office had their friends and received a gracious mead of applause along with a generous hearing.

In all, three candidates for the mayoralty, eleven for the board of control, and seventeen for the board of education were nominated, and almost all of these will stand for election. Certificates of qualification must be filed with the city clerk before to-night at 9 o'clock in order that the names may appear on the official ballot papers.

The speech of Mr. McPherson was generally considered to have been hurtling mostly to his own candidature. The audience evidently had no desire to hear anything of the personal relations of any candidates and clearly evidenced its displeasure. The matter of the controllers' salaries had apparently been discussed freely among the raters, and the opinion was often expressed that the elections should be a general desire to escape any responsibility for the effort to obtain an increase, and this, with a unanimous wish to clamor on the municipal ownership platform, formed the chief burden of the speeches.

Municipal politicians consider that the mayoralty will present a pretty high, the McPherson influence being counted upon to draw from Urquhart's support as much as from Gooderham's. The best information do not indicate any hollow victory, and the closeness of the vote is expected to prove a surprise.

At 11 o'clock Mr. Littlejohn announced that nominations were closed, and on motion of Controller Spence resumed the chair during the public meeting. He then proceeded to call on the candidates in the order in which they had been nominated, the mayoralty nominees being given 15 minutes and the others five minutes each.

Gooderham First.
Mr. Gooderham was greeted with generous applause. He thanked his nominators, Col. Davidson and J. J. Allan, and reviewed his work on the school board. When he was chairman of the finance committee, for the first time in his history it came out with a balance of \$12,000 to hand over to the board of education. During his chairmanship also, the McPherson influence being counted upon to draw from Urquhart's support as much as from Gooderham's. The best information do not indicate any hollow victory, and the closeness of the vote is expected to prove a surprise.

David Hoskin, P.C.A., Chartered Accountant, 77 Wellington St. E., Toronto.
Business Note for Sale.
\$15,000 will buy a choice business block of three stories on St. Andrew street, near College. Very easy terms. Apply J. L. Troy, 52 East Adelaide.

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Bastedo's 77 King St. East—Special Alaska salmon and fur for \$12.00.

Adams say they won't carry over any holiday furniture. It should be a great place to buy gifts to-day. City Hall-square.

Broderick's Business Suits—\$18.50—118 King street.

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BIG RUSH TO SPEND XMAS WITH OLD FOLKS AT HOME

Railways Expect Heavy Traffic—What City Churches Will Provide To-Morrow, Musically.

Christmas Eve and After.
Tommy wants a pair of skates.
Tommy wants 'em now.
Mamma wants a Turkish rug.
Papa wants a cow.
Dolly wants a watch and chain.
Johnny dreams of drums—
Wait and see what each'll get.
When Merry Christmas comes.

Tommy'll get a handkerchief.
Mamma'll get a calendar.
To tell her what to cook.
Papa'll get a box of fudge.
Dolly'll get a pin.
And Johnny'll get a painted box.
To keep his collars in.

So it happens every year—
Always has, as yet—
A awful lot of things we want.
Mighty few we get.
Always happens, always will.
Don't know whose to blame.
Wish you all a Merry Christmas just the same.

To-morrow's Christmas! If it wasn't for the crowds on the street, the decorations and the display of "seasonable" novelties in the windows, and the overheard or exchanged "Merry Christmas, old man," it would be a little difficult to believe that yesterday wasn't a day toward the fog-end of March.

But the observatory officials promised a change during the night, which will freeze things up to-day and make to-morrow and Monday a real winter celebration.

The holiday rush is on with the railways, and to judge from the statements made by officials, it will be a greater one than has been, altho they admit that it is a little early as yet to make calculations. For the first day of the special rail traffic, however, yesterday more than compares favorably with the volume of incoming and outgoing traffic recorded at the open last year. To-day it is expected that the Union Station will approach as closely to blocked conditions as possible with the excellent system of handling the passengers now in vogue, and which was not employed a year ago, and which will away with the confusion of the travel last Christmas. Nevertheless it will be a matter of good policy to get away on the early trains if possible.

Of course to-morrow the churches will have special services. Some of the programs arranged are:
St. James' Cathedral.
Holy Communion 8 a.m. and 12 (plain) 2 p.m. (choral), morning prayer and service, 11 a.m.; evening prayer and service, 7 p.m.
St. Mary's.
Holy Communion. Processional Hymn, "O Come, all ye Faithful." Service, Maundy, in G. Recessional, "Veni Dimitte," Barnby, (60).
Morning Prayer—Organ, Prelude, Pastoral, Guilmant, Processional, Hymn, "O Come, all ye Faithful."

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THEY REALLY MEAN IT.

A policyholder who received a Christmas card from the president, directors and officers of his insurance company, "wishing him many happy returns of the day," and that "good fortune be with you," exclaimed that he thought they really meant it. He was estimated for long life to the policyholder than the insurance company.

Take Your Shopping List With You.
On the back page of The World you will find a list of goods suitable for Xmas presents—cut it out and take it with you on your excursion into shopland to-day. The list was prepared by the Dineen Co.'s experts, and is calculated to bring joy and satisfaction to the giver and the lucky recipient of holiday tokens.

VERY COLD.
Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 23, 3 p.m.—Light snowfalls have occurred in Quebec and the maritime provinces and scattered showers in Ontario and British Columbia. In the Northwest Territories and Manitoba it has been fair and very cold.

Minimum and maximum temperatures—Dawson, 11 below—8 below; Victoria, 35—45; Calgary, 10 below—10 below; Winnipeg, 26 below—16 below; Port Arthur, 16 below—6 below; Parry Sound, 6—5; Toronto, 24—8; Ottawa, 10—12; Montreal, 6—8; Quebec, 2—8; St. John, 4—8; Halifax, 4—8.

Probabilities.
Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong northerly winds; fair and very cold; scattered snow flurries. Sunday very cold.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—High northerly winds; fair and decidedly colder; local snow flurries. Sunday very cold.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Strong northerly winds; fair and very cold to-day and Sunday.

Maritime—High northeasterly and northwesterly winds; fair and decidedly colder; local snow flurries. Sunday, fair and very cold.

Superior—Fair and decidedly cold. Manitoulin—Fair and very cold.

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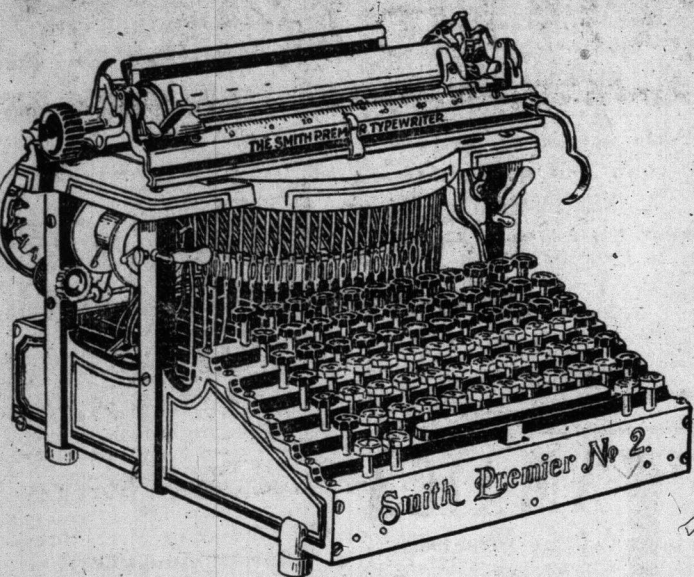
Broderick's Business Suits, \$22.50, 118 King Street West.

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Dec. 23. At From
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Ethiopia.....New York.....Glasgow
Campania.....New York.....Liverpool
Munich.....New York.....London
Liberal.....Glasgow.....Portland
La Lorraine.....New York.....New York
Lancania.....Quebec.....New York
Neckar.....Naples.....New York
Prinz Oscar.....Genoa.....New York

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NAN PATTERSON STILL IN TOMBS

Jury Disagree and Disappointment Causes Her to Collapse.

New York, Dec. 23.—Painting in her father's arms, her frame quivering with the accumulated suffering of months of anxious waiting, Nan Patterson today heard the announcement that the jurymen trying her for the murder of Caesar Young had disagreed. Soon she was revived and sobbing hysterically and hardly able to walk, she was half led, half carried back to her cell in the Tombs. Her vision of a Christmas at home, so bright the past few days, was gone before the uncertainty as to what the next step in her case will be. District Attorney Jerome said he had nothing whatever to say at present as to whether he would agree to bail. The jury stood six for acquittal and six for conviction, but no attorney was in favor of a first degree verdict.

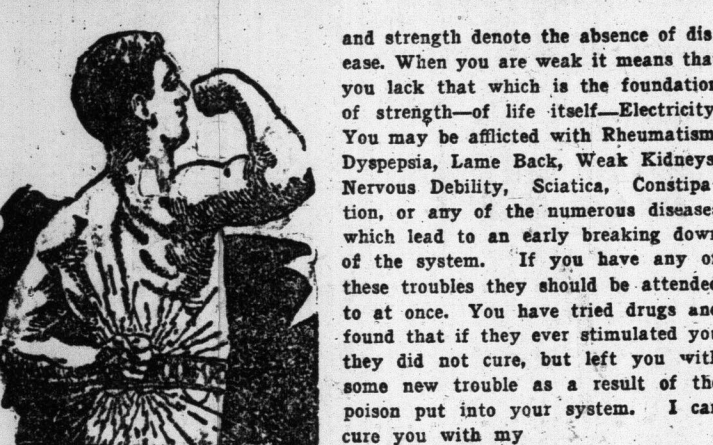
The keenest disappointment was felt in the courtroom and in the great crowd outside when the disagreement was announced. Not since the Mallou case has there been so much interest taken in a criminal trial.

After her removal from the courtroom, Miss Patterson was taken to a retiring room and restoratives were given to her. She soon revived, but while waiting over the bridge of signs on her way to her cell in the Tombs she suffered a second fainting spell, from which she recovered slowly. Once in her cell Miss Patterson wept bitterly. After the prison physician administered stimulants Miss Patterson recovered.

Policeman's Nose Saves Lives

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—All of the 27 persons who were overcome by coal gas in a tenement house in the lower section of the city early to-day have been discharged from the hospital as cured. The lower part of the tenement was used as a Turkish bath establishment, and the gas escaped from a furnace used in the baths. More than one hundred persons were awakened by a policeman, who detected the odors of gas.

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Dear Sir: I write to thank you for your Belt. It is indeed a true friend to a poor fellow like me. I have used it every night since I got it, a month ago, and it has helped me wonderfully already. I feel twice the man and twice as strong as I did before I got it. I feel better every way, my memory is improving and my intellect is brighter. I am more able and encouraged to work, and to tell the truth of the matter, I have gone through with more work than I have in a long time. Wishing you all success in your grand undertaking, I remain, yours sincerely, Samuel Barker, Grafton, Ont.

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To those who still doubt there is any cure, because they have been misled by false representations, and want evidence of cure in their own cases before paying, I am willing to take all the chances of curing any case of Rheumatism, Lumbago, Lame Back, Sciatica, Yarrow, Nervous Debility, Sciatica, Constipation, Lost Energy, resulting from exposure and excesses in young or middle-aged men. Give me reasonable security and you can

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FRANCE THREATENS MOROCCO SITUATION EXTREMELY GRAVE

If Sultan Doesn't Make Satisfactory Explanations, Demonstration in Force Will Be Made.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The foreign office considers the situation in Morocco to be extremely grave. The sultan's dismissal of his French and other military advisers has been followed by a number of other acts showing his intention to interrupt the execution of the French policy.

Accordingly the French minister at Tangier has been instructed to secure the immediate withdrawal from the Moroccan capital of the French consul, the commander and all the members of the military mission and all French citizens. The sultan's action indicates his previous offensive action, and offers a suitable explanation.

The French minister has been instructed to communicate this to the sultan at the same time he notifies the consul, military men and citizens to prepare to depart.

The officials here say that no definite military or naval steps have yet been taken, as these await the sultan's response to the minister's demand, but a demonstration in force will follow if a suitable explanation and restoration are not promptly given.

INVENTED STORY THRU FEAR.

Duck Hunter Confesses That First Story of Shooting Was Wrong.

After shooting his companion accidentally while duck shooting last October, a young man named Thibaudou of West Kent, fearful of blame attaching to himself, declared that John Pigeon had died, thus the accidental discharge of a gun held in his own hands. The gun had fallen into the water. It was dragged for and when brought to the surface it exploded. It was a single-barrel gun. Government Detective Rogers went up and had a talk with Thibaudou, who told the truth. He had shot a duck and laid his own double-barrelled gun in the boat. Pigeon had the gun. In some way the gun went off. The boys were close friends. Nothing further will be done.

HIS LIFE FOR HIS CASH BOX.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—John Currie, an old resident of this city, who was murdered in his house, which was destroyed by fire a few minutes after midnight, and residents of the neighborhood had a narrow escape from sharing his horrible fate.

Evidently, he sacrificed his life in attempting to save a cash-box, which was found under his head. The fire was probably due to an explosion of the lamp, which was a victim of 77 years of age, and lived in Winnipeg for over thirty years, and owned considerable property in the city.

ARRANGING PEACE CONFERENCE.

Washington, Dec. 23.—That the furtherance of views preparatory to the formulation of a program for another peace conference at the Hague, be effected thru the Bureau of Peace, under the control of the permanent administrative council of the Hague, is the suggestion offered by the Secretary of State in a circular note in a second circular note to the powers.

CHEATS THE HANGMAN.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—John Kay, a 15-year-old boy, was under sentence of death in New Westminster for murdering a native hunter to get his rifle and knife. Kay, C.B., some weeks have been received by the department of justice. The boy was to have been hanged Jan. 12.

CONFISCATE U. S. YACHT.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The American yacht "Mischief," which put in at the harbor of this city under stress of weather, was seized to-day by customs officials on the charge of smuggling. The yacht was on board when seized, and probably will be confiscated.

LAURIER GOES TO QUEBEC.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier will go to Quebec on Tuesday. There are some who are endeavoring to force Mr. Parent to resign, but he will continue in his present office. Sir Wilfrid's visit to Quebec is said to be connected with the campaign against Mr. Parent.

NUMBER 6 WARD.

It is to be hoped the electors of No. 6 Ward will not fail to elect Aid. J. H. McChie. Since being elected to the council, Mr. McChie has proved himself to be one of its best members. He is ever alive to the duties of his position, and has been a straight and honest in every particular, and has certainly made a most able representative. The members of No. 6 Ward should not fail to send him back to the council for the year 1905.

DETROIT AND RETURN. \$6,500! Buffalo and Return. \$3,15 for Christmas Holidays.

Tickets good going Dec. (to-day), 25th and 26th, returning leaving destination any train up to Dec. 27th. Grand Trunk trains leave Toronto for Detroit, at 7 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. For Buffalo at 7:45, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., 4:10 and 6:00 p.m. The only double track route. City, northwest corner King and Yonge-streets.

Snow Storm in Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The most pretentious snowstorm of the season in this section of the country set in last night, and continued thru the night and forenoon, and for the first time this winter the street railway found it necessary to order out its sweepers to keep the track clear.

The Charity Ball.

The annual charity ball to be given in aid of the Toronto Jewish Benevolent Societies will take place at the Temple building on Wednesday next. The committee in charge have completed all arrangements, and it promises to be as successful this year as on former occasions.

Seven Men Murder Suspects.

Cleveland, Miss., Dec. 23.—Albert Thomas, the city marshal of Merigold, has been killed by Robert, Ben and Young men highly connected. Seven men have been lodged in jail at Merigold for alleged connection with the crime. Mayor W. A. Sanders is included among the prisoners.

Lunatic Shoots Brother.

New York, Dec. 23.—Becoming suddenly insane while at the breakfast table with his brother and their mother, Abraham Chapkovsky today fired five shots at his brother Louis and wounded him in the head, probably fatally. The wounded man is a well-to-do cloth importer.

Island Church Burns.

Winnipeg, Minn., Dec. 23.—The beautiful new Methodist church on New street, which last summer, and occupied only a month, was destroyed by fire this afternoon.

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OBITUARY.

Wm. T. Armstrong.

The many friends of Wm. T. Armstrong will regret to hear of his death, which took place at the General Hospital at 4 a.m. Thursday, the 22nd inst. The deceased was a successful business man, having been connected with the Massey-Harris Company, and for fifteen years employed by Messrs. Evans & Wood Company, and one year ago became western traveler for the Henderson Roller Bearing Company, at which time he removed to his late residence, 443 Bathurst-street, Toronto. The deceased is survived by his wife and three girls, the oldest of whom is about 15 years. The floral offerings were many and very elaborate, and being a very nice wreath from Zeta Lodge, A. F. A. M., No. 410, of which the late Mr. Armstrong was a member; also an anchor from the employees of the Henderson Roller Bearing Co., and many other wreaths and sprays of flowers from friends and acquaintances. The funeral will take place to-day at 2 p.m. from his late residence to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, and will be conducted by the Masons.

Daughters and Maids of England.

The regular meeting of Lodge Princess Alberta, No. 7, was held in the lodge room, corner Queen-street and Baitou-avenue. The usual course of business was transacted and one proposition received.

Murderer Ends Own Life.

Buffalo, Dec. 23.—Fred Jones, the alleged murderer of Constable William C. Gray and Mrs. Abbie Goodrich at Charlottesville on Wednesday, died in the Lockport jail early to-day from a self-inflicted wound.

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Editor World: I notice that the tanners at their association meeting intimated that the price of leather is to go up, and in consequence the price of shoes. I do not object to combinations as long as they are reasonable, but a combination as well organized as the tanners happen to be ought to be watched, and the Hon. Mr. Brodeur has a chance now of licensing all tanners and putting them under the inland revenue act, and in that way have a check on their powers of combination. They seem to control the tobacco trade combine controlled the tobacco trade.

Goldier Reader.

Louis Hoffman is appealing against the extradition order, and Chief Justice Falconbridge yesterday granted an order of habeas corpus.

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