

DEAD IN CHICAGO HORROR NOW NUMBERS SIX HUNDRED

Appalling Disaster Through the Burning of the Iroquois Theater During a Performance—Greatest Catastrophe Since Fire of 1872—City Plunged in Gloom.

Men, Women and Children Suffocated and Trampled to Death—An Audience of 1,300 in Frantic Rush.

Priests Give General Absolution as Scores Pass Away.

ENTIRE FAMILIES WIPED OUT

Well-Known Clergyman Amongst the Victims—England Cables Its Sympathy—The Details.

[By Associated Press.] Chicago, Dec. 31.—Today brought only the legacy of yesterday's monumental calamity, and the prediction that the list of fatalities in the Iroquois fire will run over 600 when information is complete.

The latest statement of dead at the

searchers. There were husbands searching for their wives, wives searching for husbands, frenzied parents seeking their children, so many of whom lost their lives, and in some instances children, still dazed from the horror of their experiences, groped dazedly about in search of father or mother.

THE SEARCH FOR THE MISSING
Crowds visit the Morgues Looking for Friends and Relatives.

All night long the crowds came and went around the morgues where the bodies of the victims of the disaster lay. There were the heads of families, brothers, sisters and men and women looking for those from outside cities who had been their guests. For hours they passed up and down before the

nieces of R. T. Crane, the millionaire manufacturer of this city. Mrs. Hoffelt was taken from the theater severely burned about the head and shoulders. The children are believed to have been caught in the crush coming down from the balcony, and to have been trampled to death on the staircase leading to the main floor.

A party consisting of Mrs. Lucy Garn, her two children, Frank, 10 years, and Willie, 6 years old; Harriet Wolfe, 10 years old, daughter of Ludwig Wolfe, a millionaire business man, and Miss Burke, a dressmaker, is missing. Mr. Wolfe's family searched all night through the hospitals and morgues, but failed to find a trace of any members of the party.

Grace Stewart, Republican national committeeman from Illinois, spent the entire night hunting for Mrs. F. M. Fox, of Winnetka, Ill., and her three children. Mrs. Fox is a daughter of W. H. Hoyt, who was president of the W. H. Hoyt Grocery Company. Mrs. Fox was taken home, but none of her children was found.



Will J. Davis, Manager and One of the Proprietors of the Iroquois Theater.

FIVE OF A FAMILY PERISH.
Party of Priests and Nuns in Search of a Dead Sister.

There was a pathetic scene at Johnson's morgue, when the body of John Van Ingen, 18 years old, of Kenosha, Wis., was identified. Friends of the Van Ingen family had spent many hours searching at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Van Ingen, who were injured. Today four of the Van Ingen children, who are believed to have perished in the fire, had not been accounted for. They are: Grace, 2 years old; Dottie, 5 years old; Mary, 13 years old; Edward, 20 years old. One of the saddest of the many scenes enacted in Thompson's restaurant, near the altar, where many of the dead and wounded were taken immediately after the fire, was the search by a party of priests and nuns, who had attended the funeral of a young girl, who in company with one of the convent sisters had attended the performance. The body of young girl was found in the restaurant, many of the nuns breaking down and weeping bitterly at the sight. The other Horton girl and the sister who accompanied them were not found.

BALLPLAYER' HEROIC ACT
Two National League Stars Succeeded in Saving Many Lives.

Charles Dexter, of the Boston Baseball Club, and Frank Houseman, the old Chicago second baseman, occupied a box. Both claimed that but for the presence of Dexter and Houseman, the death toll would have been doubled. When the panic began Dexter and Houseman each made for a main entrance door, leading into the alley on the north side of the theater. The people in the balconies had already commenced to jump to ground. Dexter, when Houseman and Dexter forced open their doors and they were compelled to lift many of the maimed and dead in order to permit of exits from the ground floor.

Houseman, having escorted his party out, took a position in the rear of the crowd, choking up by assisting the people through. Finally forced away by the flames, Houseman got into the alley in time to hear the agonizing voice of a woman from the window in an upper gallery shrieking "Catch me!"

As the woman screamed she jumped, and Houseman catching her to the best of his ability, broke her fall to the ground and she walked away unharmed.

HOW THE FIRE STARTED
Fire Extinguisher and Asbestos Curtain Refused to Work.

Will J. Davis and Harry F. Powers, proprietors of the Iroquois Theater, make the following statement: "So far as we have been able to ascertain as to the cause or causes of the most unfortunate accident of the fire in the Iroquois, it appears that one of the scenic draperies was noticed to have ignited from some cause. It was detected before it had reached an appreciable flame, and the city fireman who is detailed and constantly on duty when the theater is opened, noticed it simultaneously with the electrician. The fireman, who was only a few feet away, immediately pulled a tube of kerosene, of which there were many hung about the stage, and threw the contents upon the blaze, which would have been more than enough if the kilfire had been effective to have extinguished the flame at once, but for some cause, inherent in the tube of kilfire, it had no effect. The fireman then ordered down the asbestos curtain and the fireman threw the contents of another tube of kilfire upon the flames with no better result. The commotion thus caused excited the alarm of the audience, who immediately started for the exits, of which there are 25 of unusual width, all opening out and ready to the hand of anyone reaching them.

The draft thus caused, it is believed, had before the curtain could be entirely lowered, produced a bellows effect of the asbestos curtain causing a pressure on the guides against the solid brick wall of the proscenium, thus stopping its descent. Every effort was made by those on the stage to pull it down, but the pressure against the proscenium wall and the friction caused thereby was so strong that they could not be overcome. The audience became panic-stricken in their efforts to reach the exits and tripped and fell over each other, and fell and blocked the way. The audience was promptly admonished and importuned by per-

sons employed on the stage and in the auditorium to be calm and avoid any rush that might result in further casualties. No expense or precaution was omitted to make the theater as fireproof as it could be made, there being nothing combustible in the building, except the trimmings and furnishings of the stage and auditorium. In the building of the theater we spared no expense to make it as safe as any theater in America."

PRIESTS SHRIVE DYING
So Great Was the Number They Gave General Absolution.

In the Northwestern University Law School, which many victims had been taken, Bishop Muldon, finding that he and Rev. Father O'Brien were unable to attend the great number being brought in, announced that he would give a general absolution to all the Catholics among the victims.

During the brief moment that the two priests, with uplifted hands, besought God to pardon all the fruitless of his dying servants, the poor mangled men and women, who lay in dozens on the floor, seemed to realize that they were about to face with the last justice in their lives. Many, though craggy with pain, ceased to moan, and fastened their dimming eyes upon the two priests.

After absolution was given many of them barely able to move, feebly stretched out their hands imploringly to the priests for one hand-clasp and one word of sympathy before they passed away.

Bishop Muldon administered absolution, remaining till the dead were removed to the morgue, and the injured to the hospitals. The bodies of the dead were taken to the morgue, and the injured to the hospitals. The bodies of the dead were taken to the morgue, and the injured to the hospitals.

ENGLAND SENDS SYMPATHY
Chicago Horror the One Topic Discussed in London.

London, Dec. 31.—The lord mayor of London, Sir James T. Ritchie, transmits through the Associated Press, the following: "The citizens of London offer their deep sympathy and sincere condolence with the Amer-

WEATHER BULLETIN

Tomorrow—Light Snowfalls; Colder
London, Thursday, Dec. 31.
Sun rises, 7:51 a.m. Moon sets, 2:56 p.m.
Sun sets, 4:50 p.m. Moon rises, 11:41 a.m.

Mild weather continues in the North-west Territories, with a maximum temperature of 50° at Medicine Hat. However, conditions are now more favorable for a change to colder. It has been some what milder from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and light snowfalls have occurred in the latter district.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42-44; Kamloops, 34-38; Calgary, 22-44; Qu'Appelle, 14-16; Winnipeg, 6 below-30; Pelly Sound, 4 below-16; Toronto, 10-22; Ottawa, zero-10; Montreal, zero-5; Quebec, 4-10; Halifax, 6-28.

Thursday, Dec. 31—S. a.m. Today—Westerly winds; fair and cold. Friday—Light snowfalls, followed by strong northwesterly winds, and colder by night.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary. 22 4 Cloudy.
Winnipeg. 6 4 Clear.
Pelly Sound. 4 2 Snow.
Ottawa. 10 20 16 Snow.
Montreal. 10 20 16 Snow.
Quebec. 4 10 6 Cloudy.
Father Point. 0 6 Cloudy.
The sign indicates "below zero."

The temperature again yesterday was between 30° and 50° in the western portion of the Territories; fair and cold. Freezing point in parts of Manitoba; but indications now point to colder weather throughout the Northwest.

Local temperatures: Wednesday—Highest, 18°; lowest, 2°.

lean people in the awful loss of life in the fire at Chicago.

"JAS. T. RITCHIE,"
Mayor of London.

All other topics were forgotten here in the horror over the Iroquois theater tragedy.

The flags over the American steamship offices were half-masted.

All the morning papers print editorials on the catastrophe in the Iroquois Theater at Chicago, saying that it fills the whole world with a feeling of pity and sympathy for the victims and that the event has shown the need of regulation and appliances adopted as a precaution against such accidents as these.

The Daily Telegraph urges the necessity for the universal adoption of the plan which is already largely employed on the continent of rendering all scenery, gauzes and properties non-inflammable.

HIS WIT AVERTED PANIC
Audience in Neighboring Theater Unaware of the Calamity.

When the fire engines commenced to rush past the Garrick, Manager Schuber became fearful lest the impression that his theater was on fire should spread in the audience.

When the intermission between acts came he ordered the doors closed and refused to allow anyone to pass in or out, so that no knowledge of the fire should reach the audience. Wilton Lackaye, the star, entertained the audience for over five minutes with a witty speech. The curtain rose for the next act without anybody in the audience knowing that hundreds of lives were being sacrificed almost next door to the Garrick.

When the people fled out of the Garrick they were greeted at the door by hundreds of frantic men and women, who anxiously scanned their faces to see if any of their friends were among them. There were many scenes of joyful recognition, and astonished members of the Garrick audience were suggested and kissed in frantic delight by their relatives, who up to that time had believed it possible that they were in the ghastly pile of dead lying within the doors of the Iroquois Theater.

LOST WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN
Entire Family of a Postoffice Employee Wiped Out.

Clinton G. Meeker, a clerk in the registry division of the postoffice, has just lost his wife, two daughters and two sons.

Today Mr. Meeker had partially identified the bodies of his wife and two daughters. He failed to find any trace of his two sons.

Among many of the theatrical men employed in the other Chicago theaters, the responsibility for the fire was ascribed today to the careless placing of electric light apparatus too close to one of the hanging borders of the scenery. The electrician of a leading Chicago theater, expressing great surprise on hearing that this was considered a possible cause of the fire, "There never would have been an fire if proper care

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CANADIANS AMONG CHICAGO VICTIMS

Mr. R. H. Coutts, Formerly of Toronto, Dead—Miss Alice Welton Missing.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Many inquiries have already been received by the police department by telegram from outside places, asking for names among the dead and injured. Among the long list of missing has been reported the name of Miss Alice Welton, of Toronto, a teacher in one of the Chicago schools.

R. H. Coutts, another victim, was a brother of George W. Coutts, of 287 Gage street, Toronto. Deceased had lived in Chicago about fourteen years, though he was born in Toronto, where his parents four reside. The above five years ago he married Miss Wright, of Churchill avenue, Toronto, and besides her he has two more children, a son and a daughter.

His brother George has left Toronto for this city to take the body home. He was informed by telegram from a Chicago undertaker last night of his brother's death.

Miss Welton, whose name is announced as missing, is the daughter of Rev. H. P. Welton, pastor of Immanuel Church, Toronto, who last night also received a telegram from friends in Chicago, saying that Miss Welton had attended the performance and had not been home. Miss Welton is 30 years of age and has been teaching in the Chicago schools for about ten years.

FATAL WRECK ON LAKE SHORE ROAD
Two Engineers and a Fireman Killed in Smashup of a Fast Train.

Ashtabula, Ohio, Dec. 31.—Limited train, No. 22, east bound, on the Lake Shore road, was derailed here today by an open switch, resulting in the death of three of the train crew and the injury to the fourth. The train was two hours late owing to the heavy snowstorm and was being hauled by two engines.

Spring, engineer; Springborn, fireman.

THIRTY MEN IN PERIL
Fatal Explosion in a Chicago Feather Factory.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—An explosion occurred today on the fourth floor of the United States Feather Company's factory. Twenty or thirty men were at work on the floor at the time, and these at least one, Daniel Phelan, who jumped into an alley through a window on the floor at the time, and others were reported to have been burned, the number being uncertain. The building was soon a mass of flames.

WHILE DESPONDENT, SERGT. WM. WANLESS TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Staff Clerk at Wolsley Barracks Commits Suicide at the Gulph Sanitarium.

A telegram received at Wolsley Barracks this morning stated that Sergt. William Wanless, a staff clerk in the military district office, had committed suicide at the Homewood Sanitarium, Guelph, by stabbing himself in the region of the heart with a steel rod.

Sergt. Wanless had been at the sanitarium for the past six weeks. About three months ago one of his children, a boy about 7 years of age, died, and this loss preyed on the mind of the father to such an extent that six weeks ago, Col. Peters, the district officer commanding, a member of the military staff called at his room, and was horrified to find him dead. He had stabbed himself in the heart with a short piece of steel.

The news of the tragic affair was a great shock to the many friends of the deceased in the city. Wanless was widely known. He was a very capable staff clerk and took a keen interest in military matters.

The unfortunate man was about 37 years of age and lived on Quebec street. He is survived by a wife and one child. His mother is a resident of Walkerton, and he has a brother in Berlin, another in New York, and a third in Brandon, Man.

Wanless was a member of A Battery, Kingston, but some years since was appointed for staff clerk's duties. He had served at Vancouver, B. C., before coming to London three years ago.

Guelph, Dec. 31.—A sudden death took place at the Hospital Sanitarium this morning under somewhat tragic circumstances. A patient, the name of William Wanless, sergeant of Wolsley Barracks, London, who was under treatment for neurasthenia, of nervous prostration, took a small iron rod used for supporting curtains, sharpened it somewhat by rubbing it against the iron window bars, placed it against the wall of his bedroom, and deliberately forced it between the ribs into his heart. In spite of every effort made by the institution doctors to revive him he rapidly sunk and died from inward hemorrhage.

Dr. McKinnon, the coroner, was immediately notified, investigated the circumstances in connection with the case thoroughly, and found an inquest unnecessary. Sergt. Wanless had gained in weight lately and every indication pointed to his early return to health. He came as a voluntary patient and had recovered sufficiently to help Dr. Hobbs a little in his office.

PARIS HEARS WAR IS INEVITABLE

Russia Intends That Japan Shall Take First Step—The Latter Ready for the Worst.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald says that dominating sentiment today is that war is inevitable. A high military authority, accepting as a fact that war is a foregone conclusion, said to the correspondent: "I presume that when the time comes the Japanese will effect a landing in Korea. Well, what of it, and what after?"

Thus indicating that Russia does not propose to take precipitate action in the event of Japan trying to force the situation.

Tokyo, Japan, Dec. 31.—The completion of all the necessary preparations for contingencies has been followed by a temporary lull, pending the receipt of Russia's reply. It is reported at Seoul that the Russian minister is trying by every means to induce the Korean court to grant Russia a lease of Masampo as a naval station. The unrest in Southern Korea continues.

DEATH OF REV. DR. WATSON
Well-Known Beaverton Minister Passes Away.

Beaverton, Dec. 31.—Rev. David Watson, M. A., D. D., died last evening at his residence, Beaverton, after a short illness. The reverend gentleman had been pastor of St. Andrew's Church of this place for nearly fifty years, faithfully performing his many duties. His loss will be keenly felt by a host of friends of every denomination, by whom he has always been held in the highest esteem. The funeral will leave the family residence on Saturday, Jan. 2, at 10 o'clock, for St. Andrew's Church Cemetery.

BROKE THROUGH THE ICE
Narrow Escape From Death of a Winnipeg Clergyman.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 31.—Rev. C. B. Pitblado, pastor of Westminster Church, returning home from a visit to St. Boniface Hospital yesterday, started across the ice to take a short cut, when suddenly he fell into a hole. The reverend gentleman managed to clutch the sides of the ice with both hands, and thus was able to keep his head above water, but could not climb out. For twenty minutes he was in this perilous predicament, waiting for help, which at last came, and he was dragged out. Mr. Pitblado is in a serious condition from the effects of his involuntary cold bath.

STORIES GOING THE ROUND IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAYORALTY

One Is to the Effect That Mr. Beck, if Elected, Will Drop Out to Make Way for Ald. Judd.

There is no secret now as to why it is that Ald. Judd is remaining so quiet in the face of the fact that he all along expected Mayor Beck would drop out and give him an opportunity of running for the mayoralty.

It is a fact generally known that there was an agreement this year, whereby Mr. Beck was to drop out and Ald. Judd was to be called to the chair. The arrangements appeared to be perfect when the whole thing was given away in a newspaper story. Then Mr. Beck changed his mind, and Ald. Judd was kept in his aldermanic seat. Since that time Mr. Judd, rightly or wrongly, has been given the credit of having it "in" for the mayor, and the Conservative managers have almost exhausted their supply of crude in pouring oil on the troubled waters.

For a while this year it looked as though Mr. Judd would be in the field for mayor, no matter what attitude Mr. Beck assumed. In fact, Mr. Judd announced in public that he would not be a candidate for alderman—the inference being that he was after the mayoralty or nothing.

FUNERAL ORATOR DROPPED DEAD

A Mormon Elder Summoned Just as He Concluded His Sermon at Side of Bier.

Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 31.—With the final words of a funeral sermon on his lips, Parley P. Prophet, a Mormon elder, dropped dead in the pulpit of the meeting house Tuesday morning. Elder Prophet had just concluded an address extolling the life of Mrs. B. A. Watts, the woman whose body lay in a coffin before him. He pictured the future life and exhorted his hearers to be ready for the summons at any moment.

With the final words, "Surely the dead shall rise again," the elder turned toward his seat and sank to the floor, dead. He was 60 years old.

MET AFTER 15 YEARS
Brothers, Long Separated, Find Each Other by Chance at a Station.

New Haven, Dec. 31.—Thomas L. Larson and James B. Larson, brothers, who had not seen each other for fifteen years met Tuesday at the Union station in this city. They parted fifteen years ago not on the best of terms. Thomas went to Alaska and in a few years a message came from there saying that he was dead. It was believed by James until he met him here. They were both on their way to visit an aunt.

CAT BROZEN TO TRUCKS
Rode From Albany to Utica—Lively as Ever When Thawed Out.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 31.—An Albany cat, loaded on one of the trucks of the New York newspaper train, made the journey between that city and Utica Tuesday, traveling at the rate of a mile a minute.

The cat was a well-groomed white and gray, sleek in body, and had every appearance of having had a good home in the capital city. All attempt at persuasion did not stir the cat when the train reached this city, for the reason that she was frozen to the trucks.

The cat was finally dislodged and within ten minutes had thawed out and was jumping nimbly about.



The Iroquois Theater, Scene of the Chicago Fire Horror.

various morgues is 564, and it is stated at the various hospitals and hotels to which the injured were removed that of the 157 people who were injured probably one-third cannot live. The missing today were estimated at 314, but it is expected that many of these would be accounted for, probably a large majority of them. It is no extravagance of language to say that the city is stunned by the overwhelming tragedy which was enacted when the theater which housed "Mr. Blue Beard," became a chamber of horrors. There is the deepest woe in hundreds of homes today, deep sorrow in a thousand others, and a pity beyond the power of words to convey, in all.

The first streak of daylight found the morgues still the sorrow-haunted center



W. A. BRADY,

Wall-Kingpin Manager, who narrowly escaped death in theater fire.

WHISKARD'S THREE BUSY STORES, 228, 230, 232 Dundas St. Last Bargain List in 1903.

The event calls for extra inducements and we have sought and found them. Every article listed here represents a standard line of goods cut to one-half, and in some instances, to less than half regular prices.

Flannelettes and Flannels.

Plain Pink Flannelette, 3 pieces only: 32 inches wide, regular 8c, to50c
Plain Flannelette, extra wide, in white, pink and blue, at per yard, 8c to10c
Extra wide Gray Flannelette, 2 pieces, only, heavy quality, only per yard,10c
Checked Flannelette, very heavy, suitable for shirts, regular 10c yard, for8c
Striped Flannelette, good patterns, special lines at per yard, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 10c and 12c
Bleached Canton Flannel, special at 10c and 12c
Unbleached Canton Flannel at 7c, 8c, 10c and 12c
One piece light blue, Astrachan Cloth, fine quality, regular \$1.00, reduced to per yard50c

Hints for New Year's Gifts.

Colored Silk Mufflers, regular \$1.00, \$1.25 lines, best quality, to clear at each, 65c and75c
Black Silk Mufflers, very fine, reduced to each 65c and90c
Fancy Silk Mufflers, one line dark colors, regular \$1.15, reduced to each90c
75 Dark Silk Mufflers,50c
Colored Silk Brocade Handkerchiefs, regular 75c and \$1.00, to clear at each50c
Special line Colored Silk Brocade Handkerchiefs, regular 50c, for39c
Regular 45c line Silk Handkerchiefs, white, tan and pink to clear at each15c
Windsor Ties, plaids, stripes and plain colors, reduced from 25c, 30c, 50c, to 10c, 15c and25c

SPECIAL SALE OF HATS.

25 Ready-to-Wear Hats; Fur Felt and Camelhair. Splendid qualities, latest styles. Worth 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Marked to clear at each25c

Baldwin's Bee Hive Yarns—Navy, brown and gray; 4-ply. Sale price per skein5c
Saxony Yarns—Black, gray, light blue and navy; half-price, skein5c
Table Oilcloth—Colored marble and white; 1½ yards wide; regular 30c, for per yard20c

ANOTHER SCHOONER LOST

Struck on Shoals While Entering Nova Scotia Harbor.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 30.—The American schooner Laurel, Capt. Churchill, was wrecked on the Snake Shoal last evening. At the time of the disaster the Laurel, which was bound from Gloucester for Newfoundland, for a load of herring, was putting into Port Dufferin for shelter, but, like the schooner Navahoe, which came to grief last week, she was unable to make it and became a total loss. The crew of 19 were saved. The schooner, which was built in 1891, was owned by her master and R. C. Hogarth, of Gloucester. She was 119 tons register.

PLEADS SELF-DEFENSE

Slaughter Said to Have Admitted Hitting Ruddens.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 31.—Edward Slaughter, the colored man accused of the murder of John Ruddens on Oct. 16, is the son of a Methodist clergyman of Indianapolis. His father is Rev. David E. Slaughter, and Edward had a good training in his boyhood. It is said that he had companions led him astray. At the jail in Cincinnati, Slaughter is alleged to have admitted striking Ruddens with a billiard cue. The blow was struck, he says, in self-defense, and he was not aware of his victim's name. Slaughter's parents and two brothers, both the latter of whom are prosperous merchants in Indiana, are working hard to secure his release.

TO SUPPRESS UNIONISM

American Commercial Interests to Fight Labor Legislation.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—In a speech last night before representative citizens from every line of trade and commerce in the city, David M. Parry, of Indianapolis, Ind., president of the Citizen's Industrial Association of America, spoke in favor of suppressing unionism. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Citizen's Industrial Association of St. Louis, which permanently organized and adopted resolutions strongly disapproving of the "closed shop." The resolution declares that the eight hour law pending in Congress is a serious menace to the business interests of the country and opposes its passage.

PANAMA CANAL COMPANY

The New Organization Refuses to Admit Colombia.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The attitude which the new Panama Company will adopt with respect to acceptance of the offer of the United States of America is forecasted by the action of the company in excluding the representative of Colombia from participation in the meeting to be held tomorrow. As the proprietor of 50,000 shares, Colombia has been represented each year at the annual meeting by M. Semper, who was authorized to act in its behalf. This year, owing to the recent events at the isthmus, the administrative council of the company declined to admit M. Semper to the meeting, on the ground that the Colombia bonds had become justly subject to litigation. Colombia appealed to the court of first instance for an order upon the company to admit M. Semper. The court directed the parties to appeal to a higher court, which Colombia intends to do.

Hon. Peter White III.

Pembroke, Ont., Dec. 31.—Hon. Peter White is lying seriously ill at his home here. He is suffering from erysipelas of the face and has heart symptoms which are causing grave alarm.

Favor Asiatic Labor.

Pretoria, Dec. 31.—After three days' debate in the Legislative Council, a motion in favor of the introduction of Asiatic labor in South Africa was carried by a vote of 22 to 4.

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ADDITIONS TO JOE'S COMMISSION

Several More Taken On, Many of Them Representing Colonial Interests.

London, Dec. 30.—A list of seventeen additional members of Joseph Chamberlain's tariff commission was issued yesterday evening, including representatives of colonial interests, and it was announced that Sir Robert Herbert, formerly under secretary of state for the colonies, and at one time agent-general for Tasmania, has accepted the chairmanship of the commission. The list just issued includes Sir John Cockburn, formerly Premier and Chief Secretary of South Australia; Francis Elgar, the well-known naval architect; Sir George Ryder, chairman of the customs commission; Sir C. Smith, formerly high commissioner for Bolivia and Siam; and Henry D. Marshall, member of the council of the Royal Agricultural Society. The remainder of the list comprises leading representatives of the trade of the United Kingdom.

Herbert Gladstone, M. P. for Leeds, speaking at Chester, declared that he did not know a single banker of any eminence who had given any adhesion to Chamberlain's policy, yet no claim knew more about foreign and colonial trade. Chamberlain, he said, might find in the long run that the bankers would be too strong for him. The Westminster Gazette says: "Chamberlain insists that the colonies do not ask us to make any sacrifice. That being so, we are entitled to ask for evidence of any colonial office which shall give us the equal measure in return, to which Mr. Chamberlain inferentially admits we are entitled."

DR. MACDONALD CHOSEN Is the Unanimous Choice of East Huron Liberals.

Brussels, Ont., Dec. 31.—A Liberal convention was held here yesterday for the east riding of Huron. M. Murdie, vice-president, occupied the chair. Short speeches were made by Wm. Mitchell, W. H. McCracken, W. H. Kerr and Arch. Campbell, M. P. for Kent. Dr. MacDougall, the present representative of the riding, was the unanimous choice of the convention as standard-bearer for East Huron. The customary resolutions were passed.

U. S. LAKE NAVY

Attempt Will Be Made to Abrogate Rush Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 30.—An Ottawa dispatch containing a statement credited to Under Secretary of State Pope regarding the presence of warships on the Great Lakes has been printed here. The state department has not been informed up to this moment that the Canadian Government contemplates placing an armed cruiser on the lakes in addition to the few small national vessels now maintained there. Recently the Canadian Government laid down a couple of run Government cutters for lake service, and although these were betwixt vessels than those heretofore employed, their construction was not regarded as violating the treaty. Attention was called to the matter by some of the congressmen from the great lake section, and a United States naval officer visited the place, and examined the vessels under construction, which gave rise immediately to feeling on the part of the Canadians.

As soon as Congress reconvenes there will be a renewal of the attempt to repeal or modify that section of the Rush treaty between the United States and Great Britain that limits the use of naval vessels on the lakes. The activity of Representative Wm. Alden Smith of Michigan, has excited a corresponding move in Canada. He has wished that the Canadian Government is about to enter a formal protest against the location of the proposed United States naval training station on the Great Lakes. Mr. Smith is prepared to renew the attack upon the Rush treaty, holding that it has had a paralyzing and disastrous effect upon the shipbuilding industries of the great lakes.

CANADIAN CATTLE

May Shortly Be Exported to South Africa.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Lord Strathcona, in a letter to Hon. Sydney Fisher, says that he has learned that the American business men have taken the lead in the cattle-shipping trade in South Africa in a most systematic way. They have placed agents everywhere in South Africa, and in this way have a great advantage over Canadians, of whom very few sent agents to look after the trade. The Americans are shipping largely via Delagoa Bay. Lord Strathcona also says that he has had an interview with Sir Walter Peace, agent-general for Natal, and that Sir Walter has informed him that the Director of Agriculture of Natal is at present in England buying cattle for the Natal experimental farms. The Canadian High Commissioner says that he has written out to Sir Walter Peace that they can secure in Canada cattle that are far more suitable for the purposes, and Sir Walter has promised to bring the matter specially before the Natal Government.

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW A Good Year Reported From All Sections.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Bradstreet's trade review, weekly summary: Wholesale business has quieted down at Montreal, as is usual at the close of the year. Many merchants are preparing for their annual stock-taking, and coal prospects are being opened up. Spring orders are less numerous. Values of goods of domestic manufacture are still firmly held. There is less activity in trade this week at Toronto. The retailers are preparing for their annual stock-taking after a most successful season. Stocks carried over are generally light, and renewed activity in spring business is looked for after the first of the year. The general outlook for business is promising.

At Quebec retail trade has been active, owing to the demand for holiday goods. In wholesale trade business has been quiet. Country remittances are slow, but an improvement is expected after the new year. The general outlook amongst the different branches of trade is favorable. Advice of trade at the Pacific coast are satisfactory. The holiday trade has been largely increasing the cash sales and improving payments. There is great activity in deep-sea fishing, and coal prospects are being opened up. Numbers of the well-known mines at Rossland are being actively developed. The jobbing trade at Winnipeg has been active. Much business has been done in stocking new places of business in various lines through the province. The placing of orders by the retailers so far has been quiet. Heavy London wholesale trade has been active up to the present week, and renewed activity is looked for again in the next two weeks when the winter season will be pushed forward. Prices are firmly held. The conditions of wholesale trade at Ottawa are sound, after a year of successful business in almost all departments.

ANOTHER DRUNKARD CURED. Wants Husband to Take Samaria Before Going to the Yukon.

Dear Sir,—Enclosed please find a money order for \$1, for which send to my address your treatment for the cure of the drinking habit. My husband expects shortly to go to Alaska to run a steamer on the Yukon River all through the summer months, and I really think he ought to have this as soon as possible. The friend who recommended this cure to me says he took it and it cured him of the drinking habit. Your truly, MRS. MARIE S. BROWN. Write for free sample of Tasteless Samaria to the Samaria Remedy Company, 29 Jordan street, Toronto, Ont.

Holiday Gifts. Feather cushions, 50 cents each; down cushions, 75c each; feather pillows, in art tickings. Feathers sold by the pound. Mattresses, springs, iron beds, large stock of stoves at J. F. Hunt & Sons', feather pillows and mattress manufacturers, 595 Richmond street, north, Telephone 997.

THE WORLD IS FULL OF PAINS. The aches and pains that afflict humanity are many and constant, arising from a multitude of indistinguishable causes, but in the main owing to a weakness of the system in taking care of his health. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil was the outcome of a universal cry for some specific which would speedily relieve pain, and it has filled its mission to a remarkable degree.

TODAY, PEACE, TOMORROW, WAR

St. Petersburg Press on the Far Eastern Crisis.

ENGLAND TO HANDLE JAP LOAN

Emergency Meeting of the Japanese Cabinet—China May Take Sides With Russia.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.—The foreign dispatches received here yesterday afternoon are reflected today in more pessimistic editorials. The Novoye Vremya begins its leader with "There is no war today. Tomorrow there may be war."

The paper rather fatalistically directs attention to the fact that war marked the opening of the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The Novoye Vremya nevertheless still professes faith in a peaceful settlement, saying: "We believe Japan will not place Russia in a position where it would appear to be a renunciation of the defense of her vital interests in the far east. Russia does not desire war, but nobody in Europe will permit the Japanese or other friends to execute a diplomatic dance upon Russia's peaceful disposition. In firm consciousness of her power, Russia will await events."

London, Dec. 30.—The Daily Mirror asserts that Japan's note to Russia demands a material guarantee of honest intentions with regard to Korea by a reduction of the Russian fleet in far eastern waters to half its present strength.

London, Dec. 30.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail reports that Russia is more inclined to make a concession to China with regard to Manchuria, and says that he fears that unless Russia pays consideration to the Chinese demand, that China will join with Japan. The correspondent also says that it is said Yui Shai Kai, who has been in London with the task of negotiating with Russia, has a decided predilection for an alliance with Japan, and that the Empress Dowager also favors the Japanese. Yokohama, Dec. 30.—At an extraordinary meeting of the Privy Council today the fact that Russia's reply to the last official note from the Japanese was not publicly made known, owing to the dilatory tactics they are pursuing. The government is completing the final preliminaries for placing the country on a war footing. Imperial ordinance to make an unlimited issue of treasury bonds to provide war funds, creating a special council of war and fixing the imperial headquarters. In the event of war, if a special issue of war bonds is made, it is understood that the bonds can be floated in England, whence it is said assurances have come that the money would be forthcoming.

INSURGENTS DEFEATED

Two Vessels Captured by Dominican Government.

San Domingo, Dec. 21.—The provisional government has captured two vessels in Capaco, which were carrying arms and ammunition for the insurgents. Government troops are marching from Capaco to San Domingo, to attack the insurgents at Azua de Compostela. The insurgents who attacked General Guenther have been defeated. The British cruiser Charybdis arrived here Tuesday. There was fighting on Monday between troops and insurgents outside the city. Several were killed and many wounded.

A Fireman Scalded.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 21.—Peter D. Smith, a Grand Trunk fireman, who lives at Sarnia, was probably fatally scalded yesterday morning. A tube on his engine village, between two Italians, Jim Rosso and Antonio Barlo, was in a serious condition, and may die.

A Stabbing Affray.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 31.—A serious stabbing affray occurred Tuesday evening on the St. David's road, near St. David's village, where two Italians, Jim Rosso and Antonio Barlo, were in a serious condition, and may die.

A New Club of Advertising Students

A new club is being formed in this city by the advertising students of the International Correspondence Schools, Scranton, Pa., to be known as the "I. C. S. Students' Advertising Club of London." The purpose of the club is to hold semi-monthly meetings for the interchange of thoughts and advertising ideas, the discussion of the styles and the science of advertising in general. It is expected that these meetings will prove exceedingly interesting, and materially advance the individual progress of each member. The club has many other advantages in store for its new members. Membership will be limited to twelve, which must be enrolled as students before Jan. 9, after which no applications for membership will be received. Among those already enrolled are three out of the four I. C. S. representatives in London, which fact speaks well for these young men's confidence in their advertising course, and insures the success of the club. Further particulars may be had from any of the representatives, or by calling at the London office of the International Correspondence Schools, 180 Dundas street.

A CAREFULLY PREPARED PILL. Much time and attention were expended in the experimenting with the ingredients that enter into the composition of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills before they were brought to the state in which they were first offered to the public. Whatever other pills may be, Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are the result of much study, and all persons suffering from dyspepsia or disordered liver and kidneys may confidently accept them as being what they are represented to be.

Land in Castle is in greater part devoted to the production of wheat and barley, and some of the best wheat is raised in the Rand. Owing to the dearth of peat matches are at present used as a portion of the currency of the Rand.

ONE OF THE GREATEST blessings to parents is Mother Graves' Worm Expeller. It effectually expels worms and gives health in a marvelous manner to the little one. The surplus of the Western Union Telegraph Company has risen, as shown by the reports just issued, to \$13,619,000.



..TO MAKE.. JANUARY BUSY

We want to make the usually quiet month of January a very busy one in our Manufacturing Department. We don't want one of our large staff of competent operatives to get away from us. To keep them we must give them steady employment, and to give them steady employment we make the following remarkable reductions in the cost of suit making.

Suits that we always get \$17.00 for making will be made for\$12.00
Suits that we always get \$15.00 for making will be made for\$10.00
Suits that we always get \$12.00 for making will be made for\$8.00
Suits that we always get \$10.00 for making will be made for\$7.00

We cannot set any definite time limit on this special offer, as at present we only purpose taking sufficient orders to keep our staff busy during the month of January. When this offer is to be withdrawn we will notify you. Orders will be turned out in the order received. Don't delay. We have had numerous requests to repeat this special feature by those who took advantage of it last year.

Regular 12c Colored Tinsel Trimming 5c

At, yard.....
Clearing out a lot of Colored Tinsel Trimming, in blue and gold, pink and gold, black and gold, and gilt. The regular price was 12½c. Now only..... 5c
Also clearing a lot of Fancy Colored Gimps that sold at \$1.00 per dozen yards, at only, per dozen..... 10c

Balance of Children's Coats at Greatly Reduced Prices.

If You Want a Good Coat for Your Child This is a Great Chance. Don't Miss It.
LOT 1—Children's Ulsters, made of imported tweeds, beavers, golf cloths, etc., assorted dark colors, tastily made and well finished, sizes 3 to 6 years, were \$5.00 to \$6.00 each, now on sale for.....\$3.95
LOT 2—About 10 only, pretty styles, serviceable colors, sizes 4 to 8 years, worth \$7.00 to \$9.00, reduced to.....\$4.50
LOT 3—About 12 only, in blue, gray, red, fawn, etc., in assorted cloths, sizes 6 to 11 years, worth \$8.00 to \$9.00, for.....\$6.75
Also a few Sample Coats, made of fine imported beavers, etc., prettily trimmed and well made, were extra good value at our regular prices, \$12.00 to \$15.00, now.....\$8.75 and \$9.50

SMALLMAN & INGRAM,

149, 151 and 153 DUNDAS STREET.



MME. CURIE'S COURAGE

The Discoverers of Radium at One Time Poverty-Stricken.

London, Dec. 31.—Writing in the Independent of Mme. Curie, the famous discoverer of radium, and her husband, M. Curie, tells of the trials which the young French couple had to undergo before they gained fame and wealth.

At the start, the material situation of the young couple was not very bright. Neither had any fortune, and with the few thousand francs which they earned it was no easy task to make both ends meet at the close of the year in such an expensive city as Paris. So they went out into the suburbs of the great capital and established themselves in the little town of Bourges-Reine, distant two or three miles from the walls; and in order to save the rent, she and her husband, in all their wanderings, made the journey by bicycle from their modest abode to their laboratory in the dingy old Rue Lhomond, where they have made their important discoveries.

When it is known that the highway from Bourges-Reine to Paris is paved with the dust of the great cities, and that the distance and the weather, and at all hours, made the journey by bicycle from their modest abode to their laboratory in the dingy old Rue Lhomond, where they have made their important discoveries.

Soon a child came to the struggling couple. The little daughter is now seven years old, a dear, small blonde, in good health, full of life and tenderness, cared for by the loving mother. So Mme. Curie is not only a scientist, whose name is well known throughout the world, but a model wife and mother, another and most striking example of the fact that the new woman does not differ in this respect materially from her often more pretentious sister.

SO RAPIDLY does lung irritation spread and deepen, that often in a few weeks a simple cough culminates in tubercular consumption. Give heed to a cough—there is always danger in delay; get a bottle of Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, a medicine of extraordinary penetrating and healing properties. It is acknowledged by those who have used it as being the best medicine sold for coughs, colds, inflammation of the lungs, and all affections of the throat and chest. Its agreeableness to the taste makes it a favorite with ladies and children.

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THE MOST RELIABLE and Successful Authority in the treatment of ruptures without an operation. He who makes a specialty of one department must certainly be more experienced and capable than those having "many irons in the fire." Stop wasting time and money in useless efforts elsewhere, and go to one whose life-long study has taught him what to do. Have you not had experience enough to justify you in adopting some change for the better? If you ever intend to be cured, now is the best time—"next week may be too late." No matter how serious your case may be, time affords no failures you have experienced trying to be cured—my Biobone system cures you; the worst veins return to their normal condition, hence the sexual organs become vitalized, and many powers return, no temporary benefit, but a permanent one, no operation, no detention from business. If you have had the usual experience you have no doubt spent a great deal of money and time searching for the remedy that I offer you—Come and consult me free during this visit.
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GRIGG HOUSE, SATURDAY, January 2

ALWAYS SEE THAT THE MATCHES
Our Sulphur Brands "TELEGRAPH," "TELEPHONE,"
You Purchase For Sale by Dealers Everywhere.
the Name of the above.
A QUICK, SURE, every time by of the above.
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DONALD McLEAN, AGENT, 436 RICHMOND ST., LONDON.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.
Dec. 30.—At New York—Maestri, from Liverpool.
At Queenstown—Teutonic, from New York.
At Cherbourg—Graf Waldersee, from New York.
At Antwerp—Belgenland, from Philadelphia.
At Mottville—Ethiopia, from New York.
At Philadelphia—Buenos Ayres, from Glasgow.
At Boston—Cestrian, from Liverpool.

IT PAYS TO
CANADA BUSINESS COLLEGE, CHATHAM, ONT., Canada's greatest school of Business, Shorthand and Penmanship, will reopen for the New Year on Monday, Jan. 4.
We shall need 300 more bright young men and women, in addition to those we now have, to meet the calls for office help for this year, and will guarantee to place that number or more at good wages.
We placed 345 in the eleven months ending June 30, at wages averaging \$600 per annum, and nearly as many more good positions had to go unfilled.
If you have not seen our Catalogue you are not yet familiar with the best Canada has to offer. Write for it.
D. McLEACHLAN & CO., 78-yw-yt, Chatham, Ont.

REXALL HOUSEHOLD DYES.
The latest and most improved dye in the world. Will dye wool, cotton, silk, jute or mixed goods in one bath. Ask your druggist, Calmrose & Lawrence, 218 Dundas street, H. J. Childs, 632 Dundas street, T. H. Jones, Witley road, for a sample. ywt

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For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co.

Your Furnace or Coal Stove Fire

is often on the verge of going out. A

little charcoal thrown on the dying

embers instantly revives it. Buy it

from your grocer—or dealer. Rexall

Brand. Ten cents per box.

BIRTH, MARRIAGES, DEATHS.

BORN.
McLEAN—On Dec. 29, 1903, to Mr. and Mrs. N. McLean, a daughter.
DEATHS.
MUNRO—On Thursday morning, Dec. 31, 1903, at 574 Dufferin avenue, London, Ont., Christopher, the beloved husband of Isabel Macdonald Munro, in his 96th year.
 Funeral private, Saturday, Jan. 2, 3 p.m.; service, 1:30.
 Inverness (Scotland), Montreal and Chicago papers please copy.
TUCKER—At the family residence, 342 Egerton street, on Dec. 30, 1903, James William, twin son of John A. and Blanche Tucker.
 Funeral private, at 2:30, on Jan. 1.

Transient Condensed Advertisements.—No Advertisement Less Than Ten Cents.

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC.
Two cents per word each insertion.
MEETINGS—When no admission is charged, one cent per word each insertion.
ARTICLES FOR SALE, TO LET, HELP WANTED, SITUATIONS WANTED, ED. BOARD, LODGING, ROOMS, AND FOUND, ROOMS TO LET, REAL ESTATE FOR SALE, ETC.—First insertion one cent per word, each subsequent insertion one-half cent per word. No advertisement less than ten words.
BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS—One cent per word each insertion. Six insertions for price of five; twelve for nine; eighteen for price of thirteen; one month for price of seventeen.

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC.

GRAND-Tonight-8:15
IRELAND ENTERTAINMENT CO.
 in illustrated songs and moving pictures of UNCLE TOM'S CABIN A FAIRY LAND.
 10c, 20c, 30c.

New Year, Mat. and Night.

GEO. H. SUMMERS
 in a grand scenic production of **RIP VAN WINKLE.**
 Matinee, 15c, 25c, 35c. Evening, 25c, 35c, 50c. Seats now on sale.
One Week, Com. Mon. Jan. 4.

MYRICK-HARDER STOCK CO.

7 Big Scenic Productions.
 8 Big Vaudeville Acts.
 SPECIAL PRICES 10c, 20c, 30c.
 Seats on sale Friday.

LONDON-GIBNEY STOCK CO.

TONIGHT—THE LAND OF THE CZAR.
 New Year's-Prince of Liers. Mat.-Charity Ball.
 Prices, 10c, 20c, 30c. Matinee, 25c and 50c.
AUDITORIUM, THURSDAY, DEC. 31.

Royal Hungarian

Court Orchestra
 35, 50 and 75 cents.
 Hear them and then attend the **WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE.**
 Plan opens Tuesday morning. 88c

Matinee, New Year's Day

AT QUEEN'S PARK.
 Weather permitting. Three good races. Admission free. Public invited. b

GUNARD LINE

Excursions to the Old Country via the Ivernia, sailing from New York to Liverpool, via Queenstown, Saturday, Jan. 4. F. B. Clarke, agent, 415 Richmond street.

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WESTMINSTER RINK-CADET BAND

New Year's afternoon and evening. Matinee, 10c. Skating tonight. Grand Ice.

SKATING-CLARK'S BRIDGE RINK.

Open every afternoon and evening. New Years and Saturday, all day. 90c.

CIGARMAKERS' UNION, No. 275.

will hold their third annual ball and supper, New Year's Eve, at City Hall.

JUBILEE RINK—NO SKATING TONIGHT.

Tony Vita's Orchestra New Year's afternoon and evening.

PRINCESS ICE PALACE—VISHING

its patrons a very Happy New Year. Seventh Band tonight and New Year's afternoon and evening. Season books at office. Skates and boxes to rent. b

TONY CORTESE—THE ORIGINAL

London Harpers. Music furnished for all occasions. 18, Maple street. Telephone 1550.

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING BY

Mr. R. B. Millard. Special attention given to waltz and two-step. Rapid teaching, low rates, lessons any hour, satisfaction guaranteed. Residence and academy, 245 Princess avenue.

DANCING-CLASSES MEET: GENTLEMEN,

Monday, ladies, Tuesday, advanced class, 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday evening, masters and misses, Saturday afternoon. Call, Dayton & McCormick.

CHOICEST MUSIC FURNISHED FOR

private parties, balls, banquets, etc. Telephone 1550. Tony Vita's Italian Harpers, 131 Queen's avenue.

OSTEOPATHY.

H. V. CATON, OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN—chronic diseases, 387 Oxford street, near Waterloo.

STORAGE AND MOVING VANS.

IMPROVED VANS, BEST STORAGE, private rooms. Furniture for storage carried free. H. Porter & Co., 97 Carling. Phone 1500.

FEMALE HELP WANTED.

WANTED—GIRL, GENERAL HOUSEWORK; family of two; no washing; to go to Detroit. Address Box 9, London Advertiser.

WANTED—FIRST-CLASS DRESSMAKERS

and costmakers, accustomed to high-class work; good wages to competent hands. Apply Dressmaking department, Smallman & Ingram, 91n

GIRLS WANTED. FOREST CITY

Laundry. 80c

WANTED—A GOOD GENERAL SERVANT.

Apply 94 Waterloo street. 80c

WANTED—TWO GIRLS, COOK AND

dining-room girl. Apply Victoria Hotel, Guelph, Ont. 80c

WANTED—MACHINE OPERATORS

and finishers, for cap factory. Apply at once, John Marshall & Co. 80c

WANTED—GENERAL SERVANT.

In family of two; no washing; to go to Detroit. Address Box 9, London Advertiser.

WANTED—CHAMBERMAID AND PANTRY

girl. Apply City Hotel. 80c

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Rutherford public school for 1904. Apply at once. John Munro, secretary-treasurer, Rutherford, Ont. 80c

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box trade. 15 T. Nelson & Co., 30 Dundas street. 80c

A YOUNG MAN DESIROUS OF ESTABLISHING

himself in a permanent business should write Cooper, Drawer 33, London, Ont.

YOUTH FOR OFFICE MUST WRITE

teleg. in our day or evening office. Apply Box 6, Advertiser.

SALESMAN ON WAGON WANTED

for city route; salary to start, \$5, state experience and references. Box 90, Advertiser.

SALESMEN WANTED FOR "AUTO-SPRAY"

place to have your carriages put in repair for spring. Smith's, corner Richmond and Maple.

YOUNG MAN, IF YOU ARE WISE,

you will commence right now and learn telegraphy in our day or evening classes. The pay is good, the work pleasant, and the field not overcrowded. Write for particulars and planing everything, free. Dominion School of Telegraphy, 35 King street east, Toronto.

APPRENTICES WANTED—STRONG

young men, 16 years of age and upwards; must be of good character and able to do manual work. Write for particulars. Molter Barber College, Chicago, Ill. 80c

MEN—WE OFFER SPLENDID IN-

DUCEMENTS to learn barber trade, should be diploma granted, positions furnished; best paying trade in existence for poor men. Write for particulars. Molter Barber College, Chicago, Ill. 80c

PORTER WANTED. APPLY EURO-

PEAN Hotel. 91c

ARTICLES FOR SALE.

BASEBURNERS, RANGES AND ALL kinds of cook stoves and second-hand furniture, at Keene's 141 King street.

FOR SALE—BALANCE OF CUTTERS at one-half price in the city at J. J. Smith's, corner Richmond and Maple.

CUTTERS AND HACK-SLEIGHS—Quality and price right. This is the best place to have your carriages put in repair for spring. Smith's, corner Richmond and Maple.

THE WORD, W. SMITH, IN THE plumbing business, is a first-class plumber, 151 Smith's Plumbing Company, Masonic Temple, King street.

FOR SALE—ONE BEAUTIFUL ROSE-WOOD cabinet, 713 active, first-class condition, guaranteed five years, for \$100, payable \$5 per month. Heintzman Co., 217 Dundas, corner Clarence street.

GREEN & CO., 455 YORK STREET, keep the best egg, stove and chestnut coal, Massillon lamp for grates, good wood, blocks or split. Phone 1321.

SOUTHCOTT & KETTLE—THE NEW coal and wood yard, corner Maitland and G. T. R. Phone 200.

SEE JAMES STEWART'S BASEBURN-ERS and stoves, best on earth. Brock's Feed Store, 21 King street.

4,000 POUNDS OF CHOICE BUTTER—One pound rolls, large rolls and firkin butter to be sold this week at 15c pound. Trine, now cheese, 2 pounds for 25c. Choice clover honey, 10 pounds for \$1.50. J. G. Coleman, 244 DUNDAS street, offers full line cigars, tobacco, pipes, smokers' sundries, at best prices.

WE ARE PUTTING UP THE NICEST cooked ham, because it has all its flavor retained in it. James A. Anderson, Market House.

FOR SALE—WASHINGTON HAND-PRESS; cheap for cash. Address Box 38, this office.

FOUR ROGERS TYPGRAPH MACHINES, All in splendid working order, and will be sold at half price. Address LONDON ADVERTISER, London, Ont.

SPRINGS, MATTRESSES AND IRON beds—Special low prices this week at Keene Bros., 125 and 127 King street.

SKATES, HOLLOW GROUND BY SPE-CIAL MACHINERY, 10 a pair. D. McKenize & Co., 28 Richmond street.

FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS SEE OUR Pompadours and Switches. Fanc Combs and Pins. Miller's Hair Store, 223 Dundas street.

F. S. O'NEIL, FISH MARKET—FRESH oysters, crabs, lobsters, etc. Guaranteed our goods to be reliable. Phone 1295.

FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS HIGH oak office desk; in good order and suitable for a bookkeeper; will be sold cheap, as the owner has no further use for it. Apply at this office. 87c

MAIDEN'S BLUSH GIVES CHEEKS and lips that glowing and fascinating hue. 304 Richmond street, Room 2.

THE LATEST BOOK—"THE SILVER Poppy," at McDermott's Lending Library, 50 1/2 Richmond street.

COMPLETE LINE VERY BEST STEEL hockey skates. Bob-sleigh skates for small children. J. H. Cunningham, 64 Dundas street.

BANKERS AND BROKERS.

JOHN WRIGHT, STOCK BROKER, London, Ont. Phone 88.

WHY SATISFIED WITH 8 PER CENT when 10 can be secured? Principal guaranteed. Particulars cheerfully given. Joseph Beech, 378 Princess avenue, London.

DENTAL CARDS.

DR. G. H. KENNEDY, DENTIST—Successor to the late Dr. J. A. Speck, preservation of natural teeth. 113 Dundas street. Phone 775.

WOOLVERTON & BENTLEY, DEN-tists, 26 Dundas street, 2nd floor, over Cairncross & Lawrence, druggists. Telephone 22.

DR. WESTLAND, DENTIST, CHICAGO—Post-graduate in Crown, Bridge and Porcelain work. Philadelphia Post-graduate Porcelain. Masonic Temple, first floor.

DR. A. G. FRASER, DENTIST, 18 Dundas street. Telephone 131.

DR. HARRY SILK, DENTIST, 185 1/2 Dundas street, 2nd floor. Telephone 134.

WANTED—TWO GOOD HEAVY horses, about 1,400 pounds, day's work, 12 York street. 80c

WANTED—60 COBBLERS SOFT WOOD for building purposes; state quality and price. Address Alex. Johnston, 124 Masonic Temple, London. 80c

MEETINGS.

REGULAR MEETING OF ST. JOHN'S 200. A. F. and A. M. E. R. C. to-morrow (Friday) evening, at 7:30, in the Methodist church, 306 Dundas street. Visitors welcome. W. C. Southworth, W. M.; T. A. Rowat, P. M.; secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE London Horticultural Society will be held in the rooms of the Entomological Society, 25, C. A. building, Jan. 13, at 1:30 p.m. Officers and members of other business of importance. All members should be present. Ref. Dr. C. J. Bethune, president; R. W. Rendle, secretary.

CANADIAN ORDER OF CHOCOLATE Friends—Dixon (Cochran), No. 125, meets Friday evening, Jan. 1, 1904, Victoria welcome. W. F. Allison, C. C.; G. B. Nash, recorder.

LOST AND FOUND.
LOST—LADY'S PURSE, CONTAINING sum of money, car tickets, etc. Reward on return to this office. 80c

LOST MONDAY—PURSE CONTAINING about \$14. Reward on return to this office. 80c

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FOR SALE—BLACKSMITH AND WOOD shop; house and stable and acre of ground. Address Box 64, Advertiser, London.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.
FOR SALE—MODERN TWO-STORY brick house, 47 Dundas street; large lot; frame barn. Price on application. 49 Colborne street.

FOR SALE—NORTH HALF LOT 7 containing 20x300; good location; good buildings, well fenced and well under-drained. Apply to Hiram W. Zavits, Fernhill.

FOR SALE—DWELLING, BLACK-SMITH shop and tools, terms easy; good business; good reasons for selling. Apply for particulars, Emile Crumner, Adelaide, Ont.

FOR SALE OR RENT—1 1/2-STORY NEW frame house, 3 bedrooms, bath and w.c.; hard and soft water, cement foundation and cellar; 20x300; good location; J. F. Sangster, 122 Masonic Temple.

FOR SALE—NICE COTTAGE ON Clarence street, 500, on monthly payments. The London Soap Company.

NO. 700 QUEEN'S AVENUE—NEARLY new; splendid two-story brick residence, stone foundation, modern improvements, five bedrooms and two parlors, plate glass windows, grillwork between rooms, cellar, 20x300; good location; J. F. Sangster, 122 Masonic Temple.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY W. H. Bartram, 99 Dundas street.

LICENSES ISSUED BY THOMAS GIL-LEAN, jeweler, 402 Richmond street.

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Tomorrow being New Years Day the entire staff of the Advertiser will have a holiday. Consequently, there will not be an issue of the paper.

LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Miss Gladys Platt is visiting her cousin, Miss Alberta Platt, of Plattsburgh, N.Y.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alex Robertson, of Montreal, are visiting friends in this city.

—Mrs. Jane Chambers, of this city, has recovered from her recent illness from pneumonia.

—Miss Ethel McLain, Stanley street, has left for Buffalo, where she will enter the employ of a large concern.

—Mrs. Herman Heintzman and Miss Gertrude Hintzman are the guests of Mrs. Archie Loughrey, 312 Hyman street.

—Mr. James F. Cummings, of St. Petersburg, Russia, spent Christmas with his relatives in this city. He had to travel 8,000 miles to get here.

—Mr. Edwin Collins, of Stratford, and his son, Dr. Herbert Collins, of New York, spent yesterday calling on relatives and friends in this city.

—Miss Maude M. Hogan has returned from spending Christmas at her father's, Mrs. W. J. Durkin, Hill street.

—Mr. Gilbert Siddle, of St. James street, had the misfortune to drop a piece of iron weighing sixty pounds on his right foot the other day, several of the toes being severely injured.

—Mrs. Albert Smith, of Oxford street, was pleasantly surprised the other afternoon when William Smith, a friend of her husband, presented her with a handsome Bible as a token of the esteem in which she is held by him.

NEW ARCHDEACON.

The Canadian Churchman of Toronto refers to the recent appointment of archdeacons as follows: The Bishop of Huron took occasion to announce at the executive committee meeting his appointment of the following archdeacons, viz., Revs. Dr. Young, Canon Richardson, David Williams, and Canon Hill. All four names were received with hearty applause, and the bishop's appointment was warmly welcomed. Dr. Young is finance minister of the synod, and in all the larger affairs of the church exerts a strong influence. Canon Richardson and Canon Hill are the bishop's examining chaplains, and the former is clerical secretary of synod, and the latter a rural dean, that both have been in close touch with the administrative work of the church. Dr. Williams was on the staff of the Huron diocese, and heads the pool every year—an able and tireless worker. All four men are scholars and serious gentlemen, and will adorn their new offices. The appointment of the new archdeacons will probably vacate some of the honorary appointments held by the bishop's diocese. The new archdeacons are "working archdeacons," he will probably give them plenty of work to do in their new offices and give their old offices to others.

MARRIED AT STRATFORD.

Last evening's Stratford Herald says: "The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Stewart, Vincent street, was the scene of a happy event at 1 o'clock this afternoon, when their daughter, Miss Christina, was joined in marriage to Mr. Frank A. Copus, a young city editor of the Herald, but now of the London Free Press staff. Nearly 40 invited guests were in attendance, including a number from a distance. The bride was prettily attired in a beautiful dress of ivory duchesse satin, and carried a shower bouquet. Both bride and groom were unattended, Miss Marjorie Kippen, of London, making a charming little flower girl. After the spot had been tied by the bride's brother, Rev. A. Stewart, of Verschoyle, Ont., assisted by Rev. M. L. Leitch, and the happy couple had received the congratulations of all present, the guests adjourned to the dining hall, where a recherche wedding repast awaited them. The presents to the bride were beautiful, numerous and costly, showing the high regard in which she is held by her numerous friends. Mr. and Mrs. Copus leave on their honeymoon trip, followed by the heartiest congratulations and best wishes of their large circle of acquaintances. Both are popular young people of the city."

CHRISTMAS ON FRIDAY.

The question has been asked: "How many times since 1869 has Christmas fallen on a Friday?" Christmas fell on Friday in 1874, 1885, 1891, 1896 and 1903.

TRUCK STRUCK RESPONSE.

Mr. Ed Barrett, of the Free Press staff, was struck by the puck at the Princess last night. He was severely cut on the face, requiring several stitches.

ON A CHARGE OF STEALING.

Squire Smyth yesterday committed for trial Humphrey Hamilton, Samuel Colwell and Ed Bryanton, of St. Marys, on a charge of stealing two pairs of boots from John E. Murray's store.

NEW YEAR'S AT POSTOFFICE.

New Year's Day, the public wicket at the postoffice will be open from 8 to 10 a.m., and from 6 to 7 p.m. The public lobby will be open all day, but there will be but one delivery in the city. The stamp vendor's office will be open all day.

MANY AT THE HOP.

None of Messrs. Dayton & McCormick's socialites this year have been more thoroughly enjoyed than the one given last evening. There were upwards of 150 young people present. The orchestra introduced a number of new selections, which were appreciated. Photo by Edy Bros.

WATCH NIGHT WITH THE ARMY.

Watch night services will be conducted at the Salvation Army Citadel tonight by Brigadier Hargraves, provincial officer for Western Ontario. Major Rawling, chancellor of Western Ontario, will assist. The public are invited to the services, which will commence at 11 o'clock.

GIFT TO THE PASTOR.

Rev. D. S. Hamilton was presented with a beautiful silk umbrella Tuesday night by the Whatsoever Circle at a curio exhibit in the First Congregational Church. The circle had an enjoyable time listening to Dr. Woolverton, who was the speaker of the evening, as well as one of the chief contributors to the exhibit of geological specimens and Indian curios.

A CHRISTMAS WEDDING.

At high noon on Christmas Day, Mr. William N. Glenn, of Glenwood, Lumley, son of Mr. Thomas Glenn, was married to Miss Annie Campbell McCormick, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. R. McCormick, Kippen. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. H. Goring, assisted by Rev. M. L. Leitch, and the happy couple had received the congratulations of all present, the guests adjourned to the dining hall, where a recherche wedding repast awaited them. The presents to the bride were beautiful, numerous and costly, showing the high regard in which she is held by her numerous friends. Mr. and Mrs. Copus leave on their honeymoon trip, followed by the heartiest congratulations and best wishes of their large circle of acquaintances. Both are popular young people of the city."

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

The other evening the annual Christmas entertainment of the Adelaide Street Baptist Sunday school was held. The entertainment proved an unequalled success, and all present enjoyed themselves immensely. During the evening the presentation of prizes to the scholars for work of merit during the year, and also the presentation of prizes to the infant class took place. Rev. T. S. Johnson made the presentations and Mr. C. W. A. Wood presided.

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WEDDED AT NEW YORK.

The marriage of Mr. John Needham, formerly of this city, to Miss Rosina De Silva, took place at the residence of the bride's father in New York, on Dec. 23. The happy couple have spent their honeymoon with the groom's parents, 526 Grey street, this city. The following paragraph from the Commercial Telegrapher's Journal shows the high esteem in which the young couple are held by all their friends: "Sister: Rosina De Silva has resigned from the postal service. The rumor committee has issued a bulletin to the effect that she will shortly accept the chief clerkship of a Brooklyn household, with Mr. John Needham as wire chief. The best wishes of the office will always be with this young couple, for a sweeter, prettier young lady never lived, and a more popular young chief than John Needham there is not in all the States." The happy couple were the recipients of many handsome gifts. They left for New York amid the best wishes of their many friends.

COUNCILS RE-ELECTED.

No Election to Take Place in Glencoe or Lucan.

The ratepayers of Glencoe on Monday showed their appreciation of the work of the reeve and council of 1903 by electing them by acclamation for another term. The council consists of J. N. Currie, reeve; Neil Graham, Jas. B. Little, Hiram Lumley and George Purritt.

The same was the case in Lucan, where the council includes: J. R. Adams, reeve; J. Burnett, C. Hawshaw, T. Hodgins and George Bawden, councilors.

LONDON TOWNSHIP FIGHT

Ald. Cooper said there had been much talk about turning down those who had held civic honors for some years, but he didn't believe in it. Stephen O'Meara had been alderman for twenty years, and a finer man never sat at the council board. The old heads were needed, to keep the young men from getting straight. The old heads had kept Ald. Matthews straight all year. He denied that he had fought against the King street residents getting what they asked for. He had merely fought for competition to save the city \$1,400 on one tender on King street, and more money would be saved the residents on the new pavement which was to be initiated. Ald. Gerry had accused him of pulling all the time for No. 4 ward, but this was not true.

NOT ON THE SLATE.

Ex-Ald. Dreaney said he was an ineligible candidate for the School Board in Ward Three. He is a new applicant for honors, and is everywhere meeting with encouragement. Mr. Welch is an energetic citizen, a broker, and the secretary-treasurer of the Southwestern Trust Company. Mr. Wm. Yates, who is one of Mr. Welch's opponents, has already served on the School Board, and he was for some years on the Western Fair Board. Mr. Henry Clark, the third candidate, is a strong Conservative and prominent in labor matters.

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Letters to the Editor.

ALD. CAMPBELL AND THE HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I was warned that if I ventured to oppose Mr. Beck in this third-term contest, the old hospital disputes, of which we have fortunately heard very little lately, would be dragged in, and worked for all they were worth against me. It seems that course may be pursued. I kept out of these disputes before; I have no desire to be a party to them now. I said nothing about the internal affairs of the hospital Wednesday night. I did say that an institution that costs \$50,000 a year, on which the city owes more than \$100,000, and which adds a mill and a half to our tax rate each year, was an expensive concern, and requires careful financial management. In my apparently unnecessary desire to be fair I did not charge Mr. Beck with being responsible for the hospital expenditures. But when I further said that I was in favor of the hospital being for the people, Mr. Beck's retort was that I had signed some petition to the hospital trust, and the inference is suggested that I want to give all the poor patients in charge of the hospital staff. The inference is certainly unfair. The object of the petition, no matter how it was worded, was simply to give the members of the hospital staff who were connected with the college, half of the year's service. Of course, I signed that petition, because when the college men wanted seven months at the hospital I opposed them, but said I was willing they should have six. As to the right of every patient—

Photo by Frank Cooper.

Mr. James H. Hodgins,

Seeking election as Reeve of London Township for 1904. Mr. Hodgins has already served many years on the council, and is thoroughly in touch with the affairs of the municipality.

BIG NIGHT FOR WEE ONES

Treat of Year for Sunday School Little Folks.

King Street Presbyterian Scholars

Furnish a Nice Programme.

Of the many Christmas entertainments at the Sunday schools at the present period, none have been more successful than that given last evening at the King Street Presbyterian Church. It was a big night for the boys and girls from half past 6 till 10 o'clock.

First, there was the supper in the basement of the church. This was, of course, the treat of the year for the little folks, and of the 300 and more pupils a good proportion was present to take part in the interesting proceedings. Then upstairs at 8 o'clock began a programme which has been in preparation for some time, and the manner in which the boys and girls acquitted themselves was like a credit to themselves and to their conductor, Mr. Roselle Pococks. On the platform,

where Rev. Mr. Rollins was chairman, were 50 or 60 of the younger pupils of the school, and the younger rendered a cantata called "Christmas Joy." The songs were very pretty and the chorus work was most pleasing.

The first part was the opening chorus followed by a "Welcome" class of seven girls. Miss Laura Brown took the solo part in the next number very acceptably, and after another chorus Miss Bessie Rollins recited "Grandma's Angel." Among the next choruses was one by the infant class, in which the little boys and girls sang so that their parents as well as teachers must have been proud. The cantata included also recitations by Miss Florence Scott, and Master Bruce Doolittle. Some other very pretty choruses were sung, and five little girls sang "The Christ Child." Miss May Skinner led nicely in a solo part of "The Shining Star." The last number was a very enthusiastic chorus, which would have done credit to much older children. It was "Hail, Merry Bells of Christmas." Before the conclusion Mr. Charles Ross, secretary of the Sunday school, read his annual report, which showed an increase in the attendance to 306 during the past year.

Among the songs in the cantata was one by the Sunday school choir, an organization of which Mr. Frank Christie is the leader, and of which Miss Link is organist.

Mr. Rollins made a short address, thanking those who had done so much towards making the entertainment a success, and then invited the pupils who had been regular in attendance to go to the basement after the programme, where each one received a Christmas remembrance.

OPENING MEETING OF MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN DEVOID OF BITTERNESS

(Continued from page 5.)

money for what you don't need. And if the tax rate is high, manufacturers will be kept away from London.

"They come just the same," said an elector.

"How about the rolling mills?"

"The rolling mills have a fixed assessment," retorted Mr. Buchner. The crowd cheered as Mr. Buchner took his seat.

FAVORS PERMANENT WORK.

Ald. Gerry was given a good reception. After the manner in which the mayor had spoken of this year's council, he felt the electors could not do better than re-elect all the present aldermen. This year the board of works has devoted its attention to permanent work, and he was in favor of this scheme. There was some talk that East London was dissatisfied with its treatment by the board of works. There was some reason for this, as No. 4 ward had got more than its share.

A voice—Yes, and No. 4 ward will continue to get it.

Continuing, Ald. Gerry said, that all things taken into consideration, no section of the city had been badly treated, as the board this year did.

dependent and was defeated last year because he was not on the Tory slate. All he asked was fair play for East London, which now was unrepresented, and he asked for the support of the electors.

FIRE STATION FOR NORTH END.

Ald. Becher went over the work of No. 3 committee, of which he was a member. He had assisted in securing the new fire engine, and had urged the city a number of good firemen. If elected next year he would fight for a fire station for the north end.

BUSY MAN, BUT WILL RUN.

Ald. Judd was the first of the aldermanic candidates to speak. He was a very busy man, and had felt that it was better for him to step down and out, but most of both sides had urged him to run and he had finally consented. He had endeavored to do business on business principles, and it elected he would do the same next year. As chairman of the finance committee he paid a tribute to his colleagues, one of whom was Ald. Campbell. In short, the committee had cut its suit according to its cloth, and had no deficit. He would devote, if elected his ability to the city's good.

'PHONE RATES EXCESSIVE.

As to municipal telephones, Ald. Matthews said he knew from meeting the merchants that the rates on telephones at present were regarded as excessive, and it was his idea to get a vote of the people as to the advisability of securing a municipal exchange. He would write the underwriters to find out how the insurance rate could be reduced he was laughed at, and called a fool, but he never loses heart, succeeded in lowering the key rate 15 cents—in fact, 20 cents.

MR. T. J. MURPHY.

Mr. T. J. Murphy was warmly applauded. He had been urged to run by every man citizen, and if elected he would do all in his power to advance the city's interests. He wished everybody a happy New Year.

WOULD DO HIS BEST.

Ald. Forristal said that he had been in London 33 years, and was known to all. If re-elected he would try to do in the future as he had done in the past—and that was his best for the city.

WANTED—YOUNG BLOOD.

Mr. W. O. Carson prefaced his speech by saying that many people had told him he was too young to be an alderman, but he didn't believe it. Young blood was wanted on the council. He solicited the votes of the electors present as well as their influence.

Mr. A. E. Welch, candidate for school trustee in ward 4, was present but did not speak, owing to the lateness of the hour.

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Mr. U. A. Buchner,

A new aspirant for aldermanic honors, who made a very effective speech at the City Hall. Mr. Buchner is an ex-school trustee.

rich or poor to have his own doctor, the petition said nothing about it. On the matter I am, and have been, in favor of allowing each patient to have his doctor, if he wishes. That was what I put in the hospital which, I am told, Mr. Beck desired to have repealed. If he became convinced that he was making a mistake, and allowed the rule to remain, I am, I repeat that I am in favor of the hospital being kept for the people, and I am opposed to its being made an arm of the Medical College or the Training School for Nurses. There is no doubt of the former; I hope there is no doubt of the latter. Very truly yours, A. CAMPBELL.

BLOCKADE AT DETROIT

The Railways Becoming Alarmingly the Situation.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 31.—The blockade in the river is growing worse and the railways are becoming alarmed. The powerful transport Lakeside consumed all of yesterday in making one round trip from Seventeenth street to Windsor.

The C. P. R. steamers Michigan and Ontario were all day making one trip each.

The G. T. R. boats, however, had but little trouble making three regular trips, and besides handling the Grand Trunk cars, handled those of the W. & B. as well.

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bourne occupied the chair. The programme carried out was as follows: Chorus, "Hurrah for Merry Christmas" by the scholars; song, "Rock-a-Bye Baby" by eight little girls; recitation, "My Dead Doll," Gladys Oiler; instrumental, Pearl Maynard; solo, "Beyond the Gates of Paradise," Percy Moorehead; recitation, "Don't Marry a Man Who Drinks," Annie Angus; duet, "I Surely Must be Dreaming," Fern and Mabel Adkins; song, "Boothicks," Miss Moran's class; recitation, "My Doll and I," Zella Gillies; instrumental, Ethel Quick; chorus, "O, Sing for Joy," by the scholars; recitation, "Crowning of the Cross," Mr. Watson's class; exercise, "Christmas," Miss Dawson's class; instrumental, Viola Everett; recitation, "The Lips That Touch the Liquor," Carrie Wilmer; song, "The Little Chinese Form Over the Seas," Miss Woodburne's class; recitation, Alma Gillies; chorus, "Good Night," by the scholars.

MARRIED IN OTTAWA.

The Ottawa Free Press reports the marriage in that city of a well-known Londoner as follows: "St. Margaret's Church, Cummings' Bridge, was the scene of a pretty though quiet wedding on Christmas night, when Miss Ida Andrews, third daughter of Mr. George Andrews, of the Government printing bureau, was married by the Rev. W. P. Garrett, B.A., to Mr. F. E. Clark, of London, Ont. The bride, who was given away by her father, was very becomingly attired and attended by Miss Nellie Andrews, her sister. Mr. Clark was ably supported by Mr. Norman McKnight. An enjoyable time was spent at supper in the bride's home after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Clark left on the 11 o'clock train that night for Toronto and other points, before taking up their residence in Ottawa. The happy young couple were the recipients of a great many handsome presents."

NEW ARCHDEACON.

The Canadian Churchman of Toronto refers to the recent appointment of archdeacons as follows: The Bishop of Huron took occasion to announce at the executive committee meeting his appointment of the following archdeacons, viz., Revs. Dr. Young, Canon Richardson, David Williams, and Canon Hill. All four names were received with hearty applause, and the bishop's appointment was warmly welcomed. Dr. Young is finance minister of the synod, and in all the larger affairs of the church exerts a strong influence. Canon Richardson and Canon Hill are the bishop's examining chaplains, and the former is clerical secretary of synod, and the latter a rural dean, that both have been in close touch with the administrative work of the church. Dr. Williams was on the staff of the Huron diocese, and heads the pool every year—an able and tireless worker. All four men are scholars and serious gentlemen, and will adorn their new offices. The appointment of the new archdeacons will probably vacate some of the honorary appointments held by the bishop's diocese. The new archdeacons are "working archdeacons," he will probably give them plenty of work to do in their new offices and give their old offices to others.

MARRIED AT STRATFORD.

Last evening's Stratford Herald says: "The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Stewart, Vincent street, was the scene of a happy event at 1 o'clock this afternoon, when their daughter, Miss Christina, was joined in marriage to Mr. Frank A. Copus, a young city editor of the Herald, but now of the London Free Press staff. Nearly 40 invited guests were in attendance, including a number from a distance. The bride was prettily attired in a beautiful dress of ivory duchesse satin, and carried a shower bouquet. Both bride and groom were unattended, Miss Marjorie Kippen, of London, making a charming little flower girl. After the spot had been tied by the bride's brother, Rev. A. Stewart, of Verschoyle, Ont., assisted by Rev. M. L. Leitch, and the happy couple had received the congratulations of all present, the guests adjourned to the dining hall, where a recherche wedding repast awaited them. The presents to the bride were beautiful, numerous and costly, showing the high regard in which she is held by her numerous friends. Mr. and Mrs. Copus leave on their honeymoon trip, followed by the heartiest congratulations and best wishes of their large circle of acquaintances. Both are popular young people of the city."

CHRISTMAS ON FRIDAY.

The question has been asked: "How many times since 1869 has Christmas fallen on a Friday?" Christmas fell on Friday in 1874, 1885, 1891, 1896 and 1903.

TRUCK STRUCK RESPONSE.

Mr. Ed Barrett, of the Free Press staff, was struck by the puck at the Princess last night. He was severely cut on the face, requiring several stitches.

ON A CHARGE OF STEALING.

Squire Smyth yesterday committed for trial Humphrey Hamilton, Samuel Colwell and Ed Bryanton, of St. Marys, on a charge of stealing two pairs of boots from John E. Murray's store.

NEW YEAR'S AT POSTOFFICE.

New Year's Day, the public wicket at the postoffice will be open from 8 to 10 a.m., and from 6 to 7 p.m. The public lobby will be open all day, but there will be but one delivery in the city. The stamp vendor's office will be open all day.

MANY AT THE HOP.

None of Messrs. Dayton & McCormick's socialites this year have been more thoroughly enjoyed than the one given last evening. There were upwards of 150 young people present. The orchestra introduced a number of new selections, which were appreciated. Photo by Edy Bros.

WATCH NIGHT WITH THE ARMY.

Watch night services will be conducted at the Salvation Army Citadel tonight by Brigadier Hargraves, provincial officer for Western Ontario. Major Rawling, chancellor of Western Ontario, will assist. The public are invited to the services, which will commence at 11 o'clock.

GIFT TO THE PASTOR.

Rev. D. S. Hamilton was presented with a beautiful silk umbrella Tuesday night by the Whatsoever Circle at a curio exhibit in the First Congregational Church. The circle had an enjoyable time listening to Dr. Woolverton, who was the speaker of the evening, as well as one of the chief contributors to the exhibit of geological specimens and Indian curios.

A CHRISTMAS WEDDING.

At high noon on Christmas Day, Mr. William N. Glenn, of Glenwood, Lumley, son of Mr. Thomas Glenn, was married to Miss Annie Campbell McCormick, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. R. McCormick, Kippen. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. H. Goring, assisted by Rev. M. L. Leitch, and the happy couple had received the congratulations of all present, the guests adjourned to the dining hall, where a recherche wedding repast awaited them. The presents to the bride were beautiful, numerous and costly, showing the high regard in which she is held by her numerous friends. Mr. and Mrs. Copus leave on their honeymoon trip, followed by the heartiest congratulations and best wishes of their large circle of acquaintances. Both are popular young people of the city."

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