SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON I.—JAN. 5, 1908.

The Word Made Flesh.—John 1: 1-18.

Commentary.—I. The nature and dignity of the Word (vs. 1-5). Divine attributes are applied to him and divine acts are ascribed to him. 1. The Word was truly God (vs. 1, 2). 2. The Word had eternal existence (v. 2). 3. The Word was the Creator (v. 3). 4. The Word was the source of life (v. 4). 5. The Word was the source of light (v. 4). 6. The Word was distinct from God—a personal and distinct Being (vs. 1, 2). 7. The Word was Jesus Christ (v. 14). 8. Therefore, Jesus Christ was divine, very God, yet a personal and distinct Being. 1. in the beginning—Before all created things. In the ages of eternity when only God existed. was—The Word did not come into being; he was never created; he "was." the Word—The Greek term here translated "Word" is "Logus" and has the double meaning of thought and speech. Christ is called the Word of God because through him is revealed to us the thoughts, feelings, purposes and will of God, as our words express to others our thoughts, feelings, purposes and will. God is an unseen Being, but "his thought, his love and his nature are embodied and expressed in the person of the Son, our Savior, who is the Word of God." with God—In closest communion, yet distinct from him. was God—In substance and essence God. "The Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God; God is One."—Chalmers. This is an unfathomable mystery, but it is eternal life to believe and know it. The doctrine of the Trinity is clearly taught in the Scriptures and is the corner-stone of the Christian religion. 2. the same was in the beginning—God was eternally Triune, three in one. There was the Second Person in the Trinity before he was manifested in the flesh, even from eternity. He was not created Divine—he existed Divine.

3. all things were made by him—Terrestrial and celestial, visible and invisible, men, worlds and angels.—Hall. All things came into being through him, by his agency. He exists, but all other things were made.—Sadler. The effort here is not to declare the Second Person of the Trinity the greatest of three in One, but to prove the divinity and eternal existence of Christ; not that he is one of two Gods, but God himself, the One Eternal God. and without him—Apart from him. He is identified with every created thing, and is familiar with and has authority over creation. His plans and purposes concerning men should not be regarded lightly. 4. in him was life—Christ was and still is the source, the fountain-head, from whom flows all life—physical, intellectual, moral, spiritual, eternal. Compare John 5:26. the life was the light—There is first life, then light. Dead eyes cannot see nor dead minds know. Whatever light men have in knowledge or holiness comes from Christ, the great life-giver, the infinite fountain of all blessings. Christ in his life and through the life he brings to us shows us God and duty and salvation and heaven. He reveals the truth; he is the living embodiment of truth (John 14:6).

5. the light shineth—"Christ has revealed himself constantly, by creation, by providence, by the strivings of the Spirit, by the course of events, by the revelations of prophets, and even by the dim intimations of heathen consciousness." And the light still shineth, clearer and brighter than in the past. in darkness—The darkness of sin, ignorance and unbelief has enshrouded the world in all ages. comprehended it not—Did not receive it or profit by it. But another translation in the margin of the R. V. changes the meaning—"the darkness overcame it not." "The light, though sometimes apparently overcome, was really victorious; it withstood every assault, and shone on triumphantly in a darkened world."—Revision Com.

II. John's witness to the true light (vs. 6-9, 15.) 6. There was a man—See R. V. Literally, "there began to be a man," in contrast with the Word who had no beginning. Sent from God—God gave him his mission and his message, his credentials and his instructions—he was a messenger. John—The Baptist. An account of his birth is given in Luke 1, and of his manifestation as a prophet in Matthew 3. A deep significance attaches to the name John, which means "The gracious gift of God," and which was given from heaven.

7. To bear witness of the Light—There is much said in this gospel about witnessing. John bore a strong, clear testimony in behalf of Christ and proved from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah. The fact that John himself had appeared as the fulfilment of prophecy (Isa. 40; 3-5; Mal. 3; 1), and that there had been no collusion between himself and Jesus were strong corroborative points. All men .. believe—John's purpose was to cause Israel to believe in Jesus as their Messiah, but his efforts contributed largely to a more general belief in Jesus, for the gospel was not for the Jews alone, not for a race or class, but for all men always and everywhere. 8. Not that light—John was not the source of light, but only a reflector of the light, a lamp lighted. 9. That was—That is, Christ was. The true light—Not that John was a false light, but Christ was the "genuine, perfect light, the original source of light," and his messenger only carried rays of light from him. Which lighteth every man—Not "all men." The Light illumines each one singly, not all collectively. That cometh into the world—This clause refers to "the true Light" not to "every man." The best Bible expositors either read "which lighteth every man" as a parenthetical clause or tranzpose it to the close of the verse. 15. Bear witness, etc.—It seems probable that this verse describes the usual character of John's testimonmy concerning Christ. He was continually proclaiming Christ's superiority.

III. The true light rejected by some (vs. 10, 11.) 10. Was in the world—He was in the world "in all the past ages, in every manifestation of God, in the history of the chosen nation, but especially when he appeared as the man Christ Jesus, the Saviour of the world. This is one reason why the world should have received him." Made by him—He was their Creator, and they were his creatures, made in his image. This is another reason why the world should have received him. Knew him not—They did not recognize him as their Creator, Saviour, King. 11. Unto his own—His own property or possessions. His own creaiton, own inheritance. Referring to all people, but with a spacial emphasis on the Jewish nation, he created, he redeemed, he persevered, he blessed, he lovd. Another reason why they should have received him. Received him not—"Neither by the world at large, nor by the leaders of the temple, nor by the citizens of Nazareth, were his claims allowed."—Sperry.

IV. The benefits of receiving the true light (vs. 12, 13). 12. As received him—Individuals without distinctor of race, natonality or condton. Gave he power—"The right."—R. V. The original word combines both ideas—the right and the power. Both are true and both should be accepted. Sons of God—See R. V. On the divine side, God adopts us as children by imparting to us His own life (John 3. 3, 5). On the human side, we must be born again, from above (John 3. 3, 5), by believing. That believe—"Only those are children who receive the divine life and the divine nature by true faith." 13. Born — Spiritual birth, regenerated. Not of blood, etc. —No natural inheritance can make us members of the family of God. Will of the flesh—Not from any fleshy desire. "A second denial of any physical process." Will of man—Man by his own volition is not able to save himself.

V. The incarnate Word reveals the Father (vs. 14, 16-18). 14. Made flesh—The Eternal Word "took on flesh"—became a man with a human body and a human soul. "He did not cease to be the eternal Word. His divine nature was not laid aside. Retaining all the essen- into a new mode of being, not a new being."—Vincent. Dwelt among us—Literally, "Tabernacled among us, dwelt as in a tent." We beheld — John here bears testimony to what he had actually seen. His glory—There is probably a reference to the transfiguration (Luke 9. 32; 2 Pet. 1. 17). But the whole body of disciples had beheld Christ's real Glory as revealed in His character. He was the living embodiment of righteousness, truth and love. Christ was the express image of the Father; in Him "dwelt all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." Only begotten—We are children of God in a sense, but only Jesus Christ is His Son in this highest and special meaning. Grace and truth—These were His Glory. "Grace includes all mercy; truth, all justice." He was "full" of these.

16.18. We have here three great declarations about Christ: "1. It is Christ alone who supplies all the spiritual wants of all believers. 2. Christ and His gospel are vastly superior to Moses and the law. 3. It is Christ alone who has revealed God the Father to man."

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.

"The Word of God."

A word is a thought manifested. Christ the Word took the thought of the mind and heart of God, and expressed it so we could comprehend it, so that what was "invisible and inaudible and beyond our reach comes into our minds as something once in God's heart and mind, but now in ours." If you would know God, hear the word (Rom. 10: 17).

I. The eternal Word. "The same was in the beginning with God" (v. 2). "This is hold ground, where we should tread with shoeless feet in a lowliness that assumes nothing, that listens meekly, that bows implicitly to him who speaks, that accepts the divine communication concerning the essential glory of the Son, that owns him as the eternal, personal Word, and rejoices in his being what he has himself declared."

II. The creative Word. "All things were made by him" (v. 3). The world through him came into existence (v. 10). He who was "the beginning of the creation of God" (Rev. 3: 14) is the Creator of all things. Nothing exists that was not created by the Word of God (Gen. 1: 3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24, 26).

III. The living Word. "In Him was life" (v. 4). He is the source of life. "Life in him is underived, independent and self-subsisting. All other life, vegetable, animal, human or angelic, is derived and dependent. Even the life possesed by faith, the spiritual, divine, eternal life we have as born of God, is not essentially and intrinsically ours. We rave it derivatively from him. We live in him." Through him we have, 1. Regeneration. "The Word of life" 1. John 1:1; Phil. 2: 16). The seed (Luke 8: 11; 1 Peter 1. 23). 2. Refreshment. "The bread of life" (John 6: 48, 51, 54, 57). 3. Sanctification. "The water of life" (Rev. 21: 6; 22: 17; Eph. 5: 26). 4. Revelation. "The light of life" (John 8: 12; 1: 4; Psa. 119: 105; 2 Peter 1 19). 5. Humility. "The grace of life" (1 Peter 3: 7; 2 Cor. 8: 9). 6. Resurrection. "The spirit of life" (Rev. 11: 11; Rom. 8: 2. 7.) Redemption. "The tree of life" (Rev. 2: 7; 22:2). 8. Reward. "The crown of life" (James 1: 12; Rev. 2: 10).

IV. The rejected Word. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not" (v. 11). Jesus came a stranger to the earth and he had created (v. 10). He came as the revelation of the Father's love (v. 16; 1 John 4:10). He "came... to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15). But he was rejected by his own world (v. 10). his own nation (v. 11); his own country (Mark 6:4); his own city (Luke 4:29); his own kindred (Mark 6:4); his own house (John 7:5); his own disciples (Matt. 26:21). Men misunderstood him (Luke 2:50); John 8:43); despised him (Isa. 53:3); persecuted him (John (15: 20); mocked him (Matt. 20:18, 19); forsook him (Mark 14:50); crucified him (Acts 4:10).

V. The received Word. "But as many as received him," etc. (v. 12). Christ is God's "unspeakable gift" to the world (2 Cor. 9:15). To receive him is to practically and definitely believe that Jesus the Son of man is the Christ, the Son of God (1 John 5:1). It is not to receive a doctrine or a creed or a dogma, but to receive the Son of God, a living person as our sin-bearer (Heb. 9.:8; 1 Pet. 2: 24); our Redeemer (Titus 2:14); our Savior (Matt. 1:21, margin), our life, our light and our love. A lady who had drifted into Christian Science, and so into darkness, said to the pastor who pointed out her error: "Strange I never thought. They taught me Christ was a principle. I have been trying to love a principle." Then with gladness she shouted, "Oh! he is a person; may Savior."

VI. The incarnate Word. "And the Word was made flesh" (v. 14). He was the Word (v. 1). He became flesh. He was declared to be the Son of God, he became the seed of David (Rom. 1:3, 4). He was in the form of God, he became a man (Phil. 2:6, 7). "The Word ....dwelt among us" (v. 14). To dwell, is to find and make a home.

VII. The personal Word. "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son....he hath declared him" (v. 18). At one time in Abyssinia there was a curious custom, which hints at the primary significance of "the Word." The people never saw their kind. He sat within a covered place and spoke through an aperture to a man who stood near and gave his message to the assembled people. This officer was called Kal Hatzi, "The word of the king." No man hath seen God, but Christ declared him—not as a monarch far off and unapproachable, but as a Father near and loving. God is love; love is the essence of his being; but his nature would never have been known had not the Word embodied it in a human life. A. C. M.

HIGH COURT, 1908.

THE HONORABLE, THE CHANCELLOR.

Toronto Winter Assizes (2nd week), Monday, Jan. 13; Toronto (Non-Jury) (3rd week), Monday, Jan 27; Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd week), Monday, Feb. 10; Toronto, Court, 2nd week), Monday, March 2; Civil (Jury) (1st week), Monday, March 2; Napanee (Jury), Monday, March 9; Barrie (Jury), Tuesday, March 24; Toronto (Non-Jury) (12th week), Wednesday, April 22; St. Jury) (13th week), Wednesday, May 27; Catharines (Non-Jury), Wednesday, May 27; Ottawa (Non-Jury), Monday, June 15; North Bay (Non-Jury), Monday, June 22.

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE COMMON PLEAS.

London Winter Assizes, Monday, Jan. 6; Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd week), Monday, Jan. 20; Hamilton (Non-Jury), Monday, March 16; Brampton (Jury and Non-Jury), Tuesday, March 31; Toronto (Non-Jury), (2nd court, 10th week), Monday, April 6; Toronto (Non-Jury) (14th week), Monday, April 13; Whitby (Non-Jury), Monday, May 11; Guelph (Non-Jury), Tuesday, May 26; Brockville (Non-Jury), Monday, June 1; Walkerton (Non-Jury), Monday, June 29.

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE KING'S BENCH

Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd court, 3rd week), Monday, Feb. 17; Toronto, Civil (Jury) (2nd week), Monday, March 9; Brantford (Jury), Monday, March 16; Toronto (Non-Jury) 11th week), Monday, March 23; Chatham (Jury), Monday, April 6; Lindsay (Jury), Tuesday, April 21; Cobourg (Non-Jury), Monday, June 1; Port Arthur (Jury and Non-Jury), Monday, June 22; Kenora (Jury and Non-Jury), Monday, June 29.

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE EXCHEQUER DIVISION

Toronto (Non-Jury) (4th week), Monday, Feb. 3; Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd court, 4th week), Monday, March 2; Toronto, Civil (Jury) (3rd week), Monday, March 16; Peterborough (Jury), Monday, March 23; Kingston (Jury), Tuesday, March 31; Woodstock (Non-Jury), Monday, April 13; Toronto (Non-Jury) (16th week), Monday, April 27; Hamilton (Jury), Monday, May 18; Sandwich (Non-Jury), Monday, June 8.

THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE MACMAHON.

Hamilton Winter Assizes, Monday, Jan. 6; Toronto (Non-Jury) (5th week), Monday, Feb. 10; Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd court, 6th week), Monday, March 9; Cobourg (Jury), Monday, March 16; Toronto, Civil (Jury) (5th week), Monday, March 30; Ottawa (Jury), Tuesday, April 7; Toronto (Non-Jury) (17th week), Monday, May 4; Perth (Jury and Non-Jury), Monday, May 11; Picton (Jury and Non-Jury), Tuesday, May 26; Woodstock (Non-Jury), Monday, June 1; Sudbury (Non-Jury), Tuesday, June 9.

THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE BRITTON.

Toronto Winter Assizes (3rd week), Monday, Jan. 20; Toronto (Non-Jury) (6th week), Monday, Feb. 17; Welland (Jury), Monday, March 9; Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd court, 7th week), Monday, March 16; Cayuga (Jury and week), Monday, April 14; Orangeville (Non-Jury), Tuesday, April 21; Toronto (Jury and Non-Jury), Tuesday, April 21; Toronto (Non-Jury) (18th week), Monday, May 11; Parry Sound (Jury and Non-Jury), Monday, May 18; Gore Bay (Jury and Non-Jury), Tuesday, June 2; L'Orignal (Jury and Non-Jury), Tuesday, June 16.

THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE TEETZEL.

Toronto Winter Assizes (1st week), Monday, Jan. 6; Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd court, 1st week), Monday, Feb. 3; Goderich (Jury), Tuesday, March 3; Guelph (Jury), Tuesday, April 28; Bracebridge (Jury and Non-Jury), Tuesday, May 5; Toronto (Non-Jury) (20th week), Tuesday, May 26; Barrie (Non-Jury), Tuesday, June 2; Peterborough (Non-Jury), Monday, June 22; Lindsay (Non-Jury), Thursday, June 25.

THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE ANGLIN.

Cornwall Winter Assizes, Tuesday, Jan. 7; Toronto (Non-Jury) (8th week), Monday, March 2; Owen Sound (Jury), Monday, March 16; Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd court, 8th week), Monday, March 23; Milton (Jury and Non-Jury), Tuesday, April 14th; Pembroke (Jury and Non-Jury), Tuesday, April 21; Sandwich (Jury), Tuesday, April 28; London (Non-Jury), Monday, May 11; Toronto (Non-Jury) (19th week), Monday, May 18; Chatham (Non-Jury), Monday, June 15.

THE HON. MR. JUSTICE MAGEE.

Toronto (Non-Jury) (9th week), Monday, March 9; Toronto (Civil) (Jury) (4th week), Monday, March 23; Belleville (Jury), Tuesday, March 31; Sarnia (Jury), Monday, April 6; St. Thomas (Jury), Monday, April 13; Brockville (Jury), Tuesday, April 21; Toronto (Criminal) (1st week), Monday, May 4; Toronto (Criminal), (2nd week), Monday, May 11; Toronto (Criminal) (3rd week), Monday, May 18; Kingston (Non-Jury), Tuesday, May 26; Toronto (Non-Jury) (21st week), Monday, June 1; Stratford (Non-Jury, Tuesday, June 16.

THE HON. MR. JUSTICE CLUTE.

Toronto (Winter Assizes) (4th week), Monday Jan. 27; Berlin (Jury), Monday, Feb. 17; Toronto (Non-Jury) (6th week), Monday, Feb. 24; Sudbury (Jury), Monday, March 2; Toronto (Non-Jury) (10th week), Monday, March 16; North Bay (Jury), Monday, April 16; North Bay (Jury), Tuesday, April 21; Napanee (Non-Jury), Monday, May 11; Sault Ste. Marie (Jury and Non-Jury), Tuesday, May 26.

THE HON. MR. JUSTICE MABEE.

Toronto (Non-Jury) (1st week), Monday, Jan. 13; Toronto (Winter Assizes) (5th week), Monday, Feb. 3; Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd court, 5th week), Monday, March 2; Stratford (Jury), Tuesday, March 10; Toronto (Non-Jury) (12th week), Monday, March 30; St. Catharines (Jury), Monday, April 6; Belleville (Non-Jury), Tuesday, May 26; Toronto (Non-Jury) (23rd week), Monday, June 15; Cornwall (Non-Jury), Tuesday, June 23; Simcoe (Non-Jury), Monday, June 29.

THE HON. MR. JUSTICE RIDDELL

Ottawa (Winter Assizes), Monday, Jan. 6; Walkerton (Jury), Monday, March 2; London (Jury), Monday, March 23; Toronto (Non-Jury) (2nd court, 9th week), Monday, March 30; Toronto (Civil) (Jury) (6th week), Monday, April 6; Toronto (Non-Jury), (16th week), Tuesday, April 21; Owen Sound (Non-Jury), Tuesday, May 5; Goderich (Non-Jury), Tuesday, May 12; Welland (Non-Jury), Monday, May 18; Toronto (Non-Jury) (22nd week), Monday, June 8; St. Thomas (Non-Jury), Monday, June 15; Sarnia (Non-Jury), Monday, June 29.

AFTER MURDERER.

Shot and Killed Him and Wounded the Main Witness.

Roxie, Miss., Dec. 30.—While returning home near here last night, James Temple and J. C. Campbell were waylaid and Campbell was killed and Temple shot through the arm. Campbell was shot in the stomach and had his head almost blown off. Campbell was out on bond, having killed a young man named Grover in May last. Temple was his main witness in the case. Last night's shooting is believed to be an incident in a feud which has come into existence since the killing of young Grover.

MURDERED BY HIRED MAN.

Old Farmer Shot and Killed by New Immigrant.

Had First Threatened the Son When Father Appeared.

Brampton, Ont., despatch: Jas. Curry, an old farmer, 80 years of age, was shot and instantly killed by his hired man, who was known as "Jack," about 10 o'clock last night. Mr. Curry's son was alone with the hired man when he was threatened by the latter. The old man, hearing the row, came into the room in his night gown, when the hired man turned the gun on him and shot and killed him. The man then threatened the son, who grappled with him, when the second barrel was discharged into the ceiling. The murderer was finally overpowered, and the neighbors were notified. He is an Englishman, about 27 years old, and has been at Curry's only a month. His name is not known.

105 BODIES FOUND.

Work of Rescue in Darr Mine—Effects of Explosion.

Jacobs Creek, Pa., Dec 30.—The work of removing bodies from the Darr Mine was resumed early. At 9 o'clock 32 bodies were brought to the surface, making the total number recovered to date 105. The searching party has reached entry No. 29, where numerous bodies were found.

The pit cars were blown to pieces, and the timber and iron were scattered around in confusion. The twisted forms of iron led members of the party to believe that the explosion must have taken place in this particular entry.

There were many falls of slate. Thirteen additional bodies were identified today. A coroner's jury was selected before night for the inquest.

SHOCK TOO GREAT.

Drops Dead When Told His Sister Must Go Under Knife.

Buffalo despatch: John Mahoney, 30 years old, who lived at No. 372 Katherine street, dropped dead, yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock when told that one of his sisters would have to be operated upon for appendicitis. Another sister had just come from a hospital after an operation for the same disease.

The Mahoneys have had steady affliction the past few weeks, and it worried Mahoney's mother, who is ill. The sister who is to be operated upon is unable to leave her bed, and the one who has just left the hospital is still a convalescent.

Dr. James W. Nash visited the home yesterday afternoon to see the sick sister. He found her in a serious condition, and decided that an operation would be imperative to-day.

Before Dr. Nash had left the house Mr. Mahoney fell prostrate to the floor and died almost instantly.

TELL-TALE LETTER.

Rev. Dr. Shafer on Trial For Unbecoming Conduct.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—The Rev. Wm. H. Shafer, presiding elder of the first district in the Philadelphia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was placed on trial before the ecclesiastic court here to-day on the charge of conduct unbecoming a minister.

An anonymous letter which the former landlady of Dr. Shafer declares she found in the waste paper basket in his room figures prominently in the case. It is charged that the letter was sent to Dr. Shafer by Mrs. Martha J. Deichley, a widow, of Morgantown, Pa.

The defence claims that the letter is a forgery.

Both sides have engaged handwriting experts.

LOST 200 MEN.

Sultan of Morocco Wins Victories Over His Rivals.

Morocco City, Dec. 30.—Recent fighting in this vicinity has resulted in two victories for partisans of Abd El Aziz, the Sultan of Morocco. The Tehamas, followers of Mulai Bafid, the "Southern Sultan" attacked the Shragna tribesmen, partisans of Abd El Aziz, but were repulsed with the loss of 200 men.

After receiving 800 reinforcements from Multai Hafid the Rehamas attacked a second time but again suffered defeat.

BLOWING UP A GOVERNOR.

A Daring Outrage on an Indian Railway.

Calcutta, Dec. 30.—An attempt was made last night to wreck a special train in which Sir Andrew Fraser, Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, and Lady Fraser, with the Governor's staff and a number of police, were travelling, and having regard to the nature of the explosives used the railway officials are astonished that a terrible catastrophe did not accur.

The train was running through the Kharagpur, and when between Uarayangar and Benapur the driver felt the engine lift and bump. Simultaneously he heard a loud explosion. Luckily the train did not leave the rails and the vacuum pipes parted, automatically putting on the brakes. The explosion tore a big home in the ground, while some sleepers were blown to fragments.

The Statesman, dismissing the theory that the outrage was the work of disaffected Bengalis in the Midnapur district, says: "Pieces of shattered sleepers were found at a distance of from 150 to 200 yards away from where the explosion occurred, and we are told that some of them have been sold at as much as 100 rupees (£6 13s) each as mementoes of the first attempt that has been made on the life of a high State official since the assassination of Mr. Justice Norman and Lord Mayo."

FLOUR FIGURES.

Falling Off in the Number of Barrels from Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 3.0— Flour shipments from Minneapolis for 1907 will fall short of the total shipped during 1906 by nearly 1,000,000 barrels.

The decrease apparently has not been entirely due to the financial flurry as the figures fo reach month show that only in three months for the entire year have the shipments for 1907 exceeded those for the same months in 1906.

The number of barrels of flour shipped from Minneaoplis so far this year is 13,825,375, while for a corresponding period in 1906, there were shipped 14,573,123 barrels, a decrease of 747,748 barrels.

LAWYER SUICIDES.

Throws Himself in Front of Train In N. Y. Subway.

New York, Dec. 30.—Hundreds of waiting passengers at the 14th street subway station were thrown into a small panic during the rush hours to-day, when Ernest C. Stedman, a lawyer, aged 61, jumped in front of a moving train and was killed.

Women became hysterical and the subway police controlled them with difficulty.

No motive for the suicide has been found.

Mr. Stedman was a wealthy real estate lawyer, with offices at 128 Broadway. He was a native of Hartford, Conn., having graduated from Yale in 1867.

Mr. Stedman was a member of the Union League lawyers, University and Yale Clubs. He was president and director of the American Cushion Elbow Co., vice-president and director of the J. C. Lyons Building and Operating Co., and treasurer and director of the Raritan River Clay Co.

TOO MUCH OPIUM.

Pittsburg's Only Chinese Woman Drops Dead.

Pittsburg, Dec. 30.— San Foon Wah, the only Chinese woman in Pittsburg, dropped dead at the home of her cousin here late last night. It is thought she had indulged excessively in opium, which affected the heart.

Her suddent death was followed by a panic among several Chinese who were in the room and who were terrorized by what they considered a visitation from the angry joss, their god.

FRENCH FORCES

In Algeria Greatly Impress the Turbulent Tribes.

Paris, Dec. 30.—Official advices received from Gen. Liautey, commander of the French forces in Algeria, from Lalla Maghnia, state that the two French columns which have been making and armed demonstration along the disturbed frontier have formed a junction. The commanders of the columns report that the turbulent tribes have been greatly impressed by this display of force and that even the fierce Benis Massen tribesmen are beginning to pay the indemnities imposed upon them.

KILLED AND WAS KILLED.

Austrian Navvy Knifed a Countryman and Was Shot by Contractor.

Missoula, Mont., Dec. 30.— Two men were killed last night at a railway construction camp near Lothrop. George Morris, an Austrian, killed one of his countrymen in a knife duel, the cause of the trouble being unknown. Morris then started to Lothrop and met Contractor Walter A. Arnold on a bridge. He attacked Arnold with the knife and Arnold drew a revolver and shot the man dead. Arnold gave himself up, claiming that he acted in self-defence.

WITH CLOTHING ABLAZE,

Woman Rushes Out on the Street in St. John, N. B.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 30.—While Mrs. Mary Connell, 600 Main street, was lighting a fire in the kitchen stove this afternoon her clothing caught fire. The family live on the third floor of the house. Mrs. Connell was alone, and when she saw her dress afire she rushed down the three flights of stairs and into the open street. The flames by this time had enveloped her whole body, and as she emerged into the street she presented a fearsome sight.

The terrified woman made a dash for the open door of George Baxter's restaurant, where a man threw his coat around her and put out the fire. She is badly burned, but will recover.

MARKET REPORTS

Toronto Farmers' Market.

The receipts of grain to-day were small, being confined to one load of barley, which sold at 75c per bushel.

Hay in moderate supply, there being sales of 20 loads at $19 to $21 a ton for timothy and of $16 to $17 for clover. Straw is nominal at $16 to $17 a ton.

Dressed hogs continue firm at $7.75 to $8 for light and at $7.50 for heavy.

Wheat, white, bush	$0.97	$0 00
Do., red, bush	0 97	0 00
Do., spring, bush	0 90	0 95
Do., goose, bush	0 87	0 00
Oats, bush	0 51	0 00
Barley, bush	0 75	0 00
Rye, bush	0 83	0 00
Peas, bush	0 86	0 87
Hay, timothy, ton	19 00	21 00
Do., clover, ton	16 00	18 00
Straw, per ton	17 00	0 00
Seeds, Alsike, No. 1 bu.	7 50	8 00
Do., No. 2	6 75	7 25
Do., red clover	9 00	9 50
Dressed hogs	7 50	0 00
Eggs, new laid, dozen	0 45	0 50
Do., storage	0 25	0 30
Butter, dairy	0 26	0 30
Do., creamery	0 30	0 32
Geese, dressed, lb.	0 09	0 10
Chickens, per lb.	0 08	0 10
Ducks, dressed, lb.	0 08	0 11
Turkeys, per lb.	0 14	0 16
Apples, per bbl.	2 00	3 50
Potatoes, per bag	0 90	1 00
Cabbage, per dozen	0 40	0 50
Onions, per bag	1 00	1 25
Beef, hindquarters	7 00	8 00
Do., forequarters	4 00	5 00
Do., choice, carcase	6 75	7 25
Do., medium, carcase	5 00	5 50
Mutton, per cwt.	8 00	9 00
Veal, prime, per cwt.	7 50	10 00
Lamb, per cwt.	8 50	9 50

British Cattle Markets.

London, London cables are firmer at 11½c per lb., dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9½c per pound.

Toronto Live Stock.

Receipts of live stock at the City Market were light, only one carload of 32 butcher cows, which were bought by Geo. Rowntree, at $2.40 per cwt., for the Harris Abattoir Company.

Winnipeg Wheat Market.

Following are the closing quotations on Winnipeg grain futures to-day:

Wheat—Dec. $1.05 3-4 bid, May $1.15 bid.

Oats—Dec. 44 1-4c bid, May 51 1-2c bid.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK

Montreal Despatch: About 476 head of butchers' cattle, 115 calves, 1,617 sheep and lambs, and 280 fat hogs were offered for sale at the Point St. Charles Stock Yards this forenoon. Trade was slow, as the butchers had already bought nearly all they require for the week. Prices are without material change; prime beeves sold at 4½ to 5½c per lb; pretty good cattle, 3½ to 4¼c; common stock at 2¼ to 3¼c per lb. Mr. George Demers bought superior veal calves at 5½c per lb; grass fed calves sell at 2½ to 3¼c per lb. Sheep sell at 3½ to 4c; lambs at 5½ to 6c per lb. Good lots of fat hogs sold at 6 to 6¼c per lb.

Bradstreet's.

Montreal—The rush of the holiday retail trade movement is now on here, and the general feeling is that its volume is quite up to expectations. General wholesale trade is moderately active. Cold weather has helped the sorting trade in winter lines. There is, however, a quiet tone noticeable in other goods, as is to be expected at this time of year. Collections are fair and the outlook favors considerable improvement in this regard soon after the turn of the year. It is stated that Canadian railroads will be in the market for rolling stock early in the new year, a fact that will do much to help the general trade here. Money is gradually working easier, but the change in the situation during the past week has been very slight.

Toronto—Wholesalers interested express themselves as well satisfied with the business that has been done on account of the holiday trade. The business in furs, too, has been light. Seasonable weather is helping the movement in drygoods sorting orders. The building trades continue quiet and there is a resultant lack of demand for hardware supplies. Hardware prices are generally steady. The outlook for spring trade is considered good.

Winnipeg—As the season advances trade here takes on a more cheerful tone. The holiday trade is helping retailers in all parts of the country, and stocks are reported to be moving well. Sorting orders for winter drygoods are increasing. Values hold firm.

Vancouver and Victoria—Wholesale trade here has a quiet tone. The trade in holiday goods has been heavy up to the present time. The money situation is reported to be easing somewhat and collections are generally good. The number of unemployed is still large.

Quebec—Climatic conditions are favorable to city trade, which during the past week has been brisk.

Hamilton—General trade has a steady tone. The volume of holiday business is heavy. Manufacturers in some lines are curtailing their output to some extent. Collections are fair to good.

London—General trade there holds a good tone.

Ottawa—A heavy business has been done in holiday goods and general trade has a fair tone. Sorting orders for retail goods are moderate.

ILL-TREATED NATIVES.

The Ex-Governor of Togoland Sentenced to Fine.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—Ex-Governor Horn, of Togoland, was to-day sentenced to a fine of $75 and costs for the ill-treatment of a native in Togoland in 1903.

The charge against Horn was that he caused the death of a native, named Zeue, by having him bound to a flagstaff and leaving him there without food or drink for twenty-four hours. He was first tried for this offence several months afterwards by the Superior Colonial Court at Dualla and fined $225. There has been much criticism in Germany, especially on the part of socialist speakers in the Reichstag, of this sentence, which was regarded as far too light.

ALL FOR A DOLLAR.

DOUBLE MURDER NEAR GENOA OVER FOUR SHILLINGS.

Custom House Guard Stabbed Labor Leader and Wife, With Whom He Had Quarrelled—Baby Found Playing in Its Parents' Blood.

Genoa, Dec. 30.—Heated words between two wives over a question of four shillings for rent led to a double murder by the husband of one of them in the suburb of Sampier d'Arena. The murderer escaped to the mountains, where his arrest is problematic owing to the facilities to fugitives to escape over the frontier.

Signora Bianchi, the wife of a trade union leader, with four children, who sub-let a room to a custom house guard named Quattrocchi and his newly married wife, quarrelled with Signora Quattrocchi over the amount of rent to be paid before the latter left. Bianchi entered, but seems to have taken little part in the discussion. Quattrocchi appeared in the doorway, holding his hand behind his back. Suddenly he sprang on Bianchi, dealing him a blow in the chest with a sharp clasp knife. Bianchi's wife rushed to his assistance, but Quattrocchi turned his fury on her, stabbing her in the chest, shoulder, face and lower body. Bianchi seized a chair to defend himself and his wife, but was overpowered and fell mortally wounded. The knife, broken by the force of the blows, was found on the floor.

Neighbors hearing cries ran to the Bianchi's lodging. Quattrocchi rushed past them, covered with blood, into the street. Though chased by a crowd that showered blows on him, he sped towards the Ligurian Alps and is still at large.

On entering the room the neighbors found the husband and wife on the floor dying. The children were huddled in a corner whining with terror, except the little two-year-old baby, which was playing with a toy in its parents' blood.

ASHOKAN DAM FRAUDS.

New York's Water Commissioners Will Be Removed.

New York, Dec. 30.—As a result of the investigation made by the commissioners of accounts into the award of the contract for the construction of the Ashokan dam, a part of the city's new water supply system, the Board of Water Commissioners will be removed by Mayor McClellan unless his action is forestalled by their resignations. The water commissioners, Edward Simmons, Chas. N. Chadwick and Charles N. Shaw, awarded the Ashokan contract to MacArthur Brothers Company, whose bid was $12,669,755 against $10,315,530 bid for the work by the John Pierce Company.

FIRST SHAVE IN 53 YEARS,

And When He Went Home Wife and Children Didn't Know Him.

Lodi, O., Dec. 30.—A Christmas gift of a peek at his face, enshrouded by whiskers for 53 years, was the donation of Martin Overs, aged 70, of this village, to his wife and seven children.

He had a three foot and a half growth of whiskers, about which he had displayed great pride for years, shaved off to-day, and went home with a great muffler wrapped about his countenance, fearing the cold.

Mrs. Overs almost collapsed from fright as he strode into the house. She did not recognize him till he spoke. Overs shaved for two years as a youth, but no razor had touched his cheek since he was 17 years old.

WANT UNION DISSOLVED.

Mine Owners Claim It is Promoting Anarchy and Murder.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 30.—To carry the fight into the Federal court will be the next move of the Goldfield Mine Owners' Association. To-morrow a suit will be filed here asking not only for an injunction against picketing and interfering with, but for the final dissolution of the Goldfield Miners' Union. The suit is to be filed by the Goldfield Consolidated Mine Company.

The Goldfield Union is charged in the bill with "intimidation," and of being guilty of "wanton destruction of property, murder of innocent citizens, lawlessness and anarchy to such an extent that it has instituted a reign of terror in the Goldfield district."

GRIP SMITES NEW YORK.

Sixty-eight Deaths Took Place Within the Last Week.

New Yoark, Dec. 30.—The city's grip epidemic isn't letting up a bit. It is getting worse. Singers, actors, professional men and clerks are suffering.

There were sixty-eight deaths last week, as compared with fifty-one for the same period last year. The disease is not only serious in itself, but the bacillus affects every known throat and lung disease. Lobar pneumonia caused 217 deaths, against 134 last year; bronchial pneumonia last year, 98; this year, 159.

GREAT HOTEL FOR CHICAGO.

Will be Twenty-two Storeys High and Will Have 1,170 Rooms.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Preparations for letting contracts for the 22-storey La-Salle hotel, at LaSalle and Madison streets, went forward yesterday, following the issuance of the building permit.

The estimated cost of the hotel is $2,300,000, and with the furnishings it will represent $3,500,000, on land woth $2,500,000.

The hotel will have 1,170 rooms.

HER LOVER DRANK,

So a Young Woman in St. John, N. B. Swallows Carbolic Acid.

St. John, N.B., despatch: Izzie Anderson, aged about 22, drank carbolic acid to-night in a house here where she was a servant. The young man with whom she kept company called on her, and she charged him with having been drinking, said she could do so too, and then swallowed the poison. She died less than an hour afterwards in the hospital.

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