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ROOSEVELT IN DEMAND

Has Been Invited By the Allied Powers

To Arbitrate Their Claims Against Venezuela

Washington, Dec. 20. — President Roosevelt has proposed to the allied powers that the Venezuelan dispute be submitted to arbitration at The Hague tribunal. The powers have replied with a counter proposal that president Roosevelt himself arbitrate the issues.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—A semi-official statement made tonight says: "The invitation to president Roosevelt to act as arbitrator was made after a thorough consultation between Germany and Great Britain. An understanding has been reached by the two powers on the reservations attached to the offer, and the German note will agree with the English on all essential points."

London, Dec. 20.—It is confirmed here that an invitation has been sent to president Roosevelt to arbitrate in the Venezuelan difficulty. It seems that the proposal to submit the matter to the president's arbitration came from the German government. The foreign office here says it has the strongest reason for believing that president Roosevelt will decline to act as arbitrator.

Washington, Dec. 20.—If an agreement is reached on arbitration the procedure would be for Mr. Bowen, representing Venezuela as a plenipotentiary, to sign with the representatives of the allies a protocol stating that the case is to be submitted to arbitration; that Venezuela admits the right of diplomatic intervention in behalf of a claimant, a principle she has always resisted, and that the details of the arbitration shall be arranged in a formal treaty which she pledges herself to sign. This treaty will provide in the greatest detail for the security of foreign interests against vexatious and extortionate interference on the part of the Venezuelan government hereafter, and will insure the administration of exact justice in the settlement of claims, and especially will it relieve foreign residents of Venezuela from forced loans and prosecuton in the time of revolutions. The status of the arbitration negotiations at the close of the official day, as disclosed at the state department, was that the powers were waiting for an answer from the president to their proposal that he himself undertake to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty. The president's answer can only be guessed at, for the officials decline to express any opinion of their own. However, it is believed to be a fact that he will renew his suggestion that the case be submitted to The Hague tribunal, adding to the argument he has already produced, the fact that the United States, having claims of its own against Venezuela, to the amount of about $100,000, is a party in interest and it would be unfair to put the president in the position of having to arbitrate his own claim. For their part the powers bring against The Hague proposition the argument that president Castro would feel lightly bound by any decision by that tribunal, but would be certain to heed a judgment rendered by president Roosevelt. It is said at the state department that no matter how these two proposition are disposed of, there would be no backward step, and that an agreement of some kind which will bring about a settlement of the Venezuelan trouble will result from the present negotiations.

MAIL RECOVERED.

But the Bodies of the Atlin Carriers Still Missing.

Victoria, Dec. 20.—E. Fletcher, post office inspector, received a letter today, dated December 12th, from superintendent Pulham, in charge of the northern mails service, which states that the mail lost when mail carriers Abbie and McIntyre, who were lost on the Atlin train, has been recovered by those dragging for the bodies of the mail carriers, together with the sleigh, but the bodies have not, yet been recovered.

FOR HIGH LICENCES.

Movement of Rossland Hotel Men to Freeze Out Weak Brethren.

Rossland, Dec. 20.—A movement is being started by a section of the hotel men here to inaugurate high licence regualtions. They desire that the hotel licence be raised to $1,000 per annum, payable in advance, and maintain that the city's revenue would not suffer, while the weeding out of weak enterprises would enable the remainder to operate at a profit.

SOCIALISTS IN GERMANY.

Fear That Their Freedom of Speech May Be Curtailed.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The socialist members of the reichstag held conferences daily this week over the position in which the party is placed by the new rules. Since the creation of parliament the socialists could say anything in the house they pleased, as all utterances were privileged and not attackable under the lese majeste or sedition paragraphs of the penal code. So that during the long years of severe repressive measures the socialists were always able to express their opinions freely and the reichstag printed and circulated their speeches. While such privileges are not impaired the opportunities of taking advantage of them under the new rules is limited. At the pleasure of the majority it is possible to introduce and pass any measure in two days, the rules providing that a day must elapse between the second and third readings of bills. The socialists fear the majority will change the election machinery or adopt a measure on the eve of the general elections that will limit free agitation. The leaders of the socialists consider that the power of their party (as an opposition party) is much weakened but the party have not yet decided on a policy. The majority in the reichstag in all probability will limit the debate on the budget, hurry it through, and dissolve the house for the elections in April.

THE MIDWAY VERNON RLY

J. Y. GRIFFIN & CO. INCORPORATED AS CATTLE DEALERS.

SUCCESSFUL B. C. CANDIDATES IN CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

Victoria, Dec. 20.—(Special to The Daily News.)—The Midway & Vernon Railway Company will apply to parliament next session for an act declaring the railway to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, extending the time within which it may construct the same, and giving to the company power to dispose of the railway.

J. Y. Griffin & Co., cattle dealers, etc., have been incorporated, with headquarters at Winnipeg. The incorporators are Frank M. Griffin, St. Thomas, Ont.; Robert Robertson, Nelson, B. C.; Daniel Nalsmith, Vancouver, B. C.; James A. Griffin and James Crawford, of Winnipeg, Man.

The following have passed qualifying examinations in the civil service: At Vancouver, Wm. Holland, John Lord, Clifford McQuarry, Alex Matheson, Neil Robinson and J. W. Ritchie.

At Nelson, D. W. Rutherford, Wm. Rutherford and F. W. Swannell.

At Victoria, Mabel Clarke.

EMPEROR AND POPE

Settle Their Differences Over the Alsace-Lorraine Seminary.

Rome, Dec. 20.—The long-standing difference between emperor William of Germany, and the vatican, respecting the training of candidates for the priesthood of Alsace-Lorraine, was satisfactorily adjusted today. Cardinal Rampolla, the papal secretary of state on behalf of the pope, and baron von Hertling, representing the emperor ,agreed that the vatican shall organize a theological school in connection with the university of Strasburg, under the same rules as in force at Bonn and Breslau. The appointment of the faculty will be subject to the approval of the bishop of Strasburg. The existing episcopal seminary at Strasburg, to which pro-French influence the emperor objected, remains intact, but will be distinct from the new school.

CASTRO'S TROUBLES GROW.

Revolutionary Movement Reported to Be More Powerful Than Ever.

Panama, Dec. 20.—News received here from the Venezuelan frontier is to the effect that the revolutionary movement against president Castro is now more powerful than ever. General Matos is said to be at the head of a strong army and to be on good terms with the representatives of the foreign powers. It is believed among the Venezuelan revolutionists that the present movement against Castro will be successful.

CAUGHT AT LAST.

The Notorious Madame Humbert Arrested in Madrid.

Madrid, Dec. 20.—Madame Humbert and other members of the Humbert family, and M. and Mme. Aurignac, the brother and sister-in-law of Madame Humbert, who became notorious in connection with the great safe frauds in Paris, have been arrested at a hotel here. They have been in Madrid since May.

THE WHITE PASS & YUKON

C. P. R. Manager McNicoll Says He Knows Nothing of Reported Deal.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Second vice-president and general manager McNicoll, of the C. P. R., says he knows nothing of the reported deal by which the White Pass & Yukon railway is to pass into the control of the C. P. R.

INCREASE IN THE ROYAL FAMILY.

London, Dec. 20.—The princess of Wales gave birth to a son tonight. Both mother and child are doing well.

(This is the fifth child born to the prince and princess of Wales, the previous issue being Edward, born June 23rd, 1894; Albert, born December 14th, 1895; Victoria, born April 25th, 1897; and Henry, born March 31st, 1900.)

MUST HAVE COAL.

St. Paul, Dec. 20.—A crowd of half a hundred people broke through the doors of the North Western Fuel company's office today, after a remarkable three-hours rush for coal, and savagely mauled a clerk, who acted as doorkeeper, and admitted only one customer at a time. The police restored order.

EMPLOYEES WILL DIVIDE $30,000

Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—Fifteen hundred motormen and conductors employed by the Pittsburg Railway company today received bonuses of $20 each, an aggregate of $30,000. Six months ago the company announced that it would give a bonus of one cent an hour to every motorman and conductor who did not have an accident during the year. Just half the conductors and motormen closed the designated period with clean records, and these shared in the division of the money.

WHERE BLIZZARDS BLOW.

Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming Are Blockaded by King Snow.

Denver, Colorado, Dec. 20.—A blizzard has been raging here all day. The Colorado Southern and other railroads running into Denver are either blockaded or badly delayed.

Lincoln, Nebraska, Dec. 20,—The worst snow blockade for years is being experienced on the lines of the Burlington & Elkhorn, in the western part of Nebraska. All over that part of the state a storm has raged incessantly since yesterday noon, and snow is piled up many feet deep.

Laramie, Wyoming, Dec. 20.—Yesterday's blizzard was the worst ever known here. It is believed that considerable loss of life will result. All the stages running from Laramie, except that to Centennial, 40 miles distant, returned after vainly trying to brave the storm.

Cheyenne, Wyoming, Dec. 20.—After raging with relentless fury for 36 hours the blizzard subsided early today. The wind continues to blow, however, and the snow is drifting heavily. The Union Pacific is snow bound between Cheyenne and Sydney, where several passenger trains are tied up. From Cheyenne west the road is open, but, trains are running far behind schedule time, and it is necessary to run rotary plows ahead of each train. Nothing has been heard from the Centennial stage, which started out from Laramie yesterday morning. The driver is an experienced plainsman, however, and it is believed he has stopped at some ranch. Conservative stockmen say this is one of the worst storms for the stock interests that has prevailed in this section in many years. There have been no reports of stock losses, but it is too early yet to hear from the outlying districts.

Denver, Colorado, Dec. 20.—The worst snow and wind storm since the storm of 1895 has raged in Colorado today. The blizzard was general today throughout eastern Colorado and Wyoming and western Nebraska and Kansas. The average snowfall was 11 inches and a 45-mile wind blowing across the prairies piled the snow in huge drifts.

MARKED INCREASE SHOWN

IN ROSSLAND'S ORE SHIPMENTS TO DATE.

SATISFACTORY EXPERIMENTS ON LOW GRADE ORE.

Rossland, Dec. 20.—Ore shipments for the week ending tonight were as follows: Le Roi 3170, Centre Star 1800, War Eagle 1380, Giant 60, Velvet 50 tons.

The week has passed uneventfully in connection with the big mines. The shipments to date this year have been 331,220 tons as compared with 279,133 for all of 1901, showing an increase for the year to date of 52,087 tons.

The experimental plant for testing Rossland ores by the Elmore oil concentration is being set up at the company's office here, and a number of ore samples have been already filed for tests. The War Eagle and Centre Star's experiments at Silica continue steadily and with good results.

CONDITIONS IN MANILA.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Advices have reached here from Manila to the effect that the bands of Ladrones harrassing the rural population of the islands are in many instances led by American negroes, who have been discharged from the army, and are employing their military knowledge in organizing them in a crude military way. The continued withdrawal and concentration of troops in the islands is causing apprehension among the inhabitants of many provinces, who have depended wholly upon the military for protection.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 20.—The grand jury today indicted justice of the peace Truman, E. A. Maxzeld, his clerk, and former constable Becht, on charges of forgery. It was shown that the officers from Truman's court had arrested and fined persons without the formal act of a trial, while the court records indicated that everything had been carried out in legal form.

THE U. S. PACIFIC CABLE.

Honolulu, Dec. 13., via San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The opening of the cable between Honolulu and San Francisco will be celebrated here as a holiday, and the merchants' association is preparing to observe the occasion publicly. The first message will be from president Roosevelt to governor Dole, and the governor's reply will be the first message from Honolulu.

NEW STAMP ISSUE.

Ottawa, Dec. 20,—A seven-cent stamp, yellow in color, appears in a few days. This new stamp will bear the queen's head, the department not having yet decided a design for the king's head issue. A four-cent stamp will also make its appearance in the near future.

THE EARTH STILL QUAKING.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Dec. 20.—Three more earthquake shocks have been felt here. Dispatches from Cartage, 20 miles from here, say that subterranean rumblings have been heard there.

CORBETT-McGOVERN FIGHT.

Detroit, Michigan, Dec. 20.—Sheriff Dickson has announced that he will not allow the Corbett-McGovern fight to take place here, on instructions from the governor.

THE BLOCKADE PROCLAIMED

All Venezuelan Ports are Now Closed

A British Cruiser Secures First Prize

London, Dec. 20.—The official proclamation of the blockade of Venezuelan ports was gazetted this morning, and becomes effective today.

The text of the proclamation is as follows: "Foreign office, December 20, 1902. It is hereby notified, that as the United States of Venezuela have failed to comply with the demands of his majesty's government ,a blockade by his majesty's naval force of the ports of La Guaira, Carenero, Guanta, Cuman and Carupano, and the mouths of the Orinoco, is declared, and such blockade will be effectively maintained from and after the 20th of December, subject to the allowance of the following days of grace for vessels sailing before the date of this notification from West Indian ports and ports on the east coast of the continent of America: Ten days for steamers, and twenty days for sailing vessels; from all other ports, twenty days for steamers and forty days for sailing vessels; for vessels leaving the ports now declared to be blockaded, fifteen days. Vessels which attempt to violate the blockade ,will render themselves liable to all measures authorized by the law of nations, and by the respective treaties between his majesty and the different neutral powers."

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The German government today published a decree embodying the conditions of the blockade of Germany's portion of the Venezuelan coast. It is as follows: "The government of Venezuela having rejected the demand which the imperial government communicated to it, the ports of Puerto Cabello and Maracaibo are hereby declared to be under blockade, beginning December 20th. Ships under other than the Venezuelan flag, which sailed from West India or other east American ports before the publication of this decree, will receive a period of twenty days for sailing vessels and ten days for steamers to reach their destination. Sailing vessels from all other ports are allowed forty and steamers twenty days. Ships under other than the Venezuelan flag lying in blockaded ports upon the publication of this decree are allowed fifteen days to sail. Ships which attempt to break the blockade will be subject to the provisions which apply to neutrals under international law and in accordance with treaties.

"(Signed), VON BUELOW."

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Chancellor von Buelow received the correspondent of the Associated Press today. The correspondent, in asking for the interview, represented that a statement from emperor William's first minister at this time might clear up any doubt which might exist of Germany's purposes. The chancellor mentioned that the idea was prevalent in the United States that Germany was engaged in the collection of business debts. He said: "Among the German claims against Venezuela we gave precedence to those arising from the last Venezuelan civil war. These claims have not the character of mere business debts contracted by the republic, but they have grown out of acts of violence committed against German citizens in Venezuela, either by forced loans or by the seizure of cattle without any payment, or by the pillage of German houses and estates. For these acts of violence no redress whatever was obtainable from the Venezuelan government, the latter flatly refusing to settle the question by diplomatic dealings. Consequently the imperial government was to its utmost regret forced to take the matter into its own hands. The first step taken as a compulsory measure against Venezuela was the seizure of her men-of-war. As this measure had no immediate effect, we are now blockading the Venezuelan ports. This blockade will have the character of a blockade of war and we shall therefore make no distinction as to the nationality of neutrals, but we do not intend to issue a formal declaration of war, Germany and England having agreed for the present only to blockade the coast, and not to take any further measures of a hostile nature against Venezuela except in the case of an unexpected emergency. We regret the necessity of a blockade, and we shall certainly take care that as little inconvenience and trouble as possible shall be caused by it to neutral trade. Of course, we have not the slightest intention to make any territorial acquisitions in Venezuela. In that respect the United States has, months ago, received from us explanations of a positive character. We are thankful to the United States government for the trouble that it takes to bring about a settlement by arbitration. We think that a fair arrangement might be come to that way."

The chancellor added that the note to secretary Hay yesterday, accepting the principle of arbitration, would be supplemented by another tomorrow, making suggestions as to the form of arbitration.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The Norddeutsche Allegemeine Zeitung says the declaration of the blockade of Venezuela made simultaneously in Berlin and London does not conflict with the accommodation attitude of Germany and Great Britain towards the United States as regards the solution of the Venezuelan difficulty by arbitration. Moreover, says the paper, it was previously known in Washington that the adherence of the British and German governments in principle to the idea of arbitration does not arrest the coercive measures agreed on and which are sanctioned by international law.

Caracas, Dec. 20.—Notification that the blockade of Venezuelan ports by the allied powers will be made effective today was transmitted to the Venezuelan government this morning by the British consul at La Guaira. The announcement was not expected and caused a commercial panic. The rate of exchange jumped five points. The people here are still ignorant of the answer of the allied governments to the proposal to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty. The government has knowledge of the answer through a communication from the United States legation, but it is puzzled by the wording, and moreover cannot understand why, if Germany and Great Britain have accepted the arbitration proposal, the blockade should be made effective the same day that their acceptance is announced. The French charge d' affaires, M. Quievreux this morning delivered to the Venezuelan government a request, that in the event of a settlement of the claims of other powers being made, France be accorded equally favorable treatment.

Caracas, Dec. 20.—The British cruiser Indefatigable has made the first prize under the blockade, capturing the Venezuelan schooner Julia, which was going to Higuerote, a seaport in the province of Miranda. The Julia's cargo, by the irony of fate, belongs to the German firm of Blohm, which has lodged a protest with the United States consul.

La Guaira, Dec. 20.—The Trinidad schooners Mercedes and Imaculado, belonging to a French subject, but flying the Venezuelan flag, tried to leave this port today, and were seized by the British cruiser Tribune. A commissioner boarded the Tribune and explained to her commander that no notification of the blockade had been given before the schooners cleared, and claimed also that the cargo belonged to foreign subjects. The commander of the Tribune refused to release the Mercedes and Imaculado, saying that he was obeying superior orders. The commander of the Tribune today sent the British consul for publication an official announcement of the blockade, dating from today.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 20.—The British sloop of war Fantome, which was sent to command the entrance to the Orinoco, is hard aground near Barrancas, on the left bank of the river, and 120 miles southwest of Trinidad. The Fantome left this port on December 9th to command the Orinoco and open it to foreign vessels in spite of president Castro's proclaimed blockade. News was not received of her until advices reached here today of her stranding near Barrancas. Assistance has been rendered her, but up to the present it has not been possible to float her.

THE AMERICAN HENLEY.

Special Races to Be Arranged For Crews From Preparatory Schools.

New York, Dec. 20.—A circular just issued announces that at the American Henley, to be held at Philadelphia, July 2nd, next, races will be held for singles, doubles, fours, and eights, and for the present classification of oarsmen into juniors and seniors will probably not be adhered to. The stewards of the new association intend to stimulate inter-scholastic rowing by offering special races open only to crews from preparatory schools, and these crews will not be encouraged to enter the other events in which they would be called upon to compete with more mature oarsmen.

SCIENTISTS TO MEET.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The 52nd annual meeting of the American association for the advancement of science is to be held in this city next week and the week following. It is confidently expected by the members of the association that this coming meeting will be the largest ever held in the history of the association. More than 1,500 members from this country will be in attendance and a number of distinguished foreign scientists have been invited to participate in the convention. The convention will be presided over by Dr. Ira Remsen, president of John Hopkins university, and president of the association.

NO USE TO HIM NOW.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 20.—The coroner's jury, which spent a full day investigating the death of R. C. Whayne, a prominent man, who was found dead last Thursday night with a gunshot wound in the breast, this afternoon returned a verdict of accidental death. Intense interest was manifested in the case as Mr. Whayne carried life insurance policies aggregating $390,000, and had applied for $50,000 more. It is not known what steps the insurance companies he will take. Several New York detectives are here. A part of the $390,000 insurance is incontestable.

INTERNATIONAL CHESS.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Arnous de Riviere, the manager of the forthcoming international chess tournament at Monte Carlo, said today that he will accept the following fourteen competitors: Lasker, Maroczy, Pillsbury, Delmar, Burn, Teichmann, Moreau, Laubenhaus, Mieses, Tarrasch, Tscisgorin, Naschffers, Marco and Schlechter. Thus, it will be seen that Marshall and Napier will not be allowed to compete this time, while Janowski also has been excluded.

LEAVES SOCIETY FOR PULPIT.

New York, Dec. 20.—Emulating the example of Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., another rich young man and member of a well known New York family is about to forsake society for the ministry of the Episcopal church. The young man is Alfred Duano Pell, whose family has been conspicuous in the history of New York city since the early Knickerbocker days. Mr. Pell was graduated from Columbia university in 1887 and after married Miss Cornolia L. Crosby, niece of the late Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby. The ordination of Mr. Pell to the deaconate is to be performed by bishop Potter tomorrow in the crypt of the cathedral of St. John the Divine.

LONDON BANK NOTE FORGERS

RECEIVE LONG TERM SENTENCES AT THE OLD BAILEY.

ONE OF THEM COMMITS SUICIDE IN HIS CELL.

London, Dec. 20.—The three bank note forgers who were committed for trial on December 10th, pleaded guilty, and were sentenced in the Old Bailey today, Philip Bernstein to 20 years, Solomon Barmash to 15 years, and William Barmash to 10 years' imprisonment. After having been removed to his cell, Solomon Barmash shot and killed himself.

The police were dumbfounded at Barmash's death. The prisoner became paralyzed after his arrest, and was carried to the infirmary, and while in court today he was apparently helpless. It is thought friends who visited him in the infirmary some days ago gave him the revolver with which he killed himself. The trial of the six other defendants in the case is proceeding.

COLONEL LYNCH INDICTED.

London, Dec. 20.—The grand jury summoned to consider the indictment of colonel Arthur Lynch, member of parliament for Galway, who was arrested June 11th on the charge of high treason in connection with the part he took in the South African war, returned a true bill against the defendant. The lord chief justice, baron Alverstone, in charging the jury, remarked that it was 20 years since a grand jury had to deal with such a charge, which was the highest crime known in law. Colonel Lynch's trial at the bar is expected to begin January 20th.

ORIGIN OF NEW TESTAMENT IDEAS

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Friederich Delitzsch, who occupies the Assyriological chair in the Berlin university, intends to employ the results of his recent personal researches in Babylonia in two lectures to be delivered before emperor William, the first showing the Babylonian origin of the new testament ideas, and the second demonstrating the Babylonian conceptions in Jesus' view of life. The announcement has renewed the commotion among the orthodox clergymen who were incensed at the Delitzsch lecture before emperor William last winter on, "The Bible and the tower of Babel."

THE TAFF VALE SUIT.

London, Dec. 19.—After a long trial in the king's bench division of the high court of justice, the case of the Taff Vale Railroad company against the amalgamated society of railroad servants, involving many questions of the utmost importance to trades unionism has resulted in a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs. The latter complained of malicious molestation, picketing, intimidation, etc., during the strike of 1900. The judge reserved his decision on the question of damages until the next sitting of the court.

DAKOTA COAL COMBINE.

Jamestown, N. D., Dec. 20.—Great development of North Dakota's coal field is promised by the Dakota Fuel company recently organized under the laws of New Jersey, and capitalized at $5,000,000. A combination of all the coal industries in North Dakota, with the possible exception of the Washburn mine, at Wilton, is planned. Among those interested are Harriman, of the New York Central, and Curtis, of the National Power company. Curtis is likely to be the head of the concern.

C. P. R. CARGO STEAMERS.

London, Dec. 20.—It is stated here that the Canadian Pacific Railway company has determined on opening the St. Lawrence route next spring and to establish a weekly service of cargo steamers from Liverpool, a 10-days' service from London, and a similar service from Glasgow.

THE ENTERPRISING SCOT.

Glasgow, Dec. 20.—Nelson, Reid, & Co., of this city have secured the contract for building a large number of locomotives for the C. P. R. company. Canadian and American builders were in keen competition for this contract, but Nelson, Reid & Co. secured it because they promised quicker delivery of engines.

BRITISH LEGATION IN MEXICO.

Mexico City, Dec. 20.—The British government has purchased a handsome building in the new and modern extension of the city for a legation office. This gives the English government the only permanent legation building in this city. The price paid was $130,000.

DISEASE UNDER CONTROL.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Secretary Wilson believes that the danger of the spread of the foot and mouth disease from New England states to other states has passed. He says in a few weeks every animal infected or exposed to the disease will have been destroyed.

DEATH LIST GROWING.

London, Dec. 20.—A special dispatch from St. Petersburg says nearly 1,000 persons were killed by an earthquake December 16th at Andijan, Russian Central Asia. They were mostly native Turcomans.

C. P. R. TRAFFIC RECEIPTS.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—The C. P. R. traffic receipts for the week ending December 14th, were $824,000; for the same week last year they were $789,000.

A REAR END COLLISION

Stockton "Flyer" Runs Into the "Owl"

Carrying Death and Injury to Many

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—A telephone message from Byron Hot Springs says a rear-end collision occurred near there tonight in which 27 people are reported to be killed and injured. About 15 were killed. The Stockton "Flyer" ran into the "Owl" train, which left this city at 4.30 o'clock this afternoon for Los Angeles.

A later report from the "Owl" wreck at Byron Hot Springs says 27 injured have been brought to Byron springs. So far as can be ascertained the list of dead numbers from 12 to 15. Most of the killed and injured were residents of Fresno.

PATERSON'S CHARGE.

What the Opposition Candidate in North Victoria Said.

The Times' report of the recent political meeting in North Victoria at which the charge of blackmail was preferred against attorney-general Eberts, contains the following reference to the subject:

Mr. Paterson closed the meeting by replying to the criticisms as to his position, and gave a history of his connection with the Shuswap & Okanagan railway, and he briefly stated that he and his associates had bought out the rights of Mr. Eberts and all others in the charter for this road, paying them all the money they had invested, the cost of obtaining the charters and every claim of every description against the company. After the lapse of considerable time they had made an agreement with the government of British Columbia under which they built the road. When they had completed it and got the government's engineer's final estimate he had come to Victoria to receive the balance of the bonds due his company. The late Theodore Davie asked him why they did not pay their bills, and told him that Messrs. Eberts & Taylor had a claim against them for $1,000. He told Theodore Davie that this firm had never so much as put pen to paper for them, and they owed Eberts & Taylor nothing. Theodore Davie finally told him he would have to settle Eberts' claim before he could get a settlement with the government. He then gave Mr. Eberts a check for $1,000 upon the distinct understanding that he would furnish him with an itemized statement of his claim. He had been to Mr. Eberts three times, and had not been able to get a settlement from that day to this. "Gentlemen," said Mr. Paterson, "Mr. Eberts held us up and blackmailed us to the extent of $1,000, and I have the check to prove it."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

Officers Were Duly Installed Last Evening.

The Nelson chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 123, held their annual installation in their lodge rooms last evening. There was a large turnout of the brethren, including visitors from Kaslo and Rossland.

The recently elected officers of lodge 123, a list of whom has already appeared in these columns, were duly installed by right excellent grand superintendent George Armstrong Mitchell, of Rossland.

Among the visiting brethren were past grand superintendent E. E. Chipman and Arthur Goodenough, of Kaslo; Keith Lackey, N. F. Townsend, Wm. Astley, A. G. Creelman and Milton Stephens, of Rossland.

The visiting brethren were entertained by the lodge.

Mr. Chipman is most worshipful grand master of British Columbia, and Mr. Mitchell is grand superintendent of the Kootenay district, No. 18.

CANADIAN TRADE

Steady Increase Shown in Transactions of Past Five Months.

On the basis of imports for consumption and exports of domestic products only, Canada's foreign trade for the five months ending November 30th last amounted to $130,892,488, an increase of $11,638,755 compared with the same period of last year. Imports, excluding coin and bullion, aggregated $86,840,081, being a gain of $6,352,736. The gain was in dutiable goods, free imports showing a slight falling off. Exports totalled $101,523,495, or $6,727,479 more than for the same five months of 1901. The total exports, leaving coin and bullion out of the question, exceeded the total imports by $14,683,414. Exports for the month of November only declined by a little over $1,000,000, the reduction being in products of the mine and animals and their produce.

GOT THE HIRED GIRL'S MONEY.

Queenstown, Ireland, Dec. 20.—Michael Davitt arrived here today on board the Cunard line steamer Umbria, and was given an enthusiastic welcome. Replying to an address from the Cork branch of the United Irish League, he said that the success on his mission in the United States had exceeded all expectations.

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EDUCATIONAL TESTS.

In an article dealing with educational tests, the Western Teacher asserts that the standards which are set up by the higher class educational institutions for the purpose of qualifying applicants for admission are not only unsatisfactory, but are productive of injustice resulting from a tendency, which is perhaps partially involuntary, to gauge the standard of a candidate's ability by that of their own proficiency in some particular line of knowledge. As an example it is suggested that a pupil may be highly proficient in some special line but as that may not be precisely in accord with the examiner's knowledge, he will receive no credit for it, while others much inferior in mental development and practical knowledge will be rated much higher because they tread along the same paths as their examiners. The Teacher says:

So it is with the young man who comes from the shop or the farm, having behind him a rich experience and a vast amount of most real knowledge—coming with ambition, with the power of mental concentration and with an earnest desire to become one of the capable members of society. But the school asks him to define a parallelopipedon, to classify a fern, to inflect a Latin verb, and refuses to credit him with all he has learned and done during years of study and toil. This is all wrong. Schools of every grade should understand that the end of education is manhood, character, power. Every school of every grade should, so far as possible, provide for initial courses, for beginning subjects, and ask of the candidates who knock for admission necessary maturity, a right mental attiutde, and intellectual power, rather than specific knowledge of any brand.

There is much in this that is commendable. Individuality should receive more encouragement than it now does. Under the existing system an attempt is practically made to cast every mind in the one mould and the result of such a method can be only disappointment. In the higher educational institutions greater allowance should be made for individual work, and the list of optional subjects could with advantage be extended. To follow the beaten path at the outset is sound enough, but afterwards when the ability to strike off in certain chosen fields is manifested, every inducement should be given to cultivate and develop it. Our present school system scarcely does this, and in our high schools and colleges the defect should be made good.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

An Australian dispatch from the Canadian trade agent there says that there is a shortage of in the neighborhood of two hundred thousand tons of breadstuffs in Australia, and the diverting of a portion of the grain and flour trade of the dominion in that direction is strongly urged. Here is a great opportunity to get hold of an excellent market, and Canadian millers and wheat growers will be short-sighted indeed if they do not take advantage of it. To get trade and to keep it should be the aim of every patriotic Canadian, and every chance that presents itself should be seized at once. It is complained that Canadians fill their orders slowly, and if this charge be correct it should be seen to that promptness be given in future. We must build up the Pacific trade if we are to become masters of the Pacific. The future of British Columbia's seaports demands that no chance of adding to our foreign trade should be neglected or allowed to lapse into other hands. The Americans are, as usual, hot after the Australian trade. It is ours by right, but if we do not secure and hold it, we shall only have ourselves to blame.

If premier Prior intends to deal honestly by West Yale he should lose no time in saying so. The News-Advertiser says it has been informed through a channel whose accuracy it does not hesitate to accept as beyond question, that the writ for West Yale was purposely withheld, and that the same treatment that has been meted out to North Victoria will be accorded to West Yale. This may not be deemed by the premier as a matter calling for any attention from him, but it is due to the people that some definite statement should be made by him with regard to the government's intentions respecting West Yale. The writ is returnable by the end of January, and there is plenty of time to hold the election before that time, but if it be their intention to do so why not set all gossip at rest by at once setting a date for nominations and election? The people of West Yale are not likely to submit as tamely to such ignominious treatment as did North Victoria; the people of the interior are made of sterner material and will not be made the convenience of anyone. Premier Prior has nothing to gain by attempting to muzzle the electorate, and even with Mr. Semlin in the house, and on the opposition benches, if his policy is a worthy one, he would be infinitely better off than he would be should he attempt to go through the next session with West Yale unrepresented.

The Toronto World calls attention to the lack of provision made for the isolation of prisoners suffering from consumption, the remarks being prompted by the death at the central prison of a short term offender from tuberculosis. The same lack of suitable accommodation for these cases is noticeable in British Columbia, and it is a question whether in any of the provincial jails there is such a thing as an isolation ward in which these prisoners may be separated from the other prisoners. The close quarters and restricted exposure to sunshine and fresh air in every way are conducive to the development of the fell disease, and though representations have been made from time to time of the requirements in this regard, no attention has been paid to them and the patients have either to die in prison or be liberated carrying with them the dangers of infection to the outside world. A large number of the persons filling our jails are Indians and half-breeds, both particularly prone to consumption and to suffer from confinement indoors, and it is no uncommon thing to see many of these suffering from enlarged and suppurating glands and phthisis. The remedy is to be found in either building as an annex to each provincial jail an isolation ward for these cases, or the erection of a separate jail specially for prisoners known to be affected with tuberculosis. Under existing conditions the healthy prisoners are exposed to infection and the sick ones are living under conditions that hasten their death. Common humanity, and all the laws of public health demand that such an anomalous state of affairs should cease to be and it is to be hoped that the attorney general and the board of public health will see that the evils are corrected in one of the ways suggested or in some equally efficient manner.

It is with pleasure that we learn that the Clergue mills are not to be closed but that they will turn out the rails required for the building of the new railroads in Ontario. It would be a crying shame if, with railway construction going on all over the Dominion of Canada, Canadian rolling mills failed to supply the greater part of the rails required. We have the ore, we have the facilities for smelting it, and we have given subsidies to encourage its manufacture; we have transportation facilities second to none on the continent, and if Canadian made rails are not used in the construction of Canadian railways there is something radically wrong somewhere. In all probability the difficulty lies with the manufacturer, perhaps to a certain extent with the contractor, but whatever the difficulty is it should not be allowed to interfere with the use of home materials for the prosecution of home enterprises. It is claimed that the high protection obtaining in the United States renders it possible for American manufacturers to sell cheaper than we can. Protection has not cheapened the production of anything and since the United States is so short of iron as to be under the necessity of importing large quantities of it, if Canadians cannot make rails cheaply enough to compete with the imported article, their methods must be faulty. It is well known that manufactures are sometimes sold abroad at a lower price than at home and this may be the case with regard to the rails. One thing is certain, on all lines receiving any government assistance, only Canadian steel rails should be used, and this should be made a condition of such aid.

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NEW YORK FASHION LETTER

New York, Dec. 20.—Mid-winter fashions are at their height now and rapturously beautiful. The novelties introduced for Christmas and New Year's will be the last of the season to be declared, for after the holidays the fashions for Easter and Spring will absorb Dame Fashion's interest.

Indeed a few very advance go-between styles have already arrived from abroad. These gowns are intended for use during the period elapsing between the discarding of winter clothes for those of spring, but are designed and executed with the same care that marks the modes of a full season.

It is safe to predict that white will increase in favor and enter the new year without a rival. It is really so chic. There is a particular member of the smart set who affects it almost exclusively and sometimes she affects a touch of soft brown which melts into the hazel of her beautiful eyes.

This combination is deliciously carried out in a beautiful princess gown of white crepe de Chine appliqued in white daisies. The soft petals of the blooms are so life like that one might almost imagine they had been dropped there by accident. The centres are of brown chenille, with the faintest suspicion of yellow flecked here and there.

The round neck is finished with folds of white silk embroidered with rich brown French knots. The shoulder straps are of silk tied in butterfly bows combined with lace through which brown chenille threads are run.

At this season when everyone seems imbued with the merry spirit of yule tide there is a great demand for decorations in holly and mistletoe. These, however, are detachable so that they can be easily removed when the passing season renders them inapropos. Probably the prettiest frock of the week was worn at a Fifth avenue dance a few evenings ago given in honor of Miss Jean Reid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid. White chiffon was employed, made over lustrous frosty satin, and spangled with silver sequins and crystals. The skirt and bodice were trimmed with Christmas roses, those delicious flat, broad-petalled, creamy blossoms just tinged with pink.

The flowers are arranged in a loose, natural looking spray on the skirt and also adorn the decolletage and edge the short puffed sleeves of chiffon.

Crepe de Chine, chiffon and chinchilla figure strikingly in an afternoon gown. The design has the princess guaged effect in the bodice, which suits tall, slim women so well. The wide fur collar is a praiseworthy solution of the neck part of the cape. Collarettes or fur collars of sable or chinchilla which have done service previously, may find fresh use on the costume cape this season.

The sleeves are of black chiffon over white chiffon, fitting snugly at the top, but showing a voluminous puff below the elbow gathered into a cuff of embroidered silk edged top and bottom with the tiniest band of fur.

The hat is a simple affair, as many of this season's chapeaux are. It has quite a lot of brim and this is encircled with a wreath of foliage with no flowers, but colored ribbon rosettes taking their place.

It is considered the smart thing this year to have the muff as big and as flat as possible. And it may be mentioned for the information of those who think these muffs are made more for beauty than for service, that they are provided with pockets of all sizes in which any number of small articles may be deposited during a shopping tour. Christmas and New Year weeks are the busiest of all weeks in Gotham and stores that gladly send a spool of thread or paper of pins at other seasons refuse to deliver far more important packages at this time. They are compelled to do so by the great rush and in her desperation, the woman who objects to carrying even small bundles finds her "compartment" muff a veritable cloak of charity.

An odd feature of dress which has met with rather uncertain favor hitherto is likely to become quite the rage owing to the increasing popularity of automobiles. These horseless vehicles have attained an unusual dignity in their comparatively brief existence in that they exert a distinct influence upon fashions. Automobile hats, gowns, coats and shoes, to say nothing of the thousand and one devices designed to protect the eyes and complexion and all unique and interesting. The smartest gown for such a purpose is made of leather, untanned calf flecked with short silky hairs. The effect is something that of camel's hair, or in fact resembles it as much as it is possible for two materials to do so when the chief elements are identical. No trimming is used for these gowns except stitching. Coats made of the leather are lined with fur, preferably squirrel.

In the matter of the shape of hats, Fashion is going in for roundness. The turned-up sailor stands in high favor just now, looking particularly well in felt or chamois.

Velvet costumes that are too elegant to be worn with wraps, are made comfortable by interlinings of chamois and accompanied by stole-scarfs of plush, fur-trimmed velvet or fur. Tailless ermine finds expression in the latest and most attractive designs. They are yards and yards in length, though only a little over a quarter of a yard wide. The lining as well as the upper portion of the scarf is white and if there is a contrasting fur this is shown in an edging of skunk.

Many of the most beautiful furs of the season are of humble origin hidden beneath a high-sounding name which is supplemented by an elegant effect. Narrow bands of squirrel, skunk and even rabbit, with unpronounceable Russian designations enrich the all-lace costumes which are in such great demand this winter.

A trimming which would seem out of place if incongruities were not the rule in dress, is frind and lace. This combination is used upon dress coats for matinee and theatre wear. Rich silk and ball fringe with heavy guipure bands edge the deep cape collars and extend down the front of the coats.

House gowns are comfort idealized. The newest designs are carried out in the sheerest of the sheer materials made over a lining which is not fitted, but sufficiently curved into the figure to avoid a shapeless effect. Taffeta and satin make the daintiest foundations, but there are imitation silks which are just as effective when one wishes to economize.

It can not be claimed that house dresses are simple. Indeed they are all fuss and frills. Yards and yards of lace and ribbon are used to trim them and the lace must not be too inexpensive or it will spoil the effect of the design. It is better to have ruffles of sheer material edged with lace than a mass of cheap lace frills. Elegance is a leading note in the scale of fashions, and while imitations are permissible, they must be of the quality that will do justice to the article duplicated.

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"The distance which the eye and hand must travel in posting from the regulation day book to the ledger is so great that the operation involves a distinct act of memory, while under almost any of the recognized modern methods the memory act is eliminated and posting becomes simply copying figures at close hand. Science always makes for accuracy and an increase of practical results, and it is therefore clear as to which method of accounting is more worthy to be called scientific.

"Little more than a year ago a methodizer was called to introduce his system into the counting-room of a large mercantile establishment. He found a force of six men devoted exclusively to posting 20,000 accounts which the ledgers contained. Today under the modern system recently adopted one man does all the posting and works at the task only three hours a day.

"The new systems provide for a series of duplicates so that the sudden destruction of a set of ledger records can be almost instantly replaced. The importance of this feature of latter-day methods was recently brought home to me when the head bookkeeper of a business house to which I had been called maliciously destroyed five ledger records—no doubt to cover peculations. Under the modern systems this would have been practically impossible.

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"It must be a small business, speaking in the metropolitan sense, which can not be saved $5,000 to $10,000 a year through the introduction of a first class modern system devised by a 'methodizer' of recognized standing in the profession."

Minna C. Smith, writing in The World's Work (December) on the same subject, tells of a "production engineer"—the term she uses—who by changing the course of the material in a manufacturing concern through its various processes, reduced the handling of sixty tons of weight from fifty-one times a day to thirty-seven times, with a resultant saving that surprised the president and directors. The same expert was requested to rearrange the schedule of wages in a steel mill. He regulated it "not by tonnage alone, but by groups of steel products according to quantities and shapes; the resultant rates increased the productive capacity of the mills from five to forty per cent., decreased the cost of production, and increased the wages of the men." The writer describes how an expert methodizer reorganized an electric equipment factory which was growing so fast that its managers did not know how they stood in the matter of expenses and could not keep in touch with the general routine day by day. She says:

"The expert asked questions and was given full details. He was introduced to every official, every head of department, every clerk; and he asked each one for typewritten suggestions. He found that the huge physical growth of the factory had overtopped its intellectual and nervous organization. The organization needed a clear definition of duties and responsibilities in the various offices—a more highly organized faculty. The specialist reported a special system, unified, yet so flexible that the work in any department can now be expanded or contracted without affecting the general plan. Thirty-one departments of the executive and operating force were ordered, instead of fourteen. There could henceforth be no clashing of authority, no men receiving one order from one department and another order from another. All communication about the general organization were authorized to appear in executive orders from the president of the company, who is also general manager. The names of all officers or heads of departments were put at the head of every executive order, and each head of a department was made responsible for notifying his associates, who in turn were made personally responsible to him. A series of executive notices was posted insuring order of a high degree and making certain the prompt return of all reports and data. One man was made responsible for all the accounts of the company, so that uniformity might be developed in recording all the preformances of the plant. The authority for giving orders was centralized. Provisions were made for definite recording of orders for material; and complete and accurate means of communication within the factory were insured. An accurate system of labor records for all employees was effected, insuring the charging of material and labor expended in the course of production. Centralization of authority stopped overstocking. The control of incoming and outgoing material was given to the same central authority. . . . . The nervous system of the electric equipment factory was toned up. The factory is making its product much more rapidly than before; and despite the growth of the business the heads of the concern can now keep in touch with all its details."

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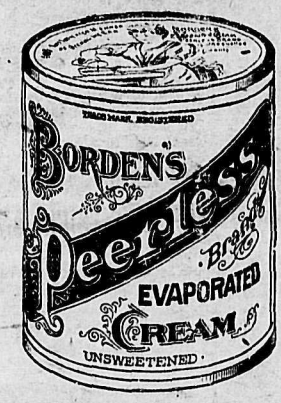

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He is remarkable for the perfection of the organization he has formed. It not only prosecutes missionary work all over the world, but it also conducts a great variety of business enterprises.

He is remarkable for the fact that everything is founded on his own personality. All property is in his name, everything is done by his direct orders and everything depends for its existence upon him.

But most remarkable of all is the method by which he has accomplished this. Starting in as an obscure, penniless faith healer in a little cottage on the south side in Chicago ten years ago, he began preaching to a little band in a cheap hall. Soon he had enough of a following and enough contributions to be able to hire the Auditorium, Chicago's largest and handsomest theatre, for his Sunday services. He had been hold ing meetings there even since, haranguing crowds of five thousand people at every meeting. His harangues are made up chiefly of wild ravings against the Roman Catholic church, the Freemasons, doctors and druggists and especially against newspapers. It seems incredible that a frenzied tirade should make a man want to give up his last dollar to the Rev. John Alexander, but it does.

The Rev. John Alexander Dowie is a Scotchman who was once an itinerant Methodist preacher in Australia. Finding life in Australia barren and hard, he came to America, where conditions for him were no better until he wandered into Chicago and bethought him of faith cures.

Dowie never charged anything for his faith cures. He was too shrewd for that. But he took care that the candidate for healing always acquired an intuition that a generous voluntary contribution would not be refused. Receipts were so liberal that soon the new "healer" was able to hire a cheap hall on the south side of Chicago, where he began to preach a religion of his own.

At first it was not so different from Methodism. But one day he chanced in the course of his address to denounce the doctors, his rivals in the healing business. It made a hit. Dowie had discovered his forte. He would denounce things. He included the druggists in his anathemas, then the Roman Catholics and the Freemasons. The more things he found to denounce the wider grew his popularity.

The next Sunday and the next he included the newspapers in his jeremiads and his audiences grew to a size that justified the hiring of the Auditorium, the great theatre that is the pride of Chicago, and into which 5,000 people can be crowded.

Soon after the Auditorium meetings began a boy who had been brought to Dowie to be healed had the bad taste to die in hte healer's own home. Dowie hustled the body out as quietly as possible without notifying the authorities. A reporter was sent to ask some questions about the case, but the healer in a fine state of indignation, ordered him out of the house. The reporter hunted up the undertaker who had cared for the body, found the boy's parents through him and obtained the whole story, which was printed on the first page of the paper next morning under a head, the top line of which read "Died in Dowie's Den." The following Sunday Dowie rose in a perfect frenzy of objurgation and anathema against newspapers and reporters, and his audience howled with delight. This settled the matter; hatred of newspapers was established as one of the cardinal tenets of Dowieism. It so happens that the Chicago papers reciprociate the Rev. Alexander's sentiments with great enthusiasm, so the flame of his wrath never lacks for fuel.

The healing business throve so mightily that soon the Rev. John Alexander was enabled to purchase a large block at Twelfth street and Michigan avenue, which he turned into a hotel for the accommodation of candidates for the faith cure and their families and friends. Thus a new source of income was added to Dowie's business.

About this time the evolution of Dowie's beliefs and faith was completed and a new creed was given to the world under the name of the "Christian Catholic Church of Zion," with Dowie under the self-imposed title of "General Overseer of Zion." His wife was made a plain overseer. There were a number of overseers and deacons and elders and "seventies." Members of Dowie's church are made to toe the mark most zealously. The interesting part of the Dowie religion is to be found in these three paragraphs in the discipline of the church:

The discipline of Zion is that of an army, which does not vote as to who shall be its officers, but believeing that God has given apostles, prophets and teachers, obeys those whom God has set over His kingdom, in so far as these obey the plainly revealed word of God.

Zion requires, first, in accordance with the word of God, a tithe of all earnings to be given into God's storehouse, that there may be "meat" in His house, and that the Gospel may be extended throughout the world.

Zion further expects that the people shall co-operate in all her financial institutions and in the industries which are springing from these, which will find their first embodiment in Zion City, near Chicago, where it is our hope that an object lesson will be taught to all the earth.

He has established a bank in Chicago and a general store, which not only has a thriving local trade, but which also does an enormous mail order business.

His City of Zion, which lies forty-two miles north of Chicago and seven miles from Waukegan, on the shore of Lake Michigan, has an area of ten square miles, 6,000 inhabitants, a large general store, hotel with accommodations for 500 guests and all the other businesses that are usually found in a town of that size.

In addition there is a lace factory with one curtain machine and eight other machines in operation, which turn out a product said to yield a net profit of $20,000 a year. There is also a candy factory that does a thriving small trade. There is a big wooden barn of an auditorium which will seat 6,000 pepole, which is to be replaced in time by a magnificent temple.

And absolutely everything belongs to Dowie individually, or at least is held in his name. The bank, the store, the printing business are run in his name with other men as managers. The title to all the land in Zion City is in Dowie's name. Not one man who has built a house in Zion has a title to the ground on which it stands. Every business house in Zion has the name "John Alex. Dowie" on it. Even the one peanut stand in Zion bears the name Dowie as proprietor in large letters across the front.

In fact, the only way to avoid seeing Dowie's name in Zion is to shut one's eyes. The curtain machine in the lace factory is kept busy turning out pillow shams in the centre of which is woven a portrait a foot in diameter of Dowie with the name "J. A. Dowie" beneath in letters an inch and a half high.

He has named the principal street "Elijah avenue," in honor of himself in his character of Elijah the Restorer. The hotel is also called "Elijah Hospice." The Zion Banner, which is the only newspaper it is not sinful to read in Zion carries the name of Dowie in two conspicuous places in large letters as editor and publisher and in a third place capital letters request that all drafts, money orders and the like be made payable to John Alex. Dowie.

The Rev. John Alexander Dowie himself is as uncommunicative as the rest. He announces that he never receives reporters.

Rev. John Alexander Dowie is barely of medium height, with a rotund paunch that bears witness to the abundance of his larder. He is bald, with a fringe of badly kept dark gray locks around the devasted area. A bristling, patriarchal beard, white at the outer edges and shading to black near the roots, hides all his face but a prominent nose. This beard is Dowie's chief glory. His small round purple eyes have a glint in them that suggests the hypnotist. And indeed, it is a popular belief that Dowie thrives largely because of his hypnotic powers. His voice is pitched rather high. In conversation he is dignified and courteous.

Dowie likes pomp and pageantry. He has a surpliced choir, a band and a corps of Zion Guards, said to number 153, which are turned out for parades and processions when ever the occasion can be found.

The first structure erected in Zion was a tower some 75 feet in height, from which he, the general overseer, might watch all that was going on in Zion. It is not known that he ever dragged his generous avoirdupois up the ladder or that he ever intended to do so. But the tower served his purpose of creating the impression upon all Zionites that the general overseer's eye was always upon them.

In building Zion it became necessary to employ unregenerate carpenters. Spies were set to watch over them to see if any spat tobacco juice on the sacred soil of Zion. Whenever a man expectorated he was promptly collared by a Zion guard, marched up to the timekeeper to get his pay, and then escorted to the boundary line.

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A committee of the board of directors of the Kootenay Lake General Hospital is engaged in a very seasonable work, which has only to be thoroughly known to meet with prompt and generous response from all citizens at this Christmas time.

A collection is being made of useful articles, and cash, for the benefit of the hospital, and for the providing of Christmas fare for such few poor families as there are in Nelson who might otherwise be unable to participate in the festivities of that day of universal rejoicing. Happily Nelson is comparatively free from that poverty which embitters existence in the big cities of the east and the old world, but owing to the sickness of the breadwinner, there are a few cases where a Christmas box will be truly welcome, and there are the sick and the convalescent in the Kootenay Lake General Hospital to whom extra attention at this season is specially appropriate.

A short canvas of the committee on Saturday afternoon resulted in contributions as recorded below. Anyone desirous of assisting in this praiseworthy effort of the committee can leave contributions, in cash or kind, with Geo. Johnstone, at the customs office.

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The Daily News	10 00

H. Byers & Co., carvers; Starkey & Co., case oranges; Jacob Dover, butter dish, etc.; Burns & Co., turkeys; Kootenay Electric Supply & Construction Co., electrolier; J. Y. Griffin & Co., two hams, two bacon; The Brackman-Ker Milling Co., Ltd., rolled oats; McArthur & Co., easy chair; Kootenay Coffee Co., tea; Bell Trading Co., barrel of flour; Lawrence Hardware Co., one dozen knives and forks; McLachlan Bros., spoons; J. J. Walker, clock; Nelson Hardware Co., razors; J. H. Vanstone, hot water bottle; W. A. Thurman, box cigars, one pound tobacco; J. A. Gilker, dressing gown; Gilbert Stanley, magazines, etc.

THE SUPREME COURT.

Rossland Miner Application Adjourned Until End of Month.

The sittings of the supreme court came to an end yesterday. The only case before Mr. justice Martin was an application for an injunction by the plaintiffs in the Rossland action of McDonagh vs. Wallace. The minority shareholders of the Rossland Miner Printing and Publishing Company, the War Eagle and Centre Star companies, represented by John McDonagh, applied to the court for an order restraining the majority shareholders, the Le Roi and Le Roi No. 2 companies, from ceasing the publication of the daily and weekly issues on and after January 1st next, a resolution having been recently passed and confirmed by a majority of the shareholders to cease publication on the date mentioned, unless the paper was sold in the meantime as a going concern.

J. A. Macdonald, of Rossland, appeared on behalf of the applicants yesterday and applied for an adjournment, stating that possibly an amicable settlement could be arrived at if an opportunity was given for a further conference.

C. R. Hamilton appeared for the defendants, and assented to a reasonable enlargement of the motion.

Mr. justice Martin directed that the application should stand over till next Tuesday week December 30th. This disposed of all matters for the sittings and the court adjourned.

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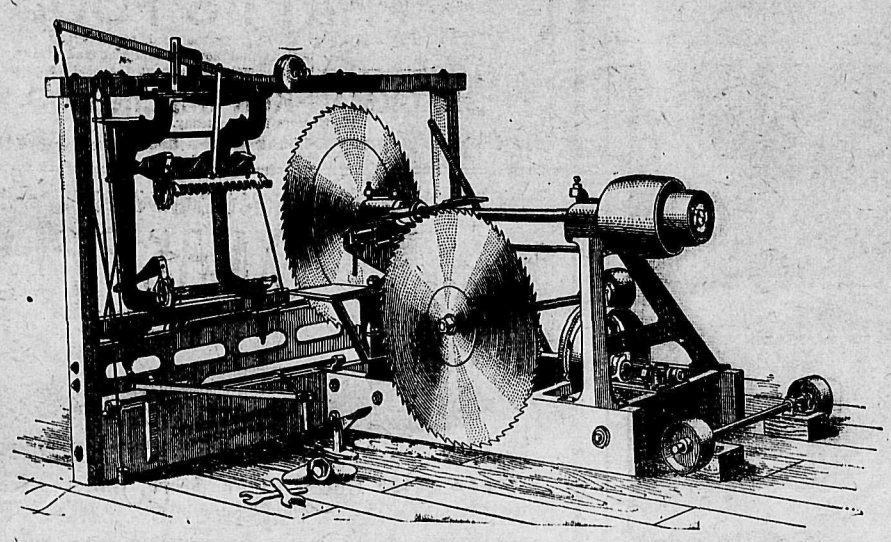

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New York, Dec. 20.—J. Pierpont Morgan's new coal trust will rival the Northern Securities company.

The capital will be $400,000,000 and all the workings will be on a mammoth scale. Mr. Morgan has already chosen his lieutenants, and is ready to pay down $145,000,000 for the mines of the independent operators. He will control the huge combine as absolutely as other projects he handles, and will be the real coal king of the United States.

President George F. Baer, of the Reading railroad, also head of the New Jersey Central, who refused to accept the presidency of the Lehigh Valley, has promised J. P. Morgan to become the head of the holding company of the trust. This statement has been made positively by competent authority. Mr. Morgan wanted Mr. Baer to assume the presidency of the Lehigh Valley. There were two things in the way; first, Mr. Baer's refusal to take on any greater burden, and the lesser problem of a law which stood in the way. Mr. Baer said to Mr. Morgan:

"I cannot accept the presidency of the Lehigh Valley because I now carry as great a burden as president of two operating roads as I can stand. When you want me to become president of a general corporation to control all the anthracite roads I shall be glad to accept, but I do not care to direct the individual operations of any other roads than those I now have in charge."

It is on the distinct understanding that Mr. Baer shall become the head that the new "combine" of coal roads is being evolved. The independent collieries will cost between $140,000,000 and $150,000,000.

The division by districts, the coal roads which share in the distribution, the independent output, and valuation are as follows:

Scranton—Output, 3,861,372 tons; value, $25,000,000. Pittston—Output, 2,070,890 tons; value, $18,000,000; Erie Delaware & Hudson and Central railroad of New Jersey and L. L. & W. Hazelton—Output, 5,364,574 tons; value, $38,000,000; Lehigh Valley and Pennsylvania. Schuylkill—Output, 6,152,890 tons; value, $50,000,000; Philadelphia and Reading, Lehigh Valley, and Pennsylvania.

Total output this year, 18,361,708 tons; value, $145,000,000.

Total output for 1901, 59,905,951 tons.

FORMER NELSON WOMAN.

Deserts Her Five Little Children in Colfax, Washington.

Colfax, Washington, Dec. 19.—Five children, ranging in age from 3 to 10 years, have been deserted by their parents and are now being sent to find homes with strangers. The children are those of a woman known as Mrs. McDonald, and who claimed her husband is in Australia, where she was to join him, with the children. The youngest child, a bright little boy of three years, has been sent to Spokane, to be cared for by the Washington Home Finding Association, which had previously taken two of the children. The oldest, a girl of ten years, is being kept by Miss Emma Stark, of Colfax. More than a year has elapsed since Mrs. McDonald came here from Nelson, B. C., and stopped with the family of Daniel Dobbins, a farmer, with whom she was acquainted in British Columbia. She represented to Mrs. Dobbins that she wished to join her husband in Australia, but must first return to her childhood home in Scotland to look after the settling of a large estate, for which she was to receive a large sum. She persuaded Mrs. Dobbins to advance her the money with which to go to Scotland and to care for her five children while she was gone. She left here in November, 1901, more than a year ago. Mrs. Dobbins received one letter from Mrs. McDonald last April. In this letter Mrs. McDonald claimed to have been taken ill and was in a hospital in Brooklyn, New York. Nothing more was heard from her, and a letter was addressed to the management of the hospital and brought the information that the woman had never been an inmate of the institution. A letter addressed to the attorney whom she had said was in charge of the estate brought the reply that Mrs. McDonald had not returned to Scotland and her whereabouts were unknown. No word has ever been received from Mr. McDonald, nor is his address known to those who had the children. The Washington Home Finding Association was appealed to and found homes for two of the children and now the youngest has been sent to that institution. Manager Williams, of the Home Finding Society, has written to the relatives of Mrs. McDonald in Scotland, asking if they wish the children. Mrs. McDonald represented herself as being a member of a well-known Scottish family, well supplied with this world's goods, and she seemed to have been well raised and to be a woman of refinement. No one suspected she was trying to desert her five little children, but her strange actions have convinced those who knew her here that it is a case of wilful desertion. The children are exceptionally bright and well behaved.

CHURCH SERVICES

Presbyterian—St. Paul's, corner of Victoria and Kootenay streets. Morning service at 11; evening, 7.30; Sunday school, 2.30 p.m. Rev. Dr. Wright, pastor. Christmas services both morning and evening.

Roman Catholic—Church of Mary Immaculate, corner of Mill and Ward streets. Low mass at 8 a.m., high mass at 10 a.m., benediction at 7.30 p.m. Rev. Father Althoff, priest.

Baptist—Stanley street, near Mill. Morning service at 11; evening, 7.30; Sunday school at 2.30 p.m. Rev. C. R. G. Poole, pastor.

Church of England—St. Saviour's, corner of Ward and Silica streets. Rev. F. H. Graham, rector. Fourth Sunday in Advent. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., morning prayer and Holy Communion; 2.30 p.m., Sunday school; 7.30 p.m., evensong.

Methodist—Corner of Josephine and Silica streets. Morning service at 11; evening, 7.30; Sunday school, 2.30 p.m. Rev. J. H. White, pastor. Morning subject, "The first Christmas," a talk to boys and girls; evening, "A message to the dead."

First Congregational Church—Corner of Stanley and Silica streets. Rev. John Reid, Jr., pastor. Morning service at 11; evening, 7.30; Sunday school immediately after the morning service. The pastor will preach in the morning and evening. Morning subject, "The necessity of the Christ," evening subject, "Living, prophetic foreshadowings of the Christ." The reorganized choir will lead the singing and render the anthem, "Guide me," by Beirly.

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NOTICE.

Notice is herby given that it is proposed to extend the limits of the Municipality of the City of Nelson as the said limits are now defined, by including within the said limits that portion or tract of land lying to the south and east of the said City and being part of Lot 182, Group One, Kootenay District of British Columbia, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point at the eastern limit of the City of Nelson where the same is intersected by the centre line of the lane in Block 21, of said Lot 182; thence north along the said eastern limit to a point where the centre line of Park street intersects the said eastern limit of the City of Nelson; thence south-easterly along the centre line of Park street to a point where the centre line of the lane in Blocks 22 and 23, continued to cross Park street, intersects the said line of Park street; thence north-easterly along the centre line of said lane, intersecting said Block 23, to the centre line of South Cherry street, thence south-easterly along the centre line of South Cherry street, to the centre line of Gore street; thence south-westerly along the centre line of Gore street to the centre line of Park street; thence north-westerly along the centre line of Park street to the centre line of said lane intersecting said Blocks 22 and 23; thence south-westerly along the centre line of the lane intersecting Blocks 22 and 21 to the place of beginning.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 10th day of December, A. D., 1902.

J. K. STRACHAN, City Clerk.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE, KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that the reserve which was established in pursuance of the "Columbia & Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896," notice whereof was published in the British Columbia Gazette and dated 7th May, 1896, is cancelled in so far as, but no further than, it relates to a parcel of land in Kootenay District lying within the following boundaries, viz.:

To the west of Lots 230 and 4598; to the north of the northern boundary of Townships 8A and 9A, and to the south of the southern limit of the right of way of the Columbia & Western Railway.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department.
Victoria, B. C., 30th October, 1902.

NOTICE

Householders and Holders of Trades Licences:

Householders and holders of trade licenses, in order to vote at the municipal election to be held on Thursday, January 15th, 1903, are required to make and subscribe to a declaration that they were residents of Nelson on January 1st, 1902, and that they have continuously resided in Nelson since that date. This declaration can be made at the committee room of the Progressive People's Party in the Scott building, southeast corner of Baker and Josephine streets, first door east of Vanstone's drug store, at any time between 10 o'clock a.m. and 6 o'clock p.m., and in the evening between 7 o'clock and 8.30 o'clock, and the declarations so made will be delivered to the city clerk. These declarations are required to be made on or before December 31st.

W. A. JOWETT, J.P.,
Secretary Progressive People's Party.
Nelson, December 18th, 1902.

NOTICE.

The Fern Gold Mining & Milling Company, Limited, Liability.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of the Fern Gold Mining & Milling Company, Limited Liability, will be held at the company's offices, Baker street, Nelson, B. C., on Monday the 29th December, 1902, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon.

The objects of the meeting are:

To ratify and confirm the action of the directors of the company in granting Ernst Rammelmeyer a lease and option on the assets of the company, on the terms and conditions mentioned in said lease and option.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1902.

By order of the Board,
W. C. BAYLY, Secretary.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Licence Commissioners for the City of Nelson at their next meeting held thirty days after this date, for a permit to carry on the bussiness carried on in the Phair Hotel in the name of E. E. Phair, under the current liquor licence therefor, and that such licence shall thereafter be in my name as lessee of the said premises.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 1st day of December, 1902.

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WANTED—Free Milling Gold properties. Address, A 57, care Daily News.

WANTED—Girl for housework, Mrs. F. M. Black, Carbonate street.

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10.15 a. m.	Rossland	5.10 p. m.
7.00 a. m.	Nelson	8.00 p. m.
11.00 a. m.	Grand Forks	4.00 p. m.
9.15 a. m.	Republic	5.40 p. m.

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	9.00	9.40	10.20

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BOGUSTOWN—			7.20
	8.00	8.40	9.20
	10.00	10.40	11.20

Every forty minutes until 10.40 p. m.

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Parisian	Jan. 31

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Lake Champlain	Dec. 19
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DOMINION LINE
From Boston and Portland.

Cambroman from Boston	Dec. 20
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Lucania	Dec. 20
Etruria	Dec. 27
Campania	Jan. 3
Umbria	Jan 10

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Oceanic	Dec. 17
Majestic	Dec. 24
Celtic	Dec. 26
Germanic	Dec. 31

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NELSON'S NEWS OF THE DAY

Notice of appeal in the case of Hoskings vs. Le Roi No. 2 Mining Company was filed yesterday at the court house.

The Christmas entertainment of St. Saviour's Sunday school will be held in Fraternity hall on Tuesday evening, December 30th.

W. A. Applequist and D. Macleod have returned from Alberta where they have secured 6,500 acres of coal lands for the Alberta Coal & Coke company.

The work of filling in the trestles between Nelson and Robson with the steam shovel has been stopped for the present owing to the frost. Several gangs of men who had been employed on the work came into the city last evening.

Frank Tamblyn states that in the curling game played for a box of cigars on Friday night he was not the skip of the defeated rink. He was credited with having filled that position through the contradictory reports regarding the personnel of the rink given by the members of the club.

The Emma mine near Eholt, which is operated by the Hall Mines, Limited, is proving a very steady shipper this winter, nearly one hundred tons of ore being sent out daily. Part of this is sent to the Trail smelter, but the largest quantity is brought to the company's smelter at Nelson.

The area for skating is gradually increasing along the flats, but there is still hardly room for the crowds of children who go there. The opening of the rink for skating has taken away part of the crowd, but there will not be good facilities until after a hard frost has frozen the lake farther out than at present.

The executive of the Nelson Curling club will meet on Monday morning at ten o'clock at the office of Macdonald & Johnson, Baker street, to make arrangements for the local bonspiel to be given shortly. A number of the wholesale and retail merchants of the city have already contributed prizes for the events, and it is thought that an interesting competition can be organized.

A car of ore is being loaded near Ymir from the Hunter V. mine, preparatory to being shipped to the Hall Mines smelter. The provisional directorate of the Standard Development Syndicate, which owns the property, is composed of S. S. Fowler, James Johnstone, J. J. Campbell, F. J. O'Reilly and W. Davis. Incorporation has been applied for by the company, and it is the intention of the directors to push development on the mine, a brief description of which was given in Friday's issue of The Daily News. A contract was let this week for rawhiding the ore taken out, from the mine to the track. Fourteen men are employed at the property, under the superintendance of J. W. Brigstock. If the property, turns out as well as present appearances indicate an aerial tramway will be installed in the spring to handle the ore. During the winter it is the intention to ship daily about five tons of the ore, which carries very high values in silver, with some lead.

The services on Christmas day at the Catholic church will be held at 6.30 a.m., and 10.30 a.m., and in the vening at 7.30. The services in St. Saviour's church will be Holy Communion at 7 a.m. and at 8 a.m., and morning prayer and Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.

W. Doull, of the West Kootenay Power & Light company's staff, was struck on the head by some shafting on which he was working yesterday afternoon at the Bonnington power station. He was brought into the city and taken to the Kootenay Lake General Hospital, where his injuries, severe scalp wounds, were dressed.

At the regular meeting of the Success club's mock parliament on Monday evening the debate arising out of the speech from the throne will be continued. It is rumored that the leader of the opposition will make a strong attack on the imperialistic schemes outlined in the speech. The meeting will be open to members of the club only.

Hector Desjardins is causing his mother, and some of his friends a great deal of anxiety by not letting them know of his present whereabouts. His mother has written from Winnipeg for news of her wandering boy. He boarded at Lapointe's until recently. Some weeks ago he went off no one knows whither, and nothing has been seen or heard of him since.

Word has been received by the secretary of the Nelson Agricultural and Industrial Association of the incorporating of the association under the provisions of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Act. A meeting of the Association has been called for Monday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, in the board of trade room, to complete organization, appoint standing committees, and for the transaction of general business.

P. Burns & Co.'s meat market at Midway which was reopened on Monday last was destroyed by fire at an early hour Friday morning. It is supposed that the fire started from the stove. The building belonged to the firm but the chief loss is the stock and fixtures which would probably amount to $600. The shop was reopened to provide meat for the railway contractors who are building the V. V. & E. westward. The firm will reopen immediately.

PERSONALS

Hon. Mr. Justice Martin left for the coast last evening.

W. C. Martin, of Martin Bros., Rossland, is in the city on a business trip.

F. Ireson Moore, of Elko, has been gazetted a justice of the peace for the province.

Miss Tingley, of Ashcroft, who has been visiting Mrs. Bainbridge, left last evening for home.

Miss DesBrisay, of the Home Hospital, left yesterday to spend a month's vacation at the coast.

H. B. Muckleston, of the C. P. R. engineering staff, left yesterday for Calgary to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tottle, of Stonewall, Manitoba, are visiting Mrs. James Lawrence of Stanley street.

C. R. Hamilton and J. A. Macdonald who were here on supreme court business returned to Rossland last evening.

William Downie, superintendent of the Kootenay division of the C. P. R., left last evening for the coast to spend the Christmas holidays.

WITH THE CURLERS.

Yesterday's games resulted as follows:

S. S. Fowler	Kydd
Dumoulin	O'Shea
Annable	Bird
Fletcher, skip, 10	Stocks, skip, 15
Booth	Macleod
Neelands	Gordon
Choldich	Williams
Wilson, skip, 9	Macdonald, skip, 8
McCulloch	Hedley
Goepel	McLennan
Taylor	R. M. Bird
Macdonald, skip, 12	Pinkham, skip, 9
Stoddart	Deacon
R. Hedley	Clayton
Smyth	Bradley
Forin, skip, 10	Tamblyn, skip, 15
Fraser	Mallette
Deacon	Booth
Arthur	Thompson
Gordon	Hall
Fletcher, skip, 8	Fox, skip, 12

AT THE HOTELS.

Hume—G. A. Mitchell, Rossland; J. R. Buckley, Spokane; J. M. Hamilton, Vancouver; R. J. Tretheway, Vancouver; A. Dick, Cranbrook; H. Jamieson, Sirdar; J. A. Dalton, Sherbrook, Que.; G. B. Cross, New Westminster.

Grand Central—A. L. Houston, Rossland; A. Ayres, Pilot Bay; T. McGulgan, D. English, Sandon; T. H. Oades, Hillerdale, Minn.; H. F. McCaslin, Salmo.

Madden—M. C. Monaghan, Bird creek; W. McDonald, Clarkton; G. Otty, J. Leama, H. Blair, E. Blair, Ottawa; A. Chisholm, Granite; C. McKenzie, Granite; W. Feeney, Salmo.

Bartlett—J. C. Gillespie, W. M. Joyce, E. Pearce, Ymir.

Phair—P. H. Walsh, Kaslo; A. S. Carry, Spokane; A. Muir, Molly Gibson.

Patenaude Brothers are offering special bargains in Ladies' and Gentlemen's watches, but they are going fast, being just the thing for a Christmas gift.

If you are interested in the Boundary you should read the Phoenix Pioneer, published in the centre of the greatest mining operations in Canada. Send for sample copy.

J. J. Walker, the jeweler, has his hands full these days. Christmas trade was never better, and the bargains he is offering in presents for old and young of both sexes, keep his big store crowded all day long. There are some snaps for Monday which should not be overlooked.

The tramway company at the request of the curling club have made arrangements to cut out the 3.40 and 7.40 p.m. cars to Bogustown from Stanley street end, and run only to Byers corner at these times, returning from there at 3.50 and 4.10 in afternoons and 7.50 and 8.10 p.m. in evenings. Otherwise the service remains the same.

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We have an immense stock of these and from them all tastes as to presents can be satisfied. Our Cut Glass shows the best of workmanship and comprises a wide range of large and small pieces.

It is the same with our Plated Tableware, large and small pieces and sets, all in the best of taste and of the best plate.

Here are a few articles in Solid Silver, Ebony or Plate that will assist you in choosing and be an index of what we have for you:

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Lamps, Clocks, Souvenir Goods

We have always been headquarters for these and our offerings this year exceed those of the past. In lamps we have many and all beautiful and at exceptionally low prices.

It is impossible to give an adequate idea of this large stock—you must see it and you will miss an opportunity of getting the best in Xmas goods if you do not. Remember, we do Engraving free during the holiday season.

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