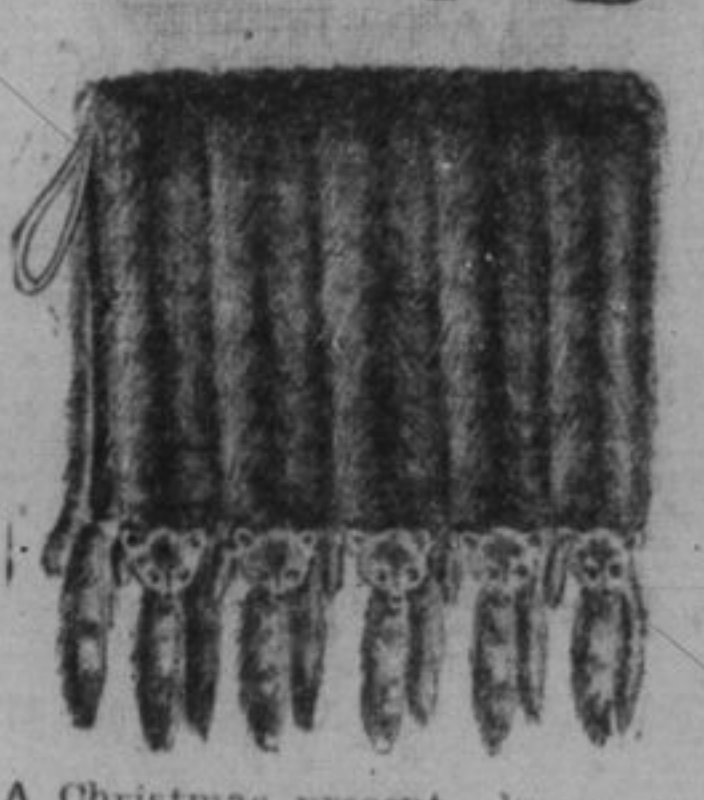


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EXPECTED A STRIKE

STEEL TRUSTS PLAN TO HOLD ITS MEN.

Encouraged Them to Invest in Stock of the Corporation—Forty Thousand Workmen Draw Dividends Regularly.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 16.—Following close on the declaration of war made by the heads of organized labor against the United States Steel Corporation, there were some important conferences in the Pittsburg office of the corporation. It is admitted that Pittsburg, with its thousands of workmen, will be the battle ground, if a battle there is to be. The 40,000 workmen of the corporation who hold stock and draw dividends regularly from the profits of the corporation are looked to stand true to the corporation.

A statement by an official of the steel corporation is considered by the union as an official acceptance of the union's declaration of war.

"When we suggested that the employees purchase the stock of the corporation we wanted to make them good, faithful employees, and to encourage them to take an interest in their work and feel that they were not only a working but a financial part of a great corporation. We know that we have accomplished this. We feared that at some time, as the case in all large successful corporations, some dissatisfied persons would try to inaugurate a strike, where a practically every frugal man in the employ of the corporation is the owner of several shares of stock. They are accumulating more and more each day. They believe in the corporation, and they will not leave it."

The Late Miss B. Doran.
Miss Bridget Doran passed away early on Thursday morning, at the family residence, 61 Barrie street, after a two months' illness. The deceased was a daughter of the late Daniel Doran, and had been a resident of the city for the past sixty years. The late Miss Doran had been in poor health for some time, and for the past two months had been confined to her room. The deceased was well known in the city, and by her cheery, kind personality, had made many friends, who, today, mourn her loss. One brother, P. J. Doran, two nieces, Miss A. Dwyer, Miss Maudie Dwyer, are left to mourn her loss. The funeral will be held on Saturday morning. The deceased was a member of all the church societies, of the Victorian Order of Nurses, and the National Women's Council.

Board of Education Matters.

At the meeting of the board of education management committee, on Wednesday evening, the re-opening of the Collegiate Institute gymnasium was considered. The building has not yet been handed over, so the matter was allowed to stand over. The committee considered the case of the collegiate boy, who was alleged to have been thrown downstairs by a teacher, and will report to the board upon the incident. It will be necessary to have a special meeting of the board before the close of the year, as several matters have to receive its attention to being the appointment of a teacher to succeed H. P. May, at the Collegiate Institute.

The tug Tormentor has returned to Baltimore, with the report that the dredge Portancon, which she was towing, to Cristobal, Panama, foundered during a storm off Cape Lookout, Monday, with the loss of five men, including Capt. Joseph Broering and Chief Engineer Martin Kaupp. Some of the bodies were recovered.

Calendar watches that tell the day of the week, the day of the month, and month of the year, as well as a regular watch combined, at Keeley's, for 89.

Kings at all prices at Keeley's.

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Shoirlds, Wellington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary, Scardes Stinson, to Malcolm Blake Clark, of the same place, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Clark. The marriage will take place in January.

Bibby's show swell suit cases.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

NEWSPAPERS PICKED UP BY REPORTERS ON THEIR ROUNDS.
Mullers, \$1 to \$2.50, at Hunt's. Order your Christmas chocolates at Best's.

Navel oranges, 25c, 30c and 40c a dozen, at Gilbert's.

Keeley's eight-day watches that run with once winding, for 89.

A bunch of keys picked up on the street await an owner at the police station.

See Bibby's \$4.75 suit cases.

Mayor Couper is the candidate of no party or section. People of all parties have asked him to run again, so he's the citizens' candidate.

Parsons' shirts at Hunt's.

A new line of clocks just arrived at Keeley's. Come and see them.

A number of recruits for the R.C. H.A. arrived in the city, to-day, from the west. They were met by an officer and taken to the barracks to enlist.

Bibby's suit cases are swell.

Christmas post cards, fancy, 10c a dozen, at Best's.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Haney, Toronto, have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Margaret, to Dr. Holward Spohn, on January 6th.

We have one quarter-hour repeater watch left, strikes 4 hours, and hours, as you wish to, at the time during the night in a silver case, for \$22, at Keeley's.

Neckwear for Christmas at Hunt's.

A workman named Charles Harrison, employed on the new wing to the Hotel Dieu hospital, fell from a scaffold, and fortunately escaped without serious injury. He was taken to Dr. McCarthy's surgery, where a slight wound on his hand was dressed. He was, indeed, fortunate in getting off so easily.

No girl ever admits getting too many maricure or toilet sets. You would please her send her one from Best's. All styles and prices, from 75c. to \$20.

The steamer Wolfe Islander will, on Tuesday, go to the relief of the Amherst Island residents who have been isolated since the steamer Althea stopped running. The Islander will go up on Monday evening, and return to the city early Tuesday morning, with the islanders, to do their Christmas shopping.

ILLEGAL SALE OF LIQUOR.

Collins Bay Hotel Proprietor in Trouble.

Inspector W. C. Wright has taken out an information against H. C. Fuller, proprietor of the hotel at Collins Bay, the charge being selling liquor without a license. This case is the result of the evidence given in the police court, this morning, when the two girls testified that they were given whiskey by the young men who accompanied them on the drive that resulted so disastrously for all concerned. The case will be heard in the police court room, Friday morning, by Justice of the Peace Moreland, of Scotland, who has been notified by Inspector Wright.

A Display Of Fine Art.

Local admirers of china painting will be glad to learn that Miss Maymie Shields, Gannoque, is to hold an exhibition and sale of her work in this city, commencing to-morrow evening, and continuing all day on Saturday. Miss Shields has studied the art of china painting under such eminent teachers as Marshal Fry and M. M. Mason, New York, also Nulich, of Chicago, and the quality of her work is sufficiently well-known here to require no lengthy endorsement. Her collection of paintings, which comprise many articles suitable for Christmas gifts, will be on exhibition at 15 Montreal street, the late Dr. McCannan's residence, on Friday evening and Saturday.

Ladies Giving Tea.

The Young Ladies Guild of Queen street church are holding a tea each day during this week which should be well patronized. It is being held in the cosy parlors at Best's drug store and an excellent service is being rendered. Miss Mabel Day, the president, is looking after the arrangements, ably assisted by members of the guild. A fine cup of tea and lunch is served every patron and for the benefit of Christmas shoppers the parlors will be open from 10:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. each day and will also be open on Saturday night. The proceeds are for a worthy cause and the friends of the guild should help along the work.

CREW ARE MAROONED

MEN OF STEAMER THREE DAYS WITHOUT FOOD.

Vessel a Total Loss—Ran on Outer Duck Island in Snowstorm—Heavy Seas Prevented Help From Manitoulin.

Little Current, Ont., Dec. 16.—The new steel steamer Wisashickon, of the Anchor line, ran on the Outer Duck Island, Lake Huron, Sunday night, in an eastern gale and blinding snowstorm. The lower decks and stern of the steamer are submerged, and all supplies are cut off from the crew, who have had no food since Sunday night. Heavy seas prevented crossing from the Ducks to the Manitoulin, twelve miles, until yesterday, when two fishermen succeeded in reaching the island, where the steamer is, by a small gasoline launch and brought off, First Mate J. H. Cassey and Engineer John Erksen. Tugs are being sent out from the Soo for the rest of the crew, thirty-two, men in all.

All are safe on the island, but have suffered severely in the extreme weather and from lack of food. Cassey and Erksen had to walk eight miles through snow and water to Fernies, the nearest telephone on the Manitoulin Island. The Wisashickon was bound from Buffalo to Duluth with four thousand tons of general merchandise, valued at \$700,000. The vessel was only two years old and will be a total wreck.

VERONA SKATING RINK.

A. O. U. W. Organizer Had to Enter General Hospital.

Verona, Dec. 15.—The skating rink will open to-night. It is located at the foot of Mill street. The management have spared no pains to make it one of the best, and with Michael Williams, an experienced hockey player, it should be a success.

Patrick Level has moved up town north. The place he vacated will be utilized as a meat shop. James Payne has moved in the house vacated by Rev. A. H. Norrington and Landon Smith in Mr. Payne's house.

Everyone is glad to see Dr. McCarter around again after his illness. Levi Brown and Stanley Lane captured two foxes north of Mud Lake. James Cowley is home from Cobalt.

Oliver Veley, has moved from Mrs. Sophia Williams' terrace on Mill street to the house lately occupied by J. E. Peters, Sand street. J. N. Wasi, A.O.U.W. organizer, laboring here for some time past, went to the hospital, Kingston, last week, quite sick. Mrs. C. Craig has returned from the Kingston general hospital, where she was undergoing treatment. Fence building along the K. & P. railway had been abandoned until next spring. Mrs. M. Hamilton has moved in part of the house she lately purchased from Samuel Irish, M. Martin, Pleasant Valley, will succeed Mrs. Hamilton on the farm, Front Road.

CAREER OF A DESERTER.

Ran Away From Home at Age of Twelve.

London Daily Mail.

After the absence of forty years, John Peck, a native of Nottingham, returned to England recently and discovered that he was still liable to be arrested for having deserted from his regiment in 1896. His career, however, has been so remarkable that when the facts were related the war office not only granted him a free pardon, but a pension as well.

Peck ran away from home at the age of twelve and went to sea. He subsequently joined the army and served in the Crimea. After peace was declared he got transferred to another regiment and was ordered out to India, where he went through the mines and deserted.

He had a hard time as a South African diamond prospector, but when ever a chance of fighting occurred he always embraced it, and so he served against the Basutos, the Zulus and the Boers. His relatives had not heard of him for fifty-three years, when he recently reappeared. He is now seventy-two years of age, and is bent on going back to South Africa to find work in the mines.

Notes From Kepler.

Kepler, Dec. 15.—Joseph Lawson and wife have returned home, after spending a week with their daughter, Mrs. Vance Bolton. Anderson Townsend is improving slowly from an attack of appendicitis. The W.M.S. will meet at Mrs. John McBride's on Monday next. Visitors: Mrs. Knapp, wife and daughter, Barriefield, at Levi Cranston's; Noble Ellerbeck, wife and daughter, Harrowsmith, and A. F. Smith and family, Latimer, at A. Townsend's; Mr. and Mrs. Walker, of Westbrook, at J. McBride's.

Artichokes And Salsify.

Dark green spinach, ripe tomatoes, Boston head lettuce, only 10c a head, at Carnovsky's.

A Mrs. Fowler, formerly of Stratford, left her four-year-old son with a woman in Hamilton, Ont., about a year ago, agreeing to pay for the child's keeping. This, however, she neglected to do and left the city. The woman, with whom the child had been left, took him to the relief office and left him there. She was pursued and brought before the police magistrate, who ruled she did not have to provide for another woman's child.

Chime clocks at Keeley's, the cheapest in the city.

L. A. Audet, registrar of the exchequer court, Ottawa, has been notified that he has been awarded the degree of LL.D. by Laval University.


No true woman will stand for the way her husband arranges the furniture in a room.

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Men's Umbrellas, \$1, 3.00.

MANY of the handles are suitable for Engraving Initials. This we will do WITHOUT CHARGE.

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