Where the NEW YEAR'S Custom of Calling Never Grows Old

Chinese Minister and Madam Wu

Baron Moncheur Belgium Minister

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Mr Takahira Japanese Minister

From the very first, the custom of making social calls upon New Year's Day seems to have been one of the principal ways of observing the celebration. In many cities of the country this custom is still kept up in a more or less desultory manner, but in Washington it never flags.

New Year's visiting never grows old under the capitol's dome. On the contrary it is an institution that society recognizes and honors with all the elaborate ceremony of official formality.

From the "Happy New Year" of the President of the United States down to and including the departmental colored messengers' happy and glad "New Year, boss," the greeting passes along through the various ranks of officialdom. The judges of the supreme court, the members of the diplomatic corps, the cabinet officials, the senators, the representatives, the officers of the army and the navy and the marine corps, the departmental chiefs of bureau, the clerical forces, many of Washington's citizens, and the pompous messengers all make calls. It is a part of their lives, a part of their business.

President Roosevelt is the only man in official Washington who does not make calls on New Year's Day. But he receives more callers in a few hours than the average hospitable and well-disposed citizen could wish to have trudge over his parlor carpet in the course of a complete presidential term of four years. The president shakes thousands of hands, and, if he cares to, utters seasonable greetings, always wearing the "de-lighted" smile that won't come off—even though he is more than weary of doing so. Patiently and painfully, too, he stands in the reception room of the White House and performs the arduous duty of wishing the nation a "Happy New Year," for a period of three long hours and a half. His arms ache from the constant handshaking—and, it is said, the outgoing master of the White House has made quite a reputation as a hand-shaker during his long term of office. On New Year's Day he holds open house for everyone—even the plainest and humblest—and as the highest servant of the whole people he is right on the job.

When his day's work is done he would hardly be in a position to enjoy making calls should he be expected to do so. But precedent absolves him—and Washington officialdom is great on precedent.

The president's New Year's reception to everybody that wishes to see him and greet him has been an institution in Washington for ninety-one years. There have been a few interruptions, notably during the trying times of the Civil War; but the official appetite for the observance of the day has never diminished.

December is spent in making preparations for this great occasion. The diplomatic corps has its brilliant court plumage taken out of camphor, so to speak, and put in order for the day. The army, navy and marine corps officers are busy furbishing up their dress uniforms and the side-arms worn with that costume. No man entitled to wear a decoration or medal of honor ever neglects to see that they are placed on his uniform. Everything must be spotless when the wearer wends his way to the big white mansion of the president.

Colonel Bromwell, U. S. A., superintendent of public buildings and grounds and chief military aide to the president, is in charge of all the arrangements for the reception, as he is regarding all other social functions at the White House. The colonel has received great praise for the manner in which he has made these events run along smoothly. He has had to refuse many things demanded of him, but he has the faculty of making these refusals gracefully. Refusals must be made—that's the soldier part of Colonel Bromwell's work. They must be made with the minimum of offense—that's where the diplomat comes in. Colonel Bromwell is a diplomat as well as a soldier.

On this coming New Year's morning from eleven o'clock until one, the president will receive the representatives of every branch of the national government and the government of the District of Columbia. The diplomats accredited here, delegates from patriotic societies and civilians will pay their respects between those hours—but with precise observance of the carefully arranged programme for the time of their calls.

The president and Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by Colonel Bromwell and other military aides, and the wives of the cabinet officers whom Mrs. Roosevelt has assisting, will take their place in the "Blue Room" of the White House promptly at eleven o'clock. The vice-president and the members of the cabinet also take their places. After the receiving party has taken its position and exchanged formal greetings, the secretary of state steps to the left of the president and presents each member of th diplomatic corps to the president in order of seniority of service at Washington. This point of precedent is most carefully observed, the diplomat who has served his country longest as the head of its embassy in Washington, is the dean of the corps; as such, he leads the gorgeous procession. The others follow with the same punctillious regard for service. The present dean of the diplomatic corps is Baron Mayor des Planches, ambassador from Italy.

The scene is a brilliant one, a perfect riot of color. The gorgeousness of the uniforms, whether court, military or naval; the flashing of the jeweled decorations and orders; the Oriental costumes of some of the diplomats and the very latest thing in fashions of many lands, shown by the elaborate gowns of the ladies who accompany them, are reminiscent of old-world courts, and constitute undeniable splendor to the American eye.

Four blasts of the bugle and the reception is on. The United States Marine Band is stationed in an alcove adjoining the room, and plays throughout the entire reception. There is no gaudy attempt at an elaborate floral display.

Many of the diplomats and their wives are well known and frequently received guests at the White House. With these the President exchanges a few informal words of greeting. And the line passes on.

At the conclusion of the reception of the diplomats, Secretary and Mrs. Root leave for their own home, where the diplomats are received by them at breakfast, a custom which has prevailed for many years. The occasion is always a very formal one. The host and hostess are assisted by various members of the State Department staff in offering the hospitality of the day. When the guests are all assembled, and their coming is always prompt, breakfast is announced. The Secretary of State escorts the wife of the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps to the dining-room and the Dean himself returns the compliment by paying a similar attention to the Secretary's wife. The Root dining-room is a large and suitable one for such an event.

At the White House, after a few moments' interval, the work of receiving is again taken up. Led by the Chief Justice, the Supreme Court of the United States next pays its respects. President Roosevelt has always been extremely cordial in his reception of this august body.

Then come the judiciary of the District of Columbia, the judges of the Court of Claims, former members of the cabinet and ex-ministers of the United States to foreign countries. Members of Congress, senators, representatives and delegates, are then received. Political differences are laid aside and the spirit of the New Year is entered into. All of the congressmen are known to the President, by name, at least, and he usually has a word or so of greeting for each one, more hospitable than the stereotyped "Happy New Year."

The officers of the Army, Navy and the Marine Corps then enter in the order named, the Army having the head of the line by virtue of seniority and organization. As the officers are ordered to be present, all of them on the active list stationed at Washington or at nearby posts, and many of the veterans on the retired list, are in line. All wear their full-dress uniforms, with side arms and decorations. Their arrival in the Blue Room gives additional color and brilliancy to the scene of splendor. After passing before the line the officers leave the White House and take up the round of calls upon their friends in the city.

The various patriotic societies which participate in the reception are next received. Among these orders may be mentioned the Companions of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the Spanish War Veterans, Sons of the American Revolution the Grand Army of the Republic, the Medal of Honor Legion and others.

This concludes the official reception, which usually lasts two hours. A short recess is taken for refreshments and the the stage is set, so to speak, for the public reception. Outside the White House

Baron Hengelmuller Ambassador from Austria-Hungary

men and women stand for hours in the chilly atmosphere awaiting their turn to clasp the hand of the President and view th brilliant scene. Chief of the Secret Service Wilkie and a large detail of his men, reinforced by a strong detachment from the metropolitan police force in citizen's clothes as well as in uniform, are now on the qui vive. An attempt has never been made on the President's life during a New Year's reception, and with the precautions now taken it could not possibly be successful. Here and there among the crowd these guardians of the nation's chief are alert and ready for any emergency. Chief Wilkie takes his stand behind the President in the receiving line; within a few feet of the line are the flower of his effective organization. Their eyes are on each individual, and they take no chances. Other Secret Service men in the disguise of waiters or doormen watch the line as it passes in and out. Many of the force are distributed in the crowd, and any suspicious movement or peculiarity of an individual is noticed and he is removed outside of the White House grounds, where he is turned over to a policeman in uniform, whose duty it is to see that he does not re-enter.

The line passes in front of the President quickly, and in an hour and a half the reception is over. The psychology of the people who attend the reception to the public is very interesting. Here is a banker, silk-hatted and fur-coated, side by side with an old Southern mammy who lives in the atmosphere of bygone better days. Here is a neatly clad young woman, whose appearance denotes her birth and breeding, a few feet removed from her no less welcome sister, the tired wife of some mechanic who has taken an hour from her daily duty to live thereafter in the shadow of the presidential smile and hearty greeting. Looking down the line one sees a colored street cleaner flanked by a dapper soldier, in khaki, and then at the end of it all come several policemen who have done a hard day's work in the open air, but who would not miss the opportunity of hearing the President's "Delighted."

The President's reception is all over and attention now turns to the doings of the rest of officialdom. Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks, assisted by members of their family, and other chosen guests, receive from the close of the President's reception until 6 o'clock, all those of the official set who call. Members of the Diplomatic Corps, senators and representatives are always among the Vice President's callers. They are informally entertained, and tea is served.

The cabinet officers and their wives find time during the day to pay their respects to each other and to entertain the large number of officials who call upon them. Senators and representatives make hurry calls here and there all day long. Carriages dash along the streets of the city with untiring regularity. It is a case of every official making as many calls as possible in the shortest time, and the day is filled out in this manner.

In the case of the rank and file in the government service it is practically the unanimous custom for all the clerks in the division to call upon their chief, who in turn calls upon his chief, who in turn calls upon the assistant secretary in charge of his branch of the service, and there you are.

Society is out in full force on the afternoon of New Year's Day. Broad Connecticut avenue and other fashionable boulevards of the city are fairly alive with carriages and people. Handsome broughams bearing smartly gowned women and irreproachably frock-coated men wend their way from street to street, from door to door, stopping but a scant ten minutes or so at each house. Tea and wafers and punch, and sometimes more elaborate refreshments, are served at these New Year's "at homes."

New Year's afternoon is the great day for the Washington bachelors. Silk-hatted, frock-coated, with their walking sticks swinging jauntily, they walk or drive, according to preferment or the clemency of the weather, form one friend's house to another.

Within they meet the girls and matrons of "their set" assisting the hostess. There is nothing in it but brief social chat with a dozen friends or acquaintances, a little refreshment and gracefully made wishes for a happy New Year and a fortunate season. But it is a part— a vital part—of Washington life, indeed; and nearly all the city takes a keen zest in observing the custom.

At all the fashionable men's clubs "open house" is the rule, and there is an apparently endless stream of men, Washingtonians and visitors from all parts of the globe entering and leaving their hospitable doors throughout the afternoon.

All classes are interested and the only difference between the wealthy and those in moderate circumstances seems to be one of elaborateness, or lack of it, of floral decorations, clothes and the necessaries for the reception.

Of all the holidays on the calendar, New Year's is more elaborately observed from the social standpoint, than any. In Washington the New Year's custom of calling never grows old. One-half of Washington wishes the other a "Happy New Year"—and the other half returns the compliment.

FINANCIAL and COMMERCIAL

N. Y. STOCK MARKET.

December, 29th, 1908.

New York Stock Quotations, Chicago Market Report and New York Cotton Market. Furnished by D. C. Clinch, Banker and Broker.

	Yesterday's Opening	Today's Closing	Noon.
Amalg. Copper	84½	84⅜	83¾
Anaconda	50⅝	50⅝	49¾
Am. Sugar Rfrs	132⅜	132½	132½
Am. Smelting Rfg.	84½	85⅜	84⅜
Am Car Foundry	50⅜	49	49¾
Atchison	101	101¼	100¼
Am Locomotive	58¼	58½	57¾
Brook Rpd Trst	68½	68¼	68
Balt & Ohio	111¼	111	110¾
Chesa & Ohio	58¼	58½	57⅜
Canadian Pacific	177½	177½	177¼
Chicago & Alton	65	65	65
Chi & G West	12¾	13⅛	13
Colo F & Iron	40½	41⅜	40½
Consolidated Gas	164	164½	163⅞
Erie	35	34⅞	34⅜
Erie First pfd	50	50⅜	51
Erie second pfd	40½	40½	40½
Illinois Central	147¼	147⅜	147¼
Kansas & Texas	43⅛	43⅜	42⅞
Great Northern pfd.	147½	147⅞	148
Louisville & Nashville	123¾	124½	124
Soo	133½	133⅝	133⅜
Missouri Pacific	66¼	66⅜	65½
Nor & Western	85	85¾	85½
N Y Central	123⅞	124½	123⅝
North Western	184¾	185½	184¼
Pacific Mail	36¼	36½	36½
Peo. C. & Gas Co.	104¾	105½	105½
Reading	141¾	141⅞	141⅝
Republic Steel	26	26	26¾
Pennsylvania	131⅛	131⅜	132
Rock Island	24⅞	24⅞	24½
St. Paul	150⅞	151	151
Southern Railway	26¾	27	27
Southern Rly pfd.	60¼	63¼	63
Southern Pacific	121¾	121⅞	121¾
Northern Pacific	142½	143	143⅝
National Lead	78½	79	78¾
Twin City		95¼	95¼
Texas Pacific	36⅞	37	36⅝
Union Pacific	184⅜	194½	183⅝
U S Rubber	35⅝	36	36
U S Steel	54¾	54⅞	54⅜
U S Steel, pfd	112⅜	112⅞	113
Wabash	19¼	19¼	19⅜
Wabash pfd.	47⅞	48½	50⅜
Western Union		68½	63½

Total sales in N. Y. yesterday 1,097,700 shares.

CHICAGO MARKET REPORT

May Corn	61	60⅝	61¼
May Wheat	106⅞	106⅝	107⅛
May Oats	51⅜	51½	51⅝
May Pork	1657	1645	1645
July Corn	61⅛	61⅜	61⅜
July Wheat	98¾	98⅝	98¾
July Oats	46½	46½	46½
September Corn		61⅜	61⅜

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS

Nova Scotia Steel	56¼	57	57
C. P. R.	177¼	177½	177¼
Twin City		96	96
Montreal Power	110¾	111	111
Rich & Ont Navigation		77	77
Detroit United	55	55	54½
Mackay Co.	75	75¼	75¼
Toronto St. Rly.	108⅜	109	109

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

December	9.10	9.08	9.09
January	8.71	8.69	8.69
March	8.82	8.79	8.82
May	8.90	8.89	8.91

(Furnished by D C. Clinch, banker and broker, St. John, N. B.)

New York Financial Bureau—Bullish operations seem likely to continue in the stock market today along the same lines as those of yesterday. There is no reason why good returns should be ignored by daily operators or at least part of holdings, but replacement should take place on little recessions, such are presented during the intermediate fluctuations. The Italy earthquake may cause some apprehension in remembrance of the Frisco damage, but we believe even if recognition should be taken of the disaster for market account, such action would be small and but temporary. The strongest feature of the market now that the weak margined accounts have been eliminated by the adjustment, is the big investment demand that is maintained and makes scarcity a feature of the entire standard list. News developments over night aside from points referred to, are not of importance to the market as a whole, but the trend is upward and sentiment as represented by market literature and financial editorial comment is optimistic and expectant of improvement. We see no reason to change the bull position reassumed by us after the readjustment last week.

DETAILED STOCK GOSSIP.

Our reports indicate higher prices for Atch., which we stated yesterday, was gathering force for a substantial up swing. There is no reason to change the bull position on S. P. U. P. continues to be tipped for 190 this week, and if the offerings just above closing prices are removed, that figuere should be easily reached. There is no question that Reading is being prepared for a big rise, which may start any time. Bull points still come from Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. The bull position on Gt. Northern, which may cross 150 this week, is to be steadily maintained. K. T. should do better. It is rumored that the road has sold bonds. While not confirmed, it is likely to take such action any time. Our information shows accumulation of Erie for another advance. B. R. T. and Wabash preferred may be bought on recessions. The drive at Smelters shorts heretofore referred to, is not yet over. A. C. P. is expected to work higher. A sharp rise in Con. Gas would not be surprising any time now. Car Fdry and the equipments are well taken. A dividend for Big Four is rumored. L. N. earnings are said to be increasing rapidly, and bull tips are noted on the stock. S. R., Alton, Texas, Pac., and Mop. are all tipped for higher prices.

SUMMARY.

Americans heavy 1-4 to 3-8 below parity in London.

Anaconda div. meeting today regular rate expected.

Earthquake and tidal wave cause enormous damage in Sicily and Southern Italy with loss of towns and large number of lives.

Stock of New International Smelting Co. already 4 times over-subscribed.

Earning of Soo for past four months indicate annual showing at rate of 14 per cent. on common.

Decrease in exports for port of New York smaller than any other port in current fiscal year.

Pittsburg reports orders for steel rails continue to come in very slowly. Average price of 20 active rails makes new high record for year.

Coal trade reports indicates stocks accumulating and consumption disappointingly small.

Atch. earnings indicate a years showing of something over 10 per cent. for the com., 27 roads, third week, Dec., show average gross inc. 9.01 per cent.

Christmas trade throughout Canada reported well ahead of that of last year.

12 industrials advanced 1.29; 20 active rails advanced 1.63.

THE ENGLISH MARKETS.

London, 2 p.m.—Anc. 50 1-2, C 84 1-4, Atch. 101, 30 111, CO 58 1-4, GW 12 3-4, CPR 177 1-4, D 38 1-2, ERIE 35, EF 50 3-8, Ills 147 1-4, KT 43, LN 123 3-4, NK 85 1-8, NP 142 3-4, Cen. 124 3-4, OW 47 1-4, Pa. 131 1-4 RG 141-1-4, RI 25, SR 26 7-8, SJ 62 3-8, SP 122, ST 151, UP 184 3-8, US 54 7-8, UX 112 3-4. Consoles 85 5-8.

Liverpool,—Dec. 1-2 to 1 higher on near and 1-2 to 2 higher on late months.

Opened quiet, two higher on near and one higher on late. At 12.15 p.m., was steady net, 2 1-2 higher on Dec., and 1 1-2 higher on late months.

Spot dull at 3 points advance mid. ups. 4.99d, sales 5,000 spec., and export 200, American 4,000, imports 63,000, including 62,000 American.

Commercial—"The New Year will bring with it a realization of the fact that American consumption has been greatly under-estimated. It may not be that the change in the calendar on the wall has anything to do with the matter, but the fact remains that the cotton world is just at this time beginning to wake up to a very important fact."

THE WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET.

The Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Ltd., Supply the following quotations of the Winnipeg Wheat Market: Dec., 98 3-4; May, 102 7-8.

KILLED BY A BULL

Rockville, Conn., Dec. 28—Horace S. Lyman, 60 years old, a farmer, living near Talcottville, was killed by a bull today while attempting to drive it into a barn. The animal turned on Mr. Lyman, tossing him in the air, then trampling on him. An arm, a leg and several ribs were broken and internal injuries inflicted which caused his death.

He leaves a widow and two sons and a brother.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

(Too Late for Classification.)

BOARDING — COMFORTABLE ROOMS with Board, 15 Paddock street. 2630-1-6.

CAPABLE GENERAL GIRL WANTED AT once. No washing. References required. Apply MRS. PERCY HUMPHREY, 118 Wentworth St. 2631-t.f.

DANCING—EVENING CLASSES RE-OPEN Dec. 29th. at 74 Germain street. Afternoon classes January 2nd. Private classes a specialty. MISS SHERWOOD, Instructor. 2627-1-6.

WANTED—MAID FOR GENERAL HOUSE work. Apply MRS. EDGAR H. FAIRWEATHER, 57 Sewell street. 2626-t.f.

WANTED—AT ONCE, GOOD HOUSEmaid for out of town Ladies' College. Good references required. Personal application. Apply to MISS B. BOWMAN, 111 Princess St. St. John. 23-tf.

FOR SALE—CUT-UNDER CUSHIONED Tired Stanhope buggie, used only short time. Cost $275. Sale price $150. BRICKLEY'S STABLES, Cliff St. 2629-1-6.

FOR SALE—TWO LOTS IN SECTION Twenty-two, town of Saskatoon. Cash selling price, $200 for both lots. Apply by letter to "SASKATOON," care Times Office. 2628-1-6.

A FISHING TUG WRECKED AND FOUR MEN DROWNED

Frankfort, Mich., Dec. 27—The 100-ton fishing tug Rhine, of Frankfort, was wrecked against one of the harbor piers here last night, trying to make the harbor in a strong southwest gale. She was broken in two and the four men comprising her crew, were drowned.

The dead—Captain Hanrath; Julius Dorry, Chas. Kibby; Gus Straubel.

The loss of the tug was not known through Frankfort until today when the cabin of the boat was found on the beach. The cabin clock had stopped at the hour of seven, and from this it is inferred that the wreck occurred early last evening, the victims going to their death almost within a stone's throw of home, but without means of calling aid.

INTERESTING ITEMS

Heavy woollens carefully washed by an unshrinking process in Ungar's Laundry. 'Tel. 58.

The Evangeline Cigar Store and News Depot has been thoroughly renovated, and remodeled during the past two months; a more complete news depot has been established, also a systematic book exchange has been built up, which is the only one in the Maritime Provinces. This store also contains a complete line of standard brands in Cigars, Cigarettes and Tobaccos.

The proprietor, Mr. John H. C. McIntyre, has just placed a new Columbia Gramophone in his store with a large collection of Operatic selections, and cordially invites lovers of music to give him a call.

CHANGE IN TRAIN SERVICE.

The Canadian Pacific Railway advise their coast train. No. 1, leaving Montreal December 30th, will be the last to run through to Vancouver. This train leaving Montreal Dec. 31st, will run to Calgary only, and after that date will run between Winnipeg and Calgary only, until about March 1st.

The last train, No. 2, will leave Vancouver Dec. 31st; Winnipeg Jan. 2, due Montreal Jan. 4th. Thereafter until about March 1st, this train will run between Calgary and Winnipeg only.

No. 95, leaving Toronto Dec. 30th, will connect at Winnipeg with No. 1, for Vancouver. No. 95 leaving Toronto Dec. 31st, and subsequent dates, will have direct connections as far as Calgary only.

ANTIDOTE FOR FAIL...

It is said that only one out of every ten succeeds in business, and that the lack of efficiency is the cause of failure. Now visit the institutions that prescribe the antidote for failure and, taking the Curric Business University as an up-to-date example we find, according to its records, seven out of every ten succeed, and the other three have a good fighting chance with an ever ready and alert organization at their backs to urge them on.

The opportunities in this school are so numerous that none who enter need fear for their future success. Prospective pupils are advised not to put off enrolling. The offices, Canterbury street, are open day and night during this week and contracts should be arranged at once. School will re-open January 4th, 1900.

The first South African cargo this season was taken away by the Elder-Dempster liner Yola, which sailed on Christmas day for Cape Town. The valuation is as follows: Canadian goods, $139,426; foreign goods, $56,287; total, $195,713. In her cargo are 36,563 bags of Canadian flour and 6,004 bags of United States flour.

WINTER PORT NOTES

C. P. R. steamship Lake Manitoba is due at St. John at noon on Wednesday.

Allan liner Corsican arrived at Liverpool from this port last Sunday.

Donaldson line steamer Tritonia left Greenock for this port last Saturday.

Manchester liner Manchester Trader arrived at Halifax on Tuesday from Manchester. She will come to this port.

C. P. R. steamer Montezuma passed Cape Race yesterday bound here from London and Antwerp. She will be due here about Friday.

South African steamer Canada Cape is now on her way here from Delagoa Bay and will be due here about January 14 to load for Cape Town, etc.

Donaldson line steamer Kastalia arrived at Liverpool last Sunday from this port and landed her cattle after which she proceeds to Glasgow.

Furness line steamship Shenandoah arrived at Halifax last Sunday from London. After discharging her Halifax freight she will come to this port with a large cargo.

C. P. R. steamship Empress of Britain, now on her way to Liverpool from this port, took away a cargo valued as follows: Canadian goods, $170,277; foreign goods, $210,022; total, $380,299. Among her cargo were 2,593 packages of United States meats valued at $159,780; also 29,980 bushels of Canadian wheat.

C. P. R. steamer Empress of Ireland, sailing from Liverpool at 5 p. m. on Friday, is bringing thirty-six first cabin, fifty-eight second cabin and 220 third class passengers. Two C. P. R. steamers, the Lake Manitoba, from Liverpool, and the Montezuma, from Antwerp, are now due. The former is bringing 101 passengers and the latter 155.

EXPORTS

For Liverpool per Stmr Empress of Britain:—

Canadian Goods:—4680 bags flour, 112 bbls flour, 307 pkgs paper, 42 cases advt. matter, 83 bdls steel, 274 bags linseed cake, 597 bags clover seeds, 1600 bdls aluminum, 719 crates, washboards, 36 cases organs, 78 bdls casings, 67 boxes typewriters, 1 horn machinery, 12 boxes plow parts, 3 cases 1 eather, 2 cases husks, 39,980 bushels wheat, 600 sacks oatmeal, 240 sacks split peas, 2292 sacks oil cake, 216,315 ft. spruce deals, 24 pkgs effects, 21 cases bacon, 2950 maple blocks, 1100 bbls apples, 13 cases manure spreading, 719 bdls washboards, 1088 boxes cheese, 13 boxes mica, 807 pkgs dry fish, 50 casks codfish, 715 bales hay, 15 pkgs sundries. Value $170,277.

Foreign goods:—33 cases cut tobacco, 1770 pkgs lard, 100 trcs meat, 2368 boxes meat, 125 trcs fat, 1920 bdls maple flooring 2164 pcs lumber, 850 doors, 100 cases maize, 89 boxes leather, 1 bale woollens, 1 box machinery, 1 bdl hops, 22 crates tobacco. Value $210,022.

Total value of cargo, $380,299.

For Manchester per stmr Manchester Mariner:—

Canadian Goods: 56,593 ft. pine deal, 728 265 ft. spruce deals, 209 boxes cheese, 20 cases bacon, 1 case silk, 390 rolls paper, 119 bales leather, 41 cases stiffeners, 4 bales belting, 19 bales hay, 1073 bbls apples, 330 bdls board, 3 crates stove, 50 cases washboards, 1 crate washing machines, 380 bbls apples, 55,943 bushels wheat, 14 bales straw, 70 bags oats, 48 bags meal, 274 cattle. Value $119,548.

Foreign goods:—305 pkgs meats, 12837 pkgs lard, 1810 bdls flooring. Value $106,894.

Total value of goods $226,442.

A Woman's Sympathy

Are you discouraged? Is your doctor's bill a heavy financial load? Is your pain a heavy physical burden? I know what these mean to delicate women—I have been discouraged, too; but learned how to cure myself. I want to relieve your burdens. Why not end the pain and stop the doctor's bill? I can do this for you and will if you will assist me.

All you need do is to write for a free box of the remedy which has been placed in my hands to be given away. Perhaps this one box will cure you—it has done so for others. If so, I shall be happy and you will be cured for 2c (the cost of a postage stamp). Your letters held confidentially. Write to-day for my free treatment. MRS. F. E CURRAH, Windsor, Ont.

THE SHIPPING WORLD

VESSELS BOUND TO ST. JOHN

STEAMERS.

Almora, sld, Glasgow, Dec 19.
Almeriana, sld London, Dec 15.
Dunmore Head, at Sydney, Dec 25.
Empress Ireland, sld Liverpool, Dec 25.
Manchester Importer, sld Manchester, Dec 24.
Manchester Trader, sld Manchester, Dec 11.
Montcalm, sld Bristol, Dec 26.
Montezuma, sld Antwerp, Dec 16.
Mount Temple, sld London, Dec 24.
Numidian, sld Liverpool, Dec 24.
Pretorian, sld Glasgow, Dec 9.
Pomeranian, sld London via Havre, Dec 18.
Rappahannock, sld London, Dec 23.
Shenandoah, sld London, Dec 12.
Salacia, rtd to Glasgow, Dec 23.
Tritonia, sld Grenock Dec. 26.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

December 1908	Rises.	Sun Sets.	Tide High.	Tide Low.
29 Tues	8.10	4.44	4.05	10.49
30 Wed	8.11	4.55	5.03	11.50
31 Thurs	8.11	4.45	6.03	0.23

The time used is Atlantic Standard.

PORT OF SAINT JOHN

ARRIVED TODAY

Stmr Calvin Austin, 2853, Pike, from Boston via Maine ports. C. E. Laechler, pass and mdse.

Schr M. D. S., 190, Graham, from Boston master, ballast. In for harbor for St. Martins.

Schr Lavonia, 266, Barton, from New York, J. W. Smith, ballast.

Coastwise:—Stmrs Bear River, 70, Woodworth, Bear River, and cleared; Granville, 49, Collins, Annapolis and cleared.

CLEARED TODAY

Stmr Raven, 795, (Nor) Jensen for Parrsboro, C. P. R. Co., ballast.

Coastwise:—Barge No. 6, Warnock, Parrsboro.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY

Sch Cheslie, 330, Brown, from New York, G E Holder, ballast.

Sch Tay, 124, Sabean, from Lynn, P McIntyre, ballast.

Sch Exilda, 349, Tower, from New York, J H Scammell & Co, ballast, 53 hours.

CLEARED YESTERDAY

Str Coban, 689, McPhail, for Louisburg, ballast.

Sch Georgia, 291, Smith, for New York, The Gibson Railway & Manufacturing Co, 1,700,000 spruce laths.

DOMINION PORTS

Halifax, Dec 28—Ard, strs Senlac, St John via ports (and sailed to return); Lady Sybil, Boston; Boston (Nor), Jamaica; sch Catherine Burke, Gloucester for Banks (put in with foreboom broken).

Sld—Strs Shenandoah, St John; Evangeline, Liverpool; Haverford, Portland; Lake Michigan, London.

BRITISH PORTS

Fastnet, Dec. 27—Passed stmr Monmouth, St. John, N. B., for Bristol.

Kinsale, Dec 27—Passed, strs Adonis, Pugwash (N S) via Sydney (N S) for —; 26th, Briardene, Halifax for —.

Capetown, Dec 28—Ard, str Bendu, Montreal via Sydney (C B.)

Liverpool, Dec 27—Ard, str Halifax, Halifax and St John's (Nfld); Kastalia, St John.

London, Dec 28—Ard, str Kanawha, St John and Halifax.

Greenock, Dec 26—Sld, str Tritonia, St John.

FOREIGN PORTS

Boston, Dec. 27—Ard stmr Esparta, Frost, Port Limon, C. B.

Sld—Schrs Union, St. John, H. H. Kitchener, La Have, N. S.

Boothbay Harbor, Dec 28—Ard, sch F & E Givan, St John.

Cld—Schs Beatrice, Nassau; Bluenose, St John; Dara C, Newark; Madeira, Halifax.

City Island, Dec 28—Bound south, schs Luella, Sheet Harbor (N S) via Bridgeport; Pharos, New Bedford for New York.

Boston, Dec 28—Ard, sch Isaiah K Stetson, New York.

Portland, Dec 28—Cld, sch Harold B Cousens, St John.

Vineyard Haven, Dec 28—Ard, sch St Olaf, Eatonville (N S) for New York.

New York, Dec 28—Ard, sch W S Fielding, San Blas.

Philadelphia, Dec 28—Ard, sch R Bowers, St John via Portland.

Delaware Breakwater, Dec 28—Passed up, sch Moamo, St John for Philadelphia.

Havana, Dec 21—Ard, str Bornu, Dutton, Montreal.

Sld Dec 19—Schs Irma Bentley, Carter, Mobile; 21st, St Maurice, Copp, Mobile.

New York, Dec 26—Ard, sch Ravola, Finley, from Perth Amboy for St John.

SPOKEN BY WIRELESS YESTERDAY

Cape Race, Nfld, Dec 28—Str Montezuma, Antwerp for St John, in wireless communication with the Marconi station here when 130 miles southeast at 7.40 a m.

SPOKEN

Bark Australia, Gjeruldsen, Gulfport for Rosario, Dec. 3, N. lat 2. W lon 30.

REPORTS AND DISASTERS

New York, Dec. 26—Steamer Comanche, from Jacksonville and Charleston reports, December 25 lat 30, lon 75, passed a large waterlogged and dismasted schooner, deck just showing above the water.

RECENT CHARTERS

The following charters are announced by Scammell Bros. in their weekly circular, dated New York Dec 26: Br str Cheronia, 2,060 tons, Savannah to United Kingdom or Continent, cotton, etc, at or about 22s 6d, prompt. Br sch Coral Leaf, 374 tons, New York to St Croix, general cargo, p t. Br sch Rothesay, 280 tons, New York via Wilmington (N C), to Port-au-Prince, lumber, p t. Br sch Conrad S, 269 tons, Gulfport to Kingston (Ja), lumber, p t. Br sch J L Nelson, 249 tons, Apalachicola to Fort-de-France, lumber, p t. Br sch Albani, 247 tons, Moss Point to Basse Terre, lumber, $7. Br sch Addie and Beatrice, 197 tons, Mobile to Nipe Bay, lumber, $6. Nor str Tanke, 361 tons, New York to Halifax, coal, p t. Br sch Unity, 248 tons, Halifax to New York, lumber, $4.25. Br sch Glenwood, 99 tons, New York to Halifax, coal, p t. Br sch Empress, 335 tons, New York to St John's (Nfld), coal, p t.

VESSELS IN PORT

STEAMERS.

Alice, 490, Wm Thomson & Co.
Beatrice, 353, A W Adams.
Cabot, 162, master.
Tunisian, 6,802, Wm Thomson & Co.

BARKS.

Conductor, 1,063, A W Adams.
Merioneth, 1,280, Wm Thomson & Co.

SCHOONERS.

Annie A Booth, 165, A W Adams.
Cora May, 117, N C Scott.
Cheslie, 330, G E Holder.
C B Ward, 224, A W Adams.
Erie, 119, N C Scott.
Frances V Sawyer, 224, master.
Genevieve, 124, A W Adams.
Georgia Pearl, 118, A W Adams.
Hunter, 187, D J Purdy.
Harold B Cousens, 269, P McIntyre.
Ida M Barton, 102, A W Adams.
Jennie A Stubbs, 153, master.
Lucia Porter, 285, P McIntyre.
Lois V Chaples, 191, A W Adams.
Minnie Slawson, 271, Stetson, Cutler & Co.
Mineola, 270, J W Smith.
Oriole, 121, J Splane.
Reference, 243, G L Purdy.
Rewa, 125, D J Purdy.
Romeo, 111, P McIntyre.
Ronald, 166, J W Smith.
Silver Spray, 153, C M Kerrison.
St Bernard, 123, J W Smith.
Tay, 124, P McIntyre.
S A Fownes, 123, C M Kerrison.
Wanola, 272, J W Smith.
W E & W L Tuck, 395, J A Gregory.
W H Waters, 120, A W Adams.