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JAPAN TO MAKE CONCESSIONS SUGGESTED PLAN TO CONTROL EMIGRATION

Tokio, Jan. 1.—The Japanese government late yesterday evening handed to Ambassador O'Brien a memorandum containing a reply to the suggestions offered by the United States government some weeks ago, whereby the American government sought a friendly way to assist Japan in perfecting plans for the future restriction of emigration, thus effectively avoiding a possibility of friction over the question.

While the contents of the memorandum are carefully guarded, both at the Japanese foreign office and the American embassy, the Associated Press here has said the system controlling labor emigration, which will be immediately enforced, would effectually avoid complaints which have arisen in consequence of the regulations inaugurated last spring.

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While not desiring to shirk the responsibility for these mistakes, the officials of the foreign office point out that it would be foolish to charge the Japanese government with a willful breach of faith.

The Japanese government having carefully investigated the details, has discovered the causes of the failure of previous plans and now proposes to demonstrate its ability to effectively prevent the emigration of laborers who are needed in the development of Japan.

The consensus of opinion of American realtors in Japan shows confidence in the sincerity of the Japanese government and its competency to control emigration as well as its desire to maintain friendly relations with America.

It is pointed out that its concession to Canada, limiting emigration to that country, is a part of its entire scheme of control, because Vancouver afforded an opportunity for large numbers of Japanese crossing the border into America.

A prominent Japanese official said today to the Associated Press: "It matters not whether America controls immigration from Japan or Japan controls immigration to America."

JOSEPH ETHIER DEAD

Geo. McCulla, who shot him in Vancouver Saloon Brawl, Under Arrest.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 2.—Joseph Ethier, the rancher of Vernon, who was shot on Monday night by George McCulla following a saloon brawl, died today.

Ethier and McCulla, who were both old residents of the province, had been drinking heavily and met in the Victoria hotel bar. Ethier was abusive and insulting. McCulla pulled his gun and fired one shot into the ceiling.

Ethier ran for the door and McCulla shot him in the back. McCulla is under arrest.

CONVICTED DOUMA MEMBERS. Russian Senate to Give Final Decision in Case.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 2.—The case of the members of the first Douma who were convicted for signing the Viborg manifesto, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment, will be carried before the senate, the highest tribunal in Russia.

The defendants held a meeting yesterday and voted a warm appreciation of the brilliant services of the counsel for the defence.

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MAYOR ELECTED IN TORONTO

JOSEPH OLIVER WON BY SWEEPING MAJORITY

Liberal Candidate Pooled More Than Twice as Many Votes as Dr. Beattie Nesbitt

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 2.—Joseph Oliver, Liberal, was yesterday elected mayor, polling a vote of 14,022 against 7,172 for G. R. Geary, 6,504 for Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, 3,701 for James Simpson, (Socialist), and 964 for Hiles Vokes.

The power-by-law was carried by a majority of 1,465.

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REDUCTION IN BANK OF ENGLAND RATE

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The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, increased £1,780,000; circulation, increased £6,000; bullion, increased £1,777,811; other securities increased, £1,772,000; other deposits increased, £1,511,000; public deposits, increased £1,333,000; notes reserved, increased £1,844,000; government securities, increased £1,000; the proportion of the bank's reserved liabilities this week is 52.92 per cent., compared with 52.59 per cent. last week.

HARDEN-VON MOLTKE SUIT. Editor Accused of Libelling Count Too Sick to Appear in Court.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—Maximilian Harden, editor of Die Zukunft, who is now being tried a second time on the charge of having libelled Count Kuno von Moltke in his paper, is seriously ill and was unable to appear in court today when the hearing was resumed.

The court was adjourned while officials and physicians proceeded to his residence to ascertain whether he is capable of appearing before the court today to give his testimony.

DISCOVER LOST WORDS OF CHRIST

Saying Found in Egypt Is Given to World for First Time.

JAPS ATTACKED VANCOUVERITES

FIREMEN SLASHED WITH HEAVY KNIVES

Yellow Men Fought Like Demons Until Struggle Was Ended by Police

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 2.—Three city firemen, Frost, Anderson and McDonald, were set upon by a small mob of knife-armed Japanese yesterday at the corner of Powell street and Gore avenue, two blocks from the police station.

The men were clothed in distinctive uniforms, with brass buttons, and the attack of the Japanese is all the more serious for that reason.

By accident Frost fell against the window of a Japanese store and smashed the plate glass. In an instant the Japanese proprietor rushed out. Many of his countrymen immediately came to join in the fight, for it was in the centre of the Japanese district that the incident occurred.

Frost is probably mortally hurt, for his neck was cut and slashed and laid open for four inches, and two inches deep, alongside the jugular vein. The men were fightfully mangled, but McDonald and Anderson were still fighting over the body of Frost when a squad of police arrived.

Four Japanese were arrested and the three firemen were taken to the hospital.

The Japanese fought like demons, and some of the knives they carried were of fine quality.

DIED TO SAVE CHILDREN

New York Mother Shot Girls Out of Room While She Burned to Death.

New York, Jan. 2.—From a shabby little flat on Second avenue on Tuesday was held the funeral of a woman who gave her life to save her two little children.

None of the neighbors knew much about Mrs. Mary Nautsch except that her husband never appeared, and she worked fifteen hours a day in a laundry to care for her two little children, aged six and nine years.

The other night after returning from her work she sat down by the fire and dropped asleep while waiting for the two little girls to return from a Sunday school Christmas tree.

When they entered she jumped up suddenly and her skirt caught fire. The children rushed to her, but she resolutely pushed them out into the hall and locked the door that their clothes might not catch fire.

By this time Mrs. Nautsch's thin clothes were a mass of flames, and neighbors who rushed in and extinguished the flames found her unconscious. She died at a hospital.

Neighbors are caring for the little girls, who will probably have to be turned over to an institution.

A BLOCKADE ON ISLAND LINE

CARS REPORTED ARE TO BE SIDE TRACKED

Officials of E. & N. Tell of Congestion Owing to Lack of Terminal Facilities

(From Thursday's Daily).

There is a steadily growing business on the E. & N. railway. The transportation facilities have had to keep pace with the expansion of business which has occurred in Victoria as a distributing centre, as reflected in the bank clearings, greater during the past year than ever before in the history of the place.

Owing to inadequate terminal facilities, this increase in traffic has produced great inconvenience to the business men of the city and to the railway system itself. It has resulted more than once in retarding the transportation service, making it difficult for merchants to get delivery of the goods they were waiting for.

An inquiry at railway headquarters this morning elicited the information that the road is paralyzed by the greatest blockade which it has ever known. No less than 172 cars of freight are crowded onto the sidings between Victoria and Ladysmith awaiting delivery in the city.

About 50 of these cars are lying in the Victoria yard. The balance of them are located here and there over the line.

When will the merchandise delivery of these goods? That is a question which even Superintendent Goodfellow was unable to answer. In fact he said it would take a week to get the 172 cars off the sidings, which the railway now possesses, and delivering cars in Victoria are capable of accommodating not more than ten or twelve cars a day.

TWO VICTIMS OF BURNING PIT

TERRIBLE DEATH IN PENNSYLVANIA MINE

Explosion Caused by Molten Steel Coming in Contact With Damp Sheathing.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 2.—Two men were killed and thirteen injured by an explosion in converter No. 3 of the Edgar Thomas plant of the U. S. Steel Corporation at North Braddock, seven miles east of here, yesterday.

The two men killed were foreigners, and the other a Slav. All were removed to an hospital in this city, where it was said their injuries were not serious.

No official statement of the cause of the explosion has been issued, but old converter mill men say the cause could hardly be other than that some of the molten metal sifted through the soapstone lining of the converter and came in contact with the steel sheathing, which perhaps was damp.

When the explosion occurred the bottom of the converter dropped out, throwing 150 tons of molten metal in the pit where fifteen men were working at the ladies. There was no explosion when the hot mass of steel struck the bottom of the pit, but instead flames of burning gas were sent up which burned the men in the pit.

The two men who were killed had been working under the converter, and their bodies were terribly mangled. The force of the explosion blew the sheet iron roof off of the converter mill and caused two of the walls to collapse, besides breaking all the windows in the vicinity.

It partially destroyed the warehouses near the converting shed.

PETTIBONE VERY ILL

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 2.—George A. Pettibone has been in the hospital since the adjournment of the court on Tuesday and his condition is very serious. He says, however, that he will be able to be in court today when he predicts the end of his trial.

INLAND REVENUE BILL

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—At today's cabinet council the legislative measures to be introduced this session were discussed, and the inland revenue bill was under discussion.

FRENCH SUCCESSES IN MOROCCO

Rebel Chiefs Surrender to General Lianty—Mountain Fastnesses Pierced, Indemnities Paid

Lalla Maghnia, Algeria, Jan. 2.—General Lianty, commanding the French troops here, considers that the operations against the frontier territory are ended, and that they have met with complete success, his men having penetrated the mountain fastnesses, and Marabout, Boutchich, the prime instigator of hostilities toward the French and the few remaining chiefs having surrendered yesterday.

Up to the present time the tribesmen have paid \$16,000 indemnities and handed over 725 magazine rifles.

DEATH OF EDITOR

Wichita, Kans., Jan. 2.—Marshall M. Murdock, editor and proprietor of the Wichita Eagle, and father of Congressman Victoria Murdock, died early today aged 72 years.

BUGS IN FOODSTUFFS

Analysis of Pennsylvania Comestibles Discloses Forbidding Features.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 2.—According to the report of an analytical examination of 88 breakfast foods sold in Pennsylvania made under the direction of the State Dairy and Food Commissioner Foust, numerous worms and bugs were found in the samples.

The examinations were made by Professor William C. Coville, a college, who arrived here last night to take up with Commissioner Foust the matter of the prosecution of the firms who sold misbranded and unfit foods.

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ILLNESS OF CZARINA

St. Petersburg, Jan. 1.—It is learned that the present condition of the Empress Alexandra, who has been ill for some time from the grip, and in a weakened condition as the result of a severe regimen to reduce her weight, is complicated by expectations of childbirth.

SKATING AT FORT WILLIAM

Fort William, Jan. 2.—The Kam river and Thunder Bay were frozen over yesterday for the first time this season and many enjoyed a skate to Welcome Island, a distance of seven miles.

FLAMES THREATEN ENTIRE TOWN

Coal Centre in Pennsylvania Seat of Raging Fire—Damage to Mine \$100,000

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 2.—Fire is raging in Coal Centre, about 50 miles south of here. It is feared that most of the town will be destroyed. The fire started in the tipple of the Vesta mine, owned by the Jones & Laughlin Co., of Pittsburg, which was completely destroyed. The loss on the tipple, it is said, will exceed \$100,000.

Early this morning the flames had swept an area equal to a city block, and were still spreading. Most of the buildings so far destroyed are small and inexpensive.

THE BERRING PARSON

Deserted Wife to Say if Rev. Knobe Cooke Be Recalled From San Francisco

New York, Jan. 1.—I will immediately ask for the extradition of Rev. Jere Knobe Cooke, who eloped with Flitts Whaley, of Hempstead, Long Island, just as soon as I receive word from Mrs. Cooke that he is to be made defendant in abandonment proceedings.

For that District Attorney Franklin A. Coles, of Nassau county yesterday.

"Under present circumstances I do not see any other way open to me," he added. "I shall be glad to have him brought back and tried for whatever crime a Nassau county grand jury indicted him, but I do not feel like sending three thousand miles for him unless his wife takes the initiative. I am waiting to hear from her."

Mrs. Cooke has not expressed a desire to have Mr. Cooke brought back.

NEW YEAR BASEBALL GAME

Calgary, Alb., Jan. 2.—Two thousand people witnessed the international baseball game near here, which was won by the Canucks by 4 to 2 after five innings. The weather was just right for the game, which was hotly contested.

GERMAN CASTLE PREY OF FLAMES

Fire Started in Bedroom of Prince Eitel Frederick, Son of Emperor William.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—A fire broke out this morning in the bedroom of Prince Eitel Frederick, third son of the Emperor William in the chateau of Bellevue, located in the Tiergarten, where the Prince at present is residing.

Considerable damage to the contents of the castle was done before the fire was extinguished. The chateau was built in 1885.

REFINERY FOR OTTAWA MINT

Addition to New Institution to be Erected at Cost of \$15,000.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—There will be a refinery constructed in connection with the Ottawa mint. The gold and the silver which comes from the smelter cannot be refined upon as being of the proper degree of purity, or the proper consistency or fibre for coinage.

The cost of the refinery will be in the vicinity of fifteen thousand dollars.

BELL TELEPHONES IN MANITOBA

GOVERNMENT HAS PURCHASED SYSTEM

Amount to be Paid Company \$3,300,000--Negotiations in Alberta and Saskatchewan

Winnipeg, Jan. 2.—Premier Roblin, at the close of the cabinet meeting on Saturday, stated that the Manitoba government had purchased the business and plant of the Bell Telephone Company in Manitoba at a price of \$3,300,000, and had purchased supplies and equipment, in addition, to the amount of \$100,000.

Payment will be made in 44 years in 4 per cent. debentures at par.

The Bell company will now proceed to negotiate the sale of its systems in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

ELKS ELECTED OFFICERS.

Canadian Benevolent and Protective Order, Met in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 2.—The supreme lodge of the Canadian Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has selected the following officers: Supreme exalted ruler, D. A. Young, Montreal; supreme esteemed lecturing knight, G. H. Parsons, Ottawa; esteemed loyal knight, B. S. Brown, Vancouver; supreme chaplain, J. P. Ravens; supreme leading knight, D. W. F. Nicholas, Winnipeg; supreme secretary, J. C. Mundie, Montreal; supreme treasurer, H. Oster Wade, Toronto; supreme squire, Bert Inglis, Brantford; supreme tyler, A. T. Holliswell, Edmonton; trustees, A. T. Hunter Regina; G. W. Pirie, Calgary; A. E. Kirkpatrick, Toronto; committee on laws, Messrs. Taylor, Winnipeg; Pitkins, Petrol, Sheppard, Montreal; committee on grievances and appeals, Messrs. Palford, Winnipeg; Crossin, Toronto; Lewis Ottawa.

GREAT HOTEL FIRE

Gloucester, Mass., Jan. 2.—The Colonial Arms, the largest summer hotel on the north shore, was burned last night, with nearly all its furnishings. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

HANDS AND FEET FROZEN

Clareholm, Alb., Jan. 2.—D. McLean, a clerk in a lumber company mill, has been brought into the town with both feet and hands frozen. He wandered in the hills for six hours in the night before he got through where he was living.

NINE VICTIMS IN MINE EXPLOSION

Bernal Colliery in Mexico Scene of Disaster--American Boss Among Killed.

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 31.—At least nine miners were killed and three fatally and two seriously injured in an explosion of gas and coal dust today in the Bernal mine at Sarthage, New Mexico.

Ol Wilcox, an American mine boss, is among the dead. The others were Mexicans and half Mexicans.

Had not the explosion occurred during the noon hour, the death list might have been larger.

SUCCESS OF ANTI-SUICIDE BUREAU

Over 2000 Have Sought Assistance of General Booth's World Wide Scheme.

London, Jan. 2.—A month ago the Anti-Suicide Bureau, which was started in London by General Booth, has issued a review. Altogether 1,125 men and women sought the assistance of the bureau to save them from destruction while at least 2000 have applied at the bureau in the last week.

It appears from the review seekers for help belonged mainly to the middle classes. More than 1000 were men, and more than 1000 were women. The review shows that the desire to end lives to financial embarrassment and hopeless poverty. From the small number of women applicants, Gen. Booth deduces that they are better able to bear up under sorrows and trials than men. He thinks it safe to say 35 per cent of the applicants have been diverted from contemplated suicide and helped to surmount their difficulties.

In Abyssinia the wife is master. If her husband offends her she can turn him over for the house and its belongings are hers.

PICTURES, LOVE AND DUTY

UNDERGROUND WIRES FOR CITY

A PROPOSITION BY TELEPHONE COMPANY

Business Which Was Transacted at Last Night's Meeting of the Council.

On Monday's Daily. In connection with the paving to be done...

The estimated cost of putting the Government street wires underground...

During the consultation the idea of doing away with the overhead wire system of the company all over the city...

The report of the streets committee in which the Government street underground wires was submitted...

1. Recommend that the engineer be instructed to lay the necessary conduits for underground wires on Government street...

2. Re communication from A. W. Lees, asking the city to lay water pipes across his property from Alpha street to city limits...

WONDERFUL NEW GUN.

English Officer's Invention That May Go to Foreign Power—War Office Indifferent.

Unless the British war office changes its attitude it is extremely probable that what appears to be the most efficient machine gun yet invented will be driven into the hands of a foreign power.

The invention (according to the Standard) is that of Major Fitzgerald, who claims that it is worth \$1,250,000. The German military attaché is said to have been greatly impressed by it...

Another advantage claimed for the new gun is that there is no loading mechanism to get out of order. The cartridges are packed in a rectangular metal box...

The mode of operation is automatic. Despite this, however, the simplicity of the mechanism enables the loading and discharging to be done at the rate of 50 shots a minute...

No special plant is required for the manufacture of the gun. Anyone can be taught to use the whole mechanism in fifteen minutes.

Major Fitzgerald is a Crimean veteran. "I could have sold the gun to Russia," he said, "but I have no love for Russia after my Crimean days."

Ample opportunity has been given to the British military authorities to acquire the gun. It has been seen and approved by a procession of officers...

The committee from the Oak Bay municipal council on Saturday considered the application for waterfront rights to the city of Victoria...

While the committee realize that a boating club would be a great advantage to the city, they also feel that they as trustees of the public property, must move very carefully in the matter.

The matter for the moment is out of the hands of the major. He has authorized Mr. F. A. Roberts to find a purchaser for the war office...

WILL CONSIDER WATER SUPPLY

QUESTION TO COME UP THIS EVENING

Resolutions on the Subject of Improving the System to be Disposed Of.

To-night two very important matters will come before the council in relation to the water supply of the city.

That the city introduce a by-law to raise the sum of \$60,000 for water works purposes, the annual cost to be met out of the frontage tax and water revenue.

The Mayor will also ask that a referendum be taken at the time of the general election, asking: "Shall the corporation of the city of Victoria, in addition to the proposed improvement to the Elk lake water supply, take such immediate steps as shall be necessary to secure an increase of the city's water supply from Sooke lake."

Alderman Henderson, when seen regarding his motion said that the council were unanimous at the time of the engagement of Ex-parte Adams in a statement of the proposal to the electors without amendment.

The rate of \$83,000 proposed by Ald. Henderson will provide for a redistribution system and a reservoir at Smith's Hill, all of which it is argued, will be of use even if another source of supply is sought later.

London, Dec. 30.—Friday's riot in the Indian National Congress at Surat, Bombay, over Indian home rule, has suddenly aroused England to a realization of the political conditions in India.

Warnings have been sounded for several years but not even in the East have Europeans regarded them as worthy of very grave consideration.

One step sure to come is suppression of the national volunteers, a native organization which admits training recruits throughout the country in swordsmanship and archery rifle practice being prohibited...

That Japan has been active in stirring up political feeling against the British is openly avowed by alarmists.

LAD AT REST.

Late W. J. Nelson Buried Yesterday—Orangemen Conducted Services.

The funeral of the late William J. Nelson, of Roseland, took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co., where service was conducted by Rev. T. W. Gladstone, assisted by Rev. C. Burnett.

EVELYN A NERVOUS WRECK. Wife of Harry Thaw Agitated Over Prospect of New Witness in Roof Garden Murder Case.

New York, Dec. 30.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw is still quite ill and it is said that the prospect of a new witness for the district attorney at the trial of Harry Thaw on January 6th has had not a little to do with preventing her from recovering her health.

TROUBLE BREWING IN INDIA

AGITATORS STIRRING PEOPLE TO REVOLT

Armists Openly Charge Japan With Being Responsible for Present Situation.

OAK BAY BOATING CLUB. Committee of Municipal Council Want Time to Consider Application for Foreshore Rights.

HONEYMOON TRAGEDY. Troubled Courtship Followed by Bridegroom's Murder and Bride's Arrest.

RUSSIA HELPLESS IN MANCHURIA

CHRISTMAS WEDDING. Mr. Thomas Wilson and Miss Jackson United in Matrimony.

BRIEF REVIEW OF PANIC YEAR

HOPE EVOLVED FROM FINANCIAL GLOOM

Opinion Advanced That Conditions Are Stronger Than Twelve Months Ago.

New York, Dec. 30.—The year 1907 has been one in which there has been making of financial history. It will go down with 1857, 1873 and 1893 as one of the panic years in American finance.

The source of the pressure upon the money market is indicated by the large issues of securities which took place during several years prior to the crisis.

The statistics compiled by a leading financial journal in Brussels showed that the total issues of securities in 1907 were about \$3,400,000,000 annually.

The extent to which capital resources has been strained was not revealed in a striking manner to the general public until the "silent panic" of March 1907.

It was not until mid-October that the storm broke in all its force over the collapse of the corner in United Copper, the appeal of the Moore-Helms banks to the clearing-house for help and the refusal to extend help.

The number of national banks on November 29, 1907, after allowing for mergers and liquidations, was 6,662 and their authorized capital was \$910,609,758.

Accompanying the increase of bank notes circulation, in order to meet the pressure for currency, was the dramatic movement of nearly \$100,000,000 of gold from Europe in a period of about six weeks.

One of the incidents of the period of decline in bank resources has been a fall in the market value of silver bullion. Silver has dropped down not far above the lowest point touched in its history.

Queenstown, Dec. 27.—The Cunard line steamer Lusitania, from New York arrived here yesterday. Owing to the heavy weather, neither passengers nor mail were landed.

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The financial structure of the country has stood the strain with only a limited number of serious disasters and will enter upon the new year under much stronger and safer conditions than it began the old year.

ASKING HELP. Hindus in City Want a House Built to Live in.

G. D. Kumar, Indian religious worker among the Hindus of Victoria, in appealing for help for his countrymen, says: "I asked the mayor that as many of my countrymen are out of work they should feel higher obligation if he could give them work as he was giving work to white faced men."

NEW AUSTRALIAN STAMPS. Australia is likely to have a new issue of uniform stamps for use throughout the Commonwealth, without distinction as to states.

Swiss watchmakers are very busy fulfilling English and American orders for finger ring watches. Of these little watches Queen Victoria had three or four, and many ladies have worn them.

Malton, Ont., Dec. 30.—The plea of John David Terrace, the farm-hand, who is now in Brampton jail, charged with the murder of William Curry on Christmas Day, that the shooting was accidental, is not borne out by the authorities.

DETERMINED TO END BELL MONOPLY

Manitoba Government Taking Exhaustive Valuation of Telephone System in Province.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Yesterday O. F. French, chief telephone expert for the Manitoba government, concluded his valuation of the Bell system at Brandon, and is to-day visiting country points, looking over the Bell plant at the points visited, preparatory to presenting a complete report on the valuation of the system of the company in Manitoba.

COUNCIL PASS WATER BY-LAW

PROPERTY OWNERS ARE TO VOTE ON IT

Question of Improving Elk Lake Will be Submitted at Election Time.

The waterworks by-law passed by the city council last night, with very little criticism, will be submitted to the voters at the next election.

Ald. Bell challenged some of the signatures appended to the petition for the by-law on the ground that they did not represent the owners of property, but his questioning was quieted by advice from the solicitor that it had always been customary to accept the signatures in such cases as evidence that those who signed had authority to do so.

The by-law proposes to raise \$619,000 for improving the water supply. It was introduced on motion of Ald. Henderson, seconded by Ald. Verrier and passed without opposition through all its stages, and finally passed.

The Mayor said there was provision for this already in the by-law itself. Ald. Bell disapproved of the by-law, it would, he argued, tie the hands of the new council in a matter on which the present body was not fully posted.

The engineer said that he and Mr. Adams had discussed the matter of supplying Oak Bay with water, and pointed out that the city proposed to apply for legislative authority to sell these outside places water at so much per gallon.

The Mayor questioned whether it would be read, as it was quite a lengthy one. It was decided that the following questions should be put to vote in connection with the waterworks by-law, namely:

- (a) Shall the corporation of the city of Victoria, in addition to the proposed improvement to the Elk lake water supply, take such immediate steps as shall be necessary to secure an increase of the city's water supply from Sooke lake?
(b) My increasing the size of the present 16-inch pipe line to Dairy Farm pumping station, as follows:
(c) By erecting at the Dairy Farm pumping station a new horizontal, cross-compound condensing crank and shaft engine having a capacity of four millions imperial gallons in 24 hours, against a pressure of 135 feet.

Hotel Keeper Sentenced. Portage la Prairie, Man., Dec. 30.—John L. McEwen, hotel keeper at the landing, was found guilty this morning of indecent assault and sent to jail for 15 months at hard labor.

COOKE TOLD WHY HE CHOSE THE FORMER

Robert Cooke told why he chose the former name of his wife, Mrs. Floretta Whaley.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—In a pelted before daylight, the Rev. Robert Cooke, formerly pastor of the Rev. St. George's church, at N. Y., and Floretta Whaley, 27-year-old dressmaker with whom eight months ago deserting, stole away to-day from the city which they had occupied at the street in this city, where he discovered yesterday living in the name of Mrs. G. W. Gorman, taking with them their children.

He declared that no request had been made to apprehend him, and that no effort is being made to detain them.

The discovery of Cooke and his wife through Capt. Cleary, of the local agency, who met them at June from Los Angeles, and the girl's picture when it flashed last week in connection with the Louisiana, state-cookery have perplexed Floretta Cooke.

She gave a representative from newspaper called at the home of her and her companion lived. She said she graduated, worked at and decorating, and if that abundant he did any man's work he could get. When the called yesterday Balcom, or omitted his identity, but sent mother and baby into another, asking the reporter to tone, that she might not learn recovery of their identity.

It was a awakening from the fact that Cooke "all I chance to get away. I don't sing or hell, but it is she. She was born two months ago discovered and apprehension at the mother's side.

back and forth, Cooke told her the story of his life and of his companion lived. He said, "I have been in the ought to know. There is that will paint a black sheep I have my reasons. For ten years I kept silent. For the last months I have borne witness to all the abuse, the vilest newspaper could concoct."

He said that Cooke was a father who was kept by an agent, and that he learned the trade of painting and decorating. He worked through Yale, and finally an artist. Cooke told of his and his many years of life. He declared that his wife admitted that she had married for other reason than that it was a convenient stepping stone to her social ambition. He said it would be "caddish to deny marriage troubles."

He works to love and everything worthless. You know the end. He was a loveless man, and his position, wealth, and his love and poverty. I chose to be pointed to the scanty fortune. I please myself for the step I am only human and was not judged by human beings. I right that they know that I all I had fought for and would I ask is to be left alone. I a man's work. I have shared the suffering. Now I beg the let me alone with my wife. I can live the life of a man. They say I am a good man. I was kept at work long other men were let go during social stringency. I ask the let me be a partner, nothing do a man's work and enjoy my life and happiness of the average man.

BETWEEN MURDERERS.

On Ont., Dec. 30.—John Troy, ordered Angus McLod, of N. B. years ago, and who is in the ward of the penitentiary, made an attack upon Valentine A. Valleyfield murderer, on afternoon. As a result of the fight between the two men in the face and shoulder and the wounds are not serious.

BANKRUPT ACTRESS.

New York, Dec. 30.—A petition of involuntary bankruptcy was filed yesterday by Henrietta Crossman, the actress.

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A LESSON FROM TORONTO.

Under what may be termed the voluntary system of municipal government the people occasionally rise and smite men who essay the role of bosses. At least this proposition is true of Canadian municipal affairs. The case of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt of Toronto furnishes an illustration of what we mean. The Doctor, being a man of influence in the Ontario Capital, as he thought himself and as the Whitney government acknowledged by appointing him to a sinecure worth nine thousand dollars a year, resigned his fat post. Dr. Nesbitt is by nature frank and confident. He did not hesitate to acknowledge the motives which moved him in resigning the magistracy of one of the divisions of Toronto. He candidly admitted that he was out for the spoils of office and inferentially gave the impression that there was more to be made in public life than in serving his country even on a handsome annual allowance—a maximum of remuneration for a minimum of service. But at the time of the Doctor's retirement from the public service few opportunities were offering for a patriotic citizen to serve his country. Neither provincial nor Dominion elections were in sight. He could not remain inactive for a year or two. Therefore he announced his intention of becoming Mayor of Toronto. That billet would fall in nicely and keep him in touch with "the boys" until circumstances admitted of the Doctor's stepping up higher.

Toronto is very strongly Conservative in sentiment. But it is evidently possible to outrage Toronto's sense of what is seemly and of good report in politics. The presence of Dr. Nesbitt in the field roused the citizens to a sense of duty to themselves. On New Year's day the elections were held and Dr. Nesbitt learned the lesson that the day of the boss in Canadian political life has not yet dawned. He was defeated by an overwhelming majority by a man probably not so spectacular nor so cyclonic in his methods, but representing the sound moral and business sentiment of the community.

Mr. Joseph Oliver, the Mayor-elect of Toronto, is a Liberal in politics, but if he had been a Conservative he would probably have been elected by just as large a majority. The Conservative "machine," beyond question, has for some time been endeavoring to introduce the party system into the municipal affairs of the city, arguing that as the patronage dispensed annually is more than equal to the patronage at the disposition of the Ontario government, there is no logical reason why "the boys," as Dr. Nesbitt and his kind affectionately call them, should not divide all that is going up amongst themselves. The candor of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt in expounding his principles aroused Toronto to the danger that encompassed her. The people had had concrete examples of the immorality of the system in the traffic in liquor licenses countenanced by the Whitney government. Consequently, it was not the politics of Mr. Oliver that counted in their estimation, but the personality of the man and the principles he represented. They went to the polls and razed the "machine" to the ground, leaving the political remains of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt under the debris.

This is the second time within recent years that the people of Toronto have cast aside their political principles for their city's good. Once before they were threatened with the thralldom of "the machine," and they elected Mr. Urquhart, a Liberal, as Mayor, just to prove to all concerned that when the issue between corrupt politics and efficient civic administration is definitely raised they are prepared to do their full duty.

Would it not be a fine thing for Victoria if some issue could be created that would thoroughly arouse the people to a fitting sense of their duty now that the date of the municipal elections is drawing near? Something which would compel men of conspicuous talent, who are accustomed to doing things and have a reputation of generally doing things right, to give their services to the public during the coming year—a year of great possibilities in view of the important works that ought to be undertaken. We admit that if the right men were to volunteer they would be making great sacrifices, because their value to their fellow-citizens must be measured by the value of their work in their private business. But it is such men Victoria needs and whose counsel on the aldermanic board would tend to increase confidence in the civic administration.

INCREASING IN STRENGTH.

Again we are gravely informed that the "hide is setting strongly against the present Ottawa government."

Proof of this assertion is to be found in recent bye-elections, one of which was held in Nicolet yesterday, at which the Liberal candidate was elected by over seven hundred of a majority. Other evidence may be collected by anyone in a proper frame of mind for the work from recent contests in the eastern provinces of the Dominion. Unfortunately, the Toronto Globe, which is chronically in another state of mind, presents to its readers the other side of the picture in a summing up of the situation since the general election of 1904. It says: "The result of the three bye-elections for the Commons again emphasizes the fact that Mr. Borden is making no progress in his task of upsetting the government, and that Sir Wilfrid is still firmly in the saddle. Centre York, Ottawa and Labelle all return straight government candidates. In Centre York, Mr. Campbell's majority at last election was 75. Dr. McLean holds the seat by 19 against a very popular Conservative candidate, whose father had been a pillar of the party. In Ottawa Mr. J. B. T. Caron swept the city, and succeeds Senator Belcourt, defeating ex-Mayor Morris by 3,319 majority. In Labelle Mr. Bourassa is replaced by Mr. C. B. Major, a straight government supporter. As Mr. Bourassa was practically in opposition before his resignation, the Labelle election is really a gain for the government. The last general election was held in November, 1904. Since that time there have been 42 bye-elections. The Liberals have carried 33 and the Conservatives 9. There have been but four reversals of the verdict of 1904 in all this series of contests. The Liberals won North Bruce and lost London, Ontario; they lost Colchester in Nova Scotia, and won St. John City and county in New Brunswick. Mr. Ver-ville in Montreal won a seat as a Laborer against a Liberal, but he votes more frequently with the government than with the opposition. In three years the Conservatives have not made a net gain of a single seat. The general election cannot be more than eighteen months distant. Nothing short of a political earthquake could shake the government from its place in the confidence of the people in the short period before the next appeal to the people.

Writing from Victoria to the Toronto Globe, "Lally Barnard" says: "Can this be the month of December? A rash mosquito, allured by the electric light, as the so-called 'labor man' is allured by the fictitious value of an abnormally high wage, has just put itself in a position to be exterminated. The scent of a rose is wafted through the open window, and this is Canada, dear Canada—'Our Lady of the Snows'—and the rose."

A Montreal business man who is well known in British Columbia, when writing to a friend in Victoria during the last week, stated that the financial squeeze was easing up and that the outlook for next spring had greatly improved.

We think Aid. Fell was right in asking the council to delay in submitting a waterworks by-law to the ratepayers until all the details of Mr. Adams' report had been received and properly digested. The full report ought to be along very soon, and a delay of a few days could not have made a great deal of difference. But the council thought otherwise, evidently in the belief that the water problem has been unsolved so long that haste has at last become absolutely essential. The by-law ought to carry, but strong forces will be brought in operation to defeat it.

Another of the brightest and best known of Canadian newspaper men has laid down his trenchant pen and entered into rest. The late Mr. Cameron had sat in the chief editorial chair of the Hamilton Spectator for a great many years—almost since the day of the newspaper's birth, if we are not mistaken. He was a very trenchant writer, a genial fellow, and will be sincerely mourned by his fellow-craftsmen in Eastern Canada.

On this last day of the year Victoria is surrounded by snow-clad hills. But not a flake of the beautiful (to view from a good distance and to read about) has fallen within the favored zone of which this city is the centre. We must not be considered as exulting over our less fortunate neighbors—simply calling attention to a fact which is not by any means singular in our experience.

An authority reminds us that this day forty-five years ago slavery was officially abolished in the United States. But our neighbors are still in the bonds of fiscal slavery, a system which promises to prove more difficult to kill than the physical bondage of the negroes.

The Colonist takes a sane, albeit a somewhat pessimistic, view of civic affairs. It would be a fine thing for Victoria if every candidate for municipal service were imbued with a single idea of giving the best he possesses without regard to the exigencies, political or otherwise, of the future. It would be quite as grand if the opposition at Ottawa were inspired by a similar high purpose. In that case we would not have Mr. Borden making sectional appeals in every section of the country. But, to return to the topic of most importance at the present time, we hardly think our contemporary is justified in saying Victoria is in a bad way. Victoria is doing very well indeed—and she will continue to advance in defiance of the personnel of any council the people may choose to

select. Of course it is a trite saying that no human being or institution is perfect. There is a good deal of room for improvement in the city council of Victoria, and we hope, with a Mayor in the chair who can work harmoniously with the new council, to look back with a good deal of equanimity, one year hence, on what was accomplished in 1908.

Notwithstanding the effect of labor disturbances in the spring and of the decline in prices later in the year, causing a complete cessation of operations in some of the most prolific of the mines of the province, the mineral output this year is likely to be considerably in excess of that of last year. The decline in the volume and in the value of metalliferous ores is more than compensated for by a large increase in the production of coal and coke. But for the disturbing factors alluded to, the mineral production of British Columbia for the year 1907 would have been very much greater than the record for 1906. On the whole our principal industry is making healthy progress. The markets at the beginning of the year are in a somewhat uncertain state, but with a return of confidence there is every prospect that the returns at the end of the year 1908 will also prove satisfactory.

Dr. Beattie Nesbitt's attempt to muzzle the press was vain. He instituted two libel suits against the Toronto Globe for saying things about him and attempted to obtain an injunction from the courts to prevent the Globe from saying anything more about him. But the Doctor was beaten in the majority contest, and some curious nightmares have been shattered or dispelled. One of them is the ambition of the Doctor to succeed R. L. Borden as Conservative leader. Dr. Nesbitt may now have great difficulty in securing a nomination when he aspires to a Conservative seat.

It was hardly necessary for the management of the Canadian Bank of Commerce to state that the absurd reports from Fernie affecting the standing of the institution were "absolutely untrue and without apparent foundation whatever." The Canadian Bank of Commerce is one of the strongest of the financial institutions of the Dominion. What object was to be attained by the circulation of such wild rumors passes human comprehension. Probably the intention was to deliver an assault upon "capital" or the "capitalistic system."

Representing the Russian people in parliament is one of the most hazardous of occupations. Under the British system a member of any of the Houses of Parliament has a choice of privileges. He may exercise the privilege of serving the people he was elected to serve at the peril of "doing time" in Siberia or he may choose the pleasant path of serving the ends of the grand dukes, the latter to his great material advantage. There will be doings in Russia when the day of atonement arrives.

The Mayor has called a meeting of ratepayers only for the evening of Thursday next. The object is to explain to those entitled to vote the purpose of the loan by-law which will be voted on the day of the municipal elections. As every citizen who pays rent, and therefore pays water rates, is interested in the water question, it is not likely they will be content to be excluded from what ought to prove a very interesting discussion.

Mayor Morley has not yet officially intimated that he will be a candidate for a third term. His Worship ought to announce his intentions. Is he waiting for something to turn up that may be to his advantage as a candidate—or otherwise?

The Manitoba government has purchased the telephone system of that province. It will be operated as a government service. As Saskatchewan and Alberta are both installing government telephone systems, all three of the great prairie provinces will soon be united by one of the most useful of modern means of communication. What does the government of British Columbia think of this?

UNTRUE AND WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

To the Editor:—We have been requested by our superintendent in Vancouver to deliver to you the following message:

"The authorities of the Canadian Bank of Commerce have been shown a dispatch from Fernie reflecting on the bank. The statements made are absolutely untrue and without apparent foundation whatever, and all newspapers are warned that they are made with criminally malicious intent."

"Yours faithfully,
 "GEO. GILLESPIE, Manager."

PACIFIC COAST DEFENCES.

Portland, Oregon, Jan. 2.—The Oregonian to-day will say that the adjutants of California, Washington and Oregon have been invited by the war department to Washington, D. C., for a conference on coast defences, at the earliest possible date. It is assumed that the meeting will result in the assignment of national guards to coast artillery work.

NEW DIVISIONAL POINT.

Humboldt, Sask., Jan. 2.—The C. P. R. is coming to Humboldt this year. The surveyors have passed through here on their way to Prince Albert. This will make Humboldt a divisional point.

MAMMOTH CAMPBELL'S MAMMOTH SALE

Commence 9 a.m. To-day. Our smart costumes and matchless coats at tremendous reductions, will be the centre of attraction to-day. Whilst you are securing those bargains here are other golden opportunities to be found in our show rooms: Commence 9 a.m. To-day.

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- White and Striped Flannelette Nightdresses. Regular price \$1.00. Our Sale Price 85c.
- Heavy White Flannelette Nightdresses, nicely ruffled. Regular price \$1.25. Our Sale Price 90c.
- White Flannelette Nightdresses, embroidery trimmed. Regular price \$1.40. Our Sale Price \$1.00.
- Pretty White Flannelette Nightdresses, lace trimmed, silk embroidered. Regular price \$1.75. Our Sale Price \$1.25.
- White and Cream Flannelette Nightdresses, trimmed with silk embroidery and ribbon. Regular price \$2.00. Our Sale Price \$1.50.
- Extra Good White Flannelette Nightdresses, trimmed with fine lace and embroidery. Regular price \$2.25. Our Sale Price \$1.75.
- Very Excellent White Flannelette Nightdresses, daintily trimmed with silk embroidery and lace. Regular price \$3.00. Our Sale Price \$2.25.

UNDERWEAR

- Ladies' Vests and Drawers, in white and natural, fleece lined. Regular price, per garment, 40c. Our Sale Price 25c.
- Ladies' Vests and Drawers, in white and natural, extra fine fleece lined. Regular price, per garment, 75c. Our Sale Price 50c.
- Ladies' Vests and Drawers, in white, special fleece lining. Regular price, per garment, 60c. Our Sale Price 35c.
- On This Table we have heaped up a large number of sample Suits of Ladies' Vests and Drawers, very reliable goods, in cashmere and all-wool. Regular price, per garment, \$1.25. Our Sale Price 50c.

HOSIERY

- Campbell's Best Silkette Ladies' Hose, high spliced heels, strong double soles, Hermsdorf dye. Regular price 35c. Our Sale Price 25c.



HOSIERY

- Campbell's Cashmere Hose, seamless, absolutely fast dye, black and tan. Regular price, per pair, 35c. Our Sale Price 25c.
- Campbell's Llama Hose, seamless, guaranteed fast dye, in blacks and tans. Regular price, per pair, 60c. Our Sale Price 50c.
- Campbell's Lisle Hose, Hermsdorf dye, double sole, extra high spliced heels. Regular price, per pair, 50c. Our Sale Price 40c.
- Transparent Lisle Hose, spliced seams, double soles, extra high spliced heels. Regular price, per pair, 65c. Our Sale Price 50c.
- Empire Lisle Hose, lace ankles, all colors. Regular price, 60c. Our Sale Price 50c.
- Special Black Cashmere Hose, silk embroidered fronts, worth every lady's attention. Regular price, per pair, 60c. Our Sale Price 50c.
- Special Lace Front Cashmere Hose, something extra smart and good. Regular price, per pair, 60c. Our Sale Price 50c.

DRESSING GOWNS

- In Fancy Flannelette, blue, red, pink, mauve, cardinal, fitted with large collars. Regular price \$1.75. Our Sale Price \$1.25.
- Long Kimona Robes, in red, purple, navy and mauve designs, trimmed with Japanese floral braid. Regular price \$2.75. Our Sale Price \$2.25.
- Very Handsome Eiderdown Robes, with large roll collars and shoulder capes. Regular price \$8.75. Our Sale Price \$6.75.
- Exquisite Dressing Gowns, in grays and art blues, fine lace yokes, lace ruffles and deep lace edged collar. Regular price \$13.50. Our Sale Price \$10.00.
- Cashmere Dressing Gowns, in art mauve shades, with pleated collars trimmed with lace. Regular price \$8.25. Our Sale Price \$6.10.
- Cashmere Dressing Gowns, in pale blue, art gray and black, fitted with large collars, broad lace trimming. Regular price \$7.00. Our Sale Price \$5.00.
- Very Elaborate Dressing Gowns, in old rose and reseda, elegantly trimmed with lace and fitted with short ruffled sleeves. Regular price \$12.50. Our Sale Price \$9.00.

FLANNELETTE DRAWERS

- In White and Cream, nicely ruffled. Regular price 50c. Our Sale Price 35c.
- In Pink and White, prettily trimmed. Regular price 60c. Our Sale Price 45c.
- In White, hemstitched ruffles. Regular price, 70c. Our Sale Price 50c.
- In White, with deep embroidered frills. Regular price 90c. Our Sale Price 75c.



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- Fancy Flannelette Dressing Gowns, blue, red, pink, cardinal, etc., fitted with large collars.



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LOCAL NEWS

(From Tuesday's De... Yesterday a building g... granted to F. Watson for... of a barn on Belleville str... \$180.

—Last evening the last... the year of the Victoria N... Brotherhood of Owls, was... A. O. U. W. hall.

—Last evening at 8 o'cl... brigade had a short run t... garage, Fort street, where... in some kindling beneath t... started. A few palls of w... the blaze.

—Last evening at 8 o'cl... Ridge Methodist Sunday... their annual entertainment... entitled, "The Coming of... was given by the usual... and distributed the... members of the school, T... large attendance of friend...

—On Christmas day at 5... Church cathedral, Mr. Leon... and Miss Runie E. B... city, were united in wedd... were attired in embroider... cream silk, and was atten... T. E. Sullivan. The gro... ported by Mr. Sullivan. M... were received by the bride...

—Those who have subse... Kubelik - Paderewski - Ho... spoon series of concerts, an... season tickets by applyin... orary secretary of the Vic... Society, Stewart Williams... letter or personally, at... Fort street. The box offic... will be opened for a... concert at 10 a.m. on Jan... season tickets will be iss... box office is open.

—Antonio Loachlavio, B... is wanted in Sydney, A... who a week ago was rem... up again for the morning... court and on the return... Moresby was again rema... other week. J. A. Alkma... the ball of \$2,000 should... ably reduced in order t... might live in a hotel last... police lock-up. The mag... ever, refused to rema... of him and he was rema... other week under the as... before.

—The regular Saturday... dren matinee will be give... Grand to-morrow aftern... little ones will see a per... will please them best. A... have witnessed in a long... big holiday bill show be... this week is one of the... been given in the Grand... by Amoson Abou Hamed... of eight acrobatic and tu... and the other features... Rosalres in a splendid... wire act; Gray and Gra... comedy musical act; Ew... in the comedy sketch, "T... Tables"; Evangeline Me... and acrobatic dancing... Smiling"; the two very fun... tures, and the overture... Experience in Victoria."

(From Thursday's... —Next Sunday evening... will be held at Christ ch... in accordance with the u...

—A. B. McNeill has a... intention to take a candid... trustee at the forthcoming...

—This evening the fa... E. Le Roy Dakin and l... take place in the Emu... church. A programme... prepared for the occasion.

—Harold Payne Le S... of Walter Payne Le S... city, and Beatrice, daugh... Mainwaring Johnson, w... were united in wedlock... Wilson, M. A., officiate...

—Last Tuesday after... o'clock the funeral of... Campbell, of Craigden, ... took place from the r... McCallum, Oak street... McCoy officiated. The... as pallbearers were John... Rao, T. Mayne and Mr...

—The officers and te... Victoria West Methodist... were tendered a banquet... last at the parsonage... After the repast, some... ness in connection with... transacted and the res... ing spent in social inte...

—Last Tuesday evenin... the British Columbia... Forestry Association wa... of Blonair hall. The follo... were elected for the ens... S. Pringle, G. H. Barn... William Blakemore, E. J... McChure, Mr. Hardwick... D. Billing and J. H. McD...

—The motormen and... the British Columbia El... Company acknowledge w... receipt of Christmas gift... loving: C. A. Holland, C... St. Charles, cash; Mr. E... A. T. Goward, local mana... Hall, cigars; Mr. Fuller... Wilkerson, cigars; Mr... gars; H. Dallas Helmck... gars; S. Thomson, cigars... men and conductors form... a happy and prosperous...

—The death occurred... St. Joseph's hospital, of... Chungrean, second dau... Chungrean, provision m... city. She was 10 years o... born in Victoria. The f... announced later. Rev. M... high priest of the Gri... church, will come from... officiate at the funeral.

—On New Year's eve... the wedding took place... dance of Mr. J. J. Rus... Hill, of Mr. James Dodd...

FORGOT AMOUNT OF RED ON MAP

VISIONARY MISSION FOR GERMAN EMPIRE

Roosevelt Professor is Either Dreamer, or Never Heard of Great Britain.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—After declaring that his speech did not officially reflect the views of either President Roosevelt or the German Emperor, Prof. J. W. Burgess, first Roosevelt exchange professor in Germany, made a strong plea last night for a closer friendship and stronger alliance between the United States and Germany, in an address to the Germanic Society of Chicago. He based his plea on the ethical bond between the two countries, the similarity between their political institutions, and the absolute need of such an union in order that each might perform its appointed duty to the world.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

The department of marine and fisheries has issued the following notice to mariners: The steel can buoy which heretofore marked the edge of the reef off Gossip Island, at the eastern entrance to Active Pass, has been replaced by a bell buoy, moored in the same position. Lat. N. 48 deg., 33 min., 6 sec.; long. W. 123 deg., 13 min., 16 sec.

The buoy and the framework supporting the bell are painted black. The bell is run by the motion of the buoy on the waves.

A spar buoy, painted black, has been established in 5 fathoms water off St. Wash rock, Johnstone Strait. Lat. N. 50 deg., 20 min., 26 sec.; long. W. 125 deg., 23 min., 28 sec.

The following sextant angles fix the position of the buoy: Turn Island, south tangent 0 deg.; Chatham point, 28 deg., 25 min.; Rock bay, west tangent, 59 deg., 50 min.

A steel can buoy, painted in red and black horizontal bands, has been established in 14 fathoms water near the 18-foot spot on Ripple shoal. Lat. N. 49 deg., 23 min., 5 sec.; long. W. 123 deg., 48 min., 35 sec.

The following sextant angles fix the position of the buoy: Thurlow Island, north tangent, 0 deg.; Thurlow Island, south tangent, 59 deg., 50 min.; Rock bay, west tangent at high water, 6 cables eastward of Camp point, 67 deg., 20 min.; tangent westward of Camp point, 76 deg., 50 min.

The wooden spar buoy, which heretofore marked Walbran rock, Fisher channel, has been replaced by a steel can buoy, painted in red and black horizontal bands, moored in the same position.

A spar buoy, painted black, has been established in 3 fathoms water on the eastern end of the shoal of Bloxam Island, Telegraph passage. Lat. N. 53 deg., 55 min., 1 sec.; long. W. 130 deg., 7 min., 8 sec.

From the buoy, the south end of Bloxam Island bears S 45 deg. W, distant 7-1/2 cables; and the east tangent of Lamb Island bears N. 47-1/2 deg. W, distant 130 deg., 30 min., 14 sec.

The buoy is of steel, cylindrical, painted red, surmounted by a red pyramidal steel frame supporting the lantern.

The light is a white light, automatically occulted at short intervals. The illuminant is acetylene, generated automatically.

A gas buoy has been established by the government of Canada at the south end of Haddington reefs, Broughton Strait. Lat. N. 50 deg., 38 min., 33 sec.; long. W. 127 deg., 40 min., 43 sec.

The following sextant angles fix the position of the buoy: Yellow Bluff, tangent, 0 deg.; Nimpkish river bluff, tangent, 25 deg., 10 min.; Haddington Island, east tangent, 61 deg., 40 min.; Haddington Island, west tangent, 48 deg., 40 min.

The buoy is moored in 11 fathoms water. It is of steel, cylindrical, painted black, surmounted by a pyramidal steel frame supporting the lantern.

The light is a white light, automatically occulted at short intervals. The illuminant is acetylene, generated automatically.

An uncharted rock lying southward of Swan rock, north entrance to Rivers Inlet, has been found by the C. G. S. Quadra. The rock is steep on all sides, and the least depth found on it at low water was 7 feet. The rock is not marked by keep. Lat. N. 51 deg., 30 min., 30 sec.; long. W. 127 deg., 47 min., 43 sec.

The following sextant angles fix the position of the rock: Bare Islet, 0 deg.; Lone Island, south tangent, 123 deg., 20 min.; double reef, 69 deg., 20 min.

A spar buoy, painted black, has been established on the rock in 3 fathoms, there being a depth of 7 fathoms close southward of it.

The death occurred yesterday at the St. Joseph's hospital of Mary Jane, wife of David Smallwood, aged 39 years. Deceased leaves three children and is also survived by her father and mother, two sisters, Mrs. A. N. Hobbick, Miss E. McCarter, and three brothers, Alexander, Laurence, and Robt. McCarter. Mrs. Smallwood was born in Walkerton Bruce County, Ontario, and came to Victoria over ten years ago.

DEARER NEWSPAPERS.

Owing to Depletion of Forests American Journals Are Raising Their Prices.

Adjutant Wakefield Explained the Immigration Side of the Organization Last Night.

Building for the future was the position of Adjutant Wakefield at the exposition of the methods and aims of the Salvation Army in bringing immigrants into British Columbia, in his address at the barracks last night.

At the outset the adjutant drew attention to the criticisms, which in a good many cases, blamed the army for bringing in settlers at all. To prove the absurdity of such condemnatory criticisms the speaker went into the details of the work of the Salvation Army immigration department which clearly demonstrated that greater care would hardly be looked for.

Under the auspices of the Army over 40,000 people had been brought to the Dominion. But few of these have been brought to British Columbia and in that connection he desired to reply to the charge recently made that the large number of unemployed in Vancouver had been brought there by the army. Each immigrant is provided with an identification card. Upon presentation of this at headquarters, anywhere, if out of work he can secure assistance. Not a single card had been presented in Vancouver. The extensive advertising which the coast cities had received in the East he believed was responsible.

In continuing he gave some idea of the methods used in handling settlers. In the first place the army in its plans considered the well being of both the immigrant and the country to which he was going. Boats were chartered and the passage out every effort was made to make the intending settler comfortable, as much as possible of the conditions. Particularly it is impressed upon them the desirability of the settling upon the land. They were advised to go and work on the farms and to buy the simple life to acquire land of their own.

He further pointed out that the immigrants brought to Canada were British subjects. They were the people who would assimilate with the present population. In this way they were building for the future.

All labor brought to British Columbia would be either farm labor or domestic labor. There is a position waiting for each immigrant brought. The farmers who send in applications were asked if they could supply work for the entire year, and in every case the answer has been "yes."

The man with a family who was the most desirable settler would not be come a transient. He settled down and had a stake in the community and who worked to make a success. These men with large families could not pay their own fare out of their earnings and thence arose the question of assisted immigrants.

On the subject of domestic labor Mr. Wakefield said that on investigating conditions in British Columbia he had found it one of the province's greatest problems. He had been deluged with applications. The army was coping with the situation. The men coming in, in some cases were advanced passage money for themselves and families, which is repaid in installments.

In concluding he stated that the proper way to build up the country was to build up the country round about. Once the country is built up, settled and the people made producers, the cities will inevitably grow.

RECEIPTS HAVE BEEN GREATER THAN DURING ANY PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS.

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THE WORK OF THE SALVATION ARMY

Adjutant Wakefield Explained the Immigration Side of the Organization Last Night.

Building for the future was the position of Adjutant Wakefield at the exposition of the methods and aims of the Salvation Army in bringing immigrants into British Columbia, in his address at the barracks last night.

At the outset the adjutant drew attention to the criticisms, which in a good many cases, blamed the army for bringing in settlers at all. To prove the absurdity of such condemnatory criticisms the speaker went into the details of the work of the Salvation Army immigration department which clearly demonstrated that greater care would hardly be looked for.

Under the auspices of the Army over 40,000 people had been brought to the Dominion. But few of these have been brought to British Columbia and in that connection he desired to reply to the charge recently made that the large number of unemployed in Vancouver had been brought there by the army. Each immigrant is provided with an identification card. Upon presentation of this at headquarters, anywhere, if out of work he can secure assistance. Not a single card had been presented in Vancouver. The extensive advertising which the coast cities had received in the East he believed was responsible.

In continuing he gave some idea of the methods used in handling settlers. In the first place the army in its plans considered the well being of both the immigrant and the country to which he was going. Boats were chartered and the passage out every effort was made to make the intending settler comfortable, as much as possible of the conditions. Particularly it is impressed upon them the desirability of the settling upon the land. They were advised to go and work on the farms and to buy the simple life to acquire land of their own.

He further pointed out that the immigrants brought to Canada were British subjects. They were the people who would assimilate with the present population. In this way they were building for the future.

All labor brought to British Columbia would be either farm labor or domestic labor. There is a position waiting for each immigrant brought. The farmers who send in applications were asked if they could supply work for the entire year, and in every case the answer has been "yes."

The man with a family who was the most desirable settler would not be come a transient. He settled down and had a stake in the community and who worked to make a success. These men with large families could not pay their own fare out of their earnings and thence arose the question of assisted immigrants.

On the subject of domestic labor Mr. Wakefield said that on investigating conditions in British Columbia he had found it one of the province's greatest problems. He had been deluged with applications. The army was coping with the situation. The men coming in, in some cases were advanced passage money for themselves and families, which is repaid in installments.

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WILL VISIT PROVINCE.

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W. A. Carlyle is again to give attention to British Columbia mining propositions. Mr. Carlyle, who was the first provincial mineralogist the province had, has for some years been manager of the famous Rio Tinto mines in Spain.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMING ELECTION

The South Saanich Council Has Appointed Returning Officers and Polling Places.

At the Saturday evening meeting of the South Saanich municipal council arrangements were made for the coming election. James R. Carmichael, clerk of the municipality, was appointed returning officer. The nomination was set for January 13th, and in case of an election, the following places were named: Ward one, schoolhouse, Cedar Hill; Ward two, schoolhouse, Boleyn road; Ward three, Gordon Head hall, Ward four, Colquhoun hall, Carey road; Ward five, Royal Oak schoolhouse; Ward six, Temperance hall, South Saanich. Deputy returning officers were appointed as follows: Ward one, Christopher J. Meara; Ward two, William Graham; Ward three, A. Strachan; Ward four, P. D. Goepel; Ward five, Walter F. Loveland; Ward six, Henry Tanner.

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THE USE OF DANCING.

It is proper to say that dancing makes young persons graceful, and that is its use. If any reasoning mortal cared to argue on the subject he might reply that grace is not useful in any sense of the term to a young male, unless it fascinates an heiress. Nor is it desired by him commonly. His mother, if bold and fashionable, may dream of her Reginald "winning each heart and delighting each eye" by his rhythmic movements in handling the latest of the or, but if the boy's schoolfellows chance to see them in the same point of view they do not admire. If not an attraction, it is the reverse, and the mother cannot lose their advantage whilst they keep in health.

RAILWAY OFFICIAL RESIGNS.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—C. W. Spencer, general manager of the Mackenzie-Main lines east of Port William, has resigned, and according to his own statement, will devote himself to his private interests, which have come to assume large proportions.

CLIFF'S LONG TOW.

Liverpool, Dec. 31.—The British steamship William Cliff, which successfully towed the disabled steamship Cambrian more than 1,000 miles, from mid-ocean to Crookhaven, has arrived here.

BOMB OUTRAGE IN STOCK EXCHANGE

Roof and Other Portions of Rome Structure Collapsed—Many Persons Buried.

Rome, Dec. 31.—A dynamite bomb exploded in the stock exchange here to-day. Eighteen persons are known to have been injured, while others are buried under portions of the building, which has collapsed.

Firemen, policemen and troops are now engaged in calming the excitement and assisting in the work of rescue.

It is supposed that the bomb was thrown with the intention of preventing the customary end of the month liquidation.

NEW C. P. R. ISSUE.

Plotation of Stock to Amount of \$23,000,000 Authorized by Directors To-day.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—At a special meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Pacific Railway this afternoon the directors authorized the issue of new stock to the amount of \$23,000,000 to be used to bring up the authorized capital of the company to \$150,000,000. New stock will be issued from time to time as requirements need.

At a subsequent meeting the directors decided to issue \$24,846,000 of new stock which will be issued to shareholders on the basis of twenty per cent. of their holdings. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy said the money will be used for improvements and additions to the company's lines. He also denied the rumors that the C. P. R. is after Boston and Maine and Chicago Great Western railways.

HENDRIK IBSEN COMING.

The Norwegian steamer Hendrik Ibsen is on her way from Sourabaya and other sugar-loading ports of Java en route to Victoria. She is expected with a full cargo of raw sugar to the British Columbia Sugar Refinery, says the Vancouver News-Advertiser.

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POLICE RECORDS.

The Patrol Wagon Has Been in Constant Use.

The police have had a fairly busy month during December and the patrol wagon has almost equalled the record of 113 runs which it made a few months ago, this time the number being 103. While the force has been busy all the time, there has been an absence of serious crimes, especially noticeable when it is remembered that the city has been invaded to some extent by those who have been thrown out of employment in the surrounding cities, especially those to the south.

The offenders classified are as follows: Drunks, 57; vagrants, 4; making a disturbance, 1; intent to murder, 1; rape, 1; assault with a dangerous weapon, 1; using insulting language, 1; infraction of the liquor traffic regulation act, 2; infraction of

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COMIC SECTION
BROWNIE of BROWNIE-TOWN
 BY PALMER COX



THE MAYOR GAVE ORDERS TO THE CLOWN TO BUILD A WINDMILL FOR THE TOWN.



SOME LEADING MEMBERS OF THE BAND, WERE TAXED TO LEND A HELPING HAND.



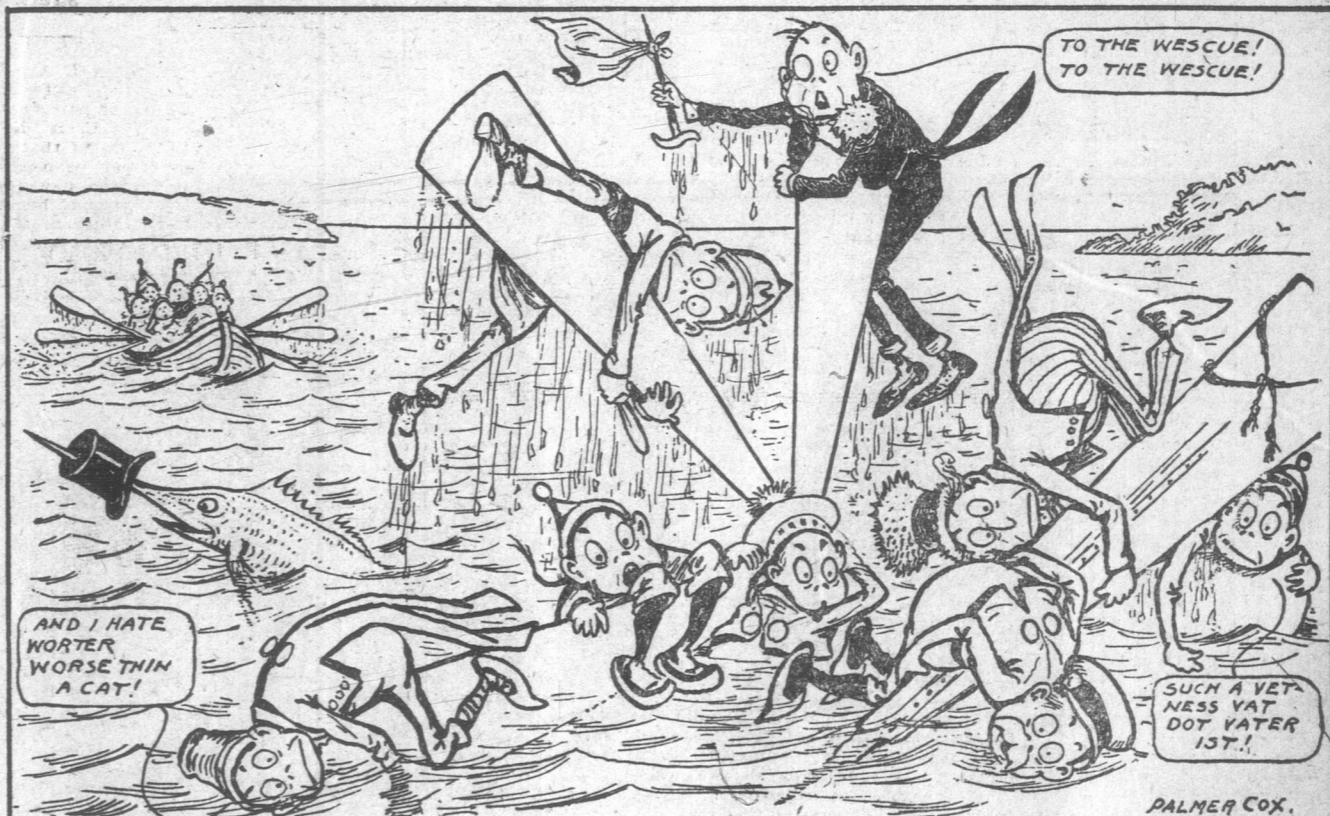
THOUGH WORK WAS RISKY AT THE BEST, THE BROWNIES STOOD THE COURAGE TEST.



BUT WINDS THAT SHOULD HAVE RESTED STILL, GOT READY LONG BEFORE THE MILL.



THE MILL WITH FANS AND TAIL AND CRANK, WAS SWEEPED ACROSS THE RIVER BANK.



AND IT WAS WELL THE WHEEL COULD FLOAT TILL RESCUE CAME IN SHAP OF BOAT.

PALMER COX.

Sweet Child

WHEN HE'S ASLEEP

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Panel 2: Mary Jane says, "I WANT TO BUY SOME PRETTY PRESENTS FOR POOR LITTLE KIDS WHO WONT GET ANY FROM SANTA CLAUS". Buster replies, "I'VE ALREADY GOT A LOT FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN, WE'LL GIVE THEM AWAY ON XMAS".

Panel 3: Mary Jane says, "HERE LITTLE BOY HOLD THIS BABY A MINUTE FOR ABOUT HALF AN HOUR I'LL BE BACK SOME TIME".

Panel 4: Buster says, "BUSTER YOU ARE STUNG AS SURE AS I'M ALIVE". Mary Jane says, "I WISH THAT WOMAN WOULD COME BACK". Nippers says, "SHE'LL NEVER COME BACK".

Panel 5: Mary Jane says, "WHEN IT QUITS CRYING I'LL GET RID OF IT".

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Panel 7: A man says, "HELLO NELLIE! ITS A FINE PAIR OF TWINS YER, HISSUS HAO". Mary Jane replies, "YER DRUNK TERRY FLINN".

Panel 8: A man says, "DRUNK, IS IT? LOOK AT 'EM". Buster says, "I'M GOING HOME NOW BUSTER".

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Panel 10: A sign says "FIRE". A sign says "AMBULANCE". A sign says "KID NIPPERS". A sign says "WOTS DE TRUB? HOW COMES IT?".

Panel 11: Mary Jane says, "HERES YER TWO BABIES MARM, YER NURSE MAID WENT CRAZY ON THE STREET".

Panel 12: A large advertisement for Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It includes the text: "RESOLVED THAT NOW THAT CHRISTMAS IS APPROACHING WE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE HOSTS OF POOR HOMELESS CHILDREN WHO LONG FOR A PRESENT OF SOME KIND NO MATTER HOW SMALL. IF WE WOULD ONLY THINK ABOUT IT I'M SURE WE WOULD GLADLY GIVE SOMETHING TO HELP MAKE THEM HAPPY. THERE IS NO HAPPINESS AS GREAT AS THAT OF MAKING SOME ONE ELSE HAPPY. WHEN YOU THINK OF GIVING, DONT GIVE ADVICE, OR A TIP ON THE RACES OR THINGS LIKE THAT. PEOPLE WHO NEED ADVICE WONT TAKE IT- IF THEY WOULD THEY WOULD N'T NEED IT- PEOPLE DONT NEED TIPS ON THE RACES THEY CAN LOSE FAST ENOUGH WITHOUT TIPS B B". The signature "R.F. Outcault" is at the bottom.

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Carrots, per lb.
Turnips, per lb.
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Bacon (rolled), per lb.
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Lamb, hindquarter

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Table listing various goods and their prices, including items like Apples, Peas, Beans, etc.

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TIMBER CRUISING IS VERY COSTLY

Supplies in Northern British Columbia a Rare High Interest According to Those Interested.

Appropos of the timber reserve question, and the loss which may be imposed upon parties now in the field by the hasty action of the government, a page from a cruiser's note-book was exhibited to a reporter showing the cost of conducting a winter expedition from Fort George.

The ordinary outfit embraces four men, two cruisers, driver and helper, and the expedition must be furnished to extend over three months at least.

As a precaution against accident and to further the ends of the expedition, it is customary to have two cruisers attached to the party. There is the element of danger and hardship in exploring the forests of remote and mountainous regions.

To provision one of these parties is no trifling matter. For instance, an old cruiser quotes the following prices as obtaining at Fort George: Bacon, per 1 lb., 42 cents; flour, per 100 lbs., \$13; beans, per lb., 22 cents; tea, from \$2.50 to \$7 per lb.

These figures cover the commodities which may be regarded as the most essential.

Observe the inflation of the price of tea. This is attributable to the hazard of transportation. Tea is easily susceptible to destruction by water. And supplies are shipped into Fort George largely by canoe, and over dangerous waters exposed to watery risks.

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HIGHWAYMEN ON TRIAL. Toronto, Dec. 31. — James Syme, of Toronto Junction, has identified George Chambers and Thomas Morgan, who pleaded guilty before Magistrate Denton to a charge of highway robbery.

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NEW ISOLATION HOSPITAL. Belleville, Dec. 31. — The city council has closed a contract for the erection of an isolation hospital, which will cost about \$30,000.

GOVERNMENT PASS NEW LAND ORDER

In Claiming Reversionary Rights in Indian Reserves All Alienations Are Prohibited.

It is a contention of the provincial government that the province possesses a reversionary interest in the Indian reserves.

That was explained by the chief commissioner of lands and works, when questioned on the subject yesterday morning, the province has a right to be consulted in any deal which the Indians may make affecting the disposition of the reserve lands.

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What Other People Think VIEWS OF AN ASIATIC.

To the Editor: Reading in your valuable paper of 30th instant the second issue of Mr. F. Smith's challenge to debate on the public platform, I would be very much thankful to him if he gives me also a chance to discuss with him the so important subject of Asiatic exclusion.

His reasons in the first portion of his letter are quite baseless, and I can prove them so on religious, moral and economical points of view.

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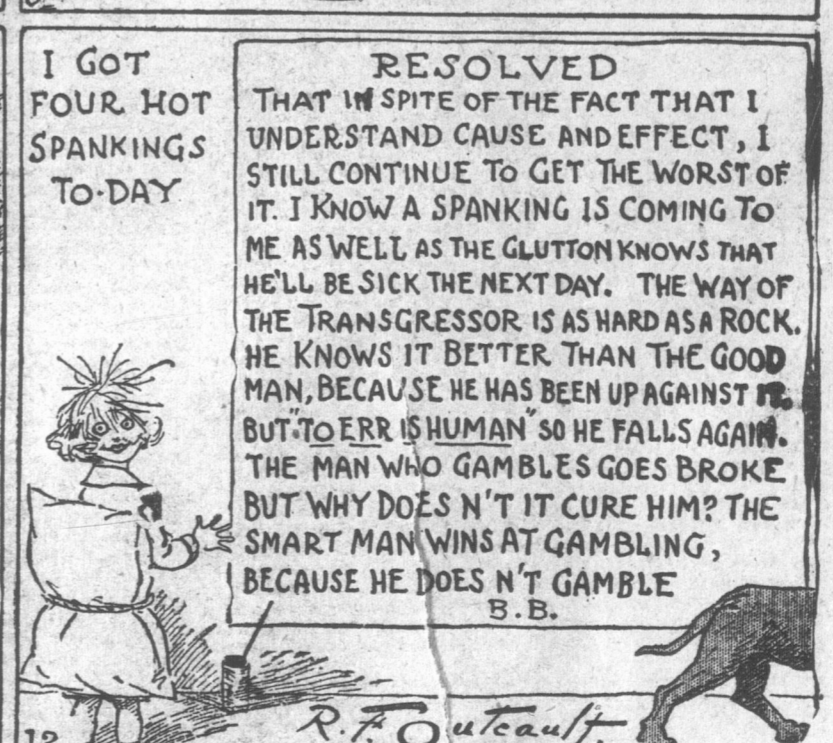
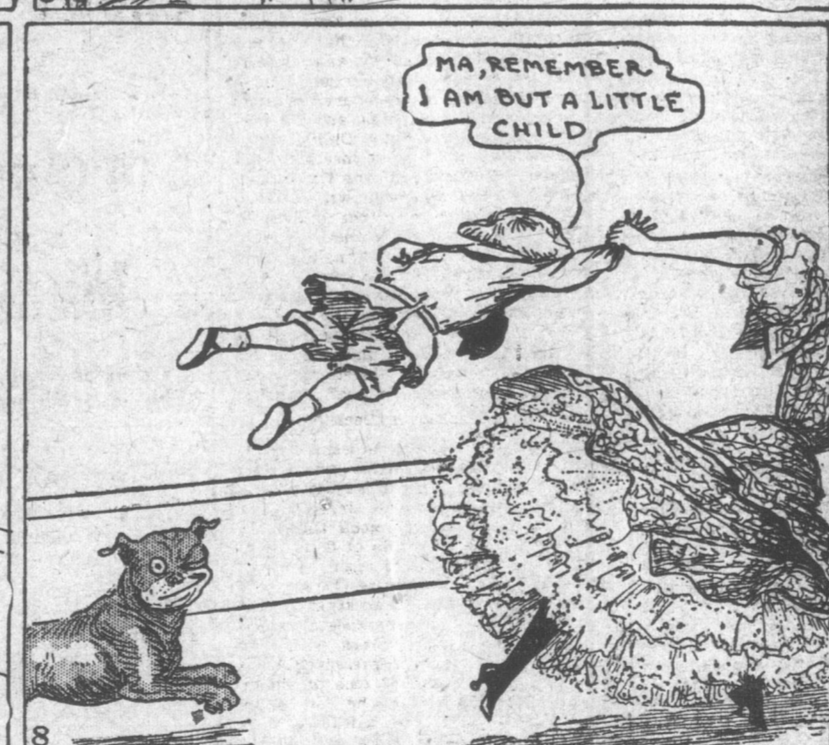
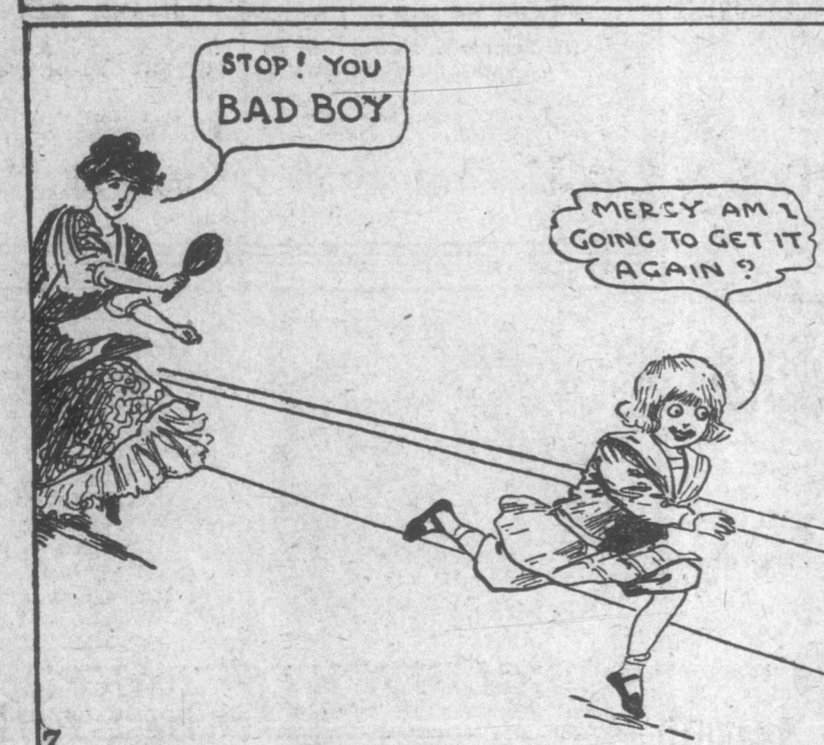
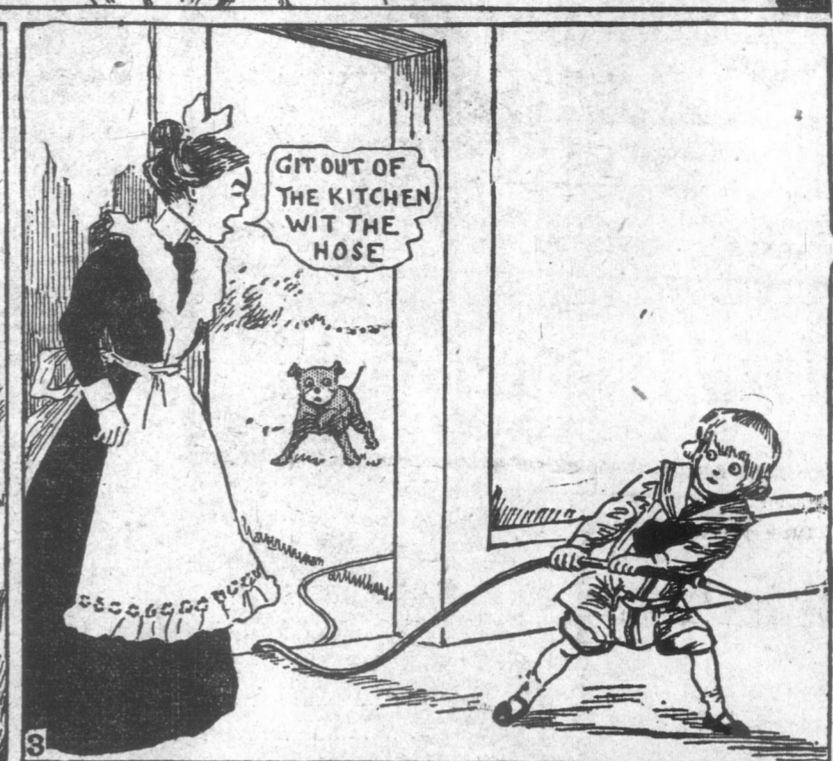
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Did you notice that the Bishop of London, retreating to Canada for a rest after his immortal bout of tennis with the president, appealed to the Canadian farmers "to be good to the English emigrants who come out"? Rather an odd appeal, that. What, one asks in bewilderment, could possibly have justified it? Why should there be any necessity for such marked intervention on behalf of English emigrants to the most "loyal" of British possessions? It was not, it will be noticed, for Scotchmen or Irishmen or Welshmen or that the bishop pleaded, but for Englishmen. Canada spends much money and energy in attracting settlers from the United Kingdom, and scores of thousands of them every year pull up their stakes in the old country and set sail for Halifax. But it was only the English contingent on whose behalf the bishop felt called upon to ask for special consideration. "Be good to them," he said in effect. "They don't know any better." Is it, then, that the Englishman is more objectionable to Canadians than his fellow subjects over the Welsh border, north of the Tweed, and across the Irish channel? That he has not the makings of so good an emigrant? That there is something about him which trips on Canadian nerves, and gives him the appearance, wherever he settles and whatever he tries to do, of a square peg in a round hole? This is a very interesting and pertinent question, and it is one that both in Canada and in England is being candidly debated. A short time ago the Toronto Globe opened its columns to a discussion of the whole subject. The Canadian stated their complaints against the English newcomers, the English newcomers drew up a long list of their grievances against the reception and treatment they met with in the Dominion. The upshot of the discussion was that the Canadians disliked and half despised the English, and that the English were acutely conscious of it. Since then the most alert and pungent of magazines, the National Review, has taken the matter up. It published one article on the subject in September, and a second one appears in the current (November) issue. Both articles are models of force, shrewdness and dispassionate exposition. Taken together they reveal a state of things which has considerably astonished the stay-at-home Englishman. The root of the trouble lies, I think, in the average Englishman's conception of the Empire. He has been brought up to believe that the Empire is a collection of provinces, each of which is ruled by a local authority, and that the central authority is the British Government. He has never met a man, never spoken with a man, who did not admit there was a solid foundation of truth in the charge that the Englishman, as an ordinary emigrant, is less considered than a member of almost any other nationality. He talks of a "more or less open boycott of the English in Canada." He quotes instances in which Englishmen were refused employment simply because they were Englishmen, the mere fact that they were English constituted a presumption that they were also grumblers, unadaptable, and lacking in the right sort of manners. Mr. Kéir Hardie, during his recent visit to Canada, quickly learned that the English emigrant is not popular. "He reaches Canada with the notion that, being from the mother country, he knows all there is to be learned. He wants the same kind of house as he had in England, and where the method of work or the arrangement of the workshop differs from what he has been used to, he sets that down to the ignorance of the colonist whom he has come to instruct. For him there is only one standard of perfection to which he is always referring, and the consequence is that by workmates and employers alike he is generally voted a nuisance."

Most of the English emigrants drift to the towns. Scarcely any of them know anything whatever about the cultivation of the land, and it is indeed a somewhat sombre reflection that Englishmen have no longer the technical capacity to open up virgin countries. And, what is more, the Englishman will not or can not learn to adapt himself to new conditions with the flexibility of the Scotchman, Irishman or Welshman. It was not, however, the would-be farming emigrant who evoked the "No English need apply" sentiment, but "the remittance man, the ne'er-do-well, the hopeless younger son, the damped criminal, the know-nothing-in-particular drifter, the innumerable pursuers of wealth where neither exertion nor aptitude is required." These unquestionably form far too large a proportion of British emigrants, and one can not wonder if Canadians resent their coming. But for the treatment that the more reputable class of English settlers too often meet with, is not the Canadian himself largely to blame? The writer in the National Review thinks he is. "The Canadian," he says, "has no use for Englishmen of any bulk, and he shows his feelings in his dealings with the individual. He is not always tolerant, not always patient, not always fair. He flags the Englishman in theory. His native Englishman in Canada, he prefers the Gallician as farm laborer." So that no doubt, there was good reason for the Bishop of London's appeal to Canadian farmers "to be good to the English emigrants who come out."

OUTING MAGAZINE FOR JANUARY
The New Year's issue of The Outing Magazine is a big, handsome, profitable number. It has several articles of importance that so intimately concern problems before the American people to-day that a careful reading of them is worth while. Clifton Johnson, for instance, in the service of this magazine was sent to Canada to picture the social and industrial conditions just as they are, without the lure and glamor that seems to hang over new countries. His article is entitled "On the Edge of the Canadian Northwest" and is a most skillfully matter-of-fact and unusually interesting. It really pictures nation builders at work. "The Slightest Athlete" is a glimpse of training methods whereby the blind are taught to excel in athletics. It is little short of marvelous that the blind boys here-in described can perform the feats they do.

Where is the happiest land? Hugo Parton in the January Outing Magazine states that it is the island of "Morocco," situated in the Society group. It is a "Swiss Family Robinson" story that has the merit of being absolutely true. It is illustrated in color from drawings by Charles Sarka. A glimpse of the world in its dingiest clothes is furnished by Robert Dunn in his article entitled "On the Chase for Valcanoes." It is a thrilling description of this brilliant young writer's trip over the volcanic island which was thrust above the surface of the Behring Sea last year. It is like a glimpse into an ancient geological period.

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General Stoessel's Trial
By F. McCullagh in the London Morning Leader.

General Stoessel has at last been put on trial for the surrender of Port Arthur; and judging from the tone of the official act of accusation, he will be condemned. His condemnation will certainly not be disapproved of by the Russian press, for Stoessel's relations with Russia, war correspondents in Port Arthur were never cordial. Once, while watching from a hill-top one of the earlier sorties of the fleet, he caught sight of a civilian similarly employed, at some distance, he immediately sent an officer to drive him away. "Why not allow him to remain?" asked Col. Artzenoff, the editor of the semi-official Novi Kral, who happened to be present. "He wants to see the sea," he said. "He is a correspondent."

"What!" shouted Stoessel, in a tone of genuine regret. "Why didn't you tell me that earlier? He has had the brute pitched headfirst down the hill."

Such being Stoessel's feelings towards the press, it is not surprising that the press is far from being distressed in the least by the deplorable plight in which the ex-governor of Port Arthur now finds himself. In fact, the press campaign against Stoessel is so strong that it is overdone, the trifling charges that are made against him being so numerous that one loses sight of the main accusation. For instance, both the official act of accusation and the newspapers condemn his severity towards the Novik Kral newspaper of Port Arthur; but, though I was one of the editors of that paper myself, I must confess, judging from the unceremonious manner in which his correspondents are generally treated by the military authorities everywhere in time of war, it is absurd (especially for Russian government officials) to regard Stoessel's severity towards the press as an unpardonable crime.

Stoessel's Responsibility.
It also seems unfair to saddle Stoessel with the responsibility for the various defeats at Port Arthur, since during the late war every Russian commander, on sea and on land, was defeated whenever he came into contact with the Japanese, and since, therefore, something must have been wrong with the whole military system of the Russians, or with the spirits of the troops or with something else over which the commanders had no control. Even if it is impossible after reading the evidence to come to a definite conclusion that Stoessel could have held out at least a week longer, and by so doing he would not only have put himself technically in the right, but might have made the Japanese lose the battle of Mukden, for had Kuroki crossed the Hun river two days later than he actually crossed it, he could not have brought his artillery over the mountains in his advance, as well as that of No. 1, would have been fatally delayed by the soft ground.

The last meeting of the council of defence began at 6 p. m. on 24th December, and Stoessel asked the members of each explain his opinion as to whether the council should hold out longer. Sixteen members of the council thought it could, and only Stoessel and his supporters—Fock, Reis, and Dmitrevsky—were dubious. When the meeting came to an end, Stoessel said, "I have a telegram, in which he said, writing as if the message was from the council of defence and not from himself personally, that 'the fortress can only hold out a few days more, and we have hardly any shells left. I will take measures to prevent any massacre in the streets. Scoury has made great ravages among the garrison. I have under arms at present from ten to fifteen thousand men, but they are not in good health.'"

An Unfortunate Decision.
As a matter of fact, Stoessel had at that time 204,444 shells and 75,223 healthy soldiers. In the way of provisions, he was also very well off. To "Morocco," situated in the Society group, it is a "Swiss Family Robinson" story that has the merit of being absolutely true. It is illustrated in color from drawings by Charles Sarka. A glimpse of the world in its dingiest clothes is furnished by Robert Dunn in his article entitled "On the Chase for Valcanoes." It is a thrilling description of this brilliant young writer's trip over the volcanic island which was thrust above the surface of the Behring Sea last year. It is like a glimpse into an ancient geological period.

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YOUNG FOLKS PAGE

ANDY'S DREAM

BY MAUD WALKER.

"Come, Andy, look lively there! It's half-past five. No sleeping after that time in the morning!" And Andy, sleeping so soundly in his little bed in the low, unplastered room, half roused himself at sound of Uncle Dan's rough voice. "Come, do you hear? I don't want to have to come up that break-neck ladder again to wake you. So out of there quick, or you'll wish you had."

Then a heavy step on the floor and a grumbling and panting as a heavy form lowered itself down a ladder, which was the only means of entrance to the attic room where Andy slept, pronounced Andy's uncle's exit.

Andy forced open his eyes still heavy with sleep. Then he dragged himself from his pillow and proceeded to dress. After a few minutes he went down the ladder—which his chimney grate, with his two hundred pounds had found so difficult to descend—and sought the wash-bench in the back yard. He washed himself, combed his hair before a piece of broken mirror that hung in the kitchen porch, and then proceeded to the cow lot to milk three cows before breakfast.

He found the milk pail on a table by the well. As he drew the warm milk into the shining tin pail he began wondering for the hundredth time how long, oh, how long! it would be before his father should come for him and take him away from a life of drudgery. Over a year before this story opens Andy's father—a poor man—had determined to improve his fortunes by going to the gold fields of the far west.

Andy's mother being dead his father had brought him to this uncle—his father's only brother—and arranged for Andy to live there till his return. The understanding between the two brothers was that Andy should help with the light chores about the house and barnyard, but that he should not have heavy work put upon him as he was a delicate boy and could not endure too much hard labor. His father also requested that he send to school regularly while it was in season.

But before Andy had been an inmate of his Uncle Dan's house a week (he had taken up his home there in the fall) he was kept from school on first one reason and then another by his aunt, who felt no interest in the motherless little boy, who was indeed an orphan, now that his father was away in a new country where letters rarely reached him and from which letters came even more rarely. And it all was a matter of no matter how hard Andy worked there was found a new job for him as soon as the one in hand was finished. So the months were away, and the child became a veritable little beast of burden, seldom going to school a week together, and never having any childish pleasure.

While the uncle was not wholly a bad man, he had listened to his wife, who reasoned that Andy was delicate from too much fondling by his father, and that work—and plenty of it—would make him strong. As for school—well, he could get book-learning after his father came back. She could not afford to wash, iron and

cook for a dependent. The boy must earn his bread as best he could.

And so Andy had worked from early dawn till dark six days in the week, going to school about three months altogether during the year and a half that he had been an inmate in his Uncle Dan's home. And now summer was with them and the garden and fields were in glorious green, making rich promise of a fine harvest. But though Andy's uncle Dan and aunt Rachel were overjoyed at the prospect of so bounteous provender for the coming year they made no plans for Andy's schooling during the coming fall and winter. Nor did they get the child what necessary clothing he needed, but let him wear his uncle's cast-off farm clothing, which was, of course, about twice too large for him. Thus he was a deplorable and wretched sight in overalls rolled up about his slim little ankles and in bagging folds about his body by means of a pair of home-made "galluses."

After breakfast on the morning of this story Andy's aunt sent him to an adjoining farm on an errand. He was to make the trip over the hills and back in a given time. And she gave him to understand he should suffer punishment if he loitered on the way.

The day was hot and the wind strong, and Andy, having cast his errand, he took time to prepare him for his homeward journey she gave him a slice of bread and jelly, and a glass of milk, declaring: "Why, Andy, child, you look as thin as tissue paper and as white as ashes. You're not strong enough to walk three miles without restin' a bit between. Come, you lay right down on my lounge and rest while I have the hired man hitch my horse and buggy. I'm going to hitch my own 'n' will drive you round to your own home. Peers to me some people can't see how delicate a child is, anyway."

He reached the farm and told the good housewife there his errand. But before she took time to prepare him for his homeward journey she gave him a slice of bread and jelly, and a glass of milk, declaring: "Why, Andy, child, you look as thin as tissue paper and as white as ashes. You're not strong enough to walk three miles without restin' a bit between. Come, you lay right down on my lounge and rest while I have the hired man hitch my horse and buggy. I'm going to hitch my own 'n' will drive you round to your own home. Peers to me some people can't see how delicate a child is, anyway."

Half an hour later the good woman came tip-toeing into the sitting room, dressed for her visit to town. She stood over the prostrate Andy, and seeing him sound asleep, decided to step into another room and await his waking. "He's a little tired," sighed she, "but a little sleep in the forenoon will do him good." Then she went to the gate where the horse and buggy had been brought by the hired man, and leading the horse into the shade of a tree said: "We're waiting, Doc, for that poor little abused boy to have his sleep out."

And while he lay sleeping on the cool floor of the cosy farmhouse sitting-room



A Story of Five Little Bears

Five little bears in the mountain: One heard a lion roar through. It frightened him till he quickly died; And then there were but four.

Four little bears in the mountain: One fell from a great high tree; He broke his neck as soon as he struck; And then there were but three.

Three little bears in the mountain: And beneath the water was very deep; But so there were but two.

Two little bears in the mountain: They thought to have some fun, One got too near to a precipice! And then there was but one.

One little bear in the mountain: He was so lonely and sad, That at last he emigrated To a country far away.

MAUD WALKER.

Andy smiled sweetly, for a dream full of happiness was in his brain. He dreamed that his father had returned for him and that they were driving away from his Uncle Dan's home to one of their own. He dreamed that his father was happy, for he had found the gold he had gone in quest of. Also, he dreamed that he—Andy—had on a new nice suit of clothes that fitted him like the clothes of the town boys. And their conveyance was a brand new "top buggy" drawn by a span of fine dapple grey horses, Andy's own, so his father declared.

"Goodness, Aunt Rachel will thrash me for getting staying away so long!" The farmer's wife, sitting dressed and hatted in the adjoining room, heard Andy's words and came into the sitting room. "No, I shall explain to your aunt how you come to stay," she said. "But if you're rested we'd better go now. It's getting a bit along into the middle of the day."

Andy declared himself very much rested and went to the buggy with the good woman, whom he knew to be his sympathetic friend. As they rode over the country road Andy told her of his dream, sighing and saying: "Oh, how I wish that dream would come true some day."

"Maybe it will, Andy, child," said the good woman, her heart throbbing with pity for the little orphan beside her. "But if it don't come true," she went on, "you're going to see if I can get your uncle to allow you to come and live with me. I'd send you to school along with another room and await his waking. He's a little tired," sighed she, "but a little sleep in the forenoon will do him good." Then she went to the gate where the horse and buggy had been brought by the hired man, and leading the horse into the shade of a tree said: "We're waiting, Doc, for that poor little abused boy to have his sleep out."

nothing for the child himself, only conveying the work she could get out of him. After depositing Andy at his own doorway the good neighbor woman departed for town, nodding a "good-by" to Andy's aunt who came to the doorway in time to see Andy alight from the buggy. As Andy entered the house, his aunt, frowning, asked: "Why did Mrs. Jones come over to here with the buggy? Did you tell her, fitted about? And their conveyance was a brand new 'top buggy' drawn by a span of fine dapple grey horses, Andy's own, so his father declared."

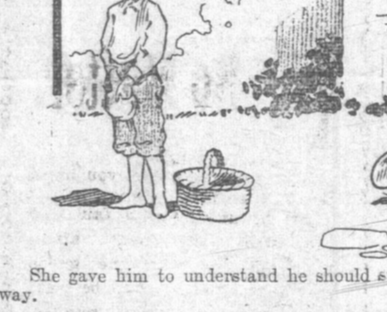
"She was going to town," explained Andy, "and said I might rest awhile at her house and she'd bring me round home. I never asked her at all. But I was so tired, she said I couldn't walk so far without restin'."

"Oh, she did, did she?" sneered Andy's aunt. "Well, do you see that you're fit to go on your feet? Did you tell her you were to be at home? And don't you remember that I told you that if you didn't fight back on time I'd have to punish you? Now, I don't intend to tell a falsehood. And neither do I intend for you to be as disobedient, either. You may just as well understand right now that so long as you are a burden in this house you'll have to do as you're told to do or take the consequences. I'm mistress here, you little beggar. So you go and pretend to the neighbors that you're ill-treated, do you?"

"Oh, no aunt, I never—"

"Don't dare to tell me a lie!" exclaimed the aunt. "And since I've got to punish you I might as well do it now so I'll have time to get over it before churning time. You know how it always affects me to whip a great, big ungrateful boy like you. Come—"

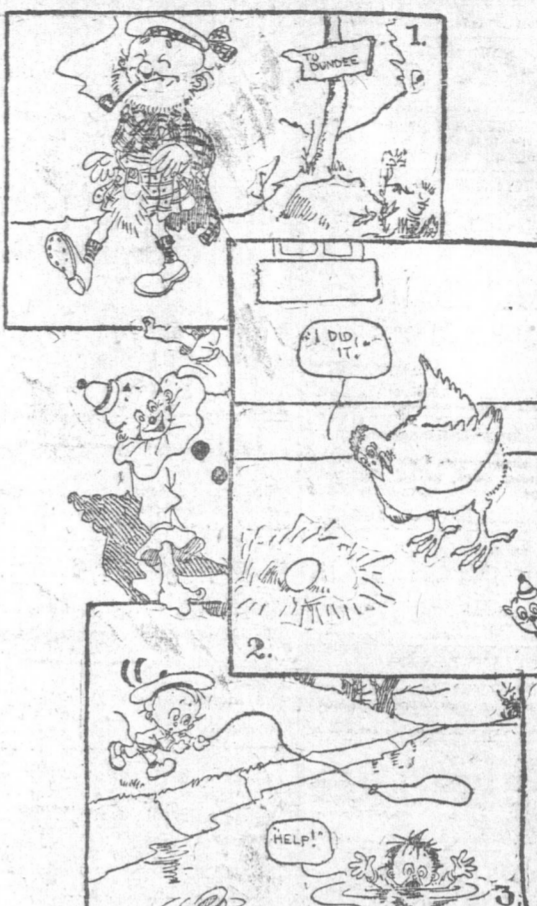
But before she finished the sentence a form shadowed the doorway, causing Andy and his aunt to look around quickly. With a leap of joy Andy was in his father's arms, weeping as though his little heart would break. The father had entered the yard unnoticed by either the irate woman or the frightened child, and stood a listener at the side door before entering. On recovering from his shock and anger he turned to his sister-in-law, saying: "Madam, in the future I shall cease to call you a relative or friend. I've heard your angry threats to my little and unoffending son and have seen your ugly self. I've come back from my adventures a rich man and my son shall no longer be the little beggar you call him. And, if as yet



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Beheaded Word Puzzle



Picture No. 1 represents the color of the Scotchman's kilt. No. 2 represents something that the hen has just done. No. 3 represents what the boy in the water wishes. Can you guess them? (Answer to last week's puzzle; Scold, cold, old.)

ter questioning him, I think I owe you anything for his accommodations—why, I'll settle the bill. But, on the other hand, I find that you have wronged my motherless little Andy—well, begone! As for my brother, I shall expect to see him in town, where he will find me at the best hotel. I've engaged apartments there for Andy and myself till my plans for the future are developed. As for you, madam, adieu."

And before Andy's aunt, overcome with confusion, could think of a way to pacify her red-robin-law he was gone, leaving little Andy to a nice carriage that stood near the gate.

As father and son rode along over the dusty road, Andy, his heart full of happiness, said: "Father, I dreamed you come home to me, and that you'd come very rich, too."

"Yes, my dearest little man, your father's struck it all right. And now you will never eat the bitter bread of dependence any more. Your dream has come true, you see."

WHAT IS IT? And one word of a proverb in each of the following sentences: Boys and girls should make the most of their opportunities. Never let the rain fall on unstacked hay. While youth lasts the paths of life are easy. Charity comes from the heart, not the hand. Like the lark, it is well to rise with the sun. An honest heart shines through the eyes and speaks its own language.

THE GAMBLER'S BETTER HALF. The unsuccessful gambler is constantly a debtor. His wife is not as bad as he, but then she is no better.

MUST BE THE MOST EXPENSIVE. "I want some rice," said the haughty lady. "You have it for sale, have you not?"

"Sure, ma'am," replied the grocer, "six cents a pound or two pounds for—"

"Oh, I must have the most expensive kind; it's for a very fashionable wedding." Historical Knowledge.

BIG BUG'S WISDOM

By William Wallace, Jr.

There had been a great rain, lasting a day and night; one of those rains that come down gently, but persistently, making rivers of streamlets and lakes of tiny ponds. The sun came out after the clouds had cleared away and smiled on everything so genially that Nature's evil genius strobed with life and growth.

In the garden the vegetables nodded and smiled. "Good-morning" to one another. In the barnyard the chickens chucked out their good spirits, old turkey gobbler strutting about like a veritable monarch. In the pasture the cows ran about in happy frolic, kicking up their heels till the damp earth flew about them in clouds. Even the older animals—horses and cows—frisked about a bit to show their good feeling with things in general. Indeed, there is nothing finer than a good summer rain to cool the earth, wash away dust, feed the vegetation and purify the atmosphere when it is followed by brilliant sunshine with a stiff breeze.

And so through a band of little bugs that had hidden beneath a bunch of fine potato foliage to shelter themselves from the recent rain. But now that the sun was out the little bugs peeped from their leafy house and one of them said: "Gee, buggies, it's as fine a June day as I ever saw! Come, stir out of this dark place and get into the open. Pahaw! how stiff my legs are after staying still so long." And the speaker, a fine fat fellow, crept out from the clump of growing green into the glare of sunlight.

"Well, I must have a bite of breakfast before I wander forth," declared another bug, beginning to climb out of the soft, green, potato stalks to whose roots were growing a cluster of fine potatoes. "I'll take a bit of leaf—the softest one I can find—before I'm off to any pastime." And he fell at once to eating with a relish one of the many tender green leaves through whose agency the potatoes under

the ground were fed with sun and moisture. "I'm with you," acquiesced another bug. Then the idea of breakfast determined all. They all went to work. The crowd, who seemed to be the leader of the crowd—remained sunning himself outside the shadow of the potato foliage, stretching his front leg and then another, he felt so cramped from their long dinner.

And while he sat there sunning himself and taking a few physical culture exercises the big bug heard a sound which frightened him a bit. But he was not a coward and kept his ground till something more than sound should become evident.

But before he was further with the story it must be told that the present place of habitation was a raw one for this crowd of bugs. They had been great travelers, coming over the hills and the valley by stages. With the arrival of the first warm spring days they had come from somewhere (the place has not been located) into the garden, lands of a beautiful farming region. There they had found food and fresh dew in plenty to nourish them as they traveled still further on. In fact, they could not rest until they had reached the place that sent forth that insect-peculiar odor which only their acute sense of smell could detect. It was the potato odor that attracted them. And so they had traveled the long and weary way, finding the delicious spot they were in quest of just before the heavy rain began to fall.

And now let us return to the big bug and the sound he heard which frightened him. There he sat, quieting his legs and straining his ears. And the sound did not diminish, but became louder and louder. "Ah, Sally, lookie the tomato vines! Haven't they grown powerful tall since the rain?" "Ugh, I should say so. But—lookie at

the beetle! And lookie at the potatoes! Oh, we'll soon have all the potatoes we can eat. Let's go into the patch and look at 'em. I saw mama dig underneath the soil the other day and get out a pan full of nice potatoes for us to eat and still not kill the vines."

The big bug listened. Then he began to think it time to warn his company that danger was near. He crept back behind the potato foliage, and saw a child's foot coming down a little furrow that lay between two large rows of potato hills. They were advancing in this direction. But to him these two little folk appeared to be two tiny, insignificant, insignificant creatures on the damp earth made such a roar that it almost deafened him. As fast as he could he went up the potato vines to a spot near the leaves where the members of his company were breakfasting.

"Comrades in pleasure and woe," he said, "great danger is coming our way. Hide in the dirt or under the leaves till it passes by. Then we must say farewell to this field and start on our journey again. I can feel it in my bones that it will not do for us to remain here."

But scarcely had the big bug ceased speaking when the two little folk appeared to him, their faces as bright as the sun. "Oh, Tom!" cried the little girl to the little boy, "see a bug on the potato vines! Oh, just lookie at 'em! Let's run." And the little Miss fairly flew out of the potato patch. Not so with Tom. Being a bug, bugs and worms held little terror for him. Instead of running he went directly to the very vine where the bugs were and began looking for them. His quick blue eyes soon detected the shining striped coats of the round little potato-legged fellows as they tried to get out of his sight. "Aw," said Tom, looking at them. "So you're eating up our potatoes, are you? Well, I'll just go tell mama, and she'll set some one to work killing you, she will."

Then for the first time in his life the big bug found his voice of such power that he could speak to the giant that threatened him. Coming into plain view he turned his shining little specks of eyes on Tom and said in a queer, squeaking voice: "Great Monster, with but two legs, why would you take our lives for eating leaves?" Tom was almost taken off his feet when he heard himself addressed by a potato bug. But the novelty of such a thing appealed to him sufficiently strong to prevent his running away. Indeed, Tom had more grit and curiosity than he had fear. So he stood his ground and replied: "Because these potatoes are ours, you impudent bug. And you'll kill them if you allow you to eat all the leaves off. So it's move on with you or take a little dose of something what you wouldn't like," answered Tom.

and I have a good deal of respect for you. I know bugs and worms have the worst of it for, after all, they're made to eat like we are. I guess, though, you'll find plenty to eat down by the river. There's soft leaves of every kind, except potatoes, of course. And now I'm going to the house to tell my mother and sister that I've heard a bug talk. They'll not believe it, but it's so just the same. And another thing, Mr. Bug, I want you to know that from now on I'll think in a very different way about bugs. After all, they were created, and should be treated with consideration. So good-by, old fellow. Good luck to you and your wife and children. But beware—don't ever go near another potato patch again if you value your heads. Everyone wouldn't listen to your story as I have done."

Then Tom ran away and the big bug called to his comrades to follow him. As they marched single file out of the potato patch the big bug said: "With a little common sense and a bit of bravery even a common bug may have his life spared. Had I crawled under the leaves as you did we would have met with a terrible fate. I ran some risks, I'll admit, but a battle is never won without great chances being taken."

"He was a right decent monster, though," said one of the bugs, speaking of Tom. "He might have killed you with one point of his mighty foot."

"Ah, a miss is as good as a mile," laughed the big bug. "Then they turned in the direction of the river, and when half an hour later Tom brought Sally to the patch to see if the talking bug were still there on the potato vine, there was not even a trace of him left. "Aw, I'm sorry he's gone," said Tom. "He was so funny, he was. Just think of it—a talking bug!"

"Well, I hadn't thought of it that way," admitted Tom. "But friend bug, as you did nothing to make these potatoes grow you should understand that you have no right to eat them up. My father has worked and worked to get this nice patch of potatoes, and now we cannot let you and your wife and children and kinsfolk come and strip the stalks of the leaves. Of course, we don't like to—harm a hair on your heads, but we can't let you eat up our vegetables."

"Well, since you have explained to me that your father has prepared this nice field for you, I'll have my comrades accompany me further into the world. We have no fixed place of abode, and must be driven about before winds and weather. But this I promise you, Great Monster, we'll take ourselves off without delay if you'll not harm us."

"Sure, go right on," said Tom gaily. "You're a nice sort of old bug, anyway."

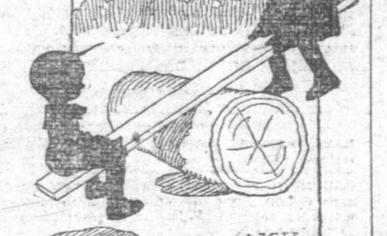
QUEENS OF ENGLAND

Adelaide, queen consort of William IV., king of Great Britain and Ireland, was the eldest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Meiningen, a state in Germany. Adelaide was born in the year 1792. She was truly pious, being so devoted in her religious observances that she rarely took part in any of the simple and innocent forms of amusement so prevalent at that time in court circles. Indeed, it was this exemplary character which might be said to have won for her a king for a husband, for queen Charlotte of England, hearing of Adelaide's virtues, recommended her as a fitting companion for her third son, William, then Duke of Clarence.

At Charlotte's suggestion negotiations for a marriage between her son and Adelaide were entered into. The match was speedily made, and the marriage took place in July, 1818.

Although Adelaide and William were the parents of several children, they all died in infancy. In 1830 George IV., as queen dowager Adelaide survived him twelve years. She was present at the

marriage of the young and beautiful Queen Victoria and the charming Prince Albert. Much of her later life was a work of charity. She also endeavored to improve the condition of the poor. She died in 1849.



Queen Adelaide.

illegitimate children, taking them under her own supervision and doing all for them that she could have done had they been her own offspring.

During her life no word of calumny ever stained her name, and no act of selfishness can be laid at her door. Other queens there were who left their names more indelibly printed on the pages of history, but none were there more noble and true; none were better as woman, wife, queen and friend.

LIMERICK

There was a small boy from the West Who said, "I'm most awfully dressed In a fine suit of clothes, And nobody knows where they're from. They're my old ones dampened and prest."

NOT HER AFFAIR. The following conversation took place between a railroad traveler and the train conductor: "I shall have to ask you for a ticket for that boy, ma'am," said the conductor, holding his hand out for the ticket. "I reckon not," answered the woman, not budging. "Indeed you must pay for him," insisted the conductor. "He's too large to be traveling free. He occupies an entire seat and you must pay for it."

"I can't help that," snapped the woman. "See here, madam, I've no time to argue the matter. If you don't produce a ticket for the boy or pay his fare I'll have to 'termine' the train." And the conductor turned away at the

course.



"Ugh! Let's run," and the little miss fairly flew out of the potato patch.

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