

# The Important News of the Week for the Saturday Subscribers

**ST. JOHN, Dec. 17—(Special)**—The unemployed situation here is rapidly becoming acute.

In addition to the unusually large number of permanent residents now receiving relief, hundreds of destitute persons are arriving from the west including many who are endeavoring to return to Europe.

Every charitable organization has exhausted all its funds and on Friday a general appeal was made through the press for subscriptions.

All the shelters are overcrowded and many are walking the streets.

Men, woman and children are suffering though strong efforts are being made to relieve the most pressing cases.

One deplorable feature is that poverty is driving increasing numbers of women to immorality.

Central Railway enquiry was resumed today, former Manager Evans being the principal witness.

Evans and his partner once held an option on the road.

They sold it to company representing the Government for a hundred and eighty thousand dollars.

The Company's books showed the total payment was made but Evans' books showed only a hundred and forty-one thousand received.

Evans was unable to account for the balance.

He stated, however, that he had so much trouble over the transaction and being unable to give a clear title, he decided to let the deficit slide.

**CONSTANTINOPLE, December 17—(Special)**—Turkey today renounced despotism.

When the first Ottoman Parliament assembled the Sultan paraded through the streets heading an elaborate procession and was everywhere enthusiastically received.

No disorders occurred. Triumphal arches spanned the processional route.

Every regiment in the city lined the streets and all officials of the home and foreign Governments attended.

The new Parliament consists of two chambers, the Senate being appointed by the Sultan and the Deputies elected by the people.

**OTTAWA, Dec. 17—(Special)**—At the Marine enquiry a witness was Jas. Holliday, owner of the steamer King Edward, leased to the department during the summer of 1904 for conveying supplies to the light service.

The contract was for \$125 a day and in addition there was a mail contract for \$50.

Holliday went to William Power, M. P., and got him to use his influence to get the contract with the Marine department increased to \$200.

Gregory, the Quebec agent, first refused to pass the \$200 a day bill, but afterwards became a warm advocate for the payment.

Holliday got \$200 a day for the boat which already was earning \$50 a day for carrying the mails and \$150 a day besides in freight and passenger service.

The witness insisted that the officials get no graft.

The total payments for the boat were \$30,400.

The bank book was burned but he produced the cheques and told of the bank manager giving \$3,000 to Boudreau, a clerk in the Marine department in connection with the \$30,000 collected from government for the King Edward service.

**MILWAUKEE, Dec. 17—(Special)**—An automobile containing three men dashed into an open draw bridge and went to the bottom of the river, carrying two of its occupants to death.

The third was rescued with difficulty. The dead are Oscar Bartlett, a member of the Board of Trade, and Albert Kunz, chauffeur.

The man rescued was A. F. Holliday of the Holiday Motor Company.

**BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 16—(Argu-**

ments on a motion of the Independent Order of Foresters to vacate an injunction restraining the order from enforcing its increased assessment rates, were begun before Justice Marcus, in a special term of the Supreme Court today. The main question argued was one of contract. The plaintiffs, who secured the injunction, contended that the right to increase the rates was understood when the members joined. The affidavits in which the injunction was granted allege that the new rate schedule adopted by supreme officers of the Order at Toronto last June was not legal, and that the funds of the Order have been mismanaged.

**SYDNEY, Dec. 17—(Special)**—The French schooner Marcelline of Bourdeaux, France, with sail from Cadiz for Newfoundland, foundered off Port Merien.

The captain and crew reached shore safely, but lost all their effects.

**(Special by Telephone.)**

**VERNON RIVER, Dec. 17—**Despite the unfavorable weather the staunch Liberalism of the Fourth District of Queens was well represented at the complimentary banquet tendered Messrs Warburton and Prowse, Haesa and Irving in the C. M. B. A. hall, Vernon River, this evening. The spacious hall, one of the finest of its kind in the country, was attractively decorated with festooned evergreens and artistically arranged flags with the names of the four representatives prominently displayed. The committee of management consisted of M. C. Hayden, Chairman; Charles McKinnon, Alfred Mutton, P. M. Brothers, D. M. Lea, Hayden VanDerstine and Percy Lowe. The decorations were arranged by Miss Laura VanDerstine and Miss Etna Lea and Frank and Brenton Lea. The banquet was prepared in splendid style by Mrs. George Carver of Pownal. After the beautiful speech making began, Lemuel Hayden in the chair. Excellent addresses marked by wit and eloquence were delivered by the four honored guests of the evening, Hon. J. H. Cumiskey, C. P. W. Hon. George Hughes, M. P. P., Horace Haszard, several members of the committee and others. The speeches were supplemented with vocal and instrumental music by the Misses O'Neill and Laura VanDerstine and John Green, Mr. Holmes, D. Edgar Shaw and others.

A number of ladies graced the occasion with their presence. The special train brought a number of prominent men from Charlottetown and returned at midnight.

**CALCUTTA, Dec. 17—(Special)**—The course adopted by the Indian authorities to cause the arrest, swiftly and mysteriously of the natives suspected of revolutionary activities is having a good effect on the population.

Instead of being deported the leaders are being distributed to various jails in India.

The powerful native secret societies are dissolving as the result of the energy displayed by the Government.

A delegation of prominent natives supposed to be implicated in the revolutionary movement called on the Commissioner and assured him of their support.

Another result is that native newspapers are becoming extremely cautious in their comments on the Government.

**THREE RIVERS, Dec. 17—(Special)**—Fire broke out in the Canadian Iron Foundries plant here and burned fiercely destroying the power house machine shop and black-smith shop.

The loss is estimated at \$35,000.

The origin is unknown. Reconstruction will be commenced as soon as possible.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—**There were 1,094 vessel disasters in the United States in the last fiscal year, resulting in a property loss of \$1,863,730, and a loss of twenty-two lives.

There were 708 casualties to sailors, launches and row-boat accidents, resulting in a loss of six lives.

Because of the assistance of life-savers, of thirteen million dollars worth of property involved in disasters more than eleven millions were saved. The life-saving establishments now comprise 280 stations.

**OTTAWA, December 16—**Deputy Minister O'Hara, of the trade and commerce department, is sending out circulars inviting any person interested to send the department suggestions on the following questions:

(A)—What would you advise should be done to increase the export trade of Canada?

(B)—What improvement or change is desirable in the compilation of trade statistics?

(C)—Can you suggest any improvement in the collection and publication of commercial information received from trade commissioners?

Mr. O'Hara says that any other information on the business of the department will be welcomed.

**BERLIN, Dec. 16—**Bernhard Darnburg, the director of the Colonial Office, announced in the Reichstag that a recent report received by the Government states that the diamond mines near Luderitz Bay, German South Africa, have proven to be of great value. Herr Darnburg said he anticipated that the output of these mines under the Government's direction would ultimately reach \$37,500 daily.

Herr Darnburg declared that the cost of working the field would be one-sixth the cost of operating the Pretoria mines, because in the latter the diamonds were embedded in rock while the Luderitz mines were in open sand and the stones only needed to be picked up. He himself had picked up some. Herr Singer expressed the hope that the stones Herr Darnburg picked up had not been placed purposely for him to find.

**MONTREAL, Dec. 16—**Bishop Casey of St. John (N. B.), after spending a day at St. Patrick's presbytery was yesterday the guest of the fathers of the Holy Cross in their college at Cote Des Neiges and St. Laurent.

The bishop is himself a graduate of the University of St. Joseph's College, at Memramcook (N. B.), in his present diocese. This institution is under the direction of the Order of the Holy Cross, and the fathers of the order here were anxious to have their former pupil as a visitor. His lordship had dinner at mid-day at the Cote Des Neiges College, and this evening dined with the fathers at St. Laurent.

**ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 17—**The worst blizzard experienced in Newfoundland for many years has been raging here for the past forty-eight hours and heavy damage has been done to fishing vessels a number of which have been blown ashore at various points.

No loss of life is yet reported, but it is feared that several schooners have been blown to sea or sunk. Traffic on land is at a standstill.

**BERLIN, Dec. 17—**Castro maintains his composure in the face of alarming reports regarding disturbances in Venezuela. When the despatches were shown him saying the people of Caracas had arisen against him and turned pictures and a statue of him, and attacked buildings, and several persons were killed, Castro said quietly, "I don't believe it, I had despatches from Caracas this morning, but they mention nothing of the kind." Senior Vozlocua, Venezuelan charge d'Affaires, made the following statement:

"I doubt what has been published in regard to Holland's aggression, because no declaration of war has been made nor any blockade announced, and none established. The seizure of small Venezuelan vessels by force, cannot be described other than an act of piracy unworthy any enlightened, civilized country. Such a course would jeopardize the arrangements Venezuela proposed to Holland, through a confidential agent, Venezuela is meeting the payments due to Holland and takes the portion of the prescribed thirty per cent of customs receipts.

Holland's act might place Venezuela in the position of being unable to continue payment, which also would jeopardize the interests of other nations. Holland is wrong. She is still more involved through the attitude which the Dutch Government recently has adopted.

The Venezuelan Government has informed the diplomatic corps at Caracas of these facts, and is waiting before taking further steps.

**INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 16—**A movement for a National Conference here about February next for consideration of the tariff question was started here today. Henry Risenberg, President of the Indiana Conservation Commission has just returned from Washington, where he talked with President Roosevelt. Mr. Risenberg says the President approved of the meeting. The object of the conference is to create a permanent and scientific method of dealing with the tariff.

**MONTREAL, Dec. 17—**The spectacle witnessed last night in a crowded thoroughfare of an Italian running among the Christmas shoppers with his throat cut. He was gashed by a razor in the hands of an unknown assailant. The blood left a trail in the snow and the injured man collapsed within sight of his home. Robbery or revenge was the motive. The man was taken to the hospital and will probably die. His assailant has not yet been arrested.

**LONDON, December 16—**The text of Lord Robert Cecil's Public Meeting bill was issued recently. It aims a death blow at the policy of the militant Suffragettes, as it provides that any act in a lawful public meeting, which acts in a disorderly manner for the purpose of preventing the transaction of the business for which the assembly was called shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding £25 and imprisonment not exceeding one month; secondly, that anyone offending under this section at a political meeting during the progress of a parliamentary election shall be guilty of an illegal practice. Heretofore the law did not provide any remedy against the breaking up of public meetings or the prevention of speakers being heard unless an actual assault occurred.

**SOMERSWORTH, N. H., Dec. 17—**The doors of the First National Bank closed, following the discovery of a shortage of \$85,000.

Fred Varney, cashier, was arrested on a charge of being a defaulter.

Varney made a confession, admitting he had taken a large sum from the bank, which had been lost in speculating, and said that he alone was responsible for the defalcations, which have been accumulating for six years.

**PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 16—**The name of Right Rev. F. J. Regis Canevin, Bishop of the diocese of Pittsburgh of the Roman Catholic Church was connected yesterday with the litigation growing out of loans to Catholic Churches and auxiliary societies placed through the Fidelity Funding Company of which H. J. Kieran, was president.

**USE OF THE TELEGRAPHONE.**

The telegraphone, an instrument which records telephonic messages or dictation in the actual voice of the speaker, thus making a record that can be used in court as evidence, is described with illustrations in the January Popular Mechanics.

**CHICAGO MARKETS.**

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Dec. Wheat ..... 97 1/2

Jan. Wheat ..... 97 1/2

Jan. Pork ..... 101 1/2

Jan. Lard ..... 10 1/2

Jan. Corn ..... 60 1/2

May Pork ..... 115 1/2

The case of Seymour Gregory for forgery adjourned a week ago at the City Police Court came up before Judge Honore yesterday morning. The first witness was A. J. B. Melish who testified that a paper he held in J. W. Gregory dated Aug. 9th, 1902 and signed by Col. Bolanger. It was given me by the prisoner, Seymour Gregory on Nov. 27th, 1908. Another paper (produced) purports to be an application of J. W. Gregory for a grant of land under the Volunteer Bounty Act. Signature of J. W. Gregory was put on it by the prisoner, Seymour Gregory in my presence. I read it over to him and he said it was true and signed his name to it. I mailed the papers to the Secretary of the Militia Department at Ottawa on Nov. 27th, 1908 and the prisoner Seymour Gregory is the person who signed the name John W. Gregory to the end of the documents. To Mr. McLean. I got back the amount of my check in full from the prisoner's father on November 30th I gave the prisoner's father back the check. He also paid \$3 at the Bank for any costs there might be if the prosecution was stopped.

John T. McKenzie testified as follows. I know the prisoner Seymour Gregory. On Saturday Nov. 28th, I think, he was in my shop. He came in for his check. I gave him his check. Seymour Gregory had brought the check the evening before and had got \$20 advance on it and we retained the check. It was a check made by A. J. B. Melish in favor of John W. Gregory. I think the check was for \$187.60. I think I gave the check to Seymour Gregory. There was no endorsement on the check at the time I received it to the best of my knowledge. I was in the Bank of New Brunswick when Seymour got the check cashed. I saw him go over to the wicket and get the money. I went direct from my shop to the Bank with him. After he came back from the teller's wicket he paid me back the \$20.

To Mr. McLean. The prisoner did not disguise himself as John. I knew him to be Seymour. He paid me a debt John owed me \$300. Some days before he spoke to me about John's account with me. He made some reference to the sale of John's land. He said he was going to pay all John's debts when the land was sold. I took it for granted he was working for his brother John. He did everything above board so far as we are concerned.

The next witness Neil McKenzie testified as follows. I know the prisoner. On Friday, Nov. 27th, I think the prisoner came into my shop and tried to cash a check. It was a check drawn by A. J. B. Melish for \$187.50. I couldn't cash it as I only had \$21. He or man with him said to go down to Prowse's and get it. They were out for a few minutes and came back and said Prowse's were closed. He asked me for what money I had and he gave me the check which I put in the safe. I noticed the check was payable to John W. Gregory or order. I did not take much stock of it at the time but afterwards I looked at it more particularly. I had no reason to mistrust the prisoner. Always found him first-class.

Cross-examined by Mr. McLean. I knew prisoner to be Seymour. I had no doubt at the time it was Seymour. He always dealt with us. We had an account with him. The case was adjourned till Monday at the request of Mr. McLean. Who appeared for Mr. Gregory.

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**LYNCH—COLLINS**—At St. Cecilia's Church, Boston, Mass., on November 25th, Thomas Lynch of Boston to Miss Apple Collins, formerly of North River.

**COMBS—TAYLOR**—At the home of Victor W. Dykeman, St. George, St. Moncton Dec. 9th, by Rev. J. J. Pinkerton, George Heath Combs and Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, both of Charlottetown.

**DIED.**

**MCINNIS**—At Brighton, on December 15th, James Thomas, infant son of George and Lizzie McInnis. Funeral today at 2 o'clock to People's Cemetery.

**WOOD**—At his home on Euston Street, City, on Dec. 15th, 1908, Robert J. Wood aged about 50 years of Pleuro-Pneumonia with complications of heart trouble.

Funeral notice later.

**MCHEE**—At Riverdale Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1908, Alexander Goodwill McChee, aged 19 years, son of the late Duncan McChee.

(Other papers please copy.)

**MURPHY**—On Tuesday the 15th Daniel Murphy of Victoria, aged 86 years.

Funeral today at one o'clock.

**HAYDEN**—At Vernon River, Sunday, Dec. 13, 1908, Perella, wife of John F. Hayden, aged 53 years.

Funeral tomorrow Tuesday at one p.m. (Priest and Examiner please copy.)

**CORNS! CORNS! CORNS!**

Tender corns, painful corns, soft corns, bleeding corns. The kind of corns that other remedies have failed to cure—that's a good many—yield quickly to Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor. Putnam's corn extractor has been a long time at the business, experiences in fact just know how to do it. At druggists.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

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The Congress of the United Baptists of P.E.I., met in regular quarterly session at Belfast Dec. 8th, with the chairman, Rev. Wm. M. W. Cooke of Newville, Mass. Rev. H. French of Lowell, Mass.; Mrs. G. H. Ayer of Alliston, Mass.; Mrs. W. T. Douglas of Howard, R. Land Flora at home, Robert of Tewksbury, Mass.; Sanford and Dr. William J. of Quincy, Mass.; Murray of Arlington and Daniel and Burns at home. The funeral which took place on the tenth at the Presbyterian Cemetery at Tyne Valley, was very largely attended, and showed the great esteem in which she was held by the entire community. (Other papers please copy.)

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—Prior to Rev. J. C. McLean's departure from St. John on a visit to Boston, he was waited upon by a number of his parishioners and presented with a handsome and valuable travelling bag and toilet case. —Pat.

—The three masted schooner Archlight, which has been loading at Montague for the New York Market, went down the river on Monday afternoon. Capt. Poole will likely finish loading at Lower Montague or Georgetown.

—The Stanley which laid off the mouth of the harbor on Wednesday night, arrived in Summerside about nine o'clock yesterday morning. The Captain reports very little ice in the strait between here and Charlotteville. The reason given by the Captain for not entering the harbor Wednesday night, was that Indian Point light was not lighted when he arrived off the mouth of the harbor, and he therefore did not feel like trying to work his way in after night. He reports the ice at the turn of the light house very heavy. It took him about two hours to work his way through it. After loading a full cargo the Stanley left the wharf about three o'clock yesterday afternoon, and after steaming about half way to the lighthouse laid up for the night, and will leave at seven o'clock this morning for Cape Tormentine.

(Special by phone.)

**MOUNT STEWART, December 14—**The following is as near the trail of Joseph Shepherd and Charles McDonald, the escaped prisoners, up to a late hour last night.

They were reported to have been seen walking near Dunstaffnage Sunday afternoon between four and five o'clock, at Tracadie Station about five and yesterday about noon at Mt. Stewart. They had their dinner at Thomas Aitkens about one o'clock then they took to the woods at Morrison's Mills a little north of W. Stewart crossed the milldam and kept in the woods till they came on near Griffin's. Then they went along St. Peter's Road some distance and again took the woods north of St. Andrew's school. They had supper at James McDonald's at West St. Peter's. After tea they decided to stay in a nearby barn over night but the folks objected and they were obliged to get out. They were met by Benjamin Douglas at Lot 40 Presbyterian church and from that they were not noticed till it is thought they were seen looking into a store window at Lot 40 in which the officers at that moment were asking for information as to their whereabouts. They quickly disappeared into a nearby woods and up to a late hour last night had not been captured.

LATER.

About midnight a telephone from Lot 40 announced that Joseph Shepherd had been caught and probably both would be brought to the City this morning.

**MONTREAL, Dec. 14—**Two city theatres, the Academy and the Francs, fulfilled their threat to inaugurate Sunday opening as a protest against giving picture shows running every Sunday.

They both gave moving picture shows, with musical stunts, but the move did not prove popular. There were several policemen at each theatre collecting evidence for threatened action against the proprietors.

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