

## OPTION GIVEN

### To Prisoners of Staying in Penitentiary.

## TILL AFTER WINTER

### SO SIR A. B. AYLESWORTH TOLD THE COMMONS.

#### Dr. Edwards Again Referred to the Fact of Insufficient Clothing Given to Discharged Prisoners in Winter—Warden Obeyed Rules.

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—In the House of Commons, late last night, Dr. J. W. Edwards, of Frontenac, referred again to the report of inhuman treatment of a prisoner who had been discharged from the Kingston penitentiary with only insufficient clothing to withstand the cold of winter or sufficient money to purchase necessary food. Dr. Edwards also read a letter from James Elliott, of Montreal, secretary of the Prisoners' Aid Association, in which he said that in very many cases he himself had purchased overcoats for discharged prisoners. Dr. Edwards stated further that he had been informed that the guards of the penitentiary in the severest weather had to work in thin overcoats, which cost the government only \$2.50 each. He condemned this cheese-paring policy of the government. As a matter of fact he had learned also that medicinal supplies had also been cut down. Sir Alan Aylesworth replied that as far as the warden and officials of the institution were concerned, they had obeyed the rules of the department. The question of the rules was a large matter, but he thought the penitentiary act had in mind the low temperature of our winter, for prisoners had the option of remaining in the penitentiary during the winter months after their sentence had expired, until the bitterness of the winter cold had passed. The clothing which the prisoner had when he entered the penitentiary was returned to him, also the regulation suit and a sum of money. W. B. Northrup, Belleville, yesterday stated that he will move for a special committee of the house to investigate the whole case at the printing bureau. This is because the public accounts committee can deal only with the accounts for one year, and also because the committee has many other matters to look into. The idea is that the special committee should sit day and evening at the printing bureau. Dr. Sproule criticized the fuss and feathers at the Royal Military College.

## SAY THEY FACE RUIN

### THE MICHIGAN FISHERMEN HAVE ENLISTED AID.

They Ask That the International Fishery Treaty Not be Put Into Effect Till January, 1912.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Jan. 21.—On behalf of the commercial fishermen of the Lake Superior and St. Mary's river districts, Attorney G. P. McCallum, of this city, has enlisted the aid of Representative Young and Senator William Alden Smith in an effort to postpone the taking effect of the proposed international fishing treaty between the United States and Canada. Senator Smith has promised to do his best to prevent the treaty going into effect until Jan. 1, 1912.

The fishermen of these districts have large amounts of money invested in apparatus which would be rendered worthless under the treaty, and many of them, it is said, would be financially ruined if not given more time to make the required changes in the equipment.

## MISTOOK VICTIM'S CRIES.

### Car Ran Over Legs—Reversed and Crushed Again.

Muskogee, Mich., Jan. 21.—With his legs cut off at the knees by an interurban car here, John Howard, a railroad employe, had the horrifying experience of having his cries misunderstood, so that the car was reversed and passed over him a second time. He remained unconscious until received at a hospital, but it is not expected that he can survive his injuries.

## Death From Plague in Pekin.

Pekin, Jan. 21.—The first death in Pekin since the outbreak of the present epidemic of bubonic plague, occurred in a missionary hospital to-day.

## Whale Fights Ship and Dies.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 21.—With a score of plates damaged in a fight with a whale in the Gulf of Mexico, the Norwegian steamer "Mount Vernon" came to port. The captain says the whale was seventy-five feet long. After the whale was wounded it topped, thrashed the sea with its tail, and then struck the boat just below where stood the skipper. The force of the blow was tremendous and the heavy steel plates buckled. With the rebound of the blow the fathead was hauled back and sank out of sight.

## Short Nails Hens Best Layers.

Columbus, Mo., Jan. 21.—"Chickens with short toe nails are the best layers," said Prof. J. E. Rice, poultry expert for Cornell University, addressing students of the Agricultural College here. "These chickens have short toe nails," he said, "from scratching for food, and a chicken that is constantly scratching is sure to be industrious."

## Divine Sarah Fainted in Boston.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 21.—Sarah Bernhardt is under the care of physicians at her hotel to-day, but it is believed that she will be able to complete her engagement here. She fainted during a matinee performance at the Boston theatre yesterday afternoon, but was able to resume her role after a short rest. Her present trip has been a severe strain on the noted actress.

## Ballet is Attached.

London, Ont., Jan. 21.—An attachment was served on the Russian Ballet by Gibbons, Gibbons & Harper, acting for Robert Shivers, of Hamilton, who was struck by a sword from the stage Wednesday night. A bond was furnished and the company departed.

## JAPS THREATEN STRIKE.

### Will Not Work With Filipinos on Hawaiian Plantations.

Honolulu, Jan. 20.—Japanese on the sugar plantations where Filipinos also are employed threaten a general strike unless the latter are discharged. The Japanese charge that the Filipinos, who have been brought here recently in considerable numbers, are loafers and robbers. Several recent cases of hold-ups and robberies of Japanese by Filipinos on the island of Kauai precipitated the crisis.

The local Japanese press supports the laborers in this movement and says it is not safe to be abroad at night in the district where Filipinos are employed.

## BRITISH MANOEUVRES

### Begin To-day, and 12 Admirals Will be Engaged.

London, Jan. 21.—British naval manoeuvres on a large scale began yesterday, off the Spanish coast. Twelve admirals are engaged, and the idea is to give the junior flag officers experience in handling a big fleet. Altogether twenty-three battleships and fourteen armoured cruisers take part in the manoeuvres. They are divided into the "Red fleet," under Sir William May, with a base in the Bay of Arosa, and the "Blue fleet," under Sir Edmund Povey, operating from Vigo.

## MILITARY COLLEGE.

### High Salaries to be Paid Staff Officers.

London, Jan. 21.—The Canadian Associated Press state that the following salaries are to be paid the officers of Australia's Military College—To the commandant, £1,200; director of military art, £800; director of drill, £800; instructor in military engineering, £600.

## GETS PENSION

### Her Husband Sacrificed His Life in August.

## TRIED TO RESCUE

### AN EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL FROM DROWNING.

Syracuse, N.Y., Jan. 21.—Confined to her bed by illness, Mrs. Edith May Underwood Seeley received the news that her husband, Watson Miles Seeley, thirty-two years old, gave up his life August 9th, in a desperate effort to save Miss Mary Magdalene Knoll of No. 103 Lawrence street, eighteen years old, from drowning in the Seneca river at Mud Lock. They perished together.

The news of the woman's good fortune brought tears of joy to the eyes of the brother. It was he who made the first move towards securing it. For some time Mrs. Seeley has occupied two rooms at the home of her sister, where sickness has confined her to her bed for a week.

The movement to secure some recognition from the Carnegie Her Fund Commission for the bravery displayed by Mr. Seeley was inaugurated a few days after his death. At the time of the double fatality when he and Miss Knoll lost their lives he was staying at a cottage on the Seneca river near Mud Lock.

Miss Knoll, her brother, Anthony Knoll, and a friend named Kiefer, had gone to Long Branch for the Church of the Assumption picnic. They started out in one canoe while some of their friends were in another.

The first canoe had proceeded from Long Branch to Mud Lock, when the two men with Miss Knoll suggested they change places in the boat. They stood up, and as they stepped towards the centre of the frail craft Miss Knoll stood up to allow them to pass.

Almost instantly the canoe capsized. The men did their best to save the young woman. They kept her head above water, and with one arm over the shoulder of each they attempted to swim ashore with her.

Attracted by the shouts of people in the vicinity, party hurried to the rescue of the party. Plunging into the river he swam to them. As he reached them Miss Knoll freed herself from her rescuers, and struggling in the water caught hold of Seeley about the neck in such a manner that he could not swim a stroke. They went down and perished together. It was some hours later that their bodies were recovered.

## NEARING A CLOSE.

### Likely an Agreement or Treaty Will be Arranged.

Washington, Jan. 21.—A further conference of Canadian-American free trade commissioners was held on Friday afternoon. It is fully expected negotiations will terminate to-day in an agreement or treaty. This belief is supported by the fact that Secretary of State Knox, who has acted through out for President Taft, entertained Hon. Mr. Fielding and Hon. Mr. Paterson and their ladies at dinner at his house last night, a custom that might be taken as a suitable social termination to the troublesome business deliberations.

The next meeting of the United States and Canadian envoys, on reciprocal took place, this morning, at eleven o'clock, and it is understood that protocols were signed for presentation to the respective homes immediately. The representatives are still all close-mouthed, respecting the terms of the agreements.

## CROUCHED IN ATTIC

### MOTHER, CHILDREN, AND MAID BURNED TO DEATH.

### Their Home on Indian Road in Toronto Was Attacked by Fire—Firemen Sought to Make a Rescue.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—Mrs. Percy C. Brooks, manager of the Fairbanks-Morse Manufacturing company, Toronto, with three children and a maid servant, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home at two o'clock this morning. They lived on Indian Road, in the fashionable York Loan district. Mr. Brooks was away in Chicago on business. It is supposed the fire started from an over-heated furnace. Nearly all the bodies of the victims were found crouched in a corner of the attic, where they were apparently driven by the flames and smoke.

When the fire was discovered by a neighbor and an alarm turned in the house was a mass of flames. Firemen entered the building to save lives but found only the dead bodies. An inquest will be held.

## EXAMINED THE PORTS.

### Ottawa, Jan. 21.—In the senate, Senator Landry has just asked "if the Dominion government had been in Quebec tercentenary celebration, Americans disguised as English sailors were able to visit the Beaumont forts and to become acquainted with the details of their construction and their armament."

Sir Richard Cartwright (Kingston) replied: "No special instructions were given to guard against the admission of strangers to the defence works at Quebec."

The district officer commanding at Quebec has been asked to report upon this matter.

## Panama Canal Needs.

Washington, D.C., Jan. 21.—The opening gun in the fight for fortification of the Panama canal was fired in the House of Representatives, yesterday, although the post office appropriation bill ostensibly was under consideration. Gen. Kiefer, of Ohio, declared that the latest estimate of \$12,000,000 for the fortification of the canal would not be sufficient. He said that he would cost at least \$100,000,000 so to fortify the canal that it could be held against the attack of a first-class power.

## Forty Men Perish.

### NO LESS THAN 400 WERE ENTRAPPED IN MINE.

The Survivors Hewed Their Way to Safety Through Solid Coal—The Owners Were Arrested for Negligence.

Warsaw, Jan. 21.—Four hundred miners were entombed and forty killed by an explosion in the Casimir coal mine at Sosnowice, on the Russo-Prussian frontier.

Fire broke out following the explosion, cutting off the escape by the main shaft, but 350 men cut through the walls, then across a tunnel and came out alive.

Rescue parties that were able to enter the mine after the fire had raged for several hours after, found forty men dead, their bodies being badly mutilated.

Negligence of the mine-owners to apply proper safety devices was responsible for the disaster and the arrest of the owners was ordered by government officials.

Rioting broke out among the rescued miners and their relatives and soldiers were called to prevent an attack on the mine-owners when they were taken into custody.

All of the men who had escaped volunteered their services for rescue work, offering to leave death and enter the mine if there was any hope of saving lives. The authorities would not allow this while the fire was burning.

## Will Give Him \$3,000.

Havana, Jan. 21.—The city council of Havana, yesterday, voted a purse of \$3,000 to be awarded to A. A. D. McCurdy, the Canadian aviator, in case he makes a successful flight in a heavier than air machine next week from Key West to Havana.

## BURN IN CELL

### Two Girls Set Fire to Themselves.

## HELD FOR STEALING

### AND THEY COULD NOT BEAR THE DISGRACE.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—"Don't blame Stella for this, I am to blame for it all. I pleaded with Stella to set fire to her clothes first and she refused. Then I ignited my own dress, and as I was burning asked Stella to end her life with me. She lit her dress from my burning clothes."

Frieda Kempe, before her death, yesterday, at St. Joseph's hospital, in Joliet, made this statement to physicians, after learning that her companion, Stella Maxwell, eighteen years old, had died in an adjoining room.

The girls made living torches of themselves while in a cell in the jail at Lemont, where they were being held on the charge of having stolen two fur coats and a set of lynx furs from the wardrobe of a dance hall.

They had read an account of their arrest in a newspaper and could not bear the disgrace, according to their story.

In the confusion which followed the discovery of the fire, Margaret Ripple, sister of the jailer, mislaid the jail keys, and the firemen had to break down the jail door.

## FAMILY HAD CONSPIRED

### Against Mrs. Schenk to Get Rid of Her.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 20.—With the view to showing that John Schenk's family conspired against Mrs. Schenk, now charged with poisoning her husband, the defence counsel this afternoon called a woman witness from Omaha, who swore that the brothers told her they would do anything to get Laura out of the family. The presiding judge has declined to consider the suggestion to continue the trial on Sunday to facilitate matters.

## New Hospital for Cancer.

Albany, Jan. 21.—Senator Loomis introduced a bill proposing that the State appropriate \$65,000 for building a research hospital in construction with the State Cancer Laboratory on High street, Buffalo, under the terms of the bill the state would acquire title to the present laboratory property and to a plot of land just west of the building on High street and 150 by 170 feet. It is said that five Buffalo men have guaranteed to raise \$20,000 to purchase this property. The purpose of the hospital is to treat cancer patients so that the disease may be more carefully studied.

## Cape Vincent's Postmaster.

Cape Vincent, N.Y., Jan. 21.—Thomas A. Gibson has received an appointment as postmaster for Cape Vincent. Mr. Gibson has been a faithful worker for the republican party in this town, and has been in charge in the office, occasioned by the resignation of Mrs. S. Wiggins, it is generally admitted he was entitled to the plum. He now occupies the Beauport farm, just west of this village, but will move his family to the Cape and occupy his house in Kennedy street.

## Beavers Back to Old Haunts.

Renfrew, Jan. 21.—The discovery has just been made of a colony of beavers on a small lake in Horton township, four miles from Renfrew. The valuable game animal has returned to haunts from which it was chased fifty or sixty years ago. The land on which the colony is located is owned by Messrs. Alexander and Robert Leitch, who have notified John Devereux, Renfrew, game and fisheries overseer.

## Fell Through Trap Door.

Smith's Falls, Ont., Jan. 21.—Andrew Moodie, a farmer, residing near the town, went to visit a neighbor, John Telford. As he opened the door leading into the house he fell in the dark, through the open trap door of the cellar. At the moment Telford was ascending the cellar stairs, and Moodie dropped astride his neck. Both went to the bottom, Telford escaping unhurt, but Moodie sustaining a fracture of three ribs.

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## EXPEDITION OF VALUE.

### Australia and the Antarctic Expedition.

Melbourne, Jan. 21.—Professor Mawson, who is to lead a scientific expedition to the South Polar regions, declares that Australia stands to gain considerably from a thorough exploration of the Antarctic. Whales and fur seals, with mineral wealth can be had for the seeking, with the added advantage of being only five days' steam from Melbourne, he declares. The Federal government has promised to assist the expedition. It is proposed to establish a powerful wireless telegraph station in the Antarctic to supply meteorological data daily to Australia. The advantage of forecasts of this nature to the farming community of the Island Continent, can be easily seen.

Sir Ernest Shackleton cabled from England announcing that he is expected to have Prof. Mawson lead the expedition.

## A STRANGE DIVORCE STORY.

### Woman Lived With Legal Spouse and Divorced Husband.

Laporte, Ind., Jan. 21.—The death at Plymouth, last night, of Mrs. Luther Johnson revealed the fact that for twenty-five years she had lived under the same roof with her divorced husband and legal spouse. When the wife and first husband separated twenty-five years ago it was with the understanding that he would live under the same roof the rest of his years.

The wife again married but the compact of a quarter of a century ago was kept, and to-day it was revealed that Mrs. Johnson had also made provisions in her will for the burial expenses of the man she first loved.

## TWO WOMEN HEROES

### THEY DIED TO SAVE THREE CHILDREN.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—Investigation, this morning of the ruins of the beautiful home of Percy C. Brooks, manager of the Fairbanks, Morse company, shows that Mrs. Brooks and her Scotch nurse-maid Violet, died in an heroic effort to save the three children from the fearful flames and smoke, which broke out about one o'clock, causing the death of these two women with the three children.

The mother was found partially dressed, with her arms wrapped around one child. The nurse-maid had the other. All were in the attic of the house, where the children slept, except the oldest boy, whose body was found near the bathroom door.

Maggie McCalden, another servant, who escaped to give the alarm, was badly burned, and may die.

It had been ascertained that the fire was caused by a gas jet burning too close to the oil paneling. The house was very artistic, but was a fire trap.

Mr. Brooks, himself, is on his way home from Chicago, where he was on business, when the fire broke out.

## Burned to Death.

Mrs. Percy C. Brooks, Mrs. Brooks, aged eight, George Brooks, aged three, Woodie Brooks, aged two, Violet, maid servant, Orillia.

## Injured.

Maggie McCalden, maid servant.

## HAS ISSUED WRITS

Claims He Was Assailed by Conspirators.

Montreal, Jan. 21.—David Russell, a prominent Montreal millionaire, to-day, issued writs for \$200,000 against W. A. Pinkerton, Chicago; Allan Pinkerton, New York; and John W. MacNamara, local manager, Pinkerton agency here, claiming that they were in a conspiracy, formed by business enemies, to have been declared insane and sent to the asylum. Russell has threatened such a suit before, but took action, to-day, definitely, on the advice of Donald MacMaster, British M.P., who has arrived here and is engaged on the case. Women are mentioned in the statement of claim.

## Old Boys' Association.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—At the ninth annual meeting of the Kingston Old Boys' Association, of Toronto, last night, the following officers were elected: President, H. Y. Claxton; first vice-president, J. A. Pigion; second vice-president, T. A. Gillen; treasurer, W. H. Hiseock; secretary, J. J. Donnell; chaplain, Rev. B. S. Black.

The treasurer read the annual report showing the association to be in a flourishing condition. It was decided that the date of the annual excursion to Kingston for 1911 should be Saturday, July 29th.

## London Times on Reciprocity.

London, Jan. 21.—The Times in an editorial on the reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada, thinks it improbable that the agreement is of a wide scope or that it deals with any question largely affecting Canada's manufacturing interests, because any important fiscal changes would open an unlimited field for controversy.

## Hon. Mr. Graham's Illness.

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—Alarmist reports regarding Hon. Mr. Graham's condition are unwarranted. He is suffering from a slight attack of grippe, but expects to be at his office again this afternoon.

## WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 21, 1911.—Clear. Strong west to north-west winds; local snow flurries, but mostly fair and turning decidedly colder. Sunday, fine and decidedly cold.



## SPECIAL NOTICE

### To-morrow and Monday

## The Greatest SKIRT - SNAP

### You Ever Saw

Smart 7-gored Skirts, well made, of good quality Vicuna Cloth, in colors Navy or Black.

REMEMBER, these Skirts have just been put into stock—all new goods fashioned for immediate or spring wear.

They are well worth \$2.50

### Sale Price, \$1.25

This is a Skirt Bargain you cannot afford to miss—an opportunity to buy new and stylish garments at half their actual value.

## DID YOU KNOW

We were selling all our

### WHITE WOOL BLANKETS, GREY BLANKETS, FLANNELLETTE BLANKETS, AND COMFORTERS

### AT COST PRICE,

Which means you are getting the very best grades at exactly mill prices.

SATISFY YOURSELF—CALL AND SEE THEM.

## STEAGY'S

WATSON—In Bay City, Mich., Jan. 19, Robert S. Watson, formerly of Kingston, son of the late Benjamin L. Watson, interment at Flint, Mich.

ROBERT J. REID, The Leading Undertaker, Phone 677, 250 Princess Street.

JAMES REID, The Old Firm of Undertakers, 254 and 255 PRINCESS STREET, Phone 147 for Ambulance.

TAKE NOTICE, Gas Heaters, Coal Heaters, also Happy Thought, Oxford and other Cook Stoves, will sell these at a reduction now at TURK'S, Phone 705.

## Our Record Coffee Year

Coffee sold in 1910 ..... 7,450 lbs.  
Coffee sold in 1909 ..... 6,360 lbs.

Increase 1910 ..... 1,090 lbs.  
All strictly our own roasting and grinding. No outside brands included. These figures speak louder than words, and we are proud of our record.

Have you tried this good Coffee out of ours?

## Jas. Redden & Co.

### IMPORTERS OF FINE GROCERIES

### WANT TO ESCAPE

### From the Double Liability—Government Aid.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—A movement is reported started among a number of country shareholders in the Farmers' Bank to ask the Ottawa government to relieve them of the double liability, and to have the dominion assume the financial liabilities on the ground that they were innocent victims of fraud on the part of Travers from the inception of the bank.

The petitions for a government enquiry are being signed by practically all of the stockholders and depositors of the bank, and it is expected that it will be forwarded to Ottawa at the beginning of next week.

Three Toronto lawyers are in New York having conference with George Wishart, broker, charged, with Bestie, Nesbitt and others, with conspiracy in connection with the Farmers' Bank cases. It is known that Wishart was anxious and is still anxious to go to Toronto to face the music but the lawyers have advised him not to.

Maskerade Ball, Wolfe Island. Vans leave Iroquois wharf at 7.30 and 8.30 p.m.; Tuesday evening, Jan. 24th, Return fare, 25c.

Money to loan on real estate. Easy terms. McCann.

## Talks by the Advertising Man.

### What Happened to St. Jacob's Oil

The other day I went into a drug store and asked for a bottle of St. Jacob's Oil.

(As you read this does not the name impress you as something connected in some indefinite way with your childhood days?)

I asked the druggist if he sold much of the remedy now. He told me I was the first one who had asked for it in months.

And yet, twenty-five years ago it had an enormous sale, as every adult reader of this Talk will recall.

St. Jacob's Oil is just as good to-day as it ever was. Why, then, has its sale dropped off?

The reason is that it has ceased to be advertised.

And here's the story. When the man who first put the Oil on the market died, he left an immense business, which had been built up by advertising. An attorney who was conducting the affairs of the estate, for the widow of the oil doctor, noticed, in going through the books, what he thought, extravagant sums paid out for advertising.

He thought that the remedy had now become so well known that it was no longer necessary to spend money in advertising, and he so advised.

The advertising was stopped, and it was not long before the sales are reported to have dropped off. To-day, as any druggist will tell you, it is seldom asked for.

Other preparations that took its place were introduced—AND ADVERTISED.

There's a lesson in this story for every merchant. Failure to keep your store and the merits of your goods persistently before the people will result in your being classed among those whom people "used to know."