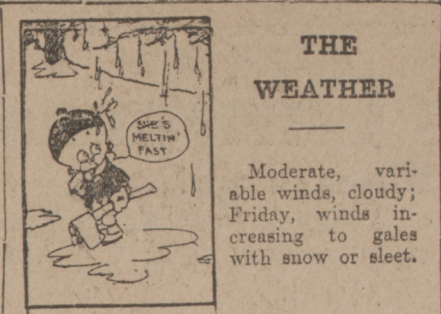




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SUICIDAL MANIA THE DEFENCE

Mother of Bath-tub Victim Says Grief of Daughter Over Husband's Disappearance Affected Her

New York, Dec. 17.—The "suicidal mania" of Ocie Snead is apparently the defense relied upon by the three sisters of the Wardlaw family arrested in connection with her mysterious death. Despite the fact that prison bars now hold all the women members of the family in which the bath-tub victim lived when she was either slowly grieving herself to death over the disappearance of her husband as her mother insists or was being systematically starved and mentally influenced into a state of helplessness, as is one of the police theories, the mystery of the affair seemed today little nearer actual solution than when the first discoveries were made in the case.

"We starve her?" exclaimed Mrs. Martin, Ocie Snead's mother, in commenting on the police suggestion. "We all loved her more than our lives. That was one of the ways in which she intended to do away with herself if no other fashion offered." Mrs. Martin, who was arrested and yesterday held to await extradition to New Jersey, insists that the suicide notes found in her hotel room were all written by Ocie Snead, while she was grieving over the disappearance of Fletcher Snead, her husband, and that she had to be constantly watched to prevent her taking her own life. The thought of suicide became a mania with the girl, her mother asserts.

Husband in Ontario

Fletcher Snead, who has been located in St. Catharines, Ont., aside from expressing an opinion that his wife was a suicide, had nothing to say in helping to clear up the mystery. Prosecutor Mott of Essex County declares that he does not seek Snead's apprehension.

Handwriting experts are expected to play a considerable part in the solution of the puzzling case and today were giving careful scrutiny to the mass of documentary matter unearthed during the investigation, particular attention being paid to the "suicide" and other notes and letters found in Mrs. Martin's apartments.

LOSS IN ENGLAND; GAIN OUTSIDE

Prediction As to the British Election—Ireland As Factor

London, Dec. 17.—F. R. Brassey, speaking at a Conservative meeting at Bexhill, predicted the return of the Liberal government. There would be a considerable turnover of votes in England and it was possible there might be a Conservative majority, but the utmost they could hope to win in Scotland was eight or ten seats; in Wales one or two, while in Ireland there would be no change at all.

The result would be that the present government would be returned to power with a majority dependent on the Irish, Scotch and Welsh votes.

SHE HUGGED OLD MAN AND STOLE HIS ROLL

Seafarer, Dec. 16—"Hello, kid," was the salutation thrown at 80-year-old Humphrey Quinlan, farmer, from here, by a young woman at Gratiot avenue and Baubien street, Detroit.

Humphrey, who is feeble and fully looks his age, didn't approve of the young woman's familiarity and told her so. "I don't know you, young lady," he said severely, "and I ain't in the habit of pickin' up with women folks on the street."

"That's all right, dad," said the girl, who was dressed in a long pony coat and picture hat. And then to the old farmer's great embarrassment, she threw her arms around him and hugged him. "Go 'way, young woman," said Humphrey in great indignation. "I've got a wife and grown-up children back in Seaford, Ont., and I can't have sich goin' on."

The young woman, however, hugged the farmer tighter, and then with a gladsome gleam of laughter, loosened her hold, backed away, and waved her hand.

"Bye-bye, dad," she said, gaily, "see you again some time."

Right away Quinlan became suspicious and "frisked" himself. He found that a roll of \$50 in bills, which had reposed in an inside pocket before he met the girl, had disappeared. Also missing was a nice new pipe, which he had bought to replace an old corncob he had smoked for years. "And to think that she even took my pipe," said the old man at Detroit police headquarters Tuesday morning. "She only left me one cent to my name, and now I have got to go back to my old pipe. It was my first visit to Detroit in 25 years. I thought I would go up there to see what the town looked like, and, my, but maybe it hasn't grown since I saw it last. I told that young woman to go away and leave me alone, but she wouldn't and now my money's gone, but I think I could identify the money, but I don't know whether I would know the girl or not."

The Detroit police are looking for the woman.

TORONTO TO HAVE BIG CANADIAN NORTHERN SHOPS

D. D. Mann Says Work Will Be Started Next Summer—Third Steamer Purchased—Vancouver Headquarters of G.T.P. Fleet on the Pacific

Toronto, Dec. 17.—(Special)—A statement foreshadowing the construction, here, of railway shops which, in time, through the development of Ontario lines, are expected to rival the big Canadian Pacific Railway establishment in Montreal, was made by D. D. Mann yesterday.

"When our eastern and western lines are coupled up," said Mr. Mann, "we will have to have very extensive shops in Toronto, and as our eastern line is being built under years contract, and should be finished as far as Trenton next fall, we will have to start constructing these shops in the summer. They will be large enough for the requirements of our two lines running out of Toronto and will be so arranged that extensions can be made just as fast as the exigencies of business demand."

Questioned about development of the steamship services to be established by the Canadian Northern Railway, Mr. Mann replied that details had been completed for re-arrangement of the steamers Cairo and Helopolis, recently purchased from the Egyptian Mail S. S. Co., by the builders, Fairfield & Co., of Glasgow, and that the formation of a steamship department was well under way.

"Our railroad in British Columbia will

not be completed for four or five years," he said, "but it is our intention to have a line of steamships in operation on the Pacific before that time. The points of call have not been definitely decided as yet, but it seems likely that Montreal will be the Canadian terminus, Southampton, England, and Cherbourg, France, the European ports. We are very anxious to touch France. We have also purchased from Fairfield & Co., the freight boat Volturno. This boat will carry 7,000 tons of freight and has accommodation for 1,300 immigrants and sixty-five cabin passengers. She will be placed on the same route. Another freight boat will also be purchased soon."

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—(Special)—Captain C. M. Nicholson, manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific coast fleet, said here today that permanent headquarters of the fleet to be composed soon will be located in Vancouver. Terminal facilities will be provided.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—(Special)—The largest single real estate deal in the history of the city, the amount involved being \$250,000, has just been consummated. James Whalen, of Port Arthur, has purchased adjoining properties in front street, owned by Mcellar Bros., George A. Graham and Capt. S. C. Young and E. R. Wayland.

BRUSSELS CITY OF CREPE TODAY

Mourning For Leopold—Regency Council to Rule Till Accession of the New King—Dead Monarch's Will a Volume

Brussels, Dec. 17.—All Brussels mourn today. Flags on public buildings are at half-mast and private houses are draped with crepe. The body of the king, clothed in the uniform of a lieutenant-general, remains in the chamber of "The Palms," where death entered last night, surrounded only by those who in life had won and retained his close friendship. The expression on the dead monarch's face is peaceful and it is now known that the end was painless. The body will be placed in a casket this evening, when a period of mourning will officially begin.

Dr. Thiriar said today, "I knew that the king was suffering from a malady of the heart. This was our chief anxiety when operating, but we decided to resort to surgery in order to have His Majesty from terrible suffering. As a matter of fact he died without suffering at all."

Temporary Regency Council

This morning after Premier Schollaert proceeded to the palace, and, under his direction, the official monitor published a special number announcing the formation of a regency council composed of the council and ministers, which will nominally hold the reins of government until the heir to the throne, Prince Albert, has taken the oath of accession.

After much persuasion, today, Baron Goffinet, private secretary to King Leopold, who is greatly affected by the sudden

termination of His Majesty's illness, described the scene at the palace. The newspaper correspondents were prohibited strictly from entering the palace this morning, and were correspondingly disappointed. Meagre details of events transpiring within were made known officially.

King's Will a Volume

It is said that Leopold's will constitutes a good sized volume. The Princess Clémentine and her sister Stephanie, with the Countess of Flanders left the palace at an early hour. They were followed by His Majesty's intimate friend, Baroness Vaughan. The latter proceeded to Balinacourt.

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Hundreds of other messages of sympathy and regret have reached the palace. The sittings of the courts have been suspended until the new king shall have received the crown. Baron Goffinet has entrusted the king's will to the custody of the courts.

NOT USED TO GAS; BLEW IT OUT

Spear in Hospital, Nearly Asphyxiated Explains How it Happened

"Wasn't much used to gas and just blew it out," is the explanation of John D. Spear, the New London, (P. E. I.) fisherman who was nearly asphyxiated in a Mill street boarding house on Wednesday.

Spear came here with the intention of shipping on a vessel for the winter and as soon as he gets out of the General Public Hospital, which will likely be today or tomorrow, he will look for a ship.

TO CUT UP RACE TRACK INTO BUILDING LOTS

Cincinnati, Dec. 17.—Cincinnati racing men say the Latonia track will be sold within the next three weeks, though some of them are not sanguine as to the time for the proposed deal. At any rate they say that the Cellas, Rhinock and Myers have decided that it would be advisable to sell.

This will be done by a syndicate which will cut up the grounds into lots and dispose of them.

WAS ABOUT TO BE BURIED

"Dead" Man Arose in Bed, Yawned and Said He Felt Better After a Long Sleep—Then He Did Die

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 17.—As an undertaker started to prepare the body of Edward Murphy for burial, the supposed dead man arose in bed and yawned. "I feel better after that long sleep," he said.

Murphy had been in a state of coma for ten hours. He had been an invalid for a long time. The undertaker was soon recalled for Murphy really died yesterday after joking to the embalmer about his "first death."

COREA WILL GRADUALLY BE ABSORBED

Japanese Plan Next Important Step—New Customs Pier at Yokohama in Use—Sensational Reports Denied

Tokio, Nov. 23.—Undoubtedly the next important step taken in Korea will be the abolishment of extra territoriality. Under existing conditions, in force since November 1, the courts of Korea are administered entirely by Japanese and under Japanese laws. It is therefore, argued that in view of the fact of absence of extra territoriality in Japan there is no necessity for a continuance of it in Korea. The conditions now existing in that country point out, of course, to gradual absorption.

It is pointed out that the dual responsibility makes administration much more difficult and expensive and consequently the Koreans themselves do not derive the greatest amount of benefit from the development of their resources and the improvement of existing conditions. It may be said, however, that Japan is extremely loath to take the final step which by many is regarded as inevitable and that she will not do so for some time to come at least is believed to be the case.

Tokio, Dec. 17.—The Chiyu Maru, of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, trans-Pacific service from San Francisco, Nov. 30, is the first liner to be docked at the new customs pier at Yokohama, coming alongside at 9 a. m. today. A tremendous reception awaited the steamer, with bands and fireworks and representatives from all the chambers of commerce. The passengers reached Tokio by special train at 11:30 and a reception was held at the chamber of commerce, attended by the members of the cabinet and many other prominent persons. Speeches were made by Viscount Shibuya and others.

Tokio, Nov. 23.—Sensational reports published in the Japanese newspapers state that attacks were made by Japanese upon the Korean officers attending the grand manoeuvres near Utsunomia, and that a plot was on foot to attack the foreign military attaches. The reports are without the slightest foundation in fact. Not even an arrest was made based upon a proposed attack upon Koreans, or others.

The Korean officers moved in exactly the same manner as the other attaches and those attacks, as well as other foreign military attaches. The reports are without the slightest foundation in fact. Not even an arrest was made based upon a proposed attack upon Koreans, or others.

The Japanese authorities have exercised the most extreme caution in the matter of the movements of Koreans resident in Tokio.

MISER LEAVES RICH ART TREASURES

Splendid Porcelains and Pictures of Eccentric George Saltin of London May Be Sold.

London, Dec. 17.—Some of the finest art treasures in existence may come into the market through the death of George Saltin, an eccentric man at sales.

Saltin was a Dane and inherited a great Australian fortune. His whole life and income were devoted to the examination and purchase of works of art, and he became one of the best-known collectors in Europe. Apart from this passion Saltin was miserly. He lived frugally in two rooms which were crowded with priceless treasures. Popular report credited him with having never given a cent to charity and of never spending one unnecessarily on his personal needs.

Saltin's collection of porcelains, which is on loan in the Kensington Museum, is the finest perhaps in the world. Many paintings owned by him now hang in the National Gallery. Museum directors made it a practice to refrain from bidding against the eccentric man at sales because they believed that his collection would be bequeathed to the nation.

However, one of the connoisseurs' eccentricities was a reluctance to make a will, and it is not known whether he ever made one. Accordingly the museum officials are somewhat disturbed lest the precious collection be disposed of through the auction rooms.

NEW COMMANDMENT; TIMES' NEW STORY

Absorbing Serial, One of the Latest Books, Will Be Started on Monday

On Monday the Times will commence the publication of a new serial story, "The New Commandment," by Anthony Verrell. This book has not yet been offered for sale in the stores. Times readers will find it a very absorbing tale of a family feud in the southern states and the intense enmity existing between a young man and a young woman, the last survivors of the estranged families.

The scene, for the principal part of the story, is laid in a desert where these two find themselves strangely transported and the story of months passed there and the fearful struggle for life which they were called upon to make will be followed with intense interest. The story is well written and it will be found that once started, the daily chapters will be awaited eagerly.

The first installment will appear in Monday's Times.

STEEL AND COAL MERGER TAKEN UP AT MEETING TODAY

Changes in Dominion Coal Board—Steamer Captain and Crew Leave Rather Than Take Lake Superior Trip—Moving Picture War in Quebec

Montreal, Dec. 17.—(Special)—A meeting of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company will be held in this city today and the proposed merger with the Dominion Coal Co. will be considered. A number of important changes will follow in the Dominion Coal board. James Ross retiring from the presidency and Messrs. Angus and Graham Fraser, together with Mr. Ross, resigning from the board, their places being taken by Messrs. Plummer, Forget and E. R. Wood, of Toronto.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 17.—(Special)—Captain E. O. Booth and nearly all the members of the crew of the steamer Port Colborne deserted the ship here declaring that they would not take chances on Lake Superior owing to the lateness of the season. Another captain and crew were picked up and the vessel cleared for Port William.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—(Special)—Forty years ago James McDonald and his young bride, Sarah McCracken, came to this country from Dundee, (Scot.), and settled in Ontario. Now William McCracken, a brother of Mrs. McDonald, has written the

attorney general's department asking if his sisters' address or the names and addresses of her children can be learned. Superintendent Rogers of the provincial police is trying to locate the parties. (Cobalt, Ont., Dec. 17.—(Special)—Picking into a hole in the tunnel under the Montreal River at Ragged Chutes, two colored men were seriously injured yesterday. James Pardeuxer of New York city will probably lose the sight of both eyes, while W. Jackson will probably lose one eye. Five other men in the tunnel escaped with minor injuries.

Quebec, Dec. 17.—(Special)—An injunction has been taken out on behalf of a number of local moving picture houses to restrain the civic authorities from enforcing the by-law recently adopted requiring Sunday closing of all the theatres, playhouses or halls used for theatrical purposes or moving picture shows and amusements where the public is admitted on payment of a fee.

It is contended that the city authorities have no power to enact such a law, this being only within the jurisdiction of the federal legislature.

XMAS HOLIDAYS IN SCHOOLS BEGUN

Presentation of Medals and Prizes, and Entertaining Programme in High School—Principal Wants New Chemistry Room

The Xmas exercises in the St. John High School this morning proved very interesting, and were greatly enjoyed by those present. The large exhibition hall was crowded. The rear of the room was occupied by the scholars, and the seats in front by visitors. The room was prettily adorned with holly and evergreen, and on a blackboard neatly inscribed in the colors of the school—slate and red—was the motto of the class of '10, "Nulla dies sine line."

The programme was of a varied nature, and the numbers were received with hearty applause. The selections of the orchestra were keenly appreciated. Under the direction of W. C. Bowden the members played the opening and closing numbers, and throughout the morning also rendered entertaining selections.

The essays were selected from those submitted by the members of Grade XI and reflected credit on the writers, each subject being dealt with in an interesting and instructive way. The essay of Miss Rosalie Waterman on "The Charm of Outdoor Life," was received with much appreciation. This paper was the winner of the gold medal awarded by Senator Ellis for the best English composition from among the graduating class of last year. When the essays were opened by the examiners Miss Waterman's was picked as the best. Her non de plume was "Bluesome." She was also the winner of the Parker silver medal and the corporation gold medal.

The Proceedings

Principal W. J. S. Myles acted as chairman this morning and on the platform were Chief Justice Barker, Mayor Bullock, R. B. Emerson, Edward Manning, Supt. H. S. Bridges, Rev. J. J. McCaskill, Rev. Gordon Dickie, H. A. Powell, K. C., Senator Ellis and H. C. Smith.

In opening the session Principal Myles said that the attendance during the past year had been very large, in fact in grade X and XI the classes were greater than ever. He drew the attention of the chairman of the board to the fact that ninety pupils had to study chemistry in the laboratory, while the latter was capable of accommodating only twenty. "We are handicapped," said Mr. Myles, "for the want of a proper laboratory. The present one is without proper ventilation and the need of a new room is greater than other alleged necessities being forced before the city. I hope that by the trustees and the common council that this matter will receive careful consideration."

Mr. Myles then vacated the chair, retiring in favor of Chairman Emerson, who responded to the statements made by the last speaker, by saying that the board had intended to include in their estimates of last year an item relating to the establishment of a new chemistry room, but had decided, on account of financial circumstances, to defer this action until next year, when it would be fully investigated.

Medals Presented

The programme was then carried out, and the presentation of medals was then in order.

The programme was: Selection—High school orchestra. Recitation—The Wise Men of the East, Colin Woodrow. Chorus, O Canada—Girls of grade IX. Essay—What Christmas Does for Us, Ida Whipple. Selection—High school orchestra. Recitation—Ode to the Nativity, Edna Browne. Essay—Christmas in St. John, Harry Hetherington. Christmas Carol—Girls of grade XI. Essay—The Charm of Outdoor Life and Sport, Wohalle Waterman. Selection—High school orchestra. Presentation of medals.

His worship was called upon to present to Miss Rosalie Waterman, as the leader of the school, the corporation gold medal. To Miss Mollie Lingley came the honor of receiving the governor-general's silver medal for being the leader of the class of grade X. The presentation was made by Senator Ellis in a brief congratulatory speech.

The leader of grade IX, Frederick Manning, received a prize of books donated by the Portmyngh Club, and presented by H. A. Powell, K. C. Master Manning is the grandson of Secretary Manning of the school board. The books comprise the works of Shakespeare, Parkman and the Life of Sir Walter Scott.

Miss Cecilia McElwaine was the winner of the lieutenant governor's medal for the highest marks made among the city schools in entering the High School from the eighth grade. Senator Ellis made the presentation and delivered a short address. He spoke of the late chairman, Mr. Trueman, and also spoke of the intention expressed some time ago of establishing a cooking school in the city, and also of having a medical inspection of the buildings and pupils.

Once again Miss Waterman was called to the platform to receive a medal, this time for the highest marks made in mathematics. The Parker Silver medal was presented to her by Chief Justice Barker, who referred feelingly to Chief Justice Parker, the donor of the medal.

The next presentation was made to William Walsh for second place in mathematics by Supt. Bridges. The prize was a set of books, donated by the school board. In presenting the prize the superintendent said that he had watched the career of Mr. Walsh for some time and predicted a bright future for him. Besides being a leader in his class he was also a ring leader in athletics. With reference to the allusion made by Senator Ellis about the establishment of a cooking school, the superintendent explained that the girls of grade IX were now being instructed in cooking.

Rev. J. J. McCaskill presented to Miss Waterman the gold medal donated by Senator Ellis for the best English essay. He warmly commended the recipient of the medal on her essay, which he said, was deserving of great commendation.

Arthur Anglin for his meritorious essay, Arthur Anglin for his meritorious essay, which was adjudged worthy of second prize. The books were donated by the school board and presented by W. J. S. Myles.

For the second time Miss Cecilia McElwaine was called to the platform. This time to receive Chairman Emerson's gold medal as the leader of grade VIII. The chairman made the presentation in a happy vein.

Joseph Anglin was given a set of books, donated by the school board and presented by Principal Myles for a meritorious essay which received second place.

The school will remain closed for two weeks, re-opening after New Year's.

Closing exercises for the Christmas holidays were also held in the following schools: Dufferin, Albert, Aberdeen, Centennial, St. Malachi's and Victoria.

FREDERICTON SCHOOLS

Fredericton, Dec. 17.—(Special)—The public closing exercises of the city schools took place at noon, and attracted many visitors. Honor certificates were during the term were presented by Dr. Atherton, Mrs. Van Mart, Mrs. W. G. Clarke and Mrs. Timothy Lynch.

At the high school Bishop Richardson presented to Miss Esther Clarke, daughter of W. G. Clarke, the Governor's silver medal, she having led in the entrance examinations last summer.

Miss Annie Taylor, a valued member of the staff of Charlotte street school for several years has been granted leave of absence.

A light fall of snow here this morning improved travel.

RECEIVING STOLEN GOLD ORE CHARGED

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 17.—(Special)—Dr. J. E. Wilkinson, president of the J. E. Wilkinson Co., Ltd., gold refiners, Lombard street, and Alexander Littlejohn, of MacFarlane, a miner of Cobalt, were arrested here yesterday on warrants charging them with receiving stolen ore.

Wilkinson was promptly released on bail.

HITCH IN TRANSFER OF EQUITABLE

York State Superintendent of Insurance Wants Complete Re-Examination of the Company First

New York, Dec. 17.—A temporary "snag" obstructs the transfer of the Equitable Life Assurance Society from Thomas F. Ryan to J. Pierpont Morgan.

State Insurance Commissioner Hotchkiss believes that the great life insurance company, with its \$480,000,000 of assets should be re-examined by the state before any transfer of control be effected.

This means a thorough examination of anything done under the Thomas F. Ryan regime and a complete report upon the society's present condition. It is not informed that Superintendent Hotchkiss expects such examination will disclose anything unfavorable.

But Mr. Morgan does not care to have such an overhauling made; he thinks it unnecessary. He believes it might tend to reopen old wounds and disturb public confidence.

That the large policy holders of the Equitable are heartily in favor of Mr. Morgan's control of the company, is said to be Superintendent Hotchkiss's belief, as Mr. Morgan touches no company that he does not improve. Still the state superintendent insists upon making in his own way all the preliminary steps necessary.

The state superintendent refused positively to affirm or deny the rumored "hitch" in the transfer. He admitted that he had conferred with Mr. Morgan and expected to see him again. Mr. Morgan's partners were equally reticent. Mr. Perkins and Mr. Davison both declined to say a word.

RICHIBUCTO WHARF INQUIRY AFTER HOLIDAYS

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(Special)—The public accounts committee will hear no further evidence in regard to the Richibucto wharf case until after the holidays. Then the evidence of Andrew Loggie and others will be taken.

The committee was to have gone on this morning but the departure of members for their holidays and absence of witnesses caused an adjournment. It is understood that Dr. Pugsley is determined to have the investigation full and complete and if it is found that the government did not get full value for its expenditure steps will be taken to bring the responsible parties to account.

The wharf was bought by the minister of public works only after an engineer had reported it to be worth \$5,000 and without reporting to him that had been a transfer of the property a short time before at considerably lower price.

THE STEAMERS ARE TAKING GOOD CARGOES

The official reports of two outward cargoes were made at the customs house today, the valuation of which nearly reached a half million dollars via the Donaldson liner Cassandra for Glasgow \$244,347, and the Manchester shipper for Manchester \$225,338. Total \$469,705.

Steamship Manchester Shipper, on her way to Manchester from this port took away 112,164 bushels of wheat, and one million feet of spruce deals.

Donaldson liner Cassandra, which left port on the 11th had among her freight, 71,861 bushels of wheat, 16,960 bushels of barley and 17,453 bags of flour.

DISCUSSES NEW HEAD OF FERRY TOMORROW

A meeting of the ferry committee has been called for tomorrow afternoon when the names of applicants for the position of superintendent of the ferry department will be considered. Among the names the committee will have to consider are: Fred S. Heans, Edward Reticall, George Waring, William Parks and W. M. Campbell. The meeting will be private and it is stated will be simply to discuss the qualifications of the applicants, as the appointment rests with the council.

Chairman Potts declined to discuss the matter this morning other than to say that he would support the man he considered best fitted for the position.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES

Barrie, Ont., Dec. 17.—In the incendiary case, Clara Guthrie, on a charge of perjury, was discharged yesterday.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 17.—Business has been so demoralized by the coal strike that the legislature today passed a bill rendering both strike leaders and employers who instigate or aid a strike or lockout liable to a year's imprisonment.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 17.—Wm. George Hill, a farmer, lost his life yesterday, when his rig fell into a creek. Hill being caught under the falling rig and his head pinned beneath it in a few inches of water. He was drowned.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 17.—Major General Walter F. Sutor, who fought under Grant at Vicksburg and marched to the sea with Sherman, died here yesterday.

New York, Dec. 17.—The magnates of the National League were apparently in a complete deadlock today when they met again to select a president.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 17.—President Zelaya has called President Tadi saying that he had shown his good faith by resigning so that Nicaragua might resume friendly relations with the United States. He proposed to leave the country, but stood ready to account for his acts as president.