

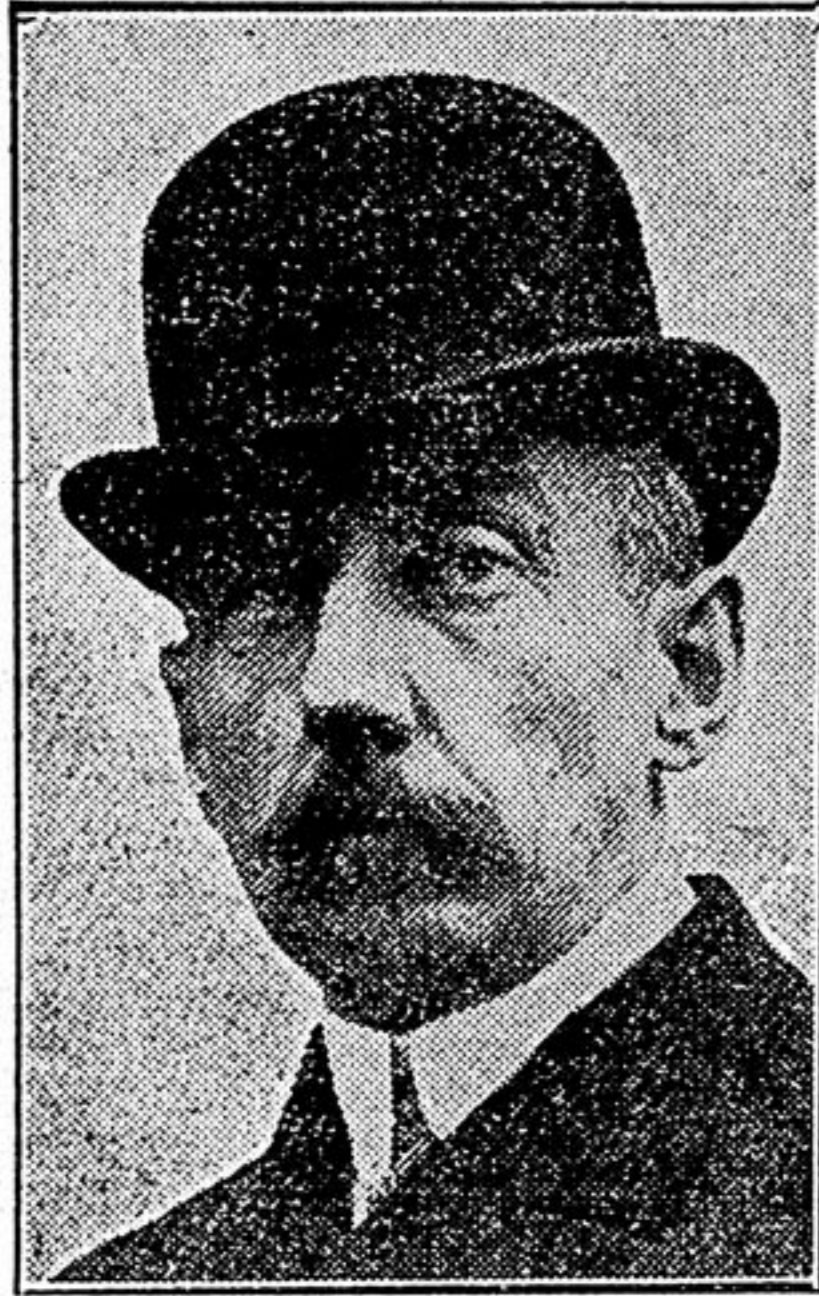
REACHED THE SOUTH POLE

Cable From Captain Amundsen Says He Attained the Goal December 14th.

A despatch from London says: Captain Roald Amundsen has discovered the South Pole. Definite news has been received in London, via Christiania, that he reached the Pole between the 14th and 17th of December. December "14 to 17" is taken to mean by experts that when he reached the geographical Pole Amundsen waited three days, taking noon observations so as to accurately determine his position and exclude uncertainty—that is to say, to establish proofs that would be incontrovertible.

The London Chronicle adds: England will wait most anxiously for news of the Scott expedition. Though robbed of its crowning glory, geography and science will

undoubtedly profit from it. Captain Amundsen's expedition, which has now ended successfully, was originally planned for the conquest of the north pole, but hearing the news which Peary brought back, Amundsen showed his resource and promptness of decision by at once steaming south to the region which still offered a similar prize. He has won that prize. To England the glory of discovery neither the north nor the south pole has fallen, but in the story of the exploration of the great ice continents this country played a splendid part, and we can join heartily with the whole world to-day in offering to the conqueror and to Norway a meed of praise which is so well deserved. The prize has been finely won. It has also been grandly lost."



New picture of Capt. Amundsen, who reached the South Pole.

FROM THE NORTH COUNTRY

Where the Winters are Cold and the Snows Deep.

Writing from the vicinity David Harum made famous, a man says that he was an habitual coffee drinker, and, although he knew it was doing him harm, (Tea is equally harmful, because it contains caffeine—the same drug found in coffee) was too obstinate to give it up, till all at once he went to pieces with nervousness and insomnia, loss of appetite, weakness, and a generally used-up feeling, which practically unfitted him for his arduous occupation, and kept him on a couch at home when his duty did not call him out.

"While in this condition Grape-Nuts food was suggested to me and I began to use it. Although it was in the middle of winter and the thermometer was often below zero, almost my entire living for about six weeks of severe exposure was on Grape-Nuts food with a little bread and butter and a cup of hot water, till I was wise enough to make Postum my table beverage.

"After the first two weeks I began to feel better and during the whole winter I never lost a trip on my mail route, frequently being on the road 7 or 8 hours at a time.

"The constant marvel to me was how a person could do the amount of work and endure the fatigue and hardship as I did, on so small an amount of food. But I found my new rations so perfectly satisfactory that I have continued them—using both Postum and Grape-Nuts at every meal, and often they comprise my entire meal.

"All my nervousness, irritability and insomnia have disappeared and healthy, natural sleep has come back to me. But what has been perhaps the greatest surprise to me is the fact that with the benefit to my general health has come a remarkable improvement in my eye-sight.

"If a good appetite, good digestion, good eye-sight, strong nerves and an active brain are to be desired, I can say from my own experience, use Grape-Nuts and Postum." Name given by Canadian Postum Co., Windsor, Ont.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Minister of Justice proposes to retire Justices Dugan and Craig, of the Yukon, on full allowance.

WEEKLY TORONTO LETTER

WHAT IS GOING ON AT THE HUB OF THE PROVINCE.

Edward Blake—Number of Jews in the City—Toronto's Water Supply.

(We have arranged for a weekly letter about Toronto affairs, which, we believe, will be of great interest to many of our readers. These letters will be from the pen of one of Canada's foremost journalists, a man who has covered some of the world's greatest happenings and now occupies a leading position on one of the Toronto dailies.)

The passing of Edward Blake, in many respects Toronto's most distinguished citizen, curiously enough leaves little gap in the life and activities of the city. The announcement of his death came to most people as an echo of the past. It was as if one was told that John A. Macdonald or Oliver Mowat was dead. This arises from the fact that while Blake was not an extraordinarily old man, being only in his seventy-ninth year, it is now more than twenty years since he has taken any active part in the affairs of Toronto or of Canada. He had long ago withdrawn from every office or position in business, educational, church and social organizations. Since he suffered his first attack of paralysis five years ago he has been living at his home in Jarvis street so quietly that probably not one citizen in a hundred knew he was in Toronto at all. He saw only members of his family and occasionally an intimate friend of by-gone days.

SEVERELY SIMPLE FUNERAL.
By his earnestly expressed request, the funeral ceremonies were severely simple. The newspapers were not permitted to announce in advance even the hour, which was fixed for nine o'clock Sunday morning. One enterprising newspaper photographer was on hand at that hour, hoping to get a historic picture to illustrate the closing chapter in the life of a great man. But he was disappointed. Stationing himself in a favorable position near the residence he waited for the cortege. Presently an undertaker's wagon passed. He paid no heed, waiting for the hearse. But it did not come. On inquiry he found that the wagon had borne the remains and that the mourners had proceeded to the cemetery by another route.

THE JEW IN TORONTO.
A matter which has not been discussed to any extent openly, but which is causing considerable anxious thought, is the rapid increase in the Hebrew population of the city. Ten years ago there were not in all Ontario more than 5,000 Jews. Today there are in Toronto alone not less than 20,000, and some estimates place the number as high as 25,000, in itself a city of respectable dimensions.

The immigration of Jews into Toronto in recent years is estimated to be upwards of 1,500 a year. In addition, the natural increase is very large, Hebrew families being quite as prolific as French-Canadian. Families containing twelve children are not uncommon, and six is regarded as a small family circle.

Now the invasion promises to take on an even more serious aspect. Since the United States has increased the severity of its regulations governing this class of immigration.

GREAT MONEY GETTERS.

Many of the European Jews arriving in Toronto come from conditions of indescribable overcrowding and poverty. But they do not very long remain poor. Their natural acquisitiveness is wonderful to behold. If the Jew makes only 50 cents a day he saves some of it, and his savings he puts into a business, or into real estate.

There are probably twenty-five Jews in Toronto who are wealthy, that is, whose property runs into six figures. These include such men as Jacob Cohen, a prominent politician and now a police magistrate, "Judge" Cohen, as he is admiringly called by his fellows; Sigmund Samuel, head of a large wholesale hardware firm; Frankel Bros., dealers in scrap metal; S. Frankel, the jeweller, and many others. The splendid residence of the late Dalton McCarthy on Beverley street has been purchased and is now used as a club by wealthy Hebrews.

The Jews do not assimilate, and this, is a thing which causes food for thought, now that they are getting so numerous. They stick to their religion. Several of the churches have maintained missions to the Jews in Toronto for years, but it is doubtful if all told there are 100 converts to date, and they are probably looked upon by their fellows as renegades.

TORONTO'S WATER.

Pretty nearly every visitor to Toronto during the last twenty years has been warned to leave "Toronto's water alone." The supply was, in some cases, commonly supposed to come from the polluted bay, and at some periods it has been bad enough in all conscience. It is to be hoped that the days of bad water are about over. Indeed, civic boosters now declare the supply to be the purest to be found anywhere on the continent. The city's waterworks plant as it stands today, has cost not less than \$10,000,000.

BROAD-TIRED WAGON LAW

Ontario Legislature Will Consider Law to Enforce Use of Broad Wheels

It is the aim of A. M. Rankin, M. P. P., for Frontenac, to have the proposed broad-tired wagon law take effect in Ontario on Jan. 1, 1914. The bill which he has introduced in the Legislature states that on and after that date, a wagon, dray, lorry or cart having iron or steel tires and used for conveyance of articles of burden, goods or merchandise, shall not be sold or offered for sale in Ontario for use on a public highway, unless the tires conform at least to the following widths:—Four-wheeled vehicles, with capacity from 2,000 to 4,000

pounds, 3 inches; 4,000 to 6,000 pounds, 4 inches; 6,000 to 8,000 pounds, 5 inches; over 8,000 pounds, 6 inches. On two-wheeled vehicles the tires shall be five inches wide for capacity of 2,000 to 4,000 pounds and six inches for over 4,000 pounds. Wheels having a diameter of 40 inches or less shall be one inch wider in each of the above cases. In addition to stopping the sale of narrow-tired rigs, the bill states further that on and after Jan. 1, 1918, no vehicles of narrower tires than are prescribed above shall be driven on Ontario highways.

So if purity has not been secured it is not from want of trying. The latest addition is the erection at the Island of a filtration plant, a huge structure costing over \$750,000. And as a further precaution, the water is subjected to a chlorinating process, which is death to all germs, though it leaves an unpleasant odor and taste if applied too generously.

The filtration plant is a concrete structure which has just been the subject of a rigid judicial investigation. There has been some suspicion that it might prove to be so faulty in construction as to greatly impair its efficiency, and the Judge himself has expressed some doubts. The tremendous nature of the task of supplying water for Toronto may be judged from the fact that on some days the consumption of the city as measured by the waterworks pumps is as high as 50,000,000 gallons. The average for 1911 was over 35,000,000 gallons a day. To distribute the water to the houses no less than 3,999 miles of water mains have been laid; and there are 76,601 individual water services in the city.



CAPT. SCOTT, R. N., who headed the British expedition to the South Pole.

EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR MEN.

Ten Others Imprisoned in Mine Near Vancouver.

A despatch from Vancouver, B.C., says: A gas explosion on Thursday in the mine of the Diamond Vale Mining Company, at Barrett, B.C., ten miles north-east of Vancouver, B.C., killed four men and imprisoned ten others. Rescue apparatus has been sent. It is difficult to get news from the mine, which is situated in the Nicola district, on a branch that runs from the main line of the Canadian Pacific.

Homer Wilson of Windsor caught his foot in the railway track while working in the C.P.R. yard and was run down and killed.

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SIXTEEN WERE INJURED.

Broken Rail Caused Railway Wreck Near Durham.

A despatch from Durham, Ont., says: R. L. Stevens, of Strathroy, is injured internally and may die, three other men are seriously wounded, seven more are less seriously hurt, and many others badly shaken up as the result of a day coach rolling over the embankment, owing to a broken rail, on the Grand Trunk Railway at Varney, between Durham and Palmerston on Friday afternoon at 3.05 o'clock. List of the injured:—R. L. Stevens, Strathroy, traveler, spine hurt, ribs broken and internal injuries, probably fatal; E. W. Pyke, traveler, London, ribs broken and collar-bone fractured; J. A. Cole, London, cut about head, face and hands; W. P. Lindsay, Toronto, traveler, hip and back injured; W. Wilson, Fergus, back badly injured, suffering from shock; John Boyd, Flesherton, head and face bruised, back apparently injured, shock; J. F. Simpson, St. Mary's, right thumb cut and right shoulder injured, left leg bruised; E. J. Cosford, Woodstock, left hand badly cut, two fingers injured; J. A. Hunt, Elbow, Sask., slight scalp wounds, and side of face scratched, right shoulder bruised; Mrs. J. A. Hunt, slight scalp wounds, baby, seven months old, unhurt; R. Wollcott, West Moncton, left hand cut, right shoulder hurt, right knee bruised; W. Totten, conductor, bruised on back of head;—Small, brakeman, cut on back of head, right hip injured, and generally shaken up; Charles A. Sanders, Frank Warner and M. E. Horne, all of Durham, badly shaken up.

GERMAN FLEET'S BASE.

Warships to be Transferred From Kiel to Wilhelmshafen.

A despatch from Berlin says: The Tasgliche Rundschau announces that a cruiser fleet of six small ships and four Dreadnoughts are to be transferred in April from Kiel to Wilhelmshafen, and will be permanently stationed in the North Sea. The journal explained that the transfer has nothing to do with Anglo-German relations, declaring that Germany is only following England's lead in concentrating her naval strength in those waters, "under the prudent assumption that in the wars of the future the most important decisions will fall in the North Sea."

A new cure for cancer is reported from Russia, which is said to have attained a measure of success.