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A Cobourg despatch: A case that was the first of its kind ever tried in a Canadian court came before Chancellor Sir John Boyd. It arose out of the will of the late Matthew Morgan, of Crumville, who died in 1902. Morgan was a wealthy man, and his will provided that his estate should be divided among his children and a number of other persons.

After Mr. Morgan's death the will was attacked in the Surrogate Court by Mr. J. B. McGill, the executor of a former will, on the grounds of undue influence, mental incapacity, etc., but the decision in the Surrogate Court upheld Mr. Webb. Mrs. George Arnott, a niece of the deceased, then claimed the whole estate from Mr. Webb under a secret trust in her favor, which Mr. Webb denied.

QUARRELED ABOUT DOGS.

An Arkansas Widow Shot by a Man Neighbor.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 30.—A special from Conway, Ark., says: "Mrs. Emma Hearness, a widow, was shot and killed last evening by James Hall after a quarrel over two dogs which Hall had killed. Mrs. Hearness' son was wounded by two shots from Hall's revolver. Hall had killed two dogs belonging to Mrs. Hearness and had refused to pay for them. She accompanied her son to Hall's home and he met her at the door with a revolver in his hand. He cursed her, it is alleged, and as she started to run he shot and killed her and wounded her son, and it is thought that he will not recover. A posse is scouring the country for Hall, who is armed. A desperate fight is expected before he is captured."

RESCUED A BLIND MAN.

A Boer Officer's Gallant Action at a Chicago Fire.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The rescue of a blind man by Capt. Peter A. Viper, of the Boer army, and another thrilling rescue, that of a seventy-year-old invalid by Policeman Michael McGrath, were witnessed last night during a fire in an apartment building at 3607 W. Madison avenue. The blind man is W. A. Weidstock, and the aged invalid is Wm. Claid. They had been left behind in the rush from the building when the fire was discovered. Visser and McGrath were both singled in making the way through the flames. The property loss is \$20,000.

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FASCINATED BY NIAGARA FALLS, BUT FEARED POLICE.

Despondent New York Printer Prepares to Take Death Plunge, But Courage Fails—Tells Story of Intent—Police Asked to Look After Him.

Buffalo, Dec. 30.—The day before he disappeared from his home, Frank Stessel, a printer, 32 years old, told his sister that he had stood on the brink of Niagara Falls, intending to commit suicide, but his courage failed him. Yesterday the sister, Mrs. E. W. Weaver, of 508 Niagara street, told the police of the Pearl street station about Stessel's absence, fearing that he has carried out his intention.

Stessel is a printer employed by the New York Journal. He came here about four weeks ago to spend his vacation with his mother and sister, who live at 542 Elm street. For some time, his sister reported he had been suffering from nervous prostration and has been greatly discouraged by his ill health.

Mrs. Weaver said she had not seen him since 6 o'clock Saturday night when he left home, saying that he was going to visit his mother. He took with him a number of membership cards of organizations, of which he is a member, and a razor. He left his shaving cup at home. Last Friday when he returned from Niagara Falls he told Mrs. Weaver of his suicidal intentions. He said he had been fascinated by the Falls and wanted to jump. When he prepared to do so he suddenly began to fear death and changed his mind and told the police.

The police have sent out a general alarm in the hope of finding Stessel alive. He is a slender man, about five feet six inches in height. When he left home he wore dark clothes and a long and loose-fitting black overcoat.

MORE PEOPLE BUT LESS MONEY.

THAT SUMS UP CHRISTMAS BUSINESS IN NEW YORK.

Cheaper Articles Being Purchased—Push-Cart Men Doing Land Office Business—Diamond Merchants Slack—Lots of Christmas Cards.

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SIX-YEAR-OLD BOY LOST.

He Started From Home to Find His Father in the Woods.

A Quebec despatch: News comes from St. Gabriel, county of Rimouski, of the disappearance of a six-year-old boy named Levesque. It appears that the boy set out from his home with two little sisters to join their father, who was at work in a bush at a considerable distance from the house. The two girls who were younger than the boy, became fatigued, however, and after vainly urging their brother to return home, parted from him and retraced their steps, reaching there safely. Since that time no trace has been found of the boy.

A general hunt for him was at once inaugurated, some seventy men of the place turning out, but, despite all their endeavors, the boy could not be found. The only thing discovered was the boy's pocket handkerchief, which was picked up in the bush.

FIRST LYNCHING IN OKLAHOMA.

Negro Hanged in New State and Riddled With Bullets.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 30.—Riddled with bullets, the body of James Garden, a negro, is dangling from a telegraph pole to-night in Henrietta, Okla., a coal mining town thirty miles southwest of here, as the result of the first lynching in the new State. Garden at noon to-day shot and killed Albert Bates, a white man, because Bates, who is a well known liverman, refused to rent a rig to the negro. Garden said Bates was discriminating against him because of his color, and going across the street for a pistol, Garden returned and killed Bates. Garden was lodged in jail, and to-night a mob of a hundred men battered down the doors of the jail and secured the negro, and hanged him to a nearby pole. They then riddled the body with bullets. There is a negro in the Henrietta jail who, it is feared, will be lynched before morning.

A BULLET-PROOF LION.

Thirty Shots Ineffectually Fired Into It in Antwerp.

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In spite of the wound and his mauling from the lion, he got the nose round its neck. The policemen then dragged it up to a tree and tied the rope around it. They fired thirty revolver shots, but failed to kill the beast. Eventually it was despatched with a Congo assegai. The injured man is in the hospital.

KEEWATIN AT OWEN SOUND.

New C. P. R. Steamer Makes Trip From Buffalo Safely.

Owen Sound despatch: Navigation for the season closed to-day with the arrival of the Kewatin, the second of the big new passenger steamers for the Canadian Pacific Railway. The steamer which made the run from Buffalo on Monday morning through heavy weather and without the usual aids to navigation. Capt. E. B. Anderson, commodore of the lake fleet, was in command.

DUTCH CABINET RESIGNS.

Its Army Estimates Defeated in Second Chamber.

The Hague, Dec. 30.—The Dutch Cabinet, the Council of Ministers comprising nine members, by whom the executive authority of the Government is administered, to-day presented its resignation. It is thought that the dissolution of Parliament is likely to follow. The resignation of the Cabinet is due to the defeat of the army estimates in the second Chamber of Parliament. The Opposition in the discussion of these estimates contended that the efficiency of the Dutch army was not proportionate to its cost. The Clericals, who are opposed to the Government's plans for universal suffrage, are pleased over the situation created by the Cabinet's resignation, as they prefer that the expected general election which is to follow should be fought out on universal suffrage.

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