

NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

More Mayors Elected by Acclamation.

CASTRO IS LEAVING.

Three Hockey Players Drown Through Ice.

Rev. John McNeill, Toronto, was inducted as pastor of Cooke's Church.

An Italian nobleman is working in Toronto as an artist's model.

British Columbia will get 5,000,000 whitefish eggs from the United States Government.

The Ambassadors of the Great Powers met in London to review the Balkan situation.

Corrected returns show that Ald. McBride was re-elected in Ward Three, Toronto.

Lady Mulock's will divides an estate of \$300,000 between one son and two daughters.

John C. Lindop, President of the C. Nonsectarian Company, Limited, St. Thomas, died at the age of 83.

The Mayors of Belleville, Gananoque, Haliburton, New Liskeard and Cobalt were elected by acclamation.

John Allen, of the firm of Tupper, Tupper, McFavish & Company, has been appointed Deputy General Attorney of Manitoba.

The Montreal Tramways Company has been ordered by the Public Utilities Commission at Quebec to appear before it and the City Council.

The barns of Mr. Thomas Brown, a well-known farmer on the York road, Tanworth, were destroyed by fire, the origin of which is unknown.

While playing hockey on Pine Lake, near Elvett, Mich., three boys were drowned, in spite of heroic efforts by their companions to rescue them.

As a means of reducing the cost of living, a system of co-operative stores for the sale of provisions was discussed by the Housekeepers' League of Philadelphia.

Cipriano Castro, ex-President of Venezuela, engaged passage on the steamship America, of the Hamburg-American Line, sailing for Hamburg Saturday.

Miss Lizzie Potvin, seventeen years of age, was instantly killed in a store at Deere, Renfrew County, being accidentally shot by an eight-year-old boy who was examining a gun.

Word was received from Rev. W. N. Lippie, Honan, China, that the party of twelve Presbyterian missionaries in Canada arrived there safely and in good health on November 17th.

John Emily Sawyer, a trapeze performer, fell fourteen feet through an unfastened trunk gate at a Pontiac, Mich., theatre and was instantly killed. Her neck was broken by the fall.

At a meeting of the directors of the Canadian General Electric Company, Limited, Mr. W. B. Brock was elected Honorary President and Chairman of the board and Mr. Frederic Nicholls was elected President of the company to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Brock's election to the Honorary Presidency.

CANADA'S PROTEST

Re Panama Canal Awaited In Washington.

Washington, Jan. 6.—In the midst of the deliberate consideration which State Department officials are giving the note of Sir Edward Grey of November 14, protesting against the exemption of American coastwise shipping in the Panama Canal, attention has been attracted to a report emanating from Ottawa that the Canadian Government is preparing new matter to add to that protest. Without official knowledge on the subject, the conclusion has been reached that this Canadian presentment will be devoted to an elaboration of statements made in the Grey note regarding the effect of the Panama Canal act upon Canadian railways owning and operating vessels, as well as to the parallel to be drawn between the Welland Canal and the Panama Canal.

So far as the Welland Canal argument is concerned, the American contention is simple and direct. In substance, it amounts to a sweeping denial that there is anything like a parallel between the Panama Canal, an independent waterway, forming in what some quarters has been regarded as part of the coast line, and the Canadian waterway, which is a mere incident in the boundary waters of the two countries, one of which is specially guaranteed to both nations on even terms.

UTAH GETS BIG HELP.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 5.—The inheritance tax paid to the State of Utah by the estate of the late E. H. Harriman will cover about two-thirds of the cost of the erection of the State Capitol which was contracted for to-day. The Harriman estate paid the State nearly three-quarters of a million dollars, and this was set aside by the last Legislature as a capital fund. The building will cost \$1,000,000.

COFFIN BY PARCELS POST.

Zanesville, O., Jan. 6.—For the first time in the history of the country, a coffin was sent through the mails to the Zanesville postoffice. It weighed 14 pounds, and was sent by a manufacturing company to an undertaker in Dexter, Ohio. The lid had been sent as a separate package so the weight of the coffin would come within the seven-pound limit. The total postage was 65 cents.

CHINA'S TROUBLES

Opium Difficulty Makes Financial Outlook Bad.

London, Jan. 6.—The financial condition of the new Chinese republic seems to be one of the leading topics that is worrying the men of affairs at the opening of the new year. The economic situation seems to be very serious in consequence of the opium difficulty. The leading banks of Hong Kong, fearing a panic, have decided not to demand any further margins to cover the great depreciation in hypothecated opium.

One correspondent, cabling from Peking, says: "We are actually witnessing the dramatic collapse and the end of the opium trade which has enriched India for the past century by \$40,000,000. This will be practically responsible for the breaking up of the Chinese economic system on the coast and Yangtze provinces beginning yesterday. It will virtually close the doors of China against a drug trade in which all except England stigmatize the action of Great Britain as a blot on her fair name in Asia. The banks of Great Britain, which are involved to the extent of \$25,000,000, tremble now for their money. How can the problem be solved? It would tax the wisdom of Solomon. British diplomacy has again proved its incapacity."

OFFERED APOLOGY

Guelph M. H. O. Gets His Rights.

Guelph report: Charged with criminal libel by Dr. H. O. Howitt, medical officer of health, in connection with the charges made against that official to the City Council, on Thursday last, the twenty men, headed by W. H. Robinson, who signed the petition, appeared before Magistrate Saunders in the police court this morning. After the case had been duly presented to the magistrate and a public apology had been made to Dr. Howitt by the men concerned, the case was rosted, and at the request of Mr. Mowat, acting for the crown, and J. R. Howitt, counsel for the plaintiff, an adjournment was ordered for one week.

Meantime efforts will be made to have the words "medical health officer" expunged from the petition altogether before it goes before Judge Jamieson for investigation.

Chief Randall said this morning that he welcomed the fullest investigation of the charges against his department. The chief was away for some days out of town, otherwise, he says, he would have requested the Police Commission to take the matter up and investigate any charges made against him.

A HUNGARIAN DUEL

Leading Politicians in a Bloody Battle.

Budapest, Jan. 6.—Count Michael Karolyi, a prominent member of the Opposition in the Hungarian Lower House, was severely wounded by Count Stephen Tisza, the Speaker of the Lower House, in a duel with sabres, which took place here to-day. Count Tisza also was cut on the hand. The duel lasted an hour, during which time 32 bouts were fought. It was brought to a conclusion only by the exhaustion of the contestants, who separated without being reconciled.

The combat arose out of a political quarrel. On June 7th last Count Tisza, while presiding over the Lower House, narrowly escaped assassination by Deputy Julius Kovacs, who fired at him three times and then shot himself. The attack upon Count Tisza was the outcome of the universal suffrage agitation, to which he is strongly opposed.

A large number of Opposition deputies had previously been excluded from the chamber. Their ejection gave rise to many riotous scenes, and on October 30 the excluded deputies, led by Count Michael Karolyi, Count Albert Apponyi and Francis Kossuth, tried to force their way into the chamber again, but were once more forced to retire.

REAL LIFE RAFFLES

Wealthy German Thief Returned His Booty.

Geneva, Jan. 6.—In September last a burglary was committed in a large villa at Zurich, and was so cleverly performed that the police could not trace the author, who escaped with shares, jewels and money valued at over \$5,000.

A well-known firm of solicitors at Stuttgart returned all the stolen goods to the judge of the Zurich tribunal, and stated in a letter that under professional secrecy they could not give the name of their client, who was a wealthy man, and who became a burglar like Raffles—"under the stress of excitement." The German firm of lawyers hoped that as all the goods have been returned and their client is very repentant, no further measures will be taken in the case.

The Zurich judge, however, has other views, and demands the arrest of the burglar. The Federal Government agrees, and through its Berlin Minister has demanded the arrest and extradition of the burglar.

BRITISH STEAMER'S MISHAP.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 6.—The British steamer Northpoint arrived here to-day with a hole stove in her No. 1 hold, as the result of a collision with a ferry steamer during a fog this morning off Craney Island. The Northpoint's cargo will be discharged and a survey made.

PEACE SESSION IS POSTPONED

Delegates Will Not Meet Till 6 P. M. To-day.

ROUMANIA ON HAND

Sends Statesman to Watch the Conference.

London, Jan. 6.—The opening of to-day's peace conference at St. James' palace was postponed until six o'clock this evening, in order to enable the Turkish delegates fully to digest the fresh instructions they have received from Constantinople, and to put them into proper shape for presentation to the envoys of Bulgaria, Greece, Montenegro and Serbia.

TO PACIFY ALBANIA.

Vienna, Jan. 6.—Austria-Hungary and Italy are making preparations to land a joint expeditionary force in Albania immediately after the conclusion of the London conference, according to the Wiener Journal.

This step, it is said, is to be taken by the two allies in order to pacify Albania and to establish a new condition of affairs there.

WAITING FOR THE MAP.

London, Jan. 6.—Peace in the Balkans depends upon a map. If the map that the Turkish delegation is now preparing showing the proposed boundary between Bulgaria and Turkey is not satisfactory to the allies, their representatives have let it be known very emphatically that a sudden ending will befall the conferences in St. James' picture gallery.

When the Turk lays down his hand at to-morrow's meeting there will be a decision made one way or the other.

ROUMANIA IS WATCHFUL.

London, Jan. 6.—M. Joneco, former Minister of Finance of Roumania, arrived here to-day. In an interview he denied that he was on any special mission, but admitted that he intended to confer with M. Danef, the president of the Bulgarian Parliament, in reference to the decisions of the peace conference. Roumania, he said, was deeply interested in the settlement of the Balkan matters, and wanted to know what was going on. He called attention to the fact that 400,000 Roumanians live in Macedonia and Crete, but refused to say anything about the reported Bulgarian cession of territory. He emphasized, however, the necessity of Roumania safeguarding her interests. He thought it was probable that the conferences of the delegates from Turkey and the allies and the Ambassadorial conference would be followed by a congress of the powers similar to that held in 1878, and that Roumania would probably submit her claims to such a tribunal on which she would undoubtedly be represented.

M. Joneco conferred with Raymond Poincare, the French Premier, on New Year's Day. He also had arranged in advance for a talk with the late Herr von Kiderlin-Waechter, the German Secretary of Foreign Affairs, who died suddenly of heart failure on Monday. The death of this statesman, however, prevented such an interview.

A despatch from Bucharest says that it is practically certain that unless Joneco's talk with M. Danef will result favorably Roumania will occupy the territory to the southward of Dobruja, and that medical stores have already been served to troops on the frontier.

FEAR THE KURDS

Foreigners in Constantinople Are in Danger.

Constantinople, Jan. 6.—Well-informed persons here regard the situation as much more disquieting than in November, when the entry of the Bulgarians into the capital was threatened. This means that the outlook for foreigners, following the action of the Bulgarian delegate at London yesterday, is regarded as menacing.

At the time referred to the wild Kurdish tribesmen made certain threats as to what they would do if the Bulgarians pressed their way into Constantinople, they (the Kurds) would also come in and that they would not leave the place "empty-handed." To persons acquainted with the work of the Kurds this was very serious. It meant that they would kill, burn and plunder, and that no Christians would be safe.

There are 11,500 of these Kurds in the vicinity of Constantinople, and the Ambassadors and the captains of the warships outside have ominous impressions as to what will happen if the war between Turkey and the allies is resumed. The Russian and Roumanian forces, which are available for the protection of foreigners have already been strengthened.

WOMEN WANT CABINET SEATS.

Princeton, Jan. 6.—Two women have been proposed for places in the Cabinet of President-elect Wilson, one of them for the portfolio of Secretary of War. This disclosure was made to-day, when Mr. Wilson was asked if the suffragettes had suggested any names of women for Cabinet positions.

"I think I have received only two such requests," he replied. "The recommendations were made in a general way, but one had a particular lady for Secretary of War. If I am not mistaken, but I ought to be able to tell you."

PERILS OF THE SEA

Terrible Passage of British Barque Around Horn.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 6.—A huge iceberg, four or five miles long, and over one thousand feet high—the biggest seen in years—was sighted by the crew of the British barque Metropolis, Captain John Abbott, which has reached the port of Astoria after a passage of 133 days from Buenos Ayres. The huge berg was seen in the vicinity of Cape Horn, and, according to the officers of the ship, the boom of the breakers on its windward side sounded like a rockbound coast in a hurricane. The berg is described as a solid mountain of ice, and it was by no means the only one of vast proportions sighted. The Metropolis was in their midst for six weeks, waiting for a chance to make the passage round the Horn, and the danger of collision made perpetual vigilance necessary.

While the ship was blocked by ice, a terrific storm arose and disabled the steering gear. The topsail yards were carried away, and only the most heroic efforts on the part of the crew saved the ship from being dashed to pieces against the walls of ice, which extended out of the ocean on every hand. To add to the difficulties of the situation, the weather became icy cold and the 22-below temperature turned the Metropolis herself into the semblance of an iceberg. She drifted out of her course, and three times was she in sight of the Horn before finally entering the Pacific.

USEFUL WHALES

Are Herding Herring For B. C. Fishermen.

Victoria, Jan. 6.—From Prince Rupert comes the report that two huge whales have been engaged to herd the shoals of herring into that port for the benefit of the fishermen and the plan has met with such success that whales are to be used hereafter as the "sheepdogs" of the sea at the northern terminal.

The two whales display a lordly indifference to everything except herring, with the result that big catches are being made. Messrs. E. Mortimer, McDonald and Robinson are said to have first observed the efforts of the leviathans to corner the herring market in a rocky cove near Prince Rupert.

The whales drove the herring close to shore, and after opening their mouths to a wide angle they went through the shoal of fish at high speed, with the result that many were missing from the shoal. The gulls flying over the whales locate the leviathans and the fishermen, instead of making long trips for their catch, are now following the gulls, with the result that big hauls are the rule.

NO IRISH ENVOYS

Home Rule Discussion Clears Some Doubts.

London, Jan. 6.—Six clauses of the Home Rule Bill were disposed of by the operation of closure during the report stage in the House of Commons this evening.

Earl Winterton moved an amendment to clause 2, prohibiting the Irish Parliament from passing resolutions on matters purely not pertinent to Ireland. He contended that such a check was necessary in view of the danger which might arise by the adoption of resolutions affecting the Crown and the issue of peace, war and foreign relations.

Earl Winterton and two other Unionist members, Sir Frederick Banbury and Sir Gilbert Parker contended that during a time of crisis the Irish Parliament could adopt resolutions which would greatly endanger the interests of Great Britain, and it might even send a representative to Washington. They argued that the stability of the Nationalist party was maintained by Irish-Americans, and "those who, paid the piper were entitled to call the tune."

Augustine Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, opposed the amendment as being irritating and ineffective. The Irish executive, he said, would not be empowered to have any envoys of any accredited powers with principalities, Popes or powers. "The amendment was rejected by a majority of 125.

Locker Lampson next moved an amendment to prevent the Irish Parliament from making grants or voting public money for a purpose upon which it was not empowered to legislate. Mr. Birrell contended that the powers in the abuses apprehended could not arise. The amendment was negatived on division by a vote of 294 to 169.

Various Government amendments to clauses 2 and 3 were then put and agreed to.

The proposal to omit clause 4, by which the new executive is to be set up, was then discussed and negatived.

TORONTO ACCIDENTS.

Toronto despatch: Little six-year-old Ethel Liggett, 49 McKay avenue, is in the Hospital for Sick Children suffering from concussion of the brain received in a street car accident yesterday afternoon on Bloor street west, and James Reid, 40 Symington avenue, died shortly before midnight in the Western Hospital, where he was taken early in the evening, with his right arm broken and his head badly bruised and cut. He was run over on the Dundas street bridges by a street car.

"A good name is more to be chosen than great riches," quoted the Wise Guy. "I wonder if that is why a girl will check an American millionaire and marry one of these foreign noblemen."

DR. CARREL'S FIND

Scientist's Valuable Discovery in Healing.

Will Repair Broken Leg in Four Days.

New York, Jan. 6.—Dr. Alexis Carrel, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, who received the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1912, is the first to announce a great scientific discovery in 1913. In the current issue of the Journal of Experimental Medicine, the official organ of the Rockefeller Institute, dated January 1st, he predicts as the result of a series of experiments which have been in progress since 1907, the possibility of healing a cutaneous wound in less than a day, and the repair of a broken leg in four days. Although Dr. Carrel does not mention in his preliminary report, the assertion is also made that the reparative process may become applicable not only in cases where the tissues have been divided, as in knife wounds, but in cases where large areas of tissues have been destroyed in various parts of the body by disease.

Dr. Carrel's latest discovery is the result of speculation as to the manner in which cells multiply and thus effect the growth of tissues. If it were possible, he argued, to become possessed of this knowledge it ought to be possible also to promote this proliferation of cells, and the consequent growth of connective tissue by artificial means. His important discovery is almost concealed beneath this innocuous caption, "Artificial Activation of the Growth in Vitro of Connective Tissue."

Aided by knowledge of the fact that the growth of the body is dependent in many respects on the more or less mysterious activities of some of the ductile glands—the thyroids for instance—he applied a mixture of thyroid extract and minced portions of other organs of the body to cutaneous wounds.

The results were wonderful, almost miraculous. They bear out the scientist's statement that "if the rate of the reparation of tissues were activated ten times only, a cutaneous wound would heal in less than twenty-four hours, and a fracture of the leg would be cured in four days."

AN AWFUL RECORD.

Year's N. Y. Street Fatalities Total 532.

New York, Jan. 6.—Street accidents in New York City during the year 1912 caused the death of 532 persons. Statistics made public to-day by the National Highway Protective Society show that 230 of these victims were children, of whom 105 were run over by automobiles. Of the total deaths 221 were due to automobiles, 134 to trolley cars, and 177 to wagons. During the same period 2,333 persons were injured. The deaths from these accidents in 1911 numbered 423.

In the State of New York, outside of New York City, 234 persons were killed on the streets and highways during the year, 127 of them by automobiles, 79 by trolley cars and 28 by wagons.

Ninety-one drivers of motor cars away after the accidents.

MAURA WAS UNPOPULAR.

Barcelona, Jan. 6.—Street demonstrations were held to-day on the occasion of the retirement from public life of ex-President Maura. Processions were formed, which marched through the principal quarters, crying "Down with Maura. Long live liberty."

Numerous speakers addressed the crowds and recalled that Senor Maura was Premier when Francisco Ferrer was executed. The police finally dispersed the manifestants.

MAKE H. B. NAVIGATION SAFE.

Ottawa report: While work on the Hudson Bay Railway is being pushed forward, arrangements are being made to secure such aids as will make the bay and straits safe for navigation. A party will be sent out in the spring to arrange for the installation of buoys and the location of lighthouses and beacons.

J. T. Hazen, the expert engaged by the Government to advise as to the layout of terminals at Port Nelson, is now on his way to Ottawa, and the estimates this year will contain another large vote for docks and harbor improvements.

N. Y. STRIKE UNSETTLED.

New York, Jan. 6.—Efforts to settle the garment workers' strike to-day failed. The various agencies working for peace did not even find a basis upon which they thought manufacturers and employees might agree.

The New York Clothing Trades' Association held a long meeting, at the conclusion of which President Benjamin declared that nothing had been done toward a settlement. He asserted that the employers were willing to treat with the men, but that the recognition of the union would not be granted under any circumstances. "The strike is fizzling out," said Mr. Benjamin.

POPPY CROWE'S ALARMED.

Calcutta, Jan. 6.—The trouble over the importation of opium into China is regarded as a very serious matter here. Under the treaty provisions imports of opium are not allowed into China. What the growers of the opium in this country are going to do with their output is a serious matter. According to despatches from Hong Kong and other places the product of this country arriving in China has been held up, and the banks refused to advance any money on it. The Indian Government will probably have to suppress the sales of the product.

VIOLET ASQUITH

Seeing Washington With Countess Aberdeen.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Miss Violet Asquith, daughter of the Prime Minister of Great Britain, and the Countess of Aberdeen, wife of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, arrived here to-day to be the guests for a few days of the British Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce.

Many entertainments and social functions have been arranged in their honor. There was a small informal dinner at the Embassy for them to-night, but on Saturday night a formal dinner in their honor will be given there. The distinguished visitors will be presented to Washington society at a tea at the Embassy to-morrow afternoon, and in the evening they will go with the Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce to the diplomatic reception at the White House, where the Ambassador will be next in line to Ambassador Jusserand, of France, dean of the corps. Mrs. Henry Dimock also will give the visitors a dinner.

As both the Countess and Miss Asquith are interested as active workers in various political and social betterment movements, among them the establishment of industrial schools for the poor, the anti-tuberculosis fight and woman suffrage, it is expected that they will visit some of the philanthropic institutions and consult prominent workers here on these lines.

JAS. R. KEENE DEAD

Prominent N. Y. Financier and Turfman Passes.

New York, Jan. 7.—The death early to-day of James R. Keene removes a figure which was long familiar in financial and sporting circles, not only in this country, but abroad. Mr. Keene died in a private hospital at 2.15 o'clock this morning, following an operation yesterday for abdominal trouble, the end coming somewhat suddenly, although it had been realized that his condition was serious.

Mr. Keene underwent the first operation for his trouble in Italy two years ago, and a second one in London in the summer of 1911, at which time there were doubts that he would survive. He rallied, however, and returned to New York last fall, and went into seclusion in apartments at a hotel. The fact that he was seriously ill again became known about a week ago, when his favorite valet, Frank Biesler, committed suicide. His removal early this week to a private hospital, at the instance of his son, Foxhall Keene, was made against the wishes of the doctors that he was in a critical condition.

Mr. Keene was 74 years old, having been born in London in 1838. His early life was spent in California as a miner, where he eventually made a fortune in stocks. His later career in Wall street came to a practical end with the collapse of the Columbus and Hocking pool, of which he was manager, in July, 1910.

Mr. Keene has owned many, and at the time of his death still owned a few, of the most prominent race horses in this country and Europe. His winnings for many years were the largest of any one American turf man.

FIVE AT A BIRTH

Abbeville, La., Woman Helps the Population.

Abbeville, La., Jan. 6.—Five male children, all perfectly formed, were born yesterday to Mrs. Audrey Lassen, wife of a local carpenter. Two of the children were dead at birth, but the others lived. The babies were born at intervals of from five minutes to more than an hour. The smallest of the children weighed twenty-two ounces, and the largest tipped the scales at slightly over five pounds. Physicians in attendance say that other than the unusual number of the children there were no abnormal circumstances attending the birth.

Mrs. Lassen has three other children, two of them twins and born two years ago. All three of these are boys. She is 28 years of age, and her husband is about four years her senior.

Mrs. Lassen weighs nearly 200 pounds, while her husband weighs 140.

SEATTLE FEARS A FLOOD.

Seattle, Jan. 6.—Rain fell all day in Western Washington and all the conditions for a widespread flood are present—fifteen feet of snow in the mountains, more snow falling, rain in the foothills and a warm wind blowing from the sea. The rivers of Western Washington are already near the danger point.

Northern Pacific and Milwaukee overland trains are running on time. The Great Northern fast mail arrived four hours late. Freight trains are not being moved.

VANCOUVER'S MAYOR.

Vancouver, Jan. 6.—Ald. T. S. Baxter was to-day declared elected Mayor of Vancouver by acclamation. Jonathan Rogers and former Mayor L. B. Taylor handed in their nomination papers, but in the excitement of the last moment Taylor forgot to sign his, and was declared disqualified because of technical errors in connection with entries of property he tried to qualify on.

A light that doesn't shine beautifully around the family table at home is not fit to take a long way off to do a great service to someone else.—J. Hudson Taylor.