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THE ALLAN LINE MAKES AN OFFER

Are Ready to Provide 22 Knot Service When Present Contract Expires.

Special to The Guardian. MONTREAL, December 7—Montagu Allan has announced that the Allan Line are ready to enter into negotiations with the Government to establish a 21 or 22 knot service when the mail contract expires in 1911.

JOSEPH MEAGHER WANTED AT ONCE

The Truro News contains the following—In 1907 Constable Cribb arrested in Truro a man who gave his name as Joseph Marr or Meagher. This man came from P. E. Island, Parties, living in Long Island, New York, are anxious to locate one James H. Meagher, formerly of P. E. Island who went to sea, shipping as a sailor, from Windsor in 1902 for Buenos Ayres under the name of Marr. This man had resided in Halifax. Whether he is the same man that ran up against Constable Cribb in Truro, is not known.

BOSTON'S FISH MARKET IS GREAT

BOSTON, December 7—From smelts to whales, from herrings to halibut, New England must ever have a lively interest in the denizens of the deep and their translation to the uses of men. In a state which glorifies the codfish by hanging it a symbol of plenty, in its legislative halls; where the whale fishery once was richer than a gold mine and has left anals of adventure and of effort which have an epic quality and are part of the record of the Nation's growth; where the fisheries have schooled sailors and have graduated captains and courageous for fighting ships, it is fitting that the whole community should view with intelligent interest whatever pertains to the garnering of the riches of the seas.

THE PRESIDENT'S FIRST MESSAGE

Sent to Congress Deals With Questions Touching Canada and Asks for Reduction in Military and Naval Cost.

Special to The Guardian. WASHINGTON, December 7—President Taft has sent his first annual message to Congress. The anti-trust and inter-state commerce laws are not dealt with as the President preferred to embody them in a special message.

MEETING OF THE Y.M.C.A. DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A. held an important meeting last night at which the budget for the coming year was received. As the estimates for expenses for the year is considerable in advance of last year it was felt that a strong endeavor must be made to bring all the items of receipts up a little above last year.

THAW CASE FEATURE IN GLOVER MURDER

BOSTON, Dec. 6—The murder of Clarence Glover at Waltham, which is awaiting trial has developed a resemblance to the crime for which Harry Thaw is now imprisoned. According to the new evidence Glover a little before his death had been accused of much the same wrongs as those which Harry Thaw alleged against Stanford White. The Rev. J. Frank Chase and Dr. King of the Watch and Ward Society furnish the new evidence. They say there was an avenger after Glover, one whose mind was working just as Harry Thaw's did when he conceived it to be his mission to slay White.

ANNUAL STATEMENT BANK OF MONTREAL

The annual statement of the Bank of Montreal for the year ended 30th October 1909 appears elsewhere in this issue of The Guardian and shows the extended business, the steady progress and prosperity of this great financial institution. The Bank of Montreal ranks with the greater financial institutions of the New World. Its advance during the year in this Province is marked by the fine, substantial building erected in Charlottetown on one of the best business locations in the city.

ROBINSON OPERA CO. AT OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT

The Robinson Opera Company arrive in Charlottetown this afternoon and open a three day's engagement at the Opera House tonight in "Fra Diavolo". In a company featuring both Miss Lucia Nola and Frank D. Nelson no better Opera than "Fra Diavolo" could be selected for their opening performance. Mr Nelson has an international reputation from coast to coast and is the possessor of a baritone voice of excellent quality.

A HOTEL FIRE PROVES FATAL

Aged Lady Burned to Death and Other Guests Had Narrow Escapes.

Special to The Guardian. HUNTINGTON, P. Q., December 7—A fire broke out at the Central Hotel here. Although there were a number of guests, all managed to escape, with the exception of Mrs. Taylor, an old lady.

JOSEPH DAVIDSON HAS PASSED AWAY

ST JOHN, December 6—Joseph Davidson, who has been ill with pleuro-pneumonia for some time, died at the hospital early Saturday morning. The deceased is survived by his wife, three small children, three brothers in St John, two sisters and his parents. His body will be taken to his home on Brussels street today and the funeral will take place Monday afternoon at 2.30. Mr Davidson had been in the employ of the city fire department for the last seven years. During that time he acted as driver for Chief Kerr for three years, when he was changed to No 3 station as driver of the engine, which position he held up to the time of his death. The deceased was a great favorite with the men around the fire stations. He was a member of Court, Rockwood, I. O. O. F., and also belonged to the Orange order.—St John Exchange, Dec 4. Mrs. Davidson was formerly, Miss Garrick of St John, and has relatives in this city.

MISS ASQUITH TO ENTER CAMPAIGN

LONDON, Dec 6—Even before the government has announced its program of campaign folk of the cabinet ministers' families are beginning to show their active interest in the coming struggle. Miss Violet Asquith, the prime minister's daughter, is determined to make herself a valuable asset to the Liberal party. She has made her debut as a political speaker and proved herself to possess remarkable eloquence and a charming platform manner. She is decidedly opposed to the militant suffragette policy.

A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

SYDNEY, Dec 7—William Broughton, gate-keeper, was struck by a train at McQuarrie's Crossing and instantly killed. James Costello, an employee at the blast furnaces of the Steel Company, was overcome by the fumes and fell into one of the hoppers. When assistance arrived he was dead.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec 7—(Special)—Dec Wheat 107 1/2, Jan Wheat 107 1/2, Dec Corn 58 1/2, Jan Corn 58 1/2.

BLACKHANDERS FLY TO AMERICA

Sixty Have Left Switzerland on Way to United States. Many More in Custody Charged With Serious Crimes.

Special to The Guardian. GENEVA, December 7—The police have confirmed the report of a wholesale exodus of members of the Black Hand who mean to find a new field of operation in America.

NECK BROKEN AND MENDED

NORWALD, O., Dec 6—Considering his age, the recovery of George Morri, aged eighty-three years, from a broken neck is regarded by physicians as most remarkable. A month ago Morri was thrown against the side of his barn while pushing a heavy wagon into the structure, and his neck was broken at the second and third vertebrae.

A SERIOUS CHARGE ISSUED.

PHOENIX, December 7—The Phoenix Fire Insurance Co is under investigation for irregularities which have impaired its surplus at least \$1,000,000 and have resulted in conditions which Supt Hotchkiss has laid before the District Attorney as grounds for a criminal action.

The Circulation of THE GUARDIAN.

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Condensed Advertisements

SAUNDSOME SAUBAGES fresh every day at Saunders & Newsum's. GIRL WANTED, with a fair education to learn the type setting. Apply in person between 8 and 10 a. m. at Guardian office. 11-24tdt.

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Although The Patriot has ignored the several challenges issued by The Guardian and still fails to publish its sworn average daily as well as semi-weekly circulation, and the sworn circulation of The Guardian's Morning Daily and Rural Daily appears in this issue, The Guardian has much pleasure in accepting The Patriot's challenge.

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Mayflower Division, Sons of Temperance, inaugurated a series of temperance talks at their hall, 36 Cornwallis Street, on Sunday afternoon. Notwithstanding the weather the attendance was good. The Chairman, J. H. Belcourt, introduced the speaker, Rev G. M. Young, pastor of the Brunswick Street Methodist Church. Mr Young ventured to dissent from the dictum "That Prohibition Does Not Prohibit; It Never Has and Never Will," and that "Prohibition is Not Practicable in Cities." Mr Young felt confident to form his own judgment of the possibility and practicability of prohibition, having resided for some years in Prince Edward Island previous to, and after the passing of the Prohibitory law. There were two things necessary to effective control of the liquor traffic, said Mr Young: 1st—A law with strong public sentiment behind it, and, 2nd, a strong man behind the law. The several plebiscites and Scott Act elections showed conclusively the necessary sentiment. An overwhelming preponderance of public sentiment favors prohibition of the traffic. "Today in the Island, no Government, party or candidate dare endorse the cause of the traffic," said Mr Young. "One of the advantages of Provincial Prohibition was that the Legislature, entirely subject to the people of the Province,

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is responsible for the making, amending and enforcing of the law. All legislation is at first experimental. Its operation shows its defects. One of the hotel keepers, who had been fined again and again for violation of the Scott Act, and kept on selling all the same, was twice convicted and fined under the present law, but to escape imprisonment ran to Nova Scotia and has never returned. Another, after being twice convicted and fined was sentenced for a third offence to six months' imprisonment. In 1877 the population was about the same in Charlottetown as now. At that time they had 42 licensed places and 19 policemen. The magistrature at that time asked for more because of the prevalence of drunkenness, vice and crime. Violence and disorder prevailed to such an extent that it was not safe for women or children to walk the streets. The number of convictions traceable to drink was 729. After six years of Prohibition the Stipendiary Magistrate says:—"No bars; no open sale. Practically no crime. Prohibitory law most satisfactory." The Chief of Police says there is nothing in the cry that Prohibition does not prohibit. He has six patrol men now, just before the introduction of the Act he had 13. The City Clerk says in the year 1892 there were 322 convictions for drunkenness. In 1907 there were 97.—Hallifax Chronicle.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.

Special to The Guardian. TORONTO, December 8—Strong winds or gales from southeasterly to southwesterly, unsettled with rain. The length of today will be nine hours.

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