

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

DIED.
HOMISTER.—In this city, on Dec. 22, 1900, Charles Homister, in his 76th year. Funeral from his late residence, Oliver street, this afternoon, at 3 o'clock; service, 2:30. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.
NOONAN.—At the family residence, 72 Blackfriars street, West London, on Dec. 22, 1900, Bridget, beloved wife of Thomas Noonan, aged 58 years. Funeral from above address Wednesday morning, at 8:30. St. Peter's Cathedral. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

AMUSEMENTS.

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Continuing Monday, Dec. 24.
Grand Xmas Mat., 2:30-10c, 15c, 20c reserved.
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Continuing performance; specialties between acts. Xmas mat., "The Celebrated Case," Xmas, "Madrigal Sweetheart." Prices—10c, 15c and 20c. Plan now open.

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Admission, 10 cents and upwards.

FREE LUNCH—CHRISTMAS MORNING.
From 10 to 12, the Ross House, East London, will serve a free lunch of seasonal delicacies. R. H. Ross, proprietor.

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Musical Society Band, afternoon and evening.

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"Te Deum" (Caleb Simper), "Jubilate" (W. F. Sudds), anthem, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (J. Stainer). Preacher, His Lordship the Bishop of Huron. Offertory: Soprano solo, "Holy City" (Chorister). Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. and after morning service. Morning service at 10 o'clock.

MEETINGS.
MASONIC—A REGULAR CONVOCA-
TION OF St. John's Chapter, No. 3, R. A., will be held in Sherwood Hall at 7:30, Wednesday evening, the 27th. Installation of officers, etc. John Callard, S. E.

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Furniture carefully handled. John Riggs, Cathcart and Bruce, South London, late of London Furniture Company. Phone 319.

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DRESS and we will show you how to make \$3 a day; absolutely sure; we furnish the work and teach you free; you work in the locality where you live; send us your address and we will explain the business fully; remember, we guarantee a clear profit of \$3 for every day's work; absolutely sure; don't fail to write today. Imperial Silverware Company, Box 4467, Windsor, Ont.

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Queen's avenue, London, on Dec. 3, white and black and tan English setter dog. Had on collar and dog tag, place, 1/2 reward for information. 614 Dufferin.

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DRESS CUTTING SCHOOL—SPECIAL
rates for cutting. Instructions from Nov. 23 until Christmas. School will be closed during January. Trial lesson free. Mrs. K. Franks, 23 Dundas street.

LIVERY STABLES.

LILLEY'S LIVERY—NO. 619 DUNDAS
street, East London, Ont. Telephone 665.

200 MEN THROWN OUT OF WORK.
Joliet, Ill., Dec. 24.—The Fox pressed steel car works, one of the largest industries in Joliet, was nearly destroyed by fire early today. The plant contained costly machinery, which is more or less damaged. The loss will reach thousands of dollars. Two hundred men will be thrown out of work.

HUNDREDS OF SMALLPOX CASES.
Louisville, Ky., Dec. 24.—The Courier-Journal today says: "The smallpox situation in Green county is critical and the state board of health has declared a strict quarantine. There are several hundred cases, and the death rate has been 20 per cent. The largest known in the history of the disease in the state. Every person in the county has been vaccinated."

FATAL FAMILY FEUD.
London, Ky., Dec. 24.—Two men were killed and two wounded at Faris distillery in Clay county, twelve miles from here, late yesterday. Four men of the Sismores family on one side and Henry Barrett and W. H. Young on the other, engaged in a desperate fight. Young and one of the Sismores were killed and two of the Sismores were probably fatally wounded. An old feud was the cause of the trouble.

SUICIDE OF A FAMOUS SCOUT.
Honolulu, Dec. 17, via San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Frank P. Bennett, the well known American scout commander, died here by shooting himself in the head last Thursday. His suicide following the death by poisoning of Miss Clara Schneider, an intimate friend. Bennett was an Indian fighter of national reputation, having been one of three survivors of the famous company of which Buffalo Bill is best known and having taken a prominent part in running the Apache, Geronimo, to earth. Miss Schneider was a domestic in the family of Paul Neumann and her death was due to morphine poisoning.

CLOSING OF THE HOLY DOOR

Gorgeous Ceremonial Conducted by the Pope at St. Peter's in Rome.
Some Eighty Thousand Spectators Present—The Czar to Remain in Livadia—Esterhazy a Beggar—Irish Parliamentary Fund—Revolt in Venezuela.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The pope performed today the ceremony of closing the holy door of St. Peter's Cathedral with the gorgeous ceremonials usual to great functions of this kind. It was a magnificent spectacle. There was a great gathering of the princes of the church, who participated in the ceremony which was witnessed by enormous crowds.

THE CLOSING OF THE HOLY DOOR.
took place with the utmost pomp of the Catholic Church. His holiness descended to St. Peter's Cathedral at 11, and the ceremonies lasted until 1 p.m. The pope then returned to his apartments apparently not fatigued. He intoned the "Te Deum" in a resonant voice, and throughout gave evidence of being in excellent health and spirits. He used the artistic golden crown subscribed for by the Catholics of the world. In mortaring the three golden bricks, which he placed as a first layer on the threshold of St. Peter's door. The whole pontifical court participated in the ceremonies.

SUPERB SPECTACLE.
The spectacle inside the vast basilica was superb. The pillars of the central nave were draped with gold and embroidered scarlet cloth, and the porch under which the function took place was transformed into a magnificent hall. On the left of the holy door was erected the pontifical throne, covered with red and gold. On the right hand of the door stood thrones for royal personages, princes, Knights of Malta, and representatives of the Roman prelates and other distinguished persons. Inside the church every inch of space was occupied by a throng which gathered early in the morning. A strong detachment of troops stationed in the square in front of the cathedral, controlled the incoming crowds, who literally raced to secure the best positions.

THE POPE'S ENTRY.
The pope left his apartments at 11:45 a.m., borne in the sacred chair and preceded by clergy with lighted candles, bishops, archbishops and cardinals and escorted by the pontifical noble guards. On his arrival at the portal of St. Peter's he alighted and entered the church through the Holy Door. As he appeared on the threshold, the solemn and stately tones of the trumpet echoed through the edifice. The chapter of the vatican met him and presented to him holy water, which he sprinkled upon the congregation. Applause being forbidden, a religious silence was observed, which heightened grandeur and impressiveness of the moment.

From now on the sedia gestatoria to the high altar, he stepped to the ground and knelt before the most precious relics of the Catholic Church which were displayed on the altar. Then the procession returned and proceeded to the chapel of the sacrament where the pontiff again knelt for some time while the choir of the Sistine Chapel chanted Psalms. The pope was then borne to the holy door, where he alighted from the sedia gestatoria and waited until the entire procession had passed out through the door, he leaving the church last and walking to the throne, where he seated himself. A number of sacred songs were sung by the papal choir, after which Leo rose and

BLESSED ALL THE MATERIAL
employed in closing the door. Then he descended from the throne, knelt before the altar and laid with the golden trowel a layer of cement on which he placed three gilt bricks bearing commemorative inscriptions. Besides the bricks he placed a casket containing gold, silver and bronze medals and bearing the head of Leo and inscriptions recording the opening and closing of the holy door. The pope having ascended the throne, Cardinal Bilio Serafino Vannutelli great penitentiary and four other cardinals, performed a similar ceremony of laying cement and three bricks, after which the masons employed by the vatican closed the doorway with a canvas screen painted to represent marble with a cross in the center. The candles borne by the clergy were extinguished, the Te Deum was sung and the pontiff, having given solemn benediction was immediately carried back to his apartments. It is estimated that 80,000 persons were spectators of the ceremony.

CZAR TO REMAIN IN LIVADIA.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—The correspondent of the Associated Press was informed by one of the ministers of state that Emperor Nicholas and the ministers of finance, war and foreign affairs do not expect to leave Livadia, where the czar is convalescing, before the middle of January.

IRISH PARLIAMENTARY FUND.
Dublin, Dec. 24.—Archbishop Walsh, in a letter to Mr. John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish parliamentary party, says: "The time has come to resume the old practice in abeyance for several years, of subscribing to the Irish parliamentary party." He incloses a check for £10, and congratulates Mr. Redmond upon "grappling with exemplary success with the difficulties of your position."

COUNT ESTERHAZY A BEGGAR.
London, Dec. 24.—Investigation fully confirms the Paris reports of the miserable plight in which Count Esterhazy finds himself in London. Once erect, proud and smartly uniformed, he is now almost a cripple, so broken and half-starved looking that his oldest friends are hardly able to recognize him. He spends his days in museums and libraries, and his nights in doorways. He eats only when he is able to secure money by begging.

REVOLT IN VENEZUELA.
Caracas, Dutch Guiana, Dec. 24.—Celestina Peraza, formerly the secretary-general of President Castro of Venezuela, has revolted against the Venezuelan Government. A force of 2,500 Venezuelan troops under General Aristides Fandeo has been sent against Peraza.

TROUBLE IN ECUADOR.
Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 24.—Letters just received here from Ecuador report increasing trouble between the American foremen and the Jamaican laborers who are constructing the railroads in that country. Several Jamaicans have been shot, and one of the American foremen had to clear out and take refuge elsewhere. The laborers are now arming and serious trouble is expected.

DECLINED THE TASK.
Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 24.—Sir John Lyne, premier of New South Wales, who was recently required by the Earl of Hopetoun, governor-general of the Commonwealth of Australia, to form the first federal ministry, has declined the task. He has advised Lord Hopetoun to summon Mr. Edmund Barton, who was leader of the federal convention during its sessions in Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne in 1897 and 1898.

THE DREYFUS NIGHTMARE.
Paris, Dec. 24.—The senate this evening adopted the amendment to the amnesty bill by a vote of 201 to 11, after an exhortation by the premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, to vote the measure and deliver the country from the nightmare of the Dreyfus affair.

ACTION OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE.
Berlin, Dec. 24.—The National Zeitung, a journal friendly to the United States, discussing the rejection of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in its original form by the senate, says: "The incident means such a slap at the executive as can scarcely be found not only in the history of the United States, but in the parliamentary history of the world. Presumably the treaty is not now acceptable to Great Britain."

TO BE TRIED FOR MURDER.
Joseph Hazelton, the Toronto Druggist, Committed.

Fatal Fire in a Butcher's Shop—Five Persons Leaped for Their Lives.

[Special to Advertiser per G. N. W.]
Toronto, Dec. 24.—Joseph Hazelton was committed for trial at the police court this morning on a charge of murder. He is alleged to have killed Mrs. Martha Lane by an illegal operation.

FATAL FIRE.
Henry James Lithco, aged 22, son of Robert Lithco, a butcher, whose store is near the corner of Queen street and Euclid avenue, was suffocated at a fire in the store at 4 o'clock this morning, and his mother, while escaping from a second story window, sustained so severe injuries to her spine that her life is despaired of. The family consisted of five persons, and all had to jump for their lives.

The father dropped Mrs. Lithco on the street. Then he threw one of his small boys after her. A little girl climbed along the ledge on the next house and escaped. The elder son had assisted in getting the others out, and went back to his bedroom to get something. He was evidently overcome by the smoke, for after the father jumped it was discovered that Henry was still in the burning house. The firemen found the body covered up with clothes that young Lithco had wrapped round him to keep the smoke away. The money loss was about \$1,000.

THE ELECTION COMMISSION.
Wm. Lount, Q.C., has been appointed counsel for the Liberals in connection with the proceedings of the royal elections commission. In place of Mr. Aylesworth, who finds it impossible to act. Mr. Falconbridge, registrar of the commission, said today that the sittings would begin after the New Year's holidays.

The North Ontario case is still the only one before the commission.

DEATH OF DYNAMITE DRISCOLL.
Boston, Dec. 24.—John D. Driscoll, better known as "Dynamite" Driscoll, died today at the City Hospital. Mr. Driscoll went to the hospital last Thursday to be treated for cancer of the tongue. Mr. Driscoll was 70 years of age. He was a great friend of John Mitchell, O'Donovan Rossa, Charles Parnell, Michael Davitt, and all the prominent Irish patriots.

MURDERED BY A BOY OF EIGHT.

Little Joseph Bunsby Held a Prisoner.

Charged With Deliberately Killing a Girl Five Years of Age.

New York, Dec. 24.—Eight-year-old Joe Bunsby is a prisoner at police headquarters, Jersey City, accused of the murder of five-year-old Maggie Faleria.

The specific charge against the child is manslaughter, and the police say that the little boy deliberately committed the murder.

The tiny prisoner lives with his parents at No. 520 Henderson street, Jersey City. Maggie Faleria lived next door at No. 522.

Little Bunsby was the leader of a crowd of children who built a big bonfire opposite his house on Saturday night. Little Maggie seemed particularly delighted with the play that went thereon.

According to the police, Young Bunsby seized the child by the waist and pushed her into the blaze by a vicious shove. The little girl fell on top of a blazing barrel and screamed in agony. Her dress immediately took fire, and her clothing was quickly burned off.

She was taken to a hospital where she died during the night without recovering consciousness. As soon as the death was reported to the police they arrested little Bunsby and took him, screaming and crying from fear, to police headquarters, where he was locked in a cell.

FROM THE PLACE OF THE PLACERS

Return of a Successful Klondiker to Visit the Friends He Left in Canada.

Among the Canadian "Old Boys" who have been visiting their friends in the Dominion during this happy holiday season, there is perhaps none happier than a short distance from Dawson City and they are reaching out for more. Last year they paid \$35,000 in royalty to the government, and \$15,000 for water privileges. They are also paying \$14 and \$19 a cord for two lots of wood amounting to 280 cords, and other articles of jewelry he has had fashioned from the yellow metal, just as it was picked out of the frozen earth. Mr. Clark expects to return to the Klondike in the spring, and may go in "over the ice." He can get from Seattle to Dawson now in seven days.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER'S VACATION.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 23.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Canada's premier, accompanied by his wife and private secretary, are visitors at Haddon Hall, coming here from New York. Sir Wilfrid states that he is here for his health and recreation.

Light & Heavy Overcoatings

THERE will be found in our stock the noblest range of goods in London suitable for fall and winter. The assortment is very complete.

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Merchant Tailors,
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THEY WERE HEARTILY WELCOMED!

Arrival of Canadian Soldiers at
Quebec.

Col. Buchan's Account of Their Re-
ception in the British Metropolis.

Quebec, Dec. 24.—The officers and the soldiers of the Canadian contingent were enthusiastically received and presented with an address of welcome by the mayor, Hon. S. H. Parent, on their arrival at Levis, at 2:30 p.m. This address contained the following paragraphs:

"Canada is proud of your achievements in the distant land where you have displayed so much bravery, so much endurance, and all the soldierly qualities which are required of those to whom is entrusted the honor of the flag."

"We consider that you have fulfilled a glorious mission, full of responsibilities in the eyes of the world and danger to your own lives, as exemplified in those among you who have shed their blood on the battlefield, or who have had to suffer from the deadly climate or from misery and sufferings throughout this most arduous campaign."

"Thanks to your heroic sacrifice, Canada is now reputed abroad as a most enviable country to live in and the promised land and a source of a young but rapidly rising nation."

IN OLD LONDON.
The Globe publishes the following interview with Col. Buchan on the arrival of the steamer Lake Champlain:

Col. Buchan, the second in command, was early on deck, and one of the first to exchange greetings with friends on the pier. Speaking of the reception to the Canadians in London, he said that it was all the more remarkable, as they had been told by Lord Roberts before leaving South Africa that there would be no formal reception to them in England. The round of magnificent receptions which attended their fourteen days' visit to the mother country was, therefore, a great surprise. From the beginning to the end of their visit, the Canadian contingent was followed by a large and enthusiastic crowd of people, who followed them to the pier, and the reviews by the Queen and the Prince of Wales had started the festive ball, and thereafter nothing was too good for the Canadians.

AT LIVERPOOL.
At Liverpool the same thing occurred, a quarter of a million people filled the streets, cheering the Canadians and the great shipping port of the empire welcomed and entertained the soldiers with an enthusiasm and lavishness not exceeded by the metropolis itself.

THE PAARDEBERG FIGHT.
Col. Buchan spoke also in a general way about the campaign, and added the interesting information that the Royal Canadians had been selected for the advance on Mahaba Day at the battle of Paardeberg, because Lord Roberts wished to put in that position the best of his men, a regiment that had not been crippled or depleted in action. The Gordons were first mentioned for the position, but they had previously suffered severely at Magersfontein. After that memorable Sunday charge, Gen. Smith-Dorrien, the brigadier of the Canadian regiment, said: "I am proud to belong to a nation which can claim as its own such men as the Royal Canadian soldiers."

ON THE ATLANTIC.
After leaving the Irish coast the Lake Champlain met with a continuation of strong westerly gales and heavy seas to the Grand Banks. From there to port more moderate weather was experienced. Beyond several cases of seasickness the doctors on the ship had nothing to do. On this passage out the troops passed the time away in various amusements, such as concerts, games, etc., in which they were assisted by the officers of the ship in every way possible. On the two Sundays the chaplain on board, Rev. W. A. Almond, conducted services before noon for the troops, and afterwards in the saloon for the officers and passengers.

THE OFFICERS.
The officers of the Canadians were: Col. W. D. Otter, Lieut.-Col. E. Buchan, Major S. Rogers, Major E. Fisk, Capt. A. Bursell, Capt. A. Macdonald, Capt. W. Lawless, Capt. J. Mason, Capt. R. Almond, Chaplain, Capt. P. Vaur, Lieut. A. E. Swift, Lieut. Caldwell, Lieut. F. W. Lafferty, Lieut. R. Temple, Lieut. Carpenter.

[Special to Advertiser per G. N. W.]
Montreal, Que., Dec. 24.—The western members of the returned Canadian contingent, under Lieut.-Col. Otter, arrived here this evening on their way home and were given a rousing reception. Several companies of the local militia and a large representation of military men and leading citizens were on hand, and the Grand Trunk station was packed to suffocation with a crowd of people eager to welcome the returned heroes. When the train bearing the soldiers arrived there was great enthusiasm and the men were loudly cheered. Mayor Prefontaine

HAVE HAD THEIR DAY.

Local Treatments for Catarrh Relieved to the Bone.

The surest and safest treatment for any form of Catarrh is an internal remedy, which acts specifically upon the blood and mucous membrane. Such a remedy is the new preparation sold everywhere by druggists as Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, a medicine in pleasant tablet form.

These tablets contain in highly concentrated form, well known germ antiseptics like sanguinaria, guaiac, Red Gum and similar curative elements and no one who suffers from any form of catarrh, and has experienced the inefficiency and inconvenience of powders, sprays and inhalers will ever go back to such antiquated remedies after once trying so pleasant a treatment as Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and one which gives so much relief in so short a time.

Druggists sell Stuart's Catarrh Tablets at 50 cents for full sized package, and their daily use will effectually cure this troublesome and dangerous disease.

The danger from catarrh is that it is a short road to consumption, to chronic stomach catarrh, and to catarrh of the liver and kidneys. Most cases of deafness are cured from stoppage of the Eustachian tube as a result of catarrh.

extended the freedom of the city to which Col. Otter briefly replied. They then marched to the C. P. R. station, where they took the C. P. R. express for Toronto.

LANTERN USED BY BANDITS

Who Abducted Young Cudahy Has
Been Found.

A Case of Kidnapping in a Michigan
Town and One in California.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 24.—The lantern with ribbons attached used by the bandits to "flag" Mr. Cudahy on his drive to the country, together with two trouser legs and a shirt sleeve, used as money bags, have been found one and a half miles west of Omaha, near the Center street road.

AN ARREST.
There has been a decisive development in the Cudahy kidnapping case. It has been learned that there were two bandits—not three—implicated in the abduction. One of the outlaws has been eliminated. The dark-complexioned man with the black mustache and black hair tinged with gray, so minutely described by Miss McShaw, was in the office of Chief Donahue, and was there confronted by Eddie Cudahy, his supposed victim. His name is Johnson. After carefully scrutinizing him, the boy said: "That is not the man. He is not tall enough by an inch and a half, and he's not broad enough. He's too small in every way."

Johnson was easily able to prove to the satisfaction of the police and Mr. Cudahy, who was called in, that he had nothing to do with the case, and was allowed to return to his wife and family.

THE OTHER ONE.
The other bandit was the light-complexioned man with the brown hair and long, light mustache, slight of build, and whose age is said to be somewhere between 30 and 35 years. This individual is described by three persons besides the kidnapped boy. The police are satisfied that they know this man, and if he is the person they think he will probably be in custody within the next ten days.

ANOTHER BOY STOLEN.
Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 24.—Hobart Clayberg, a 17-year-old boy, whose father, John B. Clayberg, is a prominent citizen of Helms, Mont., was kidnapped in this city last night by two men. The boy was blindfolded and compelled to walk to Mattawan, a distance of eleven miles. It became so stormy that the kidnappers released young Clayberg at Mattawan, after relieving him of the small sum of money he had in his pockets. The boy telegraphed here for help, and was brought home during the night. The sheriff and a force of deputies are working on the case since Clayberg's return.

GIRL ABDUCTED.
Pueblo, Col., Dec. 24.—Maggie Hoel, 18 years old, who lived with her sister, Mrs. Charles Beattie, in a lonely spot about three miles west of the city, was abducted Saturday afternoon, and, it is feared, was murdered. On Saturday Mrs. Beattie left Maggie in charge of a little child. Upon her return two hours later her sister was gone. There were evidences of a struggle about the house and in the yard were found the footprints of a man. The tracks led towards the Arkansas River, and at some places along the trail appeared the smaller prints of a child. At other places the trail indicated that the girl had been dragged or carried along by her captor. Near the river bank, where the ground is harder, all traces were lost. A large number of men are searching for the girl. At Mrs. Beattie's home Maggie's hat and the wrap which she ordinarily wore out of doors were found undisputed.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL TREATY.

Copies of the United States Senate Amend-
ment Leave New York by Steamer for
England Christmas Day.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The state department has decided to send the amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty to the British government through two channels, one copy being transmitted to Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, and the other through Ambassador Choate, in London, who will present it to the foreign office.

It is the understanding that the state department will make no representations whatever as to the changes made in the treaty; the senate amendments will be allowed to speak for themselves, and the action of the department will be purely formal.

As the papers leave New York on tomorrow's mail steamer, they should reach London about New Year's Day.

There had been no change whatever in the shape of written notes or oral communications between the state department and the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, that has developed a threat on the part of those governments to refuse assent to the construction of a canal.

London, Dec. 24.—A representative of the Associated Press has been informed at the British foreign office that all the editorial comment in the London Times and other English papers, on today, and other English papers, on Nicaragua Canal treaty, was purely unauthorized, and not inspired by the foreign office.

The London Times, in an editorial this morning on President McKinley's decision to submit the Hay-Pauncefote canal treaty to Great Britain, reproached him with "shifting a dangerous responsibility on the British government."

Washington, Dec. 24.—The British government has not, up to this time, given the slightest indication as to its purpose on the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and it is understood that the subject will not be taken up until the draft of the amended instrument and the advice of the British ambassador at Washington shall be received.

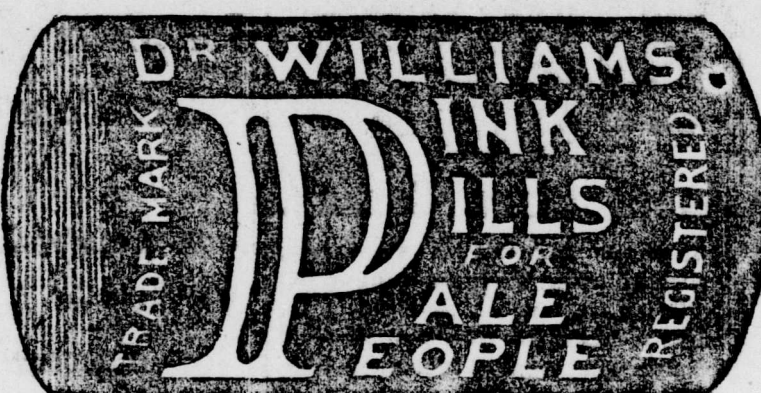
"MORE GRANDPA, MORE."
In smoking slices deftly carved. The gobler wastes away. As Grandpa wields the carving knife. Upon Christmas Day. The heaping plates with goodly cheer. Around the board are sped. And first of all, so Grampa says, The children must be fed.

"God bless the children!" Grandpa cries, "On Christmas Day. A wishbone there, a drumstick here. Their stomachs' needs to stay. And when, all helped in bounteous wise, He turns his own plate o'er. He's greeted with the pleading of "More, Grandpa, please some more!"

It is said that Roland Mollneux's chances for a new trial are counted as favorable by the staff of the New York district attorney's office.

The leases to planters incurred by the big hurricanes at Porto Rico are estimated at \$12,000,000.

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THE SPORT OF WIND AND WAVE

Twenty-Seven Fishermen Believed
to Have Drowned.

Seven Lives Lost by the Sinking of a
Steamer in Bristol Channel.

MANY FISHERMEN DROWNED.
London, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Aberdeen says that five Shetland fishing boats have been missing since the storm that raged last week, and it is feared that 27 fishermen have been drowned.

SEVEN DROWNED.
Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—The sailing ship Iverra was wrecked last Friday near Gothenburg, southwestern Sweden. Seven of the crew were drowned. Three survivors were rescued on an uninhabited island, where two died, the third being rescued today.

SEVEN MORE.
London, Dec. 24.—Dense fogs on the coast are greatly interfering with navigation, and several wrecks have occurred. The British steamer Brunswick grounded Tuesday with a cargo of lumber, where two died, the third being rescued today.

MANY MARINE MISHAPS.
Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 24.—Details are coming in of shipping disasters on the North Pacific coast during recent storms. The American bark Highland Light was wrecked three days ago on the shore of Barclay Sound. Her crew escaped.

The storm played great havoc at Astoria, where the French bark, General Millenet, was stranded on a sandy shore. The steamer Oswego was swamped at her moorings, and lies in ten feet of water. The bark Muskoka dragged her anchor and struck the shore stern on. Three survivors were rescued at McKenzie Head, where two died, the third being rescued today.

MINE ON FIRE FOR FORTY-TWO YEARS

Officials Say It Is Now Under Control and
Will Be Extinguished in Two Years.

Yuma, Pa., Dec. 24.—The officials of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company are jubilant over the fact that the fire in the celebrated burning mine at Summit Hill, which started 42 years ago, is now under control, and it is said that the next two years will see its extinguishment.

The fire, which has consumed about 35 acres of the finest coal in the anthracite coal region, has moved westward toward Lansford. Two immense drilling machines, which have constantly probed for the fire, have now honeycombed the earth to the west of the burning portion.

Culm is being poured into these holes, and a solid mass will thus confront the fire.

She never tires of dancing though. The hour be small and eerie. To have to sit the dances out. 'Tis this that makes her weary.

—Detroit Journal.

WILL HAVE A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

Good Things in Store for Invalids
of Charitable Institutions.

Feasting, Music and Presents From
Kind-Hearted Citizens—How the
Day Will Be Spent.

Christmas time finds us all in such a merry, buoyant mood that we are apt to forget those less fortunate, and in the midst of our festivity it will doubtless be learned with a little tinge of self-accusation, not, however, unminged with pleasure, that so many large-hearted people in the city have been thoughtful and generous that all the orphans, the aged and infirm, and sick, will have a merry Christmas. In the various charitable institutions throughout the city arrangements have been made for a happy day. Those in charge have beautified the rooms with appropriate materials, and kind friends have sent Christmas boxes for all.

THE HOSPITAL.
The choir and orchestra of the Memorial Church have gained the gratitude of the physicians, nurses and patients at Victoria Hospital by volunteering to do their share towards relieving the monotony of the morning. A service will be held by Rev. Canon Smith and the chaplain, Rev. Mr. Charlesworth. The ladies of St. Paul's Cathedral sent flowers to all the patients yesterday. Last night all the children hung up their stockings, and were delighted this morning to find them well-filled with toys, candies and fruits. The nurses also were remembered, and received candies from Mr. Thomas McCormick, oranges from Dr. Eccles, grapes and oranges from Dr. Meek, and creams from Dr. James H. Wilson.

MOUNT HOPE.
Up at Mount Hope 35 little stockings hung last night from as many bedposts, and this morning 35 joyous children scrambled out of bed bright and early, to see what good old Santa Claus had brought. He had been as lavish as usual. An entertainment was held, and a Christmas tree helped to make the children glad.

There are nearly 100 old folks there, besides the children. They are mostly very old, and are about as easily pleased as the little ones. They also had their entertainment, and spent the day in much the same way.

AGED PEOPLE'S HOME.
Here they all ate turkey and plum pudding and other things that Christmas brings, and many welcome gifts were distributed among the old people. Miss McCallum, the matron, and her assistants had made the home look cosy and attractive indeed. The concert that is generally given on Christmas Day will not be held until after New Year's.

PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME.
An entertainment this afternoon and another combined with a social tonight will complete the celebration at the Protestant Orphans' Home. Of course, the children hung up their stockings last night, and were delighted this morning with their contents.

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH.
Three masses were said this morning at Mount St. Joseph in celebration of Christmas. Last night 56 children pinned their stockings to the bedposts and Kris Kringle took so many candies and

toys from his great repository that they were all filled when the children awakened today.

HOME FOR INCURABLES.
The home was decorated beautifully and all the patients were delighted with the Christmas gifts that came from their friends.

THE ASYLUM.
At the Asylum a great dinner was spread, plum puddings, turkeys, candies, fruits, all that the most fastidious could desire on Christmas Day, and tonight the festivities will be continued with dancing.

EVERYBODY DECORATE!

Decorate! Everybody decorate! When will there be such occasion for it again? The end of a great century, and Christmas, and the boys home from South Africa. We've reason to be glad. Let us show that we are glad. Again, decorate, especially you who live along the route of march.

Fruit Packages For Export.

At the recent meeting of the Ontario Fruit Growers at Brantford a very important step taken by the association was the adoption of standard sizes of fruit packages. This subject was presented in a paper, "Fruit Packages for Export," by the secretary, Mr. Woolverton. The sizes he recommended and which were adopted were as follows: Apples—Barrel, staves 2 1/2 inches long, head 1 1/2 inches; circumference at bilge, 64 inches; box, 22x10 1/2 inches, inside measurement, 1-3 inch sides and 3/4 inch ends. Pears and peaches—Box, 18x11 1/2 inches, with 3/4 inch sides and 3/4 inch ends. Grapes—Crate, 16 x 10 1/2 inches, with 12 inch ends and 3/4 inch slats, and containing four veneer baskets. The barrel adopted holds 96.51 imperial quarts, while the old one contains 103.

Mr. M. Pettit, Winona, presented the report of the San Jose scale committee. The committee recommended that the system of general inspection be continued, and that as the scale cannot now be exterminated, instead of wholesale destruction of the trees, an endeavor should be made to control, and that such treatment be made compulsory upon individual growers.

A valuable address on cold storage



was given by Hon. F. R. Latchford. The officers were re-elected as follows: President, W. M. Orr, Fruitland; vice-president, G. G. Canton, Craighurst; directors, W. A. Whitney, Iroquois; R. B. Whyte, Ottawa; Harold Jones, Maitland; W. Boulter, Picton; Thomas Beall, Lindsay; Elmer Lick, Whitby; A. M. Smith, St. Catharines; J. S. Sear, Woodstock; J. S. Graham, Vandeuren; T. H. Rice, Mitchell; Alex. McNeill, Walkerville; G. L. Stephens, Orillia.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.
Jester—Old Squeezit has agreed that after his death his body shall be turned over to the university in the interests of science.
Jimson—Interests of science?
Jester—Yes; all Squeezit's relatives have insisted that he has no heart; the doctors are going to find out. — Ohio State Journal.

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THE SONG OF THE SHEPHERDS

By Edwin Markham.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen.—Luke ii. 20.

It was near the first cock-crowing,
And Orion's wheel was going,
When an angel stood before us and our hearts were sore afraid.
Lo, his face was like the lightning,
When the walls of heaven are whitening,
And he brought us wondrous tidings of a joy that shall not fade.

Then a Splendor shone around us,
In the still field where he found us,
A-watch upon the Shepherd Tower and waiting for the light;
There where David as a stripling,
Saw the ewes and lambs go rippling
Down the little hills and hollows at the falling of the night.

Oh, what tender, sudden faces
Filled the old familiar places,
The barley-fields where Ruth of old went gleaning with the birds!
Down the skies the host came swirling,
Like sea-waters white and whirling,
And our hearts were strangely shaken by the wonder of their words.

Haste, O people; all are bidden—
Haste from places high or hidden:
In Mary's Child the Kingdom comes, the heaven in beauty bends!
He has made all life complete;
He has made the Plain Way sweeter,
For the stall is his first shelter and the cattle his first friends.

He has come! the skies are telling;
He has quit the glorious dwelling;
And first the tidings came to us, the humble shepherd folk.
He has come to field and manger,
And no more is God a Stranger;
He comes as Common Man at home with cart and crooked yoke.

As the shade of a cool cedar
To a traveler in gray Kedar
Will be the kingdom of His love, the Kingdom without end,
Tongues and ages may disclaim Him,
Yet the Heaven of Heavens will name Him
Lord of peoples, Light of nations, elder Brother, tender Friend.

Welcome Home.

Canada—Western Ontario—London, welcomes back her brave Canadian soldier boys who return from service on the fields of South Africa. To those who thus happily return, safe and sound, a Christmas greeting, a hearty grip of the hand! For those whose soldier-boys return no more, there goes out the deeply-felt sympathy of all.

It is matter for proud congratulation that our Canadians have so acted on the tented field as to cover themselves with credit, their country with honor. They have shown the stuff of which Canadians are made. They have won the sincere encomiums of the most popular military captain of the age, Lord Roberts. They have helped to cement the different sections of the Empire into one enthusiastically loyal whole. They have made the name of Canadian, as never before, known and respected throughout the world.

The Liverpool Post, in its patriotic send-off, entitled "The Return of the Royal Canadians," voices the general feeling of the Empire.

God-speed, my bonnie lads and brave,
To your glad homes across the waves,
An Empire's plaudits in your ears—
The echoes of a million cheers!

We know the gallant work you've done,
The bloody battles you have won
Against a stealthy, stubborn foe,
Who plotted Britain's overthrow.

You're freemen from a great free land;
None better know or understand
The precious worth of equal laws,
And how to shield a noble cause.

God-speed you, then, with favoring gales
To bright Canadian hills and vales,
Where "See the conquering heroes come"
Will be your glorious welcome home!

The Day We Celebrate.

The Christmas custom is an old one. How often in our lives have we said "A Merry Christmas." It is a day on which to throw away every feeling of resentment. It is the time of universal brotherhood, when all become one family, when kindness rules. Unselfishness, and a desire for the happiness of others, is, beyond question, more in evidence at Christmas time than at any other in the year. Yet what exists at Christmas time should exist the year round, and happily does with some. There is no manifestation of our natures that produces so much happiness as usefulness. It is almost a universal possession, perhaps shown but little by many, but shown at times by everyone. People on the whole are better than they seem. When each one reflects that he never knew anyone in whom he did not see something to be liked this will be admitted, but it is often not realized, and Christmas time comes as a reminder to throw away all animosities, and harsh judgments, and to generously view the conduct of others.

Judge not; the workings of his brain
And of his heart thou canst not see;
What looks to thy dim eyes a stain,
In God's pure light may only be.
A scar, brought from some well-won field,
Where thou wouldst only faint and yield.
Christmas time, with its merry greetings and its happy gatherings of

all kinds, and best of all its happy home gatherings, when the home circle is as complete as it can be, and when memory fills each vacant place, is surely one of the times of the year fullest of true happiness. It is well to reflect, too, that our memories of those who once filled the vacant places are not sad memories. We remember the happy faces and the happy times we spent with them. Why they are not with us still is in many cases a mystery, and as we cannot have ourselves, we cherish the memory. As Moore says:
Let Fate do her worst, there are relics of joy,
Bright dreams of the past, which she cannot destroy;
Which come in the night-time of sorrow and care,
And bring back the features which joy used to wear.
Long, long be my heart with such memories filled,
Like the vase in which roses have once been distilled—
You may break, you may ruin the vase if you will,
But the scent of the roses will hang round it still.

Christmas brings its goodwill for the present, and its memories of the past, while its good effects project themselves into the future. In this year 1900, the last year of the century, we wish every reader "A Merry Christmas."

Our Convict Population.

The most important statement in the annual report of Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice, on the penitentiaries of the Dominion, is that relating to the operation of the Act for the Conditional Liberation of Prisoners, which was passed at the session of 1899, and went into force on Nov. 24, the same year. The Minister points out that certain principles have been adhered to in issuing these tickets-of-leave. Unless under very exceptional circumstances, they are in all cases issued to first offenders only; they are not, as a rule, granted to prisoners who are serving their second term. In advising the issue of a ticket-of-leave, regard has also been had to the age of the convict, the nature of the crime, and such circumstances connected therewith as would enable the Minister to judge whether or not the case was one in which there existed a probability of release on the part of the convict. Information has also been obtained from the warden of the penitentiary or prison, and from other available sources as to the applicant's character and conduct. In short, the utmost care has been exercised to prevent the granting of these tickets-of-leave to those not found to be entitled to them on account of their antecedents or their conduct in prison, or both.

Though it is yet too soon to speak with anything approaching absolute certainty as to the eventual results, the Minister thinks the information in his possession warrants him in saying that so far their operation has been attended with very satisfactory results. Taking the results for the first year, it is found that 145 tickets-of-leave were issued, of which 115 were issued to penitentiary convicts, and 30 to persons confined in jails, and other public prisons. Of the total number, 145, four have been forfeited, as provided by the act, on account of the holder being convicted of an indictable offense, and one has been canceled for breach of its conditions, making a total of five licenses revoked, a proportion of 3.45 per

cent. This very small proportion of licenses forfeited and canceled shows at least that the very great majority of the recipients were not unworthy of the consideration shown them, and it warrants the Minister to hope that by administering the act with proper caution the results in the future will be such as to fully justify its enactment. The following is a complete statement of the penitentiary population on the dates named:

	July 1, 1899.	June 30, 1900.
Kingston Penitentiary	670	647
St. Vincent de Paul	447	463
Dorchester, N. S.	226	204
Montreal	112	108
British Columbia	80	104

Totals.....1,445 1,424
The following is a statement of the average penitentiary population in the years named:

1894-5	1,250
1895-6	1,214
1896-7	1,135
1897-8	1,145
1898-9	1,147
1899-0	1,430

It will be observed that up till last year there was a steady increase in the number of criminals confined. The small decrease chronicled for 1899-0 is undoubtedly due to the operation of the ticket-of-leave system, which is thus of benefit to the taxpayer as well as to the convict.

The majority of the convicts seem to get into trouble between the ages of 20 and 30, nearly one half of those in custody last year being between those ages when convicted. Last year 43 of the convicts were over 60 years of age; in 1897 only 22 were over that age. The large majority of the prisoners are undergoing sentences of from two to seven years. Fifteen are twenty year terms; one, twenty-two years; one, twenty-three years; four, twenty-five years; one, twenty-five and a quarter years; one, thirty years, and 62 are serving life sentences. Two prisoners are reported to have been insane when sent to the penitentiary. They should certainly not have been sent to the penitentiary if insane when convicted. There is not much chance for escaping from custody once a prisoner is in the penitentiary. Not one of the prisoners got away from any of the penitentiaries last year, though several made an attempt.

The races represented in the penitentiaries last year were:

White	1,306
Colored	75
Indian	22
Half-breed	9
Mongolian	12

Of the last-named, three were Japs and nine Chinese. In the total were 942 single persons, 445 married and 37 widowed; 153 stated they were abstainers, 742 temperate, and 619 intemperate. Of the 1,424, 250 could not read or write, and 86 could read only. The following statistics with regard to the religious creed of the convicts are given:

Roman Catholics	762
Church of England	239
Methodist	164
Presbyterian	115
Baptist	78
Lutheran	15
Jewish	3
Congregationalist	2
Other creeds	9
No creeds	27

The following is a brief statement of the net expenditure last year compared with that of 1895-'96:

	1895-'96.	1899-'00.
Kingston	\$126,887 48	\$115,569 48
St. Vincent de Paul	95,835 61	97,783 91
Dorchester	42,635 48	61,714 22
Montreal	43,828 33	44,341 78
British Columbia	36,122 38	38,762 00
Average daily population	1,314	1,430

The cost per head last year was \$248 59.

The cost per head per day 68 cents. The Inspector reports that the improvement in the management of the Kingston Penitentiary has been quite marked, especially in the business and industrial departments.

Western Ontario.

Mrs. Kibayah, a widow, and the eldest woman on the Sarnia reserve, died Friday morning at the residence of Philip George, aged 91 years. Mrs. Kibayah's husband built the first frame house on the reserve.

It is understood that the congregation of the Anglican Church at Amherstburg has extended a unanimous call to Rev. J. F. Parke, rector of St. Paul's, Clinton, and that the bishop approves the call. Mr. Parke has the matter under consideration.

Wallaceburg Herald: The prospects of securing a beet sugar factory for Wallaceburg grows brighter as the days go by. The question of acreage is practically settled, and there is no longer a doubt that the 4,000 necessary can be secured. The capital is being negotiated by Mayor Gordon, and \$300,000 has already been secured.

At the meeting of Sarnia Presbytery, Mr. Graham, of Petrolia, was appointed moderator for the next six months. At the last meeting of the Presbytery, held in Strathroy, it was decided that the moderator hereafter wear a gown and Rev. Dr. Thompson, of St. Andrew's, presented a very



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THEY FEAR THE SECOND INQUIRY.

West Pointers Expect Exoneration by the First, but Tremble Over the One to Follow.

West Point, Dec. 24.—Neither the cadets nor the officials of the West Point Academy fear the war department inquiry now in progress, but they don't hesitate to express apprehension of the congressional committee inquiry, which will be held after the holidays. The Booz case is most unfortunate, because a popular verdict was almost rendered before the cadets' side was heard.

As a matter of fact, the hazing at West Point is not in the same class with that at Harvard, Yale, or any of the big universities. The major part of so-called hazing, it is claimed, is merely moral or physical discipline, administered by the cadets to lower class men. The moral discipline is to inculcate into the cadets the code of honor, that is, to teach the strict conduct of a gentleman and an officer. The physical is to compel new members to discard the slovenly gait and carriage of the civilian, and adopt the straight-backed, full-chested military bearing of a soldier. It is a fact that many immature lads break down under the strict discipline and severe drilling and study. When dropped or forced to resign, they not infrequently find in hazing a convenient and unembarrassing pretext for returning to civil life.

The board will probably say that Booz was driven to resign because of deficiency in studies, and possibly because officials thought him lacking courage and character.

Breth will probably be placed in the same class. They will find that both men were hazed, but that every other cadet was similarly treated and received no injuries. As an outcome of the inquiry a shake-up of the officials of the academy is not improbable. The story of the fight between Kellar and Booz, in Fort Putnam, on the 6th of August, 1898, was told by Kellar himself, as well as by some of the seconds and the sentinels who were posted to watch out for officers who might interfere and punish the party. They all agreed that Booz was not badly punished, and that he practically told down. One of the men advised Booz to hide himself in his tent and not come out again until he decided to fight squarely. Several witnesses testified to the lack of mental vitality possessed by Booz.

Cadet W. R. Bettison, of Kentucky, who spoke to Booz when the latter was doing sentry duty, corrected him for not covering his post properly. In reply to Gen. Crooke, Bettison acknowledged that it was a violation of the regulations to talk to a man on guard, and also that the fight between Booz and Kellar was the outcome of that interference. Gen. Brooke, speaking very angrily, told Bettison that he had no right to place Booz in that position.

Cadet Fred L. Deer, of Texas, who, when a "plebe" in the academy, fought an upper class man, and was only beaten after fighting 66 rounds, was one of the last witnesses.

100,000 PASTORS JOIN CRUSADE.

Opening of New Century To Be Marked by a Great Evangelical Movement in the United States Entirely Undenominational.

New York, Dec. 24.—One hundred thousand ministers within the next ten days will start on the greatest crusade for Christianity in the world's history. At a secret committee meeting held in this city, details of the plan, over which prominent clergymen and laymen have been studying for months, were perfected.

This monster revival, to usher in the twentieth century, was the thought of the late Dwight L. Moody. After his death, friends took it up and enlisted in its support the most prominent Christian workers in the country. It is to be national in scope, with New York as the center, with the towns and hamlets in valleys and on mountain tops as outposts.

ENTIRELY UNDENOMINATIONAL.

It is to be entirely undenominational in character. "Christ and the Bible" is the only battle cry. Practically every branch of the Protestant Church, and all the great religious societies identified with it, are united in the crusade. It will be a gigantic and carefully organized effort by ministers and laymen of all Protestant creeds working together with denominational lines obliterated and differences buried.

To Dwight L. Moody, the great evangelist, lying at rest at Northfield, Mass., belongs the honor of conceiving the movement. It was his hope to celebrate the incoming century with a mighty crusade for God in this country with denominational barriers swept away, and all Christian churches working shoulder to shoulder. When death came Mr. Moody was at work upon plans for this movement, which would have been the crowning achievement of his noble career. Friends of the dead evangelist took up the work as it fell from his dead hands, and bent their energies to it with a will.

SECRET MEETINGS HELD IN NEW YORK.

For several weeks these leaders of the mighty movement have been holding secret conferences in this city at the office of William Phillips Hall, No. 44 Broad street, perfecting the plans which herald a new era in religious effort. These leaders, banded together as a national central committee, are now opening their well-matured campaign, backed by pledges of support from the most eminent ministers and laymen of every Protestant denomination.

The make-up of this committee eloquently emphasizes the brushing away of denominational lines and the supreme Christian unity that underlies the movement.

TESTED BY TIME.—In his justly celebrated Pills Dr. Farnese has given to the world one of the most unique medicines offered to the public in late years. Prepared to meet the want for a pill which could be taken without nausea, and that would purge without pain, it has met all requirements in that direction, and it is in general use not only because of these two qualities, but because it is known to possess alterative and curative powers which place it in the front rank of medicines.

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It is a great satisfaction to us to know that throughout the whole country our effort to put on your table a worthy product of Canadian Oats is appreciated. We are glad indeed that the housekeepers are finding out that satisfaction comes from using

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All prepared ready for use. A child can ice a cake in three minutes.

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The pessimistic boarder frowned.
Because his piece of pie was small;
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To think they'd any pie at all.

to try if you like.

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LARGE STOCK OF GENTLEMEN'S SLIPPERS
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Men's Patent Calf Dancing Slippers..... \$1.10
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Gentlemen's and Ladies' Suit Cases..... \$2.50
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Beautiful Grained Leather Club Bags..... \$1.60 to \$3.50
Calf-Lined English Covered Frame Bags, in brown and olive..... \$4 to \$10
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All sizes Telescope Cases, heavy canvas, with solid grain leather straps and corners..... AT COST
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Gentlemen's Flat Collar and Cuff Holders..... \$1.35
Gentlemen's Round Collar and Cuff Holders..... 50c to \$2
Dressing Cases—Grain Leather or Morocco, latest style fittings, complete..... \$3 to \$10
Military Brushes—Ebony or rosewood, per pair, in leather case..... \$4
PURSES—Gentlemen's, Ladies', Misses' and Children's, in all the latest styles.
Velvet "Offenburg Alligator," the richest thing ever produced in alligator, beautifully made..... \$3.50
Genuine Lizard Hide, very novel, and as durable as alligator..... \$4.50
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The Queen's Veil.

"Yes, marm," he continued, returning her gaze with one of blandest good-nature. "I'm an American. I own to being a thoroughbred Yankee, too, for I come from a town in the State of Massachusetts you may possibly have heard of, marm—not far from Boston, which, according to my way of thinking, can't be beat for a city; and where we once gave the English redcoats such a peppering. We don't mean to be too set up on account of that, though, marm; we think the English may be very good sort of people, though rather slow—and I beg pardon, marm—I'm a plain-spoken sort of man—all Yankees are—and a trifle stupid. I've been traveling in England a good deal this summer, and I've studied up the John Bull character pretty thoroughly. They think they can't be beat, with their titles of 'my lord' and 'my lady.' But what's in a title? That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet, you know, marm—rather a worn-out quotation, I own, but it expresses my meaning just as well."

He paused a moment, and then resumed, beautifully unconscious of Lady Holborn's freezing stare and haughty bearing.

"One thing I feel really concerned about regarding the English people, they all seem to be giving out in the eyes. I see you have the same trouble, marm, and it appears to be a peculiarity belonging to your nation. I can tell an Englishman woman or child, as far as I can see them, just by looking at their eyes; they all carry a thing just like yours to look through, and help them to see. The spectacle business must be a flourishing one over on this side of the water; but I'll be blued if I ain't afraid that the next generation will be totally blind. I'm puzzled, too, for they all seem to be able to read the finest print in the newspapers; but take a stranger—an American, for instance—who is right under their nose, and they can't seem to see him, unless they up with their everlasting spy-glass and look with all their might."

"It must be a great affliction," he continued, shaking his head gravely, "and it is a matter which, according to my way of thinking, the Queen ought to look into—I've heard that there were some good doctors over here, and I think she ought to stir them up to investigate it. I've made a study of it, and shall try and get it straightened out."

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door. He had not dreamed there was anyone else there.

"I beg pardon, madame," he said, respectfully, and bowing to her with courtesy. "I was only looking suspicious of having a third listener; I trust I have said nothing to wound you."

Tina laughed loud again—a sweet clear, melodious laugh, that sounded very pleasant in the ears of her companion.

She had been infinitely amused by the face that had been enacted before her, but she now regarded the stranger with surprise.

He was an entirely different person from what he had been while Lady Holborn was in the room.

His manner and expression were wholly changed. He had dropped his broad accent; his "Yankee" bearing had entirely disappeared, while his speech and carriage betrayed him the polished and cultivated gentleman that he was.

"I sincerely hope I have wounded you in no way," he repeated, as he tried to read the face half-concealed beneath his hair.

"No, monsieur," Tina responded in French.

"Ah, you are French!" he said, in a relieved tone, and speaking that language with ease himself.

"I am very glad," he continued, "for it is not kind to wound the feelings of any one; but I have no patience with the impudence of these so-called English nobility, who go about, each carrying his or her national spy-glass, and staring decent people out of countenance. I have seen this woman several times today on the street and in the art galleries, and everywhere it has seemed to be her business and delight to make every one as uncomfortable as possible with that fixed, rude stare."

"It may be the custom with the English, monsieur," Tina said, charitably.

"It is a custom, and a very uncivil one among a certain class," her companion replied, with a note of impatience in his tones; "nowhere in all Europe have I met with such vulgar rudeness as among a certain class of the English, who, in their pompous self-sufficiency, imagine, or seem to imagine, themselves exempt from all good breeding. Pardon me, madame, for my homely remarks, but a righteous indignation called it forth; and, with a little twinkle of merriment in his fine eyes, 'I trust the little lesson which madame has received from my remarks, at least, I hope that if we meet again, I shall not become a target for her to shoot her inquisitive arrows at.'"

"I think monsieur need have no fear," Tina said, with a merry little laugh.

His own laugh rang out clear and hearty again, as, taking his hat from the table, the stranger bowed to her with courtesy, and then quietly left the room.

CHAPTER XI.

Tina followed the stranger almost immediately, for she had a long walk before her, and it was nearly time for the evening meal at Monsieur La Port's.

On her way home, through the dimly-lighted streets, Tina soon became conscious that she was followed by a flashily-dressed young man of twenty-five, who, at a glance, she judged to be her business and delight to make every one as uncomfortable as possible with that fixed, rude stare."

"The attitude of the National League toward the Players' Association may have the effect of driving some of the best players out of the game, though we have no desire to 'monkey' with their players."

CHANCE IS RECOVERING.
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—Frank Chance, the baseball catcher injured by a pitched ball in last Sunday's game, has now recovered that he was last night permitted to leave the hospital. It is expected that he will be able to join his team next week.

THE TURF
AT NEW ORLEANS.
New Orleans, Dec. 24.—Weather fine, track good. Belle of Elgin, Lady Contrary, General Mary Gary and Sackatuck were the winning favorites.

First race, 6 furlongs—Belle of Elgin, 1.13.
Second race, 5 furlongs—Lady Contrary, 1.16.
Third race, 6 furlongs—Lady Contrary, 1.16.
Fourth race, handicap—Genl. Mart Gary, 1.16.
Fifth race, 6 furlongs—Sackatuck, 1.16.
Sixth race, 5 furlongs—Lady Contrary, 1.16.
Seventh race, 5 furlongs—Lady Contrary, 1.16.

THE ONLY HELP.
A Victim of Bright's Disease for Many Years—Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Neepawa, Dec. 24.—Mrs. T. H. McKee, formerly of Listowel, came here as a last resort. Had suffered ten years with Bright's Disease. Reported to be past help by dying, her reappearance on the street in apparent good health was a pleasant surprise.

The explanation given was that her little boy had insisted that she should try Dodd's Kidney Pills and prophesied that they would cure her. She said: "From the first few doses I began to feel better, and after taking four and a half boxes, I say it with feeling, I am perfectly cured."

THE HORRIBLE MURDER.
South Berwick, Me., Dec. 24.—Edw. H. Knight was arrested today at his home at South Berwick, Maine, charged with the murder last May of Mrs. Annie Sprague at South Berwick. The murder was one of the most horrible in the history of York county.

GOVERNOR PINGREE ARRAIGNED.
Lansing, Mich., Dec. 24.—On petition of members of the Ingham county bar, Judge West, of the Ingham circuit court today ordered Governor Pingree to appear in court next Saturday and answer to a charge of contempt. The action is based on an interview which was published in the Detroit Tribune Dec. 7, in which the governor bitterly attacked Judge West and Prosecutor Luttrell, of Ingham county. Attached to the petition for an order is an affidavit by the Tribune reporter who secured the interview, which affirms that it was given for publication and that the following day the governor informed him that the interview, as printed, was all right, and commended its fairness.

LETTER A COLD. Many who have died of consumption dated their troubles from exposure, followed by a cold which settled on their lungs, and in a short time they were beyond the skill of the best physician. Had they used Bickie's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, before it was too late, their lives would have been spared. This medicine has no equal in curing coughs, colds and all affections of the throat and lungs.

his wonderful punching. He scaled from 112 to 122 pounds, and didn't bar waterweights.

One after another the "Omaha Kid" knocked out opponents, big and little, until with one particularly husky customer he broke his hands. The best physicians treated them in vain. They got well enough for him to put on the gloves in several contests, but he couldn't hit, and though he is still in the ring he can't hit now. He is still a physical freak and a rugged fellow, but with his hands of no use he cannot lay his opponents low. McGovern is particularly careful with his hands. He knows how to punch without hurting them, but some day in a burst of slugging he may hurt himself just as Gardner injured him. So it is just as likely that Terry is making hay while the sun shines.

VERDICT IN THE CASE OF JOE BARR.
Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 24.—The coroner today investigated the death of Edward Sanford, professionally known as Joe Barr, who died in a hospital Saturday night after a boxing bout with Joseph Kerrigan, at the Athletic Club of Philadelphia. The jury rendered a verdict that Sanford's death was due to hemorrhage of the brain. Kerrigan was held to await the action of the grand jury. The referee, the seconds and others arrested were discharged.

WHEEL.
NELSON WON.
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—Johnny Nelson, of Boston, beat Harry Downing, of San Jose in a five-mile motor-paced race on the Velodrome indoor track. He made the distance in 8:01 1/2, beating the world's record.

FOOTBALL.
There was a merry gathering at the Kennels on Saturday night, when the London Football Club held their third annual dinner. After the good things had been eaten, the Rev. George Macbeth, late of the Royal Canadian Rifles, who acted as chairman, called for order, and proposed the health of the Queen, which was heartily received. The toast of "Football" was looked after by Robert Lidd and Frank Hobbs. "Our Club" was replied to by Messrs. Gibbons, Woolley, Christie and Ashplant. "Our Guests" brought replies from Messrs. George Macbeth and John McVee, while "Sister Organizations" were represented by W. A. Mace and Melville Hueston. "The Ladies" brought speeches from Messrs. Carrothers and Hennessy. Frank Taylor's organ solo and Percy Ashplant's piano solos kept things moving until close to the midnight hour, when the happy crowd broke up. A feature of the evening was a presentation by Charlie Christie, treasurer of the club, of a handsome gold chain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE'S WAR PLANS.
New York, Dec. 22.—Col. Buzz Rogers, of Philadelphia, says the National League will form a minor league and locate teams in the territory coveted by Ban Johnson. The latter had this to say in Washington: "Our prospects are excellent, and we will make a go of it. There will be no trouble to get good teams, made up of first-class men, in every city in the league, and in two years I venture to say we will have a combination of teams that cannot be beaten."

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Christmas time is here,
Our little ones know well:
They shout with glee of Santa Claus,
And stockings he will fill.

Christmas time is here,
Hosanna! praises sing!
The Christian through the heavenly song
In exultation sing.

Christmas time is here,
Christ the Lord is born,
And never-ceasing happiness
Is in His people shown.

Christmas time is here—
Another year is almost gone;
Throw off the old, accept the new,
And Christ the Lord's become.

Dec. 24, 1900. —Frank G. Westlake.

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New lines of Premiums always offering.

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METEOROLOGICAL

LITTLE COLDER, FAIR, SOME SNOW FLURRIES.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24—8 p.m.—The disturbance which was over Lake Superior last night has almost dispersed. The Northwest cold wave also diminished in energy. Light snow falls have been fairly general in the Georgian Bay region and the weather has been mild and showery in Eastern Canada.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 45—50; Kamloops, 35—38; Calgary, 20—40; Qu'Appelle, 8 below—14; Winnipeg, 6 below—2; Fort Arthur, 12—18; Pelly Sound, 30—34; Toronto, 34—39; Ottawa, 30—38; Montreal, 30—38; Quebec, 35—46. Toronto, Dec. 24—8 p.m.—Probabilities for the next 24 hours in the Lower Lakes region: Fresh westerly to northwesterly winds; a little colder, and for the most part fair, but some light local snow falls or flurries. Today (Tuesday) the sun rises at 7:49 a.m., and sets at 4:46 p.m. The moon rises at 10:02 a.m., and sets at 9:11 p.m.

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With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year we greet our many thousands of customers. May you enjoy yourselves today as our sincerest wish.

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A LOCAL BUDGET.

O, LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM.
(By Phillips Brooks.)

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praise sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

O, Holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

—Only one more week to the 19th century.

—Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

—Mr. Thomas Carnegie, of Detroit, is in the city.

The wise individual is now practicing writing "1901."

—Mr. Chris. Campbell, of Detroit, is holidaying in the city.

—Mr. Will Black, of Toronto, is visiting his mother in this city.

—Mr. Wm. Gurney, of the C. P. R. agency, spent Sunday in Buffalo.

—Mr. George Johnston, of Toronto, is spending Christmas at his home here.

—Dr. Bert Winnett, of Kingston, is the guest of his father, Ald. Winnett, city.

—Mr. Thomas Johnston, of Toronto, is visiting her parents, Palace street, city.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Loney, of Toronto, are visiting at 510 Central avenue, city.

—Mr. Howard Higgins is home from McGill College, Montreal, spending the holidays.

—Mr. Wm. P. Gleeson, of Sandusky, Ohio, is holidaying at his home, Albert street, city.

—Mr. Charlie Pavey, of McGill College, Montreal, is holidaying at his home here.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wonnacott, Detroit, are in the city for the great home festival.

—Mrs. John Weber suffered a paralytic stroke on Saturday, and has been very low ever since.

—Messrs. E. Moule, F. Miller, R. Robertson and F. Webb, all of Toronto, are holidaying here.

—The firemen attended to a fire at the dump on Dundas street, West London, yesterday afternoon.

—Mr. Ed Fleming, mechanical superintendent of Hunter, Rose & Co., Toronto, is home for the holidays.

—Miss Grace Symington, of Dufferin Place, Sarnia, is spending Christmas with Miss Mary Love, Hope street.

—Messrs. Frank Cooper and Jack McNeen, of McGill College, Montreal, are spending the holidays in the city.

—Dr. W. R. T. Sharpe, of Romeo, Mich., is here spending Christmas with his parents at No. 645 Richmond street.

—J. M. Daly, coal and wood dealer, presented all his employees with a handsome turkey, for which they express their thanks.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bullen, of Chicago, says the British-American, have gone to London and Hamilton, Ont., to spend Christmas with their friends.

—Mr. E. C. Pringle, teller in the Bank of Commerce, Walkerville, has been transferred to this city, and has been succeeded by Mr. J. G. Mullen, of Hamilton.

—Mr. J. E. Bland, of Detroit, an old Advertiser boy, who is now a member of the Michigan Legislature, is helping on the Christmas turkey at home here.

I heard the bells on Christmas Day,
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet,
The words repeat,
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men.
—Longfellow.

—The time for holding the Christmas service at Memorial Church has been changed from 11 to 10 a.m., in order not to clash with the return of

Before. After. Wood's Phosphorine.

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Our wish to you is that this last Christmas may be the happiest and merriest of the century.

T. A. Rowat & Co.,
234 Dundas Street. Phone 317.

—Messrs. Elder-Dempster & Co. dispatched special wires of the sighting and landing of the Lake Champlain to F. B. Clarke for the benefit of friends of the soldiers.

—John Ferguson & Sons remembered their employees last evening by presenting each with a special envelope in lieu of a turkey and the men thoroughly appreciated the cash gift.

—John J. Cochran, an old London boy, now holding a prominent position on the H. S. Railway, of Hamilton, Ont., is here on a short vacation, visiting his father, J. Cochran, Hamilton road.

The soldiers from South Africa. The service will also be shortened, so that none may be prevented from witnessing the return of the boys.

—The meeting in the First Methodist Church this morning, to be addressed by Rev. C. A. Tamm, will commence promptly at 10:30, and will be brought to a close in plenty of time to let those present take part in the demonstration in honor of the returning soldiers.

—The board of trustees of the Protestant Orphans' Home very gratefully acknowledge the sum of \$4 contributed by the pupils of school section, No. 17, Hyde Park corner, being the proceeds of a school entertainment. The contribution is specially for the purpose of gifts for the children of the home, and the board fully appreciate and welcome such an expression of sympathy and kindness from the little ones of Hyde Park, and convey to them their thanks.

HEAVIEST ON RECORD.

Both the Canadian and Dominion Express Companies pronounce their Christmas business this year the heaviest in their history. The utmost effort is needed on the part of employees to keep up with the rush.

WITH THANKS.

The following donations to the Children's Aid Society are gratefully acknowledged: R. K. Hope, \$5; Mrs. C. Leonard, \$5; Mrs. S. L. Gower, \$2; Mrs. James Duffield, \$1; Mrs. E. E. Smith, \$1; Mrs. M. Burnett, \$1; Miss S. Macklin, \$1; Daily Coal and Wood Company, 1 ton of coal.

DEATH OF ALBERT SPICKNELL.

Mr. Albert Spicknell, for several years the head waiter at the Tecumseh House, died about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his late residence, 425 Ridout street. His death, which was due to typhoid fever, followed an illness of about two weeks. He was a son of Mr. Samuel Spicknell, of London Junction, and leaves a wife and family.

BY ACCLAMATION.

The electors of London township, at the nomination at Arva on Monday again expressed their confidence in their county representatives, Mr. Peter Elson and Mr. R. W. Jackson, by electing them by acclamation to represent London township in the council of Middlesex for the ensuing two years.

WILL RUN FOR MAYOR.

Ald. Douglass announced definitely at 5 p.m. yesterday that he would be a candidate for the mayoralty.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC HEAVY.

Holiday travel on the railway is fully up to the average of previous years. Considering the heaviness of the traffic trains are running well on time.

POSTMEN'S BUSY DAY.

A rumor to the effect that a number of the letter carriers were placed in very embarrassing positions yesterday because they used push-carts to distribute parcels, was refuted indignantly last night. However, they acknowledged the necessity for the infantile vehicles and said that in their experience there had never been such a rush at the postoffice before.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

Tom Marks is back again, and last night at the Opera House, he and his capable company showed that they are leaders among popular-priced entertainers. "In a Nutshell" was presented before a large audience and was thoroughly appreciated. "The Celebrated Case" and "A Soldier's Sweetheart" are underlined for tomorrow, the former for the matinee and the latter in the evening. They will undoubtedly be largely patronized.

FOR HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

At the forthcoming municipal elections the citizens will be asked to fill two vacancies on the board of hospital trustees, one left by the death of Col. Lewis, and the other caused by the expiration of Mr. Thomas McCormick's term of office. Among the names mentioned already for the vacancies are Mr. Thomas McCormick, who is eligible for re-election; Mr. John McMechan, Mr. Frank Leonard, Mr. Adam Beck, Col. Garthshore, ex-Mayor J. W. Little, Mr. W. M. Spencer and Mr. C. F. Complin.

FATHER FLANNERY.

According to the Detroit Free Press, Rev. Dean Flannery, pastor of St. Alphonsus' Church, Windsor, denies the statement that he is to be removed from Windsor to Searforth. He says the only grounds for making a statement that he would be removed is that Bishop McEvoy has announced a number of changes to be made in

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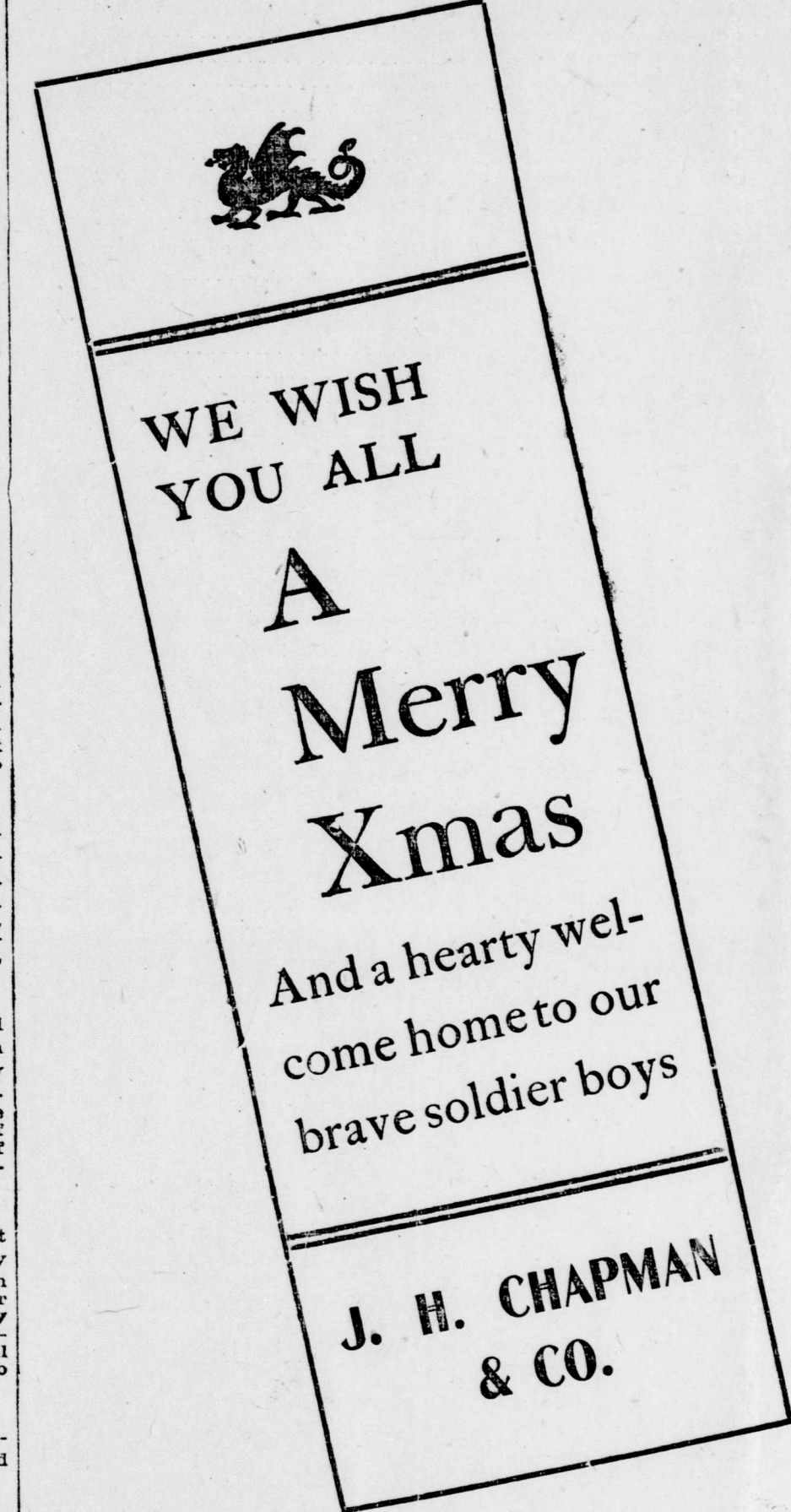
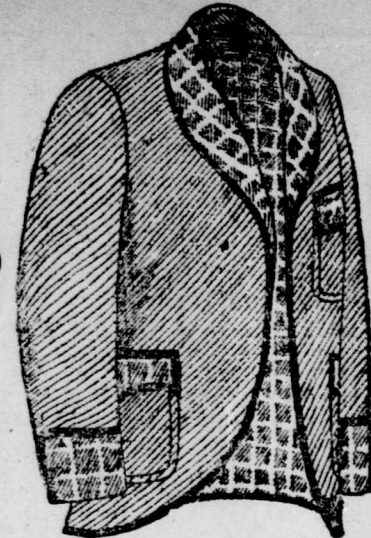
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year, but what these changes will be is known only to the bishop.

FAREWELL TO CANADA.

President Chas. M. Hays, of the Southern Pacific Railway, and late general manager of the G. T. R., passed through London yesterday on a special train. He was accompanied by his family and General Superintendent McGuigan. He is taking a parting look at the G. T. R. before leaving for San Francisco, his future headquarters.

DEATH OF HARRY C. OWEN.

The death occurred on Saturday in Winnipeg of Henry Cummings Owen, son of the late L. W. Owen, and a native Londoner. He was a young man beyond the average ability, and held several lucrative positions here until a few years ago, when he removed to Rat Portage. From there he went to the Lake of the Woods, where he became manager of the fisheries and of the general store in that connection. A short time since he was taken ill and removed to Winnipeg. He will be buried at Winnipeg under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity. He was a past master of St. John's Lodge, No. 2084, his mother and three sisters—Mrs. Wm. Ward, Mrs. T. N. Greene, and Mrs. W. T. Hodgins, of this city—and two brothers—Wade, of Nashville, Tenn., and Frank, of Chicago—survive him.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

The continued mild weather having had the effect of retarding Christmas buying materially, more trade was crowded into Saturday and Monday, the last two business days before the holidays, than is usually the case. Yesterday's volume of business was as great, if not greater, than Saturday's, and right up to the hour of closing the stores were thronged with Christmas shoppers. So great were the crowds on the street all day that progress was rendered difficult, except at a slow pace. The spirit of Christmas was about, and the individual without a parcel was a rarity. It was a well-dressed, happy and contented-looking throng of people that crowded the

streets all day, proving more convincingly than any amount of argument the fact that good times and prosperity are with us.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

This gospel sang the angels bright: Lord Jesus shall be born this night: Born not in house nor yet in hall, Wrapped not in purple nor in pall, Rocked not in silver, neither gold; This word the angels sang of old; Nor christened with white wine nor red;

This word of old the angels said Of Him which holdeth in His hand The strong sea and green land.

This thrice and four times happy night—

These tidings sang the angels bright— Forlorn, between ear and horn, A babe shall Jesus Lord be born, A weeping babe in all the cold;

This word the angels sang of old— And wisps of hay shall be his bed; This word of old the angels said, Of Him which keepeth in His hand The strong sea and green land.

O babe and Lord, thou Jesus bright— Let all and some now sing this night— Betwixt our sorrow and our sin, Be thou new-born our hearts within; New-born, dear babe, and little King, So letten some and all men sing— To wipe for us our tears away!

This night so letten all men say Of Him which spake, and lo! they be— The green land and strong sea.

—William Canton.

Vapo-Cresolene quickly cures colds, coughs, sore throat, whooping cough and croup.

CANNOT BE BEAT.—Mr. D. Steinbach, Zurich, writes:—"I have used Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in my family for a number of years, and I can safely say that it cannot be beat for the cure of croup, fresh cuts and sprains. My little boy has had attacks of croup several times, and one dose of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil was sufficient for a perfect cure. I take great pleasure in recommending it as a family medicine, and I would not be without a bottle in my house."