

CRONAN WANTS CANADIAN WIFE

Says American Women are Lazy—His Ideal is Healthy Girl, Good Cook, Willing Worker, and Not Mere Doll.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—(Special)—D. J. Cronan has set his heart upon winning a bride from across the Canadian border and offers twenty five dollars reward to the person introducing him to the right woman.

CANADIAN SOO HAS BAD FIRE

Two Fine Blocks Suffer and Drunken Man Believed to Have Perished.

SAULT STE MARIE, Dec. 28.—(Special)—A disastrous fire has visited the Canadian Soo.

SAW BABY HURLED FROM CAR WINDOW

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 27.—While standing at the side of the track recently to let a Grand Trunk express from Detroit pass, Section Foreman McKellar was horrified to see the body of a baby hurled through one of the car windows.

STEAMER REPORTS PASSING DERELICT

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The steamer City of Atlanta, of the Ocean Steamship Company, which cleared from Boston for Savannah, Ga., on Dec. 22, reported by wireless Xmas night that she had passed Warner Moore, with flag flying union down, in the mizen-rigging.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 4:06 and tomorrow afternoon at 4:55.

The Rapid City Reporter of Manitoba reports the election of A. F. LePage to the office of Mayor of that city and adds "We anticipate that Mr. LePage will make a good official who will take up the gavel without partiality of bias."

MASONIC INSTALLATION

The officers of St. John's and Victoria Lodges A. F. and A. M. were last evening installed by Past Grand Master W. K. Rogers, assisted by P. M. D. Stewart acting as Grand Marshal.

CHEAPER CABLE RATES COMING

Henneker Heaton Says Cable Companies Must Yield to Powerful Pressure.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—(Special)—Henneker Heaton writing to the President of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce says there will not be the least difficulty in reducing cable rates from 50 to 75 per cent as the result of the powerful pressure brought to bear on the cable companies and foreign Governments.

CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES

Canada Will Send Delegates to Conference on This Subject to Washington.

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—(Special)—Though the invitation of the United States to Canada to attend the conference for the conservation of natural resources has not yet reached Ottawa, the announcement from Washington that its commission is well received.

The Canadian Government has the conservation of our timber, mineral, waterpower and fisheries resources very much at heart and has been endeavoring for years to obtain the cooperation of the various provinces.

The schooner Empress Cape Lowrie of Charlottetown lost her deckload of timber a few days ago in heavy weather off Cape Sable.

Miss Helen Smith of Hampton is a spend the present week in Cape Traverse and next week as stated yesterday. The item was written for Saturday's Guardian and was inadvertently omitted.

Prof. Watts' orchestra will give two elections at First Methodist tonight.

FIVE MORE ELECTION PETITIONS YESTERDAY

Yesterday at Four O'clock Was the Last Day to File Petitions From King's County. Two Opposition and Three Liberal Members Petitioned Against.

The prothonotary's office presented an animated appearance shortly before and up to four o'clock yesterday afternoon. Aeneas A. McDonald acting as the solicitor for John Kichham, the defeated Conservative councillor for the first district of Kings County was the first of the legal gentlemen to arrive and he immediately filed a petition from Mr. Kichham against Lauchlan McDonald the successful Liberal candidate at the late election. The petitioner claims that Mr. McDonald should be unseated for corrupt practices.

FRENCH PAPER MAKES COMMENT

On Fielding Visit to Paris—Germans Want Canadian Treaty to Fail.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—(Special)—La Librete, referring to Hon. Mr. Fielding's visit to Paris says Germany is watching the outcome of the hitch and will be only too glad to take the place of France with a German-Canadian commercial treaty.

LABOR LEADERS BOW TO COURTS

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—(Special)—Notwithstanding the unanimous protest of the labormen against the jail sentence imposed on Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, the Central Federated Union received from Gompers a letter in which he notified the Unions that he had discontinued the "don't patronize" list in the future issues of The Federationist.

APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Reginald W. Brock, M. A., of Ottawa, has been appointed Director of the Geological Survey. For a number of years Prof. Brock occupied the chair at Queen's University and did field work for the Geological Survey in summer. For the past year he has been separated from Queen's and has been acting Director of Geological Survey. He is now confirmed in the directorship, and will act under A. P. Low, Deputy Minister of Mines.

FOUR MEN GO DOWN TO DEATH

FRANKFORT, Mich., Dec. 27.—The fishing tug Rhine, of Frankfort, was wrecked against one of the harbor piers on Saturday night while trying to make the harbor in a Southwest gale. She was broken in two and four men, comprising her crew, were drowned.

HON. CHAS. DEVLIN ILL.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Hon. Chas. Devlin, Minister of Mines and Colonization in the Quebec Government collapsed at Aymer, Xmas Day in leaving the Church. He had gone to Aymer to spend the holidays with his family. His illness is attributed to exposure at an open air meeting at St. Martins. His condition is serious but not dangerous.

TRY THE SAUNTSOME SAUSAGE 12c per lb at SAUNDERS & NEWSOM'S.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Dec. Wheat	102 1/2
Dec. Corn	57 1/2
Jan. Pork	\$14.70
Jan. Wheat	98 1/2
Jan. Corn	60 1/2
May Pork	\$16.45

MORE TROUBLE IN WEST AFRICA

Hottentots On Warpath Shoot Down German Soldiers and Causing Great Alarm.

CAPETOWN, Dec. 28.—(Special)—The Hottentots in German South West Africa are again on the warpath. They recently raided some cattle posts near Beuccanal and the border and murdered two Europeans. Seven German soldiers were sent in pursuit of the raiders but were all shot down by the Hottentots.

STEAMER SANK IN COLLISION

Almost Entire Crew Drowned in Australian Waters. Other Steamers Leaking Badly.

THE AUSTRIAN TROOPS READY

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LONDON, Dec. 28.—A despatch from Vienna says Austria-Hungary has a force of one hundred and fifty five thousand men in Bosnia and Herzegovina, ready to invade at a moment's notice.

The Belgrade correspondent says typhus has broken out among the Austrian troops in Bosnia, and that the troops are suffering greatly from cold and exposure. Many deaths have occurred.

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THE DEATH RATE FROM CHOLERA

Still Continues High in St. Petersburg. Eighteen New Cases on Saturday.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.—(Special)—St. Petersburg continues to suffer from Asiatic cholera. There were eighteen new cases and five deaths from the disease yesterday. This has been the daily average for the past month.

BRITISH VESSEL WAS CAPTURED

HONG KONG, Dec. 28.—(Special)—The British steamer Tal-on was captured yesterday by two Chinese cruisers. The reason for the capture is that the steamer several months ago ran down a junk and drowned a theatrical company which was on board.

NATION ON STAGE IN VAUDERVILLE

LONDON, December 27.—Mrs. Carrie Nation will be seen on the stage of a London music hall. She has accepted an engagement to give a series of lectures which was offered to her by a vaudville syndicate.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS

WANTED girl for general housework. Good wages. Apply at Guardian office. 12-29431.

LOST between the post office and Methodist parsonage pearl and gold umbrella handle. Finner please leave at Moore & McLeod's store. 12-29431pd.

LOST in Carter's toy department on Thursday, 24th a pair of grey fur mitts. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at Jenkins & Son. 12-29431.

LOST pair gold rimmed glasses in case, between St. James church and Johnson's drugstore, Christmas morning. Finder please leave at G. F. Hutcheson's and receive reward. 12-29431pd.

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CHURCH UNION THE QUESTION

Rev. Dr. Steele, Member of Union Conference Discusses Its Rise, Progress and How It Now Stands.

On Friday the 11th of December the fifth meeting of the Union Committee finished its work with gratitude and hope. For four years the Committee has met each time in Toronto. Altogether five meetings have been held. A spirit of harmony and generous Christian feeling has marked all the gatherings. The members of the Committee were known before their appointment to hold widely divergent views on the subject of union and they were chosen because the represent various interests and were diverse in their views.

The representatives of one church did not excel the others in the manifestation of Christian courtesy. And whatever may be the result of the voting on the basis, the finding of the Committee at its second meeting, which was confined to each subsequent meeting, that there was no insurmountable difficulty in the way of union, will powerfully affect Christian thought and action.

To Principal Patrick of Winnipeg belongs the honor of publicly launching the present movement. When he appeared before the General Conference of the Methodist Church in 1902 as one of the representatives of the Presbyterian Church and pleaded that the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregationalist Churches should unite in one denomination, it was felt that the question must be considered at once. From that time ago appeared to be centuries away.

A creed was more easily agreed upon than to many seemed possible. To this a general assent will be required from the ministers. It contains the substance of what is believed to be essential. Perhaps it had been drawn up by any one school of theology it would have been in some respects slightly different. But men who can look at the same truth from a different process of thought had to be considered. The Creed leaves out nothing that is essential. It cramps no one who is loyal to the Master. To some extent it is a compromise—not with truth—but between different shades of theology. And as these have place in the Bible they may well be allowed expression in a creed. At the recent sitting a few verbal changes were made, but not as many as some desired. It was thought better not to disturb what had been received with such general approval, even if some slight changes would secure greater literary accuracy of expression.

The committee believes that it has secured in the basis a strong connective bond joined with much freedom of action for local churches. The connective principle that has characterized the larger churches, and it has also secured for local churches the liberty to conduct their affairs in such way as may seem best for them. To many members of the committee it was a revelation to find how closely the polity of the Presbyterian and

Methodist churches agreed. Under different names, officers were responsible for almost similar duties. With the Congregationalists there was greater diversity. And the Congregationalist form of government had consideration out of all proportion to the number of its adherents. This however was necessary. It is believed that the basis provides for every minister having a charge and every charge having a minister. At the same time the ministerial term is not to be limited as it is now with the Methodists in Canada but is to be without limit, as with the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States.

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AN EARTHQUAKE SHAKES ITALY

Serious Damage on Land and to Shipping. King May Visit the Scene.

ROME, Dec. 28.—(Special)—Violent shocks were felt in Calabria this morning. Serious damage resulted and some casualties are reported. At Stearconi the shock was most severe.

King Victor has issued orders make preparations for a royal trip to Calabria should the circumstances warrant it.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—(Special)—A despatch from Catania, Sicily, says the Swedish steamer Asta, the Austrian steamer Budatwois and the Italian steamer Orseolo were damaged by the earthquake and consequent tidal disturbance. The extent of the damage is not known.

GETS LLOYD'S MEDAL FOR LIFE SAVING

LONDON, December 27.—For the first time on record a woman is to receive a Lloyd's medal for saving a life at sea. The woman is Miss Kate Gilmour, stewardess of the Sardinia, destroyed by fire at Malta in the course of the past month. Miss Gilmour refused to leave the ship until all the women and children had been rescued, and her coolness and courage contributed to the saving of many lives.

IRISH MEMBER SENT TO JAIL

DUBLIN, Dec. 27.—James P. Farrell, Irish Nationalist member of Parliament for North Longford, who has been advocating the boycott of certain individuals in the London League, of which he is editor and proprietor, refused to give sureties for his future good behavior, and recently was sentenced in the King's Bench Division to six months in jail.

THE LARGEST FRENCH BUDGET

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Chamber of Deputies and the Senate recently adopted the budget, which for the first time exceeds eight hundred million dollars. It is reported in official circles that the French Government intends to issue a loan of four hundred million dollars to liquidate the floating debt for repairs in the navy and for an increase in the artillery. The price of issue will be about ninety seven and one half.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds etc

STUBBORN FIRE AT SOURIS YESTERDAY

(Special by phone.) SOURIS, Dec 28.—A bad fire occurred here tonight. While one of Mathew and McLean's men was coming up from the wharf about 7 o'clock he noticed a fire under a large warehouse in which were some hundreds of tons of coal belonging to this firm. He ran up town and reported it to Mr. McLean, who went down and found the building full of a winter's store of coal all on fire. Two or three other buildings adjoining owned by the same firm were stored with flour and all sorts of goods belonging to other merchants. About 50 teams immediately began to haul away this store of winter provisions in case these buildings should burn also. Others worked to put out the fire but for a long time with little apparent result. Finally they cut out the floor and the wharf and let the whole burning mass fall into the water below. The fire was first seen about 7 o'clock and it was not until 11:30 that it was thus got under control.