ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE TIMES YIELD RESULTS.

THE EVENING TIMES.

THE WEATHER. Strong northwest winds, fair and cool tomorrow.

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SENSATION IN 'FRISCO

Tax Scalpers Get Rich at the People's Expense

RECORDS MANIPULATED

Nearly Million and a Half of Property Assessed at Only $100,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20—The Chronicle says today: A scheme which has been in operation in the tax collector's office for many months has just been discovered by which nearly a million and half dollars worth of property has been assessed for not more than $100,000.

The victims are the city taxpayers, who are charged in some instances, it appears, wrongly with delinquencies.

The profits have gone to a ring of tax scarers, who were assisted in every possible way by the alleged defaulting tax collector Smith, and his subordinates in office. Records have been manipulated to keep the truth from coming out, and many poor people have had the title to their homes placed in jeopardy without so much as knowing that a shortage is charged against them.

A thorough investigation will be made at once into the matter, to develop if possible, the extent to which these irregularities have been carried on.

HYMAN IS IN OTTAWA

OTTAWA, Ont., May 20.—(Special)—C. S. Hyman returned to the city this morning and was busy in his office all forenoon. There is a meeting of the cabinet today to pass an order in council appointing Mr. Hyman, minister of public works. It will then require to go to Toronto to be approved by the governor-general. Hyman could be sworn in Toronto on his way to London.

SCHOONER ASHORE

NANTUCKET, Mass., May 20—The five masted schooner Jane Palmer, laden with 3,000 tons of coal, is ashore on Great Rip on the east end of the Island of Nantucket. The crew is safe.

The Palmer went aground during the night, but the accident was not known here until Captain Willey and the mate, landed at Sankaty lighthouse today. Soon afterwards other members of the crew were sighted coming ashore in boats.

Dr. Grenfell arrived in the city on the Atlantic express today. While in the city he is the guest of James F. Robertson. Dr. Grenfell was entertained to luncheon this afternoon by a number of city clergymen. Tonight Dr. Grenfell will lecture in York Theatre.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Andrew Dodds, tok place this afternoon at 2,30 from her late residence Princess St. Rev. A. A. Graham conducted a burial service at the home and interment was made in Fernhill.

F. H. J. Ruel's gasolene yacht, the Corona, arrived on the Steamer Calvin Austin Thursday. It is a handsome craft and has been much admired by all who have seen her.

Two metal life boats arrived by Calvin Austin Thursday for the new ferry boat.

Steamship Portland arrived this afternoon from River Platte to load deal

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Lizzie Gay, beloved wife of P. W. D. Campbell, who entered into rest Saturday, May 21st, 1904.

FERGUSON ONCE MORE

Arrested in Moncton on An Old Commitment.

MONCTON, N. B., May 20 (Special)—Sandy Ferguson, the pugilist, who returned to Moncton recently and stated his intention of starting a boxing school, finds himself in the lockup this morning on an old commitment. A few weeks ago Ferguson was fined twenty dollars or two months in jail for smashing things in Geo. Mehan's restaurant. He left town, but returned, thinking the trouble had blown over. The pugilist gave out an intimation that the police would hesitate about executing the commitment, but last night Chappell and Dalton went after him and landed him without trouble. He will have to pay twenty dollars or spend two months in jail before he can start his boxing school.

MILITANT SAILORS

And One Says the Other Took $36 From Him.

Yesterday afternoon a man of short stature entered the Travellers' Home on Water street and asked for a meal. It was given to him, and while he was eating another man of a heavier build entered and and started in to thrash the smaller man at the table.

There was a general mix-up in which Adjutant Thompson, the manager of the home, managed to put them both outside the door and endeavored to part them. Thereupon the big man declared that the smaller one had stolen $35 from him, and after some talk the smaller fellow agreed to refund the money if the big fellow would let go of him, so that they could go back to the "shelter."

The big fellow had no sooner let him go than he started off at top speed and although he was pursued by the other man, he has not yet been caught, and may still be running.

Meanwhile the big fellow is bemoaning the loss of his money. Their names could not be learned. Both were Germans.

CONTRACTORS DENY IT

Have Not Introduced the Truck System---Work Proceeding All Right.

Messrs McArthur and McVey were asked this morning concerning the statement in last night's Star that the contractors for the waterworks extension were carrying on what is known as the "truck system."

They emphatecially deny this story, and state that the only things purchased for the men, were some rubber boots and such like that were bought for the men as a favor, and were sold to them at the price they cost. They say some of the men were not properly clothed, and the boots were bought at their request. They state that the work is progressing very favorably, and that they have all the men they require.

Mr. McArthur received a letter this morning offering to supply him with fifty men if he wished them, but it is probable that they will not be brought here, as the present force is considered sufficient.

There has been nothing done toward taking away the foreign laborers and most of them are still at work, though the contractors say they are free to leave whenever they wish.

Y. M. C. A. MAN HONORED

ROME, May 20—King Victor Emmanuel today received James Stokes, of New York, vice-president of the Young Men's Christian Association, in private audience.

WENT TO THE CIRCUS

MAHANOY CITY, Pa., May 20—Sixteen collieries, employing 12,000 men and boys, were forced to suspend operations today because of the appearance here for the first time of a circus. Less than ten per cent. of the employes reported for duty, which was not enough to operate the mines.

HUMORS OF HISTORY---43.

Mythical Origin of the House of Percy. A.D. 1092

"No longer occupied with Norman affairs, Rufus led an army against Malcolm of Scotland. Peace was made, but next year, enraged by the settlement of an English colony at Carlisle, Malcolm invaded Northumberland. Here he died before Alnwick Castle—some historians say pierced in the eye by Roger de Mowbray, who thereby earned the name of Percy. Mowbray was—according to this story—handing Malcolm the keys on the point of a lance. Whether or not Mowbray was guilty of such an act of treachery, or whether Malcolm paid the penalty of reconnoitring through the letter-box, is not known." ...*The New History of England.*

BLOW TO THE PORT OF BOSTON

Southern Ports Retain Their Advantage--New York Also Suffers.

BOSTON, May 19.—A severe blow to the foreign commerce of the port of Boston was struck by the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington this afternoon when its long-awaited decision in the "inland freight differentials" case was announced. Only a meagre summary of the Commission's findings was available at the hour of going to press; but no opinion other than that the decision is substantially a defeat for Boston and New York commercial bodies, and a victory for those of Philadelphia and Baltimore can be formed from the information at hand.

The finding is, with respect to differentials on export traffic, first, that the differential per hundred pounds below New York on flour, all-rail and lake and rail, should be reduced to two cents at Baltimore and one cent at Philadelphia; second, that the existing differential on ex-lake grain from Buffalo, Erie and Fairport should be reduced to three-tenths of a cent per bushel below the rate to New York, and be allowd both to Baltimore and Philadelphia; third, that otherwise, the present export differentials should remain in force.

The existing flour differential has been three cents in favor of Baltimore and two cents in favor of Philadelphia, but it has applied only on all-rail or Fairport and Erie freights. So far as all-rail flour is concerned the decision mitigates the hardships of Boston as a port; but this advantage is fully offset by the application of the differential to Buffalo lake-and-rail flour, which has hitherto come to all the Atlantic ports as equal rates. The application of a three-tenths of a cent differential to ex-lake grain from Buffalo, where no differential has before applied, is a distinct loss to Boston. In general the New York and Boston contention was for the abolition of the differentials system as a matter of principle; and, failing that, for a scientific revision of a system which was determined by conditions as they were twenty years ago, and has been rigid in its application for that period notwithstanding shifting rates and changing traffic conditions.

These differentials apply only to eastbound export business. West-bound imports are subject to no differential, nor are domestic freights.

A paper rate-war having arisen over the attempt of the Pennsylvania Railroad to apply the differental to ex-lake grain from Buffalo, the whole subject was referred to the Interstate Commerce Commission for arbitration. Meanwhile the status quo on ex-lake grain was preserved. The case has been exhaustively tried out, hearings having been given in New York, Philadelphia and Washington, and leading railroad men and eminent attorneys having lent their aid in clearing up a most intricate problem.

The result is a long opinion by Commissioner Prouty, summarized as above; and a dissenting minority opinion by Commissioner Clemens opposing the fixing of any differentials by the commission in this case.

POLICE COURT

Edward Cronin occupied the prisoner's bench alone at this morning's session of the police court.

Edward had been imbibing freely in powerful stimulants and when Policeman Semple discovered him on the Westmorland Road Cronin didn't care "whether school kept or not." He pleaded guilty and as this was his debut in police circles the magistrate "let him down easy," imposing a fine of only $2, or five days with hard labor. As he had over $3 in his possession at the time of his arrest, he was able to pay up and so will be able to spend Sunday out of jail.

WALTHOUR WON

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 20—Bobby Walthour of Atlanta, defeated Jimmy Moran, of Chelsea, Mass., in a motor-paced race here last night, winning two hheats of five miles each. The second heat was made in 6.45. The chain of Walthour's machine jumped the sprocket just as he crossed the line a winner, but he was not injured.

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Saturday, May 20.

Chicago market report and New York Cotton market. Furnished by D. C. Clinch, banker and broker.

	Yesterday Closing.	Today Opening.	Noon.
Amalg Copper	79¼	79¼	78
Anaconda	103¾	104½	104½
Am. Sugar Rfrs	134	133¾	133½
Am. Smelt & Rfg	113	113	111
Am. Car Foundry	33¼	34⅜	33
Am. Woolen	32⅝	32⅝	32
Atchison	78⅞	79¼	18¼
Atchison, pfd	101⅜		101½
Am. Locomotive	47⅜	48	47⅜
Brook Rpd Trst	61	61	60⅜
Balt. & Ohio	106	106⅛	106⅜
Ches. & Ohio	46⅝	47¼	46⅛
Canadian Pacific	146	146¼	144¾
Chicago & Alton	33		
Chi & G West	18¾	19⅛	18⅞
Colo. F & Iron	42¼	42⅝	41¼
Consolidated Gas	187		186
Colorado Southern	26⅜		26¼
Gen. Electric Co.	171	172	170¼
Erie	38¼	39½	38⅞
Erie, First pfd	77½	77⅞	76⅝
Erie, Second pfd	63⅜		62
Illinois Central	167½	157½	153⅜
Kansas & Texas	25	25⅛	24⅞
Louis & Nashville	142⅝	142¾	141¾
Manhattan	163		
Met. Street Ry	116¼	116¼	116½
Mexican Central	20	20¼	19⅞
Missouri Pacific	95¾	95⅞	95
Nor. & Western	76½	77⅜	76½
N. Y. Central	139¾	140½	138½
North West	211	211⅜	209¾
Ont. & Western	46½	47¼	45¾
Pacific Mail	36¼		
Peo. C. & Gas Co	99¼	99⅞	99
Reading	89⅞	90¼	88⅝
Republic Steel	17	17⅛	16¾
Sloss Sheffield	75	73½	
Pennsylvania	133¾	133¾	132¾
Rock Island	27⅝	27¾	26⅝
St. Paul	173½	174	171¼
Southern Ry	28¼	28¾	28⅜
Southern Ry pfd	85¼		
Southern Pacific	60	60⅜	59⅜
Twin City	110½		110½
Tenn. C & Iron	77½	77¼	77
Texas Pacific	32	32¼	31⅜
U. S. Leather	11½	11½	11⅜
Union Pacific	118⅜	118¼	117
U. S. Rubber	38¼	38¼	38⅜
U. S. Steel	26½	27½	25⅞
U. S. Steel, pfd	93¾	94⅜	92⅞
Wabash	18		18.
Wabash, pfd	38½		38½
Western Union	92¾	93	93

Total sales in New York yesterday 1,150,000 shares.

CHICAGO MARKET REPORT.

May Corn	53		
May Wheat	95¾		
July Corn	48	48	48
July Wheat	87	86⅞	86½
July Pork	12.62	12.65	12.65
Sept. wheat	80⅞	80⅝	81¼
Sept. Pork	12.82		12.80

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS.

Dom. Coal	76		
Dom. Iron & Steel	21	21	21
Dom. I & S pfd	64¾	65	66
Nova Scotia Steel	61¾		
C. P. R.	146	146	145
Twin City	110½	109	110
Montreal Power	90	80¾	90
Rich. & Ont. Nav	73¼	73	73

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

May Cotton	780b	784	788
July Cotton	769b	773	774
September Cotton	773b		
October Cotton	779b	784	785
December Cotton	784b	789	789

THE WEATHER

Forecasts.—Northwesterly winds, mostly fair. Sunday, strong northwesterly winds, fair and cool.

Synopsis—The weather is fair and moderately warm throughout the Dominion. Winds are fresh northwesterly near the American coast. To Banks, westerly winds; to American ports, strong northwesterly.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT AT NOON.

Saturday, May 20.

Highest temperature during past 24 hours 48
Lowest temperature during past 24 hours 38
Temperature at noon 46
Humidity at noon 72

Barometer readings at noon (sea level and 32 dgs. Fah.), 29.60 inches.

Wind at noon—Direction south, velocity 6 miles per hour. Fair.

D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

CHICAGO STRIKERS

The Team Owners State the Conditions of a Settlement.

CHICAGO, May 20.—On the shoulders of the managers of the express companies, resident in New York, rests the possible settlement of the teamsters' strike in Chicago.

After a night spent in conference, the members of the Employers' Association and the executive committee of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters reached an agreement upon all points except the reinstatement of the drivers of the seven express companies. When these men went out, they were warned by the Chicago managers of the express companies that if they went on strike without grievances of their own, not one of them would ever again be employed by the express companies.

Last night, after extended conferences between the two sides to the strike, the following terms were announced by the Employers' Association and, with the exception of that relating to the express drivers, accepted by the teamsters:

That the teamsters should recognize the integrity and permanence of the Employers' Teaming Company, which is to employ non-union men and remain pledged to the policy of the open shop; that the drivers for the express companies abide by the declaration of the companies for the forfeiture of their positions when they struck; that all desirable non-union men shall be retained, and that no discrimination shall be practiced against union men in filling the vacancies, save that men who have been guilty of lawlessness during the strike shall not be employed.

These terms were conveyed to the members of the teamsters' executive committee at an early hour this morning. A vigorous protest was made against the attitude of the express companies and the teamsters proposed that twenty per cent. of the express drivers should be taken back, the managers of the companies to pick the men. The express companies absolutely refused to accept the modified proposal, declaring that they would not recede from their position that not one of their drivers who struck without grievance of his own shall ever be re-employed.

The teamsters' executive committee, after receiving and deliberating over this reply, at two o'clock in the morning, declared that the strike would not be called off unless something was done for the express drivers. The managers of the express companies said that they would do nothing beyond referring the matter to the general managers of their respective companies for final reply.

It was decided by the teamsters to await this reply before taking any action and the settlement of the strike, or its continuance was held in abeyance.

CHICAGO, May 20. — Policeman Patrick E. Blackwell died today at Mercy Hospital. His death is the tenth ascribed to the teamsters' strike. Blackwell was injured while guarding a Wells Fargo express wagon.

THIS EVENING

Dr. W. T. Grenfell's lecture on Labrador at York Theatre.

Meeting of South African Veterans' Association in Sutherland's Hall, Union street.

GOOD NEWS OF DRIVES

Twenty Million Feet Safe In Tobique Waters---River Rising.

FREDERICTON, N. B., May 20.—(Special)—R. A. Estey, who has been superintending Charles Miller's driving operations on the Tobique, returned home last evening. He confirms the report that all the Tobique drives, amounting to about twenty million feet, are in safe waters. Conditions for driving on the Tobique were quite favorable this season and the water kept up well.

Ned H. Murchie was able to bring four million feet out of Nictor Lake in the remarkable short space of fourteen days.

Fraser & Sons have a big jam of logs at Sisson Falls, but anticipate no trouble in breaking it.

John E. Moore has been compelled to abandon seven hundred thousand feet on Rockway, but the remainder of his drive of two millions will be got out.

No word has yet been received from Noble's drive on Baker Branch, or Aikens' on Aroostook, but it is believed they are coming all right.

Darby Ingals, the Halifax [illegible] who escaped from the [illegible] yesterday, has not been captured. It is believed [illegible] crossed the bridge and is heading towards Houlton.

The water in the river here is rising slightly, and the weather continues cloudy and wet.

A THRILLING RESCUE

Sydney Man Saves Another From Watery Grave in Bras d'Or Gut.

NORTH SYDNEY, May 20.—(Special)—Joseph A. Clark, a laborer at the new Campbellton coal mines, bravely rescued a comrade, James Butler, from drowning yesterday. Butler, who is from Newfoundland, had gone out in a dory on the Bras d'Or Gut and ignorant apparently of the rapidity of the tide, allowed his dory to be whirled out towards the open sea. Suddenly realizing his danger, he stood up in the boat with the result that it capsized. Though able to swim, he could do nothing against the tide. Clark rushed towards the entrance of the gut and dashing into the water brought the man to land about 400 yards lower down.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

Royal—J. A. Roberts, St. John's, Nfld.; J. H. Barry and wife, Fredericton; H. M. Diblee, Hoyt; A. Lemieux, Montreal; A. T. Guthrie, Ottawa; A. W. Cliffe, London; F. R. Warmoll, Montreal; Louis Leves, Montreal; G. G. King, Chipman.

Victoria—T. M. Johnson, Truro; P. A. Caron, Sherbrooke; A. J. Macquarie, Montreal; H. A. Cody, Whicksburn; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Goodrich, Boston.

Dufferin—C. H. McGee, St. George; Ed. L. Cooke, Charlottetown; Geo. F. Hilderbrand, Brockville.

Clifton House—Mr. M. B. Bunken, Boston; Mrs. M. B. Bunken, Boston; Miss Jessie Rogers, Boston; Herbert Rice, Weymouth.

New Victoria Hotel — John Burnley, Stonnington; Richard Seddon, Lynn.

BABY'S BATTLES

"Baby's Battles" is the title of a valuable little book on the care of infants and young children, published by the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., which will be sent post free to any mother who asks for it. It tells you also something about Baby's Own Tablets, a medicine that cures all the minor ailments of infants and young children—a medicine praised by every mother who has used it. Mrs. Richard Smiley, Leonard, Ont., says: —"We had a very sickly baby in our house until we got Baby's Own Tablets. They were the first thing that did her any good, and I think were the means of saving our little one's life. I praise them to all mothers." All medicine dealers sell these Tablets, or you can get them at 25 cents a box by writing the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

DECISIVE BATTLE

Now Imminent Between the Japs and Russians

LINEVITICH READY

Oyama Deploying Heavy Forces Against the Russian Left---Jap Success.

GUNSHU PASS (100 miles north of Tie Pass), Manchuria, May 20. — A general engagement is imminent. Field Marshal Oyama is deploying heavy forces against General Linevitch's left, and is contracting his troops along the center, but his base is opposite the Russian right. It is not yet clear which wing is making a demonstration and which will deliver the main blow.

It is evident from Linevitch's preparations that he intends to accept a decisive battle.

TOKIO, May 20—7 p.m.—It was announced this evening from the headquarters of the Japanese armies in the field that three Russian columns of mixed forces advanced southward May 18 to the vicinity of the railroad. The Japanese engaged them and drove the Russians northward. Simultaneously five hundred Russian cavalry attacked a Japanese field hospital at Kangpin on the right bank of the Liao river. Japanese artillery and infantry dispersed the attacking cavalrymen, inflicting heavy loss upon them.

SAIGON, Cochin-China, May 20. — Admiral de Jonquieres, the French naval commander, sailed from here today on the cruiser Guichen. His destination was not announced, but it is understood he is going to make another inspection of the coast to see if French neutrality is being infringed.

Supplies for Rojestvensky

HONG KONG, May 20.—According to information received here today the one hundred and fifty deeply laden junks (presumably loaded with provisions for the Russian fleet) which were sighted May 16, twenty miles off Cape St. John, by a correspondent who proceeded from here to Kwang Chau Bay (north of the Island of Hainan), have left the vicinity of Cape St. John, and it is added, are probably seeking to effect a junction with Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet.

Impending Land Battle

NEW YORK, May 20.—A Tokio dispatch to the Times says:—The news from Manchuria indicates the imminence of a battle. The Russians occupy a line 12 miles in length from Yen Ho Ching to Hai Sien, v.a Su Ping Sien, where they have good defensive positions, strongly entrenched. The Japanese are advancing in three columns from Kai Yuan, Chi Tu Fco and Fokeman. The Russians advanced position is now at Liu Ho Chen. Their main position is at Hai Liung Cheng, where General Mistchieff commands. A battle in this region is expected soon.

Russians Were Well Treated

TOKIO, May 20. — The report that the Russians have complained of the manner in which their wounded men left at Port Arthur were treated by the Japanese is officially denied. It is stated that the Russian medical officers, on leaving Port Arthur, addressed a letter to the chief of the Japanese medical staff, thanking him for the care of the Russian wounded and enthusiastically expressing fraternity with the Japanese surgeons.

NEW YORK BANK STATEMENT.

May 20, 1905.

Reserves on all deposits decrease	$ 8,492,600
Reserves other than U. S. decreased	9,238,700
Loans, increase	20,790,900
Special, decrease	4,734,100
Legal tender, decreased	47,500
Deposits, increase	14,932,000
Circulation increase	609,600

CUT FREE FROM BOOKIES

New York Racing Association Severs Relations With Bookmakers' Organization---Will Not Be Marks for Anti-Gambling Crusades.

NEW YORK, May 20. — One of the most important steps since the racing in New York state has been conducted under the present law has just been taken. Every racing association in the state has announced the absolute severance of all business relations, directly or indirectly, with the Metropolitan Turf Association and all other organizations or individual bookmakers. Hereafter, while there may be layers of odds and a betting ring, as of old, it will be absolutely without restriction, free of admission to any person purchasing one ticket, known to the track as personally reputable and financially liable for the amount of their wagers. This innovation will begin today at Belmont Park, $5,000 received yesterday from the bookmakers for extra tickets bought according to the prevailing customs, having been returned to them.

While there has been growing friction between certain elements and the bookmakers for some time, which recently came to a head when an opening wedge was driven by breaking the monopoly of bookmaking formerly held in the "big ring" at the eastern tracks by the Metropolitan Turf Association, reasons for the latest move are said to be two-fold. One is stated to be that the owners of the race tracks of New York state have made up their minds to clear themselves of an alliance with bookmakers' associations, to the end that they may not be a mark in any crusade against race track gambling or any suits started by influence opposed to betting at the tracks.

Whether the action has been hastened by the fear of a determined fight to be made by pool room intersts cannot be learned. The second reason assigned is that the racing associations have declared themselves against further attempts to dictate by outside organizations in the conduct of affairs upon the tracks.

Just what will be the outcome is a little uncertain. One thing is certain, the racing associations having voluntarily shut off dealings with the organized bookmakers, have cast aside a revenue for 200 racing days in the season amounting to nearly $1,200,000. Various schemes are being broached to make up for the lost revenue but it is generally expected that the admission fees will either be raised to $3. for men and $1.50 for women, or that race goers will have to pay for the privilege of betting by purchasing at extra cost a ticket to betting rings.

By refusing to accept as heretofore the voluntary contribution of $47,000 daily, the Jockey Club will be freed from entanglements which are said to have been carefully prepared by an old time pool room proprietor who had planned to begin proceedings against the racing officials on the opening day at Gravesend track, May 25. The courts have held that it is not a violation of the law when one man makes a bet with another. The bookmakers have been allowed to operate under this ruling.

In England the bookmakers operate in a portion of the track set apart for them. This inclosure the race-going public may enter on payment of an extra fee, and it is possible such a plan will be a future development on the New York tracks.

The Times New Reporter

The return of Henry More Smith, in the person of a Fredericton jail breaker who calls himself Inglis, will be hailed with joy by the old folks in Kings county. A new edition of the exploits of the original Henry will be retailed with great gusto.

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"Elijah" Sandford has returned to Maine from the Miramichi woods. He was up there to get some points from the Dungarvon "whooper." The rumor that wolves were seen in the Dungarvon woods was probably due to the visit of this one in sheep's clothing.

Weather report:—As soon as the clouds which are now central in this locality can secure enough moisture, showers will prevail, with rain in Indiantown portion and a pronounced depression in the region of Loch Lomond.

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Russia is to send another admiral to the Far East. But he may Nebagetoff. This joke will be kept in commission until this paper gets some news from the Russian fleets that is worth printing.

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Mr. Jamesey Jones was out with three lanterns last evening looking for the Citizens' League.

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The ordinary citizen might think that the manure heap in the near vicinity of the board of health office was now covered with microbes, but a close inspection will show that since yesterday the outside covering is of ordinary earth, which has no doubt been spread over the heap to prevent the household pest, musca domestica, from depositing her eggs and interfering with the disease germs under investigation.

INGENIOUS DEVICES FOR TRAFFIC IN REAL BOOZE

How They Sell the Ardent in Calais, Me.---Dolls With Hollow Legs, Tin Hats, Wooden Limbs, and Squashes With Jags Inside.

CALAIS, Me., May 19.—Happy above all others in this sun-kissed, throat-parched, water-cursed States, are the citizens of Washington county who live along the Sunrise Line across which lies the English land flowing rich with the tender juices of the rye and whose air is fragrant with the uncensured drafts of the distillery.

The lid is down in Washington county. But not too hard. In fact, the lid is closed here with a very gentle and susceptible spring, permitting it to rise at the touch of a child.

Right across the St. Croix river is St. Stephen. The first building across the bridge is the custom house, the second a saloon, and the red-eye dispensary has got the government annex lashed to the rigging so far as business is concerned.

At early morn the law-abiding citizen of Calais arises from his couch, and before he has complained to his wife about the coffee is reminded that he has pressing business in St. Stephen. He saunters forth to join that innumerable caravan which moves to the abode of the tinkling glasses and the home of the frajabeous bun.

He may have gone across the dark and rolling river with sadness gnawing at his heart and sorrow clutching at his appendix, but anon, also later, he returns singing joyful tidings, and with a small bunch at his rear pocket where men in a non-prohibitory State are sometimes wont to carry a wicked flask.

By teams, by trolleys and on foot travel the good citizens of Washington county, one grand, united committee on public irrigation.

But to those who either by distance from the bridge or home duties are unable to take the trip across the river, there are other and scarcely less easy methods of obtaining a glorious, gladsome slant. Washington county teems with pedlers able to deal out the ardent from all sorts of queer receptacles. Of course there is the ancient book and cane devices, but not so much in favor now because of the notoriety which they have gained.

But with the spread of information new and better contrivances have been made necessary. It was not long ago that a stranger drove into town with a mammoth load of squashes, for which he charged the stupendous price of 75 cents each. The housewives were astounded at his audacity, with squashes retailing at 2 cents a pound. Every squash had been cut open in a notched circle, all but the shell scooped out, and inside lay a pint flask of a chemical combination which could be drunk for whiskey. The load of squashes was disposed of in short order.

A clerical looking man, "on a walking trip to study the geological formation of the state," made quite a mint of money. He was quite distinguished appearing, never being seen without his silk tile.

As the farmers began to get better acquainted with him he took off his hat to them, turned a tiny faucet in the tin compartment which filled the upper part and let out the desired fluid.

Never in the history of the State has there been so many wooden-legged men traveling about as now. But all the artificial limbs plodding about the country appear to be hollow, and a careful search reveals a small cap, which can be unscrewed to let out the contents.

One versatile man drove a "five legged calf" all over the country, ostensibly endeavoring to sell the animal. Not for weeks did the sheriff discover that the reason the calf never was sold was because its fifth leg had been nicely plastered and strapped on, then covered with hair, and was no more than a receptacle for about two quarts of that which made John B. Gough famous.

Bicycles with tires inflated with Kentucky mountain dew instead of air, suit cases with false bottoms, non-leakable dolls, nice for the baby after papa has unscrewed the leg, and numerous other ingenious designs for the first aid to the thirsty still make life a little worth living in the "prohibition state."