

BATTLES IN THE CLOUDS

Airships Will be Big Factor in Next War

A REVOLUTION

Development of Aerial Locomotion Will Revolutionize Everything--France Takes Time by the Forelock and Will be Ready for New Conditions.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—So confident is the French government that the day is only a short distance off when aerial locomotion will be practical that several commissions are at work elaborating plans for meeting the various branches of the public service, the solution of many new problems which the revolution will entail. Captain Ferber, of the French army, who is devoting all his time to aerostatics and who conducted the negotiations on behalf of his government with the Wright Brothers, agrees with Santos Dumont that flying machines in a few years will be as common as automobiles today. In the next war he is convinced there will be battles between flotillas of airships. "Human mastery of the air," said he to the Associated Press, "is virtually achieved. None of the startling achievements of the past, neither electric nor the telephone can compare with what the future holds in store for us. Not only will the life of individuals be revolutionized, but governments will be compelled to devise, in almost every department new methods to meet the changed conditions. This change will come with amazing suddenness. France is taking the precaution to meet it. The customs service present methods of watching the frontiers will be obsolete. Aerial patrols will be necessary to prevent the smuggling of contraband across the border.

"The police of all cities will have to be provided with flying machines in order to protect the people from the new opportunities for crime new locomotion will place in the power of criminals. It would seem that flying machines would enable anarchists to achieve any end by their means not only rulers, but whole cities. With the police sailing about in the air it will be no more difficult to frustrate their plots than it is now on solid ground. In war the intelligence service will be entirely changed. The aerostatic divisions and armed airships will guard the bivouacs of armies. Captain Ferber believes the solution of the problem of aerial navigation lies in the question of equilibrium as the principle of flight, that is area of aeroplane surface and speed. He contends that the domination of the air at present enjoyed by birds was only obtained as a result of a slow process of evolution comparable in a way to slow perfection of the present means of flight.

LOBSTERS IN FISH MARKET

Nova Scotia Lobsters Expected Today—Prices in Local Market.

A feature of this week's fish market supply will be Nova Scotia lobsters, large and medium sizes, either boiled or alive. The lobster season opened in Halifax county on Dec. 15, and it is expected that a supply will have reached the city earlier in the week. This was prevented, however, by the recent rough weather making it impossible to reach the traps. It is believed, though, that they will be here by today's train, so that they can be had at the fish markets for the first time. The lobster season will not open here until January 5, 1907. The catch, and consequently the supply, will be governed entirely by the weather.

The general supply of fish will be good for this week and prices range as follows: Fresh herring, 20c a dozen, supply fairly good. Cod brings 5c. cod steak, 10c; halibut, 6c; flounder, 8c; halibut, 15c; frozen mackerel, 12 to 25c.; and frozen salmon, 15 to 20c. Haddies are still selling at the advanced price of 9 cents a pound, and there is no immediate prospect of a lower figure. There is a good supply of Newfoundland bladders and kippers.

It was learned today from a local dealer that the general condition of the fish market here is better than ever before, as a result of the efforts of an enterprising dealer to bring it up by introducing modern methods of keeping and handling fish.

SHAW MAY HEAD THE MUTUAL LIFE

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—There is a well defined rumour both here and in Washington that Leslie M. Shaw will become the president of the Mutual Life when he leaves his post of secretary of the treasury. While a formal tender of office has not been made to Mr. Shaw by the trustees of the Mutual Life, he has been given to understand that he can have the place if he cares to take it. The secretary of the treasury is now "considering" the proposition, but no doubt is expressed by his friends and intimates that he will do other than accept it.

WANTS TO SELL ZION CITY

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 20.—At a meeting of creditors in the Zion City estate, last night, Receiver John C. Hately announced that conditions demand that immediate arrangements be made for selling the entire property.

Many of the creditors he said are in absolute poverty. Others are borrowing to meet living expenses and are approaching financial ruin. The fact that winter has arrived makes the crisis sharper.

Storn drum No. 3 was ordered hoisted at 1:25 o'clock, indicating an easterly gale.

BANDSMEN ARE AHEAD

The St. Mary's Band Now Leads by 6000 Votes

IN TIMES CONTEST

Immense Number of Ballots Polled Today—Strenuous Fight Between Three Leaders for First Place—Contest Closes Tomorrow—Result Published Saturday.

Another startling change has occurred in the Times voting contest. The vote today shows St. Mary's Band in the lead, its majority over the Kilites being something like 6,000.

An enormous vote was polled before noon today, the friends of the leaders being evidently determined to make every effort count, now the close of the contest has approached.

It was an interesting spectacle that was presented in the Times office this morning. The friends of the three leaders almost overwhelmed the vote counters in a flood of ballots.

The struggle between the bandsmen and the Kilites waxed fast and furious, the latter fighting hard to hold the position they have so long retained, while the latter fought with a grim determination to retrieve their past defeats by a brilliant victory.

That they were successful proves how great is the enthusiasm which animates this small organization of young men. The contest editor received an enormous quantity of letters today. The writers, evidently determined to be in at the finish, sent several thousand votes for the different contestants.

The following will be of interest to St. Mary's Band:

Wellesley, Ohio, Dec. 15, 1906.

Contest Editor The Evening Times:

Sir,—I enclose 50 votes for St. Mary's Band. We have watched this contest with much interest and you are to be congratulated on your enterprise in getting it up. You are certainly setting a pace for the newspapers of Eastern Canada. Success to you. Yours very truly,

J. OTTY SHARP.

The friends of the Scots Brigade continue to drop into poetry. The following was wrapped about a package of votes sent by a young lady in Campbellton:

O the hills of purple heather,
And the skies so warm and gray!
O the shimmer of the sea-mist
In the sea wind far away;
O the calling of the torrent
Sweeping down Ben Vorlich's side
And my white flocks faring forward
In the hush of eventide.

Tomorrow being the last day of the voting, it is expected that a tremendous quantity of ballots will be received today.

Contest Editor requests everybody holding votes to send them in tonight, if possible. The complete story of the contest and the name of the winning organization will be published in Saturday's Times.

St. Mary's Band	57,065
St. Stephen's Scotch B. B.	51,677
Court La Tour	46,783
St. Roses	39,235
Neptune Rowing Club	38,935
High School A. C. B.	18,435
La Tour T. of H. and T.	4,023
Portland Methodist Y. M. A.	2,399
Marathon A. C.	1,610
Junior Beavers	1,507
Mission Church Gym.	1,507
St. Andrew's Church	1,336
Marathon Lodge, St. O. E.	941
Court Yukon, C. O. F.	894
Y. P. S. of Centenary Church	701
Ladies O. B. A.	583
Hibernian Cadets	485
St. Mark's Cadets	485
Y. M. S. St. Joseph	393
St. George's B. B. C.	393
Military Veterans	358
Alex. Sec. T. of H. and T.	326
Firemen's Relief Assn.	302
Ladies' Aux. to Seamen's Mission	290
St. Peter's Y. M. A.	245
Protestant Orphan Asylum	242
Marathon Lodge and Sons	242
Rather Mathew Association	215
L. O. A. York	91

PREMIER'S BROTHER DYING

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 20 (Special)—A telegram received this morning says that Charles James Laurier, M. P., is dying at St. Lin. Que. He is a half brother to Sir Wilfrid. The premier is leaving at 6:20 p. m. for St. Lin. Lady Laurier arrived from there today.

WILL HUMOR SANTA CLAUS.

The ferry steamer Ludlow may go on the route after New Year's. The matter has not yet been decided, but certainly will not go on before Christmas. Old residents of the west end, who know Santa Claus well, are of opinion that unless he found Win Lamg or the Ounagla on the route, as they have been for so many generations, he might refuse to cross the harbor. Admiral Glasgow shares this view, and the Ludlow will be kept in the background until after Christmas.

The nurses in Rodney Hospital ask that this institution be remembered by benevolent citizens at this festive season. The

CHAMBERLAIN'S MEMORY GONE

Despatch From London Says "Our Joey" is Seriously Ill—His Memory a Blank.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A despatch from London says:—

"The long retirement of Joseph Chamberlain owing to gout and other ailments has led to constant assertions and contradictions regarding the gravity of his condition. The Chronicle states that he greatly overtaxed his strength at the celebration in honor of his 70th birthday at Birmingham, with the result that he lost his memory completely, the past became a blank to him, and he could not remember what had taken place even a few hours before, and although his other faculties were and are unimpaired, his memory is gone."

FUNERAL OF JAS. REYNOLDS

Cortege was Lengthy One—City Council, Board of Health and Relief and Aid Society Attended.

Citizens in all walks of life turned out in large numbers to be in attendance at the funeral of the late James Reynolds, which took place this afternoon at three o'clock, from his late residence, No. 365 Union street.

The remains were taken to the Cathedral, where Rev. F. J. Lockery read the burial service. The pallbearers were Charles A. Everett, E. J. Everett, Dr. P. R. Inches, Dr. McAvaney, Timothy Burke, and S. S. Hall.

The members and the members of the common council assembled at the common council chamber, where the funeral was held. The members of the Board of Health, of which the deceased was for many years chairman, were also in the lengthy cortege.

Interment was made in the New Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Riddick was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her son's residence, on Lancaster Heights. Rev. H. R. Reid read the burial service and interment was made in Cedar Hill cemetery.

EXCHANGED COMPLIMENTS

Just before the city court opened this morning, Daniel Mullin, K. C., on behalf of the local members of the bar, wished Judge Ritchie the compliments of the season.

Mr. Mullin's address was brief, but of a very happy nature. He referred to his honor's consideration for and uniform courtesy to the members of the legal profession who had appeared in his court, and concluded by wishing him a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

His honor replied feelingly, thanking the legal practitioners for their kindly wishes. He observed that one sometimes felt old on missing the faces of the older members of the profession. It made a great difference, he said, when one had practiced for seventeen years.

It was, he added, very difficult at times to be patient, but he found that when some of the younger members were brought to the roundabout rather more quickly than they expected, they always showed thoughtful and considerate. He felt that when one thought they were the whole thing, their usefulness was gone.

He was sure Mr. Henderson would join with him in wishing the members of the profession a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

THE HOCKEY SITUATION

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 20.—(Special)—Local hockey fans were much surprised over the outcome of the provincial league meeting at St. John last night. It had been rumored here for several days that the Fredericton delegates intended standing by Moncton but nobody expected that a new league would be formed with both teams united. Nobody has any fault to find with the Fredericton delegates for the position they took in reference to the new organization. If the Fredericton team can secure a place to play in it is possible that they may decide to enter the league as they have been given to understand that the door has been left open for them.

Bank clearings for the week ending Thursday, Dec. 20th, \$1,267,816. Corresponding week last year, \$1,185,823.

The circuit court met this morning, Judge Landry presiding, and adjournment was made till January 16, 1907.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

JAMESIE'S DILEMMA.

Our esteemed fellow citizen Mr. Jamesie Jones had a peculiar experience this morning. He was coming down town and had just made a jocular remark to an acquaintance who said things about the aldermen and the icy sidewalks, when his own feet flew from under him and he sat down on the back of his head. Jamesie is a hard-headed man, but as soon as he felt he knew that something had happened to him. He got cautiously upon his legs, glared at the aforesaid acquaintance, looked furtively up and down the street, and slid into the nearest drugstore. The sliding was good. The druggist, who examined Jamesie's head without knowing what had happened, gravely assured him that he was suffering from a "wen."

Perceiving with the aid of mirrors that there

DEATH OF MRS. H. D. TROOP

Respected Resident Passed Away at Her Home Orange Street—Paralysis the Cause.

It will be learned with sincere regret by the citizens that the death occurred shortly after noon today of Mrs. Howard D. Troop, wife of Howard D. Troop, of the well-known firm of Troop & Sons, shipping merchants.

Mrs. Troop had been ill for the past three or four months, but it was not thought her condition was such as to warrant immediate anxiety. This morning, however, she took a sudden turn for the worse, and passed away about 12:20 o'clock at her home on Orange street.

Dr. Inches and Dr. W. J. Turner were called, but without avail. Death is attributed to paralysis.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Troop leaves one son, Charles McL., and two daughters, Mrs. W. W. White, of this city, and Mrs. Charles E. MacFarlane of Winnipeg.

Mrs. Thomas Beveridge, of Appleton, Wis.; Mrs. Charles Watters, of Kansas City; and Mrs. George Smith, of Yarmouth, N. S., are sisters, and Charles McLoughlin of this city is a brother.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed, as it is not known just when M. S. McPherson can arrive here from Winnipeg.

Mr. Troop and the members of the family will have the deep sympathy of a host of friends in their sad hour of bereavement.

HE WANTED HIS WIFE

At noon today a small boy went into the north end police station and said that Mrs. Walsh on Sheriff street wanted a policeman as Mr. Dixon was fighting in her house. Officer Baskin went to the scene of the fray and found Captain Dixon there and three women talking in as confused a manner as the builders of the tower of Babel did.

It appears that Captain Dixon, who figured in a civil suit brought against him by Alderman Holter, last summer, visited the house to get his wife, who was a Miss Walsh to return to the woods with him where he was working. She, however, refused, claiming that the atmosphere was too cool there. When the officer arrived on the scene the captain was sitting on the chair with his arms around his wife, and the latter's mother was making at him with a poker, while her other daughter used hard words. The officer restored peace, however, and the captain left the premises.

The latter, it will be remembered, was used by Alderman Holter, his brother, and the mother of the child, to get his wife. He stated today that she is dead and he was married to Miss Walsh last October by a Church of England minister.

J. BIDWELL MILLS HAS CASE IN COURT

The case of the Merchants' Protective and Collecting Association against a prominent local firm came up before Judge Ritchie this morning.

J. Bidwell Mills, of Hamilton, Ont., who claims to be general manager for the plaintiff company, was placed on the stand and was giving evidence when the court adjourned until this afternoon.

In this case the plaintiff is suing for a balance of some \$30 which it is claimed the defendants owe. The defendants had collected themselves, through the use of the plaintiff's company, \$423.88, 81¢ of which they paid to the plaintiffs, and later a balance of \$5 to an agent of the association. This latter payment the plaintiffs repudiate, and claim a balance of \$8, amounting to \$20, on the ground that the defendants did not return the books when they decided to discontinue their membership.

The pupils of the Protestant Orphanage, Britain street, will hold their closing exercises for Christmas vacation, on Friday morning, Dec. 21st, from 9 to 12 o'clock. Work of the term will be reviewed, and there will be a number of recitations and Christmas songs by the pupils. A number of prizes, which have been offered by friends of the institution, will be presented.

About noon today, a lady, while crossing the street opposite the market building on Charlotte street, was run down by a boy teamster, who was driving a horse attached to a sled at a rapid rate. The sled struck the woman, knocking her down. She was carried for by some friends, who took her home.

The case of Michael Farrell vs. Jas. Manchester, R. C. Elkin and Portland Rolling Mills, Ltd, came up in the equity court this morning, and was set aside till January 15, 1907, to allow evidence to be taken by commission.

WAS PARTNER OF CARNEGIE

Henry McGrery, One of Iron-master's Junior Partner's Dead in Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 20.—Henry M. Crery, brother-in-law of President W. E. Corey, of the United States Steel corporation, and one of the "junior partners" of Andrew Carnegie, died at Wilkesburg last night. Mr. Crery was master roller of the Homestead mills at the time of the strike in 1892, later becoming connected with the first mill in the country to make armor plate. He there was associated with Mr. Corey, and Chas. M. Schwab, all figuring in the congressional investigation of the furnishing of armor plate to the government in 1894. He also made several important inventions.

FROM WEST INDIES

Capt. Spear of Wrecked Bark Reform a Passenger—S. A. Officers.

The West India steamship Olenda, Captain Bridges, arrived in port this morning at 11:30 o'clock from Bermuda, Windward Islands and Demerara. Captain Bridges reports that on the way up from Bermuda he had two days of very rough weather, with high sea and heavy wind. The Olenda brought the following passengers:

Saloon—A. B. Grew, from Barbados for Toronto; B. Lawson, from Barbados for Montreal; Brigadier W. J. B. Turner and Captain Emery, of the Salvation Army, from Bermuda.

Second cabin—Captain Spiers, from Antigua for Yarmouth, N. S.; Miss L. Mallone, from Antigua for Toronto; M. Briscoe, from St. Kitts for Toronto; C. Rogers, from St. Kitts for Toronto; L. Hart from St. Kitts for Waterville, Ontario.

Brigadier W. J. B. Turner and Captain Emery, of the Salvation Army, returned from an extensive tour of inspection of the Salvation Army corps in the Bermudas.

Captain Spiers, of the wrecked bark Reform, arrived by the Olenda on his way home to Yarmouth, N. S.

The Yarmouth, N. S., bark Reform was on her way to St. Martins, B. W. I., from Rio Janeiro to load salt for Boston, and during a heavy storm went ashore on November 16 on Barbuda Island, twenty miles north of Antigua, and became a total wreck. The crew were saved.

BIG JAPANESE SHIPPING COMPANY

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A despatch from Tokio to the Times says:—A new shipping company has been formed in Japan. It already possesses a fleet of 150,000 tons. Its capital is \$1,000,000 of which half represents the value of the existing fleet. The remainder is to be devoted to building new ships. The company intends to establish services to Formosa, Hokkaido, Java, Vladivostok, North China, Hong Kong, Manila, Hawaii, America the South Sea and India.

TWELVE KILLED BY EXPLOSION

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 20.—Details of the packet Stead explosion place the number of the dead at 12, four whites and eight negroes. A part of the boiler after cutting through a mast continued on its flight for 200 yards plunging into the earth for 50 feet. The body of Luvell Yeger, was found on the bank beneath a log which had crushed out his life. Under the same log was the body of a negro with whom Yeger had been talking.

ROBBED BY SERVANTS

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Silver plate, diamonds and jewelry, valued at \$15,000, were stolen yesterday at the Hinsdale residence of Charles V. Stein, a part Stein Bros., wholesale linen dealers. The booty was packed into one of Mrs. Stein's trunks and carried away. Simultaneously with its disappearance, two of the Stein servants, a man and his wife, who were engaged to work about a month ago, are said to have fled hurriedly. A part of the family, which yesterday removed to its city residence, leaving the servants in charge.

KING AND SHAH

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 20.—King Oscar continues to make good progress towards recovery.

TEHRAN, Persia, Dec. 20, 5 p. m.—The Shah maintained his strength fairly during the last 24 hours, and was able to sign some of the important estate papers.

Thorne Lodge, No. 250, I. O. G. T., will meet this evening at 8 o'clock in Tabernacle Hall, Haymarket Square.

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT

Will be no Dissolution Following Defeat of Education Bill

A SERIOUS REBUFF

The Rejection of the Main Liberal Measure of the Session Most Serious Reverse Government Has Yet Had

King Receives Premier at Buckingham.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—There will be no dissolution of parliament as a result of the action of the house of lords in defeating the government's education bill. Although the rejection of this, the main liberal measure of the session, is the most serious rebuff Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's cabinet has yet suffered, it is not regarded as being sufficiently grave to necessitate an appeal to the country.

Whether the government could now successfully appeal to the nation on the education bill is the question on which even many liberals are in doubt. The only immediate effect of the step taken by the upper house, therefore, will be to give an enormous impetus to the radical agitation in favor of curbing the veto power of the peers and to furnish the non-conformists with a new gun and ammunition in their fight for the disestablishment of the church of England. There is today a widespread impression that a purely secular educational bill will be introduced during the next session of parliament, while no doubt the cabinet during recess will consider what means are possible to prevent the lords from nullifying proposals of the commons and to delay their veto of measures passed twice by the lower house. It is the general view of politicians that the peers have entered into a constitutional struggle embracing much more than the educational bill. The liberals promise that there shall be no cessation of the fight until the constitutional issues are settled and to whether the liberal party is to be forever checkmated by the "Standing Committee" of the Tory peers.

King Edward today received the premier at Buckingham Palace. It is understood that His Majesty wished to be fully informed regarding the cabinet's views of the political situation as affected by the education question.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Body of Mrs. Ida Verner Brought to St. John for Burial.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 20 (Special)—A. H. F. Randolph, of this city, and George B. Dunn, of Houlton, directors of the Fredericton Boom Company, went to St. John this morning to confer with lumber operators in regard to the transfer of the company's property.

The body of the late Mrs. Ida Verner was taken to St. John by this morning's train for interment. Rev. J. DeWolfe Cowie and J. H. Fairbank, who accompanied the body, the deceased lady left an estate valued at between \$40,000 and \$50,000, all of which, it is understood, has been bequeathed to relatives in St. John.

This morning's train from St. John was nearly two hours late.

The cost of reference in the equity suit of Arthur Glasgow vs. Parkley Glasgow will amount to about seven hundred dollars, and Referee Campbell has declined to file his report until they are paid. The parties to the suit are cousins and the dispute is over property at Lincoln.

THEY FAVORED CHURCH UNION

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 20.—(Special)—At a meeting of the London Presbyterian church the question of Church Union was very freely discussed. Rev. W. J. Clark, a member of the joint committee organizing the question. A remarkably unanimous feeling in favor of union was developed. Several speakers saw difficulties in the way but no voice was raised against union.

KILLED BY DYNAMITE

SAVANNAH, Dec. 19.—By the explosion of dynamite in the fireworks factory of Joseph Carbo and John Niva, Italians, tonight, one fireman was burned to death, another was fatally burned, an assistant fire chief and another fireman were seriously and probably fatally burned, and a boy was struck in the face by flying debris and severely hurt.

Carbo and Niva were counting torpedoes they had manufactured. One torpedo dropped and caused the explosion of the rest.

FREE SKATING RINK

The work of preparing the Weldon lot for a skating rink for the children will be commenced this afternoon. The mayor has arranged with the St. John Ice Co. for the use of a scraper and it will be brought in from Lily Lake this afternoon and the surplus snow removed from the lot.

Arrangements have also been made for flooding the Carleton rink for children.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Opening prices of stock started generally higher than last night on a moderate volume of dealing. The market opened strong.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Programmes in High and Alexandra Schools

CLOSING TOMORROW

High School and Alexandra School will be the only ones which have special programmes. Presentation of Medals in High School—Schools Re-open Jan 9th.

The public schools will close tomorrow for the Christmas vacation. The closing exercises in the majority of the schools will not be of a special nature, but programmes of an elaborate nature have been arranged to be carried out in the High School and Alexandra school.

Naturally, interest centres in the High School, where the practice of the various medals will take place. The exercises will begin at 10:45 o'clock and Robert Maxwell, M. P., will preside; Mayor Sears will deliver an address to the pupils, after which the presentation of the following medals will take place:

Corporation gold medal, awarded for highest standing. Winner, Willard McIntyre. To be presented by Mayor Sears. Parker silver medal (for mathematics); won by Willard McIntyre. To be presented by Alderman Bullock.

Governor General's silver medal (for highest standing in Grade X). Won by Lida Lawson. To be presented by Senator Ellis.

Trueman medal (for highest marks on entrance to High School). Won by William Walsh. To be presented by Dr. H. S. Bridges.

Ellis medal (for best English essay). Won by George Keirstead.

It is expected that the presentation of the medals will be concluded about 11:30 o'clock, and then the following programme will be carried out:

Selection by High School Orchestra. Essay, "Typhoid in Literature," by Madeline DesGoyres, of Grade X.

Carol, Grade IX, "The First Noel." Essay, "The year of 1806," by Harry Macaulay, Grade XI.

Selection by orchestra. Recitation, "The Vision of Sir Launfal," by Grace Magee, Grade X.

Carol, "Hark the Merry Bells," Grade IX. Essay, "Christmas Carols," by Janet Armstrong, Grade XI.

Solo, by Percy Bonnell, Grade IX. Essay, "Peace as a practical issue," Robin Johnstone, Grade XII.

ALEXANDRA SCHOOL

In the Alexandra School the following programme will be carried out:

Chorus by school. Christmas offering by children from other schools.

Holly drill by 12 girls in Grades VII and VIII.

Christmas motion song entitled Santa Claus, by 20 pupils in Grade I.

Cantata, Real Santa Claus, by 35 characters. Principal Hayes will preside.

THE MARATHONS AND THEIR RINK

Colonel White D. O. C. called at the exhibition building this morning and forbade the Marathons to go on with the flooding of the rink.

It is not considered, however, that this will stop the proceedings, as it is thought that Col. White simply took the action he did to remove the responsibility for any trouble that might occur from his shoulders, or in case it should be decided definitely by the militia authorities to prohibit the use of the rink, he would have done his part to deter the boys from incurring unnecessary expense.

The mayor said this morning that he thought the boys would go ahead and prepare the floor by flooding. He could not see how the risk of fire would be any greater by so doing and he was confident that the militia authorities would grant the necessary permission for the use of the rink.

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