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FRIDAY	10,163
SATURDAY	10,912
TOTAL	62,007
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THE GAMBLER'S GAME

The craze for mining stocks, which lately swept over New York and was reflected throughout the country, and which has not yet subsided, made fortunes for some people and ruined others. The New York Journal of Commerce estimates that the state of New York netted probably half a million dollars from the tax stamps necessitated by the trading inspired by the Nipissing boom. The entire capital stock of Nipissing changed hands four or five times, while other mining certificates have also been very active. The Journal remarks: "Houses handling the lion's share of the mining business estimate that Canada has drawn something like $100,000,000 from the United States for mining stocks and mining properties."

But, as before suggested there is another side of this business to be considered apart from the mere volume of transactions. The sudden collapse of Nipissing stock spelled ruin for many persons. The Journal tells the story:

"Tears are not often shed within the curb oblong, but yesterday more than one wrecked trader cried like a child when the morning slump in Nipissing occurred, and again in the afternoon when the price tumbled more than 50 per cent. from its high record of five weeks ago. Fortunes, which but a few short weeks ago were mounting up hourly, evaporated. Men who had moved into higher spheres saw their automobiles and their newly bought homes torn away from them. Others shrank from facing prospective brides. Brokers who heretofore have honorably settled every account realized that they were ruined. For many it was 'Black Monday.'"

FAMINE IN RUSSIA

The news from Russia this week is not of revolution, but of famine. Two princes who visited the Volga provinces have returned with a harrowing tale of crop failure and impending starvation for millions of people. We quote:

"Princes G. E. Lvoff and Orbeliani, who have just returned from the famine-stricken districts, have furnished the following picture of the condition in the famine provinces:

"The crops in seven provinces were practically total failures. In twenty-one provinces the harvests were very poor. About twenty million people will need assistance for from four to ten months to stave off starvation until the new crops are available. In some regions the inhabitants have been suffering from starvation for ten years, passable crops having been gathered in only two of the ten years.

"Prince Lvoff believes the government estimate of $50,000,0000 for famine relief is inadequate. The Moscow Zemstvo relief organization calculates that $75,000,000 and possibly more will be necessary. Though the conditions in the famine regions are now most distressing, the real horrors will begin in January. The Zemstvo organization funds, $300,000, will then be exhausted, and the relief committees will be compelled to cease their efforts to save the lives of the starving peasants. On the strength of his personal knowledge, Prince Lvoff reaffirmed the truth of the report, lately officially denied, that girls in Kazan Province had been sold into slavery and taken to Mahommedan harems in the Caucasus."

Making allowance for considerable exaggeration, it is still clear that the people of Russia have something more serious than political disturbances to claim their attention for the next few months. If twenty millions of people are threatened with an actual scarcity of food, the other millions must come to their assistance. To change the conditions which result in such famines would be the aim of an enlightened government, which, unfortunately, Russia does not yet possess. In the meantime the people must be fed.

The Dominion parole officer states that since the parole system was established in connection with Canadian prisons between 1400 and 1500 men have been released before the expiry of their sentences. Of these 800 received their full liberty as a result of good conduct, 500 are still reporting monthly on parole, and little more than two per cent relapsed into criminal ways.. Those who were thus released were able to earn money for their families or themselves, instead of being a source of expense to the country. A more general application of the parole system, judiciously administered, would doubtless show equally good results. There is excellent raw material for self-respecting manhood behind prison doors, if proper means of development are employed.

The Vancouver Colonist observes:- "The minister of a Methodist church in Montreal was rash enough to pray for the president of the United States, and a large-sized storm in a small-sized teacup has been raised in consequence. It is not clear from the letters, that have appeared in the papers, whether the ground of complaint is that the president is past praying for, or that he is beyond the necessity of such things, or that the prayer is an act of disloyalty towards our most gracious king and sovereign."

Speaking of mining stocks, the Montreal Gazette says:—"There has been a great drop in the price of Nipissing, one of the leading Cobalt stocks. It had been boomed on the strength of profits it was expected to make, and when no more gas could be pumped into the price it collapsed, and sympathetically affected other stocks. Its case illustrates what investors should be careful of. Stocks that have their price fixed by what the mines actually produce are the safe ones to buy."

The Rev. Henry M. Warren, of New York invited intending suicides to call upon him before leaving the world. Quite a number have done so, and abandoned their rash intentions. The fact illustrates the helpfulness of human sympathy in time of trouble. The person who reaches the verge of suicide has usually persuaded himself or herself that "nobody cares."

In parliament yesterday Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that arrangements were being made for perfecting the train arrangements and connections with incoming steamers at Rimouski next summer to prevent delays to the mails. How much longer are the winter mails to be delayed by compelling the C. P. R. steamers to call at Halifax? If haste is essential in summer, why not in winter?

A London cable says that at a meeting in Manchester this week "Archdeacon Webb of Calgary said he looked upon the schools in Canada as the greatest of failures,—they were absolutely secular." The Archdeacon's views on this subject are not the views of the majority of the Canadian people. They have settled the question, as they believe, wisely and in the best interests of the country.

The street railway service failed last evening when it should have been most effective. The management lay the blame on the I. C. R. traffic across Mill street, but this is not satisfactory to the people who stood in the rain without even a stalled car in which to find shelter from the storm.

The Lethbridge miners failed in their demand for an exclusive recognition of the union and the deduction of union dues by the company from all the men's wages. Such recognition would have made the men masters of the mine.

With the aid of the federal government Montreal may be able now to break the monopoly of the Heat, Light and Power Co. These monopolies in any city are injurious to the public interest.

Halifax is determined to delay the Empress steamers—not in the interest of Canada, but for the selfish gratification of Halifax. How long will the country stand that kind of hold-up?

The smallpox epidemic at Springhill is at last to be dealt with in a serious way. With thirty houses quarantined this action is not taken any too soon.

P. E. Island must still be content with an unsatisfactory winter steamer service. The problem is not one easy of solution.

PAROLE SYSTEM SHOWS SUCCESS

W. P. Archibald, Dominion parole officer, was in town yesterday, after a visit to the maritime province prisons in the interests of his department. The visits are made thrice every year, to investigate the applications of prisoners for parole and enable a report to be made on the merits of each case.

Mr. Archibald says that the system has been wonderfully beneficial, and that the percentage of paroles in the maritime provinces is equal to that of any part of Canada. The number of inmates in the penitentiaries, he adds, is smaller than it has been for years.

OFFICERS WERE ELECTED

TORONTO, Ont., Dec 6 (Special)—The International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Ways held their final meeting this morning in Labor temple. The officers elected were:—

John T. Wilson, St. Louis, president; A. B. Lowe, Kingston, first vice president; J. W. Davenport, Sandifer, North Carolina, second vice president; A. F. Stout, Ivanhoe, Ont., third vice president; Clint Boyle, St. Louis, secretary-treasurer. The next convention will be held in New Orleans.

SMALLPOX SCARE OVER

KINGSTON, Dec. 6 (Special)—The smallpox scare at the penitentiary is over. The smallpox patient isolated in the penitentiary farm has only suffered slightly and is convalescing rapidly.

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POEMS BY THE COPY BOY

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(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

dogon why cant I reed 2day
and not be Bothurd in this way
I wunder when they think I find
odd moments tew Impruve my mind

its johnny run and Johnny jump
and here yung feller Get a bump
this aint no Boys job that they gave
tew me they need a good strong slave

now theres the Boss dont do a thing
but Keep yours truly on the wing
hes only Hired here truth tew speak
tew See I urn three bucks per week

gwhizz the way of life is ruff
And men is maid of lazy stuff
they lay around like rocks and Logs
and wurk the Offis boys like dogs

an hour ago I started out
tew Reed about kit carson scout
But what with Being bothurd so
my progress is But painful slow

just When he is about tew slay
sum injun I am torn away
by rite which i hereby dispute
Tew shute sum copy up the Chute

there aint no Simpathy thats sure
round Hereabouts with litterchure
And boys pore soles must bear the brunt
of work and grow up Ignarunt.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

DEFINITION.

Nell—"She has an automobile tongue."

Bell—"What do you mean?"

"Nell—"Oh, she's always running other people down."

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FULLY EXPLAINED.

She—"You shouldn't blame a girl for being thoughtless?"

He—"Why not."

She—"Because even the first woman was an afterthought."

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SHE WOULDN'T LIKE IT.

Meekly—"Yes, we're going to move to Swamphurst."

Doctor:—"But the climate there may disagree with your wife."

Meekly:—"It wouldn't dare!"

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HUMAN GOLF BALL.

Hardup—"My life reminds me of the career of a golf ball."

Jackson—"Why?"

Hardup—"Because I'm helped out of one hole only to get into another."

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GOOD REASON.

Mr. Flannigan—"And are you still workin' for Murphy, Pat?"

Pat.—"Shure an' I'm not. Murphy has insulted me, and I'll not work for him any more."

Mr. Flannigan—"Shure an' what did he say to you?"

Pat—"What did he say? He said, 'Pat, ye're discharged?' and after that I wouldn't work for him for the world."

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A SCOTCH JOKE

At a presentation not long ago the gentleman who was receiving the present got up to make a speech, and said he only wished that there was a window in his heart that the people could see the gratitude he felt for them, when a boy in the gallery called out:

"Hae, mister, wid a pane (pain) in your stomach no' dae as weel?"

ALCOHOL FOUND GUILTY AGAIN

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 6—Tennyson Smith's trial of alcohol in the Opera House tonight was largely attended. The trial was not marked by any special incident different from those held elsewhere. C. A. Steeves was judge, Tennyson Smith prosecuted and Herbert J. Smith defended the prisoners. The witnesses were J. V. Jackson, E. Thatcher, George Proctor, Rev. B. H. Thomas, of Dorchester; Rev. H. E. Thomas, W. H. Cummings and others. The latter attempted an assault upon the prisoner but was restrained from violence.

Cummings was one of the party who went on a debauch three or four years ago on wood alcohol, two of the party dying from the effects. He told the story of that episode in his career.

Rev. H. E. Thomas cited the case of a man falling into the bay at St. John while intoxicated in support of the murder charge.

After the address of counsel and the judge's charge the jury, through Foreman Murray, found the prisoner guilty of robbery and murder, standing eight for conviction and four for acquittal. The prisoner, in the shape of a bottle of Bass' ale, was duly executed on the stage. The St. John barrister was given a fine reception by the audience for his conduct of the case and address to the jury.

Two more Scott act commitments were executed this afternoon and the parties, A. G. Jesty, manager of the Windsor, and Thaddy Richard, proprietor of the Park Hotel, were taken to Dorchester this evening. This makes a total of six now in jail.

The Maritime express tonight was delayed three hours by the engine on the C. P. R. express being off the track at Thompson (N. S.)

SCOTLAND WANTS TO KEEP "THE GRAYS"

London, Dec. 6—The secretary of state for war, Mr. Haldane, in pursuance of the plan for army reorganization, decided recently to remove a cavalry regiment, the Scotch Grays, from Scotland. This decision has caused the greatest resentment in Scotland, which was voiced at a tremendous meeting of protest held in Edinburgh.

As already told in these despatches, Lord Rosebery hinted at Scottish secession unless the Grays are restored.

AN INQUIRY ORDERED INTO P. E. ISLAND CASES

Ottawa, Dec. 6—Mr. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries, has ordered an inquiry into the circumstances which prevented prompt aid being sent to the Norweigan vessel which was shipwrecked off East Point, Prince Edward Island.

Marlborough Lodge Sons of England elected officers last evening. R. Carloss was chosen president and A. Logan, vice-president. Portland Lodge will elect officers tonight.

Dolls and Toys.

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No. 2—One cabinet grand upright grand piano, by the New York Piano Co., mahogany case, 7 1-3 octaves, thoroughly up-to-date, good as new. Original price $450.00. Now $225.00. Terms: $10.00 cash and $6.00 per month.

No. 3—Upright piano by Challenger & Co., London. Walnut case, 7 octaves, first class piano for a child to practice on. Former price $350. Now $125 00. Terms: $5.00 cash and $4.00 per month.

No. 4—A fine upright piano, walnut case, 7 octaves. A bargain for anyone wishing a good piano at a low price. $175.00. $8.00 cash and $4.00 per month.

No. 5—A beautiful grand square piano by Heintzman & Co., carved legs, 7 1-3 octaves, all modern improvements. A fine piano for a hall or large drawing room. Former price $400.00. Now $135.00. $6.00. cash and $4.00 per month.

No. 6—A fine square piano by Geo. M. Guild & Co., walnut case, 7 octaves, finished all round. Former price $400.00. Will be sold at $100.00. $5.00 cash and $4.00 per month.

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