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EDITOR'S MAIL. THE CITY ROLLER.

SIR.—Would you kindly allow me through your paper to ask the parties concerned, for an explanation as to why the city roller has been allowed to remain an eye sore to many of our citizens so long? As you are no doubt aware it has been for some weeks past on our Market Square exposed to the weather. Surely if the machine was worth purchasing it is now worth taking care of. It left much longer in its present place it will be frozen down and then will likely remain in that position for the winter. If so it will be much appreciated by the small boy as it will serve very well for a toboggan slide, or as a fort to have a snow-ball fight from. Perhaps the city has not got sufficient room to store the machinery, if so they had better ask some philanthropic farmer for sufficient room to store it in one of his sheds, or at least allow it to be placed behind one of his barns, where its neglect will not be noticed by its owners.

Yours,
Tuck.

SAFETY ON STEAMERS.

SIR.—Last summer it was the La Bourgogne, in the early autumn the Mohagan and now it is the Portland. The first a French liner, sunk by collision and notwithstanding that near a half hour elapsed before the ship went down, the life saving equipment was so defective that over five hundred lives were lost. The second, wrecked near the Lizard, seemed to have no effective life saving equipment, as most of those saved were secured by boats from the shore. The last, the most appalling of the lot, in so far as known, not a single life saved.

A few years ago the writer made a trip from Boston to Portland on the ill-fated steamer, and she certainly did not look like a ship fitted to encounter a hurricane, nor was her life saving equipment such as should be available on a passenger steamer. The fact of an ordinary steamer like the S. S. Halifax braving out the gale goes to show that the Portland was not as strong as she ought to have been. These all as applied to Canada were virtually foreign ships, but are all our Canadian passenger steamers staunch and strong and fitted with effective life saving equipment, ready for instant use as would make it possible to save all the crew and passengers in case of shipwreck? If they are not so fitted they ought to be, and it is the duty of our government to see to it by legislation that such protection as the public are entitled to is provided.

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PEACE COMMISSION

About to Conclude its Labors.

Big Fire in New York Destroys Many Lofty Buildings—Last Session of the Old Congress—Christian Scientists Acquitted in the Harold Frederic Case.

PARIS, Dec. 5.—(Special)—The peace commissioners met today and it was expected would finally settle all questions, so that only the wording of the treaty will remain for discussion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—[Special]—The closing session of the fifty fifth Congress began today.

The session promises to be important, as many questions raised by the war will be dealt with.

The galleries were crowded when the House met promptly at noon.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—[Special]—A fire started in the basement of the building occupied by Rogers, Peet & Co. about 9.30 o'clock last night. Two policemen standing within half a block of Warren street heard the sound of a loud explosion, and a moment later saw a thin line of smoke curling up from along the side of that building.

At that time the rain was falling in torrents and the wind blew a gale. An alarm was sent in at once, but before the first engine turned into Broadway the Rogers-Peet basement was a roaring furnace, with great flames bursting

through the floors above and rushing fiercely to the roof. Within ten minutes five alarms had been sent in, bringing engine after engine to the scene.

By 10 o'clock there was nothing but the shell of the Rogers-Peet building left, with mountains of flame roaring a hundred feet in the air and encircling the adjoining structure, the Home Life Insurance company building. Soon a great wave of fire swept across Warren street and caught the United States Life Insurance company's building at the northwest corner of Broadway. The woodwork on a dozen windows was afire in a moment. Several streams were played on this building to save it from destruction.

At 2 o'clock the fire was still raging fiercely. An insurance man roughly estimates the loss about as follows, Rogers, Peet & Co., building and stock and losses to other tenants in the building, \$350,000; Home Life Insurance company, building and losses to other tenants, \$500,000; Postal Telegraph Co., building and losses to other tenants, \$190,000; losses to surrounding buildings, \$50,000.

LONDON, Dec. 5. (Special)—Miss Kate Lyon and Mrs. Mills, held for manslaughter in causing Harold Frederic's death, were discharged today.

These ladies are, so called Christian Scientists whose treatment the deceased journalist apparently preferred to that of the regular profession.

HON. MR. FIELDING,

Finance Minister Will Speak in East Prince.

SUMMERSIDE, Dec. 5.—[Special]—Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, will be in Summerside on Wednesday evening, [nomination day] and will address a public meeting in the Market Hall. He will remain on the Island a few days and speak at other meetings in different parts of East Prince.

This is Mr. Fielding's first visit to P. E. Island since he became a member of the federal cabinet. Also his first appearance before a Summerside audience, and as he is an exceedingly well-informed and courteous speaker, many electors of both parties will no doubt avail themselves of the chance to hear him.

Watch Hazard & Moore's for Christmas Goods — worth keeping your eye on.

ANOTHER STORM

Causes Havoc Down the Fundy Coast.

Captain Bernier Bound for the Pole—Steamer Record Broken—Sir Charles Coming Home—An Insurance Man Confesses to Fraud.

ST. JOHN N. B., Dec. 5.—(Special)—A severe storm prevailed today. The American boat remained in port and fences were destroyed.

At St. Andrews the phosphate warehouse was demolished by the wind, chimneys, trees and fences were blown down.

Several schooners are ashore at Boothbay harbor. Me but no lives lost.

The outer end of the ocean pier at Old Orchard was destroyed.

QUEBEC, Dec. 2.—(Special)—Capt. Bernier, who lectured here on Saturday, has \$40,000 of the \$60,000 he requires to make his proposed trip to the north pole and expects to leave in May next.

HALIFAX, Dec. 5.—(Special)—The steamer Prince George has made the run from Yarmouth to Boston in less than 12 hours, badly breaking all previous records.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—A letter was received yesterday from Sir Charles Tupper, dated from Rome, in which he says he will sail for Canada immediately after the Christmas holidays, and expects to be in Ottawa about January 15th.

J. T. Niblock, agent for the London Life Assurance Co., pleaded guilty yesterday to forging the names of three local doctors to death certificates.

Four cases have been discovered in which Niblock drew insurance money on the life of persons who are still residing here.

All Against England.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The Contemporary Review for December contains a sensational anonymous article entitled, "The Arch Enemy of England." This is the German Emperor. The writer alleges that the Kaiser seized the Kiaochou by an agreement with Russia to prevent England getting it, and the Czar holds his personal promise to vacate it when called upon, [Russia providing Germany with coaling stations elsewhere. The writer declares the Kaiser had drawn up a complete plan arranging for the naval superiority of France, Russia and Germany over England four years hence, when England is to be compelled to make humiliating terms throughout the world, leaving Germany the chief commercial colonial power. All these plans have suddenly been thrown into confusion by the American-Spanish war and America and England drawing together.

The article, which is sure to attract attention for its extraordinary attack on the Queen's grandson, continues: "The American people, with characteristic shrewdness, have detected this with resentment and hostility, and are in no mood to put up with browbeating from anyone. Considering that the Americans took no inconsiderable part in opening China and Japan to external influences, the only ground for surprise is that they have been so slow in manifesting interest in the situation in the Far East, but now that the impulse has been supplied and an assertion of the claim to have a voice in it has been made, there will be no drawing back or hesitation in pushing matters to a conclusion. It is precisely in the Far East that the action—the mere presence—of the United States is so disconcerting and disagreeable to the German Emperor. It disarranges all his plans, deprives himself and allies of that ascendancy in the China seas which they have twice asserted for their own benefit, and from which they saw a long train of future advantages. Under such circumstances the continued proximity of American and German squadrons at Manila, aggravated by the demeanour of the German officers, is full of peril. The peril may pass off, but will only do so by the withdrawal of Germany's pretensions.

At this moment the question turns on whether the German Emperor can induce Russia and France to join him in a demonstration of superior naval force to that possessed by the United States both in the Pacific and the Atlantic, and the answer to that largely depends on whether he and the Czar of Russia between them can exercise sufficient pressure in England to induce our Government, in return for some empty concessions in Africa, some easily broken promises as to China, to hold its hand, to hesitate for the necessary moment while they enforce their will on the United States.

"This is to be the real peril to the creation of a real Anglo-Saxon alliance. From the very beginning of the crisis in the Far East the English policy has done nothing but hesitate and give way, has allowed and assisted the creation of difficulties that never would have arisen if it had only stood firm at the beginning of the question. There now appears on the scene in a totally unexpected manner one ally, who could and

would adjust the balance of power in the Far East in our favour. It is obviously to our interest to support that power with all our strength and make every effort so that it shall not be discouraged and restrained on the threshold of the new and beneficial movement it is making toward a more active external policy."

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(Special)—Rain and snow, then clearing. Colder south westerly hurricane, winds becoming north westerly. Boston report says: fresh to strong easterly gales then snow or rain, westerly gales and clearing.



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