DR. ALWARD DOES NOT AGREE WITH MR. HAZEN

More Local Views on the Canadian Navy Proposal—W. H. Thorne and W. S. Fisher

The Times account of Premier Roblin's declaration against a Canadian navy and Premier Hazen's views concurring in large measure with the Manitoba Conservative government leader were read with much interest. The views of other local men have been obtained.

Dr. Silas Alward, K. C. said: "I believe the true and proper course is for the construction of a Canadian navy. We should contribute our part for the protection of our own trade routes. The building of a navy now would be only the commencement of a great fleet for the protection of our rapidly growing commerce.

"I favor the position taken by the present Liberal government by R. L. Borden leader of the Conservative party, and George E. Foster. I believe that we should commence the construction of a Canadian navy at an early date. If we start that way our men would be better trained and as sailors would be the equal of any. Yes, emphatically I approve of a Canadian navy."

W. H. Thorne said: "My judgment has always been in favor of a cash contribution or of building a Dreadnought and handing it over to the British admiralty. A Canadian navy would be a very expensive toy and we should not attempt to build one."

W. S. Fisher said: "I certainly think we should make a contribution to the British navy, but the form of that contribution should take is debatable. I presume the whole subject will be discussed in the House of Commons and one will then be better able to form an opinion. I would incline to the feeling that we had hardly reached the time to construct a navy. We could not afford to build many big ships, and small ships would be of little use. I think Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's plan that we should build a couple of Dreadnoughts and hand them over to the imperial government at a nominal cost, is not by any means a bad proposition. There is, however, so much to say on both sides that we should hear it thoroughly threshed out before we express any opinion."

IN THE CHURCHES OF CITY ON SUNDAY

Speaking on the subject, Peace, at yesterday morning's service in St. Matthew's Presbyterian church, Rev. J. James McCaskill said that if the successor to King Leopold of Belgium should be a humane king, all Christendom should observe a thanksgiving "for the world has had no worse king since the days of Nero than King Leopold."

Yesterday afternoon in St. David's church the gifts were collected from the different classes to be distributed among the poor at Christmas. The presents from the scholars of the Sunday school consisted of toys, money and eatables. These will be delivered next Friday after a meeting at which the names of the poor and deserving famileis will be submitted.

At the morning service in St. Stephen's Presbyterian church yesterday Rev. Gordon Dickie announced that the following had been chosen elders: D. B. Doig, Douglas McArthur and William Young.

In St. David's church last evening Rev. Willard McDonald preached an able sermon.

On Christmas morning the Presbyterian churches in St. John will hold a United service in St. Stephen's church at 10 o'clock. Rev. A. A. Graham will preach.

A choral service was held in Centenary church last evening at the close of the regular service. Those taking part were Miss Olivia Murray, Miss Hea, Mrs. J. Pierce Crocket, D. B. Pidgeon and James Griffith.

In the Centenary church Sunday school yesterday there was a Christmas tree with money and other gifts for the poor. Santa Claus also appeared. In all $76 was contributed. Addresses were delivered by the pastor, Dr. Flanders, and Supt. Murray. Each wished the scholars a Merry Christmas—the greeting being returned by the children.

Two elderly spinster sisters, Frances and Isabel Richie were found dead in their home in Newark, (N. J.) yesterday. One was found lying on the floor with a hatpin driven through her heart and the other was hanging from a piece of clothesline. It is believed that they committed suicide.

Love's Hotel at Glassville was quite badly damaged by fire on Thursday last.

CONAN DOYLE REFUSES TO BE REFEREE OF THE BIG FIGHT

Corbett to Help Jeffries—A Match for Langford—Lynch the Head of National League—Bowling and Other Sport

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has received a cable despatch from the committee in charge of the arrangements of the Jeffries-Johnson fight, acting him to ask as referee. Although the author of Sherlock Holmes is greatly pleased by the offer, he has replied, regretting his inability to accept.

Just now he is busy rehearsing his "Drama of the Prize Ring," to be produced at the Adelphi Theatre on December 27.

Arthur Cote won the decision over Kid Goodman of Boston in a 15 round bout at the Queen City A. C. Manchester, N. H. Friday. Cote won owing to his aggressiveness and the constant and successful jabbing of his left in Goodman's face.

James J. Corbett will be the animated punching bag on which James J. Jeffries will practice in fitting himself for his fight with Jack Johnson for the heavyweight championship of the world.

Corbett arrived Friday from Europe on the Mauretania. "I am going to do all I can to help Jeffries win," declared Corbett. "I think that if he simply spars to get into shape it will do him little good, and have arranged to get into condition myself and have some real fights with him. They will not be merely light forms of exercise but we will go at one another as if there was a big stake up and a good house looking on. Forty days before the match with Johnson comes off, Jeff and I will start in on one another. In some of my bouts with him we may go as many as 20 rounds."

Big Tom Overby, a clever colored heavyweight pugilist of Wilkesbarre, Pa., has received an offer from the matchmaker of the Armory Athletic Club of Boston to meet Sam Langford there in a 12-round bout. Overby was offered $400 and expenses and will probably accept. Overby has been fighting for only a year, has never been defeated and has won all his fights inside of five rounds by knockouts. He weighs 210 and is 6 feet tall.

Phil McGovern, brother of Terry, fought Young Ziringer of Pittsburg, six rounds at the National S. C. there on Friday. The milling was fast, with McGovern forcing the first five rounds and having slightly the better of it. The sixth round found both boys fighting hard for a knockout. Had a decision been given, McGovern would have won on points.

Honors were equally divided between Fighting Dick Nelson and Young Loughrey after six rounds at the Nonpariel Club Philadelphia, Friday. The first rounds were tame.

Wrestling

Young Prokos of Boston defeated W. Barrette of Montreal in a catch-as-catch can wrestling match at Holyoke, Mass., on Friday in two straight falls.

In Chicago Friday night, Jim Esson, the Scotch heavyweight wrestler, threw Charles Stect in three minutes, and Emil Bruglio in eight minutes. He agreed to get the falls inside of 30 minutes. Sakir, the Turk, downed Joe Wallace in straight falls in the semi-windup.

Hockey

Friday's Montreal Star states:—"Rollie Norman, formerly of Sackville, now of Moncton, a side-partner and pal of Gregory, and a pretty handy boy both as skater and stickhandler, is on his way here, and will arrive tonight. It cannot be found out with what team he will play, but it is understood that he has had some offers."

The Harvard University hockey club has recently invited the hockey team of St. Francis Xavier's College, Antigonish (N. S.) to play a game at Cambridge (Mass.) The invitation has been accepted and the game will be played on Saturday, Feb. 5. The Antigonish boys are now in training, though the personnel of the team is not yet fully determined. Among those who will probably occupy places on the team are: Wings, Sears and Ray Mahoney; rover, Frank McDonald; centre, Fraser; cover, Ronald Chisholm. Among the candidates for the remaining positions may be mentioned: McIsaac, R. D. Chisholm, Ed. McDonald, Fahey.

Yachting

It is said that Geo. Herrick Duggan, expects to become a resident of Montreal again soon. This is indeed good news for the Lake St. Louis Yachtsmen, for it probably means that he and Fred Shearwood, the two men who have successfully designed and successfully sailed so many Seawanhaka Cup Defenders, and who were the two men who with the little half-rater Glencairn, originally won the Seawanhaka Cup in the United States some fifteen years ago, will co-operate in the designing and building of the two yachts that will be taken to Massachusetts Bay to see if they cannot bring back the cup once more, it now being held by the Manchester Yacht Club, which will sail for it against the Royal Montreal Yacht Club in July next.

Baseball

New York, Dec. 18.—The deadlock in the National League over the election of a president was unexpectedly broken this afternoon by the unanimous selection of Thos. J. Lynch, whose name had not been considered or publicly mentioned for the position.

There is reason to believe that the eight league presidents held a secret conference which did not end until 2 o'clock this morning, at which the supporters of John M. Ward, of New York, and Robert W. Brown, of Louisville, came to an understanding. It was understood that each side seeing that the other was firm, instructed John T. Bush, of the New York club, to select a man whose name had not been before the league as a candidate. Brush consulted none of his colleagues but telegraphed to New Britain (Conn.), for Thomas J. Lynch to come to Waldorf-Astoria at once.

When the league owners met today three ballots were taken, all of them resulting in the same tie: four for Ward and four for Brown. Then, apparently, by agreement, President Ebbets, of Brooklyn, read a letter from Ward, in which he withdrew from the contest. At the same time Stanley Robinson, of St. Louis, withdrew Brown's name. Following the pre-arranged plan, Brush nominated Lynch, referring to him by his better known title, "King of Umpires." The seven other magnates quickly seconded the nomination and the election was made unanimous.

Ebbets, who had been one of the bitterest opponents of the candidacy of John Heydler, who succeeded the late Harry C. Pullim as president, nominated Heydler for secretary-treasurer, a position which he has filled continuously for many years, even latterly while president. There was a hitch here. It was understood that Heydler would not accept the appointment for one year and after a confab he was nominated for three years and unanimously elected. Lynch's term is for one year.

Bowling

The Two H.'s took three points from the Electrics in the Commercial League game on Black's alleys Saturday night. The score was as follows:

Two H's.

				Total.	Avg.
Sullivan	91	88	85	264	88
Crosby	87	73	82	242	80⅔
Gamblin	71	69	76	216	72
Cochrane	88	77	81	246	82
Law	77	91	89	257	85⅔
	414	398	413	1225	

Electrics.

				Total.	Avg.
Brown	90	101	91	282	94
Vincent	71	79	71	221	73⅔
Bently	75	76	92	243	81
Berry	65	60	73	198	66
Cosgrove	83	81	114	278	92⅔
	384	397	441	1222	

The Alexanders defeated their antagonists, the Customs house team on Saturday night by 145 pins, in a three frame game. The teams will meet again on New Year's eve for the final game.

Athletic

The Bankers' Athletic Association held a meeting in their rooms on King street Saturday evening, a large number of members being present. This association which was lately formed by the clerks of the different banks, intends entering into all kinds of sport and should give a good account of themselves, if one can judge from the material from which they have to pick. Should a provincial hockey league be formed this season the Bankers intend putting a fast septette on the ice. They will also enter an intermediate team in the city league. A meeting will take place during the first week in January, when definite arrangements will be made concerning both leagues.

Yale defeated McGill at basket ball in the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday morning. In the Class "B" league the Spartans defeated the Eyyptians.

Pietro Durando collapsed in the twenty third mile of his Marathon race against B. W. Garner, an Englishman, in London on Saturday night. Gardner's time for twenty three miles was 2 hours, 12 minutes and 2-5 seconds, a new world's indoor record.

At Sand Point on Saturday Shirley Jenkins had his thumb crushed and John Campbell of the North End had his legs crushed while loading cars. Campbell was taken to the General Public hospital, Jenkins was able to proceed to his home.

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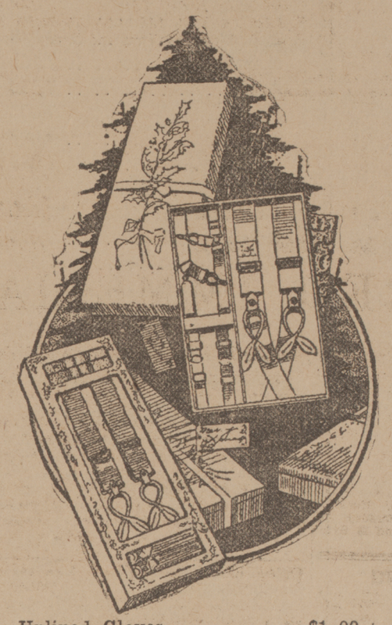
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Bath Robes	5.00 to 7.00		6 Linen Handkerchiefs in box	1.50	
Trunks	1.90 to 9.50				
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The Star Theatre, in Union Hall, North End, is going to commence the holiday week with one of the best programmes in weeks. No more enjoyable place in the city will be available than this cosy little house while you are out on your merry round of Christmas shopping. The pictures for tonight are all features: "A Royal Marriage in India" will show some of the grandest pageantry imaginable, all the photographs being gorgeously colored. "The Nobleman's Dog" is a story of the middle ages in which "Dick," the great detective dog of Paris, takes the leading role. This is a wonderfully clever picture. "Races by the Aero Club" at the St. Louis Exposition is an American film on the new aviation mode of transportation. Then there is a screaming comedy, "The Bridegroom's Good Joke." Extra reel and Miss A. L. Newington in late songs.

VICTORIA OPEN TONIGHT FOR SALE OF SEASON TICKETS.

The Victoria Rink will be open this evening for the sale of season tickets and lockers, and tomorrow night the grand re-opening for the season will occur. The 62nd Regiment Band in full force will be present, and discourse a delightful programme, which has been in course of preparation for some weeks. The ice is expected to be in excellent condition by tomorrow, and able to combat the terrible strain which the large crowds of skaters will give it. Those who cannot conveniently call at the Victoria may secure their tickets at any time of day at the office of the Unique. Telephone orders will also be attended to promptly. Those who purpose buying season tickets as Christmas reminders have decided upon the most practicable gift that is possible for the expenditure. Those who have not already decided, should think it over well before refraining from purchasing for this purpose.

CHRISTMAS WEEK AT THE ORPHEUM.

A splendid array of talent has been engaged for the Orpheum this week, and a good time is promised those who patronize this popular house. A better comedy team than Payton and Wilson, colored entertainers, would be exceedingly difficult to procure, and they have veen engaged for the week at very great expense. Payton and Wilson are real headliners in this variety of entertainment, and the work which they do, is really unique and must be seen to be appreciated. Arthur K. Furlong has been very successful in his Lauder imitations, and the management has been fortunate in securing his services for the week, in this popular impersonation. The record breaking business of last week, it is expected, will be continued during the Christmas holidays.

QUEEN'S RINK TONIGHT.

Queen's Rink will be opened to the public at 7 o'clock this evening. An excellent sheet of ice has been prepared and as many tickets have been sold, it is expected that the attendance tonight will be very large.

SPECIAL FARES FOR XMAS HOLIDAYS

The cheap fares prevailing on the Intercolonial Railway for the Christmas and New Year's holidays ought to prove a boon to those who find it necessary or convenient to travel at this festive season of the year. The regular return rate to Montreal from here is $22.50, but from December 21st until January 1st a one way fare will prevail, and on these dates the fare to Montreal will be $14,30, good for return until January 3rd, thus effecting a saving of $8.20. The fares will be correspondingly low to all other stations on the line. With these low rates and the excellent train service in effect, there ought to be a big rush of holiday travel.

HEARTLESS.

Mother—Willie is a very imaginative child. But George is more practical. When George decides he wants anything he sets out to get it.

Bachelor—I have noticed that difference. Willie sings 'I want to be an angel,' but George smokes cigarettes and skates on thin ice.

The north bound Great Northern train bound from St. Paul to Winnipeg was wrecked on Saturday. The mail and baggage cars with their contents were destroyed by fire as was much Chirstmas stuff.

The fishing tug Penobscot, of Cleveland, was burned yesterday, off Lorain, Ohio, and the crew of three men had a narrow escape.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

A heavy snowstorm swept over Texas on Saturday night, snow falling to a depth of three inches. The thermometer registered about zero.

Mathew Wilkie of Ketch Harbor (N. S.) is dead in Boston as the result of being caught between the wall and the elevator in an Essex street building.

Jacob Cohen, Morris Rodenbsky, of Toronto and William Jansen and Jaaka Heikkila of Cobalt, four of the eight men arrested in connection with the theft of ore at Cobalt pleaded guilty before Magistrate Ellis in Toronto on Saturday.

In the Saskatchewan legislature at Regina on Saturday a resolution by Mr. Wylie for the contribution of a Dreadnought to the imperial government by Canada was defeated.

The announcement of the death of Mrs. Percy Brown in Ellesmere, Englind, has been received at Hopewell Hill. She was formerly Mrs. W. E. Robinson of Hopewell Hill.

BRITISH NAVY AGAIN SCORES A SUCCESS

Washington, Dec. 19—The British Navy has just finished another brilliant example of the seaworthiness of the submarine. What is probably a world's record for an open-sea run by a flotilla has been achieved by ten British vessels in making a voyage from Portsmouth to Dundee, the new submarine base, in the North Sea. Journeying via the Straits of Dover, the flotilla—consisting of submarines C 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30—reached Dundee in fifty-six hours' constant surface steaming, despite the heavy waves and rough weather. The distance covered was 512 miles, and the average speed was 9.8 knots.

There was but one mishap, a slight one, the engines of C 28 breaking down. It took an hour and a half to effect the repairs, and while these were being made she was towed by the parent ship, the flotilla thus not being delayed. But for this it would have been a non-stop run by the flotilla, and a further record would have been set up. Petrol engines were used all the way, and worked most efficiently. The crew of each vessel slept aboard in two watches and had to submit to considerable hardship, sleeping on steel deck forward, while aft there was a constant roar and the echoing rattle of the petrol engines. The officers shared the same hardships and the same quarters as the men.

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