

NOT WORTH ONE PENNY.

Cleveland Paper Scathingly Arraigns Mrs. Chadwick --- Papers Aggregating \$13,750,000 Bearing Carnegie's Name Are Valueless--Believed Forgeries.

New York, Dec. 10.--Fretted by prison restraint, apparently almost friendless and unable to secure bail for only \$15,000, Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick is expected to decide today whether she will go voluntarily to Cleveland to meet her accusers or to begin the long legal battle in prospect in New York City.

Yesterday, irritated by the failure of her counsel to secure bail, Mrs. Chadwick was determined to go to Ohio and only consented to postpone her start until today on the urgent advice of her attorneys. It is her belief that it will be easier for her to secure bail in Cleveland. If she elects to remain in New York and contest the efforts of federal authorities to take her to Ohio, it is probable that she will have to face Andrew Carnegie, whose name was signed to the notes held in Ohio as security for loans.

It was announced semi-officially at the office of the Federal authorities early today that Mrs. Chadwick would not waive examination in face of the latest development in Cleveland, and would probably remain here to fight out her case. Mrs. Chadwick apparently had today recovered from the extreme nervousness with which she had been suffering for the past few days.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 10.--The Plain Dealer says: "When the contents of the mysterious 'securities' held for Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick by Iri Reynolds in the Wade Park bank, are revealed, it will be found that the signature of Andrew Carnegie has apparently been forged on notes and other papers to the total amount of \$13,750,000. The securities held by Reynolds, together with those that were held by the Citizens' National Bank of Oberlin, and have already been made public, aggregate this amount. These securities consist of the following items:

"First, a note for the sum of \$5,000,000, bearing the signature of Andrew Carnegie. "Second, a certificate of trusteeship which states that Andrew Carnegie has in his possession stocks and bonds to the amount of \$7,500,000, held by him in trust for Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick. This paper also bears the signature of Mr. Carnegie. These securities have been for the past three years the principal basis on which

Mrs. Chadwick has conducted her financial system, and on which she has borrowed sums, which, it is conceded, run up into the millions and are positively known to exceed \$1,000,000. "And these same 'securities' are the rock which has wrecked the Oberlin and caused the ruin of hundreds of families and losses to many business firms. It is the frankly expressed opinion of reputable lawyers, who have examined these papers that they are not worth one cent.

"There is bitter irony in the fact that the very man who held this worthless paper so faithfully and tenaciously for Mrs. Chadwick, and who apparently believed in its worth so implicitly, and through whom others were drawn into the vortex of Mrs. Chadwick's operations, should be himself one of the heaviest losers. There is stated as a fact, not hitherto known, that Reynolds loaned Mrs. Chadwick practically all the money he possessed. His entanglements however, involve only himself the Wade Park Bank in no way is affected.

"The note for \$5,000,000 is believed by all who have knowledge of it, to have been written and signed by the same person who filled out and signed the notes for \$500,000 and \$250,000 held by the Citizens Bank of Oberlin. It is believed that the certificate of trusteeship states that the securities held by Andrew Carnegie for Mrs. Chadwick consist of United States Steel bonds, Caledonia Railway stock in Scotland and Great Western R. R. stock in England, the three aggregating as above stated \$7,500,000.

"To put it briefly the Chadwick bubble has burst. There is no hope apparent. The foundation on which Mrs. Chadwick's creditors rested their expectations has sunk, and the Chadwick financial system, which has been tottering for the past two weeks has fallen. Unless help should arrive from some now unseen source, the creditors are helpless, and Mrs. Chadwick has no resource. She must now face the storm that has been steadily growing in intensity.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 10.--U. S. Judge Wing has signed an order calling for a special session of the federal grand jury to meet in this city next Wednesday for the consideration of the Chadwick case.

ADMIRALTY PROGRAMME.

Lord Selborne Announces Plans For British Navy --- Twenty-Six New Cruisers of Great Speed and Heavy Armament --- Less Effective Ships To Be Withdrawn.

London, Dec. 10.--In an official memorandum issued today dealing with the future distribution and mobilization of the British fleet Lord Selborne, first Lord of the Admiralty, makes some interesting remarks on the development of foreign navies throughout the world, constituting in Lord Selborne's view a new and definite stage of naval affairs in the western hemisphere. He says: "The United States is forming a navy the power and size of which will be limited only by the amount of money the American people choose to spend on it. In the Eastern hemisphere a smaller but model navy, that of Japan, has been put to the test of war and not found wanting. The Russian navy has been greatly increased and with the exception of the Black sea fleet has been wholly transferred or is in course of being transferred to the Pacific. The navies of Italy and Austria have maintained their positions in the Mediterranean but the expenditure thereon has not been increased as in the case of other powers. The French navy stands as always in the forefront and a new German navy has come

into existence. It is a navy of the efficient type and so fortunately circumstanced that it is able to concentrate almost the whole of its fleet at home ports."

Dwelling on the improvement of the British fleet Lord Selborne remarks that all the old battleships have been replaced by modern ships, and that great Britain will have within the year twenty-six modern cruisers, built within four years of great speed, with armaments as powerful as that of battleships and altogether a great advance on anything which has preceded them.

Lord Selborne then details the fleet changes. The home fleet henceforth will be called the Channel fleet, with headquarters at home. It will consist of twelve battleships and a sufficient number of cruisers. The present channel fleet will be renamed the Atlantic fleet, have its permanent base at Gibraltar and consist of eight battleships and a sufficient number of cruisers. Affiliated to the channel and Atlantic fleets will be cruiser squadrons, each of six armored cruisers, each of six Rear Admirals. The South Atlantic

squadron under the new arrangement will remain as now constituted. The Mediterranean fleet will consist of eight battleships and attendant cruisers with its base at the Island of Malta.

Dealing with the cruisers on the extra European waters Lord Selborne says it has been decided to withdraw the less effective ships of the North American and West Indies stations and to add to the station squadrons a new particular service squadron which the admiralty has decided to constitute. Naval cadets and boys in training will hereafter be transferred from the training ships to this particular service squadron which will be composed of six or eight modern fighting ships which will be combined into one squadron under the command-in-chief of the North American station. In conclusion, Lord Selborne outlines the places for the naval manoeuvres of 1905 and 1906 which will have for their object the testing of the new scheme, the object of which is that "On a declaration of war the fighting efficiency of the fleet shall be complete and instantaneous."

LANSDOWNE RE-AFFIRMS.

Great Britain's Determination Not to Interfere in Russo-Jap War --- Japan Will be Represented at the Peace Conference --- Torpedo Boats for Russia.

Tokio, Dec. 10.--Noon--The foreign office has issued the following statement on the position which the Japanese government has taken in regard to the proposed International peace conference.

"An invitation from the president of the United States of America having been received by the Japanese government at Tokio, Dec. 1, to take part in the proposed second international peace conference, the government at once replied to the effect that being fully alive to the urgent necessity for more exact definitions and uniform practices than now exist in respect to some of the questions about to be submitted to the proposed conference, and finding that the fact that the nation is now engaged in war is no sufficient reason why it should not take part in the work of the conference, it has been decided upon the part of the Japanese government to accept the invitation.

"This action is taken, however, with the distinct reservation that the proposed conference shall not assume to adopt any measures which will in any way affect the present conflict.

Ships in The Baltic.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 4.--The admiralty announces officially that while the only ships still in the Baltic will be made ready as soon as possible against any eventuality, no decision has yet been arrived at regarding sending them to the Far East. The battleship Slava, the only modern battleship will not be completed before early in the spring.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 9.--The following official statement was made today in regard to the reports of famine in Central Russia:

Russia Has No Famine. There were bad harvests in Southern

Bessarabia and also; but not so bad in two districts of Kherzon, two of Poltava and three of Nishni Novgorod. The government is aiding the peasants in these districts with loans to purchase food and seed grain. The time is hard, but the people are not starving."

Can't See Russian Ships.

Tokio, Dec. 10--11 a. m.--It is reported here that since the commencement of the bombardment of the Russian fleet in Port Arthur harbor, the Japanese military observers on 203 metre hill have not seen anything of the Russian fleet of torpedo boat destroyers, and it is presumed it has taken shelter behind Laoti Mountain. The Japanese fleet lying off the entrance to the harbor is constantly on the alert in anticipation of an attempt being made by any of the Russian warships, to escape and seek refuge in some neutral port.

Will Not Interfere.

New York, Dec. 10.--A London despatch to the Times says that in response to the appeal of the International arbitration and peace Association, foreign Minister Lansdowne repeats that the British government is not aware of any circumstances that would justify it in modifying its previous decision not to interfere in the Russo-Japanese war.

More Ships For Russia.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 10.--Nine torpedo boats built at Perth Amboy, N. J., for the Russian government have been completed and will leave the yards today. They have been taken apart and loaded on a barge to be towed to New York and shipped as merchandise on a liner. The tenth boat will cross the ocean under its own power.

TO CONSULT DR. LORENZ.

Hon. Mr. Fielding, Wife and Daughter, Leave for England En-route to Vienna.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.--Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, accompanied by Mrs. Fielding and Miss Zillah Fielding, left Ottawa today for New York, where they are to embark on Monday on the White Star Line steamer "Cretic" for the Mediterranean trip.

Mr. Fielding is going to London on business but, in the meantime, is extending his trip to the south to enable him to accompany his wife and daughter to Vienna for the purpose of consultation with the famous Austrian surgeon, Dr. Lorenz. They will land at Naples or Genoa, proceed by rail to Vienna, where the ladies will remain while Mr. Fielding continues his journey to London. He expects to be back in Canada soon after the beginning of the parliamentary session.

MORE TEAMS QUIT CONTEST.

Last Day of Six Day Race Finds Riders Terribly Distressed.

New York, Dec. 10.--Owing to the furious pace which has been kept up during the night the Kussoff-Massan, Palmer-Agraz and Downing-Limberg teams were compelled to abandon the contest on the last day of the six day bicycle race at Madison Square. It is not at all unlikely that the Keegan-Logan team will be forced to retire during the day. Keegan is in bad shape. Turville and Matting are practically out of the race, as they are now five laps behind the leaders. Root, Steel and Williams were setting the pace early today.

At 10 a. m. the standing of the seven surviving teams was as follows: Vanderstuyft--Stol, 2, 165.7; Root-Borlon, 2, 185.7; Samuelson-Williams, 2, 185.6; Cougholtz, - Breton, 2, 185.1; Keegan-Logan, 2, 185.2; Kreba-Poglar, 2, 185.4; Turville-Metting, 2, 185.1.

BANK OFFICIAL SHOOT HIMSELF.

Claude May, messenger of the bank of British North America, shot and killed himself at Halifax, this morning. May is 35 years old and no reason is attributed. He has been in the service of the bank for about two years. He is known in St. John.

SMELT ARE SCARCE.

R. A. Lawlor, judge of Probate, of Chatham, N. B., is in the city and will return home tonight.

Today in conversation with a Times reporter, and on being asked as to the lumber prospects on the north shore said: "Well, I don't think the reports as to the depression in the lumber business are exactly correct. There will be a big output this season, practically as big as last."

As regards the fishing Mr. Lawlor said the smelt catch was unusually poor. Naturally the scarcity in smelts which at this season of the year, are always in demand will tend to enhance their value and if there is a dearth in the supply the price will correspondingly increase.

THE COLD SNAP.

This morning broke fine and clear. The Sun shone brightly from an almost cloudless sky, and the air was crisp and cold.

People shivered as they went about their daily occupations, and nobody remained out of doors any longer than was actually necessary.

LATE PERSONALS.

W. F. Humphrey, Ex-M. P. P., passed through today to Moncton, from a business trip up the St. John river.

L. B. Dickson, commercial traveller, who has been in the city for the past two days, left this morning for Moncton.

A. B. Maggs of Sussex is registered at the Victoria.

Miss E. F. Parlee, of the Moncton Transcript, passed through today from Fredericton.

J. H. Harris, wholesale merchant of Moncton, who was in the city yesterday, returned home today.

Mrs. E. A. Titus who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. H. Mott, German St. returned to St. Martins this morning.

Miss Margaret Godfrey who has been visiting friends in Massachusetts returned home last evening in the steamer St. Croix.

The Thistle curling club will play their first game tonight on their rink. This is a week earlier than last year. There is no ice at the St. Andrew's rink as yet.

The Rev. Dr. Fotheringham and the Rev. David Lang of St. Andrew's church have arranged for an exchange of pulpits at to-morrow morning's service.

A key found on Prince William St. awaits an owner at the Central Police station.

THE POLICEMEN.

They Are Not Well Clad for Winter Weather.

St. John policemen are not properly clad for cold weather, and, as a natural consequence, have suffered considerably during the last two or three days. A statement to this effect was made by Deputy Chief Jenkins this morning.

The deputy says that the coats the men are wearing at present are not at all suitable for cold weather. The name and address of the mothers, and particulars about the infants already in Mrs. King's care will be given. Failure to comply with the regulations as pointed out by Mr. Jones will result in the laying of information.

WILL BUILD STRONG FORT.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.--(Special).--The Militia Department will have completed the surveys, before the winter sets in, for the erection of a strong fort on the St. Lawrence River, just below Quebec, to add to the natural defence strength of that port. The fort will be built next season.

WINTER PORT NOTES.

Royal Mail steamship Parisian arrived at Halifax early this morning, and will be due here tomorrow morning.

Donaldson line steamship Concordia will sail for Glasgow this afternoon at 4 o'clock. She takes 498 cattle and 150 sheep besides other general cargo.

Allan line steamship Corinthian sailed this afternoon for Liverpool via Halifax with a large passenger list and general cargo.

Manifests for the following United States products were received at the Custom House today from frontier ports viz., 4 cars cattle, 5 cars lamb, two cars meats, and one car doors.

HE KILLED HIS MAN IN KITCHEN FIGHT.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 10.--Wm. McGee who claims to be the sole white survivor of Guster's command in the famous battle of the Little Big Horn, is under arrest here charged with homicide.

Late Thursday night he got into an argument with a sailor named Frank Mitchell in the latter's flat over the proper method for cooking a kidney stew. A quarrel followed and the man attacked McGee with a knife, striking him on the forehead and cutting his forehead.

McGee bears the scars of many wounds which he claims to have received before his detachment from the forces. Recently he came here from Texas and has been canvassing for a magazine.

A NEW DIVISION

Of the Sons of Temperance--The Officers.

Grand Worthy Patriarch, Herbert C. Tilley, accompanied by some of the grand officers and members of the Sons of Temperance, went to Lorneville last night and instituted a division of the order.

The following officers were elected. Worthy Patriarch ... Rev. L. A. Maclean.

Worthy Associate ... Miss Annie J. Cunningham.

Recording Scribe, ... Miss Etta McAfee.

Assistant Recording Scribe, ... Miss Annie A. McCavour.

F. S. ... Miss Florence Perry.

Chaplain, ... Lucinda McCavour.

Conductor, ... Stephen McCavour.

Assistant Conductor, ... Clifford McKee.

Inside sentinel ... Wilson Evans.

Outside Sentinel ... Henry McCavour.

HOCKEY LEAGUE.

President J. D. Chipman Calls Meeting for Dec. 15th.

J. D. Chipman, St. Stephen, the president of the New Brunswick Hockey League, has called a meeting of representatives to the league, at the Royal Hotel on Thursday, December 15th, at 8 o'clock. Representatives of the different hockey clubs throughout the province are expected to attend. Arrangements will be made as to the formation of a league, and the schedule of games to be played. It is important that St. John should have a good representation at this meeting, and if there are any differences, to have them cleared up, so that the games will be conducted harmoniously.

THE SCHOOLS.

All the High School Prizes Won By Boys This Year.

On Friday, December 23rd, the public schools will close for the Christmas holidays. In the High School the usual programme of exercises and presentation of medals will be given, to which the public are cordially invited.

Contrary to the usual custom the prizes this year were all won by the boys. In previous years the girls have generally carried off the honors, but now the tables are turned and the boys are triumphant.

Accompanying the governor general's medal, which was won by Frank McDonald, is a certificate bearing the autograph of the Earl of Minto.

HAVE BURIED THE HATCHET.

Paraguayan Government Makes Peace With Revolutionists.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 10.--The foreign office is in receipt of a telegram from the Argentine minister at Asuncion that the government of Paraguay has accepted the peace conditions of their revolutionists, subject to the nomination of Juan B. Gauna for president. Gauna is a merchant in Asuncion and belongs to the political party of Feriera, the federal leader with whom he is now conferring aboard an Argentine-warship.

CRISIS IN AUSTRIA.

Vienna, Dec. 10.--Another parliamentary deadlock has arisen through the German Radicals joining the Czechs and Southern Slavs in opposing the government's scheme to obtain parliamentary consent to a loan of \$14,000,000 for treasury purposes. The budget committee has rejected the scheme and the premier decided to prorogue the Reichsrath. The cabinet may resign. Premier Von Koerber is expected to do so in any event.

SCHOONER MISSING.

Boston, Dec. 10.--The three masted schooner William Churchill, which sailed from here Nov. 7th for Wilmington, N. C., with Captain Jesson and a crew of eight men, is believed to have been lost.

There is good skating on the Carleton open air rink today.

HALIFAX GAVE EARL GREY WELCOME.

Halifax, Dec. 10.--(Special).--Earl Grey, the new governor general, and his suite, landed officially at 11 o'clock, this morning, at His Majesty's gun wharf, and received a magnificent welcome. The weather was fine and cold. The route from the wharf to the Province building was lined with troops and densely crowded with people.

The installation took place at 11.45 after which the party drove to the government house. The scene inside the council-chamber where the oath was administered was a brilliant one, the chamber being splendidly decorated and furnished and combined with the handsome dresses of the ladies and the bright uniforms of the military and officials made a scene long to be remembered. The official programme, as already published, was carried out without a hitch.