

SEVEN INJURED IN TRAIN EXPLOSION

ROSTOCK MECKLENBURG, Scherwin, Dec. 22.—An explosion occurred in the Russian Court special train at the railroad station here just before the arrival of the Dowager Empress Marie of Russia, who left Copenhagen to-day for St. Petersburg. Seven of the train crew were injured. The accident is said to be due to a defect in the lighting apparatus.

SOVEREIGN BANK TO BE WOUND UP

(Canadian Press) TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 22.—The Sovereign Bank is to be wound up according to notice served to-day. Up to now the bank has never been legally insolvent. When it was found that it could not pay its liabilities fast enough, an agreement was made by thirteen Canadian banks by which the Sovereign Bank was to be wound up in turn guaranteeing to pay the depositors. After years of liquidation it became evident that the assets could not be realized quickly enough to pay the claims and a company was formed, composed of shareholders of the Sovereign Bank who subscribed to the International assets an amount equal to their stock in the Sovereign. For a long while it was hoped the Sovereign Bank could be kept alive, but the action of some shareholders in refusing to pay into the International assets caused notice to be given to-day. Double liability will now be collected. The Sovereign Bank was one of the first to accept popular savings departments and was practically the forerunner of the Home Bank scheme now in use by most banks.

FINAL PASSING OF CURRENCY BILL. WASHINGTON, December 22.—The Washington of the Currency Bill in final form was reported to both Houses of the Congress today to be written into law.

ALCOHOL IS THE CAUSE. PARIS, December 22.—The official report on tuberculosis shows 85,000 deaths in 1910, a percentage of 217 per hundred thousand inhabitants. Deaths are mostly young men. Alcohol is cited as the cause of the spread. Municipal Council recommends a tax on pure alcohol to help pay the cost of dispensaries and sanitariums.

CONDENSED ADS TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

One cent per word each insertion is this column. Cash must accompany order. Minimum charge twenty-five cents. FOUND A PEARL BROOCH. OWNER may have same, applying here and proving property and paying for ad. 3510-12-23M21. WANTED, MAID FOR GENERAL housework. Apply to Mrs. D. A. Wedlock, 249 Prince St. 3509-12-23M31pd. MAGNET CREAM SEPARATOR FOR sale, 1000 pounds capacity, nearly new. Apply Benj. Carter, auctioneer. 3507-12-23M31. WANTED—FEMALE PATCH FOX TO ranch with male out of litter. Live last spring. Terms easy. Box 27, Orwell Cove. P. E. I. 3511-12-23M31. FOR SALE—AN EXPENSIVE Brownie camera, new—would make a good Xmas present; cheap. Apply News Dept., Guardian. 3174-12-11M31. WANTED—A SECOND OR THIRD class teacher wanted in Emerald school. Apply at once to W. H. Deighan, Emerald. 3512-12-23M31. FOR SALE—20 BIG BUFF ORPINGTON Cockerels, from a great laying strain. 1 to \$2 each. Must sell at once. Maritime Orpington Farm, Park St., City. 3521-12-23M11. SHORTHORNS FOR SALE—1 REG-istered cow 4 years old with a calf 2 weeks old. 1 Bull calf 6 months old. 1 Heifer calf 8 months old. Apply to Lincoln Irving, Cherry Valley, 3506-12-23M6pd. TEACHER WANTED.—A SECOND class teacher for Enmore school district, No. 149, Prince St. Supplement for half year \$20. Services to begin with new year. Apply to Alfred L. Frost, Secy. 3512-12-23M6pd. I WILL SELL BY AUCTION ON Market Square, Tuesday, December 23rd the Sable Island Pony, four years old owned by W. A. Mutch. Benj. Carter & Co., auctioneers. 3435-12-19M41d. CHARLOTTETOWN BOWLING AL-leys, Market Building, Billiard Room in connection; everything first class, bowl and never have appendicitis. Special Ladies' days from 1 to 6 Tuesday and Friday afternoon. Open from 10 a. m. till 11 p. m. 2698-11-17M1. AUCTION SALE, MARKET SQUARE today at 12 o'clock noon, we will sell 1 Sable pony, 1 pair patch foxes, 20 pairs pure bred Buff Orpington Cockerels, 4 light driving sleighs, (new), 2 horses, some harness. All on deck at 12 o'clock. Benj. Carter & Co., Auctioneers. 3508. Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

LIFE FOR EACH 700 TONS COAL

(Canadian Press) CHARLESTON, Va., Dec. 22.—Earl Henry, chief of the Bureau of Mines, made a report to-day showing one death for every 700 tons of coal mined in six of the coal producing counties of Virginia. In fields in ten counties there were no fatal accidents.

U.S. QUARANTEN AGAINST POTATOES

(Canadian Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Secretary Houston to-day issued an order continuing the quarantine temporarily put on potatoes from the British Isles, Canada and Europe. The action was modified, however, by a second order providing that quarantine could be raised in case of countries or districts which can show their potatoes are free from potato wart or powdery scab, the diseases complained of. In case of certain provinces of Canada and certain countries and districts in Europe the officials here believe absolute prohibition can be raised in time to allow the movement of this year's crop under restrictions similar to those in the case of nursery stock.

CLOSING EXERCISES PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The public closing of Prince Street School takes place in the Hall this morning at eleven o'clock and the public are invited to attend. Following will be the program: Chorus—Good King Wenceslas, School. Dialogue—Christmas Letters, 6 pupils, Miss Watson's Dept. Recitation—A Lay of the Seven-ten egg, Doris Hoy. Chorus, The First Christmas Gift, Primary Classes. Recitation—Poor Santa Claus, Winnie McKenzie. Recitation—A Christmas Carol, Berna Heutzel. Chorus—Come Let Us Sing, Junior Classes. Dialogue—Gather the Stockings, Miss Haslam's Dept. Recitation—In Bethlehem, Ruth Gough. Chorus—When Good Old Christmas Comes Round, Primary Classes. Recitation—Red Stockings, Margaret Kennedy. Recitation—Baby Shopping, Hilda Soutter. Chorus—Excelsior, Senior Classes. Recitation—The Night Before Christmas, Olga Warburton. Duet—Christmas Lullaby, Mabel Calbeck and Mabel Henderson. Recitation—Jack MacLeod. Chorus—The Brave Old Oak, School. Chorus—Island Hymn, God Save The King.

PROGRAM WEST KENT ST. SCHOOL

Exercises begin at 10 a. m., Mr. T. C. James will preside. Chorus—Merry Xmas Bells, School. Recitation—Xmas Gift, Master Gordon Heaney. Solo—Nazareth, Master Robert Messervy. Mother Goose Exercise—Primary Class. Chorus—Swanee River, School. Essay—Heroism, Miss Edith Jenkins. Presentation of Prizes for best "Essay on Heroism" by Mrs. (Dr.) Jas. Warburton. Presentation of Shield and Cadet Certificates by Mr. R. H. Campbell, Chief Supt. of Education. Recitation—Selection from Scott, Miss Isabel Burke. Chorus—Shine Out, Oh Blessed Star, School. Recitation—Santa Claus, Master Tom Davis. Chorus, Island Hymn, School. National Anthem.

SUSPECT IS CAPTURED.

LIVERPOOL, December 22—Geo. Sumner, for whom there was a world-wide police call out as a suspect in the murder of Miss Bradford, whose body was put in sack and thrown into the canal, has been caught here. Samuel Elitotts was also arrested.

EAGER TO GO TO POLE.

LONDON, December 22—S. J. Foster, Stackhouse Leader of the British Expedition Antarctic next year, has some 4,900 applications from men eager to join the Expedition. Among them are 16 Peers.

CARDINAL'S WILL IS MISSING.

ROME, December 22—It is rumored that the box supposed to contain the will and other important papers of the late Cardinal Rampolla has disappeared.

CURE DOR PARALYSIS. PARIS, December 22—Doctors Le-vaditi and Harie of the Pasteur Institute and the Ville Jui Asylum announce experiments giving a reasonable hope for the finding of a cure for general paralysis.

PREMIER WHITNEY IS ILL. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Sir James Whitney, Premier of Ontario, is slightly ill at Hotel Manhattan. He may not be able to go home for a week from overwork and nervousness.

GEORGETOWN, DEMERARA, B.G. BADLY SCHORCHED BY FIRE

Twenty Persons Killed—Scores Rendered Homeless. Large Quantity of Sugar Destroyed—Many Buildings in Business Sections Burned. (Canadian Press) GEORGETOWN, Dec. 22.—A large section of the business quarter of Georgetown, Demerara, British Guiana, was destroyed by fire this morning. Twenty persons were killed and many injured. Scores are rendered homeless. A vast amount of sugar for exportation was burned and warehouses and many other buildings destroyed. Georgetown's population numbers 55,000 of which 5,000 are whites.

TELEPHONE UNDER THE GOVERNMENT

(Canadian Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Representative Lewis, of Maryland, to-day submitted to the House an analysis of his proposal to have the nation's telephone lines under government control. He said the proposition would cost less than \$900,000,000. At present there are no greater difficulties than in financing it than the Panama Canal. Lewis, who took a leading part in the operation of the parcel post, said his plan was to have the Government first own the telephonic network of the country and operate some telephone lines as the telegraph lines and have the Government system compete with private companies at the outset in the same proposition as the parcel post competes with the express companies. He said the graft shown in connection with telephones and telegraphs would have shamed Rome in its most corrupt days. Consequently he felt it was time the government in hand.

FINED FOR HAVING UNSOUND MEATS

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—For having in their possession 800 pounds of decayed chicken unfit for use, Armour and Company to-day were fined \$500. The company pleaded guilty. A heavy fine was also meted out to the Liebermann Dairy Company for selling adulterated milk. On two charges the company was fined \$250 each and on the third \$100. These mark the first series of prosecutions under the aggressive campaign for the prosecution of pure food laws.

CHARLOTTETOWN BUSINESS COLLEGE Xmas Closing Exercises.

The Christmas closing of the Charlottetown Business College on Friday evening last, in the Assembly Hall of the college, was a most enjoyable affair. Not only the large Hall, but the class rooms leading to the Hall were filled with students and their friends who had come to assist in the closing exercises, and by their presence and words to wish the graduates continued success. After the presentation of diplomas made by the principal, Miss Hazel Dingwell, on behalf of the students, presented the principals with an address, who were also kindly remembered with valuable souvenirs. Principal Miller replied briefly. The following program prepared by the students was carried out: Solo—Miss Hazel Brenner, encoored. Reading—Miss Lizzie Horne. Solo—Miss Lily Carver. Reading—Miss Hazel Dingwell. Solo—Miss Ethel Coffin, accompanied by the students in the chorus. Miss Brenner sang by special request, "The End of a Perfect Day." The above program throughout was very pleasingly rendered. At the conclusion of the program, the Rev. Mr. Wilson addressed the students. His address was not the least valuable number, and the reverend gentleman may be assured of a very hearty welcome at any time he may wish to visit the C. B. C. After the National Anthem, the students took charge, serving refreshments, after which games and other enjoyable amusements were indulged in until shortly after eleven o'clock. The new arrangement of the class rooms, whereby a person standing at a certain position can take in every department, owing to the glass partitions, and the easy access from one department to another was a matter of surprise to those who had not visited the college during the last two months. Former graduates who were present were enthusiastic over

ESCAPED TO THE STATES.

OJURAGA, December 22—General Salvador Merado, has been deposed as Commander-in-Chief of the Federal forces in North Mexico and is said to have escaped in disguise to the United States.

SPECIAL BARBER FOR NEW YORK CHOIR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A barber is the latest innovation in church life. St. George Episcopal Church, which the late Mr. J. P. Morgan endowed with half a million dollars, has installed a barber shop for the choir. The Rev. Karl Reiland, the Rector, in announcing the new feature to-day said: "For the sake of uniformity in the appearance of our choir boys on Sundays and as a slight evidence of appreciation we have assigned a special barber to the boys on Saturday mornings and on Sundays before services. One of our men, Julius Karman who was at one time a barber, is engaged in this unusual but, to us, very important work."

- ORTHOGRAHY. (Special Test) P.C. Miss Nellie Crabbe 100 Miss Gladys Stead 100 Miss Evelyn Haazard 99 Miss Hazel Brenner 99 Miss Hazel Brenner 99 Miss Lizzie Horne 99 Miss Tessie Williams 99 Miss Elsie MacDuff 98 Miss Pearl MacDuff 98 Miss Amy Moore 98 Miss Jennie MacLeod 98 Miss Fannie Robertson 98 Miss Winnie MacKenzie 98 Miss Maud Davy 98 Miss Blanche Dewar 98 Miss Katie MacCallum 95 Miss Irene Byrne 95 Miss Luella MacMillan 93 Miss Etta Dunn 93 SHORTHAND OUTLINES. Miss Hazel Brenner 96 Miss Elsie MacDuff 95 Miss Pearl MacDuff 95 Miss Hazel Dingwell 95 Miss Amy Moore 94 Miss Tessie Williams 94 Miss Jennie MacLeod 94 Miss Lizzie Horne 92 Miss Melle Crabbe 92 3515. Minard's Liniment cures garget in cows

MAN KILLED BY CIRCULAR SAW

(Canadian Press) COCHRANE, Ont., Dec. 22.—Joseph Bonavage, a Russian, had half of his face torn away this afternoon. He was running a plank through a circular saw when it bucked. He was almost instantly killed.

LONG HOLIDAY TO PROTECT BANK

(Canadian Press) MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22.—By a presidential decree issued this afternoon, every day including today, until the end of the present year is made a legal holiday in order to check the run on the banks here, particularly that on the Bank of London and Mexico. On the promulgation of this he Bank of London and Mexico opened its doors, but refrained from paying deposits. Provisional President Huerta in his decree says he deems such action necessary to protect the banks until public confidence is restored. The banks are thus absolved from meeting any liability until January 2. Except for the Bank of London and Mexico and the Central, none have taken advantage of the order and business is uninterrupted. Crowds gathered at the doors of banks mentioned, but there was no disorder. The banks are being guarded by a strong force of police.

\$50 FOR SKINS TAKEN ILLEGALLY

(Canadian Press) TORONTO, Dec. 22.—Muskrat and beaver skins at \$50 each came high for Adelard Lafrance, Manager of Reillon Freres at Missanabie, who before the Court to-day was charged by Superintendent Rogers of the Provincial police with illicit possession of these skins. There are 110 charges against Lafrance and he was fined \$50 on each or in default twenty-seven years in jail.

PRICE OF POULTRY LIKELY TO DROP.

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—The sustained high price of meat has brought in larger quantities of poultry than usual. Poultry prices are likely to drop.

MRS. PANKHURST OFF FOR SWITZERLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst left yesterday for Switzerland to recuperate. Reports say that her daughters, Sylvia and Christabel, are at odds over methods of the campaign.

DIED AFTER THE FIGHT.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Jimmy Burrows, lightweight boxer, collapsed in bout with Geo. Freeman last night and died in the hospital.

INCREASE IN SHIPBUILDING.

LONDON, December 22.—Shipbuilding on the North East Coast, including Tyne and the Tees has reached its highest record during the present year, 280 vessels representing a tonnage of 2,172,058 tons having been launched. The previous largest total was in 1906.

GIRL HE FLIRTS WITH AT BALL IS HIS WIFE.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Dec. 20.—Because her husband flirted with her while she was participating in a masked ball, Mrs. James McCormick sought his arrest on charges of disorderly conduct.

THE WEATHER, THE TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON ETC.

(Special to The Guardian) TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Moderate to fresh northerly winds; fair and cold. THE WEATHER.—Yesterday was beautifully mild, with sunshine. The tide will be high tonight at 6.32 and tomorrow at 7.22; it rises tomorrow morning at 7.53 and Thursday at 9. The sun sets this afternoon at 4.19 and tomorrow at 4.20; it rises tomorrow morning at 7.39 and Wednesday at 7.40. The moon rises this afternoon at 1.04. The last quarter of the moon was on Saturday, Dec. 20th at 12.15 p. m. There will be a new moon on Saturday, Dec. 27th, at 10.59 a. m. The length of today will be 8 hours and forty minutes.

LINER HOVE TO IN MID PACIFIC

(Canadian Press) VANCOUVER, Dec. 22.—The big C. P. R. liner, Montague, hove to in mid-Pacific with huge seas breaking over her and threatening to wreck her deck fittings and cabins. This word was brought to-day by officers of the Empress of Asia. The ship was delayed twenty hours by a awful storm and then was able to proceed.

EMPEROR MENELIK OFFICIALLY DEAD

(Canadian Press) LONDON, Dec. 22.—Emperor Menelik has been reported dead several times. This is the first official announcement. (Canadian Press) ADDIA ABERA, Abyssinia, Dec. 22.—It is officially announced that Emperor Menelik is dead.

DR. SCHMIDT STILL ON TRIAL

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—To-day in the trial of Hans Schmidt, the time was largely occupied in hearing the testimony of alienists. Dr. Smith Jelliffe, New York, testified for the defense. His evidence went to show that Schmidt was abnormal. The witness said Schmidt claimed he was inspired; that was why he sat in the bath tub naked and played the violin. During a visit to Schmidt's cell the witness pricked his finger and showed Schmidt a drop of blood. Schmidt's face at once became livid crying, "all the blood is mine." He made a lunge at the physician's hand and attempted to convey it to his mouth.

\$3.00 FOR UNBELIEF IN SANTA CLAUS

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A man who does not believe in Santa Claus was fined \$3 to-day for trying to convert his six-year-old son to his creed. The chief witness against him was his sister-in-law. She testified that she had pleaded with him and wept when he tried to convince a lad that Santa Claus was a myth. Her cries brought a policeman to the house and the man was arrested for disorderly conduct and brought to court. He is Gustave Kotch and lives in the Bronx.

A GENEROUS CHRISTMAS GIFT

Chief Ranaghan of the Charlottetown Fire Department, yesterday received the following letter which speaks for itself: Mr. T. Ranahan, Chief Fire Department: Dear Sir:—Not forgetting how you and your men worked during the fire in our establishment last August it is with pleasure I herewith enclose a small Christmas present from James Eaton & Co., and the Brown estate each twenty-five dollars to be used as may be agreed upon by the Fire Department. Wishing yourself and men a joyful Christmas, I remain Sincerely yours, The "small Christmas present" was made up of two cheques each for \$25. For this generous present Chief Ranaghan and the Fire Department are exceedingly grateful and have much pleasure in publicly acknowledging the same.

XMAS SHOPPERS.

The second of the special trains arranged for the convenience of the people in the eastern part of the Island, in regard to their Christmas shopping in the city was run yesterday from Murray Harbour to Charlottetown, and like the first was largely patronized, a large crowd of passengers coming from Murray Harbour as well as all the intermediate stations. Among those travelling by this train were Mrs. Elliott Williams, Capt. Milton and Mrs. Chappell, Mrs. Horace Hyde, Mortimer Jardine, Lester Black, William Kearney and C. J. Jardine, of Murray Harbour. They left again in the afternoon on the return train. KINDERGARTEN.—Miss Barrett's Kindergarten closing took place yesterday morning and was most enjoyable, the little tots going through their exercises, singings and reciting in the happy manner of childhood and greatly to the amusement and delight of the large number of parents present. A beautiful Christmas tree, around which much interest centered, was loaded with gifts for the parents made by the children themselves, and these were duly presented. The morning was all too short for the children who went home for their Christmas vacation perfectly happy.

OIL DISCOVERED IN COLUMBIA

(Canadian Press) VANCOUVER, Dec. 22.—A Pennsylvania man discovers oil west of Vancouver, but the find is kept secret. S. E. Page indicates a rich find.

MEXICAN BANK CLOSES DOORS

(Canadian Press) MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22.—The Bank of London and Mexico closed its doors to-day. The bank was unable to secure currency to pay depositors and was forced to suspend. The suspension is not due to lack of assets but the lack of ready currency and may be but temporary.

NEW YORK BANKERS TO PROTECT BANK

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—According to New York bankers the business of the bank of London and Mexico is chiefly of a commercial character. It did not represent loans to a great extent. It is rated the second largest in the state having deposits to the amount of \$30,000,000.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

One cent per word each insertion in this column. Cash must accompany order. Minimum charge twenty-five cents. **If you wish to become a chauffeur, repairman or salesman, you should attend the Automobile school. 3485-12-22M51. **Give that boy a membership ticket in the Y. M. C. A. for a Christmas present. He will enjoy it for a full year. 3485-12-22M21. **The first class in the Automobile school is filled and the second is now being formed. Classes start the first full week in January. 3486-12-22M51. **The annual Christmas Tree and entertainment of the Pownal Methodist Sunday School, will be held in the Hall on Tuesday, 23rd, at 7.30 o'clock. 3484. **The type of man needed to teach the Automobile school will cost the committee nearly fifty dollars per week. He is worth it. Send your application at once. 3486-12-22M51. **A Christmas tree and concert will be held in the Vernon River G.M.B.A., Hall by the scholars of the surrounding community on Thursday Dec. 23rd, beginning at 7 o'clock, p. m. If weather proves unfavorable concert will be held on following Thursday. Admission 15c. 3116-12-18M11. **For the man who cannot return to his home for lunch a Thermos bottle would make a delightful gift. It will keep liquids icy cold for twenty-four hours and boiling hot for thirty-six hours. We have a splendid line here ranging in price from \$1.75 up. The Two Macs, 144 Great George St. **The Guardian is authorized to say that the total receipts of the Kirmess entertainments amounted to \$831.31, exclusive of the amount paid to Messrs. Agostini and Lynnwood. The expenses amounted to \$244.55, leaving a balance of \$486.76. Of this balance one half, namely, \$243.38, goes to the Daughters of the Empire, the other half being equally divided between the Roman Catholic and Protestant Orphanages, each receiving \$121.69, cheques for which amounts will be sent at once. The members of the Royal Edward Chapter wish to convey their most grateful thanks to all who contributed to the success of the undertaking, and especially to Miss Bartlett who presided so efficiently at the piano at the different performances. 3522. **The following is a list of new subscribers since the new directory was published:—up to Dec. 12.—Cut this out and paste in your directory. 274-L.—A. E. Baker's Residence. 277-L.—J. Gordon Baker, Residence. 465-J.—Blatch Miss E. B. Residence. 356-L.—Brown, W. S., Residence. 223-Y.—Brehant Richard, Residence. 467-L.—Desmond, J. J., Residence. 71-L.—Dougan A. J., Residence. 474-J.—Williams, Harry, residence. 355—Gay Reaney, Meat Market, in Market House Tue. and Friday. 54-L.—Henderson, Miss Ida, Residence. 177-J.—Holman Isaac, Residence. 461-L.—Inman, G. S., Residence. 333—Jenkins & Lantz, Poultry and Canned Goods. 475—Morris L. R. Broker. 178-J.—Muirhead John, Residence. 472—Purdy W. B., Residence Mt. Edward Road. 234-L.—Purdy W. B., Residence, North River Road. 405-L.—Purdy, Miss Mazie, Residence. 342-J.—Reardon, J. F., Residence. 467-L.—Smith, W. H., Residence. 465-L.—The Island Motor Supply Co. 130-J.—Worthy, L. C., Baker & Grocer. The following numbers have been changed since publication of New Directory.—134-L.—Rev. Mr. Marshall, Res., now 101-L. 205-3—J. B. Hogan, Res., now 473. 324-L.—Miller Bros., now 103-L. 295—W. L. Cotton, Res., now 255-L. 3498. Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.