

LIQUOR CASE DISMISSED

Magistrate Believes

James Miller's Story
of Whisky

USED FOR MEDICINE

Miller Produced a Witness who
Swore that Liquor Found in
Miller's House Belonged to
Him--Case Dismissed and
Liquor Ordered Returned

The case against James Miller, charged with keeping liquor for sale without a license, which was postponed from yesterday afternoon, was resumed this morning in the police court, and, after John Degan, one of Miller's boarders, was examined, Judge Ritchie reviewed the evidence and dismissed the case.

Degan swore he had purchased a long bottle of whisky at Finigan's bar room on Prince William street, and taking it to Miller's house, had a drink out of it before supper. On leaving for his work on a winter port steamer he put half of the liquor, which he took with him, leaving the remainder in Mr. Miller's care until he returned. He declared that he took the whisky as medicine, having been afflicted with pleurisy and cold. On his return to the boarding house the next day he was told by Miller that the whisky had been taken by the officers.

Argument of counsel was heard from both sides. E. S. Ritchie appearing for the defense and Police Clerk Henderson for the prosecution.

In the course of his argument Mr. Henderson referred to the fact that older residents of the city would remember how Miller was at one time in very different circumstances and through his unfortunate habits had come down to where he is today. With reference to Miller and Degan being in the house, Mr. Henderson said that it was an unfortunate combination of persons. He thought a prima facie case had been proven.

His honor in reviewing the evidence observed that since yesterday's hearing Miller had declared he was taking the wine found in his home as a medicine, under Dr. Barry's orders, and had sworn the whisky belonged to Degan, which Degan had himself testified, there being no reason to doubt his statement, he was inclined to believe that a prima facie case had been met in fact he held that opinion and dismissed the case, ordering that the liquor be returned to the owners.

WORK ON THE WEST SIDE

What is Being Done on the
New Wharf and the Union
Street Roadway.

Though but little has been heard lately of the work of building the new wharf on the west side, good progress is being made. Contractor D. C. Clarke has been engaged in building up the No. 1 and 2 cribs and has been able to get enough men now to do the work. Labor apparently is scarce all over the province. He says, however, that headway is being made with the men available and despite the cold weather considerable work has been done.

The latter part of this week and the first of next week there will be extremely low tides and Mr. Clarke expects then to get some of the timber of the superstructure of No. 3 placed.

The No. 4 crib is in readiness to float into position as soon as the tide is ready. Mr. Clarke says he intends to move this section over to the site whenever it is ready and build on it until it has been brought to the proper height for sinking.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 11--(Special)--O. E. Bennett, of Portland, Me., has arrived here to accept the position of manager of the business of Leonard & Sons Limited, furniture dealers.

At a meeting of the hospital board yesterday a check for \$54 was received from Rev. Father Curney, being the amount of a special collection taken at St. Dunstan's church.

Nearly six inches of snow fell here during last night. The roads throughout the country are now in splendid condition and prospects are bright for the Christmas trade.

Police Magistrate Marsh who has been continued to his home by illness the past week is considerably improved.

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Dec. 11--Wall street. Opening prices of stocks showed wide advances over last night, but the level was not fully up to the London party. Gains of substantial fractions were general. The market opened strong.

There are two ocean steamships due today, C. P. R. steamship Mount Temple, from Antwerp, Nov. 28, and the Donaldson liner Cassandra, from Glasgow, Dec. 1. Both steamers come direct.

The engagement of Rev. Alexander D. MacKinnon, D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, and Miss B. Edna L. Tucker, of Parrsboro, N. S., is announced. The marriage will take place before winter is past.--Boston Transcript.

FINED \$20 FOR AN ASSAULT

Row on the C. P. R. Liner
Empress of Britain Aired in
the Police Court.

Considerable interest was manifested in the case of E. J. Simpkins, sixth engineer of the Empress of Britain, against Patrick Madlan, one of the grocers in the refrigerating room, which he charges with assaulting him on the voyage from Liverpool to St. John. Several witnesses were examined, including the plaintiff, Frederick Steen, second engineer, and other members of the vessel's crew.

From the testimony it appears that on the morning of December 3rd, Simpkins, at the request of Steen, accompanied him to the refrigerating department of the Empress and on entering the room found the defendant asleep and awakened him. Later, the same day, the plaintiff, in the course of the performance of his duty, was again obliged to enter the refrigerating department. On this occasion the defendant asked him what he wanted there, ordered him out, and struck him on the head. The matter was reported to Captain Murray, before whom Madlan was summoned, and admitted having committed the assault, but denied having been assisted.

The prisoner unhesitatingly admitted having struck Simpkins and declared he had strict orders from the second engineer not to allow any of the other engineers into the refrigerating room. This, he used as an argument to justify his action.

The second engineer said that the prisoner had misunderstood the orders, and that he had himself given Simpkins special instructions to go to the refrigerating room and look over the machinery, which he declared should be frequently inspected, as an accident causing the machinery to be stopped for a period of three or four hours would mean the ruin of certain articles in the ship's stores.

Judge Ritchie found the prisoner guilty and sentenced him to a fine of \$20 or two months in jail.

EXPLOSION WAS FATAL

One Man Killed and Two
Injured in an Explosion in
Mining Camp.

KENORA, Ont., Dec. 11 (Special).--As the result of an explosion at McFarlane's Camp, a mile and a half west of Renne yesterday morning, one man was killed outright and two others were seriously and three slightly injured. From a statement obtained from Mr. McFarlane, the accident was one of those things which cannot be explained. It appears the men fired two holes on Saturday night, and yesterday morning were removing the loose rock when the explosion occurred. The dead man and the injured were all Australians, whose names cannot be learned.

SHE SWALLOWED LIVE CHAMELION

And Now the Doctors Say Her
Body is Alive With the Little
Reptiles.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 11--As a result of swallowing a live chameleon, as an advertisement, Louise Douglas, formerly a woman comic actress dead here today. An hour before she died two chameleons crawled from the woman's mouth. Physicians say the woman's body is alive with the little reptiles, whose real name was Mrs. Harry F. Lee, swallowed a chameleon and received much advertising therefrom. But soon afterwards she began failing and left the stage. She has been in a hospital in Omaha for more than a year.

ANOTHER BIG DRY DOCK

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Dec. 11--The contract was let yesterday for the erection in this city of a dry-dock and shipyard capable of handling any vessel that can pass through the Welland Canal. Boston parties secured the contract for the work at \$30,000. The shipyard will be of great advantage to marine interests on the St. Lawrence river and Lake Erie. The nearest American drydock of such proportions at present is at Buffalo.

LAURENTIAN AT HALIFAX

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11 (Special).--The Allan liner Laurentian arrived this morning from Liverpool after a rough trip. She landed 275 passengers, the majority foreigners, Belgians, Assyrians, Russians and Chinese. She has also 1,200 tons cargo to discharge here. She leaves for St. John tomorrow evening.

ASHORE AT LIVERPOOL N. S.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11 (Special).--The tug schooner Aurora, from Philadelphia for St. John, Nfld with a cargo of coal, went ashore at Liverpool, N. S., last night during a snow storm. The chances of saving the vessel and cargo are good. She is owned by Mayor Hendry and others of Liverpool.

ROCKEFELLER GIVES \$100,000

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11--John D. Rockefeller sent word to the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian church, whose headquarters are in Philadelphia, that he would give \$100,000 toward educational work in Egypt and the Sudan. Part of the money will go for a college for young men, and part for a school for girls.

STRIKE IN SCHENECTADY

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 11--It is estimated that 5,000 men walked out of the general electric works this morning and are now holding a mass meeting at Industrial Workers' Hall.

The first Head line steamer, Inishowen, Head, left Swansea last Saturday for this port direct.

TODAY MARKS BREAKING OF BOND UNITING STATE AND CHURCH IN FRANCE

By Refusing to Make Required Declaration Under French
Law Public Catholic Worship, Except by Schismatic
Organization Becomes Illegal Tomorrow --- Touching
Scenes in the Churches.

PARIS, Dec. 11--This is a historic day for France. The struggle which began in 1880 with the banishment of the Jesuits ended today with the legal rupture of the bond which for practically a thousand years had united church and state. By refusing to make the required declaration under the public meeting law of 1881, public Catholic worship, except by schismatic organization, tomorrow becomes illegal.

The scenes in some of the churches were touching. Not in years had there been such an attendance at Mass. This number of women was especially conspicuous indicating the religious feelings of the female population. Although seven-eighths of the inhabitants of this city nominally are Catholics, in no parish of the city were the churches crowded. Even at Notre Dame (cathedral), where a solemn high Mass was celebrated, the edifice was only half filled. The officiating clergy read the regular office for the week as usual, without referring to their illegal status tomorrow. Nevertheless, the depression of the Catholics was manifest. Many women emerged from the cathedral weeping and

lingered outside to discuss what to do when the clergy are turned out of their churches. It is becoming more and more apparent, that both the government officials and higher ecclesiastics are resisting the advice of intemperate minds. Minister of Public Worship, Baudouin, announced that the government cannot be driven into the trap of closing the churches, and Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris, has strongly censured the placarding of appeals to disunity and to make violent resistance to the officers of the law.

"No violence," he says, "but passive resistance to the unjust law after exhausting all protests at every step." This is the disposition so far as the higher ecclesiastics are concerned, but their followers evidently have no intention to submit and are preparing to assume the role of martyrs, abandon the churches and organize a private worship.

Cardinal Richard and many of the bishops already have begun the removal of their personal effects from the episcopal mansions and the clergy are preparing to leave their residences and move into hired lodgings. It is announced that the parish priests have received many offers of places in which to hold religious services, but there is no indication that they intend to take advantage of the sole re-

maining chance, to retain their churches, namely, by making the declarations called for by the law.

The government continues to present a calm front. Receives have been appointed everywhere to assume charge of the sequestered property and three policemen will be stationed tomorrow at the doors of all the churches to report law violations. But such violations can only be tried in the police courts, and as the penalties are only 15 francs fine and 15 days imprisonment with the right of appeal, sterner measures are necessary.

The government probably will accept the bill introduced in the chamber of deputies yesterday by M. Munier republican providing that all buildings, presbyteries and so on occupied by ecclesiastics shall definitely eschew to the state, the departments and the communes upon the enactment of the law providing for the separation of church and state and at once make arrangements that the sequestered property shall not be used, like the hospitals, for special purposes or public charities, to suppress the pensions of the clergy, who do not conform with the laws of 1905 and 1881 and to summon all the priests of military age to the colors, to serve their time in the army with other Frenchmen liable to military duty.

TIMOTHY COLLINS SERIOUSLY HURT

While Working at Hilyard's
Blocks This Morning a Heavy
Crane Fell on Him--Is Now
in the Hospital.

Timothy Collins, 51 Lombard street, met with a very painful and serious accident today shortly before noon and now lies unconscious at the general public hospital.

Mr. Collins is a boiler maker's helper for J. Bennett, Pond St., and this morning was employed at Hilyard's blocks, Strait Shore, where groves are being built for the government. While Mr. Collins was engaged at his employment the hoisting crane fell upon him and he was felled to the ground. His fellow workmen rushed to his aid and took him to Dr. Roberts who ordered his immediate removal to the hospital.

At the hospital this afternoon Dr. D. MacKinnon stated that Mr. Collins was still unconscious and from an examination made he had found that one of his knees had been badly hurt and his head also suffered serious injuries. As to other internal injuries Dr. MacKinnon said that he could not say as yet on account of the patient being unconscious.

THAT LIVE CATTLE SCHEME

LONDON, Dec. 11--The British government has refused its sanction to a scheme proposed by a powerful syndicate to bring cattle and sheep from South America, Canada and elsewhere to the British Isles and slaughter them and distribute the carcasses in Great Britain. The hides and by-products were to be treated for the benefit of the British leather industry with the view of combating the American beef and leather combines.

C. P. Clarke when asked today about an item in a morning paper stating that Rev. Dr. Synnott of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, would likely be called to the rectorship of Trinity church, vacant by the appointment of Rev. Canon Richardson, as coadjutor bishop of the diocese, said that Rev. Dr. Synnott had been and had been mentioned in that connection. Mr. Clarke was reticent regarding the names already under consideration.

The treasury board will meet tomorrow evening to further consider the new assessment law.

The Boston train was half an hour late today and the Montreal was three-quarters of an hour behind time.

MR. MACKAY WILL SEE IT THROUGH

Nothing has yet been done in the matter of the retention of D. L. MacKay by the United States immigration authorities. Mr. MacKay said this morning that he had heard nothing further from the authorities. The matter was, he said, in the hands of his legal representative, Hon. J. W. Hanna, of Windsor, Ont. Mr. MacKay said he had sent this morning a message to Col. Harrison, of the immigration department, but had received no reply. Col. Harrison, when communicated with, said he had nothing to say about the matter.

General Superintendent Downie, of the C. P. R., visited Mrs. Mason and Mr. MacKay last evening. Mr. Downie has received a message from General Manager McNicoll telling him to thoroughly investigate the matter.

Mr. MacKay was asked if he and Mrs. Mason intended going to Upper Canada, and he replied that they would wait here until the matter was finally settled. They are still at the Royal Hotel, and Mr. MacKay attracts considerable attention by his strange appearance.

An important meeting of the Marston Club will be held the evening in White's at eight o'clock.

A diver will go down this afternoon to see about the raising of the scow which was sunk at the I. C. R. pier.

A half dozen drunks were disposed of in the police court this morning. Four were fined \$4 or ten days each and the remaining two were sentenced to fines of \$8 or thirty days each with hard labor.

Calvin Church Guild opened most successful last evening. A good musical and literary programme was rendered, at the conclusion of which light refreshments were served.

In the police court this morning, Timothy O'Brien, charged with assaulting his sister, Timothy O'Brien, was fined \$20. The time was allowed to stand against his future good conduct.

Rev. A. B. Winchester of Toronto yesterday advocated the whipping post for fathers who let their children in want.

T. B. Cathoon, of Calhoun's Mills, passed through the city this morning en route home.

MONTREAL, Dec. 11--(Special).--Cheese Nov. December 11% to 14% Western, 12%; butter good to fine 25 to 28.

CREW ABANDON THE SCHR. WM. MARSHALL

She Drifted Ashore Off High-
land Light and is a Total Loss

The three-masted schooner William Marshall, owned by A. Windsor & Son, of Boston, is reported ashore off Highland Light. This information was conveyed in a despatch to Peter McIntyre of the north end who is the St. John agent.

The message came from Captain Goodrich Gayton and said that the vessel had been abandoned, being waterlogged, had drifted ashore on the cape and was a total loss. The crew was landed safely at Fredsford. The Marshall left this port on November 27th, for City Island, and carried with 276,000 feet of spruce deal, shipped by John E. Moore.

FUNERALS

The body of Wm. McLehane, who died of heart failure at Vancouver, was brought to this city on the Montreal train this morning by the daughter of the deceased, and is now at Chamberlain's undertaking establishment. The deceased died on December 3, and was 74 years of age. At one time he conducted the woolen mills at Willow Grove. The funeral will be held to Loch Lomond tomorrow, if the weather permits, and Rev. A. B. Cohoe will conduct the burial services.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Sarah McLeod was held this morning to the 7 o'clock train from the residence of her brother-in-law, William Kelly, Hazen avenue. The body was taken to Norton, where Rev. Father Byrne celebrated requiem mass. Interment was made at Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, John McMahon and Misses Stella and Margaret Kelly accompanied the remains to Norton.

The new pay system for the I. C. R. employees went into force this morning and the men are greatly pleased with the change. The men are greatly pleased with the change. The men are greatly pleased with the change. The men are greatly pleased with the change. The men are greatly pleased with the change.

A man named Morrill, who is employed in Taylor's factory, Bridge street, met with a rather painful accident yesterday afternoon. Mr. Morrill was engaged about the machinery when he accidentally got his fingers caught in the machinery, with the result that one of his fingers was badly crushed. Dr. Robt. dressed the injury and stated to the Times today that there would be no need for amputation.

THE BIG SIX DAYS GRIND

Last Night an Uneventful One
---No Change in Positions of
Teams.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11--There was no change during the night in the number of teams contesting or in their position in the bicycle race now in progress at Madison Square Garden. Now and again the thousand or so of spectators who remained all night were enlivened by an occasional spurt but on the whole the race was uneventful. A few spills occurred but all the riders were able to continue the unceasing grind.

Walthour caused most of the excitement in the early hours of the morning when he made one desperate attempt to retrieve the lap which he lost in the accident to Hugh Miller. Walthour's original mate, Try as he would, however, the other riders hung to him and for a time he was compelled to desist. He is confident, however, that eventually he will succeed. Walthour is cheered and encouraged by his young wife, who is at the track side. John Bedell, Walthour's partner now is a strong rider, so that combination is feared by the other contestants. Every rider remaining in the race appeared to be in good condition today. They are a fast lot, and could if they let themselves out endanger the record. They are, however, reserving their strength for the trying days at the end of the week.

At ten a. m. the 17 leading teams had covered 670 miles 6 laps, and Walthour and Bedell were one lap behind. At that hour the leaders were 27 miles 6 laps behind the record.

WORK PROGRESSING AGAIN AT SYDNEY

SYDNEY, Dec. 11--(Special).--The work of starting again in operation all departments at the big plant of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., has been taken up and is being pushed with vigor. Two cargoes of coal reached here from Philadelphia yesterday and the first shipment since the trouble arrived from Glace Bay yesterday morning. None of the batteries at the coke ovens have been allowed to the out and it only requires to change before. The changing is being done gradually. Four batteries are now in operation. Last week there were only three and a week before that only two. It is expected that within a week or ten days all the batteries will be charged and coking. As yet only two of the blast furnaces are at blast. There is plenty of coke to supply these, and as soon as a necessary quantity for three is available a third will be put into commission, so that by this time next week it is confidently expected that the entire plant will be going again and with the assurance of abundant coal of the required quality it is also expected that several departments will be over a better work than before the recent unpleasant tangle. The company have now about all the coal they can handle. Five steamers are discharging at the piers.

WANT MORE PROTECTION FOR CANADIAN SHOES

OTTAWA, Dec. 11--(Special).--Of the twenty-one manufacturers of boots and shoes in the city of Quebec, seventeen waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier today and asked for high protection. Mr. Ritchie introduced the delegation. The duty on boots and shoes is now 25 per cent. The delegates asked for 35 per cent. to keep out American made shoes. The reason they give for the increase is that the duties on hides, machinery and articles used for tanneries increased the cost of leather.

JAMES NELSON HONORED

CHATHAM, N. B., Dec. 10--James Nelson's many friends on the North Shore had an opportunity to testify to their warm esteem at a supper given in the Canada House on the eve of his departure for the states. Mr. Nelson, in accordance with a custom he has observed for many years, goes each season to Boston, and, like the robin, returns in the spring. An annual supper was served by Proprietor Johnston and an important programme was then carried out. W. H. Ross, of the W. H. Johnson Co., gave several selections on the bagpipes, and solos and duets were given by Mr. Nelson, Jos. Johnston, John Irving, W. H. Ross, and Jos. Anderson. J. Ken. Brean and others assisted with recitations and stories, and it was shortly after midnight when the gathering came to an end.

BURGLARY AT STEWACKE

TRURO, N. S., Dec. 11--(Special).--A burglar entered the Lower Stewacke station this morning and blew open the safe. The building was wrecked inside.

Residents living nearby were awakened by the shock but none went to the scene of the robbery. The burglar got practically nothing for his trouble. I. C. R. Policeman Barney Dunn is at the scene today. There is no clue.

KILLED IN ONTARIO

TORONTO, Dec. 10--(Special).--Allan McKinnon, said to come from Nova Scotia, was killed by a premature explosion of dynamite while tampering a charge on the Canadian Northern construction at Still River, Ont.

The street railway company were not running the Fairville branch this morning, and Mr. Hopper, secretary-treasurer, stated to the Times this morning that on account of the number of cars coming through Fairville from the west, side it was much safer to run the buses than the cars and they would be more convenient for the public. Mr. Hopper also stated that he reported that the street railway and the C. P. R. were in dispute as to the right of the street railway to cross the C. P. R. tracks at the entrance of the village was entirely inoperative, as the street railway had no trouble what-ever with the C. P. R. concerning the matter in question.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11--Forecast: Eastern states and northern New York--Fair tonight and Wednesday, colder to night, warmer Wednesday, diminishing northwest winds. Western New York, occasional snow flurries tonight and Wednesday; colder tonight, warmer Wednesday.

The Parrsboro schooner Ronald, Captain Wagner, cleared the custom house today for Key Francisco, Cuba.

ONLY EIGHT DAYS MORE

Before Some One Wins
that Purse of
Gold

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TODAY'S BALLOTING

Scot's Boys Brigade Still in
First Place with St. Mary's
Band Second and Court La
Tour Third --- Voting is
Heavy.

The Evening Times voting contest is still a magnet which draws the public interest. Today the voting was as heavy as usual, while the enthusiasm manifested proved that the people of New Brunswick are anxiously awaiting the result of the struggle.

Only eight days remain now and there is every indication that a tremendous vote will be polled before the final day. The balloting is so close at present, that it is doubtful if a prediction as to the outcome would be safe.

The contest which is preparing himself for an avalanche of ballots, hours the competition closes. It is hoped that it will not encounter overwhelming proportions on the last day, but arrive gradually instead.

Many letters are being received from the friends of the various contestants throughout the province, endorsing votes and expressing hopes of final victory for their respective organizations.

Miss Clara B. Hope, of Little Lepreux, writes as follows:

Contest Editor:
Sir,--Please find enclosed 76 votes for Court La Tour, I. O. F., which I think is the most deserving among the organizations.

"Scottie" sends the following from Woodstock:
Contest Editor:
Sir,--Enclosed find fourteen votes for St. Stephen's Boys' Brigade. Hoping that they may lead at the finish, I am yours for all that's Scotch.

"An Old Fairville Boy," Chatham, writes:
Contest Editor:
Enclosed please find 26 votes, which you will please place to the credit of St. Rose's L. A. D. Society. Wishing St. Rose's every success in the great fight they are making.

Today's vote shows the Kaitias still in the lead with St. Mary's Band in second place. The fight between the Scotch Boys, the Bandmen and the Foresters grows more and more exciting each contestant exhibiting an intense desire to carry off the golden trophy.

St. Rose's L. A. D. Society is expected to enter the lists for first place honors in 3 day or two and thus further complicate the situation. The High School boys are also evidently getting ready to make things interesting for the leaders, who a great deal is expected from the Neptune Club.

The Standing Today

St. Stephen's Scotch B. B.	27099
St. Mary's Band	26904
Court La Tour, I. O. F.	26375
St. Rose's L. A. D. Society	15118
High School A. C.	15033
Neptune Rowing Club	14755
La Tour Section T. of H. and T.	3916
Portland Methodist Y. M. A.	2310
Marathon A. C.	1560
Junior Beavers	1507
Mission Church G. Y. M. C.	1391
Court Yukon, C. O. F.	924
St. Andrew's Cadets	920
Marlborough Lodge, S. O. E.	807
Y. P. S. of Centenary Church	701
Hibernian Cadets	550
Y. M. S. of St. Joseph	475
St. Mark's Cadets	485
Ladies O. B. A.	403
St. George's B. B. Club	403
Alex. Section T. of H. & T.	328
Firemen's Relief Assn.	272
St. Peter's Y. M. A.	245
W. F. O. of St. Andrew	240
Military Veterans	281
King's Daughters and Sons	233
Ladies' Aux. to Seamen's Mission ..	218
Father Mathew Assn.	213

WAS FROZEN TO DEATH

Terrible Fate of an Old Man in
Hog Lake, Ontario.

MADOC, Ont., Dec. 11 (Special).--An old man, whose name is unknown, and who lived alone in a shanty on the shore of Hog Lake, near Madoc Village, perished from the cold on the ice of the lake while on his way home from the village. Hearing his cries some persons went to his assistance, but they could not locate him, the cries having ceased. Yesterday morning his lifeless body, frozen stiff, was found on the ice.

THE SHAH WILL DIE

CONSTANTINOPLE Dec. 11--An official despatch from Teheran, Persia, dated yesterday, says that the German specialist who is attending the Shah has pronounced the latter's condition to be hopeless.

Storm signal No. 3 was hoisted last night at 12 o'clock at the signal station in the customs house. The total snow fall last night and this morning was four inches on the level, with moderate to fresh winds from the northeast and north. The storm, which was centered over Ontario yesterday, has moved to Nova Scotia, and is likely to prove important. The highest temperature last night was 28 degrees and lowest 15 degrees. It is likely to turn colder again tomorrow. At noon to day the temperature was 17 degrees.

The Boston steamer Governor Cobb will not be here until 12 o'clock tonight.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

HIRAM ON CHRISTMAS.

The Times new reporter has been wearing a worried look of late and to his friend Mr. Hiram Hornbeim he confessed this morning that it was due entirely to the approach of Christmas. For, like many another youth who aspires to greatness, the new reporter is not able to write checks. If he is able, on his salary as a reporter, to end the week with a few loose coins in his pocket he considers that

he has done well. And ordinarily he is content, for he cherishes the dream that some day he will be an editor and earn six dollars a week.

But he is now on the verge of Christmas, and how is a man with a round nose and a wide forehead, and a few loose coins to make a brave show and remember all his friends? This was the problem the new reporter put up to his friend Hiram.

Now Hiram is nothing if not a philosopher. He patting the young man kindly on the shoulder and gave him this wise counsel:

"Young man," he said, "don't worry. I mind when I was a young fellow I was shinin' up to a gal in the Settlement. When Christmas time come along, I felt I just had to make her a present, well, she worried me more'n anything I ever tried to do. I didn't know what to get. I thought about rings, an' bracelets, an' brooches, an' books, an' a bottle of 'em'--an' I don't know what I didn't think of. I eat-late I didn't sleep more'n two hours every night for a week. Ever been that way? At last I fixed on a shawl--mighty pretty little thing--all fluffy an' warm--an' not too high-priced for a fellow that were home-comin' himself a good 'ol o' the time. Wasn't I proud? I didn't keep that shawl hid so'n nobody'd

see it? Well, sir, Christmas mornin' I went over to her place to give it to 'er. But I didn't. When I got there I found out she'd gone drivin' with a feller from the next settlement. By Hen! Wasn't sick? He was a feller that come round once in a while with store clo'es an' a hair-cut, an' the gals thought he