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AMERICAN OUTRAGES IN PHILIPPINES.

Investigation Now Going on Into the Charges.

PRIEST KILLED BY WATER CURE.

GENERAL BELL DEFENDS THE CIRCULAR ISSUED BY HIM, AND CHARGES THE ENEMY WITH VIOLATIONS OF THE LAWS OF CIVILIZED NATIONS—DEATH OF FATHER AUGUSTIN FROM EFFECTS OF THE WATER TORTURE.

Manila, Dec. 24.—Several official inquiries into charges of alleged cruelty to natives by soldiers are at present progressing throughout the Philippine Islands. Some of these cases have been investigated previously.

After leaving Manila, General Miles sent a cablegram to General J. Franklin Bell, directing him to report what cases of misconduct on the part of the enemy had led him to issue circular No. 5, in which it was charged that the enemy had looted American wounded, had made use of American uniforms, had planted infernal machines, shot poisoned arrows, violated their paroles, and assassinated friendly natives, accepted office under the Americans for the purpose of obtaining information, and had entered the American lines by deceit. General Bell has written an extended report enumerating instances which he claims justified him in his action.

The inquiry into the causes which led to the death of Father Augustin has been completed and forwarded to Washington. The water cure was administered to Father Augustin at Banate, Panay Island; and the priest died from the effects of this treatment. It is alleged that a large sum of money has been raised among the natives of the southern islands and sent to Boston, Mass., to aid in the private prosecution of the Augustin case. The claim has been made that the money was intended for use against Major Edwin F. Glenn, of the Fifty Infantry, who is charged with unlawfully and willfully killing seven prisoners of war and whose trial will be continued here in January. Major Glenn, however, was in no way connected with the Augustin case.

The allegation was made by the Anti-Imperialist committee at Lake George conference that Father Augustin was killed by the water cure in the Philippines. The War Department had the matter investigated, with the result that the main fact, that the man died as a result of the cure, was confirmed.

THE POPE'S HEALTH.

Rome, Dec. 24.—His Holiness celebrated Mass in his private chapel to-night, after which he wished all present a merry Christmas and said laughingly: "Do I look as if I had been ill yesterday?" The Pontiff delivered the benediction personally.

BLOODING THE NEWFOUNDLANDERS.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 24.—Eighty members of the Newfoundland naval reserve are included among the crew of the British cruiser Charybdis, which recently bombarded the forts at Puerto Cabello, Venezuela. It has been officially reported here that the Newfoundlanders made an excellent showing, both in the gunnery and in the landing parties.

THE HUMBERT CASE.

Paris, Dec. 24.—M. Hennion, Chief of Detectives, who has gone to Madrid, is accompanied by four civil guards, four police inspectors and two of the best detectives in the service. It is expected that they will occupy a special car with the prisoners, whose arrival in Paris is awaited with intense interest. The affair continues to be the universal topic of discussion and even affects the Christmas rejoicing, many of the holiday novelties depicting phases in the famous case. One of these is a miniature safe, as empty as that which induced bankers and others to lend millions to the Humberts. The nature of the legal proceedings has not yet been definitely settled. The statement in the extradition papers that the accused are charged with swindling and irregular bankruptcy proceedings gives a general idea of the lines of the prosecution. The creditors are chiefly interested in rescuing the remnant of their assets and plans are on foot for the arrest of the creditors with the view of arranging for an equitable division.

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CONTINUATION OF THE MATHURIN TRIAL—DURING EVIDENCE GIVEN BY HIS BROTHER, PRISONER COLLAPSES IN COURT—COURT ADJOURNS OVER CHRISTMAS—IN THE MEANTIME THE JURY IS DETAINED UNDER LOCK AND KEY.

The criminal term of the Court of King's Bench resumed yesterday morning at nine o'clock, Hon. Judge Cyrias Pelletier presiding. The case of the King vs. Joseph Mathurin, charged with the murder of his young wife on the morning of the 29th of August, by cutting her throat while she was asleep and helpless, was continued. Mr. J. A. Lane, M.P.P., and Mr. A. Gallipault appeared for the prisoner, and Mr. L. J. Cannon, K.C., Deputy Attorney-General, and Mr. A. Lachance, advocate, representing the Crown.

After routine, Edmond Mathurin, brother of the accused, and hotel-keeper, doing business in this city, was called to the witness stand for the defence, and during the course of his evidence concerning traits of insanity demonstrated in various members of the Mathurin family said under examination by Mr. Lane that one of his maternal uncles, a farmer of the parish, had two years ago hanged himself from a tree in his own field, after repeatedly warning his family that he would do so. One of his brothers is an epileptic, a sister aged 27 is unable to move owing to general weakness, and another is a victim of an intense religious mania. She frequently prays and sings aloud in the church during hours when no service is being held.

At this stage of the proceedings the prisoner gave evidence of great agitation. He had previously stood with head bowed down and his face buried in his handkerchief, as though he was weeping in silence, and the audience in the Court, who seemed to keep their eyes riveted continually on the accused, were surprised to see him tremble of limb and then act as if he were seized with convulsions. His counsel, Mr. Lane, witnessed his condition and asked the Court for a recess of about half an hour, which was granted. In the meantime the prisoner was escorted from the Court to an adjoining room by two officers. After a delay of half an hour the trial was proceeded with.

Paul Mathurin, continued his evidence and said that his brother was married some ten years ago and a short time after began to drink, but not to excess until three years ago. When reproached for drunkenness, Mathurin gave an excuse that he was made unhappy by his wife, to whom, however, he always showed every kindness, paying over \$50 for an operation which she underwent at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Quebec.

Mr. Lane showed a photograph of accused, taken with his deceased wife and family, and asked to compare it with his present appearance, when he answered that the comparison was a marked one. A young man still, only 33 years of age, he looked much older, and no doubt remorse, mental trouble and detention had brought on the fearful change in his appearance.

Other witnesses were heard, when the lawyers in the case for both sides realizing that it would be impossible to conclude the trial yesterday, mutually agreed to adjourn the case until Friday and the Court adjourned until tomorrow. In the meantime the jury will have to spend their Christmas under lock and key. It is thought that the trial will last until Saturday afternoon or evening.

FATAL RAILWAY WRECK.

Pueblo, Col., Dec. 24.—Six persons were killed in a wreck on the Colorado Southern Railroad near Trinidad to-night.

AN OLD INDIAN DEAD.

Okmulgee, I.T., Dec. 24.—Former Chief Sappahacher, of the Creek Indians, died suddenly here to-night at the age of 90 years. He had been prominent in Creek affairs of three score years, and had been connected with every treaty of importance between the United States Government and Indians during that time. Recently he was chosen to represent the tribe in Washington on matters of importance concerned with the Creek nation.

SHOT BY ACCIDENT.

Wilmington, Mass., Dec. 24.—Raymond Simonds, 11 years old, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a shot gun in the hands of a companion, Harry Taylor, 12 years old, this afternoon. Taylor was aiming at a pigeon when Simonds pulled the shot gun down in fun, just as Taylor released the hammer. The charge of shot struck Simonds in the face.

THIRTY PEOPLE WERE INJURED

Sixteen of Them in a Serious Manner,

BY AN EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE

IN THE CELLAR OF A CLUB HOUSE AND POOL ROOM IN HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS. LIST OF THE MOST SERIOUSLY WOUNDED—THE BUILDING BADLY DAMAGED—SOME OF THE SUFFERERS LIKELY TO DIE.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 24.—By an explosion of gas or gasoline this afternoon in the cellar of the Turf Exchange, a club house and pool room operated by Chamber and Walker, the building was badly damaged and 30 people were injured, 16 of them being in a serious condition. The most seriously injured are:

- R. C. Chambers, one of the proprietors of the Turf Exchange, both legs and both wrists broken.
- Wm. Helwig, a blind man, manager of a bath house, both legs broken, will die.
- J. S. Meeks, Hot Springs, badly bruised and cut.
- Joseph Kinney, Hot Springs, both legs broken.
- Joseph Pace, Hot Springs, hotel keeper, both legs broken.
- James Cowen, Hot Springs, both legs broken.
- Wm. Metzger, a boy, Hot Springs, both legs broken and skull fractured; will die.
- Jax Coughlin, plumber, Hot Springs, both legs broken.
- C. G. Parker, Milwaukee, Wis., both legs broken.
- Al. F. Hotchkiss, Hot Springs, knee fractured.
- Tozier, Hot Springs, both legs broken.
- H. George, New York, leg broken.
- F. Cranfield, Cincinnati, both legs broken, ribs crushed.
- Walter Powers, St. Louis, Mo., arm broken.
- Thomas Phelan, telegraph operator, Hot Springs, badly cut.
- Mr. Donnelly, visitor, residence unknown, leg broken, also badly cut.

Twelve other sustained bruises and light injuries. About four o'clock this afternoon the pool room was crowded with more than 100 persons. Just as a race at New Orleans was being called by the operator, the floor of the building seemed to rise, and in an instant a report that shook the entire block rang out. The upper floor and back walls of the building fell on the mass of struggling men who were wildly excited and endeavoring to escape to the street. The entire house looked afterwards as if a tornado had ploughed through its centre. The front glass windows were broken, and both sides of the structure were shattered by the concussion, which resembled the report of a cannon.

The news of the explosion spread rapidly, and soon Central Avenue was jammed with people. Reports were current that several persons had been killed. The police and firemen took charge of the building, and the work of rescue began. Men were pulled from under the debris in a terribly shattered state. One of the most pitiable sights was when "Billy" Helwig the blind manager of the Lamar Bath House, was taken from the ruins. Helwig is widely known to the thousands of visitors who come to Hot Springs annually.

R. C. Chambers, one of the proprietors of the Turf Exchange, is also a lessee of the Fort Erie, Ont., race track, and is one of the best known sporting men in the country. His condition is serious.

The injured were taken in charge by local physicians.

The exact cause of the explosion has not yet been determined. It is said by some that gas which had escaped in the cellar of the building was ignited in some manner, causing the terrible accident.

Another report, which is generally accepted, says a driver of a gasoline wagon was filling a tank in the cellar, when the explosion occurred.

FRANCE RECOGNIZES THE BLOCKADE.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The only official attention thus far given here to the Venezuelan blockade is an announcement of the Port Office Department that mail boats leaving Bordeaux and Marseilles will cease to touch at La Guayra, Porto Cabello and Carupano, and that all correspondence for Venezuela will be carried to Fort de France, Martinique, pending the blockade.

DEEP SEA SOUNDING.

Honolulu, Dec. 24.—S.S. Dickinson, the special agent of the Commercial Pacific Cable Company, returned to-day from Manila, where he has been choosing cable landing sites at Midway Island, Guam and Manila. He also surveyed a route around Nero Deep, a very deep hole in the ocean bed between Guam and Midway, which was discovered by the United States survey ship Nero and reported to be the deepest bit of ocean in the world. In surveying around the deep, Mr. Dickinson says that he sounded to a depth of 4500 fathoms, and the route chosen went around it, it being deemed impracticable to lay a cable over it.

Mr. William Burns has arrived from Montreal to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother at 470 Champlain street.

EARTHQUAKE AT ANDIJAN

A DESCRIPTION OF THE SCENE OF THE CATASTROPHE—MEASURES TAKEN BY THE AUTHORITIES TO ALLEVIATE THE SUFFERING.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—Andijan is a cotton centre and exports forty million pounds of cotton annually. The population, numbering 56,000 souls, was growing rapidly. The people, who are mainly serfs, were engaged in cotton raising and ginning. Of 20 gins 19 have been destroyed. The babs are not like Russians. They are private owners of land in cities and towns. The gins in Andijan are principally of the story, built of unburned bricks. The War Department correspondent of the Associated Press says that everything possible is being done to relieve the suffering. Barracks in which the population were housed are being built and letters are expected here within a week. The mail from St. Petersburg generally takes ten days to reach here.

THE CROWN PRINCESS OF SAXONY.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The sympathy of the people of Dresden seems wholly with the Princess, who is of a cheerful, pleasure-seeking disposition. The Crown Prince loved to torment her. Among the writers forbidden her were Tolstoi, Zola and Nietzsche. One day the Crown Prince saw her reading one of Nietzsche's works. He jerked the book out of her hands and tore it to pieces.

ENCOURAGING SIBERIAN BUTTER.

Washington, Dec. 24.—To increase the export of Siberian butter the Department of Agriculture of Russia has appropriated \$30,000. In his report of the plan to the State Department, United States Consul Smith, at Moscow, says the amount will be used in increasing the number of instructors for creameries in Western Siberia, in maintaining creamery schools in Kurgan and Omsk Provinces, educational courses in creamery economy, establishing five examining laboratories, in the organization of creameries in Western Siberia and for travelling expenses of instructors and foremen.

CHRISTMAS IN PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The characteristic Parisian Christmas fetes are being celebrated throughout the day and night. The beautiful weather prevailing filled the streets and stores with dense holiday throngs, and the boulevards were lined with booths from which novelties were vended. All the Madeleine and other leading churches midnight Masses will be celebrated with orchestras and leading artists of the opera participating. Mme. Loubet, the wife of the President, has taken a prominent part in the Christmas festivities of the children of the Alsace-Lorraine Society, and also personally gave out the presents made to the functionaries at the Presidential mansion.

FAVORS NEGRO IMMIGRATION.

Honolulu, Dec. 18, via San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Thomas Fortune, Special Labor Commissioner, appointed by Secretary Shaw to visit the Philippine and Hawaiian islands, is here. In an interview printed in the Star he said: "I believe that the importation of negroes here forms a natural solution of the difficulty which unavoidably follows the absorption of tropical or semi-tropical countries by the United States. In the Southern States the negro made the industries what they are. The commissioner said there might be difficulty in detaining the negro here, but he thought that the planters could get all they wanted if they sent the right sort of agents after them."

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 24.—Six persons were injured, several of them seriously, in a collision between an electric car and a "big four" freight train on a trestle here to-day. The electric car was thrown from the trestle to the ground, a distance of 18 feet. Those hurt all lived in New Albany, Ind., across the river.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 24.—A man and a young girl were killed, and a woman probably fatally injured to-night in a collision between a passenger train and the vehicle in which they were riding, at a crossing near North Dartmouth, on the New Bedford branch of the New York and New Haven road.

Rogers, Neb., Dec. 24.—Several passengers and trainmen were injured, though not seriously, in a collision between the Colorado special and a freight train on the Union Pacific Railroad here to-day. The flagman of the freight train and the fireman of the special were injured.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—The Pennsylvania limited, running almost an hour late, crashed into the rear end of the Leetsdale accommodation at Quaker Valley station to-night at 11 o'clock. The big engine of the limited ploughed into the rear car, the smoker, like a knife through paper, and the little car was pushed through the one ahead of it, making the two cars the length of one. The crash was heard for a mile, and the limited, running at the rate of 55 miles an hour, carried the train from Quaker Valley to Edgeworth, a distance of almost half a mile, before it could be stopped. Many were injured, some of them probably fatally.

HE WILL GET WELL.

New York, Dec. 24.—On leaving the Vanderbilt mansion late to-night Dr. Austin Flint said: "Mr. Vanderbilt has turned the corner. He will get well."

FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE ARRESTED

He Is Wanted by the Baltimore Police.

LIBERALS CAPTURE THE SENATE

THEY HAVE NOW A MAJORITY OF ONE IN THAT BODY—DEATH PLAYS HAVOC WITH MEMBERS—PRESENTATION TO A HOTEL MAN—ALLEGED MURDERER ADMITTED TO BAIL.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Louis Gross, a Polish Jew, wanted by the police of Baltimore, Md., was arrested here to-night by Inspector Vizard, of the city police. Gross is alleged to have stolen \$300 from his father-in-law, Max Siegel, of Baltimore. He has a married sister in Ottawa, and was her guest when arrested. Baltimore authorities sent out a circular offering \$50 reward for his arrest, and Mr. Vizard is now wondering if the money will be paid.

The death of Senator Primrose puts the Liberals in a majority in the Senate. The division now stands Liberals 41; Conservatives 40. When Sir Wilfrid Laurier assumed power in 1896 there were only nine Liberals in a House of 81. Death brought about the change.

This morning Mr. F. St. Jacques, of the Russell House, received a beautiful white Morocco plush lined case, which contained a handsome gold trimmed fob with amethysts set. A letter from the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Luke Hospital accompanied the gift. In it they asked Mr. St. Jacques to accept the present as a token of their appreciation of his kindness to them at the annual ball, held recently, and also for the kindly spirit he manifested on behalf of the hospital.

Application was made this morning before Judge Rochon, Hull, for bail for Michael Ryan, who is in the jail awaiting his trial for the murder of Joseph Renaud. The petition made by Ryan's counsel was that he had a wife and children in destitute circumstances, and also that the alleged crime was committed under peculiar circumstances. The application was granted, bail being fixed at \$8000, \$4000 personal and two of \$2000 each.

NOTED SHOWMAN DEAD.

New York, Dec. 24.—Nate Saulsbury, controlling partner in the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show, died to-day at his home in Long Branch, aged 57 years. Stomach trouble, from which he had suffered for several years, was the cause of Mr. Saulsbury's death.

COLLISION IN A SNOW STORM.

Marietta, Ohio, Dec. 24.—A north bound passenger train on the Ohio River Railroad which left Williams-town, W. V., the station across the Ohio River from Marietta, at 9.50 a.m., to-day collided with a south bound passenger train near Waverly, W. Va., an hour later and several people were injured. A driving snow obscured the tracks. Physicians were called from this place. None of the injured will die.

A GOOD HOT FIGHT.

Nicholas, Ga., Dec. 24.—Sam. P. Padgett and J. C. Buchanan, young white men, fought an impromptu duel on the street to-day. Padgett is dying and Buchanan is seriously wounded. The two men married sisters. The cause of the trouble is believed to be a family disagreement. Padgett and Buchanan heretofore have been friendly, but on meeting to-day each drew a revolver and began shooting. Padgett was shot through the chest near the heart and cannot recover.

TWO CASES OF SUICIDE.

Vienna, Dec. 24.—Count Stephen Bethlen, a Hungarian Deputy and a member of an ancient and noble family, committed suicide to-day at Abbazia, a watering place on the Gulf of Fiume. At dawn this morning the Count took a small boat and rowed out a short distance from the shore. He then shot himself. Before doing so he tied himself to the mast of the boat in order to prevent his body from falling overboard. He had recently suffered from nervous prostration.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 24.—Albert E. Lemon, the ten year old son of Rev. H. A. Lemon, State Evangelist for the Christian Church, shot himself this afternoon and died to-night. The boy was conscious for several hours after the shooting and said in effect that the act was deliberate and premeditated. He told the doctors that he had bought Christmas presents, had had a good time, and wanted to die.

A LIVELY SHOOTING MATCH.

Dillsboro, N.C., Dec. 24.—Philip and George Morgan, brothers, and George Cunningham, living at the Harris Clay mines, came to Dillsboro to-day and became intoxicated and disorderly. When Town Marshal C. W. Dills, assisted by T. W. Mason, undertook to arrest the men all three drew knives and pistols. After the shooting which followed had ceased it was found that George Cunningham was shot in the shoulder. George Morgan was shot in the head and Philip Morgan just above the eye. George Morgan will probably die, but it is thought the others will recover.

FIRE ALARM.

An alarm from box 11 called out a portion of the Fire Brigade this morning to the tailoring shop of Mr. Proulx, in St. John street. On the arrival of the firemen it was found that the alarm was caused by smoke from the furnace in the building, which had become blocked by some means. No damage was done.

THE EVENING OF LIFE

Declining years—the time when one is on the other side of the hill, call for constant care in the matter of nutrition. Life then depends so much on the body's power to repair loss and waste. This power grows less and less. The ability to shake off local disorders and to draw heavily on the body's reserve force are privileges that youth alone can claim.

With age comes slow movement, slower operation of the whole body's forces. Trifles become burdens and we live in the past. Ordinary food no longer nourishes. Poor teeth, perhaps, and improper mastication give the stomach work that it is not supposed to do—the digestion is taxed and even injured when it should be troubled least.

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CROWN PRINCESS OF SAXONY PROBABLY GOING TO MENTONE—THE POPE TO BE APPEALED TO AND REQUESTED TO GRANT AN ABSOLUTE DIVORCE.

Dresden, Saxony, Dec. 24.—It is reported here that the Crown Princess of Saxony left for her husband a written confession of her relations with M. Giron, together with a declaration of her unalterable intention on never returning to the Saxon Court. The Court has no official information as to the present whereabouts of the Princess, but it is known here that she is going to Mentone, France, to reside. The Court is at present concerned with considerations as to the best course to pursue in the matter. It is believed that the Pope will be appealed to to grant an absolute divorce.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—"The Crown Prince beat the Crown Princess," according to an editorial statement in the Vossische Zeitung, one of the most careful newspapers published in Berlin, which adds: "Their disagreement reached this crisis in June, after Professor Giron became the children's tutor. The Princess at that time was seeking divorce and visited her best friend, the Princess Theresa of Bavaria, who dissuaded her. The Princess having returned to Dresden did not resume marital relations."

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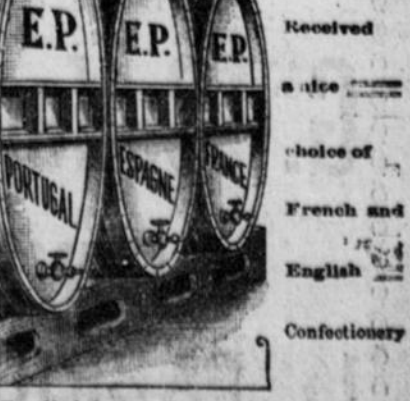
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A CHRISTMAS CAROL IN PROSE.

The day on which Christendom celebrates the first advent in the flesh of the Divine Saviour of the world, has come around once more, and again the tale is told in the stately churches and humble meeting houses, in palaces and lowly cottages wherever there is a child to listen to it, of the manger-cradle, the Virgin mother, and the Holy Child. For nearly 1900 years that tale has been told, and wherever it has been heard Christmas greetings have risen in response to the angelic hymn of peace upon earth, good will towards men. Nineteen centuries have exhausted all that human brain could conceive for human tongue to utter, but the story itself is still as young and fresh as ever; still makes the pulses throb more strongly, and the heart beat faster, for it is the story of eternal love manifesting itself in those phases which most strongly appeal to men's reverential affection, the sacred maternal love, and the weakness, as sacred, of a little babe. These are they that sway the roughest and most desperate, that transform a drinking and gambling mining camp; the hands of whose residents are always too swift and ready to shed blood, into the temporary abode of peace and gentle thoughts, as they bend with touching timidity over the little cradle, with its innocent inmate; and these are they which on more than one occasion have stayed for awhile murderous hands uplifted in anger. Heaven help the home where the cradle is not revered and hailed as a peace bringer; Heaven help the heart that is cold as it thinks of the manger-cradle of Bethlehem.

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together. And a little child shall lead them." Thus it was that the prophet, in inspired vision, foresaw the manner in which the birth of the Saviour should act upon the hearts of men, stilling the fierce passions, the cruel greed, the murderous selfishness, and bringing them together with the weak and timid, the helpless and oppressed in the Peace of God at the foot of a little child, and so the prophecy has been fulfilled. The love that died on the Cross, and gave thereby the fullest and most convincing proof of its strength, the strength that conquers death, awakens responsive feelings of gratitude and love, but they are mingled with pitiful sympathy, and bitter self-reproach; the joy it creates is the joy of the prisoner snatched from impending doom, but the love that stretched out baby arms, and wreathed baby lips in smiles in the manger cradle, is the pure and perfect love that knows no fear, and has no alloy of sadness. In its contemplation the heart expands, as the full blown petals of a flower waken from their sleep and open to the beams of the sun, and Christmas is merry, because Christmas is love in its purest and fullest aspect.

We recognize the principle in our practice of Christmas gifts. Originally, and not very long ago, either, they were confined to the children of the family; then they were extended to the older members; then to the circle of home friends. But love grows with love; it is never satisfied so long as there remains one object on which it can expend itself, yet unrequited, and the Christmas expressions of good will and the Christmas deeds of good will have been extended to the outside world; to the poor and wretched as to the rich and at ease; to our enemies, as to our friends. Peace and good will to all, with old feuds forgotten, old estrangements bridged over, old ties renewed, and a merry Christmas to all, in which all rejoice, banded together, even if it be only for a passing moment, into one vast army of peace, led by a little child.

A CONTRAST

Mr. Blair has been talking for some time about an old age pension system for I.C.R. employees, but as yet has done nothing. The C.P.R. management, without any fuss over it, have got together as business men and evolved a scheme which for its generous provisions does them infinite credit.—Moncton Times.

UNCLE SAM'S BURDEN.

A few Canadians talk about the burden of Imperialism, without stopping to think of the burdens which Continentalism would impose on Canadians if Canada were part of the United States.

The House of Representatives at Washington spent just eleven minutes last week in discussing a bill which appropriated \$140,000,000 to the payment of pensions.

Canada's share in the burdens of this expenditure would be at least \$11,000,000 per annum. Annexation would tax Canada at the rate of \$11,000,000 per year for pensions alone, and this sum is greatly in excess of any contribution which Canada has been called upon to offer for the support of the British navy.—Toronto Telegram.

CANADIAN ENTERPRISE.

The Canadian Pacific, which is a very live corporation, is about to build a fleet of lake carriers and passenger boats, and to further the work will start a first-class shipbuilding plant at Sandwich, Ontario, costing \$1,000,000. Repair work to ships has now to be done on the American side, but the American yards are "full up" with work and their material costs too much. On the Canadian side cheaper steel imported from England will be used. The rapid development of the Canadian Northwest is creating an enormous freight traffic to be handled on the lakes.—Baltimore Sun.

A FUNNY WAY OF DOING BUSINESS.

A Mr. Miller, of Middleton, Nova Scotia, has been presented with a drill hall at the Government's expense. Mr. Miller is the owner of a lot on which the building stands, and when he requested payment, he was informed that the Government had no knowledge of the construction of a drill hall at Middleton. Mr. Miller is there for a lucky man. Without effort he finds himself in the same class as Mr. Lovell, the Liberal M.P. for Stantec. Mr. Lovell, it is true, received a breakthrough costing \$57,000, but then he succeeded in landing a seat for the Government. His was more of a reward, while Mr. Miller's drill shed is an out and out gift. Imagine a business man building a house on another's property, and then forgetting he owned the structure. But that is the way public affairs are managed at Ottawa, while Ministers are travelling about enjoying themselves.—Ottawa News Letter.

SUBSTITUTES FOR WOOL.

At a recent meeting of sheep owners, Mr. Mansell, of Shrewsbury, England, pointed to the increased use of wool substitutes as the cause of the decline in the demand for and price of wool. To the farmer the decline is incomprehensible, in view of the continually increasing population. Foreign supplies do not account for it. Mr. Mansell contends that "the wool market has been destroyed to the producer simply by the extent to which it has been superseded in the manufacture of so-called woollen goods by other raw materials of less value. In the heavy woollen district of Yorkshire there are dozen of manufacturers who never buy a single bale of raw wool, and yet are known and acknowledged as influential manufacturers of 'woollen goods.' In the United States owing to the heavy tariff rate on wool, the situation is still worse. In 1900 74,000,000 pounds of shoddy were used, displacing 222,000,000 pounds of wool, or equal to 72 per cent of all the wool in the United States in that year. The shoddy used in that year was equal to the product of 42,990,000 of the 61,415,000 sheep in the United States. Besides the old material used over once or oftener, cotton is mixed with wool to an increased extent.—Baltimore Sun.

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F. LECLERC. Im.
Quebec, Dec. 19, 1902.

District of SUPERIOR COURT.

QUEBEC

No 1112.

Dame Cecile Cadin dit Desloriers has, this day, instituted an action in separation as to property against her husband Joseph Roy dit Desjardins, of the city of Quebec, carter.

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Service in Trinity Church, St. Stanislas street, will commence at 10.30 o'clock this morning. The following music will be rendered during the service:

Venite—(Chant) Barnby
Te Deum Dykes
Jubilate—(Chant) Osseley
Anthem—"Behold I Bring You Good Tidings" Sir John Gos Hymns—"O Come all ye Faithful," "White Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH.

The music at the High Celebration (10.30) to-day, will be as follows: Processional—Hymn 62.
Introit—Hymn 60.
Kyrie—Monk in C.
Credo—Sykes in E.
Offertorium—"Adeste Fideles."
Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei—Monk in C.
Gloria—Hugh Blair.
Recessional—"Veni Redemptor."

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THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

The steady stars, the orb'd Queen of Night,
Flooding the hill top with her tranquil light,
The solemn hush, save when the wintry breeze
Stirred the gnarled branches of the olive trees,
The shivering sheep all huddled in the fold
Their fleeces silvered by the moonbeams cold—
Such was the scene on Bethlehem's peaceful plain,
When David's Son began his earthly reign.

II

Beneath the shelter of a friendly rock,
The shepherds sit to guard their timid flock,
And through the dragging hours the vigil keep
Ceaseless, untiring, daring not to sleep,
Lest in the very hour of reuse,
Should come the snarling wolves, their bitter foes,
And as they watch they talk about the King
Whose coming will the nation's safety bring.

III

But as they speak, the hills are all ablaze
With Heavenly light—They stand in deep amaze
And hear a voice deep as the thunder rolls
Which seems to stir and shake their inmost souls.
"Fear not, I bring good tidings," says the voice,
"Tidings at which both earth and heaven rejoice,
For unto you in Bethlehem this morn'
A Saviour, Christ, your sovereign Lord, is born."

IV

Wide swing the Holy City's gates of light,
And to the simple shepherds' wondering sight
Myriads of shining angels fill the sky,
Chanting in heaven's richest harmony;
"Glory and endless praise to God above,
Peace on the earth, good will and holy love,
The glorious vision slowly fades away,
And soon appears the light of Christmas Day.

Quebec, Dec. 24th, 1902.

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WHY A BLACK MAN IS BLACK

It is not an accident that the skin of the African is black, but a provision of nature to fit him for the surroundings, for a black skin can withstand the sun's rays better than a white one. It might be thought, perhaps, that a black absorbs the rays and white reflects them, it would have been better for nature to give him a white skin that he would have been more comfortable so; but he would not.

The reason is this: A white skin scorches and blisters under a hot sun, but a black skin does not, for it absorbs the rays and carries the heat beneath. So far as bodily comfort is concerned there is all the difference in the world between a scorched skin and one that is not scorched, and, therefore, the black man is better fitted to withstand the equatorial heat.

If you will bear this in mind until next summer you may make a simple test of the matter; Put a white glove on one hand and a black glove on the other and expose them both to the sun. You will find that the hand with the black glove on feels hotter than the one with the white glove on, but it will not scorch and burn like the latter.

In fact, you may test the matter in

winter too. Lay a piece of black cloth on the snow and a piece of the same size and texture, but white, by the side of it. Make your experiment on a day when the sun is hot enough to make a thaw, and you will find, after awhile, that the snow under the black cloth has melted more than under the white cloth, which shows that the heat is absorbed by the black cloth and carried beneath it.

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Weak in Spelling.

The young woman was writing to a masculine friend to thank him for a tiny Maltese kitten he had sent her the day before. "I am glad to say it likes me already," she wrote, "for at this moment it is sitting on my knee, a big pink bow around its neck and its paws folded prettily under it."

"But the bow isn't pink," objected the friend who was looking over her shoulder.

"I know it isn't," responded the writer as she scribbled her name, "but I couldn't spell lavender to save my life, and what's in a color to a man?"

Another young woman was endeavoring recently to tell her mother something by telephone. "I'm going to study 'b-r-r-r,'" was all that could be understood of the communication.

"Spell it!" finally commanded the elder woman when the important word was still indistinct after much repeating.

"I don't know how," came back the answer faintly. "Send some one else to the phone." And the same one else discovered that the unspelling thing the young woman was going to study was stenography.

Buried on His Horse.

Lord Dacre, who died fighting for the Lancastrians at Towton, England, in 1461, directed that if he were killed in the battle his favorite war horse should be buried in the same grave with him. According to his wishes, when his interment took place in Saxon churchyard after the battle a tremendous grave was dug, and in it the warrior was buried, seated upright on his horse. For centuries reflections were cast upon the accuracy of this tradition, but a few years ago while excavations were being made close by the reputed burial place of Lord Dacre the pick of a digger struck into a great bone, and upon further search being made the skull of a big horse was brought to the surface. As this was found almost at the very spot under which the body of Lord Dacre was said to lie, it was accepted as confirmation of the tradition, particularly as the skull was found to be standing vertically in the soil. The skull was replaced carefully in its original position and the excavation filled up.

Rain in Manila.

"When it rains in Manila," says a man who has been there, "you think the first time you see the spectacle that the end of the world has come. Why, one day in September that I was there it rained thirteen inches. Think of that, will you—more than a foot of water! You would think that would weary the elements for some time, but it didn't. The next day it rained half a foot, the day after that seven inches. That month we had fifty-seven inches of rain."

"Where does all the water go to?" "Right back where it came from," was the prompt reply. "After a down-pour the sun will come out hotter than ever, and you can fairly see everything steam. And yet there are a great many people that wouldn't live anywhere else except in Manila."

The Milk Was Too Blue.

A certain wise youngster of my acquaintance was presented on his seventh birthday with a beautiful blue glass goblet, whereupon said goblet straightway became the indispensable meal companion of said youngster. One evening when George had received his usual allowance of milk in the blue goblet his mother became aware that he was gazing in deeply contemplative fashion at the contents of the glass. What he saw can best be imagined, for he raised his eyes suddenly and said wonderingly: "Why, mother, this cow couldn't have been ripe!"

The Thorn and the Rose.

Mrs. Temperton—I've got the dearest old darling of a husband that ever happened. He has an awful temper, and about once a month he gets mad and tears up my best hat.

Miss Singleton—And you call him a dear old darling after that? How can you?

Mrs. Temperton—Well, you see, he always has a fit of remorse next day and buys me a better one.

Crude Logic.

It is told of an East Indian law student that he once threw his examiners into confusion by declaring matrimony to be an illegal state. "How so? How so?" he was asked by the perturbed examiners, many of them married men. The student smiled beatifically. "Marriage," quoth he, "is a lottery, and lotteries are forbidden by law."

Her Recommendation.

"I don't think very much of your reference."

"I don't wonder, ma'am. My mistress was too busy to write it, ma'am, so I got her maid to write it for her, ma'am, and she's only been to night school one winter, ma'am, and the pen was a bad one."

Well Answered.

A youthful member of parliament was once advised by a bibulous member of one of his audiences to "go home to his mother." "I think," the young candidate said, "my friend might follow his own advice with advantage, for he does not seem to have outgrown his affection for the bottle."

Life.

It has been said that life is made up of three things—heredity, environment and the will. If the heredity and environment of the child are what they should be, the will will choose the right and do it.

"I'm going to," isn't doing it.—Acheson Globe.

Will be found an excellent remedy for sick headache, Carter's Little Liver Pills. Thousands of letters from people who have used them prove this fact. Try them.

Cheese Omelet.

To make a cheese omelet beat four eggs a little, add four tablespoonsful of milk, a pinch of salt, a dash of pepper, one-fourth cup of grated cheese. Cook in hot buttered pan over slow fire, fold in half and turn out on a hot platter.

Russian Maturity.

A Russian does not become of age until he is twenty-six.

Steel Skyscrapers.

Chicago originated the system of steel frames and the use of isolated foundations which made possible a twenty story building and revolutionized American commercial architecture.

Quaint Church Notice.

Attached to the door of the parish church of Seale, near Farnham, England, is the following notice: "Be in time. Come straight into church. Kneel down. Do not look round every time the door opens. Stand up directly the hymns are given out. Do not whisper to your neighbor. Keep your thoughts fixed."

Flesh Eating Plants.

There are at least a hundred varieties of flesh eating plants in the world, but only three are common in Great Britain. They are the sundew, butterwort and bladderwort.

Sharks.

Sharks as a rule keep near to the surface of the water.

The Earliest Wheat.

The earliest wheat grew on the plateau of Armenia, where the plant once existed as a native grass.

Nero.

Nero tried to kill himself, but was afraid to do so. He finally gave himself a slight wound in the throat, one of his friends pushed the sword farther in, and a fatal wound resulted.

Heart Wood.

The "heart wood" of a tree has ceased to take any part in the vegetative economy of the tree. Its only use is to strengthen the trunk.

Scotland.

Scotland bore the name of Caledonia, literally the hilly country of the Cails, or Gaels. The word Cael, or Gael, is a corruption of Gadhel, signifying in the native tongue "a hidden rover," while Scot, derived from the native Scute, means a wanderer.

High Heels.

High heels, it is said, owe their origin to Persia, where they were introduced to weary the feet from the burning sands of that country.

Shark Fishing.

In all the equatorial islands of the north and south Pacific shark fishing is a very profitable industry to the natives, and every trading steamer and sailing vessel coming into the ports of Sydney or Auckland from the islands of the mid-Pacific brings some tons of fins, tails and skins of sharks.

Weight of the Earth.

In 1774 Maskelyne, the astronomer royal of England, first calculated the weight of the earth. The weight, as estimated in Encyclopaedia Britannica, is 6,000,000,000,000,000,000 tons.

Canadian Waters.

From the Atlantic ocean to the head of Lake Superior a vessel may sail in Canadian waters a distance of 2,250 statute miles.

London's Worst Fire.

The old world's most calamitous fire was that which took place in London in 1666, which destroyed 14,000 buildings, laid 400 streets waste and rendered 200,000 persons homeless, the loss of life being 1,000 and that of property destroyed \$10,000,000.

Mont Blanc Ascensions.

There have been as many as 120 ascents of Europe's highest mountain, Mont Blanc, in one year.

Frigid Vladivostok.

Although Vladivostok is the mildest place in Siberia and its latitude equivalent to that of Boston, its harbor is frozen five feet deep for two months in the year.

A Jury Coincidence.

A panel of jurors was summoned in a London court. Sixty-two of them answered to the name of Clark. A jury of twelve was drawn and eleven of them were named Clark. The twelfth man was G. H. Clarkson.

A Frog's Skin.

A frog's skin makes the thinnest and at the same time one of the toughest leathers than can be tanned.

Pineapples in Natal.

Pineapples grow so plentifully in Natal at certain seasons that it is not worth while carting them to market, and they are often given to the pigs in consequence.

Beer Drinking in Egypt.

For continuous beer drinking, so to speak, Egypt holds the record among nations. In Egypt beer has been drunk for 5,000 years, and the "busa" of the fellahs of today is made by a process almost identical with that described by Herodotus, mentioned in hieroglyphs and depicted in sculpture as old as 3000 B. C.

German Forest Officials.

A German forest official has to pass at least seven years in probationary work before he can be a candidate for even the lowest post on the administrative staff.

New Jersey's Clay.

New Jersey is the chief clay producing state in the country.

New Dress Goods.

New Trimmed Hats, New Suitings. A per cent. Discount for Cash. GLOVER, FRY & CO.

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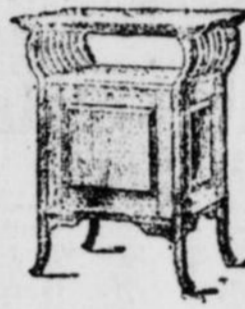
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Come right away and visit our stores; we have just now a complete and fine assortment, but there are specialties which once sold will not be replaced before New Year, because it would be impossible to get or import them again in the proper time.

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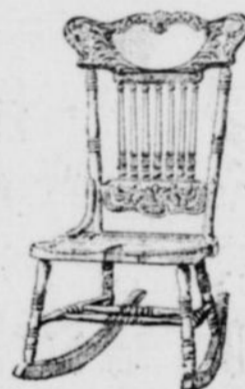
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Elegant Sideboard, Golden Oak, height 7 feet, with a bevel mirror, 18x36, \$21.50.



Wooden Horses on Rockers,
65 cents to \$1.00.



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Splendid Toilet Boxes,
\$1.00, \$1.50, \$3.00.



Tops from 3 cents to 10 cents.
Musical Tops 15 cents to \$1.

Our stores were visited yesterday by more than 5,000 children, and they received each and every one a Santa Claus Pin.

These children have to come and visit our stores with their parents now, and see the Toys which will please them more.

Everybody in Quebec should come and visit our stores to-night. We would like that every one in our city could profit by the strenuous efforts we have made to give our magnificent stores the aspect of a real enchanted palace.

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FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!

Owing to the fact that our stock was slightly damaged by water on account of the Victoria Hotel Fire, we have determined to hold a

Big Sacrifice Sale

To begin on Wednesday, the 17th, and to continue for one month. Although only a small portion of the stock is damaged, we intend clearing out everything to make room for new stock.

Come and see our gentleman's footwear, ranging from Skating boots, to patent leathers. All A1, stylish and good quality.

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EDUCATION OF NAVAL OFFICERS

NEW SCHEME TO BE ADOPTED IN THE BRITISH NAVY - IT WILL BECOME OPERATIVE IN JULY NEXT.

London, Dec. 24.—Official papers have been issued which give full details of the new scheme for naval education, under which the training of officers is to be unified and simplified by the adoption of a single system for the training of cadets for all the branches of the service, executives, engineers and marines. The scheme as now detailed confirms the previous forecast. It will become operative next July. For the first seven years all cadets will receive identical training in every branch of the service, special attention being given to scientific study. Thereafter, from the age of 20, the cadets will be drafted into the different branches and will begin to specialize. The scheme enables special promotion, provides for revised rates of pay, the disappearance of engineers' disabilities and promotion to the rank of commander by selection.

LOOKS AS IF IT MIGHT BE COLD
Minneapolis, Dec. 24.—Despatches received here tell of a 40 mile wind and rapidly falling temperature at points in Minnesota and the Dakotas. The mercury in the Red River Valley is 12 below and will reach 20 below or more before morning. Train service on lines in South Dakota is crippled.

A HANDSOME PRESENT.
Lakewood, N.J., Dec. 24.—Henry Phipps, of the Carnegie Steel Company, who is now travelling in India, has sent to Isador Straus \$10,000 as a Christmas present to the Educational Alliance.

APPOINTED MANAGER.
Montreal, Dec. 24.—J. Gardiner Thompson, a well-known insurance man, formerly of Toronto, has been appointed Joint Resident Manager in Montreal of the Liverpool, London & Globe Insurance Company, with Mr. G. F. C. Smith.

SPECTERS OF A QUIET TIME.
Kingston, Jan., Dec. 24.—Large numbers of Haytian exiles are preparing to return to Hayti under the amnesty decree which, it is expected, shortly will be issued. The leaders who fought for Firm believe a period of peace will follow General Nord's election to the Presidency. Advice from Hayti say that there is no fear of further rising but that the Government employees are clamoring for their salaries, which they have not received for some months.

OFFER FOR CANADIAN MINE.
Detroit, Dec. 24.—A special to the Free Press from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., says—Chase S. Osborn, State Railroad Commissioner, who not many years ago was a reporter on a Milwaukee newspaper and later owner of the News of this place, and his associates, have been offered \$2,000,000 for their iron ore properties in the Sault district, north of the Canadian Soo, in Ontario. Diamond drill operations have been in progress for several months and it is believed a large deposit of ore has been encountered. The offer to purchase is said to come from the Clergue interest and is one reason for the loan of \$3,500,000 made yesterday by the Consolidated Lake Superior Company.

A GIGANTIC BIBLE.
A most costly book in the Royal library at Stockholm is a Bible. It is no wonder that it is considered precious, for there is not another just like it in the world. In weight and size alone it is unique. It is said that 160 asses' skins were used for its parchment leaves. There are 309 pages of writing, and each page falls but one inch short of being a yard in length. The width of the leaves is 20 inches. The covers are solid planks, 4 inches thick.

Literary Notes

The Englishwoman's Year Book and Directory for 1903, edited by Emily James and published by Adam and Charles Black, Soho Square, London. Crown 8vo, cloth 2s. 6d. This valuable book "aims at giving some idea of the extent of women's work and interests," and goes very thoroughly into its business. It is divided into 14 sections, beginning with education and ending with religious work, running through the whole gamut of employments and professions. Arts, Sciences, Literature, Music, Sports, Public Work, Philanthropy and Temperance. The work is of great value not only for what it reveals, but for what it suggests.

Good Words for Christmas, 1902. Isbester & Co., Ltd., Covent Garden, London, W.C., price 6d., is devoted to Imperial subjects and calls itself the Imperial number. It contains a "Bird's Eye View of Greater Britain," prefaced by a portrait of the Secretary for the Colonies and illustrated with photos of colonial statesmen and Governors, and of colonial buildings. The picture of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a very good one, as is also the view of the Parliament House, Ottawa. The rest of the number is taken up with the "Songs of Empire Competition" and a first instalment of the competitions of the prize winners, which makes the reader long for the remainder. The number is a remarkably interesting one.

Whitaker's Peerage and Whitaker's Annual are so widely known and so justly esteemed for the great mass of valuable and reliable information that any extended notice of their merits is superfluous. They appear as usual this year in neat and compact bindings and may be had at the leading bookellers.

"Young man," said the stern parent "do you think you can dress my daughter?"
"Well," replied the suitor, "I can keep her in rags."
"Rags? Do you think she is going to wear nothing but rags?"
"Well, I only asked for her hand." Toronto.

Marine News.

OCEAN MAILINGS.
The following list of transatlantic sailings is prepared by F. S. Stocking, Passenger Agent, 27 St. Louis street:

Steamer	Line	From
Dec 21 Lucania	Cunard Line	New York
20 Caribbees	Domestic	Boston
19 Mississippi	At 7:30	New York
18 Noordland	Holland Am.	do
17 Vaderland	Red Star	do
16 Inverness	Cunard Line	do
15 Froelich	White Star	Halifax
14 Olympic	White Star	New York
13 St. Louis	America Line	do
12 La Savoie	French Line	do
11 Montevideo	Beaver Line	St. John

OCEAN ARRIVALS.

December 24.—
SS Revier at New York from Liverpool.
SS Peconic at Boston from Trieste.
SS Noordland at Liverpool from Philadelphia.
SS Oceanic at Liverpool from New York.
SS Ultonia at Liverpool from Boston.
SS Michigan at Liverpool from Boston.
SS Laurentian at Glasgow from New York.
SS Cassel at Bremen from New York.
SS St. Paul at Southampton from New York.
SS Finland at Antwerp from New York.

QUEBEC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
The ss Korona arrived at New York from the West Indies at 4:30 p.m. last Tuesday.

BELIEVED TO HAVE FOUNDERED.
St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 24.—The steamer Magnific returned here to-day from her search for three schooners which have been missing since the gales. The crew of one schooner was landed yesterday at Boulogne. The Magnific failed to find the crews of the other vessels. It is believed here that they foundered and fourteen persons were drowned.

TO CALL AT HALIFAX.
Early in January the Dominion Line steamships will begin making Halifax a port of call, both inward and outward from Liverpool and Boston. The first vessel to inaugurate this service will be the steamship Canada, now in the shipyards of Harland and Wolff Belfast. The Canada, when she comes out of the shipyard, will measure a thousand tons more than she did previously, being covered in forward and aft, similar to the New England and Commonwealth. This arrangement will give Halifax the benefit of a fine line of steamers for passengers and freight throughout the winter months. Besides the Canada the service will be composed of such vessels as the Commonwealth and New England, among the finest steamships of moderate speed and large tonnage on the Atlantic.

PASSENGERS.

Saloon passengers per Elder Dempster as Lake Champlain, from St. John N.B. for Liverpool, December 24:— Mr. W. E. Pilkington, Mr. Joseph Travers, Mr. R. J. James, Mr. L. Lockwood, Mr. D. D. Sinclair, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Thos. Higginbotham, Mr. M. H. Patterson, Mrs. Patterson, Capt. Paul Wetherbee, Mrs. Wetherbee, Mr. D. M. Sutherland, Mr. G. M. Barnes, Mr. E. Closson, Mrs. Closson, Mr. R. H. Smith, Miss J. Norwood, Mr. J. P. Compton, Mrs. Patchett, Mr. A. Henshaw, Mr. John Main, Mr. J. Lowden, Mrs. C. Lowden, Mr. W. Halford, Mr. H. Halford, Mr. James Park, Mrs. Park, Mr. W. Anderson, Mrs. Anderson and infant, Mr. M. Blackburne, Mrs. M. Blackburne.

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Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine has so firmly established its reputation as a treatment for throat and lung troubles that it seems almost useless to try to put on the market a rival preparation, and hence the imitations—similar names and similar packages, but very different effects.

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Ruskville, Ont., March 1st, 1902.—It affords me much pleasure to testify to the excellence of DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP. About a year ago I was attacked by a hacking cough. It was so distressing that I was almost racked to pieces by its violence. I saw DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP highly recommended for coughs like mine, so I purchased a bottle, and it completely cured me. I find it equally beneficial for colds in the head, and any obstruction of the nasal passages. It is an excellent preparation, and too much cannot be said in its favor.—Sadie E. Rusk.

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COMMERCIAL. NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 24—The stock market closed firm to-day at the top level of the day, with net gains in a few of the prominent railroads and specialties reaching a point or more.

These splendid steamers have exceedingly comfortable accommodation for all classes of passengers, Midship Saloons and Staterooms, Smoke Rooms, Ladies' Cabins, Spacious Promenade Decks and Lighted throughout by Electricity.

By BRUNEAU & DUPUIS, Stock Brokers, 81 St. Peter Street, from Lounsbury & Co., New York.

Table with columns: Atch, Common, Atch preferred, American Car Foundry, etc.

China and Wheat. The soil of the larger part of Manchuria and Mongolia is believed to contain the same elements for wheat production as the Columbia river basin in the United States.

Montreal Bread. Montreal bakers are required to stamp their initials on each loaf, together with its weight.

Fish That Drown. It has been ascertained by experiments that if fish get beyond a certain depth in the sea they die from the pressure of the water.

The Turk's Day. A Turk holds that the day begins exactly at sunset. At that time he sets his clocks and watches at the hour of 12. A watch which could run for weeks without gaining or losing a minute would be of no special value to the Turk.

Piano Wood. Wood intended to be made into pianos requires to be kept forty years to be in perfect condition.

Fear. Fear is said to be responsible for 90 per cent of disease contracted.

Two Dry Spots. Perhaps the two driest spots in the world are Yuma desert and Death valley, Arizona. The annual rainfall is less than five inches.

A Hornet's Nest. The nest of the tree wasp, or hornet, is made of a true paper, wood being ground to a pulp by the jaws of the wasp and treated with an adhesive matter secreted in the creature's mouth.

Plants and Poisons. In the course of a recent lecture a scientist stated that plants are susceptible to poisons in the same degree as are human beings.

Submarine Cables. Among the perils to which a submarine cable is subject are ocean currents which swirl against sea bottom crabs and the attacks of sea monsters—sharks, swordfish and the like.

Ocean Steamers. The average life of ocean steamers is only twenty-six years, although some reach an age of a hundred years.

The Spiritualist can't complain that he never has a ghost of a show.

LEFAIVRE & TASCHEREAU. Accountants & Liquidators, 48 ST. PETER STREET

ENTRANCE 14 DU PORCHE, QUEBEC. TRANSACTIONS.

Table with columns: Canadian Pacific, 150 at 129, 15 at 129, 100 at 128, 50 at 128, etc.

QUEBEC CLEARING HOUSE. Total for week ending December 24, 1902

Table with columns: Clearances, Balances, Corresponding week 1901.

Moonslight. If the whole sky were filled with full moons, the light would be no brighter than that of ordinary daylight.

Rain and Atmosphere. The air after a heavy rainfall is usually very clear owing to the fact that the rain in falling has carried with it most of the dust and impurities of the atmosphere.

Old Whaler. When the whaler True Love of Hull, England, was 139 years old, it succumbed to the inevitable ax. It was built in Philadelphia in 1748.

Keen Scented Elephants. An elephant's sense of smell is so delicate that the animal can scent a human being at a distance of 1,000 yards.

Catherine II. Catherine II. ruled with absolute sway over European Russia, Sweden, Poland and a portion of Turkey in Europe.

The Widow's Mite. In gratitude for kindness received while a patient at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary a poor widow has given ninepence (9 cents), all she possessed, as a donation to the funds of the institution.

Steel Pens. After being cut steel pens are annealed and tempered with oil to insure great springiness to the pens.

Do Not Forget. Do not forget that at Faguy, Lepinay & Frere's double stamps are given for all sales of toys, silverware, carpets or curtains.

A Chance for Christmas Shop PERS. Five days more and it will be Christmas Day. Nearly time for you to do your holiday shopping.

Mitoscopes. Some of these wonders are in operation at Z. Paquet's departmental stores in the toy department.

Appropriate Gifts. Jardinieres, smoking tables, secretaries for ladies and gentlemen.

Arrive at Quebec. 7:00 A.M. From Montreal and Montreal via St. John's.

Christmas and New Year Holidays, 1902-1903.

Return tickets between all stations, on the Montreal and Quebec lines.

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Auction Sale by G. B. Granier & Co. In the matter of Laveau & Co., Quebec, merchants, insolvents.

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, December 30th, 1902, at 11 o'clock a.m., I will proceed to the sale of the assets of this estate as follows:

Table with columns: A—Stock in trade, hardware, \$4,000; Store Fixtures, \$1,500; B—Book debts as per list, \$4,041.50; C—Rent of store to list May, 1903.

Office 44 Dalhousie street, Richelieu & Ontario Nav. Co. Building.

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BRIEFLETS OF THE DAY. Berlin, Dec. 24—Preparations are being hurried so the German cruiser Sperber may sail from Kiel for Venezuela about New Year's day.

DOUBLE STAMPS. To aid our numerous clientele to complete their stamp books, we will give 2 stamps for 1 on all our sales in the Carpet and Curtain departments.

London, Dec. 24—Wm. Waldorf Astor has given \$250,000 to build a new out patient department for the hospital for sick children in Great Ormond street.

DOUBLE STAMPS. To aid our numerous clientele to complete their stamp books, we will give 2 stamps for 1 on all our sales in the Department of toys and silverware.

Toronto, Dec. 24—Hon. Clifford Sifton, in an interview here, said that whatever assistance may be given to the Grand Trunk Pacific transcontinental line, it will not take the form of a land grant.

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Louisville, Ky., Dec. 24—The Telegraph Company here is advised that the turf exchange at Hot Springs, Arkansas, was blown up, presumably by a gas explosion, at 4.10.

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM. Home of Departure from Quebec (City) leaves from foot St. Paul street as follows:

Christmas and New Year Holiday Excursion Rates. Round Trip Tickets will be issued at SINGLE FIRST-CLASS FARE

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CANADIAN PACIFIC FOR THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

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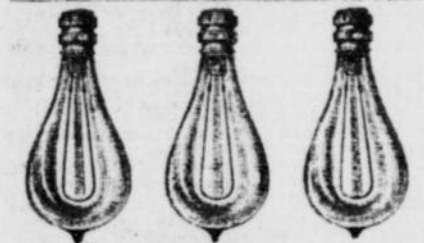
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TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Fine and cold.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A Merry Christmas—G. Seifert & Sons Book Spring Brewery—Amydt & Gauvin. Jacques Cartier Hall—Lillian Tucker Stock Company. St. George's Society—G. E. Allen Jones. Holiday Excursion Rates—Grand Trunk Railway. Ocean Sailings—American Line. Notice—Samuel Bedard.



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ARE NOW IN ORDER.

Large stock of Electric lamps for decorative purposes in various colors always in stock.

Mechanics Supply Co'y.

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Where you will find a great variety of household remedies, Toilet Articles, Perfumes, Soaps, Hair and Tooth Brushes and Preparations, etc. Quality First. Prices Lowest. Doctors' prescriptions carefully compounded. Note the address.

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And see us at our new store where we keep a full line of

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LATEST NOVELTIES IN Glass and Paper Shades.

Estimates Given for Telephones, Bells, Dynamos, Motors, Wiring, etc.

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Purchasing any Oil, Mining or Industrial securities, you should call or write for my reports and prices I represent all the companies. I guarantee you fair and courteous treatment. No payment required until delivery of certificates. As a rule I can save you money.

N. P. BRYANT,

Investment Broker, 34 St. John Street, Quebec

Local News.

A resident of St. Sauveur, charged with selling liquor without a license, was found guilty at the Police Court yesterday and fined \$30 and costs.

Messrs. Edson Fitch and Vesey Boswell, of this city, have secured the Government lease of the fishing in the famous Moisie River for \$2500.

QUEBEC POST OFFICE AND THE HOLIDAYS.

Christmas and New Year's Days being legal holidays, the mails will close in the morning at the Central Post Office at 10 o'clock and in the evening at 9.30. The general delivery wickets and registered letter office will be open from 8 to 10 a.m., instead of from 12 to 1 o'clock. The doors of the lobby will remain open until 9.30 p.m.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

On Tuesday last a coroner's inquest was held at Montmagny on the remains of Mary Levallee, who died from blood poisoning caused by the penetration of a needle, as already reported. The verdict rendered places the blame for the girl's death on Damase Ruel and Joseph Belanger, on account of their treatment as charlatans, which precluded the attendance of a regular medical practitioner. The two men are now open to prosecution.

Corns, Warts, Bunions, Callicies.

Removed for all time by applying Putnam's Painless Corn and Wart Extractor. It contains no acids, never burns, and cures permanently. Use only Putnam's.

RECORDER'S COURT.

The Recorder's Court presented quite a lousy scene yesterday. There was an unusual number of drunks to be disposed of, including a young girl, who was discharged. A shoemaker just out of gaol was sent back to eat his Christmas dinner under lock and key. A dry goods clerk from Montreal, who came to Quebec to see the fight, contributed \$2.00 to the city exchequer. A laborer was given another chance, and an ex-policeman from Montreal, who claimed that he had no home, and being a cripple, was sent to gaol for three months.

DISHONEST EMPLOYEES ARRESTED

Peter Ali Ericson, yardman, Christian Anderson and J. M. Jansen, bell boys in the employ of the Chateau Frontenac, were arrested on Tuesday night last by the city police on the charge of theft. The three accused, it alleged, entered the sample room in the hotel, occupied by a guest and commercial traveller named Mr. H. W. Dorkin, and stole therefrom pocket knives, a dish and two razors, as well as other articles belonging to other guests. The stolen goods were found in possession of the prisoners after their arrest, and yesterday they were remanded to gaol pending an investigation. The prisoners are strangers in Quebec, having arrived only a year ago.

PECULIAR SNOW CASE.

A peculiar snow case was argued in the Recorder's Court yesterday morning. The Quebec Golf Club was summoned to appear and answer the charge of failing to remove snow facing a vacant piece of property on the Grande Allee opposite the Franciscan Church. Mr. A. Laurin, advocate, appeared for the Golf Club, with Mr. W. C. Hall, Secretary of the Club, in attendance. A lengthy discussion took place before the Court in the case. It was shown that the snow has been cleared from the particular spot, but by whom the authorities are at a loss to know. As the Golf Club do not use any of the property facing on Grande Allee, their links being on the Cote Fields, in the rear, they disclaim any responsibility in the matter. The police were ordered to have the snow removed, and in the meantime to collect further information, which will be dealt with at a later date.

IMPORTANT JUDGMENT.

The Court of Appeal on Tuesday last rendered judgment in the case of ex-Mayor L. C. Belanger, K.C., found guilty of receiving money under false pretences, at the Sherbrooke criminal term before Judge Lemieux. His counsel took exception to the verdict after his conviction and appealed on a reserved case to the Court of Appeal, asking for the quashing of the verdict and of the finding of the Grand Jury, on the ground that there had been irregularities in the proceedings of the Court. Amongst other things it was contended that the foreman of the Grand Jury had failed to append his signature to the list of witnesses examined, and that the manner of swearing in the Grand Jury was also illegal. Judges Hall and Wentele rendered the decision of the Court, which was unanimous in Mr. Belanger's favor. Mr. Belanger was defended by Messrs J. A. Lane, M.P.P., Quebec, Pamont, ex-M.P.P., and H. R. Fraser, advocates, Sherbrooke, who also argued the case in appeal.

The Penalty of a Fast Life.

It is paid by an irritable condition of body and mind, by exhausted energy, poor digestion, unstrung nerves and broken sleep. If you must and will live the killing pace, better keep in mind the sustaining powers of Ferronze, a wonderful tonic and reconstructive. Ferronze is a blood maker, a nerve strengthener, a heart and brain invigorator. It creates appetite, improves perfect digestion, and undisturbed sleep, restores the vitality and strength lost by excessive living very quickly. Ferronze will do you inestimable good, try it. Price 50c, per box, or six boxes for \$2.50, at Drugists, or Poison & Co., Kingston, Ont.

DR. HAMILTON'S PILLS CURE HEADACHE.

Sandy—Dat lady said if I'd come around she'd give me a part ob de turkey and wud tickle me. Cinders—H'm! Did she give yer de drumsticks, pard? Sandy—No, de feathers.

Mainly About Persons.

Miss Laura Walker is spending her holidays at 14 Laporte street.

Mr. Fred Wilson is spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. C. Wilson.

Dr. Wells is spending the Christmas holidays with his family in the Eastern Townships.

Invitations have been issued by Mrs. G. Stuart to a ball at her residence on the 30th instant.

Messrs. Geo. Lapointe and Ernest Allyn leave this evening on a hunting trip in the County of Charlevoix.

Mr. Robert Campbell has left for New York, where he will spend the holidays.

Mr. Dudley Olliver has arrived in town from Winchester, Ont., to spend Christmas with his relatives.

Mr. Victor Pelletier, I. C. R. Agent in this city, left yesterday on a trip to Boston, New York and Washington.

Hon. Judge Blanchet has returned to town from Montreal, where he was attending the Court of Appeals.

Mr. and Mrs. Dubie, of Ottawa, are visiting Mrs. Walker, 14 Laporte street.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barrois left yesterday for Montreal to spend the month of January.

Mr. Rene Dupont, Colonization Agent of the Q. & L. St. John Railway Co., leaves for Europe by the ss Californian on Wednesday next.

Mr. Charles King, chief Intercolonial Railway train dispatcher at River du Loup, arrived in the city yesterday to spend Christmas with his friends.

General W. W. Henry, United States Consul, and Mrs. Henry, have left for Burlington, Vt., where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Messrs. Fred, O'Connell and A. Charlebois have returned from a very successful shooting expedition to the Meantime Club's preserves.

Messrs. W. G. Power and T. McCarron, both in the employ of the River du Loup Lumber Co. during the winter months, have arrived in town to spend Christmas.

Mrs. D. Griffin and daughter, Miss Sadie Griffin, have returned home from Brooklyn, N.Y. They have been the guests of Miss Nellie McDermough for the past month.

Mr. James McKenna, travelling passenger agent for the Maritime Provinces in connection with the C.P.R., arrived in the city yesterday to spend Christmas, and is the guest of his brother, Mr. Eugene McKenna, St. Famille street.

FREE CORKSCREWS.

For your Christmas and New Year's presents ask your dealer to supply you with the following brands of cigars: St. Louis—\$1.75 per box of 50 cigars. Doctor—\$1.75 per box of 50 cigars. Golden Flower—\$1.40 per box of 50 cigars. V. H. C.—\$1.50 per box of 50 cigars. Champain—\$2.00 per box of 50 cigars. Moose—\$1.75 per box of 50 cigars. My Best—\$1.50 per box of 50 cigars. El Sergeant Premium—\$3.00 per box of 50 ten cent cigars. Also special mention for the El Sergeant, Reina Victoria, Comchas, at \$7 per box of 100, guaranteed to be made of clear Havana. This cigar obtained a gold medal at the Paris Exhibition of 1900, and is much preferable to imported brands which we retail at 10 and 15 cents each. Besides we will give free to any person purchasing a box of any of the above brands, a handsome patent corkscrew, which can be used for bottles containing temperance beverages as well as lagers, beer, etc. If your dealer cannot provide you with these cigars or corkscrews, apply to

JOS. COTE.

Retail store 179 St. Joseph St., Wholesale Merchant and Importer, Opposite St. Roch's Church.

N.B.—This offer is only valid until 2nd January, 1903, inclusively.

Telephone Wholesale 1272. Telephone Retail 2097.

DIFFICULT TO SIZE UP.

When Lord Palmerston was premier of Great Britain he took over the colonial office for a time during the absence of Lord John Russell on a foreign mission. His first question of the permanent secretary of that department was, "Mr. Merivale, where are the colonies?" He was cheered to find the office full of maps. "I manage the British Empire, as you know," he said, "but I never could understand my latitudes and longitudes or make out where the British Empire isn't."

Wages in Spain.

In Spain a man who works on a farm receives about 25 cents. In the vineyards wages range from 14 cents a day for women and boys to 21 cents for unskilled men and to 42 or 50 cents for those upon whose skill the whole responsibility of the raisin crop rests.

A Lawful Order.

Because she refused to wash a baby's face a native nurse at Hongkong has been fined \$5 for "disobedience of lawful orders."

Lincoln Cathedral.

The Lincoln cathedral occupied ninety years in building. An English contractor has recently estimated that he could reproduce it in a few years for \$5,000,000.

Lotteries.

The lottery is an Italian invention. Prussia has had a state lottery since 1703. France and England have abolished the state lottery, but other European states derive much revenue from this source.

Johannesburg Mines.

About 300,000 cases of dynamite are used at the mines of Johannesburg annually.

A Vatican Treasure.

Only one marble statue of the human figure with eyes closed is known. It is one of the gems of the Vatican, "The Sleeping Ariadne" and was discovered in 1503.



Many a child has been fooled by the story of the pot of gold which is to be found just at the foot of the rainbow, and has started out to gather riches full of happy dreams. Many a man and woman have been deceived by the tale that there was health to be found out beyond the sunset, and they have started out dreaming of a healthful future, never to be realized.

People who have tried change of climate in vain for the cure of weak lungs have been perfectly and permanently cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It cures deep-seated coughs, bronchitis, bleeding lungs, emaciation, and other conditions which, if neglected or unskillfully treated, find a fatal end in consumption.

"Last spring I had a severe attack of pneumonia which left me with a very bad cough, and also left my lungs in a very bad condition," writes John M. Russell, Esq., of Brent, Cherokee Nat., Ind. Tn. "I had no appetite and was so weak I could scarcely walk. My breath was all sore with running sores. I got two bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which I believe saved my life. I cannot express my gratitude to you. I am able now to do very good work."

CHRISTMAS IN QUEBEC.

USHERED IN BY MIDNIGHT MASS IN ALL THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

Christmas was ushered in this morning with the usual salute of the church bells, as they sang out the glorious tidings of the anniversary of the Christian era, that marks the birth of Christ and salvation of mankind. The streets were alive with thousands of people at midnight, wending their way to midnight mass, to hail with joy and prayer the anniversary so dear to mankind, and celebrated the Christian world over with reverential solemnity.

Midnight Mass was offered up in all the Roman Catholic Churches of this city, which were crowded with the faithful. The service in every case was attended with great religious solemnity and fervor, and the altars were beautifully dressed and illuminated. The Midnight Mass was followed by a number of low Masses, during which thousands went to Holy Communion.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

A large congregation filled every space of St. Patrick's Church, which was one blaze of light, and the altars magnificently dressed and illuminated. Rev. Father Henning, C.S.S.R., Rector, was the celebrant of the Mass, assisted by Rev. Fathers Gannon and Jones as deacon and sub-deacon, Rev. Father Delargy, C.S.S.R., was master of ceremonies, and also preached a short sermon appropriate to the occasion.

The musical portion of the Mass was sung with orchestral accompaniment. At the entrance the "Adeste Fideles" was rendered by the choir and orchestra. The solo parts were taken by Mrs. Foley, Miss Mahoney, Miss Cotter, Miss L. Veina, Miss A. Maguire, and Messrs. R. and J. Timmons, J. Shields, L. Fitzhony and P. H. Graham. At the offertory, Noel d'Adam was sung by Miss Veina, accompanied by the orchestra.

AT THE BASILICA.

This sacred edifice was as usual crowded to the doors for Midnight Mass. The main altar had been specially decorated for the occasion, while multi-colored lights shone all over the Church, producing a very pleasing effect. Mr. Begin officiated at the Mass, assisted by Arch Priest and deacon and sub-deacon of honor. A large number of the clergy were present in the chancel.

The musical portion of the service was under the direction of Mr. Gust. Gagnon, and the choir, assisted by the Union Palatina, rendered Haydn's second Mass in a beautiful manner. At the offertory, Miss Bender, of Montmagny, sang Minuit Chretiens in a most pleasing way, and a number of Christmas carols were sung during the masses.

At the High Mass this morning Palatelli's Mass will be rendered by a large and efficient choir, consisting of Seminary pupils, assisted, by arrangement, with full orchestral accompaniment. At the offertory, "Hutty's 'Belshazzar'" will be sung by Miss Bender.

AT ST. ROCH'S.

A very large number of the faithful of St. Roch's Church attended the midnight Mass at their parish church. Weigand's Mass was rendered by the choir, solos being given by Mesdames Poirard and Belanger, Mesdames Mirville and Crepeault, and Messrs. J. and H. Bourassa, Lapierre, Rouleau, Lapierre, Lachance and Allard.

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