

ITALY'S KING AND QUEEN RENDER AID

They Constantly Expose Themselves to Peril as They Work in Succoring Sufferers. The Queen Badly Bruised in a Panic Stricken Rush.

ROME, Jan. 3.—(Special)—Late despatches from the devastated districts relate details of numerous miraculous escapes and many heart-rending tragedies.

NOTED PRIEST PASSED AWAY

Father John of Cronstadt Died After a Lengthy Illness, Aged Eighty.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 3.—(Special)—The noted priest, Father John of Cronstadt is dead after a lengthy illness, aged eighty.

ANOTHER AGENT TO SOUTH AFRICA

Second Canadian Commercial Agent Appointed is Mr. Pousette.

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—(Special)—A second Canadian commercial agent in South Africa is appointed.

CHINA'S STRONGEST STATESMAN OUT

Commander of the Forces And Great County Developer Dismissed.

PEKIN, Jan. 3.—(Special)—Yuan Shi Kai the strongest statesman in the Chinese Empire and commander of the military forces, whose efforts during the past few years placed China on the high road to rapid development has been dismissed by the Regent.

LONGBOAT AGAIN BEATS DORANDO

Dorando Collapsed at the End of the Eighteenth Mile And Was Carried Off the Field. Longboat Finished Other Six Miles At a Walk.

BUFFALO, Jan. 3.—(Special)—Saturday night Longboat was again victorious over Dorando the end coming suddenly.

DIFFICULT TO GET HORSES OVER

ST. JOHN, Jan. 2.—The fiery steeds recently purchased by Peter Clinch for the provincial government are still chewing the blue grass of Kentucky, obvious of the efforts being made to effect their transportation here.

ESTATE OF THE LATE THOS. SIMMS

ST. JOHN, Jan. 3.—(Special)—The late Thomas Simms, brush manufacturer, left an estate of a hundred thousand dollars exclusive of life insurance.

RESTAURANT WAS BADLY WRECKED

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—(Special)—The Jones restaurant building, opposite the Board of Trade, was wrecked on Saturday by gas explosions, tearing out the front, injuring two men and causing property damage of a hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS HAVE FALLEN OFF

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—During the first nine months of the year the collections at the Canadian custom houses fell ten and a half millions behind the collections for the same period the year before, the total being \$34,844,334.

YEAR'S TOLL OF VIOLENT DEATHS

MONTREAL, Jan. 2.—Statistics show that during the past year eight hundred and fifty deaths occurred in this city from violence or under suspicious circumstances; twenty three were murdered, twenty nine proven suicides, seventy nine drowned in the river and the remainder probably accidental.

DIED WHILE MAKING WITTY ADDRESS

AMHERSTBURG, Ont., Jan. 2.—William Henry McEvoy, former mayor of Amherstburg, and a leading citizen, dropped dead at midnight in Masonic Hall.

DULL YEAR IN GOLD MINING

HALIFAX, Jan. 2.—During the past twelve months 60,000 tons of gold bearing rock were mined and crushed in Nova Scotia which yielded 12,500 ounces of gold valued at \$24,000, being an average return of \$3.95 from each ton of ore crushed.

WILL THE I. C. R. PASS TO A SYNDICATE

HALIFAX, Jan. 2.—Will the Intercolonial pass into the hands of a syndicate of Maritime men? A Halifax evening paper publishes an article giving currency to the rumor that a number of well known capitalists have been at Ottawa interviewing the Government with a view to obtaining control of the I. C. R. The names mentioned are B. F. Parsons, Halifax; W. M. Atken, Montreal; Senator Mitchell and H. J. Logan.

REV. DR. CHAPMAN GIVEN A PURSE

AMHERST, Jan. 2.—A very pleasant Christmas festival was held at Folsch Lake on Saturday evening in connection with the Sunday School at that section.

DAVID SMALL DIED LAST NIGHT

The death occurred last evening of David Small, a prominent well-known and much respected citizen. It occurred very suddenly and was a great shock to the friends who knew of it last evening.

LOUISBURG UP TO THE USUAL MARCH

LOUISBURG, Jan. 2.—On the whole the year that is just closing compares well with 1907 and 1908. The main industry in Louisburg is the shipment of coal from the Dominion Coal Co's. piers and the work from this source has been well up to the average of the past few years.

HERE'S ONE GIRL WHO WOULD LIKE TO WED

ST. JOHN, Jan. 2.—D. J. Cronan, of Boston, who recently expressed his determination the seeing of a Canadian wife and who incidentally dropped a few minor pleasantries concerning the wealth of American women, is not likely to go unwarded in the quest if he will only be a trifle more explicit in the matter of his address.

TRAGEDY PREVENTED TACT AND HEROISM

ERIE, Pa., Jan. 2.—The cool heroism of the firemen prevented a dreadful tragedy in the Opera House when fire was discovered in the gallery.

AMHERST HAS A CANADIAN CLUB

AMHERST, Jan. 2.—At a well attended and enthusiastic meeting held recently a Canadian Club, with a large initial membership, was organized.

EDUCING NUMBER OF THE SALOONS

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—The license reduction by-law was carried by a substantial majority yesterday, thus city this year.

CHIEF MALONE IN NEW ROLE

SIMCOE, Jan. 2.—Further sensational evidence connected with the operations of Chief of Police Malone, charged with shooting Constable Wilkins, is said to be forthcoming as a result of the investigation of the attorney-general's department.

STOPS WEDDING AT ALTAR BY LETTER

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Dec. 31.—"Does any one know any reason why these two should not be made man and wife? If so, speak out; if not, forever hold thy peace," spoke the Rev. J. C. Scarborough, pastor of St. Thomas' Presbyterian Mission, as Comedy girl, stood before him.

BATTLE DISEASE IS UNDER CONTROL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—"I believe we've about gotten the foot and mouth disease controlled," declared Secretary of Agriculture Wilson yesterday.

IMPORTANCE OF SUGAR AND MOLASSES

HALIFAX, Jan. 1.—The total imports of raw sugar at the port of Halifax for the year 1908, from the British West Indies and British Guiana, were 45,561, a decrease of 319 tons from the previous year.

LAUNCH OF THE SCHOONER ARGONIA

SHELBURNE, Jan. 2.—An exceptionally fine schooner of 95 tons register, was successfully launched by Joseph McGill, at Shelburne, on Tuesday last.

CAPTAIN'S WIFE MADE A FULL CONFESSION

FLUSHING, N. Y., Jan. 2.—General Peter C. Hains, U. S. A., and his wife, Mrs. Virginia P. Hains, now being tried before Justice Crane as a prima facie in the slaying of William E. Annis, were witnesses in their own behalf Thursday and their testimony brought out in detail the relationship between Mrs. Hains and William E. Annis, which caused the estrangement which caused the slaying.

A BIG BOON FOR TORONTO

TORONTO, Dec. 2.—Toronto has received a great New Year's gift in the shape of an order from the railway commission ordering the railways entering the city to build a four track viaduct along the waterfront from York to Cherry streets.

FREE FIGHT AT PUBLIC MEETING

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—The meeting held in Massey Hall this week to oppose the by-law to cut off forty tavern licenses in Toronto, broke up in a row of the most violent character.

IMMIGRATION AGENT HAS BEEN APPOINTED

FREDERICTON, Jan. 2.—Allan B. Wilnot, of Lincoln, Sunbury County, has been appointed immigration agent by the federal government and will enter upon his duties early in January.

MINISTERS WANT THANKS—GIVING DAY ON THURSDAY

ST. JOHN, Jan. 2.—In response to the appeal from T. Albert Moore, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada, the Methodist ministers of St. John adopted a resolution on Monday favoring the return to Thursday, instead of Monday, as the date of Thanksgiving Day.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS

CHOICE dry kindling delivered to any part of City. Prices right. Write postal to Chas. Coffin, 79 McGill Ave., city.

CHICAGO MARKETS

CHICAGO, January 3.—(Special)—Jan. Wheat 95 1/2 Jan. Corn 61 1/2 May Wheat 107 1/2 May Corn 61 1/2 May Pork 316.45

DE SAGAN'S WIFE TAKES POSSESSION OF CHILDREN

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The petition of Count Boni De Castellane for the custody of his children was denied today by the court which ruled that they shall remain with their mother, the Countess De Sagan, who was formerly Miss Anna Gould of New York.