

ANNA GOULD WINS SUITS

French Courts Give Decision in Her Favor

OVER BONI'S DEBTS

Creditors of Her Former Husband Tried to Force the Countess to Become Jointly Responsible for Debts of Count de Castellane.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Madame Gould, the former Countess Boni de Castellane, has been victorious in the suits brought by creditors and money lenders against her with the object of making Madame Gould jointly responsible with the count. Thirteen of the fifteen cases were dismissed today by the court, with costs against the plaintiffs.

Only in the cases of two art dealers did the court express the opinion that Madame Gould should be held responsible, as the objects purchased for the most part were left in her possession. The three cases still to be passed upon will be decided December 26. In dismissing the thirteen suits, the court held that the plaintiffs had failed to prove that the debts were contracted for the common benefit of the count and countess. The latter the court declared, had more than fulfilled the obligations under her marriage contract. During her wedded life she had retained nothing for herself, her entire revenue being collected by her husband and employed, according to his own admission either for the household expenses or for the payment of his personal debts.

WANTS JEFFRIES TO FIGHT THEM BOTH

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—According to the Herald today Tex. Rickard, Nevada's prize fight promoter, announced last night his willingness to give a \$50,000 purse for a semi-final bout with Jeffries and Burns, champion of the world, as central figure.

Rickard wants Jeffries to fight "Philadelphia Jack O'Brien" and "Tommy" Burns to a finish in one ring on the same day. The event to take place at Goldfield, early in May.

"From what I have been able to gather on my trip through the east and west," said Rickard, "the sporting public is quite satisfied that O'Brien or Burns has no chance individually against Jeffries. They believe, however, that both of them would cause the big fellow to extend himself in one day, so I have decided to give the public what it wants."

"I will hang up a purse of \$50,000 for the event and the fighters can divide it as they see fit. Now, it is up to Jeffries, O'Brien and Burns to meet and sign articles of agreement. I don't think Jeffries can have much cause for complaint. He is a big powerful man and as the champion, I don't see how he can refuse the offer if Burns and O'Brien are willing." A despatch from Los Angeles says Jeffries is away on a hunting trip but his representative declares it is extremely unlikely that he would accept Rickard's offer.

REV. J. W. GRAHAM GETS POSITION

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—(Special).—Rev. J. W. Graham of the First Methodist church, London and formerly pastor of St. James church, Montreal, was yesterday appointed associate secretary of education for the Methodist church by the educational committee, about sixteen members of which gathered in Victoria College from points ranging from British Columbia to the maritime provinces. Dr. Carman was in the chair. This appointment will relieve Dr. Pate of some of his duties and traveling in connection with the office. Mr. Graham's salary was fixed at the same as that of other connexional officers, such as book steward editor, etc. A general plan was outlined to raise the income of the educational society to \$50,000 per annum. It is now about \$30,000. An executive committee was appointed to carry this plan into effect.

FUNERALS

The funeral of the late Dennis S. Palmer was held this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence on St. James street. The services were conducted at the house by Rev. Mr. Lund and interment was made in Fernhill cemetery.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Kirby took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from the residence of her father, John Donohue, Windward street, to the church of the Assumption where Rev. J. J. O'Donnovan celebrated requiem high mass. Interment was made in St. John's cemetery.

The funeral of the late William Hurley took place this morning from the Seamen's Mission to Fernhill cemetery, where interment was made. Rev. G. A. Kuhring read the burial service.

The funeral of the late Miss Shaw took place from 38 Princess street today to the C. P. R. and the body was taken to Woodstock, where interment was made.

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, Dec. 18 (Special).—The stock market was decidedly weak today, with Dominion Iron common the most prominent in that respect. Trading was light, however, but what little selling there was received a poor reception, in view of the disinclination of traders to take on any fresh commitments until after the holiday season. Dominion Iron declined to 22 1/4 and Nova Scotia Steel was easier at 69 3/4 to 70. Canadian Pacific continued easier at 103 3/4 to 103 1/2. Other features were Rio Bonds, 80 1/4; Montreal Power, 94; Detroit Union, 82.

George Collins, who was injured yesterday on the street in Halifax City, is reported to be resting easily today.

A WOMAN IN MAN'S GARB

"Man" Who Died at Phoenix Was a Woman

A STRANGE CASE

Doctor Who Accompanied Patient to Phoenix Was Not in The Secret—Had Successfully Posed as a Man for Twelve Years.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 19.—M. Derylan, who came recently from Chicago with a Doctor Rove, died last night of consumption. Derylan claimed to be a son of a Russian admiral, and to have a wife and a son living in Chicago. He said he had been at one time assistant vice-consul of Russia in Chicago, and had served with the Americans in the Spanish war. He had many medals and it is said some letters of commendation from President McKinley. At the undertaking parlors it was discovered that the deceased was a woman. Dr. Rowe declared that he had no knowledge of this fact.

"Derylan was a clerk in the consulate," said Baron Schleppendach, Russian consul to Chicago, today. "He had been in the employ of the Russian government in Chicago for 13 years. Recently he left the office because of illness, and went to Arizona, hoping to regain his health. Minie Derylan, at her residence, had not been informed of the reported death of her husband. 'I received a message from him within the last day or so,' she said, 'in which he said he was ill, but not dangerously so. I did not think there was anything serious in his illness.'"

GETTING AFTER STANDARD OIL

Proceedings Brought by State of Missouri Against Standard Oil Co. Resumed in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Proceedings brought by the State of Missouri to oust the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. and the Republic Oil Co. of Missouri were resumed before Commissioner Robert A. Anthony today. The hearing, which began in this city several weeks ago, had been adjourned to several cities and was resumed here, that the Standard Oil Company might present testimony in rebuttal.

Two witnesses were examined today, J. A. Moffatt, president of the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, and Walter C. Teagle, who is connected with the export department of the Standard Oil Company. By Mr. Moffatt the company attempted to show that there was no restraint of the oil trade and that the Republic and Waters-Pierce Oil companies were independent companies. By Mr. Teagle, former vice-president and general manager of the Republic Oil Company, it was attempted to show that that company started out as an independent concern. Mr. Moffatt in replying to a question as to whether there is an agreement as to restraint of trade between the Waters-Pierce Company and the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana in Missouri, the witness replied that there was not, that there existed simply an agreement as between wholesaler and retailer. He said that the two concerns had divided the state between them to a certain extent. The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.

HE OWNED THE TEXAS SIFTINGS

John Army Knox Died in New York Yesterday

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—John Army Knox, at one time widely known as the editor and proprietor of Texas Siftings, died suddenly yesterday in this city from heart disease.

Born in Armoy, Ireland, in 1850, the son of a bank president of Belfast, Knox came to this country when a young man in search of health. He settled in Texas, where he became interested in the newspaper business. In 1880 he became owner of a periodical in Austin. Following several successful journalistic enterprises he started Texas Siftings, which, while written principally for circulation in Texas, attained international reputation for wit and literary excellence. Mr. Knox is survived by a widow and three children.

MRS. SAGE AS A MONEY LENDER

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Russell Sage has loaned \$1,500,000 to the Lands Purchase Company on a piece of property on the south side of Wall street, just west of William street. The mortgage is at 4 per cent, due Feb. 1, 1910. This makes nearly \$7,000,000 that Mrs. Sage has loaned on Manhattan real estate recently.

BISHOP C. C. MCCABE DEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Bishop Charles C. McCabe, of the Methodist Episcopal church, died in the New York hospital at 5.20 a. m. today. Death was due to apoplexy, with which the bishop was stricken on December 11. Mrs. McCabe and the bishop's niece, who have been with him almost constantly since he was stricken, were at the bedside when he passed away.

THE STORY OF A LIVELY ROW

Minnie Nairn and Michael Harrigan Call Each Other Names in the Police Court.

BIG TRAIN WRECK

Twelve Persons Hurt by Derailment of a Train on Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway—Will Not Give Employees Cheap Coal

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—A fire of threatening proportions today caused heavy damage in the block bounded by Tremont, Bromfield, Washington and Winter streets. The fire broke out on the lower floor of the Edgington and Brady furniture store, 110 to 116 Tremont street. The Studio building and swept up through six floors of the structure. The roof fell in and the fire jumped across a narrow alley to the roof of the Orpheum Theatre and to the top of the building occupied by Talbot Company, clothing, 393 to 403 Washington street. The flames did damage to both buildings slightly, but the Talbot building was flooded by the bursting of a hose. The firemen had to work in a narrow alley on ice coated ladders, and fire escapes and with their own bodies enmeshed in ice. The loss is estimated at about \$150,000. Several artists, architects, dentists, and other occupants of the studio building were burned out.

Twelve Hurt in Train Wreck
HUTCHINSON, Kans., Dec. 19.—Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific passenger train No. 30 was derailed at Oullinton, in Pratt county, south of Hutchinson, early today. The whole train left the tracks, and all but the engine turned over. At least 12 persons were injured, some of them seriously.

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He regarded it as remarkable that the door was there and the defendant had sworn there was not and had not been used, and yet there was no lock on it but it had been fastened by a screw which it had been learned there were screws.

Appley had tented the adjoining apartment and the door had been fastened on his side, making it easy for him to gain access to the barroom. The screws had been taken out of the bar and according to evidence, the fine, as already stated, and which Garnett paid.

A COLD WAVE LAST NIGHT

St. John Had Two Below But in Sussex it Was 29 Below.

A cold wave struck the city again last night, and the thermometer showed that the temperature had dropped to two below the cipher. Fires were banked again and telephone calls to plumbers were the order of the day. This morning the temperature had risen to one above zero, at nine o'clock.

At various points outside the city it was much colder than was the case here. Sussex reported 29 below, Rothesay 16 below and Torquay 14 below zero.

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CHRISTMAS IN THE MARKET

Turkeys May Be Scarce—Fairly Good Supply in a Present.

KILTIES STILL LEAD

Over 11,500 Votes Polled for St. Mary's Band—Contest Closes Friday; no Votes Will Be Received After Noon on That Day.

The country market is taking on a Yuletide appearance, with the usual decorations of evergreen, birds of all sorts and sizes, and meats of various kinds temptingly displayed.

At this time of year the majority of the householders are figuring out what they will have for their Christmas dinner and the price of turkeys, geese, ducks, etc., is a matter of general discussion. The present price of turkeys is from 20 to 22 cents a pound, and though it is difficult to say just what may happen to change the quotation, it seems likely that this figure will rule until after the 25th inst. The supply of turkeys this year, up to the present time, has not been very large and unless during the next few days the countrymen come in in goodly numbers, there may be a stiffening in the price asked.

The quality of the birds, as a general thing, is very good. They are fat and plump, and can be had in large or small sizes.

Though the stall owners in the market have their places of business nicely decorated and plentifully supplied with good things for the Christmas table, yet it is noticeable how few of the countrymen are coming along. If, as seems probable, during the next few days, the farmers who have been holding their turkeys back for better prices should "strike town" in large numbers, there is liable to be a slump in prices, but the majority of the merchants are inclined to think that prices will go no lower than at present, and many are of the opinion that a higher figure may be asked, as the indications point to the supply being limited.

The merchant advises "buy now." Last year's price at this time was 26 cents a pound.

As is usual at this season of the year, there is an attractive offering of fancy birds for the festive board, including prairie chickens, brant, teal, quail, pheasants, quail, pigeons, etc., as well as ducks, geese, chickens and fowl.

There is a good display also of fat western beef, lamb, mutton, big and little porkers, moose and venison. Prices are all moderate, and the quality of the best. Eggs and butter are causes of some importunate advice to the Christmas cooks. Butter is quoted at from 26 to 32 cents a pound; while eggs are bringing from 35 to 50 cents a dozen.

High prices rule also in all kinds of dried fruits, such as raisins, currants, peels, etc.

THINKS RIG WAS STOLEN

Stephen A. Cunningham Lost a Fine Horse and Sleigh in Fairville Yesterday.

Stephen A. Cunningham's horse and sleigh disappeared mysteriously last night in Fairville and no clue to them has been as yet received.

Mr. Cunningham drove over to Fairville last night, as is his custom, and stopped his team in front of Sample's store while he delivered some paper bags. When he came out of the shop the animal was gone but Mr. Cunningham did not think anything of that as the horse had a habit of walking out to the stable yard, where he usually received a potato to eat. Mr. Cunningham, however, discovered that the horse had not been seen there, and he walked down to the Spruce Lake road and met a man there, who said that he had met a team answering to the description of his horse, and that Mr. Cunningham went on down the road and met another man, who said he did not see the team, but he heard bells on the river road. The owner walked down there, but finding no trace of his property he returned to Fairville.

The horse disappeared at about 6.15 o'clock, and about 8.30 o'clock Cunningham accompanied by a friend, procured a team and started in pursuit of the animal, but towards midnight he lost the track.

He drove all night, but was unsuccessful in his efforts and notified the police, who feel sure that the animal was stolen.

The animal is a beautiful grey mare, and Mr. Cunningham states that it would go away like that of its own accord.

The Times was informed this afternoon that S. A. Cunningham's horse is in Windsor, where it is being looked after by a resident of that place.

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—(Special).

The Dominion government has been advised that the Indian Woolly Bear, sentenced to be executed at Brandon on Dec. 21st, for the murder of another Indian, is dying. A few days ago it was decided to let the law take its course, but on account of more recent information that the man is dying, his sentence has been commuted to imprisonment for life.

C. P. Fleming, of Pt. de Bute, is in the city.

George Robertson, M. P. P. arrived on the Boston train today.

ANOTHER BIG DAY

Balloting in Times Contest Was Very Heavy

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The excitement in the Times voting contest continues at fever heat, none of the leaders in the struggle being disposed to yield any of the advantage they have gained. The balloting today was on a tremendous scale. For a time it looked as if St. Mary's Band would secure the leadership, that organization having added over 11,500 to its already large total, 2,900 of which were received yesterday. Just before the closing of the polls, however, the Kilties managed to bring forward enough votes to overcome the majority of the bandsmen.

The war between the three leaders is now on in earnest, and surprising developments are expected hourly.

The Contest Editor's mail was very heavy today, scores of letters containing votes being received from all parts of the province.

Mr. Geo. S. Beach, of the C. P. R., Fredericton, requests all friends of the Foresters to leave all votes for Court La Tour with him at the C. P. R. ticket office in that town, that he may be able to get them in before the contest closes.

The Contest Editor would like to meet the representatives of the leading organizations in the Times office at 8 o'clock tonight.

Tomorrow the last ballot will be printed and no ballots will be received after 12 o'clock on the following day.

This rule does not apply to voters in the country districts, who mail their coupons the previous evening.

Kenneth Spear, 177 Union street, is headquarters for votes for Scotch Brigade, while Sgt. Doce, 13 Hospital street, will look after coupons for St. Mary's Band sent to his address.

The circulation of the Times yesterday was nearly 29,000 copies.

St. Stephen's Scotch B. B. . . 47,827
St. Mary's Band . . . 46,032
Court La Tour, I. O. F. . . 37,167
St. Joseph's B. B. C. . . 25,272
High School A. D. . . 16,308
Neptune Rowing Club . . . 15,374
La Tour T. of H. and T. . . 4,023
Portland Methodist Y. M. A. . . 2,390
Marathon A. C. . . 1,575
Junior Beavers . . . 1,507
Mission Church Gym. . . 1,465
St. Andrew's Cadets . . . 1,200
Marlborough B. C. O. E. . . 901
St. John's B. B. C. . . 894
Y. P. S. of Centenary Church . . 701
Ladies' O. B. A. . . 583
St. Mark's Cadets . . . 485
Y. M. S. S. C. . . 475
St. George's B. B. C. . . 383
Wood's . . . 336
Military Veterans . . . 326
Alex. Sec. T. of H. and T. . . 272
Freemen's Relief Assoc. . . 245
St. Peter's Y. M. A. . . 240
King's Daughters and Sons . . 242
Father Mathew Association . . 215
Ladies' Auxiliary . . . 218

THE KINDERGARTEN TOTS ENTERTAINED

Miss Morton's kindergarten class were right royally entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. McKnight at her residence on King street east, and her generosity in opening the doors of her home to 40 children was highly appreciated by the little ones who romped about the residence and enjoyed every minute of their stay.

The dining room was prettily decorated for the occasion, and when the children sat down to partake of the sumptuous repast at their disposal, many were the merry faces that were to be seen. Three large tables were made ready for the children, and at each table was a chosen child in charge of the car, as he had to lift each and every one of the little tots on and off the car.

When the good time was over Mrs. McKnight had a sleigh to take the children to their respective homes.

The closing exercises of the kindergarten will be held tomorrow morning, and a Times reporter, who visited the school on Delhi street this morning, can testify to the indefatigable efforts of Miss Morton. The room is beautifully decorated for tomorrow's proceedings, and the children this morning arranged in a circle were rehearsing their programme.

Miss Morton has been assisted in her work by Miss Miller and the committee would like to thank Miss Mabel McAvity, Miss Bessie Foster, Miss Nora Knight, Miss Austin, Mrs. McKinnon, Miss Annie Stammers, and Miss Gladys Hogan for their assistance during the term.

The kindergarten conducted by Mrs. Matthews in the Portland Methodist church, will close tomorrow morning. Mrs. Matthews has been assisted by Miss Sandall, and the exercises will be of the usual kind.

Miss Hutt's school, in the Carmarthen street Methodist church, will close tomorrow at 3 p. m. for the Christmas vacation.

Alex. D. McLean, of the Maple Grove ranch, Battleford, Sask., after an absence of five years, has returned to spend the Christmas season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McLean, of this city.

AN AWFUL TRAGEDY

Demented Mother Cuts Her Children's Throats

THEN KILLS HERSELF

Whitefish New Ontario Village Was The Scene of the Tragedy—Bodies Found in Snowbank—Woolly Car Cheats the Gallows.

SUDBURY, Ont., Dec. 19.—(Special).—A dreadful tragedy had been enacted at Whitefish, a little railway village on the Soo branch of the C. P. R., 18 miles west of here.

An English woman, whose husband is an engineer with the Copper Cliff Mining Co., suddenly became demented. While in this condition last Thursday night, she took her two children, aged 3 and 8 respectively, from their bed, and, carrying them outside of the house, laid them in the deep snow and cut their throats with a knife. Apparently, realizing what she had done, the woman then used the weapon upon her own throat. Neighbors, the following morning, were shocked to find the three bodies lying in the snow. The mother and the youngest child were dead, but there was life in the older child. Doctors were summoned but this child also died within three hours after being found. In addition to the fearful gash, the child's limbs were badly frozen, the night having been desperately cold, the thermometer registering 15 below zero. The husband of the woman said his wife's mother, who still resides in the old country, became temporarily insane. This leads to the conclusion that the insanity of her daughter was hereditary.

SAYS SHE IS INNOCENT

Mrs. Neil Charged With Murdering Her Husband Declares She is Not Guilty.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Catherine Neil, a prisoner in the Tombs, charged with the murder of her husband, Joseph, at Greenwich, Conn. today denied that the man had been stabbed with a hat pin or a nail file, and asserted her opinion that he had died from poison. At the same time Edward Greenthal, employed as counsel, announced that he would ask for another autopsy and analysis of the contents of the stomach and other organs to prove his client's assertions.

Mrs. Neil has partly recovered from the hysteria under which she had labored after her arrest on Saturday.

"I had no reason in the world to kill my husband," Mrs. Greenthal reported her as saying. "When he was not drinking he was kindness itself to me. It was only when he was under the influence that he struck me, and for this I always forgave him, believing he would come out all right in the end."

"I knew my husband was not himself that day at Greenwich. He was very pale and appeared to be unusually tired. He sent a messenger boy out to a drugstore for some medicine. I do not know what this was. He said it was a cure for his headache."

"It was afterwards that I found him writhing on the floor and frothing at the mouth. I screamed for help and pretty soon Dr. Thompson came in. He leaned over Joey and put his full weight on his chest, lifting his eyelids with his fingers. He turned suddenly after a time exclaiming 'this man has been poisoned.'"

"I shall insist that there be a thorough autopsy and investigation before burial," declared the lawyer. "If the burial takes place before I can obtain this permission I will take the court to have the body exhumed. We can easily settle the truth of the woman's story in that way and surely she has the right to have that done."

MR. EDWARDS WILL APPEAL

He Will Take the Pick Case to the Supreme Court.

FREDERICTON, N. B. Dec. 19.—(Special).—At the annual meeting of the William Richards Co. held here this afternoon, the following directors were re-elected: H. H. Gunter, David Richards, David Sunson, J. Howard Richards. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, H. H. Gunter was elected president, and J. H. Richards, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Chinie, wife of Col. Chinie, of the Royal Regiment, arrived here last night to join her husband.

The thermometer here registered 20 below zero last night.

A large quantity of turkeys were disposed of in the market this morning at 18 and 20 cents per pound.

J. W. Clarke, of Moncton, lately shipped fifty barrels of apples of the Wealthy variety to the old country.

So far there have been no applications from militiamen for the January course of instruction at the Royal Regiment.

C. McManus, of Memramouc, who had charge of the sewerage work here for his company left for home last evening.

John A. Edwards will appeal to the supreme court from the decision of Judge Barker in the Pick case.

Charles Ward of the One Mile House, has been reported for selling liquor on Sunday.