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TUESDAY	10,602
WEDNESDAY	10,229
THURSDAY	10,899
FRIDAY	11,890
SATURDAY	15,181
TOTAL	69,478
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THE GERMAN ELECTIONS

The German elections, caused by the dissolution of the reichstag because the house would not support the government's policy in Southwest Africa, will be watched with great interest in other countries. The government held that at least 8,000 troops should be maintained for some time longer in German Southwest Africa, to end the insurrection and prevent a recurrence. They asked for $7,350,000 to meet the expenses of the war and maintain the troops. The Clericals, Socialists, Poles, and extreme Radicals opposed the government, and contended that the force, which is now 12,000, could be reduced to 2,500 men.

Chancellor Von Buelow declared that such a reduction of the force would lead to the loss of part of the colony, and imperil German rule in Africa. It would be, he asserted, a "national crime," and the government could not accept such a proposition. The vote was 178 to 168, or a majority of ten against the government. The emperor thereupon dissolved the house and the appeal is now made to the people. It will be a keen and vigorous election campaign, and will directly influence Germany's colonial policy.

OVER CAPITALIZATION

Mr. J. J. Hill, after the lavish praise given him so lately by the press, finds himself up against no less a personage than the attorney-general of Minnesota. Mr. Hill wants to increase the stock of the Great Northern Railway by $60,000,000. The attorney-general has ruled that under the Minnesota law the proposed increase is invalid and that so soon as the issue is begun the state of Minnesota will take action.

This proposed issue would, the attorney-general says, increase the capitalization of the Great Northern to over $70,000 per mile for both main line and branches, and much of it did not cost over $20,000 per mile. He holds that instead of dividends on excessive capitalization there should be a reduction of the tax on patrons of the road.

When the news was received on Wall street last week there was a sharp break in both Great Northern and Northern Pacific stock, for the last named had announced an issue of $100,000,000 of new stock and the Minnesota announcement was not at all reassuring to speculators or investors. The public, perhaps, will accept the situation with greater cheerfulness.

UNFAIR CRITICISM

In the course of a sermon on the boy problem last evening, the Rev. J. F. Floyd is reported to have said:

"It is a fad at present to think that public playgrounds and skating rinks will solve the problem. It is a mistake."

The most charitable construction that can be put upon such a statement as this is that the speaker does not know what he is talking about, or that he has been misreported. No advocate of playgrounds or rinks has ever claimed or hinted that they could take the place of, or be other than a supplement to home training. Would any man have the hardihood to assert that where parents failed to do their duty society had no responsibility whatever, or that playgrounds are not a necessity?

Mr. Whitelaw Reid, American ambassador to London, does not fear any complications with Japan. An Albany despatch says:—"Ambassador Reid intends to spend four weeks in this country, when he will return to his post of duty at the court of St. James. Speaking of the relations between the United States and Great Britain, he remarked that never in the history of both countries was that relationship more cordial than it is at the present day. While the so-called middle class of Englishmen held Americans in very deep regard, that feeling now permeates all the people. He was asked if the Japanese question had developed while he was still in England, and he replied that it had, and said that it was the general belief among the people there that the situation was greatly exaggerated."

Religious differences are somewhat acute in the Christian world today, both Catholic and Protestant, and, as is always the case, there are appeals to ancient faith. The test of ancient faith, as of everything else that touches human life, is not its age nor its alleged authority, but its power for good today and now upon the world and the lives of men.

Andrew Carnegie says that an income tax is "the most pernicious act a nation can perform," and declares himself in favor of a heavy tax on inheritances, on the ground that large fortunes are only accumulated with the aid of the community, which should share in the benefit. He agrees with Gladstone's statement that an income tax makes a "nation of liars."

The Mexican government has determined to nationalize the railways of that country. The news will be heard with regret by American financiers. Mexico, of late, has been manifesting a general disposition to manage its own affairs and control the development of its own resources. Canada should look in that direction for an increase in trade.

The city council must grapple at once with the situation that has developed on the west side of the harbor. There must be no more dumping in of material to be dredged out again. If a crib is needed to stay the sliding in of Union street, the engineers ought to be aware of the fact, and the work should be rushed.

The New York Commercial says:—"The president became so agitated over the Storer matter—we have it on the authority of the Washington Post—that he felt compelled to take Mr. Garfield out on the courts and beat him in three games of lawn-tennis."

Plans for a greater warship than the Dreadnaught have been submitted to the United States congress. Japan has yet to be heard from. The Kaiser, having trouble at home about his colonial policy, is probably not planning battleships at present.

The Times on Saturday again distanced its afternoon contemporaries in the amount of advertisements printed. The Christmas buyer finds the columns of this paper a great aid in deciding what and where to purchase holiday goods and gifts.

The Empress of Britain was detained twelve hours by the call at Halifax for mails she might just as well have taken from St. John. How long is this sort of thing to be continued?

A heading in the Montreal Herald of Friday read: "Heavily In Debt Killed Finance." Doubtless fiancee was the word meant. When one is heavily in debt is the time to nurse one's "finance."

The question to what extent a United States immigration officer may interfere with people on Canadian soil should be seriously considered by the government, if merely on grounds of self-respect.

There seems a possibility that the most serious phase of the anti-clerical agitation may develop, not in France, but in Rome itself. The Italian government realizes the danger, and its troops guard the Vatican.

The necessity for flooding the Hub colliery at Glace Bay is most unfortunate, and involves a loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The introduction of Loch Lomond water into more of the houses of the city goes steadily on, and the result is eminently satisfactory.

A GREAT FUEL SAVER

A smoke consumer, the invention of C. S. Ferry, of Montreal, which has been installed by several users of steam power in St. John, is giving every satisfaction and is about to be adopted by other firms. The Telegraph Publishing Company was the first to use Mr. Ferry's device, which is known as the Vulcan Smoke Consumer and Fuel Economizer, and has had two in operation for the past three months. By actual test by a boiler inspector a saving of twenty per cent in fuel was recorded. M. R. R., Limited, and the Globe Publishing Company have adopted the invention and it is now to be installed in the Andre Cushing mill, where twelve consumers will be needed, and in Vail's laundry works.

In addition to the consumer Mr. Ferry has invented a vulcan grate bar, a device which has been, or will be, placed in the boilers of all the firms previously mentioned and where used, has been another means of effecting a great saving in fuel consumption. Robert Jardine P. O. 255, is the local agent for the Maritime Provinces.

FREE KINDERGARTEN

It has been the custom of the Free Kindergarten committee to present to each child at Christmas a toy and a useful gift from the tree. This year we were not sure of having enough material coming in unsolicited, so are asking friends to send in to the several rooms donations of toys and Christmas goodies, also clothing, for many of the little tots, from four to six years old, are sorely in need of proper raiment.

All parcels should be sent in not later than Tuesday morning, if possible, to either the Portland Methodist church school room, the St. Mary's church school room, Waterloo street, or to Frost & Wood, King Square, between 9 and 12 o'clock.

ELLA B. M. HATHEWAY.

Yesterday was a memorable day in the history of St James' church. The rector, Rev. J. Edward Hand, had appealed to the congregation to erase a debt of $500 that had been standing against the church; and in response to that appeal the people raised the handsome sum of $612.46.

Stores open till 10 o'clock. St. John, Dec. 17, 1906.

SATURDAY WAS ANOTHER

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OIL TAN MOCCASINS	1.50, 1.90
MOOSE MOCCASINS	$1.25, 1.50, 1.75
ANKLE SUPPORTS	25c.
SLIPPERS, KID	$1.15 up to $3.00
SLIPPERS, FELT	75c. up to $1.50
RUBBERS	85c. to $1.00
OVERSHOES	$1.40 to $3.00
INSTEP SUPPORTS	$2.00, $3.50
SHOE POLISHING SET, wall bracket	$1.00
SHOE POLISH	10c., 25c.
SHOE BRUSH	25c.
SHOE TREES	50c., 75c.
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Naked strength.

—Tennyson.

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QUALIFIED.

Herbert—"Do you think I would make a good author?"

Gladys—"Certainly I do. I think you were simply born to be a writer. You've got a splendid ear for carrying a pen behind."—Ally Sloper.

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ENVIOUS.

A tiny yellow canary has been sold at Yarmouth for £25. The Yarmouth bloaters are now thumming the old, sweet song, "Oh, would I were a bird!"—London Opinion.

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A DOUBTING THOMAS.

Millionaire—"Remember, my boy, that honesty is always the best policy."

Tommy—"Maybe it is, uncle, but still you've done pretty well, haven't you?"—Ally Sloper.

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A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR.

Waitress—"You needn't make such a fuss about a fly in your tea."

Customer—"But there are two. I object to mixed bathing in my cup."—Tit-Bits.

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CONTRADICTORY.

In Hornsey churchyard is the following: "To the memory of Emma and Maria Littleboy, the twin children of George and Emma Littleboy."

Two Littleboys lie here, yet strange to say, these Littleboys are girls. — Novel Magazine.

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ON SECOND THOUGHTS.

Jones, after fishing for five hours, at length has a bite.

Affable Little Stranger (inspecting catch)—Oh, I say, how splendid—or is it bait?—Glasgow Herald.

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HOW ABOUT AMERCIA?

The difference between the French and English democracies at present is that the former is striving to stop capital punishment, whilst the latter seems more inclined to punish capital.—Manchester Chronicle.

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A PRACTICAL VIEW.

Employer (angrily) — What are you throwing those handbills on the pavement for?

Bill Distributor — Well, guv'nor, that's what the people does as I gives 'em to. So it's only saving time.—Answers.

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A WIGGED JEST.

A motor car proceeding down Regent street the other day suddenly dashed into the window of a wig-maker's. It is reported that several of the wigs had hair-breath escapes.—Pick-Me-Up.

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DESPERATION.

Higgins—"Hello, old chap, had any sketches accepted yet?"

Ebony Stain (comic artist) — "No, but I've been putting up banns of marriage. I'm determined to have something published."—Pearson's Weekly.

STRINGENT MONEY DOMINANT FACTOR

(N. Y. Journal of Commerce, Friday).

There were no new developments to influence the stock market, but the really dominant factor, stringent money, is at last making itself felt. Conservative banking circles have long maintained that treasury aid could only postpone the inevitable liquidation, which drastic though it may be, always proves an efficacious remedy. That at least one section of the so-called larger interests have been selling out is shown by the weakness in the Hill group. Recent heavy calling of loans by an afflicted banking house also suggesting a more conservative position. It was the steady decline of 11 points for Northern Pacific and 15 points for Great Northern, which gave Wall street the shivers, and induced selling in other quarters, particularly the Harriman's and Reading losses for the week of 22 points in Great Northern, 17 points for Northern Pacific, and 9 points for the ore lands' beneficiary certificates, coincident with liberal melon cutting are well designed to cause theorizing as to the impelling motive. Whether pique at government investigations, or a desire to repurchase at a bargain counter level, the result cannot be favorable on sentiment. The strength in St. Paul was the more mystifying, because of contrasting weakness of the general list, if rights are not a bull argument on the Hill stocks, why in this case?

The stringency is still with us despite relief measures, call money touching 16 per cent. yesterday, time loans being hard to obtain, with sixty days quoted 8 to 8 1-2 per cent. With a deficit of $6,700,000 last Saturday, and a loss for the banks since Friday of $4,545,000 is not reassuring even though $12,000,000 interest will soon be anticipated. Loans must be reduced—and at that radically—to rectify the situation, which possibility is not a pleasant one for the stock market. The Bank of England, it is true, reported a much stronger position, its proportion of reserve to liabilities being now 47.02 per cent., almost 7 per cent. better than a year ago, but since this institution must face heavy withdrawals for the interior from now on, we need look for little relief in this direction.

Our banking interests, however, if not getting gold are at least shifting loans abroad, as the stock bills in the market indicate. An interesting feature of the foreign exchange market yesterday was offerings of long marks, which at present quotations means a heavy carrying cost to the drawers. Sterling declined almost one-half cent and were there not opposition from the Bank of England imports of the yellow metal might be possible.

Other than the money question comment centred largely on the Hill roads. The report that the attorney-general of Minnesota would invalidate the recent issue of Great Northern stock caused selling, though in the light of the Northern Securities episode the inference that Hill plans would be blocked seems rather hasty. Northern Pacific, so the story went, will make an issue of $100,000,000 new stock, giving rights to shareholders, but owing to opposition from the government the plans for transference of C. B. & I. holdings will be dropped. Talk of a contest for control of the St. Paul served to stimulate buying, but it will be viewed with suspicion since the larger interests could not afford to repeat the Northern Pacific episode.

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HE SEES TROUBLE AHEAD

Quebec Minister Fears There Will be Church and State Troubles in Canada.

Rev. A. M. Bosworth, field secretary of the Grand Ligne Mission, Quebec, occupied the pulpit of Main street Baptist church yesterday morning and made a strong plea for the evangelization of French-Canadians. He treated of the religious agitation in France, which he claimed was a fight between the Pope and the French government, caused by the fact that the school children were taught to obey the Pope and church rather than the government.

The speaker reviewed the troubles in France, from the beginning, and predicted that there would be like trouble in Canada. He said the whole dominion was controlled by the French balance of power. No government could live a month without the aid of the French. The French passed the autonomy laws of the west, he said, defeated prohibition and restricted the working of the Lord's day act.

The only remedy was to evangelize the French. This was being done at Grand Ligne Mission. Seven thousand had been baptized within the last few years. Seventy-five missionaries were being supported by the mission.

One of the gates guarding the railway crossing on Mill street was broken on Saturday night through the audacity of an officious pedestrian. The gates were lowered at the time of the passing of an engine. Car No. 32 came along and stopped at the gate. A passer-by raised one of the gates and the motorman thinking that it was a signal for him to proceed, started the car. The gateman shouted at the intruder to lower the gate and he did so just in time to have it broken off by the car. Supt. Callaghan, of the Street Railway, said last night that the matter would be investigated.

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