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CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1900.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

BOERS ARE DEFEATED

Many Killed, Wounded and Captured

DEWET LOST HIS GUNS

S. S. Champlain — Destitute Heir to Fortune—Private Promoted.

THE BOERS BADLY WORSTED.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(Special).—A report is current of another battle on which the Boers lost heavily.

The fight began at daybreak, lasting several hours and the Boers had many killed, wounded and captured.

DEWET LOSES GUNS AND STORES.

Dewet's force was twice repulsed and lost very heavily in breaking through the British lines at Thaba N'chu, being compelled to abandon their guns and stores.

A PRIVATE PROMOTED.

Private S. H. Mitchell of the First Contingent has been appointed Second Lieut. in the Middlesex, England, Regiment.

EXPECTATIONS OF THE DESTITUTE.

HALIFAX, Dec. 17.—(Special).—Attention has been called to the destitute condition of the family of Private Leonard George.

It is now learned that Mrs. George will inherit a rich estate at Hubbard's Cove when an aged uncle dies.

Charitable people have had to save the family from starvation.

WILL LAND NOVA SCOTIANS FIRST.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—(Special).—The S. S. Lake Champlain, before coming to St. John will land the Nova Scotia soldiers at Halifax.

THE HIGHEST RANK.

Serving the public with care, attention, honest goods and low prices has given us a place with druggists of the highest rank in Canada. We desire your trade, and will use every possible endeavor to make you a regular customer. Pure Drugs, Medicines, Toilet Preparations, Perfumes, Brushes, Combs, Sponges, etc., etc., at lowest prices.

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Ladies' Overshoes,
Misses' Overshoes,
Boys' and Children's Overshoes.

Men's Rubbers,
Ladies' Rubbers,
Misses' Rubbers,
Boys' Rubbers,
Childs' Rubbers
Granby's wear like iron.

GOFF BROS.

WINTER NAVIGATION ON ST. LAWRENCE

Captain Inman's Address Before the Chambre de Commerce Excites Interest

The Experiment of Interest to P. E. Island.

That it is quite possible to keep the St. Lawrence open for navigation during the winter season, was the opinion of the majority of those most acquainted with the subject who spoke at Wednesday's meeting at the Chambre de Commerce, called for the purpose of hearing what Capt. Inman, of Duluth, had to say upon the subject.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE ON LAKES.

Mr. Inman, in his address, confined himself largely to a description of a model of an ice breaker, which lay on the table before him, as well as to a recital of his experiences on the western lakes.

He said that in freezing to the great thickness which were frequently spoken of, the ice merely formed into what were called "windrows." These sometimes attained a thickness of twenty-five feet; by the rolling up process of the winds

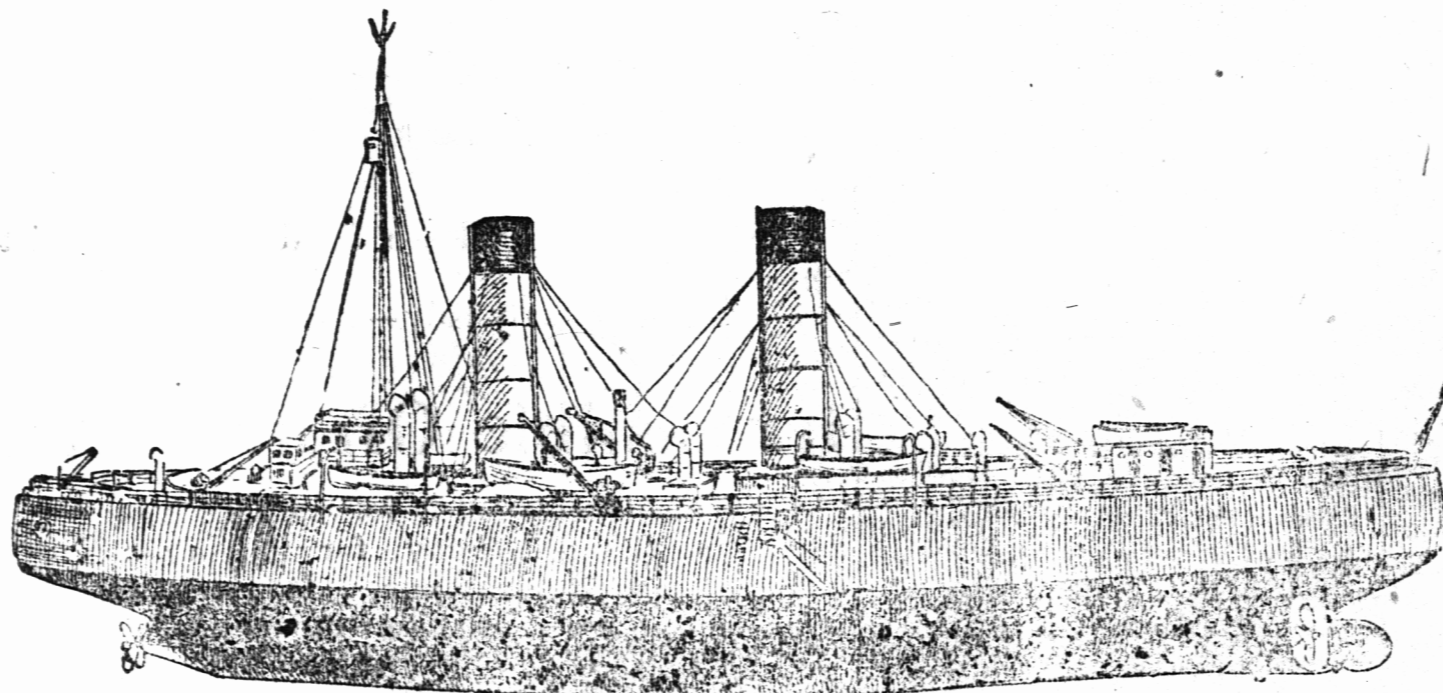
and waves, but they were by no means so difficult to dispose of as supposed. They were now being broke up by boats which climbed on top of them and demolished them, partially by their weight and partially by their powerful forward screws or ice breakers.

This class of boat, he submitted, could not perform such effectual service as the boat he proposed, which would work from the under side of the ice. The former was at a disadvantage through the unevenness of the surface, the conformation of their bows, and from the ice which she smashed up interfering with her progress and adhering to her.

The model he showed was wider at the bows than at any other part so that once the forward part of the boat entered the ice the friction was over as the remainder passed easily through. The under side of

the ice being of a regular formation presented an easier surface and the top of the bows being flat it worked its way more readily. Its sides would be more rounded than shown in the model to give more power to resist the pressure. He had been engaged in ice-breaking for fifteen years. His little tug, the Record had nothing very special to recommend her, yet he had broken channels through miles upon miles of ice from twenty-two inches to three feet thick with her. She had to go through the ice two or three times while the boat he recommended would be able to go right ahead.

He was not acquainted with all the difficulties of the St. Lawrence but was confident that they could be overcome, and that navigation could be kept open the year around.



THE ICE BREAKER ERMACK.

This Vessel Which is in Use on the Baltic Sea, Climbs Upon the Ice, Whereas Captain Inman's Tug Goes Under the Ice and Forces it Upwards.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST

| Closing prices | Dec. 17. |
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| American Sugar | 124 1/2 |
| American Steel and Wire | 43 |
| American Tobacco | 100 1/2 |
| Brooklyn Transit | 78 |
| Burlington | 138 1/2 |
| Continental Tob. | 37 1/2 |
| Federal Steel | 53 |
| Federal Steel Prd | 85 1/2 |
| Louisville and Nashville | 142 1/2 |
| New York Central | 117 1/2 |
| Rock Island | 132 1/2 |
| St. Paul | 62 |
| Tennessee Coal and Iron | 11 1/2 |
| Union Pac Prfd | 28 1/2 |
| United States Rubb | 28 1/2 |

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO Dec. 17.—(Special)—The following are the closing rates: No. 2 Wheat, 70 1/2. Pork \$12.20. May Wheat, 73 1/2. Corn 36 1/2.

1,300 TONS OF STEEL RAILS FOR NORWAY.

PHILADELPHIA, December 14.—Negotiations are in progress for the chartering of five tramp steamships for carrying from this port 81,800 tons of steel rails to Norway. The orders for the rails will be placed by the state railways of Norway with the Pennsylvania steel company and the Maryland steel company.

ATTEND HASZARD & MOORE'S BIG CHRISTMAS SALE

Store open until 9 o'clock each evening.

Today's Probabilities.

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—(Special).—The probabilities are as follows:—Moderate winds, fair and cold.

Regenerative Move.

PARIS, December 10.—In the chamber of deputies to buy M. Marie Edouard Vallan socialist, one of the deputies for Seine, moved a resolution calling upon the government to prohibit the manufacture and sale of all alcoholic liquors pronounced "dangerous" by the academy of medicine. The resolution was aimed at absinthe, the consumption of which was nearly doubled in France since 1894, and now stands at ten millions litres annually. The chamber adopted the resolution unanimously.

Christmas in China.

The Chinese Christmas is a day of church going. In every temple people are going and coming from early morning until late at night. The women and children are seen with bowed heads in the temple, but their is no beautiful Christmas service like ours. There is no thanksgiving. At the Chinese Christmas there are few presents and no exchange of courtesies. All this occurs later, at the time of their New Year's festival. Processions of thousands, fireworks, lanterns, and bright lights are seen, and these bright, noisy pleasures are loved by the Chinese.—Am. Primary Teacher.

Vessels Captured by Power.

Of the four Chinese vessels captured by the British at Tak, one each was given to France, Germany and Russia. These, says the London Chronicle, have now been re-named. The French one is called Taku—"in honor of a glorious epoch in the French Marine." The Russian one is called Taku—"to commemorate a great Russian naval victory." The German one bears the name Taku—"in never-to-be-forgotten memory of this all-convincing proof that Germany's future is on the sea;" and finally Taku is the name of the one kept by the British navy, because—"it's as handy a name as any other," and there's a gap at 'Ta' in the signal-book.

Girls in a Better Position.

The single girls will soon have their day to propose to the boys, as the 20th century will have 24 leap years, the greatest number possible. February will have five Sundays three times—1920, 1948 and 1976. The earliest date on which Easter can occur is March 12. The last time it occurred on that date was in 1813. The latest date that Easter can occur is April 25. It will be but once on that date—1943. The middle of the century will be January 1, 1951. There will also be 380 eclipses during the century.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S POLICY.

Mr. Chamberlain seems to be in favor of holding out an olive branch to the Boer—with a bullet attachment.

WHAT RADCLIFF SAYS.

The Vancouver Province reports that when Radcliff, the hangman, read when the reporters on the Pacific Coast had to say about him, he only remarked: "never mind; I'll get even with those fellows some time."

EXCELLENT POSITION

David Burke, A.S.A. F.S. S., Native of Ch'Town.

RECEIVES APPOINTMENT

To the Management of the Royal Victoria Life Insurance Co.

The December number of Money and Risks says:—It is exceedingly rare to find among successful business men the qualities which are contained in the person of Mr. David Burke general manager of the Royal Victoria Life Insurance Company. Mr. Burke inherits a dignity and courtesy of bearing which favorably impress all with whom he comes in contact. Although essentially a strong character his innate refinement of manner renders business association with him a pleasure and fortunate indeed are those who enjoy the privilege of coming into daily contact with Mr. Burke in their official lives. The subject of our sketch was born in Charlottetown Prince Edward Island, February 24th 1850 and entered the business of life insurance in 1869 when nineteen years of age under his late brother, then general manager at Montreal of the Canadian business of the New York Life Insurance Company.

Fire at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—Earncliffe, the old house of Sir John McDonald was badly scorched by fire this morning, the upper story being destroyed. The fire originated in an open grate. The property is owned by Mrs. C. A. E. Harris and was for the time being in the hands of workmen undergoing repairs. The loss is estimated at \$2,400.

ELECTION PROTESTS

Nine in New Brunswick, Six in N. S.

FOSTER GOING ABROAD

Fisher Entertains Stockmen—Victoria Insurance Troubles.

NINE ELECTION PETITIONS IN N. B. FREDRINGTON, Dec. 17.—(Special).—Protests in York, St. John, Westmoreland, Albert, Restigouche, Charlotte, Carleton, Queens, and Kings were filed to-day. The party managers desired not to proceed, but the York Conservatives were determined.

SIX PETITIONS IN NOVA SCOTIA. Halifax, Dec. 17.—(Special).—Election petitions were filed to-day in Shelburne, Queens, Annapolis, Cumberland, Richmond and Lunenburg.

APPOINTED PROVINCIAL GUARDIAN. MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—(Special).—John J. McRae has made a demand of assignment to Temple, Manager of the Victoria, Montreal Fire Insurance Co, and has been appointed provisional guardian of this Temple estate.

FOSTER GOING TO ENGLAND. OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—(Special).—Hon. George E. Foster sails on Wednesday for England on private business.

HON. MR. FISHER ENTERTAINS. Hon. Sydney Fisher entertained a number of Maritime Province men returning from the Breeder's show in Guelph.

Rheumatism in all forms is promptly and permanently cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla which neutralizes acidity of the blood.

WANTS, LOSTS, FOUND, ETC

BOARDERS WANTED.—Two gentleman boarders, a lady and gentleman can be comfortably accommodated with a large front room. Apply at this office. 18 1/2 pd.

See our Xmas Rockers.—These make most useful presents. Something you can enjoy the year round. Cobble rockers in solid oak and mahogany, from \$2.00 to \$10.00. Reed and rattan rockers, from \$3.25 to \$8.40. Call and see them.—John Newson. 18 1/2

Slater Slipper, \$2.50 for men—a most acceptable present.—Alley & Co. 18 1/2

Boys' and Girls' Indian Moccasins from 80c. up.—Alley & Co. 18 1/2

A nice pair of Overshoes will be an acceptable gift for either men or women this time of year. The best makes at Alley & Co's. 18 1/2

Infants' fancy colored Boots—a Christmas hint.—Alley & Co. 18 1/2

Purchase your presents at W. W. Wellner's and have them Engraved Free. 18 1/2

Our store is open this evening, and as a special attraction, just for to-night, we're showing a line of Men's plain all wool underwear at 70c per suit.—Moore & McLeod. 18 1/2

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- 2 pounds Raisins.
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