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Westerly winds, fair, becoming milder. Friday increasing southwest winds, and milder.

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ST. JOHN DELEGATION SAW MINISTER TODAY

They Were Closeted With Dr. Pugsley for Over Two Hours

Proposed Improvements on the West Side the Matter Under Discussion—Delegates Will Not Make Statement But Say Conference is Satisfactory.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 4—(Special)—The St. John delegation met the minister of public works this morning and were in consultation for two hours with him. The discussion was over the proposed improvements on the west side and what the city, the government, and the Canadian Pacific were disposed to agree upon that would be in the best interests of all concerned in the future.

The C. P. R. was not represented at the conference, but it is understood that there were telephonic communications with the head office of the railway in Montreal and that the negotiations proceeded satisfactorily.

The delegates said there was nothing to give out at present as no conclusion had been reached and none would be until they could meet the C. P. R. people. They will do so before their return to St. John.

So far, however, the negotiations, they said, were entirely satisfactory to them.

RAID ON A THEATRE MAY MAKE TROUBLE

Chinese Police Raided a Theatre in Amoy Run by Spanish Subject—Complications May Ensue

Amoy, China, Feb. 4—Serious complications are likely to ensue as the result of the raiding of a threatre which is being run by a Chinese, who is a Spanish subject, in defiance of the Imperial mourning edict, which followed the recent death of the Emperor and Empress Dowager. The theatre was raided by the police Tuesday night, and a riot followed. Several shots were exchanged, and two members of the police force are missing. The police claim that they were killed, and their bodies concealed. The theatre in question has been a bone of contention for several weeks, and the matter was first referred to Peking by the local authorities, and then laid before the consular body here, where the case is now pending.

JUDGE HANINGTON'S CONDITION TODAY

His Honor Had a Good Night and Was Considerably Improved This Morning.

Word comes from Dorchester today that Judge Hanington is still alive. While indications yesterday pointed to a collapse he now seems to be slightly more than holding his own, showing a remarkable vitality. His honor spent a good night last night and was resting much easier this morning. He, however, is not by any means out of danger, and his condition is critical.

BASKET BALL

St. Andrew's and Fredericton Will Play in This City on Friday Night.

On Friday night in St. Andrew's Church school room, a very interesting game of basket ball is promised, when Fredericton and St. Andrews teams will struggle for supremacy. George Emery will be referee. The teams will line up as follows:

Forwards	
McKay	Hamilton
McGibbon	Patterson
Centre	
MacDonald	Finley
Defence	
Cass	Scott
Vavasour	Macaulay

CARDINAL CRETONI DEAD

Rome, Feb. 4—Cardinal Serafine Cretoni, prefect of the Congregational of Sacred Rites, Indulgences and Sacred Relics, yesterday died of Pneumonia. The pope sent him his apostolic benediction.

Monsignor Cretoni was Papal Nuncio at Madrid, when in 1896 he was created Cardinal. He was born in 1835 at Soriane, Italy.

NEWS FROM MESSINA

Messina, Feb. 4.—The Russian warships have departed from Messina. The authorities here are eagerly looking forward to the arrival of the American steamers, which are headed towards Sicily with the materials for thousands of houses. Construction work has almost ceased here on account of severe rains prevailing for the past week.

LATE BISHOP'S SUCCESSOR

Toronto, Feb. 4—(Special)—Rev. J. Fielding Sweeney, archdeacon of York and Simcoe, has issued an order of proceedings for a special meeting of the synod of the diocese of Toronto to be held February 17th, for the election of a successor to the late Bishop Sweatman.

JAP. NEWSPAPERS SAYING NOTHING

They Make No Comment Upon the Anti-Japanese Regulations in the United States.

Tokio, Feb. 4—No comment has been made by the newspapers of this city on the anti-Japanese resolutions now before the legislature and the matter was but briefly mentioned in the special press despatches. The full text of the resolutions has been officially cabled to the foreign offices where it was received with expressions of astonishment. Leading men of the capital who have been interviewed on the subject, while they are evidently deeply wounded by the attitude taken in Nevada, refrain from making any comments further than to say: "Nevada is not America."

While the full text of the resolution is known to not more than a dozen persons in Japan at present, however, it is impossible to foretell what the general view in regard to it will be when it is published. It undoubtedly will draw excited comment from Japan, the jingo press and politicians but the leading papers and the people of Japan, as a rule, never express their feelings even under the strongest provocation.

The letters interchanged on the anti-Japanese matter by President Roosevelt and Governor Gillett, of California, have been published in full by the Japanese government newspapers and appear to afford great satisfaction.

Official expression as well as the editorial stand taken by the press, is one of gratitude at the attitude of the national government in America.

The news of the action taken by the New York and San Francisco business men in declaring against the proposed anti-Japanese measures introduced in the California legislature is received with great pleasure here.

GUESTS DRIVEN OUT OF HOTEL BY A FIRE

Hotel Albany in New York Damaged by Fire — Chorus Girls Escape in Night Clothes.

New York, Feb. 4—Two hundred guests of the Hotel Albany at Broadway and 41st street, were driven from their beds and rooms early today by a fire in the adjoining four story building at 1446 Broadway, occupied by the Rogoletto restaurant. The guests of the hotel, including a number of theatrical periormers and chorus girls from several companies playing at the Broadway theatres, assembled in the lobby of the hotel, bringing with them a motley assortment of valuables and clad in their night clothes and such wraps as they hastily could throw on before fleeing from the Rogoletto restaurant, but the hotel itself did not catch fire. The restaurant buildings was practically burned out. Six of the kitchen employes were caught on the fourth floor of the burning building, and were about to jump from the windows to the Broadway sidewalk when the firemen reached the scene and ran up ladders to take them down. The damage was about $5,000.

MINISTER ENTERTAINS MEMBERS AT DINNER

Hon. Mr. Graham Was the Host at a Pleasant Gathering in Ottawa Last Night.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 4—(Special)—Hon. Geo. P. Graham, minister of railways, entertained more than one hundred members at a dinner in the commons restaurant, last evening. It was a very pleasant affair. Among the ministers present were Sir Wilfrid and Dr. Pugsley, and the former made a very happy speech. Dr. McAlister responded to the call for New Brunswick, and Judge Warburton for P. E. I.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Harry Saunders, the sailor, who was killed by falling down the hold of the steamer Cacouna on Tuesday night, was held from Chamberlain's undertaking rooms this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Service was conducted by Rev. J. W. B. Stewart, assisted by manager S. L. Gorbell of the Seaman's Institute, and interment was in the Marine lot, Fernhill.

PERSONALS

Miss Mildred Isaacs returned home from New York yesterday after completing a higher course in the study of dramatic art.

Colin Campbell, of Montreal, arrived in the city today and is registered at the Royal.

During yesterday Howard Phinney, bartender for M. Hogan, Water street, had a coat stolen from him, and the person suspected is thought to have sailed last night on the C. P. R. steamer Montreal. The garment, an inside coat, almost new, was stolen from a hook on which it was hanging. The affair was reported to Detective Killen, and a description given of the person suspected, a cattleman, but the steamer on which he was to cross had sailed before he could be apprehended.

Thorne Lodge, No. 259, I. O. G. T., meets this evening in Haymarket Square Hall. All members are requested to be present, as there is installation of officers.

TO LET—A FLAT OF NEW HOUSE AT 238 Queen Street. Apply on premises. 96-2-11.

FRED LOGAN MAY YET ENTER RACES

Diminutive Champion May be Able to Participate in Montreal Meet—Doubtful if Hilton Belyea Will Go

Fred Logan may yet compete in the Canadian championship ice meet at Montreal on Saturday. His friends prompted by James Gor of Montreal, president of the Amateur Skating Association have been working diligently to secure a leave of absence for the diminutive crack from his employers Foster, Bond & Co., of the Duffering Hotel, with prospects of success. He will know definitely this afternoon when an announcement of the decision of the hotel men will be given. It has been seen that the only man to win the leading honors from Edmund Laury, the youthful star from Saranac Lake, is Logan, though Ollie Bush, the one-armed Westerner, has received a share of the prizes in the Cleveland, Pittsburg and Saranac Lake meets. Logan's absence has been materially felt by Upper Canadians, and now they are determined to enter both Logan and Hilton Belyea in Saturday's championships. It is doubtful, however, if the West End skater will be able to take the trip.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERIES

Sheffield Firm Has a Plan for Hardening Steel and a New Jersey Man a Process for Refining Copper.

Sheffield, Eng., Feb. 4—The Sheffield Independent announces an important new steel discovery. The firm of Jonas and Clover of Sheffield is now placing on the market a steel with three to seven times the cutting power of existing high speed steel. This steel can be hardened in water, oil or blast.

According to John Oliver Arnot, Professor of Metallurgy at Sheffield University, it is an absolute departure to have obtained water-tempered steel which will work for a considerable time on the hardest material with the cutting edge of the tool at a bright red glow.

New York, Feb. 4—According to the American today, Charles Ludlow of Keensburg, N. J., says he has discovered a process whereby copper can be refined, tempered and made useful as a cutting tool. Mr. Ludlow became interested in copper when the trolley road went through Keensburg, and for the last four years he has experimented with the metal. Judge John E. Foster is acting as Mr. Ludlow's representative in the matter. One New York concern has already offered $54,000 for the discovery. Negotiations have been opened with the copper trades for the sale of the patent which has been applied for.

MENELIK IS DYING

Addis Abeba, Abyssinia, Feb. 4—King Menelik, who has been ill for a long time past, is sinking fast, and it is believed that his death is not far off. All the Ethopian chiefs and their armies, including the Negus artillery, have gathered here in anticipation of the proclamation of Menelik's successor.

Jubuti, French Somoliland, Feb. 4—A condition of unreset prevails in Abyssina, according to the latest reports received here. There has been an engagement near Ankober, between the followers of Ranwallie, a brother of the Empress, and a detachment under Ras Michael, the father of Lig Yasu, the designated heir to the throne. Ras Michael is minister of war, having been appointed by Emperor Menelik. The population of the Shoa country is insisting that Dedjas Tafari, a descendant of the Shoa Dynasty, be proclaimed heir to the throne.

It is clear that Emperor Menelik is a sick man, but the reports of his actual condition are most contradictory.

PROMINENT PYTHIAN DEAD

Chicago, Feb. 4—William Danes Kennedy, one of the highest officials of the Knights of Pythias' order, and the author of Kennedy's "Pythian History,' is dead here from heart disease. He was closely associated for years with Justus H. Rathbone, founder of the order.

LOST A CLAW

Theodore Watt, who had his right foot injured in the baseball game between the Lobsters and St. John, had a portion of his great toe removed Friday.—Eastport Citizen.

FIREMEN SHOULD HAVE ALLOWED IT TO BURN

Men Who Saved John Moore's Toronto Home From Burning Were Afterwards Ejected by Him at the Point of a Gun.

Toronto, Feb. 4—(Special)—Driven out at the point of a revolver from the house they had just saved from destruction by fire, was the somewhat surprising experience of a number of firemen from the Bolton avenue fire hall, last night.

According to police, John Moore, who lives in the house, went home drunk last night, and shortly after threw a lighted lamp at his wife. The lamp in falling set fire to the room. Firemen from the Bolton avenue fire hall were summoned, and soon had the blaze extinguished. Here Moore again became obstreperous and brandishing a revolver, forced the firemen to leave. He was later arrested.

BURGLARY IN CALAIS

Brilliantly Lighted Window of Jewelry Store Smashed and Quantity of Goods Stolen—No Clue to the Thief.

Calais, Me., Feb. 4th—(Special)—One of the boldest robberies recorded here in years was perpetrated early this morning, when the plate glass window of Otis W. Bailey's jewelry store was smashed, a watch valued at $25 and a small amount of jewelry stolen. Mr. Bailey, who was returning from an excursion to Dennysville, discovered the break about two o'clock, and notified the police. The window was brilliantly lighted. There is no clue to the thief.

THE TAG DAY

Free Kindergarten Tag Day on February 13th Will be a Big Success.

Still more generous offers come to the Free Kindergarten workers to encourage them in their efforts toward a successful tag-day. Mr. Eustace Barnes, who had the order for making the tags, has very generously donated the fifteen thousand. These must be tied with a cord and a large number of volunteers are expected to gather at Keith's Assembly Rooms this afternoon and on Saturday afternoon, for this purpose. The association are most grateful for such offers as they are daily receiving.

Let it be distinctly understood by everyone in St. John that no person will be tagged on the 13th inst., unless they wish to be. Their consent will be required before they are decorated with a tag, and any amount dropped in the banks will be acceptable. Persons may wear as many tags as they wish, but for each tag a donation will be expected.

EMPRESS OF IRELAND MAKES FAST PASSAGE

Big C. P. R. Mail Boat Reached Halifax at 10.30 This Morning and Sailed This Afternoon for St. John—Should be Here Early Tomorrow Morning.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 4—(Special)—The S. S. Empress of Ireland arrived at 10.30 this morning, and sailed again at noon for St. John. She had a fine voyage, and had nothing special to report.

A wireless message from the steamer yesterday at 1 o'clock reported her 200 miles east of Sable Island, and she arrived exactly at the time calculated. The big liner has the record for the fastest trip of the season. She left Liverpool late Friday afternoon. She should reach St. John early tomorrow morning.

CHILDREN SAVED WHEN SCHOOL BURNED

St. Joseph's School at Sydney Badly Damaged by Fire This Morning—Children Marched to Safety Like Veterans.

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 4—(Special)—St. Joseph's school was badly burned this morning. The cause of the fire was a defective furnace. Two hundred and sixty children, when the alarm was given, marched out of the building, like veterans, without a sign of confusion and in perfect order. The building burned very rapidly, and damage to the extent of $2,000 was done before the fire was put out. The building cost about $6,000, and was erected two years ago by the Catholic congregation. Insurance will cover the loss.

POLICE COURT

Austrian Laborer Arrested for Drunkenness Had Money and a Gun to Protect It.

One of the offenders in the police court this morning was Nicholas Dascolin, an Austrian, arrested for intoxication, and carrying a loaded revolver. To His Honor he stated that the firearm had been two years in his possession in anticipation of trouble among the foreign element in the G. T. P. railroad construction camps, in the vicinity of Plaster Rock. He had accumulated $74.36, and had also an Austrian note, denoting a face value of 100 crowns, or approximately $21 in Canadian currency. He had not been brandishing the revolver, but was in imminent danger of being deprived of his savings. Two countrymen of Dascolin, who accompanied him from Plaster Rock yesterday, and who were evidently ignorant of court customs, disobeyed the mandate to conduct themselves with due decorum, and were instructed to retire, and they acceded after muttering ominously in their mother tongue, and bestowing surly glances on the dispensers of the law. Dascolin paid a fine of $4 for inebriation, but was rather dubious of the legality of the confiscation of his weapon, which is customary in all such cases.

Andrew White, who pleaded not guilty to intoxication on Mecklenburg street last night, sought to convince Judge Ritchie that policemen Scott and Ross had ill-treated him during the arrest by dragging him over the uneven ice from an alley to the pavement, and then throwing him into a wagon. Patrolman Ross said White was in a state of excessive intoxication, and carrying was imperative. The officer stated that White's father had been compelled by the actions of his son, to arise from his bed and summon the police, who ejected him from the house, and as his condition precluded any possibility of reaching shelter, he was taken into custody and conveyed to police headquarters on a team. It is said that White has been a source of considerable annoyance to his relatives, and is believed to be slightly demented from liquor. One of his freaks was, it is said, to ascend to the roof of a building in the South End recently and peer at the sky, announcing that curiosity to see the moon was his motive. The hour of the day was 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He was remanded.

DIED OF HIS INJURIES

Charles M. Ackles Who Was Injured at Jubilee Mines, N. S., on Tuesday Passed Away Today.

Amherst, N. S., Feb. 4—(Special)—Chas. M. Ackles, who was seriously injured at Jubilee Mines, on Tuesday, died at the Highland View Hospital this morning, as a result of his injuries. The deceased was 29 years of age, and leaves a wife and three children. The remains are being taken to Londonderry, N. S., for burial today.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, Que., Feb. 4th—(Special)—Toronto Ry. continued its advance today to 120 3-4, and was the most active of the stocks in trading. Richelieu was also active up to 81, and Crown Reserve up to 282. Other active ones were Mexican 83, Penmans 59 1-2, Scotia 59, Dom. Coal 61 1-2, Twin City 101 1-4, Toledo 12, Converters 36 3-4, Detroit 57 1-4, Halifax Tram 107, Quebec Ry. 41, Power 116 1-4.

COURT ROOM SCENE; - COOPER TRIAL; - NASHVILLE TENN
① ATTY. J. H. McCANN ② MRS. ROBIN COOPER ③ COL. E. B. COOPER ④ ATTY. BRADFORD ⑤ JOHN SHARP ⑥ ATTY. GEORGE WASHINGTON ⑦ ATTY. WEEKS ⑧ ROBERT BURCH. ⑨ SHERIFF BOEUM ⑩ JUDGE HART.

SECRET SERVICE MAN'S IMPORTANT CAPTURE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN SESSION TODAY

Much Business was Transacted at This Morning's Meeting in Fredericton.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 4—(Special)—All members of the local government were present at the meeting here this morning, except Chief Commissioner Morrissy. A lot of routine business was disposed of.

Surveyor General Grimmer and Professor Miller of the U. N. B. were appointed to represent the government at the Canadian Forestry Convention to open in Toronto next Tuesday.

The Attorney General submitted a report dealing with the claims of the province against the Dominion government on account of the fisheries and an order in council was passed directed to the secretary of state requesting that a settlement be made as soon as possible.

The government will also be asked to settle the question of the status of fisheries of the province, which was opened by a recent decision of the imperial privy council.

This afternoon the government will receive a delegation from St. John who will ask for a subsidy for a steam boat service between St. John and St. Andrews. There will also be delegations from the Canadian Antimony Company, of Lake George, and the New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Association. Premier Hazen stated at noon that no decision had been reached in regard to the date of summoning the legislature.

STAYED ALL NIGHT IN THE OPEN DESERT

Prominent Egyptian Ladies Injured in an Automobile Accident.

New York, Feb. 4—A herald cable from Cairo says:—The Khedivah Ikbalahenem, and Princess Nazieh Hanem were injured in an automobile accident on Saturday. They were travelling on the Suez road when their car fell into a ditch as a wheel came off.

The Khedivah received severe contusions, and the princess' face was cut. They were forced to remain in the desert till 4 o'clock in the morning, and the ladies suffered from exposure and shock.

LATE LOCALS

George Price, of Carleton, who has been seriously ill, continues to improve.

Passing of the accounts in the estate of the late James Murphy was continued in the probate court this morning, and resumed this afternoon.

This evening the Y. P. A. of Exmouth street church will hold a concert at the Seamen's Institute. The programme is in charge of the quartette of the church.

Patrolman McCollum was called into Gordon Baker's house Horsefield street, between 8 and 9 o'clock this morning to eject Charles Ross, who was making a disturbance.

Engineer F. W. Holt, who has been engaged to prepare plans of the proposed harbor bridge, will commence taking soundings in the harbor in a few days, to fix the location of the structure.

Diver Lahey started this morning to make a thorough examination of the bottom at No. 6 berth to ascertain for the city if the berth is now clear of obstructions.

The regular train on the N. B. Southern Railway left the West side this morning for St. Stephen, but up to 2.15, no word had been received as to whether it would get through or not.

An Englishman, who today sought shelter at Central Police Station, says that a Montreal lady, who conducts a bakery, furnished him with the where-with-all to go to Liverpool, and it was his intention to have sailed by the steamer Montreal yesterday, but he tells that the Immigration officials declined to allow him to board the steamer.

Judging in the various classes is being continued at the Poultry show today by Dr. Grant. There was a large attendance last night and this morning, and many favorable comments were heard about the fine exhibits shown. Among the visitors this morning were Hon. A. R. McClelan and James Manchester.

Gideon Milne, who has been in the employ of D. C. Clinch for some years leaves tonight for Hartford, Conn. Mr. Milne came here from St. George and has been seven years with the Clinch firm during which time he has made hosts of friends. Last night a number of his friends entertained him at G. D. Davidson's rooms, Germain street, when he was made the recipient of a handsome gold ring and stick pin.

The Fredericton telegraphers will come to St. John on Saturday next to play the local telegraphers at hockey in the Queen's rink. The game will commence at eight o'clock. Previous to this game the Rothesay College and St. John High School teams will clash. The Park Hotel septette announce that they would like to meet the Brock & Paterson team on a date to be arranged.

At the meeting of the Men's League of the Germain street Baptist Church this evening, there will be a celebration of the Milton Tercentenary. Papers will be read by James A. Estey, on the Life and Times of Milton. "Paradise Lost" will be discussed by W. C. Cross, with readings from that epic "Paradise Regained" by J. H. Belyea, and other poems of Milton by G. F. C. Bourhans. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

German D... With ... Record Captured at Calhoun's Mills

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Paul Klenner Had Been Sought All Over Canada and the United States—He Deserted From German Army and Robbed Officer of Large Sum

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 4—(Special)—After eluding the German police authorities and escaping to Canada and the United States, where he has been searched for, Paul Klenner, aged twenty-two, and a deserter in the German army, was caught at Calhoun's Mills on Tuesday last by inspector I. Parkinson, of the Secret Service for the government at Ottawa, who, with the assistance of Inspector Tingley, landed his man and has him now securely locked up.

Klenner is wanted for a theft of a large amount of money, which he stole from an officer's chest in the Germany army, and in whose regiment he himself belonged. He is also wanted for desertion from the army. He left Germany on Nov. 19th, 1907, and landed in Halifax on December 9th, and since that time had made his home in Canada and the United States. He will be taken to Ottawa by Mr. Parkinson and thence to Germany.

The insurance on the Brunswick Hotel in connection with the recent fire was settled yesterday, and the appraisers adjusted the loss on the building which amounted to $3,750.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Annual Meeting of the Cathedral Chapter—A New Rotary Engine.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 4—(Special)—The annual meeting of the Cathedral Chapter was held at the office of T. C. Allen here last evening, Dean Schofield presiding, in the absence of Bishop Richardson. Others present were Archdeacon Forsythe, of Chatham; Canons Cowie and Smithers, of Fredericton; Canon Montgomery, of Kingsclear; J. M. Robinson, of St. John; Hon. J. P. Burchill of Nelson, and T. C. Allen, A. J. Gregory and O. H. Sharpe, of Fredericton. The cathedral accounts for the year were passed and showed a small debit balance. On motion of T. C. Allen, seconded by Archdeacon Forsyth, a resolution was adopted expressing high apreciation of services rendered the diocese by Canon Montgomery, expressing regret at his proposed departure for Ontario, and recommending the bishop to appoint him an honorary canon of the cathedral.

The two-horse power rotary steam engine the invention of Wm. Minue, of Gibson, after years of patient work is in operation today at the machine shops of W. C. Burtt and is attracting much attention. It does the work formerly performed by the six horse power reciprocating engine and possesses many advantages over the old type. The idea of a rotary engine is not a new one, but Mr. Minue claims to be the first man to complete one ready for practical use. He has applied for patent rights in Canada, the United States and several foreign countries.

The New Brunswick Guides' Association will have a first class game exhibit at the Sportsman's Show, to open in Madison Square Garden, New York, on February 28th. The provincial government on the recommendation of the surveyor general has made a grant for the purpose and will loan the collection of game specimens from the crown land office museum. The guides who will accompany the exhibit are W. H. Allen, of Penniac; Adam Moore of Scotch Lake; Arthur Pringle, of Stanley; John Connell, of Bartibogue; Charles Cremin, of Fredericton, and David Mandeville, of Renous River.

The religious census of the city will be taken on the afternoon of February 11th by a staff of 150 enumerators. Dr. Creed will supervise the work in Wellington ward, L. W. Johnston, in St. Ann's, Ald. Weddall, in Carleton, B. C. Foster, in Queen's and A. R. Wetmore, in Kings.

George R. Baxter and Thomas X. Gibbons, of St. John, have been gazetted provincial constables.

RENTS ARE HIGHER

Property Owners Are Preparing for Tax Increase Which Must Follow Exemption of Small Incomes.

Landlords about the city have been prompt in accepting the excuse of probable increase in taxation for raising their rents. House-hunters, going the rounds now, are complaining bitterly of the high rents being asked. Flats which brought in $160 last year are now being held at $180, the $180 homes are up to $200, the $200 to $225, and the $225 to $250, and so on. The principal reason assigned for the increase is the proposal of the treasury board to exempt small incomes and thus increase the tax rate for the real estate owners.

A COCK FIGHT RAIDED

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 4—Sheriff Gerg early today raided a cock fight on the outskirts of the city. Over 100 men were arrested and over 125 dead and live birds captured. The prisoners include men from Ohio, Penna., Canada and down state points.