

AN ISLANDER DYING IN ST. JOHN HOSPITAL

His Name Unknown. Came From New London; Went to Boarding House and Blew Out the Gas on Retiring. He Had a Letter From French River.

Special to The Guardian. ST. JOHN, Dec 15—An unidentified islander who arrived from New London yesterday is now lying in the Public Hospital here probably dying from asphyxiation. The man went to a Mill St boarding house last evening and took a room, retiring early. The proprietor went the rounds of the house at midnight, noticing nothing wrong. Towards morning a suffocating smell of gas filled the house and on investigation the Island visitor was found unconscious in bed with the gas jet open. Toward noon he was removed to the hospital and remains unconscious the doctors reporting his heart action very weak. The stranger had a letter in his pocket bearing the name of Mrs. G. D. Spears, French River, also a baggage check, New London to St. John. He did not register at the boarding house.

CARS WENT OVER AN EMBANKMENT

Ten Persons Were Injured but Fortunately None Were Killed

Special to The Guardian. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15—Two passenger and two sleeping cars went over an embankment on the Southern Railway at Brown's Summit. Ten passengers were injured, four seriously, but none were killed.

W. RUTLEDGE IS SENT UP FOR TRIAL

TRURO, N. S., Dec 14—W. Rutledge's case was resumed this forenoon. No new witnesses were called. The evidence taken last week was read and the prisoner was asked if he wished to make any statement. He declined to say anything and was sent up for trial by a higher court. Lauris Burgess and Rutledge have now both been sent up and the case of Wm J. Burgess will come up again on Friday morning.

120 MILLION BUSHELS OF WESTERN WHEAT

WINNIPEG, Dec 14—A yield of one hundred and twenty million bushels of wheat for western Canada, predicted by many early in the year, seems likely to be realized. The final threshing returns are, of course, not yet available; but if the estimate of the provincial government is a fair criterion then one hundred and twenty million bushels will not be the outside mark. Warehouse Commissioner Castle, has issued the following statement:—Estimated yield, provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, 116,613,836 bushels. Inspected Winnipeg 49,688 cars at 1,070 bushels each, 53,166,000 bushels; in store interior elevator, 2,500,000; in transit, not inspected, 2,000,000; marketed at Winnipeg, not inspected, 200,000; total marketed 64,866,000 bushels; allowance for seed 16,000,000 bushels; allowance for bread 5,000,000; balance in farmers' hands, 30,747,336.

FEDERAL AID TO FIGHT AGAINST CONSUMPTION

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 14.—It was "Doctor's Day" in the Commons yesterday. Practically the whole of the sitting was taken up with a discussion by the medical members of the house. On a resolution proposed by Mr. Perley declaring "That in view of the encouraging results that have already come from the money spent in disseminating information in regard to tuberculosis and in view of the great saving in life that has been brought about in other countries by practical work in this connection, parliament should now take more active steps to further lessen the spread of this fatal and mortal disease from this country," Mr. Perley urged that "the present government grant of five thousand dollars given to the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis should be considerably increased and that the federal government should undertake the work of disseminating literature and arranging for public lectures on the prevention and cure of tuberculosis. Dr. Beland in supporting the resolution declared that steps along the line indicated would make the best possible investment of public funds. Dr. Black declared that ignorance and fear were the chief sources of disease and that the government would be well advised to spend a large sum in a general campaign of education in respect to methods of sanitation, etc., calculated to prevent the spread of tuberculosis, typhoid and other infectious diseases. Dr. Roche, Dr. Sproule and Dr. Sheffer also argued the benefits would accrue from a federal educational campaign. Hon. Sydney Fisher, in concluding the debate, asked that the government was prepared to recognize the special for further aid towards the work of the association. He suggested that a first step might be a liberal distribution of copies of to-day's Hand-book containing the addresses and names of members who spoke. The resolution was unanimously carried. (Continued on page 8.)

NATIONALISTS AID LIBERALS

Special to The Guardian. DUBLIN, Dec 15—The Nationalist convention opened with Redmond presiding and unanimously endorsed a resolution adopted by a party committee yesterday, pledging support to the Liberals in the general election.

SMELT FISHING SEASON OPENS

CHATHAM, N. B., Dec 14—The smelt fishing, the industry which means so much to fishermen of the Miramichi during the winter months, is now being actively prosecuted and a large number of nets are set. Last night's haul at high tide to fishermen, whose nets are off Chatham, was worth \$2,500 and today's high tide witnessed another good catch. One man who has three nets set last night took in over three tons of smelt and netted \$360 for his night's work. The price is exceptionally high and has been ranging from five to six cents per hundred. Good catches are also being made down river and up river as far as open water prevails. The smelt catch is generally worth about \$30,000 to fishermen here, and it is hoped that this season will be a record breaker. Last year the fishing was almost a total failure, only about \$4,000 being gleaned from it.

FOREIGNERS CROWDED IN TORONTO WARD

TORONTO, Ont., Dec 14—There are 9,250 foreigners living in the section of the city formerly known as St. John's ward, bounded by College, Beverley and Yonge streets, and the bay, according to a count made by the city medical health department. Of these foreigners 7,000 are Jews, 600 Russian Christians, 1,500 Italians, 100 Russian Polish Christians, 50 Greeks, 50 Germans, and 50 Bulgarians and Macedonians. "They are all living under cramped conditions," said Dr. Sheard, city medical health officer. The temperature at three o'clock this morning was thirty degrees. Minard's Liniment Cures Colds Etc.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Dec Wheat	112 1/2
Jan Wheat	110 1/2
Dec Corn	62 1/2
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CANADIAN RAILWAYS GO ON PROSPERING

MONTREAL, Dec. 14—The earnings of the Canadian railroads continue to show large increases every week, considerably greater than the railroads of the United States can boast of, just as when the hard times of a year or more ago struck the continent the Canadian roads were the last to suffer, and had to meet the lightest decreases. The big fall rush being now over with the close of lake navigation, the earnings of the railways have naturally dropped somewhat, but their figures are still so far ahead of last year's, when trade was making a general revival, as to show that the upward trend is on a permanent basis. Naturally the Canadian Pacific, with its great western lines, leads in this revival, but the Grand Trunk, although its figures do not show it as much, are coming along in the same direction with the earnings of the G. T. P., which is carrying a lot of business, which still being operated between Winnipeg and Edmonton under the construction department.

RUSSIA'S IMPORTANT COPYRIGHT BILL

ST. PETERSBURG, Saturday Dec 14.—A bill has been introduced in the upper house of parliament establishing an absolute copyright on news despatches and correspondence in the periodical press for eighteen hours after publication. The bill, the aim of which is the protection of news paper correspondence, will, if enacted, prevent morning papers reprinting the despatches of afternoon papers and vice versa.

GYROSCOPIC SYSTEM TO BE EXHIBITED

PARIS, December 14—Hart O. Berg sailed for New York on the steamer Auguste Victoria to demonstrate the capabilities of the Scherl gyroscope monorail in America. The apparatus was shipped some time ago. The Scherl invention is on similar lines to Mr. Brennan's, an exhibition of which was given in England a short time ago, but the rival inventors are not fighting over the American rights. Mr Brennan has granted the School Company an exhibition license for the United States for four months, with an option for a permanent license.

On Friday evening Dec 10th a concert was given by the students of the Conservatory and Oratory Departments. Every number on the comprehensive program was thoroughly appreciated. The performances of the young ladies testifying to earnest, diligent application on their part and reflecting much credit on their instructors. The Misses Marguerite Brown, Greta Moore, Alice Melanson and Gertrude Borden represented the piano department; while vocal solos were given by the Misses Louise Edgcombe, Rita Chisholm, Mabelle Phillips and Caroline Kaye. The Oratory Department was represented by the Misses Robina Gates, Louise Evans and Marguerite Atkinson; and the Violin Department by the Misses Lena Robb, Doris Knight, Georgie Melanson and Lennie Lusby. Miss Hilda Hawker was heard in an organ solo. On Monday afternoon, Dec 20th, there is to be an exhibition of the work done by the students of the Owen's Museum of Fine Arts, the china painting, leather tooling, wood carving, etching, designing, and metal working classes all being represented, as well as the oil painting department. The new room which has recently been fitted up in this building for the metal working classes will also be open for inspection.

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INDUSTRIAL BATTLE DECLARED. PITTSBURG, Dec. 15—War was formally declared on the United States Steel Company by the leaders of organized labor throughout the United States and Canada at a momentous two days' conference. The decision to battle, long and hard against the Steel Corporation in the policy of "open shop" was reached by the conference only after hours of debate. Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

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KING LEOPOLD DOOMED TO DIE

Doctors in Operating Found His Case Beyond Hope of Recovery.

Special to The Guardian. BRUSSELS, Dec. 15—King Leopold is doomed. Before the operation was undertaken his physicians were in doubt whether he was suffering from simple intestinal obstruction, which an operation would relieve, or from paralysis of the intestine, for which there is no remedy. Since the operation there has been no sign of intestinal activity and the doctors conclude the organ is paralyzed.

PRESIDENT TAFT VISITS THE BOWERY

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—After speaking last night in Carnegie Hall, at the diamond jubilee of the Methodist missions in Africa, President Taft motored through a driving rainstorm to the Bowery Mission, where he made an address to a typical Bowery audience.

U. S. ARMY OFFICER CONVICTED OF THEFT

NEW YORK, Dec 14.—Captain Thomas Franklin, U. S. A., commended by General Chaffee and by General Otis for distinguished services in China and the Philippines has pleaded guilty to a long series of petty embezzlements from the mests fund of the West Point cadets, as commissary and treasurer of the United States Military Academy. He was sentenced by Judge Hand, in the United States Circuit Court, to two years and six months in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta (Ga.)

JAPANESE IDOL HOODLUMS CHIEF

VICTORIA, December 14—The steamer Oceano, from Japan, brings advices that a small idol of Buddha which was looted from a Japanese temple by a United States Army officer in 1891 and has since brought him misfortune has been forwarded to E. C. Rabitt, Acting Consul-General for America at Yokohama, in the hope that the restoration of the bronze image to Japan will break the hoodoo. The following letter accompanied the idol: "Dear Sir,—Enclosed find a Japanese image which is supposed to have been taken from a temple in Japan by a United States Army officer in 1891. This image is said to have brought misfortune to the possessor, and I was given it the other day to dispose of. If it is possible to do so, if not, dispose of it as you see fit."



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VILLAGE SWEEP BY SMALLPOX

Only One Man Left Alive and He Now a Maniac. Village to be Burned. A Horrible Disaster.

Special to The Guardian. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 15—Deaths of the wiping out of an entire Russian village by smallpox has reached St. Petersburg. The village is Voiskaya, situated on the Island of Sachalin. The population was 1,100. Sanitation was conspicuously absent and when the disease appeared no one was troubled about it. No attempt was made at vaccination. Sick and healthy children habitually bathed together. Burials were soon of daily occurrence and after the priest died the bodies remained unburied. The epidemic raged unchecked and entire families were stricken. Finally a sanitary commission was sent from the mainland, but it could accomplish nothing. It has been decided to burn the "village of death," as it is called. Of 1,100 inhabitants only one remains, a man of seventy-two years. The disease spared him, but he has become a maniac.

NOT IN BANKRUPT CLASS, THAT'S SURE

DENVER, Colo., Dec 14—A reappraisal of the property of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, announced today, places the assets of that company, which was threatened with bankruptcy, a few years ago, at \$100,056,456. The total liabilities are given as \$81,248,147. The new reappraisal of the company was ordered by John D. Rockefeller.

FATHER OF GRAIN BINDER INDUSTRY

CHICAGO, Dec 14.—Charles B. Withington, inventor of the first automatic grain binder and known as the "Father of the Grain Binder Industry," died at his residence in Jamesville, (Wis.) on Dec 12.

TUNNEL PIERCED THROUGH ANDES

VALPARAISO, Chile, Dec 13—The tunnel under the Andes, which it is to allow direct railway transportation between that city and Buenos Ayres, has been pierced, and it is promised that trains will be running before the first of July. This will enable people to cross the continent between Chile and the Argentine Republic in the winter as well as the summer. Heretofore winter travellers have been compelled to go round by the Straits of Magellan, which means a cold and stormy voyage of fourteen or fifteen days. It is expected that the formal opening of rail communication will be celebrated with notable ceremonies during the coming summer, which will add one more interesting event to the program that commemorates the centennial of the independence of the Argentines.

BOMBS ON ROYAL YACHT

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STILL BIGGER DREADNOUGHTS

Will be Built by Britain. of New Type and Powerful Design

Special to The Guardian. NEW YORK, Dec. 15—A despatch from Birmingham received by today's Post says the Admiralty are making arrangements for laying down before the end of the financial year two vessels which will establish a record in warship building. They will each be of 27,500 tonnage. The guns will number less than on the latest Dreadnought, but the muzzle velocity and firing range very much greater. The ships will be of an entirely new, composite class, combining the features of battleships and cruisers.

SNOWSTORM SAVED TOWN FROM FIRE

ORLEANS, Vt., Dec 14—A six-inch fall of snow tonight saved this town from destruction by fire when it was threatened by flames which nearly destroyed the E. L. Chandler factory.

GOODERHAM AND THE WARSHIPS

LONDON, Dec 14—Mr Geo H. Gooderham, shown the Toronto Globe's reference to a flotilla for the Exhibition, expressed the opinion that the writer had not given the matter proper consideration. Mr Gooderham pointed out that a precedent had been established when the United States Government sent a flotilla of war vessels to the World's Fair in Chicago, in 1893. The council of the Royal Colonial Institute has decided to give luncheon on the lines of the Canadian clubs. Sir T. Shughnessy, who arrived today will probably be the principal speaker at the inaugural luncheon.

DEATH OF HON. WILLIAM CAMPBELL

Special to The Guardian by phone. SUMMERSIDE, December 15—Many throughout this Province will lament the death of the Hon Wm Campbell which took place at his home, Seaview, yesterday at 9.30 a. m. at the age of 75 years and after an illness of less than two weeks. He leaves to mourn five sons, James, in Revelstoke, B. C., William in Red Deer, Lorne in Boston, Hugh and Robert at Seaview and one daughter Mrs John H. Cousins, Park Corner. Few men in this province were better or more favorably known than the late Mr Campbell. He was for many years in politics and for a period represented the New London district in the Local Legislature. He was a member of the Government and served as Commissioner of Public Works. He was powerful physically and intellectually, generous and hospitable in his manner and will live long in the memory of many of his survivors. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon.

BATH NEARLY LOST WOMAN HER LIFE

TACOMA, Wash, Dec 14—With the roof-burning over head and the flames beneath her threatening every moment to collapse. Mrs H. Wannstedt calmly took a bath in her apartment on Tacoma Avenue, and in the end came near losing her life, being carried unconscious and nearly suffocated from the structure by firemen who risked their lives to save her. When fire broke out in the building Mrs Wannstedt was preparing for her bath. While firemen were carrying sleeping children out of the structure and assisting adults to make an escape, she paid no attention, believing there was plenty of time. No one misgird her until the floors of the building were nearly ready to fall. When firemen rushed into the structure she had just finished her bath and came out into the hall, only to find that her retreat was cut off by pianos and furniture piled across the sank down unconscious, and in this plight was rescued by the firemen. Overcome by the smoke, she

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