

NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

China Declines New Treaty Regarding Tibet.

CENTENARIAN DEAD

Austria's Failure to Demobilize Causes Disquiet.

Berlin is to have a new Federal building to cost \$200,000.

The failure of Austria to demobilize continues to excite disquiet.

Turkey will submit counter peace proposals to London Conference.

Mrs. W. J. Wadsworth, St. John's road, Toronto, died while shopping.

Wm. Brant, Balmuto street, Toronto, died in an automobile from poisoning.

The Ottoman Government ordered all officers to report within 24 hours.

China replied to the British note declining to negotiate a new treaty regarding Tibet.

Mr. William Banks, sen., was appointed dramatic censor by the Toronto Police Commissioner.

The Quebec Board of Trade deems the time ripe for adoption of commission government in that city.

Montenegro has taken a firm stand against the Austrian demands regarding Scitarr and Mount Lowehen.

The Balkan allies fixed the boundaries of Albania and other frontier limits arising out of the recent war.

John Gordon Campbell, a resident of Hullett township more than sixty years, is dead at the age of a hundred and four.

Former Inspector of Detectives Walter Duncan, of Toronto, was accidentally wounded in the leg while practising with a revolver.

La Libre Parole, a weekly paper, published in Quebec city, owned by Senator Choquette, was burned out. Loss \$15,000; about half insured.

A gas well that will mean much for the section of Ontario, around Petrolia if it is the forerunner of a big field, has been located in the old springs field.

The British steamer Ripon, which sailed from Fowey, Dec. 21, for Philadelphia, is returning to Queenstown for medical aid, two of her crew having been seriously injured in an accident.

Ernest Baumann, secretary of the Swiss Legation at Paris, has been transferred to Washington. Henri Martin, who holds the post at Washington, has been transferred to Montreal as Consul-General.

Developments in the New York vice involving stories of police gutting graft resulted in a decision by the Boardman Investigating Commission. Police Commissioner

John E. Horn and the Record Clerks.

At N. B., was visited by a fire today which did about \$30,000 damage. The flames were confined to the brick

Mock owned by George W. Fowler, M. P. The Bank of New Brunswick next door suffered some damage.

A call will be made for Congress to meet in extraordinary session by President-elect Woodrow Wilson shortly after his inauguration, perhaps by March 15, and the principal legislation that will come before it will be tariff revision.

A missing diamond, weighing two and a half carats and valued at \$600, is sought by the police as the key to the solution of the mysterious murder of Joseph H. Logue, diamond merchant, Chicago, who was slain in his office last Friday.

Six firemen were overcome by smoke and damage approximating \$100,000, was done at Pittsburgh when an eight-story building, occupied as the city warehouse of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, was destroyed by fire.

Three million dollars were appropriated by the directors of the Port of Boston for the construction at South Boston of one of the largest drydocks in North America. The drydock will accommodate a ship 1,000 feet in length and 120 feet in breadth.

The examination in Rome of Henry Dal Ferro, a young Anarchist, who recently attempted to commit suicide rather than carry out a mission imposed upon him by the Anarchists to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel, revealed the existence of a deep-laid plot to kill the king.

E. J. Chamberlin, President of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, and Charles S. Mellen, President of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, indicated for criminal violation of the Sherman law, entered pleas of not guilty and were released in \$10,000 bail each.

THE MAN OF FIFTY

Better Than At Forty, Say the Experts.

Brit, Dec. 30.—"The Man of Fifty" is the subject of a Christmas symposium in the Tageblatt, and medical experts, business men and artists agree that a man of fifty is no older than a man of forty and in numerous cases decidedly more useful.

Professor Kraus asserts that it is absurd to describe a man of fifty as an old man. Only in exceptional cases does he lose elasticity. Does he reveal decreased elasticity. Professor Kraus recommends sane sports as the best insurance against old age for a man of fifty.

Dr. Lappmann, another eminent specialist, declares that a man of fifty is highly superior in intellectual worth

NOT RETROACTIVE

Lodge Constitution Amendment Is So Ruled.

Montreal despatch: A case of interest to all members of fraternal organizations was disposed of by Mr. Justice Charbonneau, when Joseph Schneider was awarded \$799.68 in a suit entered against the Royal Guardians. The amount figuring in the award represents the total of monthly assessments paid into the treasury of the organization by the plaintiff since a certain restrictive enactment regarding the qualification for membership was adopted by the authorities of the defendant association.

Mr. Schneider, who has been a member of the organization for upwards of a quarter of a century, entered into the retail liquor traffic a couple of years after joining. Later an amendment to the constitution was passed, whereby those engaged in such traffic were excluded from membership.

NEW LOGUE CLUE

Scarf Pin Figures In Chicago Murder Case.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—A scarf pin of peculiar design, which was found near the body of J. H. Logue, the diamond broker, slain a few days ago, is the latest clue taken up by the police in an effort to solve the mystery centering about the crime.

The pin is an enamelled affair, which depicts a swimming duck. Directly after the murder, Mrs. Logue, the widow, said the pin belonged to her husband. Last night she said that she had never seen the pin in possession of her husband and she did not believe it belonged to him. She said she was too excited at first to know whether the pin was his. The police are of the opinion that it may have been torn from the necktie of one of the murderers during a struggle.

HIS PLOT FAILED

And Crazy Detroit Committed Suicide.

Detroit despatch—Erasing a threat of death, Mrs. Abdallah, the 18-year-old wife of one of the acrobats playing at a local theatre, pressed a call bell in a room at the Morgan House here to-night and turned in time to see E. B. Oberley, crazed, send a bullet he had intended for her, crashing through his own brain. Oberley died in St. Mary's Hospital an hour later. Mrs. Abdallah was taken to police headquarters, where she told her story and was released.

According to the girl's story, Oberley sent word to her that he wished to see her in his room, saying that he had known her previously. She, supposing him to be an actor, obeyed the summons. When she entered his room, not liking the man's appearance, tried to escape, but Oberley locked the door. "You try to stir out of this room and I'll kill you," he told her.

Summoning all her courage, she stepped to the call bell and summoned the porter. When the man's steps were heard outside, Oberley walked over to the dresser, picked up a .38-calibre revolver which lay there, and, facing the mirror, placed the muzzle of the weapon to his head and fired.

A SIMPLE CEREMONY

Will Be No Ostentation At Wilson's Inauguration.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Jeffersonian simplicity is to mark the coming inauguration of President-elect Wilson. There will probably be the greatest outpouring of people that has ever marked the inauguration of any President, but, according to Chairman William C. Eustice, of the committee, there will be no ostentation. He contends that true democracy demands that there be no display, and he is upheld by Thomas Nelson Page, who is quoted as saying: "President Jefferson's act of riding up Pennsylvania avenue on horse back, has been decided, but the people who have studied history have realized that he did it in a dignified manner, and that his inauguration had, at least, as much real dignity and true simplicity as that of any President." The subscriptions to the \$150,000 fund for the inaugural affair are growing fast, and it undoubtedly will be over-subscribed.

ENGLISH AVIATOR KILLED

London, Dec. 30.—Edward Petre, a well known British aviator, was killed today near Red Car, while undertaking a flight from the Brooklands aerodrome to Edinburgh with the intention of covering the distance without stopping. His monoplane ran into a heavy gale on the way, and his machine was dashed to earth, the motor falling on the aviator and killing him instantly.

NEW ROUMANIAN MINISTER.

London, Dec. 30.—M. Mianu, the new Rumanian Minister, arrived in London last night. He had an interview with Dr. Ounoff, head of the Bulgarian peace delegation, at which Rumanian demands for compensation and the relations between and Bulgaria are said to have been discussed in a friendly spirit.

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NEGRO MURDERERS CONFESS.

Detroit despatch—Sitting in Chief of Detectives Palmer's office this evening, three negroes confessed to killing and robbing Harry Silverman, a butcher, last Thursday night. The negroes are Charles Galloway, laborer, 20; Richard Bloom, laborer, 24, and Tony Throgmorton. These three and another man, William Trellis, brother-in-law of Bloom, are under arrest. Robbery was the sole motive for murder, according to the confession.

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MAY BE A MURDER

Beaverton Man's Body Found By Track.

Pockets Inside Out, and He Had Been Beaten.

Beaverton despatch: Under circumstances that point to murder, the dead body of Ernest Reilly was found near the water tank at the Grand Trunk station here this morning. Reilly was a well-known character around town, and as Beaverton is under local option, with a number of companions he spent the day in Lindsay. The party returned, home in the evening, arriving on the Grand Trunk train about 8:30. Reilly, it is alleged, was in an advanced state of intoxication. Instead of getting off at the platform, Reilly and his friends disembarked on the opposite side of the train and proceeded up the track. It is supposed that some fracas ensued, and Reilly was struck. There is a deep gash over the left eye and several bruises about the head, and one arm and a wrist were broken. When found Reilly was minus his coat and hat. His shirt was torn to ribbons, and the pockets of his clothes were turned inside out, as if rifled. It is not supposed that he had any money with him, nor has it been disclosed that any of the party brought whiskey back with them.

The body was taken to the Grand Trunk station, where it remained until noon, and was then removed to the premises of Undertaker Black. Dr. Grant made an examination, and Crown Attorney Farewell at Whitby was notified. An inquest was ordered to be opened by Col. McLean, of Orillia, on Friday. Dr. Farewell will go to Beaverton today. Reilly's parents are both living, and he has also two brothers.

Reilly must have met his death early in the night, as the body, when found, was cold and stiff. There were evidences of a scuffle, and the opinion is that the party engaged in a drunken brawl, as all appeared to have been drinking heavily in Lindsay.

Superintendent Rogers, of the provincial police, was notified during the day, and at once detailed an officer to make an investigation.

A LUMINOUS FISH

Rare Specimen Found In Canadian Waters.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The Commissioner of Fisheries has just received interesting specimens of a remarkable little fish never before found in Canada, although rare specimens have been caught in the United States and Europe. It is a small silvery fish not unlike a small herring, but has two rows of pearl organs along the side of the body.

The fish were caught by fishermen on Grand Manan, and they are scientifically valuable and interesting. The most wonderful feature is the fact that each of the pearl organs gives out a brilliant light, similar to a small electric lamp.

The fish are called the "pearl eels," and belong to a group of very rare fish that are luminous. Very little is known about the life history of these small fish, but scientific authorities are of the opinion that they inhabit the deepest waters of the ocean and that the light they give out enables them to procure their food, and may also protect them by frightening away their enemies.

Prof. Prince is handling these specimens to the biological body of which he is chairman, but is preparing a technical report for the Royal Society of Canada.

NORTHERN CRIME

Gruesome Find In Woods Above North Bay.

Body, Badly Beaten, Was Frozen Stiff.

North Bay, Ont., despatch: On Christmas Eve, in the great north woods, a grim tragedy was uncovered which has all the appearances of murder, terrible and sordid. Teamsters engaged in drawing supplies to construction camps of the Canadian Northern Railway from the main line of the C. P. R. at Chapleau, found the body of a man in the snow, frozen stiff. All around were marks of a struggle in the snow, indicating that the man had fought for his life against odds, until at last, beaten down by force of superior numbers, he had fallen and been left to die in the bitter cold of the northern winter. The body was brought to Chapleau, where it was taken possession of by Dr. Sheehan, who found that the man had been battered and bruised to death, with every evidence of promiscuous and brutal murder. Investigation thus far has revealed the identity of the man as Chas. Elson, sub-contractor of Foley Bros., contractors on the Canadian Northern transcontinental line. Elson left camp some days ago, with three other men, to walk 25 miles to Demogus Station, on the C. P. R., where he intended to take a train for a visit to his old home in Stockholm, Sweden. Elson had over \$300 on his person when he left camp headquarters, and this money is missing. Three men, who left camp with him, have disappeared, and are being sought for by the police, thus far without success. The tragedy has caused great excitement in Chapleau, where no doubt is felt but that Elson was brutally murdered.

A GORDON RELIC

Martyred Hero's Prayer Rug Is Recovered.

Khartoum, Dec. 30.—One of the most interesting relics of "Chinese" Gordon, the hero of Khartoum, in the shape of his "prayer mat," which he used while Governor of the Sudan from 1875 to 1879, has just been recovered and brought back to this city. It was given to Bishop Gwynne by one of Gen. Chas. J. Gordon's family, and has now been placed in the Gordon Memorial Chapel in the cathedral here as a "kneeler" in the sanctuary.

It is a piece of woolen needlework, about a yard long and eighteen inches wide, and is exactly similar to the prayer mats carried by devout Moslems. Gordon adopted the idea while on his expeditions in the Sudan, where the floors of the houses are almost without exception formed of baked mud or rough stone.

Bishop Gwynne considered it highly appropriate to place General Gordon's prayer mat in the Gordon Chapel in time for the anniversary of his death, which occurred during the massacre of the inhabitants of Khartoum by the Arabs of Jan. 26, 1885.

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OUR INDUSTRIES

Census of Manufactures Indicates Great Growth.

Enormous Production of Some Big Plants.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The information obtained from the census of the manufactures of Canada taken in June, 1911, has just made its appearance in a bulletin from the census branch. Some of the information was given the public by Mr. Archibald Blair in a speech at the annual meeting of the Manufacturers' Association in September, but much is entirely new.

The returns show that at the time of the census Canada had 19,218 manufacturing establishments, with a capital of \$1,247,373,600; with 215,193 employees; with a pay roll of \$645,226,723; using raw material to the value of \$601,509,018, and turning out products to the value of \$1,185,976,089.

In ten years the number of establishments increased by 4,568; capital by \$600,000,000; employees by 178,000; wages by \$128,000,000; raw material handled by \$335,000,000, and finished products by \$685,000,000.

The extensive development of Canada's industries is indicated by the immense production of some of the establishments. One in Nova Scotia in 1910 turned out more than eight million dollars' worth of products, one in Ontario more than nine million dollars' worth, and two in Quebec more than ten million dollars' worth. There were fourteen establishments which had a production just under seven million dollars each for the year.

Ontario continues the banner Province for manufacturing, having 6,543 establishments, Quebec being next, with 4,945; Nova Scotia following with 1,484; New Brunswick, 919; British Columbia, 292; Prince Edward Island, 334; Manitoba, 324, and Alberta and Saskatchewan together 105.

The figures indicate that amalgamation was practised in Ontario to a very large extent, as during the last five years the number of manufacturing establishments increased by only five, while the total capitalization of the Ontario manufacturing companies increased by 200,000,000, the number of employees by fifty thousand, the amount of wages paid by \$55,000,000, and the total production by \$210,000,000.

Among the cities, Montreal continues in the first place as a manufacturing centre, with Toronto gaining. Hamilton takes third place as a Canadian manufacturing centre, with a production of \$65,125,000.

STEEL TRUST RIVAL

Big Australian Plant to Fight Combine.

Washington, Dec. 30.—A formidable rival to the so-called steel trust is to be created in New South Wales, where a steel-making plant is to be built at a cost of \$5,000,000. The information is conveyed in a report just received by this Government from American Consul-General John P. Bray at Sydney, who says that \$50,000 already has been spent in preliminary work.

The mills are to be erected near Newcastle, and they will be extended as the needs of Australia grow. "The amount of money to be expended will be unlimited," Mr. Bray declares in his report, "because the company will be spending money all the time."

The Broken Hill Proprietary Company is said to be behind the project, which eventually is expected to control absolutely the Australian market.

BETTER SHIP INSPECTION.

Ottawa despatch: It is understood one of the results of Commissioner R. A. Pringle's inquiry into the recent sinking of the steamer Mayflower near Barry's Bay will be the amendment of the regulations governing inspection of steamboats making the law more stringent. Inspection of inland shipping under the act at present is somewhat lax, and in the case of the Mayflower the faulty position of the engine could have been foreseen. Resulting vibration loosened the boat's caulking.

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THE OPIUM TRAFFIC

Chinese Government Wants Support In Crusade.

Peking, Dec. 30.—In view of the unsatisfactory position of the opium question the Chinese Government has issued a manifesto reiterating its desire to suppress the evil and save the people from a life of degradation.

The manifesto expresses the fear that although the Government is in earnest the people are evasive. Referring to the agreement with Great Britain, it points out that the cessation of the importation of Indian opium depends on entire prohibition of the cultivation of the native article and that only thus may a conflict over the Anglo-Chinese agreement be avoided.

Therefore, all the authorities are enjoined strictly to execute all previous proclamations aiming at suppression.

PORTUGAL UNEASY

Politics In New Republic Growing Strong.

Riots Greet Return of Conservative Leader.

Lisbon, via the frontier, Dec. 30.—The political situation arising in the deadlock of the Conservatives and Democrats is rapidly developing. The Conservative element preponderates in the Cabinet, while nearly half of the members of the Portuguese Parliament are Democrats. Both parties are endeavoring to organize a coup d'etat.

The Conservative chief, Dr. Almeida, was hastily summoned back from Switzerland, and his arrival here was made the occasion of a monster demonstration on the part of the Conservatives. The Democrats replied with an equally imposing counter demonstration.

The Government, alarmed at the possibilities of trouble, turned out all available police and troops. As soon as the steamer aboard which Almeida was a passenger was docked, there was a tremendous uproar of cheers and groans, and the Democrats made a determined rush with the object of capturing the leader of the rival party.

A regular riot ensued. Dr. Almeida was extricated from his perilous position by cavalry, which charged through the mob, and he was sent to his house in an automobile under military escort. The baffled Democrats paraded the streets for many hours. The troops are kept constantly under arms, as important happenings are likely at any moment.

The President of the Republic has asked the Premier to pardon the Archbishop of Braga and the Bishops of Port Alagra and Lamego, who were condemned last February to three years' banishment from their dioceses, and to grant amnesty to political prisoners, or at least to relax the severity of their imprisonment, but the Premier has replied that the moment is not favorable for the granting of pardons. Improvements in the prisons, he added, have already been decided upon, and will be shortly carried into effect.

IS THE KING ILL?

Not Mentioned In the Court Circular.

London, Dec. 30.—The King and Queen and their family, and also Queen-Mother Alexandra are spending their Christmas holidays at Sandringham, where their doings are recorded, as is daily customary, in the official court circular.

It is noteworthy that Wednesday's record contains no mention of the King, although the attendance of the others at church and the family Christmas dinner is duly announced.

To-day's morning newspapers called attention to the omission, but the explanation of it has not been learned as yet.

CANNIBALS FATTENED HIM.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Guy Deville de Pion, a former teacher at a local academy, who arrived here yesterday from the west coast of South America, told a tale of having been fattened for a feast by cannibals while attempting to cross Ciudad to Buenos Ayres. He escaped after many adventures, and found himself on the way to Caliao.

"They were a strange people," he said, "and appeared to be half man and half ape. I have no doubt that they meant to eat me. I was mystified by all their kindness until I saw that they were getting me fat. I thought I had best leave, and I did."

GUM ENRAGES AN ELEPHANT.

Memphis, Dec. 30.—Consternation among the animals in the Memphis Zoo and a panic among the crowd of visitors occurred to-day, when two men made friends with the largest elephant, and, after feeding her confections and nuts, gave her a box of chewing gum.

The animal was soon dancing in anger as the gum had become softened before it was swallowed, and was sticking to her mouth and trunk, and no amount of snorting and shaking would dislodge it.

Spectators fled in terror at the trumpeting of the infuriated animal. It was not until the building was closed for some hours and the elephant's mouth and trunk scrubbed that quiet was restored.

COULDN'T LAND PASSENGERS.

Quebec, Dec. 30.—The White Star Line steamer Arabic, from Boston December 17, for Queenstown and Liverpool, arrived off here late this afternoon, but was unable to land passengers because of rough weather, and proceeded to Liverpool.

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