

Had So Many Offers of Marriage That He was Forced to -No Evidence to Show That a Rich Relative Died in Chicago.

Boston, Dec. 28-All the hundreds of women who wrote so many letters called so often on the phone, and sent so many messengers bearing their love and marriage proposals to William R. Hanson, Malden's millionaire janitor, that he was fired from his janitoring job in a drug store, were building castles in the air on the filmsiiest kind of foundation. The legacy of a quarter of a million dollars, which Hanson announced a few days ago had been left to him, today appeared shrouded in mystery which the ex-janitor admits is impenetrable even to him. The very existence of such a legacy is beginning to appear very doubtful.

Hanson, who was run over by an automobile Monday and injured slightly, said today that his hopes of a legacy had been based on rather uncertain ground. An investigation revealed the fact that flights of fancy undoubtedly figured to a great extent in the story of the lucky janitor-the story which tempted a host of fair women to clog the mails with offers of marriage and pleas for gifts.

According to Hanson, his story of the legacy was based on a letter from an attorney of Chicago, which he had received in answer to a query he sent regarding an advertisement in a magazine seeking information about one William R. Hanson. The Chicago attorney's letter informed the janitor so Hanson says, that he was an heir of part of the estate of James Moore.

Thereupon Hanson wrote to the Chicago lawyer for additional details. That was three weeks ago, and he has not yet received an answer.

Investigations have failed to find any man of the name of Moore who has died in Chicago in recent years leaving any legacy to Hanson or leaving an estate of several millions which has remained unsettled.

When this news was communicated to Hanson he began to "hedge." He complained that his memory had been bad for some time. He could not remember the Chicago attorney's name. He was asked if any one else had seen the letter from the Chicago lawyer, and said he had shown it to no one. Asked if he could produce the letter

Give Up His Job as Janitor A Large Audience Attended the Concert—Presentations to Members of the Teaching Staff. The George Street United Baptist Sunday School was greeted by a large audience last evening when they gave their annual Christmas Concert, and

MONDAY NIGHT

their annual Christmas Concert, and everybody enjoyed the splendid pro-gram provided. The main feature of the evening was the Cantata under the leadership of Miss Vera Jonah. The choruses led by R. H. Wickett were well rendered, and the Flag Drill made quite a hit with everybody. The Christmas tree was well loaded, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Pres-entations were made to a number of which there are made to a number of the teaching staff, including Mrs. J. D. Hunter and Mr. McFarlane, two of

b. Hunter and Mr. McFarline, two of the leading teachers. The following program was carried out in an excellent manner: Chorus—The School. Recitation—Ida Patterson. Recitation-Carrie Hickson itation-Lavina Howard. Song-Jean Chappell. Cantata, Directed by Miss Vera Jon

Offering Chorus—The School. Recitation—Dorothy Smith. Recitation—Velma Jones. Exercise, "Christmas Tr Tree"-Siz

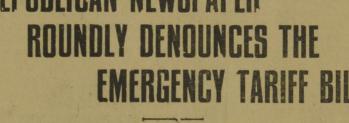
Recitation—Maud Hains. Recitation—Max Hunter. Flag Drill—Sixteen Girls. Stripping the Tree. God Save the King



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Calls It a Bad Piece of Legislative Business-Looks as if it was Put Through the House With the Hope That the Senate Would Smash It-Some Features are Beyond the Range of Common Sense.

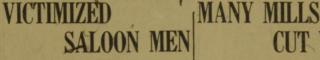
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-The New York Herald, perhaps the most influential Republican newspaper in the United States, under the caption "Fordney's Grotesque Tariff," roundly denounces the "Emergency Tariff" bill now before Congress. It says

"The Fordney emergency tariff measure to help the farmers is a bad piece of legislative business. It is bad because i fixes import duties none of which is reasonable and some of which are grotesque. It is so bad that it may arouse cynical suspicion that it was put through the House with a rush in the very expectation that in the Senate it would smash into a stone wall. The duty of thirty cents on wheat cannot command the public's approval when shortly before the war the selling price of wheat in Chicago was only eighty cents. A rate of twentyfive cents a bushel on polatoes is not a great deal less than the farm price has been within the past generation. A rate of two cents a pound on rice when two years after Europe went to war that commodity was selling at retail all over this country for around six cents is too ridiculous a proposal to be taken seriously by anybody. A duty of two cents a pound on beans is no better, while \$2 a head on a sheep one year old, two and one-half cents a pound on mutton and lamb, thirty cents a pound on scoured wool, are all beyond the range of common

POLITICAL BUFFOONERY

'As for a duty of seven cents a pound on cotton, when Cotton was King for decades at a minimum selling price of seven cents, and when, at outbreak of the European war ten cent cotton seemed an unattainable goal until peace should come, such a tariff schedule must look more like crass political buffoonery than serious legislative workmanship.

The New York Herald is in favor of reasonable tariff help for the American farmer. It is in favor of well considered pro-tection for the American produces of chemicals and dyestuffs or for any other American industry that actually requires a duty to equalize lower wage costs of foreigners with our wage costs. No paper is more thoroughly grounded in the principle of stimulation of American production, whether on the farm or in the factory. But as between grossly excessive rates-rates that would resume inflation and set the nation's consumers back on the grinding road of famine prices for the necessaries of life, and sparing out people such needless tax and hardship we say very frankly that this paper would be for no tariff at all."



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INSTALLED W.M. **OF HIRAM LODGE**

Day of St. John the Evangelist Observed-Installation Performed by Dr. H. V. B. Bridges.

Hiram Lodge, No. 6 F. & A. M. Monday night observed the day of St. John the Evangelist, by installing offiers for the ensuing year. The installation was performed by Dr. H. V. B. Bridges, Past Grand Master. The officers are as follows:

J. R. Walker, W. M. W. R. Fraser, S. W. J. E. Page, J. W. S. L. Morrison, Treasurer. J. H. Ramsay, Secretary. C. A. MacVey, Chaplain. C. K. Palmer, D. of C. E. Cadwallader, Organist. William Todd, S. D. Dr. R. H. P. Long, J. D. James B. Palmer, S. S. Charles Cavanaugh, J. S. Temple Sutherland, I. G. R. B. Wallace, I. P. M. A. B. Brown, Tyler.

After the installation the members of the craft heard a most-interesting address from the installing officer. Later they repaired to the dining room where a delightful meal was

B.C.LIBERALS MAKE GAINS

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 27—The Oliver Government has had its ma-jority in the legislative increased by the return as the result of the count-ing of the absentee vote, of C. Henni-ger, Liberal, for Grand Forks, who as elected over McKie, Conservative by a majority of nine. McKie led Henni-ger by three votes prior to counting yesterday of the absentee vote. In Cranbrooke, Hon, J. H. King, Minis-ter of Public Works has had his ma-jority increased from 14 to 38. No changes in the results in other ridings heard from are reported. In Van' couver and Victoria it is expected that at least a week will elapse be-tore the absentee vote is counted. The standing of the parties to date is:

CUT WAGES 15: Liberals, 26; Conservatives, 14; Independents, 7.

LAUNDERING

The Conservatives in Manitoba House May Join With Government Against the Agrarians-W. F. O'Connor May Run in Peterboro-Sir Thos. White May Soon Retire.

Ottawa, Dec. 27-Though it was originally intended to have the next session of parliament open on Feb. 3, ministers mainly favored Feb. 17 at the two cabinet councils held today. No decision as to the exact date was reached, but it will be around the middle of February. Parliament will meet in either the light or the shadow of the result of the West Peterboro byelection now fixed for Feb. 17.

If decisions now reached are adhered to prairie members will come from the only totally dry area in Canada, as it is expected that Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta will go dry on Feb. 1 following a federal proclamation to be issued shortly in consequence of referenda held on Oct. 25. Premäer Meighen, also by that time will either have succeeded or failed in his attempt to help the Conservatives in the Manitoba government make an alliance with Premier Norris against the radical and agrarian groups opposing him .As success would probab ly entail the help of Premier Norris in subsequent federal elections, failure is anticipated by those who know Manitoba's premier and his life-long devotion to Liberalism.

Interest will be keen in the West Peterboro by-election though the mixed urban and rural character of the constituency makes it anyone's fight. Ham Burnham, whose resignation on conscientious grounds made it necessary to hold the by-election, will not receive the government's blessing be cause he said its mandate had expired. They will oppose him with some stand-patter to whom all that the party does is right if they can find such a man with any chance of success. The U. F. O. man is already in the field. Somebody is suggesting that W. F. O'Connor, K. C., should run as an independent supported by labor, and he may possibly be in the field. If he does run, it is not thought that there will be a straight government candidate.

The abandonment of Leeds by Sir Thomas White will be made formal BY WEIGHT soon and by elections for Lecus as soon and by-elections for Leeds as reason of the death of Oscar Gladu, Two hundred hands (Special correspondence C. A. N. S.) must be called before June 30. Yamaska seems to offer little hope for clean linen, not the least of the the government to get cabinet material for Quebec because, although A. been dealt a severe blow. Henceforth A. Mondon, Conservative Nationalist, defeated Mr. Gladu on the navy ques trict, may be dealt with by weight, tion in 1911, he is a determined opponent of Hon. Arthur Meighen, whose selection as prime minister he calls "a high crime."

he said he would, and then directed a Victory Bonds, 1937 fruitless search for it. Later he admitted that a few days ago he had searched in vain for two hours for the

Today Hanson was unable even to remember the name of the magazine in which he had read the advertise-ment which led him to write to Chicago .He admitted he had no idea who 'Moore" was nor could he understand why "Moore" should have settled any legacy on him.

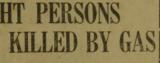
every day from women all over the police said.

to be bothering with women," he de-

POULTRY SHOW AT BOSTON

Boston, Dec. 28—What gives pro-mise of being the greatest poultry show ever held in New England open-ed in the Mechanics building here to-day. There are thousands of poultry on exhibition including all varieties of fowl, turkeys, ducks, geese, also rabbits, cavils and fancy fish. The show will be in progress until January 1st and is sure to attract many visi-tors.

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Rall River, Mass., Dec. 27—A holi day drinking bout caused the asphysi Now, unless the Chicago lawyer con-tributes another episode right soon the chances are that Hanson will be spared further suffering from unwel-come attentions of women, for it was surprising how few and far between were the women who wrote they cared nothing for his money and wrote it as if they meant it. Harson said today he was sick and tired of the flood of mail which came



Washington, Dec. 28-Gen. Persh ng may act as grand marshal of the naugural parade March 4, it was tated today in connection with plans the committee in charge of the ceremonies. The officer has been se-lected as chairman of the military committee which will direct the par-

Major-Gen. Hugh L. Scott, then chief of staff, acted as grand marshal of the 1917 inaugural parade.

Mrs. Simon Gallagher of Bath, Carleton County is spending the winter with her sister Mrs. W. E. Seery, George Street.

keepers. The man's name is being withheld but it is known that he is a close fictive today. Two hundred hands are affected. friend of Harold Micheloy, alleged bootlegger and swindler, who is now

restaurant owner has fled, presumably

Washington, Dec. 28-After 1925 the term of Presidents Vice-Presidents and men in both branches of Congress elected in November would be gin the first of the following January,

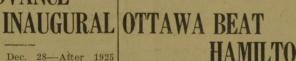
Senator Ashurst (Ariz.), Democrat Furthermore, the biennial short ses sion would be determined only by the will of Congress itself.

Mr. Ashurst explained that it pre sent the will of the people regitsered in November cannot be carried out better advantage will find themselves for nearly a year No other country, he amongst the contenders for league said, permits such a long time to honors. elapse between election and the beginning of the terms of those elected.

on a business trip to Boston.

New London, Conn., Dec. 27-The bootlegger and swindler, who is now in Vancouver, fighting extradition on manufacturers of silk goods, announc a warrant sworn out against him for absconding with \$\$1,000 also belonging mills would be operated full time absconding with \$\$1,000 also belonging to saloonkeepers. The restaurant owner victimized a number of saloon and cafe owners re-cently, it is charged, by collecting money for 600 cases of whiskey com-ing from Kentucky. This whiskey never came, and the

tem, announced today that present business conditions "will necessitate further reduction in the number of employes and in the working expenses and capital expenditures until the situation improves.



HAMILTON

Ottawa, Dec. 27—The Ottawa Sen-ators secured a comfortable margin in the race for leadership in the first half of the N. H. L. schedule at the arena this evening when they defeat ed the Hamilton Tigers by a score of 3 to 1. Hamilton has an excellent hockey machine, and although out. according to the terms of a constitu-half of the N. H. L. schedule at the hockey machine, and although out played in the game tonight showed flashes of form which when put to

choose between the contending teams It was in team work, and in the know Mr. Elwood Burtt left last evening ing of the play of their team mates which beat the westerners.

London, Dec. 26-The high cost of

Londoner's post-war burdens, has the family linen in one London dis at a cheap rate. Fulham Borough Council are starting new machines at the municipal wash-houses, and have notified local residents that their lin

en can be washed and rough-dried at forty-two cents per twenty-eight pounds. They also provide bags at 50 each to hold that amount of linen.

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Chief Inspector Away.

Chief Inspector Away. Chief Inspector J. B. Hawthorne left by the Valley Sub-Division of the C. N. R. for St. John on an offi-cial tour. Town Marshal William Hughes of this city has been recom-mended for the position of Deputy Sheriff of York County.

Commodore Stewart of the Chat-ham World, who is a patient in the Chatham hospital, is reported to be improving.

He crossed the floor in the conscription issue and will run as an Independent Conservative if he does

During the session not much of note is expected. Every effort is being made to bring down the budget as soon as possible after the debate in the address, and to have as few con-NARROW PATH the address, and to have as few con-tentious topics as possible Premier Meighen expects to take Hon. C. C. Chicago, Dec. 28—Judge Kenesaw M. Landis gave Roy V. Warner, aged 17 charged with cashing a \$17 check stolen from the mails, his choice of two paths today. "Do you want to go to bell" the cuss constitutional relations within the empire, but the choice of the minister of marine and fisheries and of the naval service, and the minister of militia as companions to the premier is significant as to the na ture of some of the business.

Flowers were imported Local florists report that Christmas trade in their line was quite up to the average. Calls for carnations were so Average. Can's for carnations were so numerous that importations had to be made from Boston and Ontario. The prices were naturally high, but peo-ple did not seem to object to paying \$5 a dozen for carnations. Other cut lowers brought correspondingly high prices. There was a time not long prices. There was a time not long ago when carnations moved rather lowly at ten cents each.