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THE ATTACK ON HARPOOT.

TURKS JOINED THE KURDS IN PILLAGING AND PLUNDERING.

Soldiers Repulsed the First Assault, But Afterwards Kurds Were Allowed to Begin Their Work Unmolested—Buildings in the Christian Quarter Burned—Armenians Stripped of Everything—Neighboring Villages Burned.

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—The representative of the United Press at Constantinople telegraphs that details of the rioting at Harpoot say that on Nov. 10th the Kurds made an attack upon the place, but they were easily repulsed. On the 11th a party of soldiers and leading Turks met the Kurds in conference, during the progress a bugle was sounded, at which signal the soldiers withdrew. The Kurds thereupon advanced with yells. There was no effort on the part of the soldiers and Armenians to resist and the Turks joined in the killing and plundering. The Armenian school was burned and then began an attack upon the christian quarter, the buildings in which were also set on fire. The christians were without weapons and trusted entirely to the government to protect them. The Armenians remained in the girls' seminary until that building was set on fire, and then they appealed to the governor for protection. They obtained a guard of soldiers, all but two of whom afterwards deserted. These two remained and carried out the orders which had been given them, to fight the fires which had been kindled. The burning continued for three days. The Armenians were stripped of everything but their clothing. All the christian villages around were burned by the Kurds. The outrages continued unchecked until the government at Constantinople ordered the troops to take action. Fourteen Kurds were then shot, when the murders and pillages ceased instantly. The districts of Diarbekir, Malatia, Arabkir, Eyin, and Palu have been made desolate. Thirty-five villages have been destroyed and thousands of the inhabitants have embraced Islamism in consequence of the pressure brought to bear upon them.

The Turkish troops, now on their way to Zeitoun to suppress the trouble there, are concentrated at Marash, where they await the return of the delegation sent to Zeitoun to negotiate with the Armenians now in control there for their surrender. The government at Constantinople say they are projecting more extensive relief work and would welcome aid through a joint commission.

Aid For the Sufferers.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 4.—The treasurer, in Boston, of the American relief committee, F. H. Wiggin, makes acknowledgement of $4,998 to-day for the aid of the survivors of the massacre in Armenia. These funds have been forwarded to Turkey, and there are being used judiciously by members of the British embassy and other thoroughly reliable and trustworthy agents. A cable despatch was received in Boston to-day, stating that communication can still be made by telegraph with all the leading points in the interior. The agents at Constantinople are constantly receiving most heartrending appeals for aid. Telegrams from Harpoot, Mardin, Trebizond, and other cities are all of the same tenor—that instant help is needed; that thousands of inhabitants are in imminent danger of perishing from lack of food and clothing. The suffering of the aged and sick of women and little children cannot be described.

Stronger Pressure Coming.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—A despatch to the Standard, from Constantinople, says that the question of the admission of additional guardships into the Bosphorus is in suspense and all diplomatic action in the matter is at a complete standstill for the moment. Some of the ambassadors are still awaiting fresh instructions from their governments. All of the diplomats are of the belief that the exercise of strong pressure, stronger by far than that which has hitherto been brought to bear upon the porte, will be necessary to induce the sultan to yield, and it is understood that such action will be taken immediately upon the receipt of the replies by the ambassadors of the powers, which are insisting upon the issuance of firmans to the representations they have made their respective governments. Russia has made a personal appeal to the Austrian, German and French governments for an agreement that Russia, Austria, Germany and France shall not press their demands, but without success.

REVELLED IN BLOODY DEEDS.

The Confession of a Man Whose Life Was Steeped in Crime.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 4.—John C. Stone, alias, "Vinson," has made a confession to sheriff Clausmeier, detailing a life of horrible crime. He was arrested with John Duffy and William Walrath, for attempting to kill deputy sheriff Harrod, on May 28th last. Walrath was shot, and died in Hope hospital. Stone is under a ten years sentence, and Duffy's case went to the jury last night. Stone states that he and Walrath were members of Bill Dalton's gang of bank and stage robbers. He says he, Duffy and Walrath, killed a man at Kansas City, in 1883, and robbed him, but later gave the money to Henry Donnelly, a policeman, for protection. He also tells of a murder committed by himself, a Mrs. Stewart and her son Clarence, in Cleveland, Ohio.

In Buffalo Stone, Walrath and one Burns, a saloon-keeper, killed a wealthy western farmer who was looking for a good time. The money was divided and Stone and Walrath returned to Chicago, and with their shares started a restaurant. Here Walrath married Stone's sister. Mrs. Walrath died and Stone and Walrath left Chicago. Later Stone returned and was implicated in the murder of a father and son named Prunty. Three men are now serving life sentences at Joliet for the crime but Stone was not arrested.

He then tells of a murder at Dunkirk, N.Y., where Duffy stabbed a pal, "Buffalo Jack," four times and buried him in the woods. Another murder was committed at Union City, Pa., the victim being an old man named Hoton or Norton. Another murder was committed by the trio near Youngstown, Ohio, the victim being a resident of Ashtabula.

The last murder committed by Stone, Duffy and Walrath was on April 29th, 1895, on a Pennsylvania freight train. At this time Stone was shot and did not get medical aid until South Bend was reached. The next desperate act of the trio was the robbery of a Grand Trunk train in Michigan, where five watches and money secured. Two of these watches have been identified since their arrest here.

Had A Close Call.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—A six story sweat shop building, on the corner of Attorney and Rivington streets, caught fire at six o'clock this morning and in fifteen minutes was gutted. The firemen succeeded in saving the adjoining buildings on either side, all of them being tenements filled with people. A dozen of persons had to be carried out of the two houses on either side of the building and nearly a dozen men had to drop to neighboring roofs to get to houses where they could escape into the street. Loss $45,000.

Want To Buy The Windsor.

MONTREAL, Dec. 4.—A party of United States capitalists are said to be anxious to obtain control of the Windsor hotel and are willing to pay $750,000. Some of the gentlemen interested have already had experience in Canadian hotels.

Sanguilly Sentenced For Life.

HAVANA, Dec. 4.—Julio Sanguilly, who claims to be an American citizen and who was on trial here on the charge of aiding and abetting the rebellion, was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor.

To Visit England.

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—It is stated, unofficial, that the minister of trade and commerce will visit England on business connected with the cable scheme and the proposed imperial subsidy for a fast Atlantic service to Canada.

J. A. Hutcheson, barrister, of Brockville, is in the city.

HAVE THEY GONE TOGETHER?

A Great Sensation in Boston Over Disappearance of People.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—A morning paper has the following special from Boston: "Mrs. Francis L. Higginson, wife of the famous banker and a social favorite, has forsaken her home and family, leaving no word behind her. She has been gone over two weeks. There is also missing from the same social set, James Wheatland Smith, a young lawyer, who was graduated from Harvard in the class of eighty-nine and who since then has been practising his profession with a son of the late ex-governor Gaston. Mrs. Higginson is about thirty-nine years of age and the mother of four children, one of them a charming girl of seventeen, who was to have been brought out during the coming winter season. Her husband is about ten years her senior.

"Smith is only twenty-six. The two have been friends for some months past and the young man's devotion to the matron has caused considerable comment. It is believed Mrs. Higginson and young Smith took passage in the steamship Columbia, of the Hamburg-American line, for Genoa. Society here is much wrought up over the dual disappearance, and the families of the principals are heartbroken."

"Mrs. Higginson was a Miss Boreland, the daughter of a Back Bay physician, now deceased. She is looked upon as an unusually handsome and well developed woman.

"James Wheatland Smith was inclined to be rather wild while at college, and was suspended for a year because obscene pictures were found in his room. He was a member of several of the best clubs, an amateur athlete, and made a specialty of boxing. Young Smith, it is said, had very little money when he left home, and Mrs. Higginson did not have any great amount of ready cash with her. None of her friends can account for her conduct, except on the ground that she has become mentally unbalanced."

A KINGSTONIAN SUED.

Falling Out Among the Ottawa Educators Over the School Commission.

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—The Owl is the name of a monthly issued from the university of Ottawa, directed by the Rev. Father Fallon, one of the faculty, (and son of D. Fallon of Kingston). The Calendar is a parish publication issued under the auspices of St. Patrick's church, of which the Rev. Father Whelan is pastor. The two publications have been at loggerheads over the Ontario school commission which investigated the Ottawa separate schools last summer at the request of the separate school board. The Owl severely criticised the commission and its findings with respect to the Christian brothers and at the same time denounced the establishment of a high school or senior class in connection with St. Patrick's church.

F. R. Latchford, barrister, who succeeded Sir John Thompson as lecturer in law at the university, was interviewed by a reporter over the report that the Rev. Father Whelan was being punished by archbishop Duhamel for his stand against the Christian brothers by being deprived of his assistant priest, who was removed from St. Patrick's parish. The Owl attacked Mr. Latchford for his utterances and in a letter which appeared in the Journal. Mr. Latchford states that he has resigned his position as a member of the university faculty. In the Free Press the Rev. Father Fallon, the director of the Owl, in a column letter, severely attacks the Rev. Father Whelan, whom he holds responsible for what he calls false charges in the Calendar against members of the university faculty, and accuses Father Whelan of ungentlemanly conduct. Father Whelan has caused his solicitors to issue a writ against the university and against Father Fallon, claiming $10,000 damages suffered by reason of these attacks.

SAVED BY A FLOOD.

A Frightful Experience With Fire on a Steamer Recently.

DULUTH, Dec. 4.—The str. W. H. Gilbert had a frightful experience with fire off Manitou island, at the end of Keweenaw Point, Lake Superior, last Saturday. A heavy sea, which the steamer encountered at Keweenaw Point, started 200 barrels of kerosene oil rolling between decks. Ten of the barrels were broken and a part of the contents poured into the fire hold, where it ignited. The Gilbert made for a place of shelter, and after an heroic struggle the fire was put out. The damage was confined to cracked plate and a lot of blistered paint and scorched woodwork. When the flames in the fire-hold of the Gilbert were at their highest, and that part of the steamer a mass of fire from the burning oil, one of the steel plates in the ship's side was cracked, and the steel parted three-sixteenths of an inch wide by three feet long below the water-line. The water which poured through the crack was instantly converted into steam, and this aided greatly in getting the fire under control. When at last the flames were extinguished the leak was kept under control by the steamer's pumps. It is probable that nothing but the crack in the plate would have saved the boat.

The Commandant Came Down.

TORONTO, Dec. 4.—In the suit for slander brought against Commandant Booth, difficulty was experienced in having communications produced, the defendant excusing himself on the ground that the general in England superintended such documents, and that the communications were privileged. A climax was reached this morning, when Mr. Booth declined to produce a cablegram, which Mr. Rowell wanted to see.

"Come into the box and be sworn," said Judge Armour.

"Now," said his lordship, "you have this cablegram. I want you to produce it, and if you do not do so I will commit you for contempt." The message was produced with alacrity.

The Capital Tidings.

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—The Ottawa board of trade has decided in favor of the city issuing $40,000 of civic debentures for the further improvements of the exhibition grounds.

The city council has granted R. Thackray, lumber manufacturer, etc., of Ottawa, exemption from taxation for five years, dating from 1892.

During the month of December 9,852 cattle and 4,248 sheep were inspected by veterinary officers of the department of agriculture for shipment to outside points.

Forgery And Arson.

GUELPH, Dec. 4.—John Fraser, Erin, was charged before judge Chadwick on the charges of forgery, uttering and sending through her majesty's mails obscene literature, and theft. He was sentenced to two years on the first charge.

James Edmonson, Guelph, who kept a grocery, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for arson. Last month a fire took place in a store. It proved to have started in some rags, which turned suspicion upon the proprietor.

Seventy-Nine Millions on Hand.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Since secretary Carlisle's offer to pay express charges both ways for gold deposited in order to build up the gold reserve slightly over $300,000 in gold has been deposited in conformity with the offer. Many millions of dollars of gold have been, by national banks, offered but conditions attached have been such that Carlisle has declined to receive it. In the meantime withdrawals of gold from the treasury continue and the gold reserve is now slightly below $79,000,000.

The Barbara Aub Assault Case.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Walter S. Langerman, the lawyer convicted of having assaulted a female book agent, Barbara Aub, in his office, where she called to sell him a book, was dismissed by Recorder Goff. Miss Aub made a full confession that she had done Langerman a wrong, and that she had not resisted the assault, but had tried to wring money from him. Barbara Aub later was committed to the city prison for perjury.

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THE AFFAIRS OF THE HOUR.

TELEGRAMS FROM THE EARTH'S FOUR QUARTERS GIVEN.

Little Matters That Interest Everybody—Notes From All Over—Little of Everything Easily Read and Remembered.

The London newspapers criticised president Cleveland's message somewhat severely.

Mt. Vesuvius is in a state of eruption. Three distinct streams of lava are flowing down the mountain side.

Sir Charles Tupper is about to visit this country in the interest of the fast Atlantic steamship service, so he announces.

The funeral of Samuel Davis, Montreal, took place yesterday afternoon and was attended by a large number of citizens.

Messrs. Richard Croker and Pierre Lorillard have entered horses to run for the Champagne stakes at Doncaster, Eng., in 1896.

The 88. Lake Superior, the first of the Beaver line boats between Liverpool and St. John, N.B., arrived at the latter port yesterday.

France has solved the problem of applying the rule for compulsory military service to priests by assigning them to ambulance work.

Rev. Joseph F. Johnson, rector of Christ church, Detroit, Mich., has been elected bishop of the new Episcopal diocese of southern California.

The issue of $20,000,000 in paper currency to avert the alleged impending business crisis in Cuba is urged by bankers and business men in Havana.

Brig.-Gen. Garrich resumes the civil governorship of the eastern end of Cuba, which includes the provinces of Puerto Principe and Santiago de Cuba.

The general belief at Port Townsend, Wash., is that the British tramp str. Gorsedd, from Singapore for this port, has been lost. She is out forty-four days.

Many attempts to destroy trains with dynamite and the crippling of the telegraph wires, have been made by Cuban insurgents with the authority of the leaders.

Municipal nominations took place in Manitoba yesterday. Hon. J.C. Prendergast was selected mayor of St. Boniface and W. B. Cooper mayor of Portage la Prairie, by acclamation.

A Rio Janeiro despatch says that the Brazilian ministers have decided to refuse to submit either the Trinidad dispute with England or the Amps dispute with France to arbitration.

The family of Albert Coughlin, near Windsor, were poisoned by eating bologna sausage made with diseased meat. One child is dead, and five others were saved with great difficulty.

Herr Von Buol-Berenberg was re-elected president of the German reichstag, to-day, receiving 229 votes out of 293 cast. Fifty-eight blank ballots and six votes classed among the "scattering."

Premier Greenway told a reporter that the Manitoba legislature would be called to meet about the end of January. He says the statement that he will stand by the present school law is about right.

Col. Marion Torres and eleven filibusters with 200 rifles and 120,000 cartridges have reached Cuba. The expedition sailed from a Haytien port ten days ago, but the men originally started from New York.

For several years a woman has driven the stage between Marcelona and Bellaire, Mich. She handles the reins as well as any man in that region, and never has had any trouble with stage-robbers.

The Paris Gaulois says it is believed that M. Hanotaux, minister of foreign affairs in the cabinet of M. Dupuy and later in the ministry of M. Ribot, will replace M. Bertelot, the present minister of foreign affairs, at the end of the year.

While spending a social evening on Thursday night, S. C. Martin, of Preston, Ont., was attacked by heart disease, and expired before medical aid could be summoned. Deceased, who was in his 38th year, was well known throughout Waterloo county.

William Lanning, twenty years old, a farm laborer, employed on the farm of Willis Broughton, near Corfu, Genesee county, N.Y., was probably fatally wounded by his employer, who mistook him for a burglar. Broughton struck him several times with an ax and fractured his skull.

The Ontario government, it is said, will not accede to the wishes of the commercial travellers, who requested that an inspector of hotels should be appointed to see that the sanitary conditions of public houses was satisfactory. A remedy for the complaint can be found in the local boards of health.

Alfors Noble, Chicago, a member of the Nicaragua board appointed by act of congress to report upon the feasibility of the Nicaragua canal, says the commission's estimate of the cost of building the canal is $133,500,000 as against the estimate of the Nicaragua construction company of $69,000,000.

John Daly, now serving a sentened of penal servitude for connection with the dynamite conspiracy of 1884, and whose recent election to the house of parliament, was cancelled for that reason, was elected high sheriff of the city of Limerick by the corporation. It is not considered probable, however, that the viceroy of Ireland will sanction the coporation's choice.

THERE WILL BE DANCING.

The Conversat at Queen's Will be Held During This Month.

The mass meeting of students in Queen's convocation hall, yesterday afternoon, was probably the largest in the history of Queen's. All years and all faculties were represented, and the ladies turned out en masse. A very stormy debate then ensued on the reports of the conversazione committee. The majority report, presented by P. M. G. Taylor and A. B. Ford, provided for the conversat to be held on the 18th of the month in the city and Ontario halls. In amendment the minority report presented by A. E. Ross and J. W. McIntosh, wanted the affair held in the college halls. An amendment to the amendment to leave out the date for further consideration was moved by R. Burton and J. C. Brown, but on division it was lost by a very small majority. The great fight was on the amendment and a stormy argument was taken part in by Messrs. H. R. Grant, A. E. Ross, A. B. Ford, D. Mc Gaddier, E. Fralick, R. Burton and others. After a good deal of trouble in dividing the house with such an attendance, the amendment carried by a very large vote, the medicals generally voting with the minority, and the ladies in a body for the majority. The result was learned with the wildest enthusiasm, the arts majority yelling themselves hoarse, and the medicals rolling out in forcible accents their new war-whoop. The conversat will thus be held in convocation hall. The question of dancing formed the next topic, and after some sharp hitting, on motion of H. R. Grant, it was decided to have the "light fantastic" amid the greatest excitement. The medicals, of course, held out for dancing, the divinities against, while the arts men and the ladies were pretty well divided. With that decision ended one of the most burning questions in connection with the conversazione.

This afternoon convocation hall will likely hold a large company to hear the candidates for the various elections. The speeches of Messrs. Farrell and Horsey are looked forward to with interest. A meeting of the grand jury of the venerable C.I.V. was held last evening. Although the business has not been divulged, it is understood that court will again be in session at an early date. Culprits are plentiful.

To Make Daily Reports.

The collector of customs at Kingston has been instructed to make returns to the department daily of all entries, to be mailed "within one clear working day of the time when taken." He must also deposit the collections to the credit of the receiver-general, daily, and in sums to correspond with the collections as shown on the statement accompanying the entries, except in the case of deposits for the minor funds, which are entered in current account. This step is taken in order to secure the more prompt and efficient checking of customs entries and applies to over thirty ports. For years the rule has been followed to the inland revenue department of requiring from all collectors a daily report; and the result has been most satisfactory.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Criticism of Doctrine Eradicated.

KINGSTON, Dec. 4.—(To the Editor)—This age is nothing if not tolerant. Indeed so tolerant are we of all opinions, new and old, (except, perhaps, those of Catholicism) that if his Satanic majesty were to appear in propria personas, it is altogether probable that not a few christians would sympathize with their belief that he was not such a bad fellow after all, and ought, at least, to be tolerated in polite society. Bigotry of any kind is such bad form you know. As for praying to be delivered from him, or promising to resist and fight manfully against him, it is almost inconceivable that any but those pharisaical, conceited fellows who still imagine that they are bound to help God and do His work for Him, should do anything so eminently useless and unmannerly. Why try to dictate to God? If He can get along with the devil, who are we that we should pray to be delivered from him. Would it not be much better to recognize that Satan does sometimes cast out Satan (in spite of eminent authority to the contrary) and defend him for the good he does while reserving one's liberty to disagree with him on certain points. If God knows His own business and allows men to use their liberty to make drunkards of themselves, or women with significant names to attempt unmentionable crimes, why should we interfere to teach God His duty? We should rather defend such people because it is their right to think and believe as they may choose.

Such, Mr. Editor, it seems to my poor intelligence, are the logical results of the kind of reasoning to which a christian minister gave such impassioned utterance last Sunday.

While I quite agree with him that the particular way in which these prayers were advertised was ill-judged, yet I would vastly prefer the firm conviction that those who deny God are in a lost condition, and the earnest faith which takes God at His word and believes in prayers for such persons than the spurious breadth of opinion which condemns prayer for the conversion of sinners as useless and pharisaical, and can defend a man who devotes gifts given to him by God to the ceaseless endeavor to turn the Giver into ridicule and destroy the faith of all who believe in Him. "He that is not for Me is against Me." Col. Ingersoll is certainly not on the side of Christ, and if he really has cast out devils, then Satan's kingdom is indeed divided against itself.

How far will professing christians allow this jelly fish faith, miscalled liberality, to go. The preacher in question would, doubtless, be furious with any one who aspersed the fair fame of any woman who is dear to him, but has considerable admiration for those who, with "matchless eloquence," insult and defame his God.—ROBERT W. RAYSON.

The Awarding of Tenders.

KINGSTON, Dec. 4.—(To the Editor)—In reference to the paragraph in your issue yesterday regarding R. Boyd and the city property committee permit me to say a few words, not by way of defence of the committee's action—that is not called for—but to explain Mr. Boyd's position for his own benefit and that of any who might think with him, if any such there be. The committee advertised for tenders for market tolls. The advertisement expressly stated that the highest or any tender would not necessarily be accepted. Without that some might be deceived; with it what man of intelligence should be. Mr. Boyd tendered and his tender was the highest. He claims it should have been accepted, or rather, that the city was bound to accept it, not because it was the best thing for the city to do, but because it was "the highest." And yet he tendered, knowing that that quality in a tender was not to compel the city to accept it. He further claims, I understand, that because the city held him to his tender a couple of years ago, when he wished to withdraw after it had been accepted, he should be able to hold the city in the present circumstances. He should know the difference between the two cases, or at any rate that there is a difference. In one case both parties signified their agreement. They made a bargain, and Mr. Boyd, no doubt, knows "a bargain's a bargain." In the other there was no agreement at all.

Acceptance of Mr. Boyd's tender would cause a loss to the city of several hundred dollars.

If Mr. Boyd were to offer his business outfit for sale by tender and a tenderer insisted on his handing it over for a much smaller sum than he wanted to take, the word "tender" would find no place in a description of the manner in which our friend would handle the man who ventured to press a claim similar to that which he himself is pressing now.

One would hardly expect any one to take the view Mr. Boyd does, but since he does and a reference to a grievance of his against the committee has appeared in the press I have ventured to make this little attempt at explanation. — W. MUNDELL, chairman of city property committee.

THINKS COUNCIL DID WRONG.

A Citizen Condemns the Action of the Council Awarding the Engine Contract.

Alexander Milne, a practical engineer of long standing and recognized ability, looks upon the action of the council in awarding the contract for the pumping engine without knowing what they are going to get as utter foolishness. He claims the water works committee should have had plans and specifications prepared by an expert and all firms tendering for the contract should have done so on these plans and specifications. At the outside there could not have been more than a couple of hundred dollars difference in the amounts tendered. If this, the proper form of procedure, had been followed he feels assured the work would not have gone out of the city. If he wanted a house built he would not go to a contractor and say, "How much will you charge me to build a house?" Only a fool would do the like. If the contract had been awarded to a city firm it would have furnished employment to a large number of men; the money would have been earned and spent here and the city merchants would have benefited therefrom. As it is now the money of local taxpayers will be used to assist the mechanics and merchants of another city. The members of the council do not know whether or not the engine will have brass or metal bearings; whether or not it will have spring rings or cast iron in the cylinder, or whether or not the piston is to be of cast iron, wrought iron or steel. Mr. Milne's views support Ald. Elliott's, which received scant support in the council.

ACCUSED OF MANSLAUGHTER.

Mrs. Beer, a Christian Science Healer, is on Trial.

TORONTO, Dec. 4.—In the criminal assize court this morning, Mrs. Mercy A. Beer was put on trial for the alleged manslaughter of Percy Beck, aged six, who died of diphtheria while under christian science treatment at the hands of the prisoner. J. A. Barron, Q. C., conducting the case for the crown, said in his opening address that the prisoner did not wilfully cause the death of young Beck, but his death was attributed to her negligence. The father and mother of deceased gave evidence. They stated they had thorough confidence in the prisoner, who had treated all their six children. They had tried christian science treatment because they were tired of doctors' bills. They each claimed to have felt the good effects of Mrs. Beer's treatment.

Should Be On Hand To-Day.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The Pall Mall Gazette says that Lord Salisbury's reply to secretary of state Olney's note, in regard to the British-Venezuelan dispute, which has been forwarded to Washington by mail should be in the hands of Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, to the United States to-day or to-morrow.

Miss Hewton, of the Portsmouth public school, has had her salary advanced $50. There are five applicants for the position of principal.

At one o'clock to-day the vote between mayor Wright and Ald. Elliott, taken at the Children of Mary's tea, stood even—69 to 69.

THE MYSTERY IS SOLVED.

THINK THE YOUNG WOMAN SHOT HER LOVER

And Then in Remorse Ended Her Days by Taking Morphine in a Boarding House in Buffalo—The Hamilton People Talk About the Woman and Her Relations With Massie.

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 4.—The young woman who committed suicide in a Main street boarding house, Saturday night, by taking morphine, has been identified as Nellie Massie, of Hamilton, Ont. A telegram from the chief of police of that city, this morning, requested the coroner to hold the woman's body pending the arrival of her sister who is now on the way here.

HAMILTON, Dec. 4.—The girl Nellie Massie, or Nellie Burrows, who committed suicide in a Buffalo boarding house yesterday, was well known in Hamilton; and her people have lived here for years. About three years ago, William Massie, who formerly kept the Globe hotel, on King street east, this city, sold out his business and went to California, where he has a brother. John Massie, conductor on a railroad running out of San Francisco. For some time before leaving Hamilton William Massie had been keeping company with Nellie Burrows, but it was not known that they had been married. When Massie reached California, through the influence of his brother Jack he secured a position as baggagemaster on the same road, and shortly afterwards Nellie Burrows followed her lover to the Pacific coast. A few days ago word was received in Hamilton that William Massie had been shot and killed in Oakland, Cal., and his body was shipped to Hamilton and buried from his mother's residence on McNab north, on Sunday last. No particulars of the shooting affair have been received here as yet, but it is surmised that there was a quarrel between the girl and her lover in which she shot him. She followed the corpse on its journey, as far as Buffalo, and there, in a fit of remorse took her own life. A sister of the girl went to Buffalo this morning to identify the remains and bring them to Hamilton for interment. William Massie's people have lived in Hamilton for upwards of thirty years and are of the highest respectability. They claim that William was never married to the girl Burrows, although the latter's folks say the pair were married and Nellie had two children born to Massie.

GENERAL PARAGRAPHS.

The Very Latest News Crowded Into the Smallest of Space.

The Erie canal closes to morrow.

James Swift is in New York city to-day on business.

Sanford Calvin and James Dix are building iceboats.

R. F. Clark, M.A., of Kingston, will have charge of S.S. No. 1, Oso, next year.

The first curling match of the season will be played here on Saturday between two rinks of the local club.

A young man named William Glazier, aged seventeen years, died in the general hospital yesterday from typhoid fever.

Mrs. Gordon, Queen street, has been accepted at one of the Boston training schools for nurses and leaves at once for her post.

A large quantity of wheat is being shipped to eastern points via K. & P. and C.P.R. This is the result of the closing of navigation.

The steamer Glengarry, with consort Muenedosa, and the steamer Bannockburn are in the Welland canal to-day bound down for this port.

The Turkish governor of Kasarea, Asia Minor, where a massacre of christians occurred on Nov. 30th, has been dismissed by order of the porte.

The nurses of the general hospital have contributed a beautiful floral pillow with a red Geneva cross on it to be placed on the casket of the late Miss Joyner.

The name of Arthur Jackson was omitted, inadvertently, from the list of those who took part in the programme at the bazaar in the city hall last night.

"Victoria Lake," on Alfred street, has frozen over and affords a place of amusement for the scholars of both Victoria school and the collegiate institute.

The creditors of John F. McQuaid met this forenoon and decided, as no compromise was offered, to sell the stock to liquidate the claims against the estate.

Both the skating and curling club rinks have been flooded and now possess splendid foundations for good ice which may be expected soon if the present weather continues.

William Currie, charged with burning a barn belonging to Hugh Ferguson, in the township of King, on Aug. 29th last, was found guilty at Toronto assizes. Sentence deferred.

The sale of St. Andrew's supplement to the WHIG has exhausted the stock. Requests for copies came to-day from the west which could not be filled. Order early is a motto it is well to take to heart.

Mrs. William Holland, wife of an official in Kingston penitentiary, died this morning, supposed from hemmorhage of the brain. Seven children and a husband survive. She was a most amiable woman.

The steamer America will not be continued in commission until the season closes this fall, as traffic has become so light that it no longer pays to keep the vessel on her route. The Pierrepont will take her own and the America's trips after the latter boat has been tied up.

The Buffalo police arrested four men at East Buffalo this morning supposed to be members of a gang that wrecked the Delaware Lackawanna and Western train at Preble, near Cortland, last Sunday night. The names are Lawrence Sherman, Frank Frye, Anthony Lewatt and William Lee.

The centenary of the birth of Thos. Carlyle, the famous historian and philosopher, was celebrated at Ecclefechan, near Dumfries, to-day. A large number of wreaths were sent from all parts of Great Britain and the continent, one of them being presented by Emperor William of Germany.

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKETS.

	ASK.	OFF
Canadian Pacific Railway	87½	86
Duluth	7	6
Duluth Pref	19	14½
Commercial Cable	169	169
Montreal Telegraph Co	164	163½
Richelieu Nav. Co	97	96
Montreal Street Railway	274	273
Montreal Street R'y (new)	000	000
Montreal Gas Co	207½	207
Bell Telephone	160	158½
Royal Electric	140	137
Bank of Montreal	250	248
Ontario Bank	00	80
Molson's Bank	12	5
Merchants' Bank	000	000
Bank of Toronto	000	000
Commercial Bank	000	000
Merchants' Bank of Halifax	173	165
Union Bank	100	147
Bank of Commerce	100	100
North west Land Company	136	135
Montreal Cotton Co	50	40
Can. Colored Cotton	95	91
Dominion Cotton	78	64½
	97	95

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 4.—Flour—Receipts, 3,700 bbls.; market quiet and unchanged. Patent Spring, $3 81 to $3 90; patent winter, $3.80 to $3.90; Straight Roller, $3.40 to $3.5 extra, $3.10 to $3.20; superfine, $2.75 to $3 80; strong bakers, $3.65 to $4.00; Ontario Bags $1.80 to $1.85.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard Manitoba, 68c. to 70c

CORN—60 to 62c.

PEAS—64c. to 66c.

BARLEY—55 to 56c.

OATS—14 to 16c.

CHEESE—8 to 9c.

OATMEAL—$1.50 to $1.60

LARD—7 to 8c.

PORK—$12.50 to $14.50.

CORNMEAL—$1.20 to $1.30.

BUTTER—Townships, 18 to 20c.; Western, 14 to 16c.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Noon, Dec. 4.—Spring wheat 6d; red winter, 5s 11d. No. 1 Cal., 5s 8d; corn, 3s 6d; peas, 5s 8d; pork, 62s 6d; lard, 27s 6d; tallow, 23s 6d; bacon, heavy, 27s 6d; light, 28s 6d. Cheese—White 46s; Colored, 47s 6d. Cotton—American Middlings 4¼d.

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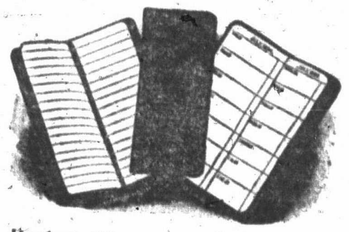

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