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MONDAY	10,734
TUESDAY	9,401
WEDNESDAY	10,754
THURSDAY	10,283
FRIDAY	10,060
SATURDAY	10,661

TOTAL

61,951

Daily Average

10,325

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6,791

A GLANCE BACKWARD

There is an interesting reference to St. John in the extracts from the Diary of John Van Buren (written in 1838), published in the December Scribner's. He was the second son of Martin Van Buren, president of the United States, and went to England in 1838, partly on business and partly to witness the coronation of Queen Victoria. Mr. Van Buren was a gifted writer as well as a courtly gentleman. While in England he received much attention from notable people, met the young queen at several public functions, was entertained by the nobility, and as a son of the president was welcomed everywhere. In the extracts from his Diary, which are printed in the December Scribner's, he tells of the coronation, a royal banquet, a dinner at Lord Palmerston's, one or two balls, a day at Windsor, a visit to Lord Leicester, and the prorogation of parliament by the young queen. He writes freely and entertainingly of famous men and women of that day, from the standpoint, of course, of a republican, but always with a kindly appreciation. He was especially impressed with the queenliness of Victoria, her wonderful self-possession, and the charm and grace of her manner toward all.

But it was Mr. Van Buren's reference to St. John that prompted the present reference to his Diary. He had sailed from New York on May 21st, anticipating a voyage of eighteen to twenty-two days. On May 30th, when off the Banks of Newfoundland, he wrote:

"A ship called the Susan Maria Brook, bound for St. John, sent a boat aboard of us yesterday, ostensibly to give us a letter to somebody in Donegal, Ireland. I took advantage of the chance to start a letter through Victoria's dominions to my father. It may reach him after journeying many a weary mile. After the small boat had left us, it came a long way back to ask the longitude, which we inferred afterwards was its real object in boarding us. The small boat pulled a couple of miles to reach us. We are wallowing about on these Banks yet. The change of the moon may bring wind."

On that same day they could see a fleet of eleven ships around them. The next day they got a fair wind and made a quick run the rest of the way, arriving at Portsmouth on the 21st day out from New York.

It is interesting today, when Empress steamships bring not only Canadian but oriental mails to St. John, and nearly every day is marked by the arrival or departure of an Atlantic steamship at this port, to read of the time when sailing ships exchanged mails in mid-ocean and were frequently becalmed for a much longer time than is now required to carry mails and passengers across the Atlantic from port to port. Mr. Van Buren, starting a letter from the Banks of Newfoundland, where his ship was becalmed, and sending it by another vessel then also becalmed but bound for St. John, hoped it would eventually arrive at Washington.

The world has travelled fast and far along the line of the development of transportation facilities since the Susan Maria Brook brought John Van Buren's letter, addressed to the president of the United States, to the port of St. John in the summer of 1838.

THE FRENCH CRISIS

"If the church wishes," said Premier Clemenceau, of France, last evening, addressing the chamber of deputies, "there is still time to avoid a battle. We offer her the law of 1881, made for all Frenchmen, and submitting thereto she will have peace; but otherwise by seeking us, she will find us."

The Republique Francaise declares: "The time has passed when a Pope could successfully threaten to release French subjects from their allegiance. Defiance of the law will only expose the priests to being regarded by the subjects of a foreign power, by which they would forfeit their rights as Frenchmen."

Appealing to the people on these grounds there can be no reasonable doubt that the government of France will be sustained. The realm of the church—any church—is spiritual; and the time has passed when the world would have it otherwise.

The Papal secretary at Paris has been escorted across the Italian border, and it is announced that the government will ask for power to expel any ecclesiastics whose presence seems to endanger peace. It is further stated that "Premier Clemenceau will ask parliament to suppress the pension of the clergy, to liquidate the public property of Catholics, and to dis-

tribute the presbyteries, seminaries, and so on."

It is not expected that the government will have its way without serious trouble, and there is the possibility of armed resistance, since the enemies of the government may be expected to do all possible to embarrass the premier and his colleagues, while many devout adherents of the church will resist the measures taken to carry out the government's policy. On the other hand, also, the enemies of the church and of all religion, of whom there are some in France, will be quite willing to stir up a strife which they would expect to result in weakening the influence of the church. Thus there is the probability of conflict that will have its tragic side and that may be prolonged for many months or years. In the end, all churches will doubtless be placed on an equality before the law.

If there is a car manufacturing industry looking for a desirable site St. John is the place. It has competing lines of railway and water communication all the year round. The facilities for getting the raw material and shipping the finished product are unrivalled in these provinces. It is not necessary to point out that the establishment of such works on a large scale would add to the industrial population of the city, and be an inducement for other smaller industries to come this way.

The safety board has taken up the question of the price of gas in a business-like manner. It would be useless, however, to begin an enquiry unless it were made so thorough as to leave no loophole of escape from the conclusion to which it leads, with regard to the cost of good gas produced under favorable conditions with modern equipment.

In the interest of the public health, as well as the success of the export trade of Canada, it is well that there should be a thorough inspection of canned goods manufactured in this country, along the lines suggested by Hon. Mr. Fisher.

Secretary Shaw has once more come to the relief of Wall Street by releasing \$20,000,000 from the treasury. Mr. Shaw has been playing Santa Claus in the financial world whenever an opportunity has offered of late.

All the "old timers" along the line of the Intercolonial Railway will learn with regret of the death of O. A. Barriere, the oldest station agent, who has been in the service since 1880.

Although fashions in slang change from year to year, it is alleged that whenever a member of the St. John salvage corps catches the eye of the director of public safety, he calls out: "Rubber!"

The Canadian house of commons will take recess from Dec. 20th, until Jan. 8th. The Christmas spirit will not be disturbed by talk of graft and such matters at the capital.

Some interesting speeches should be a feature of this afternoon's luncheon on the royal mail steamship, Empress of Britain.

Three more Massachusetts towns have decided not to grant licenses next year for the sale of liquor. They are Chelsea, Newburyport and Salem.

MRS. MASON HEARS FROM WASHINGTON

Last evening Mrs. Mason, who, with her secretary, Mr. Mackay, has been detained here by the U. S. immigration officers, received a telegram from F. H. Larned, acting commissioner general of the United States, regarding the detention of Mr. Mackay.

The following is a copy of the telegram from Washington:

E. L. Mason, Royal Hotel, St. John, (N. B.):

"In absence detailed information am unable to reply to your telegram. Immigration officers at St. John have immediate jurisdiction. Please report full particulars by mail."

"F. H. LARNED, Atg. Com. Gen'l."

A message was also received from Stork Bros., of Toronto, urging that Mrs. Mason should make arrangements at once for the purchase of the property at Kingsville, as other parties were desirous of getting it.

The annual meeting of St. John Council, No. 2, National Association of Marine Engineers of Canada, was held last night in Union hall, North End. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Alex. Wilson, president; G. H. Waring, Jr., 1st vice; J. W. Crowley, 2nd vice; G. T. G. Blawie, secretary; J. F. Williamson, treasurer; John Matthews, assistant secretary; F. J. Lewis, conductor; W. W. Roberts, doorkeeper; W. I. Barton, N. J. Morrison, auditors; G. H. Waring, J. J. Williamson, W. I. Barton, N. J. Morrison and W. B. Parks, members of council.

An alarm was rung in from box 21, for a fire in Mrs. Mary Ousack's house on Waterloo street last night. The blaze was easy to get at as it was near the back window and was soon extinguished. During the blaze a barrel of flour was destroyed. Mrs. Ousack carries some insurance.

Dr. W. S. Young, of Vancororo, was registered at the Victoria yesterday. Hon. C. W. Robinson, of Moncton, was at the Royal yesterday.

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SONG OF THE AXE
High grew the snow beneath the low-hung sky,
And all was silent in the wilderness;
In trance of stillness Nature heard her God
Rebuilding her spent fires, and vail'd her work.
While the Great Worker brooded o'er His work.

"Bite deep and wide, O Axe, the tree,
What doth thy bold voice promise me?"

"I promise thee all joyous things,
That furnish forth the lives of kings!

"For every silver ringing blow,
Cities and palaces shall grow!"

"Bite deep and wide, O Axe, the tree,
Tell wider prophecies to me."

"When rust hath gnaw'd me deep and red,
A nation strong shall lift his head!"

"He crown the very Heav'n's shall amite,
As one shall build him in his might!"

"Bite deep and wide, O Axe, the tree;
Bright be, help on thy prophecy!"

Max smote the snow-weight'd tree, and lightly laugh'd,
"See, friend," he cried to one that look'd and smil'd,
"My axe and I—we do immortal tasks—
We build up nations—this my axe and I!"

—Isabella Valency Crawford.

IN LIGHTER VEIN
A PREDICTION.

Mr. Snappup—"There's no use in trying to stop my smoking. I'm going to smoke all my life."

Mrs. Snappup—"And you won't stop then."

THE NAKED TRUTH.
Truth and Falseness went to swim,
Leaving clothes on river's brim.

Falseness dressed up in Truth's clothes—
Thus is why Truth's naked goes.

Truth is modest—you'll not meet
Naked Truth upon the street.

TOO MANY TRIALS.
"And what is your name?"

"Katie, ma'am."

"Well, Katie, you may come to me next week, and I'll give you a trial."

"And you'll not, ma'am. Sure, I had too many trials in my last place!"

HAD WISHED IT PROBABLY.
"I could die waiting," he said.

"Did any of your partners ever express the hope that you would?" she gasped after he had almost crushed one of her feet by stepping on it.

FIXED BOTH WAYS.
Agnes—"Have you made up your mind yet what you'll say if Chloe asks you to marry him?"

Clara—"Yes, and I've made up my mind what I'll say if he doesn't."

TRUE CHIVALRY.
Elderly lady (to workman who has given her his seat in the street car)—"Oh, thank you very much."

Workman—"Oh, that's nothing at all, Miss. Many men only get up when the lady is pretty, but it never makes any difference to me.—Die Muskete."

A THOUGHTLESS INTRODUCTION.
Prison Chaplain (preaching on Sunday in the prison chapel)—"I am so delighted, my dear brethren, to see you assembled here in such goodly numbers.—Figaro."

AT THE OPERA.
She—"Did you enjoy the opera last night, Herr Schwarz?"

He—"No, I couldn't hear anything. She—"Why not?"

He—"Two ladies sat in front of me and chattered the whole evening about how much they loved music.—Kleiner Witzblatt."

THE LID GOES ON IN THREE MASS TOWNS

Chelsea, Newburyport and Salem Have Declared in Favor of no License.

Boston, Dec. 11—Changes in the administration in six of the nineteen Massachusetts cities which held elections today, will take place on Jan. 1, and next May three cities where liquor has been sold will return to the no license column. No mayors were re-elected, two retired voluntarily this year in favor of new aspirants for office, while in Boston and Newton the present incumbents are serving a two year term.

It has been many years since so many mayors failed to have their administrations endorsed. Those who were defeated were Mayors Wallace, of Beverly; Thurston, of Cambridge; Casey, of Lowell; Warren, of Malden; Dwyer, of Medford, and Barton, of Melrose.

The cities which changed from "Wet" to "Dry" were Chelsea, Newburyport and Salem.

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