

HON. J. D. HAZEN SCORED LAURIER IN THE NAVAL AID DEBATE YESTERDAY

SITUATION IS VERY GRAVE IN MONGOLIA

Russia Warns China that Further Delay Will Result in Rupture.

DEMANDS FAVORABLE TO CHINESE HONOR.

Delegates Request Emperor Nicholas to Recognize Complete Independence of Mongols.

Peking, Dec. 12.—M. Korostovetz, the Russian minister, has warned China that a rupture of the negotiations is imminent unless China ceases to delay the settlement of the Mongolian question.

The Chinese government opened negotiations in November with the Russian legation with respect to Russia's recent recognition of the complete independence of Mongolia.

POWERS MAY GRANT LARGE CHINESE LOAN

Conference to be Held to Decide Contract—Salt Gabelle Will Be Given as Security—Monopolies Destroyed.

Peking, Dec. 12.—Representatives of the six power groups are referring to the conference of their chiefs to be held at London tomorrow, the draft of a contract for a loan of \$125,000,000 secured by the Salt Gabelle.

China asks for \$50,000,000 within three months and the balance during the course of the next year.

China will agree to the reorganization of the Salt Gabelle, its administration being sub-divided into ten centres, each being controlled by Chinese and foreign co-directors.

RUSSIAN SUCCESSION NOT ENDANGERED.

Pavia, Dec. 12.—A semi-official note issued here declares unfounded the rumors that the Russian Crown Prince Alexis has been stricken with an incurable malady.

JOHNSON FINED FIFTY DOLLARS.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12.—Jack Johnson was fined \$50 and costs by Municipal Judge Goodnow today on the charge of assaulting a newspaper photographer with a cane several weeks ago.

PROTEST MAY COME BEFORE U. S. SENATE

State Department Experts Doubtful of Britain's Meaning in Panama Canal Protest

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The Panama canal tolls act is now under careful examination and study by the experts of the state department, and to satisfy a general demand from the senators, representatives and others as to the details of the arguments presented, the department is having the communication printed in pamphlet form.

A casual reading of the British note leaves the officials in some doubt as to the meaning of one or two of the points made, namely the challenge of the right of the United States to grant a subsidy unless it is of general application and not particularly devoted to vessels using the canal.

Although it has been taken for granted that the chances of the approval of such a step by the senate were exceedingly slim, because it would require a two-thirds vote, there is now a disposition in some quarters to consider that only a majority vote would be necessary.

SYDNEY MINES MAN ARRESTED IN MONCTON ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Percy Pickles Detained by the Police on Strength of Telegram—Travelling Bar is Found on Street by Officer.

Moncton, Dec. 12.—On the arrival of No. 2 express from Halifax this morning Chief Rideout arrested a young man named Percy Pickles who came in on the train as news agent, and who is wanted in Sydney Mines on a charge of seduction.

Pickles, whose home is in Sydney Mines, is about 19 years of age. He has been for some time employed by the Canadian News Company as a news agent on the L. C. R. train running into this city.

A travelling bar room in person on one Arthur Sullivan was arrested by Officer Cameron on Main street early this evening. The man was arrested on a charge of drunkenness, and when searched at the police station, there was found on his person three imperial quarts of Irish red-eye, two square faces of gin and a flask of Scotch whisky.

IS ITALY BACKING AUSTRIA'S DEMANDS?

Rome, Dec. 12.—It is understood in well informed circles that Italy's attitude with regard to a Serbian port on the Adriatic is identical with that of Austria, that is, the use of a commercial outlet without territorial possession.

According to other information which, however, lacks confirmation, Italy supports and has obtained for the Balkan states the adoption of a plan for a somewhat limited Albania, with the provision that Durazzo and Avlona shall be included therein.

LARGE SCHOONER FEARED LOST.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12.—The three masted schooner Butcher Boy, Capt. Gustav Hansen, from Manistique, Mich., carrying seven hands, and laden with lumber for this port, is a week overdue. Tugs have been waiting inside the breakwater here for several days to help the Butcher Boy into port when she is sighted.

CANADA'S GIFT OF THREE DREADNAUGHTS IN DEEDED ONLY TO MEET EMERGENCY

Minister of Marine in Eloquent Defence of Government Policy

LAURIER TRIES TO GO ONE BETTER

Liberal Leader, who Shirked Naval Aid while in Power, Now Puts Impractical Proposal Before House.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The Liberal policy of naval aid to Britain was disclosed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier today.

On Nov. 4 Mr. Churchill wrote recognizing the importance of such a policy, and observing that the main difficulty to be surmounted was "to obtain that high degree of expert knowledge and experience which modern warships require for their efficient construction."

Continuing, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said: "There is nothing which we did not know before. Every word that I have said, every figure, every word, every figure in that memorandum, we discussed four years ago. We discussed it in the month of March, 1909, and then we came to the conclusion, the unanimous conclusion, that the best method of helping England, of discharging our duties, was not by a contribution, but by the creation of a Canadian navy."

He denied with great heat the charge that his navy had been intended to be a separatist navy. Any thought of separation from Great Britain would be a folly and a crime when England is at war with us.

He would begin "by giving some orders at once and further progress would depend upon the development of the industry and extent of our programme." He added that the Admiralty must remain responsible for the design, and must supervise the construction.

No Emergency, Says Laurier.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier began with a vigorous attack on the Conservatives on the ground that they had made naval defence a party question.

He then moved the following amendment: "That all the words after the word 'that' be struck out and the following be substituted therefor: 'This House declines to concur in the said resolution and orders that the same be referred back to the committee with instructions to amend the same in the following particulars, namely, to strike out all the words after the word 'that' and to insert the following: 'The memorandum prepared by the Board of Admiralty on the general naval situation of the Empire and communicated to this House by the Hon. the Prime Minister, on December 5th, shows that several of the most important of the foreign powers have adopted a definite policy of rapidly increasing their naval strength.'"

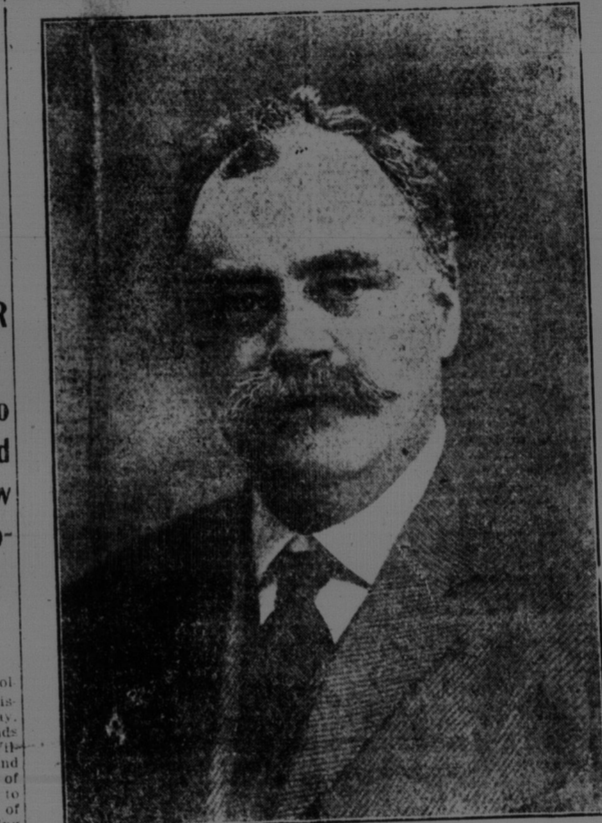
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This House is further of the opinion that to increase the power and mobility of the imperial navy by the addition of two fleet units to be stationed on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of Canada, respectively, rather than by a contribution of money or ships, is the policy best calculated to afford relief to the United Kingdom in respect of the burden of imperial naval defence and in the words of the Admiralty memorandum to "restore greater freedom to the movements of the British squadrons in every sea and directly promote the security of the Dominions," and that the government of Canada should take such steps as shall lead to the accomplishment of this purpose as speedily as possible.

Clause A in Mr. Borden's resolution reads: "(A)—That from and out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada there may be paid and applied a sum not exceeding thirty-five million dollars."

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POLICEMEN TORTURED PRISONERS

Unspeakable Brutality of Koreans Told in Court—Many Hung by Hair Until it Pulled Out.

Seoul, Korea, Dec. 12.—Harrowing details of the treatment by the police of prisoners reached the highest tribunal of brutality. As the close of the prisoners' statements, a prothonotary, in a voice of horror, the chief justice tells each prisoner deliberately to relate his story of the tortures and gives all of them the widest latitude.

The prisoners have now outlined almost every torture conceivable and many which are unspeakable and incredible. For instance, one prisoner said he had been hung by his hair which pulled out of his scalp. His head showed no signs of having been injured.

According to the prisoner, the present nearly all of them have included the names of Dr. Samuel A. Moffat, president of the theological society at Puen Yang, Rev. George A. McNeice, head of the Presbyterian mission school at Suen Chun; Dr. A. M. Sharrocks, head of the hospital at Suen Chun; and Dr. J. Hunter Wallis of the Methodist Episcopal church, who, they say, could prove their innocence.

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BOURGEOIS LIKELY NEXT PRESIDENT OF FRENCH REPUBLIC

Republican Group Held Meeting to Consider Possible Success or to President Falliers.

Paris, Dec. 12.—The first actual political step looking toward the choice of the next president of France was taken this afternoon at a meeting of a republican group in the Chamber of Deputies.

On January 17, next, the members of the senate and of the Chamber of Deputies, meeting jointly in the national assembly at Versailles will choose a successor to President Falliers.

At the conference today in Paris, present decided that the time had arrived to consult with the other groups of the majority relative to some common action in the selection of a candidate.

Several deputies who were on the point of naming the preference were stopped by their colleagues. This illustrates the tenacity up to the present to refrain from all public consideration of possible candidates. It is too early therefore to obtain any rational idea as to how the election will swing.

It is understood that considerable pressure is being brought to bear on Leon Bourgeois, the former premier, to allow his name to be used. Many deputies have expressed the belief that if he stood for election he would be returned.

FIRE THREATENED TO WIPE OUT WHOLE TOWN IN MICHIGAN

Brown City, Mich., Dec. 12.—Fire sweeping through the heart of Brown City's business district today, threatened the destruction of the town for several hours and for a time cut off communication with neighboring cities. Five business buildings were consumed and the loss is estimated at \$100,000. Brick structures in the path of the flames aided the firemen in preventing a general spread.

STRIKERS PREVENT LOADING OF SHIP.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 12.—The strike of the dock workers prevented the loading and departure of the Ward Line steamer Monrovia today. The attempt to use strikebreakers has been abandoned owing to the declared inability of the authorities to give police protection. The minister of the government has been applied to by the company to furnish the necessary assistance which would mean the despatch of rural guards to the waterfront.

BOY WOULD ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT

Herman Steinberg, Aged Fifteen Years, Admits Threats Against Wilson.

JUDGES AND BOSS WERE ALSO DOOMED.

Had Loaded Revolver in His Possession When Arrested by Astonished Detective in New York.

New York, Dec. 12.—Herman Steinberg, a 15-year-old boy, who is alleged to have declared that he was going over to New Jersey to shoot President-elect Wilson, was arrested here this afternoon and held without bail. A loaded revolver was found on him of a police station, although in the cold, when a detective questioned him.

"This is not a fit country to live in," he declared, according to the detective. "It is no place for me to work. I want to go back to Russia, so I would rather go to jail but I would like to shoot Wilson and his boss and all the judges first. The detective searched him and took the revolver away, arresting him on a charge of violating the Sullivan law, prohibiting the carrying of dangerous weapons. In court a fruit dealer who formerly employed the lad, appeared as witness to previous threats the boy had made to kill Wilson, which led to his discharge. In court the boy admitted the threat he had made.

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French Paper Thinks Austria's Attitude is Such as to Confirm Uneasiness at Outlook for Peace.

Paris, Dec. 12.—The Temps, which is considered to reflect the views of the government, thinks that everything tends to confirm the feeling of uncertainty and uneasiness.

Following the outbreak of Austria during the last six months, the paper points out that in 1909 when she had to defend the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Austria made military preparations on a considerably smaller scale than those she has recently undertaken, and also that Austria is making these preparations in the presence of a treaty between Russia and Serbia which is ready to abide by the will of the great powers.

Another conservative opinion in Paris is to the effect that impartial observers must conclude that the cabinet at Vienna is making ready to attack Serbia on one pretext or another, or wishes to be master of the negotiations at London.

GREEK MINISTER HOPES CONFERENCE WILL BRING PEACE

Balkan Peace Commissioners in London—Date of Meeting Not Settled—Sir Edward Grey Will Speak.

London, Dec. 12.—The Greek, Serbian and Montenegrin peace commissioners arrived in London tonight from Paris. They were greeted at the Charing Cross station by a cosmopolitan crowd which included the Greek archbishop and the members of the various legations. The Greek premier, M. Venizelos, and other delegates, expressed their appreciation of their indebtedness to the British government's confidence and the earnest hope of the speedy and successful conclusion of their mission. M. Venizelos said that they were determined to do their utmost to secure a lasting peace and desired hereafter to be the best of friends with the Turks.

Details of procedure and the date of the first meeting of the conference will not be arranged until the delegates arrive. Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, however, will attend the opening meeting and make a short speech of welcome.

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Continued from page 1. Mr. Hazen was criticised for extending the effective naval force of the Empire.

Hon. Mr. Hazen Replies.

Hon. Mr. Hazen who was received with a warm welcome from the members of the House of Commons...

October, nearly five months after these tenders had been received, and yet he had no better excuse to offer for allowing these tenders to remain in the House here in Ottawa...

What is Needed. When the House of Commons met on Monday, December 10th...

Merely an Emergency. Hon. Mr. Hazen's speech was a masterpiece of evasion...

Laurier's Bungling. My hon. friend has made the statement that the Empire can be at war and when it is at war...

THE WEATHER. Maritime—Strong northwest eery winds, fine and very cold. Toronto, Dec. 13. Cold weather has set in today...

OMAR AGAIN. A book of stories underneath the bough—A batch of biscuit made from Daisy Flour—and you beside me in the wilderness...

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Acton, Mass., Dec. 12.—Three mills of the American Powder Mills Company blew up tonight, one after another, when sparks from a burning barn set them on fire...

London, Dec. 12.—The committee stage of the Home Rule Bill was completed in the House of Commons late tonight amid exciting demonstrations and counter demonstrations...

Toronto, Dec. 12.—The city of London today applied to the Ontario municipal board for an order annexing the suburb of Port Huron...

Rome, Dec. 12.—The Tribune and Giornale d'Italia publish telegrams from Avlona, reporting the receipt of a despatch from Essad Pasha...

NICKEL Where Everybody Continues To Go. Saturday Matinee. Essanay's Sprightly Western Story "BRONCHO BILL FOR SHERIFF."

OPERA HOUSE TODAY. VAUDEVILLE BILLY & HARRY. PAST MASTERS IN DANCING. PERILS OF THE PLAINS. 3 REELS 3,000 FEET.

HERE'S A GOOD SCOTCH ROYAL BLEND. One of the oldest Whiskies Procurable. Taste it—quality will do the rest.

TRY THE NEW PHAROAH PANETELA CIGAR. Choice HORSES, to 500 lbs. For HOGAN'S Stables, 1557.

Will there be a Victrola in your home this Christmas? You can search the whole world over and not find another gift that will bring so much pleasure to every member of the family.

FOR SALE BY The J. A. McDonald Piano & Music Co. 7 Market Square, St. John, N. B.

Class. One cent per advertisement. WANTED—Broad Apply Hygienic Bazaar. MALES AND FEMALES—Every person to attend...

CONSERVATIVE CLUB WILL HOLD SMOKER

Good Programme Prepared for Gathering Tonight—Addresses by Prominent Local Speakers.

The St. John Conservative Club will hold a smoker this evening in their rooms in the market building to which all members of the club and their friends are invited.

WESTERN MILLER IS IN CITY, GOING HOME

Hon. F. E. Green, of Winnipeg, is among those who will sail today on the Grampan to spend a few weeks in England.

Hon. Mr. Green, who is prominently identified with the wheat industry in Manitoba, being largely interested in the Western Canada Flour Mills Company, has been located in the west for over thirty years.

Professor Walcott Dead. Edmonton, Dec. 12.—Professor Chas. Walcott is dead here following an illness of several months.

St. John is to have a branch of the A. J. Burton Saw Company of Vancouver, B. C., of Ottawa, the eastern representative of the company was broken.

LET SANTA DO IT!



DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF YOUR CHILDREN JUST NOW. THE WATCHFUL SPIRIT OF ANTA CLAUS WILL VOUGH FOR THEIR GOOD BEHAVIOR DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

NEWS IN SHORT METRE

LOCAL

Police Court. Six prisoners appeared in the police court yesterday morning. Three drunks were given \$4 or ten days in jail, while a fourth was fined \$8 or thirty days in jail.

Juvenile Court. Two boys charged with loafing and with using profane language on the streets appeared in the juvenile court yesterday morning and were fined \$8. The fine was allowed to stand.

PROVINCIAL

Divorce Case. Fredericton, Dec. 12.—At the office of Harris G. Fensy, Registrar of the Divorce Court, Burton Arthur Johnson of Canada, Westmorland county, a telegraph operator, has filed an action for divorce from his wife, Verma Elsie Johnson, who was formerly Miss Cameron.

Reported for Destruction. Night Detective Lucas has reported Isaac Newell of the corner of Brunswick and Erin street for wilfully destroying the building and contents at Silver Falls, the property of John Knox. It is alleged that on Sunday last Newell broke into the Knox property and destroyed a number of things in the building.

Negro Republic. Norfolk, Va., Dec. 12.—The battleship New Hampshire left at midnight for San Domingo. Hurry orders were received from Washington last night as a result of disturbing advices from the negro republic.

Prince Regent Dead. Munich, Bavaria, Dec. 12.—Luitpold Prince Regent of Bavaria, died here today. He was ninety-one years old. The prince regent had been in failing health for several months and his death was not unexpected.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—On account of the death of Prince Luitpold of Bavaria, Emperor William has ordered general mourning for three weeks, while the imperial parliament has been adjourned over Christmas for the same reason.

BABE TOILS IN CANNERY IN GOTHAM

Inspector Tells How Little Fingers Tire Snipping Beans—Uses Knife to Rest—Long Hours; Poor Pay.

Buffalo, Dec. 12.—The New York State Factory Investigating Commission, in session here, received a report from one of its inspectors, Edward F. Brown, previous to adjourning to Rochester, where the examination of witnesses in the investigation of child labor in the canneries of the State was continued today.

According to the report, 1,500 children employed in the canneries in this section in the season of 1912 were under 16 years of age, while nearly 1,400 were under 14 and 141 were under 10, one of these being as young as 3.

"In a shed at Forestville," declared Mr. Brown in the report made to Senator Robert F. Wagner, chairman of the commission, "I saw a three-year-old baby sitting on a box snipping beans with a knife because his fingers had become tired from breaking the ends off and he found it easier to cut them."

"At Eden Center I saw a six-year-old girl sound asleep in an upright position with an unstrung bean in her left hand and her right hand in the position of being about to break the end of the bean pod."

These mites are mostly used in handling the bean and corn crops. A baby big enough to sit upright and with strength enough in its tiny fingers to snip a bean or tear the husks from an ear of corn is an industrial asset.

Such were the conditions at Hamburg, Eden, Angela, Farmham and elsewhere in the heart of the western New York farming industry section.

"Certain canneries," so runs the report, "have said that they let smaller children work only to get the labor force in the winter months, and to the factory without them. Of 1,250 children under 16 years of age personally questioned by investigators, 724 came from the factory, against 526 who came with parents."

As to the hours of labor and the wages paid the report says: "When the bean pods are plentiful the women and children work seldom less than 12 hours a day. The pay for the work is from 1/2 cent to a cent and a half a pound of children under 10 years of age will average 25 cents for ten hours of labor, children 10 to 14 average 50 cents for a ten hour day and children between 14 and 16, 80 cents a day. In fact a girl of 15 can make about the same wages snipping beans as her mother or older sister can make in the cannery proper."

Owing to the small wages and the fact that the snippers must carry their boxes of snipped beans to the weighman, children of 9 years will carry a box weighing from 20 to 25 pounds to the weighman, sometimes a distance of 200 feet. At many factories the boys and girls from 7 years up carry boxes of beans weighing from 3 to 20 pounds and a girl of 12 sometimes two persons weighing from 40 to 60 pounds.

The three pound boxes are explained by the fact that some of the children are so very small and weak that instead of the regulation box supplied by the factory they used a pasteboard candy box.

All days look alike to the canners. "On many Sundays," says Inspector Brown, "the sheds and factories are open. At Auburn, Hamburg and many other places I have seen the work going on as usual on Sundays."

A SALE AND TEA IN CENTENARY PARLORS. A very pleasant time was spent yesterday afternoon in the parlors of the Centenary church when the young ladies of the "Free to Serve" Club conducted a tea and sale.

The candy and ice cream booths which were carefully decorated by the girls were well patronized. The following ladies were in charge of the tea table: Miss Church, Misses Gertrude Henniker, Clara Hay, Edith Hestwell, Julia Henniker, Madys Edscombe, Mary McKendrick, Beatrice Nobles, Edna Logan, A. Wisley, B. Smith, G. Hayward, L. Baskin, L. Anderson, B. Creighton, V. Leonard, A. Wilson, C. Clerk, E. McAlpine, B. Holder, E. Leonard and L. Baxter.

In charge of the candy table were: Misses Nell Shaw, Gertrude Hales, and Bertie Tufts.

Ice cream was served by Miss Nell Shaw, Mrs. J. Le Lacheur, and Mrs. Dawson.

THINKS ST. JOHN WILL GROW VERY FAST IN FUTURE

"The west is growing faster than the railway companies," said E. S. Horne, general manager of the International Securities Company with headquarters in Winnipeg, who was at the Royal yesterday. "The C. P. R. will believe, soon have to double track its system right through to St. John. When the new lines now building are in operation, I doubt if they will be able to keep up with the traffic. However, the railways made good work of handling the wheat crop this year, but it is an enormous problem and growing bigger every year."

Mr. Horne is on his way to England for a six weeks' trip. Asked what he thought of St. John, he said his company had been keeping in touch with affairs in the city for some time, and looked for a great deal of development here in the near future.

"St. John will become more and more the national port of Canada," he added, "and must grow in importance with the growth of the rest of Canada. There is a strong feeling in the west that Canadian trade ought to be confined to Canadian channels, and more and more the big railways will have to recognize this sentiment. When St. John has the facilities, I believe more of the big English lines will put boats on the Canadian route. The English men were much pleased when Canada turned down reciprocity, and I believe the naval contribution will make them more keen to develop Canadian trade."

Mr. Horne said that when he returned to Canada he intended to spend some days in St. John, and look into the situation with a view to investing in real estate here. His company recently opened an office on Prince William street.

LATE SHIPPING.

Arrived. New York, Dec. 12.—Star Nantux Hillsboro, N. B. Vineyard Haven, Dec. 12.—Schr. Calabria, St. John, N. B.; Myrtle Lee, Apple River, N. S.; Hugh De Payens, Matland, N. S.

Hyannis, Mass., Dec. 12.—Schr. Kl Carson, Bangor, Me.; Samuel Castner Jr., Calais, Me. Sailed. Portsmouth, N. H., Dec. 12.—Schr. Helen Montague, New York; Silver Spray, Eastport, Me.

Portland, Me., Dec. 12.—Schr. Catharine, St. John, N. B.; Roger Drury, Calais, Me. Dec. 12.—Schr. Ann Louise, Leekwood, St. John, N. B.

PAPE'S DIAPEPSIN REGULATES STOMACH

Time! In Five Minutes the Gas, Sourness, Heartburn and Indigestion Misery is Gone.

Do some foods you eat hit back—taste good, but work badly; ferment into stubborn lumps and cause a sick, sour, gassy stomach? Now, Mr. or Mrs. Dyspeptic jot this down: Pape's Diapepsin digests everything, leaving nothing to sour and upset you. These factories that the snippers must carry their boxes of snipped beans to the weighman, children of 9 years will carry a box weighing from 20 to 25 pounds to the weighman, sometimes a distance of 200 feet.

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Ice cream was served by Miss Nell Shaw, Mrs. J. Le Lacheur, and Mrs. Dawson.



FREE of pain is the way we extract teeth by the famous Hale Method, which is used exclusively at our offices.

We Charge only a Nominal Fee 25c. If you wear a set of artificial teeth try our improved suction plate.

Each dollar spent includes a chance for a Free Return Trip to Demerara, or choice of \$100.00 in Gold, and each 25c spent with us gives a chance for a Free Return Trip to New York.

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Christmas Gifts FOR ALL

We want you to see our great Christmas stock. Come, even if it is necessary to come without knowing why. You will find good reasons when you see the many splendid opportunities we offer. Our Doll stock is the talk of the town. We still have a few thousand left, but the best numbers are going fast. Prices 1c. to \$12.00.

Toys of every description, 1c. to \$12 each. See our 5c, 10c, and 15c. toys. Christmas Tree ornaments are now ready. Prices, 10c. doz. to 25c. each. Buy early as you can while the assortment is best.

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American Hard Coal. I have a small cargo of American Egg, Stove, Chestnut, placed with me for sale. I only have a small quantity to sell, and to insure prompt delivery on arrival of vessel, I want your order at once. JAMES S. MCGIVERN, 5 Mill Street, Tel. 42

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Advertisement for 900 DROPS, a medicinal product for infants and children, featuring a bottle illustration and text describing its benefits for various ailments.

Advertisement for CASTORIA, 'The Kind You Have Always Bought', featuring the signature of Dr. J. C. Hutchins and text stating it has been used for over thirty years.

Advertisement for DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS, 'THE GREAT KIDNEY DISEASE CURE', featuring a circular logo and text listing ailments like rheumatism, diabetes, and backache.

Large advertisement for ALFALFA FLOUR, 'One trial will convince you of its superior qualities for baking Bread, Cake, Pastry, etc.', with a large stylized logo.

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The attraction of investors of small amounts who wish only the safest kind of securities—bonds, is called to our offering of bonds of \$100 denominations

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CLOSING STOCK LETTER. By Direct Private Wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co.

New York, Dec. 12.—Prices started on the downward path again at the opening and the day promised to be a repetition of yesterday's; around 11 o'clock market took a sudden halt and after some hesitation turned for the better.

NEW YORK COTTON RANGE. By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh and Co., St. John, N. B.

BOSTON CURE STOCKS. Dec. 12. High. Low. Close. Jan. 12.74 45 51-53

LATEST ST. JOHN MARKET QUOTATIONS

Table with columns for Country Market, Cattle, Horses, Sheep, etc. and their respective prices.

FRUITS, ETC.

Table listing prices for various fruits like Walnuts, Almonds, California prunes, etc.

PROVISIONS.

Table listing prices for various provisions like Pork, Pork hams, Lard, etc.

CANNED GOODS.

Table listing prices for various canned goods like Salmon, Kipper, etc.

GRAINS.

Table listing prices for various grains like Wheat, Corn, etc.

HIDES, SKINS, WOOL, ETC.

Table listing prices for various hides, skins, and wool.

HAY AND OATS.

Table listing prices for various types of hay and oats.

DAY'S SALES ON MONTREAL MARKET

Furnished by F. B. McCurdy & Co. Members of Montreal Stock Exchange, 105 Prince William Street, St. John, N. B.

Morning Sales

Table listing morning sales for various stocks like Cement, Spanish River, etc.

Afternoon Sales

Table listing afternoon sales for various stocks like Cement, Spanish River, etc.

MONTREAL UNLISTED SALES

Table listing unlisted sales for various stocks like Tram Power, Wyagamack, etc.

PRODUCE PRICES IN CANADIAN CENTRES

By arrangement made with N. B. Stark & Co., of Montreal, we will be pleased to Receive Subscriptions for the Cumulative Convertible Preferred Shares OF THE ATLANTIC SUGAR REFINERIES, LIMITED, 95% With Common Stock Bonus of 35%

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CLOSING LETTER.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—The outstanding feature of the day in which considerable readjustment of headings took place was the underlying strength of Canadian issues.

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Royal Securities Corporation, Ltd. H. BRADFORD, Manager, 164 HOLLIS ST., HALIFAX, N. S.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS. By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh and Co., St. John, N. B.

Wheat. High. Low. Close. Dec. 12. 84 83 84 1/2

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BOWLING ON BLACKS YESTERDAY

The City League bowling between the Wanderers and Tigers on Black's alleys last evening furnished much amusement for all concerned.

Table with columns for City League (Tigers) and Wanderers, listing names and scores.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

Table with columns for Commercial League (Macaulay Bros) and City League (Insurance vs. Marketmen).

The schedule for tonight is as follows: City League—Insurance vs. Marketmen.

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Y. M. C. A. BOWLING LEAGUE

There was some excellent bowling in the Y. M. C. A. bowling league last evening when the Beavers defeated the Red Sox by a total score of 1286 to 1283.

Table with columns for Red Sox and Beavers, listing names and scores.

BARRETT AND TWIN ON TUESDAY

The boxing bout that is the chief topic among the ring followers throughout the province, and especially in this city, is that which is to be pulled off in Moncton on next Tuesday evening between Mike (Twin) Sullivan, of Cambridge, Mass., and Tom Barrett, of East St. John.

It is needless to tell the sports a great deal about the ability of the Twin as a ring general, as he is known all over the world as one of the most clever boxers that ever slipped on a glove.

Barrett is a young man who for the past few years has been under the tuition of Jack Power, a real instructor, and a man who knows every inch of the game.

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Those feelings of weakness, those dizzy spells and "all gone" sinking sensations, which come over some people from time to time, are warnings that must not go unheeded.

They indicate an extremely weakened condition of the heart and a disordered state of the nerves.

One dizzy spell may pass off, but the next may be more serious.

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AROUND THE CITY

Defective Sidewalk. Policeman Gardner reports a dangerous hole in the Mill street sidewalk near the corner of North street.

A Key Found. A key found on Mill street yesterday by Policeman Gardner can be had by the owner applying at the central police station.

A Little Wanderer. Little Christina Logan of 32 Chapel street, strayed away from her home early last night and caused her mother considerable anxiety before she was brought home.

The Art Club. The regular meeting of the St. John Art Club which was to have been held last evening was postponed on account of some difficulty with the heating apparatus, until Thursday evening of next week.

Black Silk Mitten Found. A lady's black silk mitten was found on Queen street near Germain Sunday last by James Hamilton who handed it to Deputy Chief Jenkins, and the owner can receive the same on application at the central police station.

United Presbyterian Meeting. There will be a united meeting of the Presbyterian congregation at St. John's church, Carleton street, this evening, for the purpose of introducing the new deaconess, Miss Sinclair. Special music will be furnished and addresses will be delivered by the local clergy-men. All are invited.

Badly Injured by Fall. William Thompson of the North End, who is employed with S. W. Mackin, Main street, while working in the store yesterday fell from a stepladder on his face and received painful injuries. Dr. Frank Hogan was called in and was obliged to put several stitches in the wound.

Hard on the Hats. The high wind yesterday afternoon and evening with the cold weather caused great inconvenience to pedestrians whose eyes were blinded with dust, and on more than one occasion hats were blown from heads and when recovered some distance away were found to be broken. The police report finding a couple of these hats on the streets last night.

The Boom is Growing. The board of trade continues to receive applications for employment in the city from those wishing to locate here. Another encouraging sign is that the secretary of the board is in receipt nearly every day of letters from people all over Canada and in the United States asking for information about conditions in St. John and in the province generally.

A Slight Fire. No. 1 chemical and No. 2 hose were called out by a still alarm shortly after seven o'clock for a slight fire in Jeremiah Quinlan's house at 29 Elliott Row. An over-heated stove pipe set fire to a section of a wooden mantle, but the services of the firemen were not needed as the blaze was extinguished before they arrived, and the damage done was trifling.

North End Realty Deal. An important deal in real estate on Main street has just gone through by which Allison and Thomas have become the purchasers of an extensive property on the corner of Main and Portland streets, with a frontage on these two thoroughfares of 440 feet on the street. Robert B. Travis's drug store is included. There is a total frontage of thirty-eight feet on Main street, seventy-five feet on Portland and forty-nine feet on Chapel street. It is one of the most desirable properties in the North End. Allison and Thomas purchased the property from the McColligan estate.

Marlborough Lodge Elects. At a well attended meeting of Marlborough Lodge No. 307 last evening, several candidates were initiated, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. J. Stealy; Vice-president, G. Lawrence; chaplain, R. Ingelton; secretary, Chas. Ledford; treasurer, R. I. Carlos; 1st guide, J. I. Lord; 2nd guide, H. Talbot; 3rd guide, J. Whitehouse; 4th guide, G. H. Walders; 5th guide, A. L. H. Stephens; 6th guide, C. Mates; inside guard, H. P. Smith; outside guard, A. F. Wainwright; president, H. Holland; physician, G. A. B. Addy; auditors, A. R. Carlos, W. G. Fry, A. F. Webb; trustees, T. W. Pile, B. W. Thomas, A. K. Carlos.

The Fish Market. Owing to the heavy weather along the coast during the last few days fresh fish are rather scarce in the market today, although there is sufficient to meet with the demand. The following are the retail quotations on fish for today:—Halibut, 15c. per pound; haddock and cod, 6c. per pound; frozen mackerel 20 to 30c. each; fresh herring, 20c. per dozen; smelt, 12c. per pound; New Brunswick frozen salmon, 18c. to 25c. per pound; shad, 20 to 30c. each; flnan haddie, 8c. per pound; kipper herring, 24c. per dozen; bladders, 24c. per dozen; clams, 20c. per quart; oysters, 75c. per quart; lobsters, 25 to 50c. each. Salt fish are selling at the usual prices.

Take advantage of the special offer which F. A. Dykeman & Co. are giving if you want to get a dainty Christmas present for a lady at a very small outlay. Silk head shawls, a big lot of them, now on sale at 37 cents each. Just the daintiest thing for wearing to the Opera and other functions. They are woven close from the finest silk fibre imaginable with a woven silk lace edge. Can be had in cream and black. Another attractive gift of special sale is a lady's silk and wool umbrella, rolls very close inside a silk case, beautifully ebony handle with silver mountings at \$1.45 each. Of course they have other prices from 75 cents to \$5.00.

PERSONAL. H. B. Robinson, manager of the Atlantic Bend Company, has returned to the city after a visit to Montreal. (Montreal Herald, Dec. 11.) E. A. Smith of St. John was introduced on change at the Board of trade yesterday by D. Piewas. H. F. Robinson of St. John was in the city yesterday and in an interview dwelt on the progressive conditions in the Maritime Provinces.

BORDEN'S NAVAL POLICY MAY BRING A BIG PLANT TO SWELL ST. JOHN BOOM

Visitor has information that Effect of Naval Policy of Borden Government will be to Bring English Shipbuilding Plant Here — Cheering Report About Steel Plant and Drummond Interests.

A report was in circulation about the city yesterday that the capital required for the establishment of the proposed iron and steel works at St. John had been fully subscribed by English capitalists and that there was every probability that work on the plant would be started as soon as the question of a site was settled. G. F. Palmer of the Norton Griffith Company, which is generally understood to be identified with the project to establish a steel plant here when asked about the matter said that he had no information to make public, as he had just arrived in the city. "The report may be true," said Mr. Palmer, "but I have no information of a definite nature about the position of the project. Mr. Burton Stewart, the managing director of the company, who is very much interested in the steel and iron proposition, is in Vancouver, and I have not heard from him for several days." The report in circulation also stated that the Drummond interests would move their plant at London-derry to St. John, and that when the steel works here were in active operation Cammel, Laird and Company of England, would establish a shipbuilding plant here on a moderate scale at first but with provision for enlargement as business developed. While no definite confirmation of these reports could be procured, they were generally credited by the financial men of the city. It may be mentioned that a prominent financial man who lives in a much larger city than St. John and who arrived in the city yesterday, told a reporter of The Standard that he had been informed by a public man in close touch with affairs at Ottawa that the effect of the naval policy of the Borden government is to attract a big steel and iron building firm would establish a plant in Canada, probably in St. John. J. J. Drummond, one of the principal promoters of the steel plant here when in the city a few days ago, said his firm was making arrangements for the extensive development of their iron mines in Antigonish, and this statement may indicate that the plans for establishing a steel plant here are proceeding favorably.

VAST SILVER TREASURE FOR OLD COUNTRY

About \$41,000 Worth of Precious Metal Hauled Through Streets on Slovens — Looked Like Tin.

Eighty-three bars of solid silver, each weighing in the vicinity of 80 pounds and worth approximately \$500 a bar figures out at \$41,500. This is the extent of the shipment made by some of the Cobalt mines via the Empire of Britain to the Old Country, where it will be taken to the mill, and made in the coin of the realm. The Dominion Express Company handled the special which was taken to the steamer yesterday. About half past three yesterday afternoon the silver was loaded on two stout express wagons and without covering or guards driven to the ferry floats, and after the West Side had been reached, the steam or where it was checked and placed in the strong room. During the trip many curious people wondered what the metal really was, but few realized the value of the bright colored bars being hauled through the city with so little ceremony. To those who knew, however, it was amusing to see silver representing such a sum being transferred like so much pig iron.

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Christmas Bargain Sale of Down Quilts Continued Today Handsome Comfortable for Gifts Offered at Much Reduced Figures. A special offering of our entire stock of English Down Filled Quilts with coverings of Art Satin, Art Silk and Art Silk. Any of these handsome comfortable would make acceptable Christmas Gifts. Special Sale Prices, each \$3.40, \$4.10, \$4.95, \$5.80, \$7.30, \$9.65, \$11.30, to \$27.00. HOUSE FURNISHING DEPARTMENT—SECOND FLOOR.

For "Him" Buy a Comfort Garment SMOKING JACKETS in double breasted cloth the back forming collar, lapels and pocket tops. A very great variety of exceedingly natty garments, many with plain backs to the cloths, others in various stripes and check effects. The colors are dark greys, Cambridge greys, blues, greens and wine. Prices each from \$5.00 to \$15.00. SMOKING JACKETS, heavy weight, English make, cord and braid trimmed sleeves, pocket and edges; all cloths have plaid backs. So many men prefer this style of jacket that we have provided a particularly fine assortment in greys, blue greys and browns. Price, each \$5.00 to \$7.50. Make a man comfortable in his home and you have gone a long way toward making a happy home environment. The Dressing Gown is an important adjunct toward this endeavor—hence a happy Christmas thought. The very choicest of qualities, textures and patterns are here now. DRESSING GOWNS, plain styles, braid and cord trimmed, others have shawl collar, cuffs and pocket tops formed from reverse side of materials which are in two-tone and plaid back effects. Also gowns in diagonal wales and tweeds of fancy stripe design; trimmings of braid and cord. We offer Dressing Gowns in several shades of light and dark greys, browns, blue greys, greens, reds; plain effects and stripes, also a great many fancy figured designs. Prices, each \$6.00 to \$19.00. In Addition We Offer a Fine Exhibit of Jaeger Dressing Gowns BATH ROBES, in rich warm figured blanket fabrics. A splendid showing in blue and grey, green and grey, brown and castor, grey and red, tan and grey, red and castor. Prices, each \$4.50 to \$5.75. BOYS' BATH ROBES, in same materials. Each \$4.25 to \$5.75. BO-PEEP BATH ROBES, for children, in blues, pinks and greys. Each \$3.50. CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Cluny Lace Lunch Sets for Gifts d'Oyleys, 6 to 12 inches, each .25c. to 75c. Centres, 15 to 28 inches, each .50c. to \$5.00 Trays, oval and oblong, each \$1.50 to \$4.50 Covers, round and square, each \$2.50 to \$9.00 Bureau Scarfs, each \$1.50 to \$5.00 Buffet Scarfs, each \$1.75 to \$6.00 These are genuine French hand-made, they wash and wear well and make useful Christmas gifts. See them at front counter, Main Store.

Christmas Gifts In Hand Bags, Purse and Card Cases Hand Bags in black, tan, brown, green, grey or navy; some have fittings, short or long handles, each \$1.00 to \$12.00 Beaded Bags, now so fashionable, in many shapes, each \$1.50 to \$10.00 Mesh Bags, in gilt, silver, gun metal, black and oxidized, each \$1.00 to \$6.00 Fancy Bags, Automobile Bags, Chatelaine Bags, etc. Beaded Purse, each 25c. to \$2.00. Mesh Purse, each 25c. to \$3.00. Leather Purse, each 20c. to \$5.00. Card Cases, in black and colors, assorted sizes, each 50c. to \$2.00. Front Store.

CITY HOTELS FILLED WITH WESTERNERS

Rush for Christmas Boats, Last Night, Taxed Accommodation of Hotels -- Nearly 500 Slept in Cars.

Judging by the crowds about the streets yesterday one would almost think St. John was in the midst of exhibition week. Fully two thousand arrived during the day. On regular and special trains they came; fur coats and all. Except for the few commercial men who arrived during the day all were bound for the Old Country for the holiday season. The accommodation of every hotel in the city was taxed to capacity, and even at a late hour last night, a number could be seen making unsuccessful attempts to find accommodation. While the weeks immediately preceding Christmas have, for the past few years, been looked upon as busy ones in connection with the winter port traffic, there is every indication that a new record will be established this year. One leading hotel man, commenting on the rush, said last night that the number returning to the Old Country through St. John this season so far is more than double that of last year for the corresponding period, and is in fact far in advance of any previous year.

The city presented a cosmopolitan appearance yesterday. While most of those returning by the Empress and Granplan, due to leave today, are Englishmen, other nationalities were represented. The incoming trains all through the day, brought large numbers and in a short time the pressing need of more hostilities for St. John was brought forcibly home. The principal hotels accommodated a large proportion of the travellers and when these had been taxed to their limit, the overflow started out in pursuit of lodgings for the night. As the weather last evening was rather frigid the unenviable occupation of hunting up lodgings was a most disagreeable one. The smaller hotels gathered in a good many of the strangers and the restaurants catered to a large number during the day. Six carloads of returning settlers, 460 in all, arrived in the Union depot last night. Being unable to find accommodation for the night they remained in the cars.

A TEA AND SALE IN CALVIN CHURCH

In the school room of the Calvin Presbyterian church last evening a tea and sale was held under the auspices of the Young Ladies Guild. The rooms and the different booths were tastefully decorated with evergreen and red trimming. The fancy table was in charge of Mrs. F. Neason, Mrs. E. W. Elliot, Mrs. E. A. Benn, Miss Alice McBride, Miss Grace Ferguson, Miss Gertrude McLaughlin, Miss Hazel Corbett, Miss Mildred Mitchell, Miss Leota Hayward, Miss Gladys Dalsell, Miss Crawford, Miss Jean McLeod and Miss Mary McKenzie were in charge of the candy table. The ice cream table was under the supervision of Miss M. Tweedie, Miss Christine Nicols, Miss L. Gray and Miss Minnie Semple. At the tea table were, Miss Grace Clark, Miss Florence McBride, Miss Beattie O'Dell, Miss Willis Miss Rose Desautel, Mrs. A. J. Robertson and Miss Hazel McGarrity.

Successful Tea and Sale. A most successful sale and tea was held in the school room of the Lutheran street Baptist church yesterday afternoon and evening and a substantial sum was realized in aid of the church funds. The affair was under the auspices of the Young Women's Society and the committees who had it in charge are greatly pleased at the success achieved.

Stove Hard Coal for Self-feeders landing for Gibben & Co.

MONTREAL IN AFTER ROUGH TRIP ACROSS A WESTERNER AND HIS PILE

Where \$200 Looks as Big as the Government Mint — Not Much of a Westerner Boast.

With the arrival of the C. P. R. steamer Montreal and the Elder Dempster steamer Bona and with the departure of the Donaldson liner Satorratron at Sand Point presented an animated appearance yesterday afternoon. The steamer Montreal, Captain McNeill, docked at about half past three after a rough passage from Havre and Antwerp. She brought over a large general cargo and 205 passengers, 28 of whom are bound for the United States, while the others are en route for Western Canada. Captain McNeill, when seen by a Standard reporter, stated that the voyage had been marked with almost continuous gales and at one time the wind rose to such a height that it was necessary to heave the vessel to for five hours. It is interesting to note that the Montreal was one of the four steamers which weathered the great gale in the Bay of Fundy last winter. A crate of prize fowls consigned to a citizen of St. John was brought over on this steamer.

The Elder Dempster steamer Bona, Captain Dutton, arrived in port yesterday afternoon from Mexico with a large general cargo and a few passengers. Among the passengers were two Chinamen who have made their piles in Mexico and are now returning to enjoy the delights of their native Hong Kong. The Manchester liner Manchester Trader, Captain Butler, from Mexico, docked at about half past three after a rough passage from Havre and Antwerp. She brought over a large general cargo and a few passengers. The elevator officials are expecting 55,000 bushels of hard American wheat in the next few days, the grain coming from the United States and it is expected that it will be shipped in the Manchester Trader.

The C. P. R. royal mail liner Empress of Britain will sail on her Christmas voyage this afternoon with a record passenger list besides a large cargo. The Allan Line's Granplan also sails this afternoon.

BOOSTERS LOSING CHANGE TO BOOST

Excellent Opportunity to Get St. John or New Brunswick Literature Into Hands of Returning Britishers.

With thousands of Old Country people passing through the city on their way home for Christmas, the boosters are neglecting a good opportunity of advertising the city and the province. The provincial superintendent of immigration said yesterday that his office would arrange for the distribution of pamphlets describing the province at the hotels, so that homebounders would have a chance to read something about New Brunswick. It is probable that his office will also arrange for the distribution of literature about the province among the Old Country people as they board the boats on the West Side.

Many of those returning home to Great Britain from the west are not particularly pleased with their experience in the city and the province, and it is to be hoped that if proper literature about the city and province was distributed among them, it might induce many to stop here if they come back to Canada. In any case it would afford an excellent opportunity of getting information about the province and city into many homes in the west.

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