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UNREST IN HAVANA CITY.

Murder Stalks Throughout the Town Despite American Police Regulations—Cubans Causing Much Trouble.

HAVANA, December 28.—The citizens of Havana read in their morning papers an order from Captain Gen. Castellanos permitting the display of Cuban and American flags inside the lines of Spanish jurisdiction and early in the morning the Stars and Stripes and the lone star of Cuba floated over many buildings in the city and in the streets where Spanish soldiers still keep guard. The only buildings excepted in the order are the Government offices. Havana, therefore, is bright with colour. The Spaniards fear disappeared with the appearance of this order for out came thousands of flags secretly made by the women of the households or clandestinely purchased from adventurous peddlers.

Flags originally costing about four cents have been selling for about a dollar each. The order of Capt.-Gen. Castellanos was issued after a conference with Gen. Ludlow and was followed by an order issued by Senor De Castro, the Civil Governor of Havana, acting in accord with Gen. Ludlow, forbidding any further firing of fire arms or the exploding of fire crackers in the public thoroughfares. He also prohibits the assembling of crowds in the streets or parks after 6.30 p.m., orders the closing of all places of entertainment, including the theatres and cafes, at 11 p.m. The proclamation also forbids people taking part in certain African dances, in which the participants are dressed in devil costume; forbids the meeting of Nanigos and forbids all manifestations which may produce conflicts between the Cubans and Spaniards or between Spaniards and Americans. Those who violate those orders are threatened with severe punishment.

A detachment of American artillerymen was admitted to Cabanas fortress by request of Brigadier-General Clous, in order that the men might familiarize themselves with the guns mounted there, so as to be able to salute the Spanish flag on January 1.

MURDER STALKS ABROAD.

The Havana wards which have already been evacuated were the scenes of noisy celebrations. A cab driver was shot on Monday for refusing to enter the territory within Spanish jurisdiction with Cuban and American flags on his vehicle; an omnibus driver and two women were shot by Nanigos, on Tuesday, and the body of a lieutenant of guerillas has been found near Seiba De Agua, this province. He was taken from the town by a band of Cubans and killed. The Spanish Alcalde of Seiba Abdua has arrived here and his son has advised him not to return or he will be killed.

Several guerillas are reported to have been killed at Sancti Spiritus after evacuation of that place by the Spaniards and before the American occupation of the town.

Four Spaniards, residents of San Luis, province of Pinar del Rio, have arrived here, saying they fear they will be killed by the Cubans.

The Spanish troops have still further contracted their lines and withdrawn to the extremity of the peninsula on which the city of Havana is built. They now occupy scarcely two square miles. The United States troops have moved from the suburbs into the city proper, and are patrolling Central Park and the Prado.

The Eighth and Tenth regular infantry regiments have been placed at the disposal of Major-General Ludlow, Military Governor of the city, after January 1, and already six companies have been quartered in buildings within the limits of Havana proper, and are doing police as well as military duty. Senor Fernandez De Castro had informed Gen. Ludlow that the Havana constabulary were afraid to try to keep order unless they could rely upon the support of the American troops, and Gen. Ludlow immediately issued instructions to the American patrols, when making arrests for misdemeanours, to turn the offenders over to the ordinary civil authorities.

WHOLE CITY IS UNEASY.

The whole population is in a state of unrest. The Spanish residents are fearful; the Cubans eager to do something to show they have gained their freedom. Bands of Cubans freely enter the residences of Spaniards and call upon them to hoist American and Cuban flags and to shout "Viva Cuba Libre," and terrify them with their machetes. A dozen such cases are reported to the American authorities in a day. In all such instances American guards were promptly sent to the houses invaded, but the Cubans were invariably missing when the patrol arrived. Nor was there any such thing as catching the offenders.

No attention whatever is paid to the order against discharging firecrackers, while pistols are fired in the streets almost continuously. Three persons have been killed and twenty-nine wounded, among the latter three women and two children. The shooting has been for the most part indiscriminate.

As Gen. Ludlow was standing on the balcony of the Hotel Inglaterra at dusk yesterday, watching the scene in the plaza, a man waved a Cuban flag. Another cried out "an insult, an insult," whereat the man who was waving the flag fired upon the objector.

A Spanish company that was retiring from Fort Principe was deliberately fired on from a private residence. Lieut. Blount, the American officer, who was escorting the Spaniards, broke into the house but the occupants fled to the adjoining roofs.

While Brig.-Gen. Clous and Capt. Hart were returning from the palace after an interview with Capt.-Gen. Castellanos, they met a mob of Cubans carrying flags and shouting. A minute or two later the crowd would have encountered a detachment of Spanish troops. The situation called for prompt action and Capt. Hart leaped from the carriage, faced the mob and ordered everybody to go home immediately.

A crowd of negroes entered a Spanish cafe on the Callo Villegasa, corner of Bomba street, late last evening and ordered drinks. They refused to pay for these and in the dispute which followed the proprietor of the cafe, and his assistants were stabbed.

Sergeant Adams, with fifteen men of Company M., of the Tenth regulars, hurried to stop the row. On entering the cafe, however, they found no one in the room, but a minute or two later they were fired upon from a room in the rear of the cafe, one bullet cutting the coat of Sergeant Adams. The Americans then broke into the rear apartment, firing as they entered, and chased the negroes out of the building and down the street, arresting four. Sergeant Adams says that none of the negroes were hit by his men; but, according to other reports, one was killed and six were wounded.

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Christian Brothers in New York Appeal Against French Head of the Order.
NEW YORK, December 28.—A grave crisis has arisen in the affairs of the Christian Brothers in the United States, the members of which have charge of many of the parochial schools of the Catholic churches throughout this country.
American members of the order have strenuously opposed a ruling of the head of it in France, and four of their leaders who were summoned to Paris have been severely punished for their course, being sent to distant and obscure posts in foreign lands, one in far off Tonquin.
The difficulty arose over the fundamental rule of the order set down by its founder John Baptist De La Salle, that the brothers should confine themselves to teaching elementary subjects to the children of the poor. They were forbidden to include the classics in their curriculum for fear they should by so doing wander away from the object he had in establishing the order.
In the United States the Brothers have established several colleges and academies that have met with special success. There are four in this city alone. The governing body of the order is in Paris, France. It never encouraged this departure, and has steadily opposed the collegiate enterprises. Last year a definite prohibition of them was issued, and a date was fixed at which the Brothers in the United States were to return to their old rule of exclusively parochial and elementary education.
The heads of the colleges and the order here did not think that this French idea was for the best interests of the Brothers in the United States, so they drew up an appeal to the Pope. This document will be presented for them by Bishop Thomas S. Byrne, of Nashville, Tenn., who sailed last week to pay an official visit to the Vatican. He is an old educator himself, having been for many years president of St. Mary's Seminary, in Cincinnati, Ohio. At their recent meeting in Washington the Archbishops of the United States took up the question and sided with the Brothers here against their superiors in Paris. They think they know best what makes for educational progress in the United States, and agree that the radical change demanded from Paris will be a serious mistake.

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A LETTER FROM KIPLING.

The Celebrated Author Writes to Col. Ponton, of Belleville.

(Special to the Star.)

BELLEVILLE, December 28. — Some time ago, having noted the advertisement of an article by Rudyard Kipling to appear in the Youth's Companion on "The Burning of the Sarah Sands," Colonel Ponton, of this city, obtained extracts from a letter written by the late Major Gillum (who for many years resided here), while on the half burned vessel after the fire. This, together with a copy of a poem written by a private soldier, who was on board the burned transport, he forwarded to Mr. Kipling. To-day he received the following reply:

The Elms, Rottingdean,
Near Brighton,
December 11, '98.

Dear Sir,—Pressure of business must be my excuse for not acknowledging your most courteous letter of the 7th ult., ere this. Most unluckily, my article, "The Burning of the Sarah Sands," was written almost two years ago, and was published in the Youth's Companion last month. But since the advertisement of it, I have received offers of information from all quarters and am almost sorry that I could not rewrite the tale from the beginning. Major Gillenny, I believe, was the "jovial captain" of the tale. His letter is very interesting, and the directness and simplicity of the private soldier's poem is delicious.

Thanking you once more for your courtesy and with every good wish for your battalion throughout the coming year,

Believe me,
Very sincerely yours,
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Advices from Bolivia say the aspect of affairs there is serious. Young men belonging to the best society are joining either side, the banks have lost nearly all their clerks and civil war is inevitable.

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HUNGARY AND AUSTRIA.

Both Countries are Now Having Their Quota of Troubles.

BUDA PEST, December 28. — The quarrel between Baron Banffy, the Hungarian Premier, and M. Horanszky, member of the Lower Chamber of the Hungarian Diet, is likely to have further serious developments. Although, owing to the inability of their seconds to agree upon the conditions of the proposed duel, the encounter has been declared off, the affair may lead indirectly to several meetings on the field of honour. M. Horanszky, and his seconds having heard that the seconds of Baron Banffy have been animadverting upon the conduct of M. Horanszky, have sent challenges to both. Baron Banffy's seconds are Baron Fejrvary, Minister of National Defence, and M. Gajari, of the Chamber of Deputies. As each has received three challenges, there are six duels being arranged.

LONDON, December 28. — The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says he learns on the best authority that Count Goluchowski is about to resign the portfolio of Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister. Count Goluchowski's resolution is the outcome of the recent policy of the Prussian Government in expelling Austrian subjects from the northern provinces of Prussia, and of the speech made in the Austrian Reichsrath regarding these expulsions by Count Thun-Homenstein, the Austrian Premier, last month when, in replying to an interpellation, he said that if the Berlin Cabinet did not show greater consideration to Austrians, the Austrian Government would not hesitate, if necessary, to adopt retaliatory measures.

BUDA PEST, December 28.—The first of the six duels arranged between M. Horansky, a member of the Lower House of the Hungarian Diet, and his seconds, and the seconds of Baron Banffy, the Hungarian Premier, growing out of the dispute, still unsettled, between the two principals, took place to-day between Baron Fojervary, Minister of National Defence, and Count Farolya. Pistols were the weapons used, but the encounter was bloodless. Baron Fejervary missed his opponent, and the pistol of Count Karolya missed fire.

WHOLESALE CONVERSIONS.

Hundreds of Bohemian Catholics are Becoming Protestant for Political Reasons.

VIENNA, December 28.—Numerous conversion to Protestantism have taken place in Northern Bohemia, the total number according to report, being 80,000. In a single village 500 persons have adopted the faith. The converts are Germans, whose renouncement of Catholicism is due to their political antagonism to Slavs in Bohemia.

A SWISS DISASTER.

LONDON, December 28.—Part of Red Rock Mountain, according to a despatch from Airolo (a village of Switzerland, canton of Ticino), has fallen into Airolo, destroying a hotel and several houses. Only three persons were injured.

Airolo is a Swiss village at the south end of the St. Gothard railroad tunnel. It has a population of about 1,700.

FREAKS OF THE STORM.

Many Extraordinary Scenes Presented Along the River Thames.

LONDON, December 28.—As a consequence of yesterday's big storm, an extraordinary scene was presented along the lower Thames, where the gale was the most severe of any that has occurred since 1873. Hundreds of men were employed in chasing bales, boxes, casks and articles of every description, which had been blown from the wharves and sent adrift. Many rowboats, barges and other small craft were rocked from their moorings, and carried away. Some of these were recovered, but four barges were swept out to sea and lost. The general damage done by the storm is very great. Twelve men are missing, and it is reported that they have been drowned.

An exciting scene was witnessed today at the Broadstone. A four-masted schooner, showing distress signals, was seen drifting ashore. A row boat with a pilot on board, attempted to reach her, but was unsuccessful. Then a life-boat attempted to reach the four-master, but was unable to do so. Finally tugs succeeded in getting near enough to her to get a tow line to her and she was towed out of danger.

A BOYCOTT THAT FAILED.

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 28.—Justice Spring has handed down his decision in the fight between the Buffalo Express and Typographical Union No. 9. He refused to vacate the injunction granted by Justice Childs, restraining the labour men from boycotting the Express or its advertisers. Justice Spring in his opinion, holds that the action of the union men was unwarranted and inimical to the interests of breadwinners.

New Year's Tables are incomplete without Dr. Siegert's Angostura Bitters, the exquisitely flavoured tonic.

HE SLEW SIX.

Perpetrator of Horrible Murders in California, Located in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 28.—There is under arrest in this city a man whom the police have strong reason to believe is James C. Dunham, for whom there is a reward of eleven thousand dollars offered, dead or alive at San Lose Cala. He was picked up here by Detective Louis Wolf, of the local force, as a suspicious character, he having offered a lot of goods for sale at about 20 per cent. of the actual value. He gave the name of Harry Wilson, when arrested, but when in court he said his right name was Harry Church, and that he was born in Sacramento, Cala., from which point he started out two years ago. At different places here before his arrest he gave the names of H. V. Morris, E. H. Ross, Harry Lewis, Harry Howard. He has been in this city for about a month all the time under surveillance.

Mrs. Church is here in the city, but she says she knows very little about her husband, having met him but two years ago, and does not even know his business. They were married in Illinois.

The crime for which Dunham, whom Church is suspected of being, is wanted, is a most atrocious one. At a lonely farm house between San Jose and Los Gatos, Santa Clara County, Cala., on the night of Tuesday, May 26, 1896, James C. Dunham slew all the occupants of the residence save one, his baby boy. His wife, her mother, her step-father, her brother, a man and maid servant were sacrificed. They were all members of the family of R. P. McGlinchy. The deed was carefully planned. Dunham came to his wife in the night and gave her a chance to write a message to those whom she believed would be spared. Then his fingers fastened around her throat and the woman was strangled. Next minute, Chessler, a servant, was slain, her skull being cleft with an axe. Mrs. McGlinchy shared the same fate. The three murdered men were at Campbell when two men were killed. Col. McGlinchy came first. As he opened the door he was met by a bullet. He returned to seek safety in flight and James K. Well, his step-son, rushed to his assistance. Wells was shot through the heart and instantly killed. Jumping over his body, Dunham pursued the older man. He caught him at a nearby cabin and ended his misery. Robert A. Brisco, who sheltered McGlinchy, was also shot to death. Dunham escaped despite strenuous efforts to capture him.

THE TRANSVAAL TROUBLE.

CAPE TOWN, December 28.—The officials here deprecate the excitement among the British residents of Johannesburg growing out of the killing of the Englishman Edgar, by a Boer policeman, and say it must be assumed that justice will be done in the case.

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MARTIN—SHORT.

The Widow of the Gallant Major Wedded at Kingston This Morning.

(Special to the Star.)

KINGSTON, Ont., December 28. — This morning at 11.30 Mrs. Short, relict of the late Major Short, who lost his life by a gallant action in the St. Roch fire at Quebec some years ago, was married to Prof. Martin, instructor in mathematics at the Royal Military College, Rev. J. K. McMorine performed the ceremony. The bride was dressed in a quiet travelling suit. Mr. H. H. Gildersleeve assisted the groom. Only the immediate relatives were present. Mr. and Mrs. Martin left for New York, where they will spend a few weeks.

A BIG WESTERN FAILURE.

CHICAGO, December 28.—A special to the Times-Herald from Milan, Mo., says: Walter M. Clark, Sullivan county's cattle king, has failed for nearly $200,000. Clark has turned over every dollar's worth of his property to his creditors.

St. John, N. B., merchants report a good Christmas trade, but not up to last year's volume.

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A CURIOUS SUICIDE.

ALBANY, N. Y., December 28. — A curious case of suicide was discovered on Tuesday in this city. J. R. Hoatling, a man 50 years old, disappeared last Thursday, and his relatives and the police have been searching for him ever since. Yesterday morning boarders at his house noticed a stench issuing from an unused dark bedroom. A light was procured and Hoatling's body was found under the bed, a partially loaded revolver in his hand. He had shot himself in the head.

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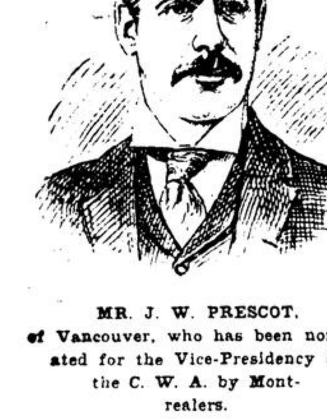
THE LADIES CURL AGAIN.

How Cambridge Defeated Oxford at Football, and the Composition of the Teams.

CHIEF CONSUL J. W. PRESCOTT, of the C. W. A., for British Columbia, has received a letter from Montreal informing him that he has been nominated by a Montreal club for vice-president of the C. W. A. for 1899.

On being interviewed, Mr. Prescott expressed himself rather mystified regarding his alleged nomination. A private letter, said Mr. Prescott, is the only communica-



MR. J. W. PRESCOT,
of Vancouver, who has been nominated for the Vice-Presidency of the C. W. A. by Montrealers.

tion I have had, and I see by the official organ of the C. W. A. that Mr. Rattray will be a popular nominee for vice-president, my name not being suggested. On being asked if he would accept the nomination should he get it, Mr. Prescott replied, "I am well aware that a vice-president of the C. W. A. stationed so far away as British Columbia from the life and centre of wheeldom would be little short of a figurehead, nevertheless, if, through your humble servant, the association wish to honour British Columbia by tendering the second highest office obtainable to me, I will cheerfully accept and do all I can to make a position which I would be proud to fill something more than a sinecure, but I will not accept the nomination should it be proved I had been offered it, if I have any suspicion whatever that I am to be used as a catspaw for political purposes. I do not for an instant say that any such thought has entered the minds of my very many warm friends in Montreal, but there are whispers of intrigue on the Coast, and I wish to make my position clear."

Mr. Prescott is 32 years of age. He is chief agent for the Sun Life Assurance Company here. The most popular wheelsman on the Coast; responsible for the life of the C. W. A. in British Columbia, and controls at present five hundred votes, all promised should he wish to run for Chief Consul again.

WHEELING IN SIBERIA.

Weird Yarn of a Sailor Cyclist.

NEW YORK, December 28. — A San Francisco wheelman, who started eighteen months ago with 70 cents in his pocket to tour the world on a machine which he made himself, landed from a rowboat at the Battery yesterday. He is young Axel Napoleon Jorgensen, a Dane by descent and an American citizen by birth.

Pedalling eastward from San Francisco in 1897, he sailed from Philadelphia in September of that year, and rode through France, Spain, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, the Hungarian provinces, Turkey, Greece, Germany, Holland, Russia, Siberia, China and then, doubling by steamship from Singapore, back to England, through England and Scotland and Denmark, he says.

From Copenhagen, Jorgensen shipped as fourth engineer on the Danish steamship Wineland, which anchored in the bay yesterday. Jorgensen's wheel is aboard the steamship. He says that, being a machinist by profession and speaking several languages, he determined to make himself a bicycle and travel for education and adventure.

It is a low frame wheel made like any bicycle and weighing twenty-two pounds. It is geared at 80. While the wheel itself is home-made, the tires are an English pneumatic manufacture.

Jorgensen tells an interesting story. "I estimate that I have travelled in all 32,000 miles," said he. "I have worn out eleven pairs of trousers since I started. I pedalled from San Francisco to New York in 73 days, and took a tumble in the Catskills, knocking out one of my front teeth. I have paid expenses by working as a fireman at sea, as a machinist ashore, from contributions and from selling stories of my adventures to newspapers.

"While wheeling through the mountains forty miles to the northward of Madrid, at 6 p.m., and being anxious to reach that city that night, with my lamp burning, and covering twelve miles an hour, two brigands jumped out of the ditch and commanded me to halt. They demanded my money, and accused me of being an American spy. This was in December, 1897.

"I fired my pistol in the air, and the bandits fled. La Quintos, a newspaper of Madrid, accused me of being an American spy, and I was kept one hour in a police station, but was released through the intercession of an Englishman. At Barcelona, in Italy, a runaway horse jumped on my wheel and broke the sprocket.

"A squad of German soldiers in Constantinople attempted to hold me up, but I told them I could speak only English. In Germany, between Katenhurim and Twtstringer, a landlord served me with poisoned stuff about, and when I protested he attacked me with a cane. A mail carrier and a farmer, who were passing, turned to and started in to help the landlord, but again I fired my pistol into the air. I thus hypnotized them all, and the landlord gave me two marks and two pfenning.

"Between St. Petersburg and Naskan I met two more world riders, an Englishman named Moore and a Scotchman. On the road from Njni to Vladivostock, while riding at a ten-mile pace, a pack of wolves started to chase me. Again I found my revolver my friend. One bullet, however, struck the tubing of my bicycle, glanced and entered the fleshy part of my right ankle. I shot two of the wolves, and while their fellows stopped to eat their fallen comrades I pushed on twenty-seven miles to the next town, where a barber removed the bullet. "In China the natives threw stones at me, and I was obliged to walk a good bit there on account of the rain and rough travelling."

BOWLING.

VICS AND M. A. A. A.

Both Clubs Defeat Their Opponents.

Matches were played in the series last evening between the Royal A. A. A. and the Victoria Rifles, in the alleys of the latter club, and the Montreal A. A. A. and Point A. A. A. on the M. A. A. A. alleys. The Royal match was their first on outside alleys, and although they were defeated, the score is the highest their team have so far made in the series. The second match resulted in a handsome victory for M. A. A. A. The bowling all round was very good. The following are the scores:

Victoria Rifles.

J. H. Hodgson	166	173	152—491
E. M. McNab	167	195	166—528
Tom Smith	179	169	195—543
Geo. Wyness	174	178	194—546
J. Willock	180	137	151—468
W. Miles	202	169	194—565
			3141

Royal A. A. A.

R. Lajoie	187	159	149—495
P. Bergeron	149	111	164—467
G. Michaud	222	156	157—535
A. Masse	148	162	125—430
W. Lawless	179	152	129—460
H. Lajoie	179	188	181—523
			2909

Majority for Vics 232
Referee, R. E. Matthews.

Montreal A. A. A.

Scriver	159	245	170—574
Forbes	157	164	173—494
Waldron	151	207	131—489
Hodges	189	233	201—623
Smith	195	225	167—587
Carr (capt.)	218	146	159—523
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Point A. A. A.

Townsend (capt.)	124	165	143—432
Eddison	178	169	145—492
Hale	156	192	183—531
Pearson	165	164	171—500
Cunningham	158	182	170—510
Pringle	151	183	132—496
			2961

Majority for M. A. A. A. 329
Referee, J. E. Walsh.

AMONG THE CURLERS.

THE LADIES' MATCH.

How They Played It at the Montreal Rink.

The second draw in the ladies' match was played yesterday morning at the Montreal Curling Club, and resulted in a victory for Miss Dunlop's rink by four shots.

No. 1 Rink.	No. 2 Rink.
Mr. W. J. White,	Mr. A. Hodgson,
Mrs. Sherwood,	Miss Gardner,
Mr. W. Abbott,	Mr. T. Williamson,
Miss Dunlop,	Miss Hutchins,
Skip 16	Skip 12

TORONTO CURLERS.

TORONTO, December 28.—The curling season was opened in Toronto yesterday, when the first regular match of the year was decided. President John Bain, of the Toronto Club, defeated Vice-President Geo. McMurrich, in the annual match on Victoria ice by six shots. Seven rinks a side contested on first-class ice. The annual president-vice president match of the Granite Curling Club was commenced, but not finished.

THE AQUATIC WORLD.

THE SHAMROCK'S COMMANDER.

It is Said That a Skipper Has Been Selected.

LONDON, December 28.—Archie Hogarth, captain of the yacht Isolde, says he has received an offer to command Lipton's Shamrock. He will accept upon condition that he is allowed to pick his crew. The model of the Shamrock, Mr. Hogarth says, is simply perfect. The boat is especially designed for reaching, which is the strong point of American boats.

THE CRICKET CREASE.

ENGLAND VS. AUSTRALIA.

An Australian team will visit England next year and play five test matches as follows:

June 1, 2 and 3, at Nottingham.
June 15, 16, and 17, at Lord's.
June 29, 30, and July 1, at Leeds.
July 17, 18, and 19, at Manchester.
Aug. 14, 15, and 16, at the Oval.

THE BASEBALL DIAMOND.

NOT TO PLAY ON SUNDAY.

PITTSBURG, PA., December 28.—The Pittsburg Baseball Club will not play Sunday ball next year. President Kerr, who has always been opposed to Sunday games, to-day received word from Vice-President P. L. Auten, of Chicago, that he, too, was tired of Sunday ball, and was in favour of a return to the old regime. President Young, of the League, has been notified to not include Pittsburg in the Sunday schedule for next season.

THE FOOTBALL FIELD.

CAMBRIDGE VS. OXFORD.

A Hard Victory of the Cantabs.

In beating the rival University by a goal and two tries to nothing, the Cambridge fifteen effected a genuine surprise. That they should have won was not in itself unexpected, for though Oxford were, on their general form, perhaps the more fancied side, those who had seen both teams were quite prepared for a hard battle. However, not even this latter view was borne out, as for the greater part of the time the Oxford men were penned in their own quarters, and it was only by desperate tackling and saying that they escaped an even more severe defeat. The game was almost entirely confined to the forwards, and from the spectators' point of view was decidedly unattractive. On the form the teams had displayed against Blackheath, Richmond, and the London Scottish, and taking also the experience of last year's match, there seemed good reason to expect that the dark blues would hold their own in the hard scrummaging, and prove superior in the loose rushes. In such open work as took place the Oxford forwards by no means did badly, but in the scrummages they were hopelessly out of it. From the start to the finish the Cambridge forwards packed quickly and hung together as one man. Time after time they forced the Oxford men back in a body, the latter seeming quite powerless to hold up against their determined opponents. One's memory would be severely taxed to recall an Oxford and Cambridge match in which the forwards of one side were so completely overpowered. Could they have made the game more open Oxford would doubtless have done much better, but they were quite unable either to break up the cohesion of their opponents or to screw the scrummages. They were simply pushed back by main force, and it might also be said that they never once carried a tight scrummage.

Oxford—T. O. Jones, Llandovery and Keble, back; P. L. Nicholas, Monmouth and Keble, L. J. Orpen, Cheltenham and Keble, T. A. Nelson, Edinburgh; Academy and University, and J. E. Crabbie, Edinburgh Academy and University, three-quarter backs; F. H. B. Champain, Cheltenham and Hertford, and F. Kershaw, Cheltenham and Trinity half-backs; C. P. Evers, Rugby and Queen's; J. F. A. Swanston, Loretto and Trinity, C. E. Barry, St. Paul's and Trinity, C. Harper, Blundell's School and Exeter, H. Alexander, Uppingham and Corpus, A. J. Chadwick, Rossall and Corpus, W. H. Peat, St. Paul's and Trinity, and W. L. Rogers, Rugby and Trinity, forwards.

Cambridge—H. Rottenburg, Loretto and King's back; F. H. Jones, Leicester and Emmanuel, G. F. Collett, Cheltenham and Pembroke, A. Hacking, Giggleswick, and Christ's, and G. M. Bennett, Birkenhead and Trinity Hall, three-quarter backs; F. H. Fasson, Merchiston and Clare, and M. A. Black, Rugby and Christ's, half-backs; A. J. L. Darby, Cheltenham and Clare, J. A. Campbell, Fettes and Trinity, R. W. Bell, Durham and Jesus; A. S. Pringle, Edinburgh Academy and Jesus, N. C. Fletcher, Merchant Taylors' and Queen's, J. Daniell, Clifton and Emmanuel, J. R. C. Greenlees, Loretto and St. John's, and J. G. Fordham, St. Paul's and Trinity, forwards.

WITH STICK AND PUCK.

OPENING OF THE ARENA.

The hockey men are taking great interest in the opening of the new hockey Arena on Saturday night will, no doubt, find a large attendance at the inauguration of the hockey club's new home. The work of construction has been completed and everything is ready for the teams.

The three-corner match between Montreal, Victoria and Shamrock promises to be a good one. Each is anxious to start out the season with a victory, and there is going to be an exciting contest to see which will take first honours.

HAWTHORNES DEFEATED.

(Special to the Star.)

SHERBROOKE, December 28.—The hockey season was inaugurated here on Monday night by an exhibition match between the Hawthornes of Montreal and the Metropolitans of this city. It resulted, in a victory for the latter team by a score of 12 to nothing. There was a very large attendance and the ice was in good condition. The result was somewhat of a surprise but it manifests the fact that the Metropolitans are in good condition and will be well prepared for their intermediate matches. At the conclusion of the match the visiting club was entertained at lunch at the M. A. A. A. rooms.

The teams lined up as follows:

Hawthornes		Metropolitans
Rolland	goal	Rocque
Bittingham	point	J. Davis
F. Quinn	cov. point	Spafford
Brunet	forwards	Moe
Hagar	forwards	Davis
McLaun	forwards	Wombwell
Irwin	forwards	Bowen
H. English	Umpires	J. Samuel
A. E. Ibbotson	Timers	Bradford

Referee—Chas. Robbins.

DISTRICT JUVENILE LEAGUE.

A general meeting of the District Juvenile League will be held to-morrow evening in the Molson's Terrace, at 8 p. m. sharp. Delegates from second Ivy Leaf, Argyle, Red Star and Telegraphers, seconds, are requested to attend to complete a schedule for the winter season.

MONTRTAL ARENA COMPANY.

The first general meeting of the Montreal Arena Company will be held at the company's office, corner St. Catherine st. and Wood avenue, Westmount, this (Wednesday) evening, at 8 o'clock.

MISCELLANEOUS SPORTS.

McCOY PLAYS GOLF.

NEW YORK, December 28.—I have decided to make the game of golf a feature of my training for my coming contest with Tom Sharkey, says "Kid" McCoy. To my mind golf is one of the best mediums for a general, all-round exercise that I know of. In my short experience with the game I have found many useful effects, and believe it leads all other outdoor exercise. It gives one a full opportunity for exercising the muscles required to secure success in the prize ring. A boxer who plays golf when in training has no need of road work, as he can get all the running and walking necessary on the links. The game is particularly good for improving one's judgment of distance as well as developing the ability to deliver short arm blows. The quick, snappy stroke is the best exercise a man could take to cultivate the knack of striking a blow delivered from the elbow with skill and effect. It is the same blow I use on an opponent and a very useful one, too. I prefer playing golf to handball, because it is less violent, the results are better, and it always keeps a man in good physical trim. I do not mean that by playing golf one could train to perfection, but once a man has put himself in perfect condition he can keep in good form golfing. In addition to the benefits to be derived from golf in a physical way, it keeps one's mind employed all the while and never fails to interest. It is both an amusing and health-giving exercise, and will be my favourite outdoor pastime while in training for my future battles.

Owing to the fact that I am a middleweight boxer I have got to build myself up physically in order to cope successfully with the men in the heavy weight division. My main object in training is to gain weight. To accomplish this it is necessary to do considerable outdoor work, and with the exception of two hours gymnasium exercise I practically live in the open air. Running, golfing, rail splitting and riding the bike will figure largely in my future training programme. I am hard and strong at present and fast getting into form. I have no fear as to my physical fitness when I enter the ring. I am picking up weight already. At present I weigh 158 pounds, but expect to weigh about 165 when I meet Sharkey, that my system of training is a successful one. The nearer Sharkey and I are in weight on January 10, the greater are my chances. One exercise I have decided to dispense with for the present is boxing. Heretofore I have given much time to this particular branch, but have come to the conclusion that all this violent exercise is unnecessary and that I can accomplish my purpose under other conditions. I am a firm believer in punching the bag and will give much attention to that form of exercise.

I also devote considerable time to tussle with my big padded leather bag. It is strong and heavy, and when suspended from the ceiling represents the rushes of an imaginary opponent. I use the same blow on the weight as when sparring, employing a sharp jab. I am more careful of this bout than ever before.

CHOYNSKI HAS BLOOD-POISONING.

CHICAGO, December 28. — Joe Choynski who was booked for a 20-round bout with Gus Ruhlin before the Lenox Athletic Club, of New York, on January 10, yesterday wired Manager Tom O'Rourke that he would be unable to fight. Choynski is said to be suffering with acute blood poisoning in the right hand and arm, but his physicians hope to ward off serious results.

CANS WINS FROM DALY.

NEW YORK, December 28.—Joe Cans, of Baltimore, out-pointed Jack Daly, of Wilmington, Del., in a 25-round bout at 135 pounds before the Lenox Athletic Club, and Referee Charley White decided in favour of the coloured boxer from Baltimore.

The referee's decision did not suit many of those who watched the contest, but the conservative judges agreed that the coloured boy was entitled to a favourable verdict.

Cans forced Daly to do the leading, and throughout the fight he countered hard and often. He was always on the alert for a chance to knock out his opponent, but the opportunity did not present itself. Cans was a top-heavy favourite in the betting, but Daly's showing was a big surprise to many.

ERNE AND WILKINS MATCHED.

NEW YORK, December 28.—Frank Erne and Dalha A. Wilkins have agreed on terms on their coming battle. They are to box 25 rounds in San Francisco, the last week in February, at 133 pounds, weigh in at 6 o'clock before the club offering the largest purse. There is a side bet of $2,000.

SKATING FATALITIES.

Some Very Lamentable Results of Juvenile Skating on Thin Ice.

PHILLIPSBURG, N. J., December 28.—Grover, aged 12, Lucy, aged 8 and Pearl, aged 6 years, children of Dewitt Geary, a Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad engineer, were drowned in the Morris canal at Port Colden, near Washington, this county, on Monday afternoon. They fell in while playing on the ice.

ALEXANDRIA BAY, N. Y., December 28.—On Monday three of the children of Charles Hagerman were playing on the ice off the north shore of Wells Island in the St. Lawrence river when it broke and they all fell in and were drowned. A fourth child who was on shore and had just warned the others, ran to the house and notified her mother. Mrs. Hagerman rushed to the scene and in her endeavours to rescue the children, broke through the ice and she, too, was drowned. The little girl who was on the shore attracted the attention of William Watson and Charles Kinney. Kinney dove to the bottom of the river and came up with one of the children on his back. While endeavouring to climb out on the ice the little boy slipped off from his back and went to the bottom of the river. Kinney was then saved from a watery grave by means of a plank which Watson procured near at hand. Those drowned were: Josephine Hagerman, aged 34 years; Marsh Hagerman, aged 13 years; Addie Bell Hagerman, aged 10 years; Bert Hagerman, aged 7 years. The family consisted of Charles Hagerman, his wife and nine children. Hagerman was in Canada when the drowning occurred and arrived home an hour later to take Christmas dinner with his family. Arriving home he went to the river and alone recovered the four bodies.

TORONTO, Ont., December 28.—Near the Toronto Ferry Company's wharf at Hanlan's Point on Tuesday, a scow capsized, and its occupants, two lads, were thrown into the icy waters. With considerable difficulty one of the boys was rescued. The other sank before assistance came. The rescued lad was Charles Martin, of Lansdowne avenue, and his companion was Frederick Dickerson, 17 year old son of F. Dickerson, jeweller, Dundas street.

PAPER AND PULP.

Arguments Favouring Putting Them on the Free List in the United States.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—The American Newspaper Publishers' Association has presented to the Anglo-American Joint High Commissioners a carefully prepared argument in favour of free paper and free pulp. The folowing is a syllabus of the argument:

"The directors of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, representing 157 daily newspapers in the United States and representing the bulk of the total consumption of print paper, are in favour of free paper and free pulp. The tariff of $6 per ton on print paper is prohibitory, and we believe that the rate of $1.67 per ton for mechanically ground wood pulp is excessive; that the American paper manufacturers need no protection because they can manufacture paper cheaper than is done in any other part of the world, and that they are now supplying the Australian, Japanese and British markets in competition with Swedish and German manufacturers; that no print paper is brought into the United States, but during last year the export has averaged over 1000 tons per week, and that the entire revenue received from the importation of mechanically ground wood pulp was only $41,342 last year, so that no serious question of national economy could be urged in opposition to free pulp and free paper.

"That American manufacturers are protected to the extent of $1.60 per ton, by reason of their proximity to their customers. The difference in the cost of the transportation to market is their great guarantee of security against Canada or any foreign country. They are also protected by reason of their ability to obtain cheaper and more convenient supplies of coal and chemicals, which, as yet, are not obtainable in the Canadian forests.

"The enlightened policy of New York and other states in protecting forests should be encouraged by putting Canadian pulp and paper on the free list."

HORSE THIEF ARRESTED.

(Special to the Star.)

WOODSTOCK, Ont., Dec. 28.—Miles Parker got a horse and cutter at Hood's livery a week ago Sunday. He did not return it. On Sunday last the outfit was found at a farmer's named Ira McIntosh. Parker had sold it for $30. Parker was arrested on Saturday night. To-day he pleaded guilty to the Magistrate and was committed for trial.

The Nova Scotia lobster pact shows a decrease this year. The exact figures will not be known for some time but the shortage is estimated at from 1,500 to 3,000 cases.

Volcanic Eruptions

Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them, also Old Running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chilblains. Best Pile cure on earth. Drives out Pains and Aches.

Nasty Skin Disease Permanently Cured.

B. B. B. is making medical history. No other remedy anywhere can produce such cases of "permanent cures" as are being published from time to time.

Even in the severest and most chronic diseases of the skin and blood, where other treatment has utterly failed, Burdock Blood Bitters makes cures so thorough and perfect that after many years there is no sign of the disease returning. We don't ask you to accept our statement that this is so. Here's proof from Mr. N. Mitchell, Carman, Man.:

"During the winter of 1892-93 I was covered with pimples on the inside of my right leg, between the knee and ankle. As I never had anything of the kind before I was anxious about it, and sought medical advice, but getting no relief from the doctor, I tried a bottle of B. B. B., applying some of it to my leg, as well as using it internally, and to my surprise the nasty disease, whatever it was, disapeared within three weeks, and I am thankful to say it has never re-appeared to this day."

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Mrs. Albert Giguere.

Dr. Coderre's Red Pills for Pale and Weak Women Restored Her to Health.

Many women break down when their first child is born. They become pale, thin and weak. They suffer agony from irregularities of the menses, impoverished blood, pains in the head, back and sides. Their digestion is bad, and the stomach gets all out of order. Nervousness keeps them awake at night, and palpitation of the heart frequently results. This suffering, terrible as it is, is needless. Any woman can cure herself with **Dr. Coderre's Red Pills for Pale and Weak Women.** They are the only medicine that she can depend upon.

They act directly upon these delicate organs concerned in childbirth. They give them tone and strength, purify and enrich the blood, and help the stomach to digest the food properly. Never mind how many other medicines and doctors failed to cure. Never mind if you have given up and lost hope. These wonderful Red Pills will cure ninety-nine cases of female troubles in a hundred. The best proof in the world is personal testimony. Read the following from Mrs. Albert Giguere, of 619A Sanguinet Street, Montreal: "After the birth of my child I was very weak, thin and pale. I suffered greatly from irregularities, bad blood, indigestion, pains in back and sides, headache, palpitation of the heart, and could not rest at night. Doctors gave me all sorts of medicine, but they did not cure. Then I took Dr. Coderre's Red Pills, and they made me well. I recommended this wonderful remedy to Mrs. Tauguay, of Montreal, and they cured her."

If your case is so far advanced that these pills do not cure at once, write us a letter, and our specialists will give you full professional advice by mail without cost. If you want personal consultation, call at our Dispensary, 274 St. Denis St., Montreal. Send your name and address on a postal card, and get a free copy of our celebrated book, "**Pale and Weak Women.**"

Dr. Coderre's Red Pills are widely imitated. Beware of all red pills sold by the dozen, the hundred or at 25c. a box. They are worthless imitations. Get the genuine at all honest druggists. They have them—always 50 Red Pills in a box for 50c., or 6 boxes for $2.50. Or you can send the price in stamps, or by registered letter, money order or express order to us. We mail them all over the world; no duty to pay.

Dr. Coderre's Red Pills, at 50c. a box, last longer than liquid medicines costing $1. They are easier to take, more convenient to carry, and they cure. Address all letters to

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MULTIPLEX TELEGRAPHY.

A Test of Prof. Rowland's Machines to be Made This Week.

CLAIMS HE CAN SEND AND RECEIVE TEN MESSAGES AT ONCE ON ONE WIRE.

BALTIMORE, December 28.—Prof. Henry T. Rowland, of Johns Hopkins University, will test his multiplex telegraph apparatus this week, endeavouring to send four messages simultaneously to Pittsburg and to receive at the same time here, four messages from that city.

The instrument may be called a printing telegraph instrument. It enables several messages to be sent and received at the same time from the same or separate points over the same wire; it renders "wire-tapping" an impossibility and is not affected by the weather.

Sending instruments are fitted with keyboards, like typewriters. Their number is the same as that of the messages that it may be desirable to send simultaneously. Eight is the regular number of messages that the instrument is designed to handle at once, but ten could be taken without inconvenience. Each keyboard must have an operator. At the receiving station the Rowland receiver performs its work without human aid. The eight messages are automatically separated and distributed to six instruments. These print out the messages as fast as received.

At present Dr. Rowland's instruments are fitted to print on ribbons of paper, such as those used in the familiar "ticker," but his perfected machine will print the messages on sheets of paper of any desirable shape and size. Hitherto there has never been a successful attempt to attain this result. The only attenion necessary a the receiving station is to supply the instrument with paper and take away the printed sheets. It would seem as though the eight despatches switched on to a single wire would produce hopeless confusion, but one of the devices of Prof. Rowland's instruments adjusts the words in such a way that the separate letters of the respective messages cannot start on the main wire out of regular turn.

DAWSON IS PROGRESSIVE.

Father Judge Sends an Interesting Letter Telling of His Work There.

NEW YORK, December 28.—An interesting letter was received in this city yesterday from the Rev. William H. Judge, S. J., who has charge of St. Mary's Hospital, Dawson City. It will be remembered that Father Judge, who offered his services, was delegated by Pope Leo to look after the interests of the Catholic prospectors in the Klondike. The letter is to a relative, and is dated Oct. 18. It is as follows:

"I have had a very busy summer. The building of a new church to replace the one which was burned, and an addition to the hospital, together with the care of providing for the coming winter, was no little work, and the large number of patients in the hospital for the past two months has kept me as busy as I could be, both day and night. We have 135 patients at present, mostly typhoid fever, which has been very bad here this summer, but the doctors all agree that we are having unusually good success in the hospital.

"Our new church is very fine for this part of the world, and would do credit to a much older town. It cost $25,000, and is a gift of Alexander McDonald. It was consecrated on August 21, and I then turned it over to the Oblates of Mary, who have charge of the parish now. I expect to turn the hospital over to the sisters in the spring, and then return.

"We have five or six hundred at mass every Sunday, so you can understand what kind of a town we have. I have a telephone in my office, not only for the town, but also to the Creeks, (the Creeks are fifteen miles from Dawson). They are preparing to give us electric light. I think we will have about 15,000 people in town this winter. I have met a large number of Eastern persons here lately, and, indeed, nearly every part of the world is represented here. It is sad to see how many poor persons have left good homes to come here, and find themselves without the necessaries of life without money and without work. I fear there will be much suffering here this winter. There are thousands still in tents, and winter is on us."

BORN WELL UP IN THE WORLD.

VIENNA, December 28.—Two men and a woman, the latter 18 years old, began the ascent of the Rax, one of the Semmering mountains, last Sunday. When they reached a shelter hut at a height of 1,400 metres, the woman was accouched of a son. The weather was intensely cold. The men built a fire and one of them descended the mountain and induced a physician to visit the woman. A heavy snow storm is threatened, and it is probable that the party on the mountain will be imprisoned for a long time.

A NEW CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE.

PARIS, December 28.—It is stated that Dr. Bequerel has announced to the Academy of Sciences, the discovery of a new chemical substance which has a close affinity to barium. Its discoverers MM. Currie and Bremona, have named it radium. It is so sensitive to light that it takes photographic impressions.

The Special Envoy.

When Pepworth Tring, the well-known South African millionaire, sent for me, and after inquiring if I was at liberty for a few weeks, said that he was about to commission me to take a small map to his Johannesburg representative, I was rather surprised that he should go to the expense of a special messenger when the postal serivce was available.

"It seems a very simple undertaking," I said.

But he speedily enlightened me.

"Ah, that's where you are wrong, he replied, giving me a shrewd glance. "In this case the post is not to be trusted, and an unscrupulous enemy will strain every nerve to defeat my intenelon."

My present employer, a well known Kimberley man, who had lately turned his attention to the Witwatersrandt Gold Mines, was middle aged, about fifty, but looked more owing to the hard and adventurous life he had led. His tanned, weather-beaten face appeared commonplace enough, but behind the small steady gray eyes lay a quick brain and unerring judgment. Few, indeed, could boast with any degree of truth of ever having got the better of Pepworth Tring. As a judge of diamonds also he had barely an equal. All this I know from common heresay.

"You anticipate there will be an attempt to rob me during the journey?"

"I am quite sure of it. The matter on the face of it is simple enough. This map—(he held up a small piece of parchment a few square inches in size)—it appeared to represent the course of a river, some red crosses were marked on one portion and some lines of writing ran along the bottom)—has to be given to Mr. Howard, of Fox street, Johannesburg. There your mission ends. But whether you will be able to accomplish it is another matter. Gibson, my old partner, is determined to obtain possession of this map by some means; he is rich, unscrupulous, and can command the services of men even more unscrupulous than himself. This is the reason I do not trust to the post. The corruption prevalent among all Boer officials extends to the post office; my letters have been opened. He has creatures there in his employ. You must trust no one, and conceal the paper in such a manner that it cannot be found."

"But while on board it would surely be better to entrust it to the captain or purser?"

"That would be risky, and only postpone their attack on you. If you received the map back safely you would without doubt be robbed of it between Cape Town and Johannesburg. No; when the boat reaches Cape Town they must be under the impression that you are not the bearer."

"When am I to leave London?"

"The Roman leaves the docks to-morrow and Plymouth on Saturday. Your berth is booked; Gibson is also a passenger, and several of his following. But perhaps I had better explain why this map is so important.

"Gibson, like myself, is an old Kimberley man. We both did very well there, and lately, like me, he has been dealing in Transvaal mining property. We have often gone partners in various undertakings. In the autumn of '94, being then in Johannesburg—about six months ago—and feeling the want of a holiday, I determined to go on a shooting expedition through the Transvaal towards the sea. Accompanied by two Zulus, I carried out my intention, and after some weeks' travelling we found ourselves in the low-country bordering on Swaziland. Here, quite by chance, I made a remarkable discovery. In the dried-up channel of what had been a river I came upon traces of diamonds. The find to my eyes was most promising; but before I could pursue my investigations further one of my Zulus despatched to get food from a neighbouring kraal, came hot-foot with the news that the Swazis were up in arms. Irritated by some act of Boer oppression, they seemed inclined to wreak their vengeance on me, and so we fled forthwith for our very lives. Before leaving I drew up a plan of the place, so that it could be found again.

"After various adventures I reached Durban, and took ship for England. Meeting Gibson in London, I acquainted him in general terms with my discovery, stating that in the course of my journeying I had found diamonds. I had intended to take him into partnership in this affair, but the knowledge which I gained immediately afterwards that he had swindled me in the matter of some gold mines, changed my purpose, and I broke with him for good.

"Now the value of my find is problematical. Diamonds have not yet been found in paying quantity in the Transvaal. This place may be a second Kimberley, and shake the De Beers monopoly. It is quite possible. Therefore I want the ground pegged out in the usual way, and to register myself as the owner; but if Gibson could get hold of the map he would forestall me. It is not convenient for me to go myself just now, as I have some important business in hand; so not to delay obtaining the claims, I have ordered Howard to peg them out and register in my name, but he can do nothing until he has the particulars contained in this. Now, do you understand?"

"Yes; but how far is Gibson cognisant of your plans?"

"He has found out that I intend sending the map immediately to Johannesburg. This office si watched; you will be shadowed on leaving, and when they find that you are a passenger by the Roman they will conclude that you are my messenger. It will be your business to nullify that belief."

"I see."

"You had better pretend to be a new sub-manager sent out by me to represent my interests in Johannesburg. Now, can you, do you think, conceal the map in such a way that these thieves cannot get hold of it?"

I sat silent a few moments thinking over the situation, then my eyes strayed to some books lying on the table between us. I took up one. It was Lock on Gold, a standard work.

"I will do my best," I said at length.

"Trust no one," concluded my employer, giving me money for my journey and the boat ticket. "Rely on yourself alone. Put the map in your breast-pocket for the present, but find a securer hiding-place before you go on board. Good-bye, and good luck to you."

My preparations were soon made, and the following morning found me on board the Roman. I had reduced my luggage to as small a compass as possible. It consisted of two small portmanteaus which would go under my bunk, some wraps and a few novels, with Lock on Gold, the latter obtained from my employer to sustain my character as a mining manager, and with its covers encased in gray calico. I had joined the ship at the docks to avoid the crush at Waterloo, and to see the mouth of the Thames. There were two other men in my cabin, for the ship was full, every berth being taken, but they had not yet come on board, so I arranged my belongings at leisure, and then went on deck as we left the dock to smoke and view the river and the miles of wharves and shipping as we slowly and majestically steamed out to sea. The ship was nearly empty and I passed a quiet twenty-four hours anticipating the coming duel which was to take place, and wondering if my simple scheme would be sucessful.

The mail bags and passengers came on board at Plymouth, and a scene of animation and confusion followed; but a rough sea and headwind calmed the exuberance of many of the company, and the dinner tables in the saloon that evening showed an abundance of empty seats. Both my cabin mates succumbed, and I left them white and groaning. Fortunately I was a good sailor, and, having enjoyed my dinner, later in the evening found myself in the smoking room smoking one of "Jim" Gibson's cigars and engaged in a chat with that worthy, who was most friendly and evinced some curiosity about myself.

I told my tale, which he accepted with perhaps suspicious readiness.

"Employed by Tring, are you? Peppery fellow; I know him well. We used to be friends; now he hates me like poison."

He introduced me to his friends, Spellman, Dunbarton, and Vandermit, who severally expressed themselves delighted to make my acquaintance.

The first two or three days my adversaries only skirmished, tried to pump me, and dropped broad hints as to the advantages which would follow if I joined them—hints I ignored.

As, however, they felt pretty sure that I was the bearer of the coveted map, my portmanteaus were searched more than once, and my spare clothes when I was absent from my cabin. It was Spellman who was told off for this portion of the quest. Finding I was not very cordial towards him, he struck up a friendship for one of my cabin mates, which gave him an excuse for entering at all hours. I did not think it advisable to enlighten the latter, as my attitude was to blandly ignore my adversaries' behaviour.

Spellman's researches proving of no avail, the great endeavour to discover if I had the paper took place about a week after Maderia was passed. I was playing in a whist tournament, and noticed that Dunbarton and Vandermit were playing nap with the two men who shared my cabin. I guessed that Spellman was making a thorough search, and as soon as I was at liberty I hurried there.

It had indeed been thorough. Every article had been taken out of the portmanteaus and examined, and the portmanteaus themselves out and hacked in search of a secret hiding place. Everything had been scrutinised; even the gray calico cover pulled off Lock to make sure that nothing was between it and the binding. Nor was this all, for while I surveyed the wreck, I became conscious of an overpowering feeling of drowsiness, and knowledge came to me that I had been drugged. Too late I remembered having just accepted a drink from Gibson; but I had only sense enough left to tumble into my bunk before falling into a heavy sleep.

They no doubt searched me to the skin that night, for I slept as the dead; but though I woke next morning with a bad headache, I felt well pleased, for no result had rewarded their toil. Of course I made a fuss as to the conduct of some mysterious thieves, who had not even spared the lining of my boots, and certain inquiries were instituted which came to nothing. I innocently complained to Gibson as to the bad quality of his whiskey, and there apparently the matter ended, for I was molested no more.

I felt that I had won, as I saw by my enemies' manner that they had decided they were mistaken in imagining I had the map; but great cautiousness was still necessary till the journey's end. Never crow before you are out of the wood is an excellent piece of advice. Still, feeling that the worst was over, a sense of calm possessed me as I lounged in my Madeira chair, under the shade of the awning, for the tropical sun was very sultry and made iced drinks a necessity instead of a luxury.

Gibson continued good friends with me, and often came and chatted as I languidly studied Lock on Gold in my deck chair. As a practical mineralogist, he pointed out the best parts to study, and I imbibed much information valuable enough had I designed to turn miner. He was an amusing man, and his creed simple enough—"Get money, honestly if you can; but get money." A more efficient auctioneer for selling the numbers of the ship's run in the daily sweeps it would be impossible to find, and I enjoyed the privilege of acting auctioneer's clerk with Lock for a desk on my knee.

It was four o'clock on a Tuesday afternoon when we reached Capetown, and Gibson managed to get away by that evening's train, leaving two of his followers to bring his luggage on next day, when the rest of the passengers bound for the Rand travelled.

The third morning after landing found me in Fox street, Johannesburg, seeking Howard's office. I had just seen the name on the window, and had ascended the steps to the door of the building when a passer-by pulled up on recognizing me. It was Gibson.

"Hullo!" he said, "where are you off to now?"

The time for caution was passed. Victory was mine, and I could safely enjoy my triumph. I surveyed the baffled financier with a smile of infinite satisfaction, and replied:

"I am the bearer of a certain document from Mr. Tring to Mr. Howard."

From the expression of my face and the accent if my words, he read the truth, and knew that I had baffled him, and his face changed. Words failed him, for he was quite taken by surprise, and bewilderment rendered him speechless.

Enjoying his discomfiture a few seconds, I turned and went in, leaving him on the pavement below, the most unhappy man in Johannesburg.

Having entered the outer office and given my name to the clerk, I was speedily shown into Mr. Howard's private rooms. He greeted me warmly, and in the same breath enquired if I had been successful.

I said I had.

"That's good news. I've just got my mail and heard of your coming. Look—you see; the envelope has been tampered with! You are sure Gibson hasn't set eyes on the map?"

"Absolutly," I replied, then gave him a short account of the efforts made to secure it.

"Ay, ay, they wouldn't stick at much you're fortunate to get here with a whole skin. But where is it, after all?"

In answer I produced "Lock on Gold," and, taking my penknife, cut off the gray calico cover, which I had put on again after it had been pulled off. Then inserting the point into the cover itself, I cut it open. There, snugly concealed, lay the precious map. I had, before leaving London, cut the cover open with a sharp knife, and placing the map in between, glued up the edges with great care. Being unable absolutely to conceal the fact that the cover had been cut, I had put the calico cover over, and when it had been torn off by the eager searcher he had never noticed that the binding itself had been cut.

Thus, safely and securely, the map had travelled, unseen by any eye, untouched by any hand, and now, having placed it in the possession of Mr. Howard, my mission as a special envoy was over.

With the knowledge gained by the map, Howard took steps which very shortly made the land where Pepworth Tring found diamonds the property of that worthy, and I know no more, as nothing further has been heard of the discovery—no company has been publicly formed to work it. But I have a strong idea that the find turned up trumps, and the reason of the silence is that it is too good of a thing for the public to be admitted.

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The case of Merritt Rose, a coloured inmate of the Binghamton, (N. Y.,) State Hospital, is attracting the attention of the medical fraternity, and several doctors from New York city have called to see him. Rose is an uneducated colored man who was born in the South and came to Binghamton from New York, where he was employed around the docks. He could not read or write, and arithmetic was a sealed book to him. He led a shiftless life, and, becoming mentally unsound, was committed to the hospital.

There after a short time he developed a marvellous capacity for figures. Given a year and the day of the month of that year, he would immediately tell the day of the week. He would go forward to 1901 and backward to 1841. From this he progressed to the solving of the most complex problems, and finally reached a point where he could recite historical events, giving their dates correctly. Dr. William A. White became interested and exhibited him before the Binghamton Academy of Medicine. The only persons who attempt a solution of the mystery are the theosophists who say that the disembodied spirit of some educated person occupies the body of the negro.

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PERSECUTION OF JEWS.

How They are Maltreated in Algeria by French Officials.

THEY ARE REFUSED EVEN THE BENEFITS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY.

LONDON, December 28.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Telegraph thus writes:

Trouble is brewing in Algeria, and if the Government cannot be charged with stirring the cauldron it will at least have to accept the responsibility for remaining inactive while it was swimming. The mayor of Algiers is always a personage of considerable influence in the colony, and when he happens to be a giddy young man things may be made lively all round. M. Max Regis, who was lately elected to the mayoralty on the anti-Semitic ticket, as Americans would say, is a very youthful individual of Italian extraction and of hot blood. He did not become a naturalised Frenchman until five years ago. And yet his watchword and that of his naturalized friends is "Algeria for the French of Algeria"—he excludes the French of Europe, of course. Now, there are roughly about 10,000 Jews in Algiers, and Max Regis, on becoming mayor, undertook to bring about their expulsion. This would have been a considerable stroke of work for a young foreigner of twenty-six, lately naturalized and elected by naturalized aliens like himself. And he undertook it in the name of equality and fraternity by suppressing the liberty of Jewish street hawkers to circulate. He next ordered all the cafes that receive Jewish customers to close at sundown. He then drew up a black list of Jewish shops and threatened all who should deal there with the lynch law of fanatics. A brigade of anti-Jewish photographers was created to take snap-shots at all European ladies who should enter the Jewish shops. These portraits were to be published. The Jews were forbidden to expose their wares for sale like their Christian fellows. There were agents innumerable on the watch to worry and prosecute every Jew engaged in commercial pursuits and to intimidate their customers. Considering that the Jews constitute about 60 per cent. of the indigenous population of the colony, the perspective which Max Regis's doings opened up for France's nearest colony was not attractive.

It is difficult to realise the diabolical malice with which these international interlopers went to work. I have just heard the harrowing story told by some of the sufferers who are now here in Paris, penniless and homeless, and I can say that it equals in revolting barbarity the most horrible tales that were narrated of the persecution of Jews in Russia. The average income from all sources of the "well-to-do Algerian Jews" is one franc per day a head, which is not what European peans would call a competence. The street hawkers work hard for their livelihood, and these wretches were the worst sufferers. They were arrested in the streets and their packs of ware were taken from them and confiscated by the State. Hundreds of these poor men were thus deprived of their all, simply because they were not born members of a Christian Church. The misery among them now is extreme. Many who could work their way to France have come here, but thousands are in terrible want in Algeria. In the city of Constantine there are about 6,000 Jews in all. They, too, suffered in an analogous manner. And lest their misery should be alleviated like that of all the Algerian poor through the official channels of benevolence, it was resolved to exclude all the Jewish poor from participation in the relief distributed by the authorities. This cruel measure has now been for some time in force, and the results are painfully visibly and tangible everywhere. The Jewish population which live in wretched hovels without a single window to let in the light are dying slowly of want and disease. But their Christian persecutors did not remain content with this. The claims of mere misery on Christian charity having been harshly refused, fears were entertained that Jewish suffering in the shape of disease might find alleviation, and orders were consequently issued to the hospitals in Constantine to refuse Jewish patients. The wretched, windowless hovels are therefore filled with healthy children and adults stricken with terrible diseases. This statement sound incredible, but the evidence in support of it seems, prima facie, worthy of confidence.

Of course the Jews are thoroughly terrorized. In a Republic founded upon liberty, equality, and fraternity, they were persecuted cruelly as in an autocracy of divine right. And the Ghetto, too, was on the point of being established in Algeria. Max Regis, had he gone on, would have given his Jewish fellow-citizens the choice between the Ghetto and exile. And all this time the French Government was inactive. It would probably not have interfered at all if it had not been itself attacked. But Max Regis went beyond the pillars of youthful imprudence. He quarrelled with the representative of the French Republic, M. Lepine, whom he attacked with such success that this high official was worsted and had to leave the country. If the foolish boy had only been satisfied with this brilliant victory over the "non-Algerian French" he might have gone on working his will on the needy, defenceless Jews for a long time to come. His ambition, however, outran his prudence, and he resolved to rid Algeria of M. Lepine's successor, Governor Laferriere. And instead of doing even this in silence, he unwisely proclaimed it from the housetops. "I drove away M. Lepine, and I will drive away M. Laferriere as well," he exclaimed in public speeches. And it was this, and not the persecution of the Jews, that brought the youth's municipal career to an abrupt end. Frenchmen in Paris began to ask why the metropolis should send a yearly subvention of 75,000,000 francs to Algeria if a band of hastily-naturalized aliens could thus insult the Republic's highest representative. Moreover, it became daily more evident that if M. Regis and his friends were allowed to go on indefinitely and unchecked the whole colony would be up in rebellion before summer. It was barely in the nick of time, therefore, that the Mayor was suspended for a month.

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BRAVE FIREMEN.

They Carried a Chest of Powder From a Burning Building.

BOSTON, December 28.—A terrible accident was averted Saturday by the heroic work of Fire District Chief John Grady, assisted by Lieut. Taber, of Ladder No. 13, and the members of Engine Company No. 23, in carrying a large copper chest of powder from a burning building under the most dangerous circumstances. The fire was in the grocery store of C. S. Johnson, at Washington and Northampton streets. The firemen got a line of hose on the fire in a few moments, but they could not enter the building. Then Chief Grady came dashing up to the fire.

"Have you got that powder out yet?" he demanded.

"We can't get in," was the answer.

Chief Grady knew the powder chest was in a cell under the main window. Lieut. Taber took an axe and Chief Grady took another. The men of Engine No. 23 turned a stream of water toward the place where the powder was. The doors were open near the show-window and Chief Grady and Lieut. Taber made an attempt to get into the store.

They crept on their hands and knees to the side of the window, with the flames almost licking their faces and the smoke blinding and choking them. The hosemen of engine No. 23 were pouring water on the gallant two, but they could do nothing else to aid them. The two officers were obliged to turn back and get outside again, although a chest with gunpowder enough in it to blow them all to eternity was likely at any moment to explode.

The flames were finding fuel to their liking—matches, celluloid and oil.

The two officers returned to their task and after twenty minutes of nerve-racking labour they succeeded in hauling the chest to the sidewalk. To do it they were compelled to cut away the entire front of the window.

The hosemen played water on the chest until it had been cooled off. It was then removed to a place of safety.

STILL SANGUINE.

A Conversation With an Oak Island Stockholder—Have Been Digging for a Hundred Years.

ST. JOHN, N.B. December 28.—An Oak Island stockholder says that the many reverses have been met by the searchers for this buried treasure, but they still work and hope and pay and are sanguine. For a full hundred years digging has gone on at intervals, and the treasure seekers are always liable to strike the old workings of some previous explorer. The company now occupied with exploration has worked more systematically than any other and has probably expended more money than all the others together. The "Treasure Pit" itself was long ago cleared out to a depth of 70 feet. The treasure was supposed to be just below, but a rush of salt water into the pit has always prevented further descent. The most powerful pumps fail to keep the water down. Years ago the expedient was adopted of sinking pits near by with the view of drawing the water from the old pit and pumping from the new ones. Only recently the company now engaged got a hold sunk 150 feet and had placed a pump in it when a cave-in took place, which almost ended the existence of some of the workmen. Nothing daunted the company started new. he pit on which they are now at work has been sunk 70 feet. So sanguine are the president and executive and shareholders of the company that they continue to put up money as fast as money is needed, and no desire is expressed for more joiners.

LONGUEUIL SURPASSED.

A New Jersey Sheriff is Robbed While Sleeping in a Gaol.

NEW YORK, December 28.—Burglars entered the county gaol in New Brunswick, N. J., last night, and robbed the sleeping sheriff, George Litters, of $500. The gaoler knew nothing about it until Litters told him this morning.

THE HONFLEUR EXHIBITION.

QUEBEC, Que., December 28.—The town of Honfleur, in France, intends having an international exhibition in the month of August next, and has reserved a certain space for Canada. The directors have requested the Province of Quebec to take part, but owing to the fact that the Dominion and Provincial Governments will be officially represented at the Paris exhibition in 1900, the province of Quebec cannot be officially represented at Honfleur. However, Hon. Mr. Turgeon will take part in the Honfleur exhibition on behalf of this province, and the exhibit will consist of a collection of Canadian literature. Hon. Mr. Turgeon has already secured a large number of works from Canadian authors, and has invited all the latter to contribute a copy of their works to the exhibition.

At Boston the Supreme Court refused a writ of habeas corpus to Mr. Wardner, editor of the Traveller, who was gaoled for 30 days for contempt in commenting on the trial of Getchell, the engineer, who had been found guilty of having caused a railroad accident.

The Municipal Council of the township of Arundel, Que., are asking for tenders for the erection of an iron bridge over the River Rouge at Huberdeau.

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CHAPTER V.—(Continued.)

Naturally, continued Mr. Lyon, the complete disappearance of Miss Hillyard at last alarmed her friends, who set on foot energetic enquiries. Succeeding at last in tracing the unfortunate young lady to the spot where she was last seen by the postilion, and having good cause to suspect foul play, they examined the surrounding country, and at last obtained authority from his honour, Mr. Howe, in the absence of his honour, Mr. Morwen, then away from home, to let the water out of Lockmead pool.

He would not shock their honours with any description of what was found beneath that foul and weed-grown water. Enough that a coroner's inquest had viewed those mangled remains, from the face of which all likeness to humanity had been hideously devoured by the ravenous creatures who had welcomed a murdered corpse as their proper prey. Enough that sufficient had been spared to show that the corpse was that of a woman a girl—a girl of about Miss Hilyard's age; that the surgeons had found a bullet in what remained of the skull; and that the clothes had been so arranged as to avoid the faintest suspicion of suicide. From the position of the corpse it must have been let down from the centre of the weir. So far as possible, under such ghastly circumstances, the body had been identified by Miss Hilyard's friends. But what had mainly guided the identification was the evidence, he might say the conclusive evidence, that the linen of the undoubtedly murdered girl was found legibly marked M.H. —Margaret Hilyard.

The theory of the Crown, therefore, was at present this—that the unfortunate young lady had been induced by her maid to leave the carriage at some point on the Nottingham Road.

That somebody (not her maid) having a knowledge of her person, had attacked her, and, after a severe struggle (as was surmised from circumstances that would presently appear), had despatched her with a pistol, and then, to conceal the crime, had disposed of the corps in Lockmead pool. He would return presently to the presumable connection of the maid with the affair. She could not be the principal murderer—she, at any rate, never left the post-chaise, and could not have dragged the corpse to the pool. It was the principal murderer with whom he was now concerned.

Dr. Hillyard, he would inform their honour, was a man of unusual habits and character. Born a gentleman, and a member of a great landed family, he liver entirely among the poorest of the poor—nay, among that very class of the poor who were engaged in bringing about what he might venture to call a reign of terror, similar to that which in another country had cost a king his head and his crown. There was, as their honours were well aware, reason for belief that these men were but the rank and file in a revolutionary army whereof republicans and atheists of far higher social position, and therefore to be far more emphatically condemned, secretly pulled the strings. Their honours were aware of what was meant by "a friend of the people" in these days. Was Dr. Hillyard one of such men. That he would not venture to say. But in any case there was reason to fear the mob on the night of the murder; and that any person present with that mob would have been well aware of the identoty of Miss Hillyard, as the evidence to be produced would clearly show. In any case, moreover, Dr. Hillyard was not at his lodgings that night; in any case Dr. Hillyard was found next morning, in exceedingly questionable company, on the Nottingham Road—company that went far to prove his connection with any riotous proceedings that may have been intended. And in what condition was he found? His linen was soaked with recent blood. Whose blood? How obtained, on the night when Miss Hillyard disappeared; Miss Hillyard, who was afterwards found murdered in the pool hard by?

Dr. Hillyard gave no account of how or whence the blood had come. On the contrary, he gave no account of himself whatever, and only sought to conceal that he was in bodily pain, and to hide the crimson stains. And now for the cui bono. No human being, save one, could gain by the death of this young and innocent girl. That human or inhuman being was her heir-at-law; and heir who would thus step at once from pauperism to the position of the richest man in Nottinghamshire.

And now let their honours mark—from that moment the prisoner became, in some mysterious way, a wealthy man. Not only so, but a cheque purporting to be signed by Miss Hillyard was presented by an unknown woman (query, the maid?) at a Nottingham bank, and by this means a large sum of money was transferred from the account of the dead lady to that of Dr. Hillyard. It is safe enough to make free with the names of the dead; they can prove no forgeries. But even the dead can, thank God, prove murders. Let John Parish be sworn.

Mr. Lyon ceased; and then for the first time Basil realized the noose that every circumstance of his past life had been knotting for him. Could the poor girl have been barbarously murdered by the mob? Impossible. And yet what was impossible now?

John Parish, an elderly man, with bow legs in top boots, was the post-boy who drove Miss Hillyard and her maid from Derby. They were stopped by a mob; Luddites they seemed to be. They were a dangerous mob, too, and he owned up to being scared, and the horses too. "But the lady wasn't scared—not she. She gave it 'em with her tongue; and she told 'em with it she was Miss Hillyard, of Lockmead. He took his solemn oath she told them she was Miss Hillyard, of Lockmead, out loud, so that everybody that wasn't deaf could hear. The mob didn't do her any harm. They were good-tempered, in a sort of a way. They turned the chaise back, and said if we stopped at the top of the hill we'd just come down, we should see a blaze.

When we got there, 'Stop,' called the lady: "I'll see if they're as good as their word." She opened the door. I didn't see her get out, for I was minding my own horses; but I suppose she did, for I heard the chaise-door slam to again; so I supposed she got in again; finding there was naught to see. Then the maid put out her head and said, "All right, post-boy; drive on." How many minutes did all that take? Oh, I should say a goodish few—the better part of half an hour. I was glad to rest the horses after coming up the hill; it's steepish just there. I stopped when we got to Mansfield, having to be back at Derby, and she was going to Nottingham. I didn't see the lady when I left her at Mansfield. I supposed she went into the inn. The maid paid me."

"Then you never really saw Miss Hillyard," asked Sir John Harkness, "nor heard her voice, after she bade you stop at the top of the hill. For aught you know, she may never have re-entered the chaise?"

"Neither saw nor heard her, your honour after the top of the hill. But I never doubted 'twos all right when the mail said, 'Drive on.'"

"Did you see me in the mob?" asked Basil.

"Not I" said the witness. There were masks as well as faces; and 'twas dark as sin. All the same you may have been there."

"You are quite sure she told the people she was Miss Hillyard?" asked Sir John.

"As sure, your honour, as I hear you."

The next witness was a post-boy from Nottingham, who proved that he drove one lady that night from the inn at Mansfield in a return chaise—one lady alone; elderly, hard-featured, and certainly not Miss Hillyard.

An osler from the inn at Mansfield, and a chambermaid, proved that only one lady—elderly and hard-featured had arrived in John Parish's chase.

Clearly Miss Hillyard must have been left alone at the top of the hill. And, that being a fact, it was useless to ask why. That she alone could tell. 'Unless, indeed'' suggested Mr. Howe to his brethren, "the maid was scared and lost her wits, and supposed her mistress was in the chaise when she bade the post-boy drive on, and has afterwards been afraid of getting into trouble. Elderly females are desperately muddle-headed sometimes."

Basil, increasingly under the influence of a seeming nightmare, listened as stranger after stranger came forward, for justice's sake, to swear his life from him; how Jonas Crabb, merchant of Bristol, proved Miss Hillyard's arrival by the Amazon and departure for Lockmead; how the pool was emptied and the corpse of Miss Hillyard, bearing her very initials, found. At last "Mr. Morwen" was called. At last no stranger—a friend.

"But who are you, sir, if you please?" asked Mr. Lyon, as a giant with a flat nose advanced, and waited for questioning.

"I called Mr. Morwen; who are you?"

"Eli Fletcher," said the man. "Tis about that blood on the doctor. I saw it come."

"What, sir?"

"Fightin' a chap from Yorkshire. A hundred of us were by."

"Come we must get at the bottom of this," said Mr. Lyon. "You mean to tell these gentlemen that the prisoner was engaged in a prize-fight with a Yorkshireman on the Nottingham Road?"

"Not a prize-fight. 'Twas Nottinghamshire again' Yorkshire. That was all."

"And who was the Yorkshireman? What was his name? Is he here?"

"Never heard his name," said Eli. "But he could fight like a man."

"May I ask if the prisoner is a friend of yours?"

"Friend, master? That he be—the best friend to me and mine that ever were! For the doctor's sake there's naught I wouldn't do, nor wouldn't swear. And every man and woman in Lockmead would do the same. That blood came o' fightin' Yorkshire. So there!"

"And every man and woman in Lockmead would swear the same?" asked Mr. Lyon.

"Thank you, Mr. Fletcher. You have done your duty by your friend, and may go. Mr. Morwen, if you please."

It was the moment that Amos Morwen had been dreading ever since he learned the marvellous piece of fortune which had, for his safety, confused Margaret Hillyard with Mary Holmes. He dreaded it as a necessary crime. But then it was necessary. Mary drowned and Basil hanged, nothing on earth was left him to fear; and remorse is what comes after—never before. And Miss Hillyard drowned at sea—Lockmead would now indeed be his own. Why should he stand in the way of destiny? For by that name great men always christen their own heart's desire.

"Since I am to be a witness, I will quit the bench," said he, with a grave kind of smile. "There are enough of you without me. Now, Mr. Lyon, if you please."

"Mr. Amos Morwen, justice of the peace, and steward to the late Miss Hillyard, of Lockmead," said Mr. Lyon, respectfully, "you are well acquainted with the prisoner, I believe?"

Amos Morwen looked the prisoner fully in the face without flinching.

"Yes; I am."

"And, as legal adviser to the family, you know him to be Miss Hillyard's heir-at-law?"

"I do."

"Then kindly tell, sir, all you know of what occurred on the night when Miss Hillyard was last seen."

Amos Morwen had nerved himself for this days ago. His story came out as clear and firm as Lockmead church bell. He told how Dr. Hillyard had left his house that night in company with a strange girl, afterwards in custody as engaged in an illegal conspiracy. How the doctor had constantly expressed republican and seditious opinions of an extreme and violent kind. How he had all night been absent; how the next morning he returned covered with blood-stains for which he avoided all explanation. Had he said anything about fighting a Yorkshireman? Certainly not—nothing of the kind. Had he said anything of the expected rioters? Nothing of the kind. He had given no account of himself whatever, and was evidently bent upon concealing the stains. . . . Was that all? The court would understand how painful it was to give evidence against an old friend.

"Morwen," cried Basil, as his friend moved away, "who is the owner of my poor cousin's estate at this moment—I or you?"

The moment had come. If he answered "I," Basil's motive for murder would fail; if "You," he himself would lose Lockmead. But he was prepared.

"I purchased your revision of the poor lady's estate for the trifle it was worth," said he. "And why you should have sold it to me when that poor lady was lying dead within two miles of us God knows!"

"Oh, Morwen!" cried the prisoner, feeling the hideous nightmare closing around him. "Is it you who are speaking—is it you who would hint that I murdered my kinswoman for her inheritance, and then sold you a reversion that did not exist; so that if I was found out I might say, the gain of blood was not mine, but yours?"

"It was not I who made the hint," said Morwen, coldly. "I am not here to give opinions. Pray ask me no more."

"Great Heaven! But if never found out, what had I to gain?"

"Do you press that question, Dr. Hillyard?"

"Yes, I do."

"Then I will answer as a lawyer. If you could have taken means to prove that Miss Hillyard was dead otherwise than by your hand, when you sold wour reversion, the bargain would have been void for error."

"I am no lawyer. How should I know? And how could I invent Miss Hillvard's death by natural means? What reason have you to imagine that such a scheme as that comes to should enter a mind which, Morwen, is less black. God help you, than your own? Have you a reason?"

"Do you press that question?"

"Yes; hard."

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1—The boundaries of the city of Montreal, its division into wards, and its representation in the Council.

2.—The composition of said Council, the qualification, powers and rights of the Mayor and Aldermen, and the elections.

3—The appointment of civic commissions, committees, officials and departments.

4—The power to make by-laws required for the administration, good order, police, peace, public health, drainage and buildings within said city, to take a census of its population from time to time, to provide for the most efficient means of protecting said city against epidemics, fire and floods, and to establish a system of vital statistics and hygienic regulations.

5.—The establishment of a Recorder's Court, its rights and powers.

6.—The assessment rolls, taxes and licenses, prescription, expenditure, revenue, and borrowing power.

7.—The streets, municipal improvements and works, and expropriations.

8.—The waterworks and water rates, the sewers, sidewalks, the proceedings in connection with the collection of taxes, the passing and enforcement of by-laws, the right to impose penalties, and to condemn to a fine and imprisonment, and generally, all subjects, matters, rights, powers and obligations concerning the interests and the good administration of the city of Montreal.

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(Signed.) L. O. DAVID,
City Clerk.

City Clerk's Office,
City Hall,
Montreal, 9th December, 1898.

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(Signed.) L. O. DAVID,
City Clerk.

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Montreal, December 7th, 1898.

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NOTICE.

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"MEASURES NOT MEN."

Despite rumours to the contrary, the Opposition in the Imperial Parliament remains without an official head, and a perusal of the speeches delivered at the recent annual meeting of that federation of the Liberal Associations which once dictated without question, the policy of the party, shows that it is equally impossible for a man of the type either of Sir William Harcourt or of Lord Rosebery to receive the unanimous support of the various sections at the present time.

Even upon foreign policy the rank and file are at loggerheads; one prominent speaker proclaimed that "it is for the Liberal party to save the nation from the hypocrisy of continually devouring huge slices of the earth's surface;" another declared that "when their leaders had spoken it had generally been in support of a foreign policy for which the Liberals had nothing but contempt. Let it be left to the Conservative leaders to praise Kitchener."

Upon domestic policy there was an even wider lack of agreement as to the measures which most demanded attention, and Home Rule was not even mentioned in the speech of the president of the conference, or by any of the principal participants in the discussion. The negative conclusions arrived at were, that they could not elect a general leader until they had a majority; that "leaders, like poets, were born, not made;" "that they could no more make a leader by a vote than they could create a poet by calling him poet laureate."

The whole controversy, which still continues to occupy pages rather than columns in the London and provincial press, shows that the removal of Mr. Gladstone's great personality will compel the Liberal party to once again hoist that banner of "Measures, not Men," under which they emerged from Whiggism in the past. For the moment the British political situation recalls the last years of Lord Palmerston's life, when the movement for reforms was equally dormant. Moreover, the attention of the keenst politicians to-day is mainly centred upon those problems of trade expansion which depend for their solution upon the developments of foreign and colonial policy. Though relegated to the background, the Irish question is still the chief cause of embarrassment to the Liberal party. The schism in the ranks of the Opposition cannot be healed until the result of the experiment of last session—which was the work of both parties—the granting of local self government to Ireland has been seen. All the men whose names have been brought forward as prospective leaders of a reconstructed party agree in approving the words which Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman recently used, when he described that measure as "a sweeping reform," and went on to add:

"It put the new wine of democracy not, happily, into the old bottles of an obsolete system of privilege and of nomination, but into an entirely new elective system of administration. The most remarkable thing about the Act was the degree of unanimity with which it was passed. The Liberal party, of course, had no reason to look upon it with timidity, suspicion, or disfavour on any ground. They had always advocated such a measure, and moreover through many years of angry controversy it had been their contention that the Irish people were perfectly fit to manage their own affairs and that the shortest way to modify and ultimately to extinguish the strife of races, classes, parties, and sects under which for so many years that country had suffered was to call upon all Irishmen to meet upon equal terms for the responsible discharge of public duty."

Until Ireland has elected her new local Parliament and the Irish leaders have themselves agreed upon the future attitude they will adopt in, and towards, the Imperial Parliament, it will be impossible for any one person on the left hand of the Speaker's chair to act as leader of the Opposition in the sense in which he must do so in order to affect the life of a Ministry, or himself form a Cabinet.

The prospect for a Liberal triumph at the next election seems to depend upon the number of mistakes made by the Government; the present Cabinet has already alienated the support of many of its followers in Parliament, and in the coming session it is pledged to introduce measures which are likely to accentuate the cleavage of political opinion in the constituencies.

Before Parliament meets on February 7 it is probable that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the late Minister for War, will, without the adoption of any definite resolution,be entrusted with those formal duties which must devolve upon some member of the party in Opposition. He was the nominee of a large section for the Speakership at the time when Mr. Peel resigned, a sure proof of his personal popularity with the House; moreover, he has been more successful than others in avoiding such definite declarations of policy as from certain quarters have caused that irritation which is primarily responsible for the existing deadlock.

How much can be done to restore the fallen fortunes of a discouraged and disorganized party by a man lacking brilliance, but possessing patience,courtesy and shrewdness was shown by the present Duke of Devonshire, when Lord Hartington, during the years 1874-1880, he, too, was an ex-Secretary for War; the omen bodes favourably not only for the fortunes of the great Liberal party, but for the future career of Sir Henry himself.

A SHAMEFUL SIDE OF POLITICS.

The not too creditable political phenomena of election trials, unseated members and biassed bye-elections, which seem to be so inevitable an aftermath of a general election in Canada, are by no means so conspicuous in Britain or the United States. No one imagines that especially in the latter case this is because politics there are purer than they are here. Still they are spared the perennial shame that this sordid succession of ill-smelling political events forces upon us. There is nothing in it all that we are proud of, from the wholesale "saving-off" of election petitions a scandal against which the very judges have had to protest at last—to the procession of bye-elections which are usually won by the Ministerial brigade which is moved like a circus from constituency to constituency. When an Opposition is able to hold its own, it must do so by overcoming influences neither creditable nor few, thus making an Opposition victory a signal event. Since Mr. Hardy set the fashion up in Ontario, the kernel of Ministerial speeches during a bye-election campaign has been a demand upon the people to know whether they prefer the "cold justice" they can expect if they elect an Oppositionist or the "warm sympathy" that will be theirs if they return a supporter of the masters of the money-bags.

Apparently nothing will save us from this exhibition of unpleasant political sores except a more alert and sensitive public opinion. We cannot think of lessening the rigour of our election laws. They let pass some forms of Ministerial corruption now that, in the name of public independence, ought to be made illegal. But public opinion can prevent the showering in of election petitions only to be cancelled against each other by the party managers met together in cynical disregard of the decencies of life. Then public opinion can make minor corrupt practices more dangerous political sins than they are to-day. There is naturally a certain amount of sympathy for a man who loses his seat through the stupid act of a supporter for which he is in no sense to blame; but a clearer view of the situation shows that a man elected to Parliament is not given a seat there as a sort of personal perquisite, but is sent there as the representative of the confidence of the constituency in the policy of a particular political party. Now if the election tactics of that party contravene the election laws, there is nothing fairer than that it should be punished by the loss of the seat. More than that, the very fact that the party in this case stooped to corrupt practices to secure the seat is a strong reason for withdrawing the confidence which would make the election of a representative of that party desirable.

Public opinion should certainly render it more dangerous than it is to-day to attempt to corrupt the electorate. We have as a people fallen into a too easy state of conscience over this matter. We forget that a corrupt act is an effort to rob us of our right of franchise to baulk us of our will in the composition of Parliament. When a party "worker" bribes a voter, he is in the same business as if he bribed a juror—an act that would instantly alarm us into indignation. It is only that we have grown far too much accustomed to the former rendering of this base sort of treason. A bribed ballot kills a good ballot; and a very few of them will sometimes make a constituency say "Yes" to the question before it in the election, when, as a matter of fact, the people want to say "no." But as long as it is not particularly dangerous politically for a party to be caught bribing, bribery will not disappear. If the people are going to wink at the practice, it is too good an election device for one party to leave wholly to the other. But if we make it political death for a party to be detected trying to buy a constituency—at least, so far as that constituency is concerned—we shall probably succeed in rendering it too perilous to be profitable to fool with the election law.

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THE DUTY UPON LUMBER.

Senator Hale, of Maine, Still Fears That It Will Be Reduced in Canada's Favour.

(Special to the Star.)

WASHINGTON, December 28.—Discussing the rumour published a few days ago that negotiations looking to the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty had already been opened between this country and England by which in exchange for tariff concessions to Canada, Great Britain withdraws her objections to this Government exclusively building and owning the Nicaragua Canal, Senator Hale, of Maine, said:

"This shows that there is continued trouble and danger for Maine's interests in the deliberations of the Canadian Commission, which will return to its work in Washington in early January.

"The whole object of the commission, so far as England and Canada are concerned, has been from the beginning a scheme for nominal concessions on the part of the Canadians as to the Alaskan seals and other matters which are of little real present importance, to be offset by real concessions on the part of the United States in relation to the fisheries, and especially the duties upon competing products of the two countries, the main one, of course, being lumber.

"When the commission took its recess a few days ago, the Canadians went home disappointed that they had not succeeded in getting the duty on lumber reduced about 50 per cent., with a lumber sliding scale of reduction resulting in free lumber. The above despatch shows that England means to complicate this question with that of the Isthmian Canal and the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and that Maine must put forth every effort possible to protect her interests."

UNITED AGAINST ANARCHISTS.

The International Conference at Rome Has Decided Upon Warfare Against These Enemies of Society.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A despatch to the World from Rome says:

The World correspondent has secured from a delegate the result of the anti-anarchist conference recently held here, whose proceedings had previously been kept secret.

First—An international bureau of police for the surveillance of anarchists is to be established at Berlin, consisting of nine members—German, Austrian, French, English, Italian, Russian, Swiss, Belgian and Dutch.

This bureau will correspond direct with all the police of Europe, and will be represented in each country by special agents.

All the states represented will contribute equally to the maintenance of the bureau.

Second—The European Governments are to negotiate for extradition treaties governing anarchists.

Anarchists are defined as all, those who make a public profession of the anarchist faith, who are found in possession of anarchist publications, bombs and letters of an anarchistic character and all members of anarchist societies.

A person convicted of an anarchist crime will be punished according to the law of the country where the crime was committed.

Anarchist journals are to be placed under censure, their circulation interdicted, and the editors, printers and distributors proceeded against as anarchists.

All proceedings against anarchists are to be conducted in secret.

These decisions were accepted by the delegates from Germany, Austria, Russia, Italy, Turkey, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, Denmark, Montenegro, Servia and Roumania, but England, France, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Luxemberg and Greece rejected them.

It is probable that the ultimate result of the conference will be the establishment of an international police bureau.

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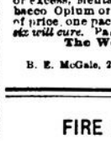

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PEORIA, Ill., December 28.—During the Christmas exercises in the German Methodist Episcopal Church, Pekin, Ill., the large tree, loaded with gifts and lighted by hundreds of candles, caught fire and blazed up fiercely. The church was packed to the doors, and women screamed and several fainted, when the pastor, Rev. William H. Traegar, commanded the audience to be seated. He said the emergency of fire had been provided for, and there was no danger if everyone kept still. Then he directed the organist to play up loud and strong, and ordered the choir to sing loud. The cool attitude of the pastor restored confidence, and the people sank back into their seats. Meanwhile as the fire rolled and crackled the music became louder. The pastor flicked burning embers from the tree that alighted upon his hymn book to the floor and stepped upon them, at the same time singing at the top of his voice.

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NEWSPAPER RIVALRY.

Humourous Incidents Connected With the Race for News.

The race for news in the newspaper world is so keen nowadays, that it is not surprising if the desire of one paper to beat another in this respect has sometimes its humourous side. It goes without saying that this rivalry is, in some ways, sharpest in the provinces. This is mainly owing to the fact that the large provincial towns has, as a general rule, only two newspapers, which are often not on friendly terms. This is particularly the case where evening papers, with four or five editions in an afternoon, are concerned.

An amusing sequel to rivalry of this sort occurred in a large town in the North of England a few months ago. The leading evening newspaper, which had gone in for an expensive cricket service, found that its rival was calmly appropriating the news without payment or acknowledgment.

The method of the latter was to obtain an early copy of each edition, containing the desired intelligence, which was then snipped out, printed, and sold on the streets a few minutes afterwards. The "leading paper" stood this pilfering for some weeks, but at last determined to teach its dishonest rival a severe lesson.

An ingenious plot was accordingly devised. One afternoon, a special edition containing a purely imaginary and very sensational piece of cricket news was secretly prepared, three copies only being printed, and none being allowed to leave the office.

A smart newsboy, who was in the secret, was, however, sent out with one copy, with instructions to sell it to the rival office. The latter fell into the trap, cribbed the news, as usual, and published it with a flaming contents bill. It was not until an hour afterwards that they found how they had been duped and made the laughing-stock of the town.

In another instance, a daily newspaper in a large manufacturing town outwitted its morning rival more by luck than by good management. A municipal dignitary wished to publish some important information solely in the Conservative paper, and with this view sent a messenger requesting the attendance of one of its reporters at his place of business.

The reporter duly made his appearance, obtained the news, which was imparted as a great secret, and departed. Next morning, however, the Conservative paper appeared without a line on the subject, while its Liberal rival displayed it in all the glory of leaded type and big headlines.

The explanation was simple. The messenger had, by a blunder, gone to the wrong office, which had utilized the mistake with the above result.

The desire to get ahead of its rival landed a provincial evening newspaper in an awkward corner not long ago. News reached the office one afternoon that a prominent lawyer in the town had committed suicide. Arrangements were made for bringing out a special edition, a biography of half a column in length was hurriedly written, special contents bills were printed, and a reporter was despatched in a hansom to the deceased lawyer's office, to obtain some additional facts for a later edition.

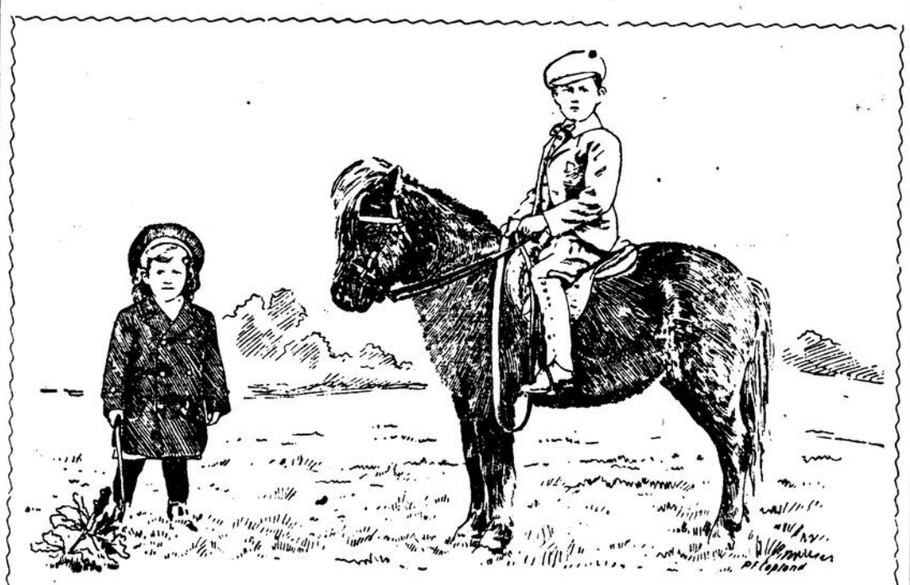
The pressman, arriving, knocked sympathetically at the door, and was told by a voice to enter. His horror may be imagined when he saw the victim of the supposed tragedy sitting calmly writing at his desk. Without a word of explanation, he bolted down the stairs, reaching the office only just in time to cancel the "special." It was a narrow escape, for the engines were ready to start printing.

To this day the lawyer has never discovered how nearly he had the rare pleasure of reading his own biography in such sensational circumstances.

One of the smartest journalistic feats on record was accomplished by a reporter on a small seaside town on the north east coast of Scotland a few years ago. He was the representative of a daily newspaper published in a large town thirty miles south, and had obtained some exclusive information which he was anxious to telegraph.

How to get the news over the thirty miles was the difficulty. There was absolutely no communication between the two towns, for a terrific snowstorm had broken down the telegraph wires, completely blocked the railway lines, and made the ordinary roads simply impassable. But the reporter was a man of resource, and conceived a brilliant idea, which he proceeded to put into execution.

As it happened, the cable to Norway touches at the little town. He hurried to the cable-house and persuaded the operator to send his despatch. The message was flashed across the North Sea to Norway, thence to Copenhagen, from Copenhagen back, across the German Ocean, to England, and finally, north, to its proper destination, only thirty miles away from where it had started. Such a lengthy journey for a telegram must be almost unique.



THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SONS.
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THE HARBOUR BOARD.

Commissioners Will Go Dock Inspecting Next Wednesday.

On Wednesday evening next the members of the Harbour Board will start on their dock inspecting tour. They will go first to Portland, Me., thence to Boston and New York.

The matter of grain elevators came up at the meeting of the Harbour Board yesterday afternoon. Mr. Torrance wanted to know who was going to build them. Mr. Allan and Mr. Torrance both thought the sites should be given gratis to the builder of the necessary elevators. Without system of elevators at this port, the deepening of the canals could better be used to the extent that it ought to be. A cheap elevator system was wanted here, and the present system could not last much longer. The matter will come up again when the commissioners return from their trip.

The Beaver Line Steamship Company wrote, asking their usual berth space next season, and stating that the fleet would be largely increased and a first-class service maintained between Montreal and Liverpool.

NEW METHOD OF PACKING APPLES.

A new method of packing apples for export has recently been tried, which seems to be satisfactory to both shippers and receivers, says the New York Evening Post. This innovation consists of packing the apples shipped to foreign markets in crates or boxes, as California peaches and pears are packed. The apples coming from California and Oregon over and for re-shipment at New York, were first packed in this way. Eastern shippers took up this style of apckage, and it is now quite generally used. Some of the fruits sold by domestic buyers are also packed that way. This style of package has proved to be very popular, so that it will, no doubt, be extensively used during the coming year.

COURT SEAFORTH'S OFFICERS.

Last evening Court Seaforth, C.O.F., at its regular meeting, received two new applications for membership and elected the following officers for 1899: C. R., Thos. Murphy; V.C.R., James Foster; F. S., John Irvine; R. S., Ed. Johnson; treasurer, E. Rodgers; chaplain, H. Braine; auditor, G. Wilson; trustees, C. Wilson, Wm. Watt, and W. S. Lee; S.W., J. Ramsay; J. W., J. Burns; S. B., J. Maloney; J. B., D. Sheen; physicians, Drs. A. R. Griffith and J. J. Ress; representative to H. C., H. F. McCready; alternate, J. H. Crayford.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.

The following judgments have been rendered in the Superior Court:

By Mr. Justice Tellier.

Corporation of the parish of Beloeil vs. Jeannotte. Judgment for $54.01, for the completion of a sidewalk in front of defendant's properties.

By Mr. Justice Mathieu.

Lenoir dit Rolland et al. vs. The Sheldeu Company.—Action declared peremptd.

Dame R. A. Prefontaine vs. D. Lanthier.—Judgment declaring the parties separated as to property.

Dame Domithilde Plante et vir vs. Dorny et al.—Judgment by default for $1,712.24, on an obligation.

Arrobus vs. Blackley et al.—Judgment granting motion for substitution for defendant William Blackley.

Dame P. Gratton et al. vs. Dame O. Beaudette et al. Judgment ordering the sheriff to change the order of sale of the immovables seized in the cause.

Canadian Mutual Loan & Investment Company vs. Picotte and divers creditors, claimants.—Judgment ordering the protonotary to proceed with the collocation and distribution.

HEBREW BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of the Hebrew Sick Benefit Association, of Montreal, was held on Sunday, December 25th, at 6 St. Philip street. The meeting was well attended, the chair being occupied by the President Mr. P. Dobrofsky. After routine business had been gone through, election of officers for the ensuing half year resulted as follows: President, P. Dobrofsky; vice-president, C. Winfield; secretary, H. Ferguson; treasurer, S. Golt; trustees, B. Jasper, M. Rapp and H. Fineberg. The standing of the society to-day is very good, financially and in membership.

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HOSPITAL FESTIVITES.

A Good Time Spent at the Royal Victoria—Notre Dame Dinner.

The convalescent patients at the Royal Victoria Hospital were entertained and presented with gifts yesterday afternoon. The committee of ladies having the arrangements in charge included the Misses Angus, Miss Patterson, Mrs. McD. Patterson, Miss Van Horne and Mrs. Meredith.

The children went into raptures over the Christmas tree, which was laden with presents. Dr. Archibald impersonated Santa Claus.

During the afternoon Lord Strathcona, accompanied by Messrs. R. B. Angus, E. S. Clouston and James Ross, visited the building for a short time, and extended seasonable greetings to all those present. Musical selections, which were given by Mrs. McD. Patterson and Miss Sise, were much appreciated, while Mr. W. H. Evans, who has a good voice, used it to advantage.

There were a large number of relatives and friends of the patients present, and these were well looked after by Messrs. John J. Robinson, superintendent, and W. R. Bates, steward.

There will be several social evenings at the Victoria Hospital during the present week. To-morrow night the house staff will hold their annual dinner; on Friday night the nurses will hold a reception and social, and on Tuesday night the employes will have their social.

There was a large attendance of friends and relatives of the patients.

At the Notre Dame Hospital Christmas dinner yesterday, among those present who acted as attendants to the patients were C. P. Hebert, president of the Board of Governors; F. J. Hart, E. A. Generaux, Captain George H. Matthews, E. J. Barbeau, Dr. Barbeau, Rev. N. A. Troie, P.S.S.; S. St. Michel, Dr. P. Lachapelle, Dr. J. P. Rottot, Dr. Marsolais, B. Tansey, G. N. Moncel, J. Grevier, O. Faucher, Hon. Senator Thibaudeau and A. Turcotte.

BUTTER MANUFACTURERS.

Mr. J. D. Leclerc presided at a meeting of the Butter Manufacturers' Association held yesterday afternoon at the Riendeau Hotel. The meeting was called in order that a plan could be formulated for disposing of the surplus butter and cheese sent in by the farmers. A committee was formed composed of Messrs. S. Roy, A. Castonguay, G. Bennett, G. H. Croil, G. D. Leclair, S. C. Corbeil, and L. E. Morin, who are to report at the next meeting on January 26th, whether the sale of the dairy products should be by private or public auction.

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LOST — ON ST. CATHERINE ST., NEAR Peel st., Saturday, about 6 p.m., by poor working girl, purse containing 2 railway tickets and about $7. Reward at 2416 St. Catherine street. 304 1

LOST — ON 23RD INSTANT, SMALL Yorkshire terrier, head and legs light tan, back blue gray, hair not long, had pink ribbon on when strayed; name "Pete." Five dollars reward. 28 McTavish st. 304 3

LOST — BLACK COCKER SPANIEL, splashed with white on two fore feet, answering to the name of Zulu. Return 143 St. James st. and be rewarded. 304 1

LOST — PURSE TO-DAY ON NOTRE Dame st., between City Hall and Carsley's, containing receipts, with name and address and about $5.00; also bank book No. 2131, Bank Montreal. Reward. 73 Hutchison street. 304 1

LOST — A WHITE FOX TERRIER PUPpy, with black marks on head. 72 Inspector st. 304 1

LOST — ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, two carvers, one white handle, the other a brown. Finder please return to 424 Metcalfe ave., Westmount, and be rewarded. 304 1

ROOMS AND BOARD.

ROOM — AND BOARD. ALSO TABLE board. 2 Phillips Place. 301 5

ROOMS — AND BOARD. GOOD ACCOMmodation for winter boarders. 97 Union avenue. 302 3

BOARD — AND ROOMS, 321 ST. URbain street, near Sherbrooke, nice rooms, heated by hot water, quiet home; pleasant locality. 302 3

ROOMS — AND BOARD. A LADY REsiding on Park avenue, will rent a room to one or two ladies; breakfast; late dinner if required. Address O. 1998, Star Office. 303 2

ROOM — WITH FULL BOARD, THREE dollars weekly, superior accommodations and table; early breakfast if required. 68 Victoria street. 303 2

ROOMS — WITH FIRST CLASS BOARD, modern improvements, upstairs dining room; no students. 73 McGill College ave. 304 2

ROOM — FRONT ROOM, BATHROOM flat, and board, 112 Stanley street, private Protestant family; modern improvements; references exchanged. 303 3

ROOMS — SINGLE ROOM, WITH BOARD $3.25 per week, also double room, suitable for two gentlemen, $3.25 each per week, gas, hot water heated, between Ontario and Sherbrooke, on Bleury street. Address O. 7738, Star Branch Office. 304 1

STABLES TO LET.

TO LET — STABLES, SUITABLE FOR two horses and carriage. Apply 944 Dorchester street. 304 3 3aw

ROOMS TO LET.

ROOMS — 37 McGILL COLLEGE AVE. Rooms at above address, large or small. Apply forenoon or between six and eight p. m. 300 10

ROOMS—16 HANOVER STREET, DOUBLE and single rooms, with or without board, modern improvements; references exchanged. 302 3

ROOMS — FURNISHED, DOUBLE AND single, with or without board, house heated by steam; every convenience; terms moderate. 21 Plateau st., off Mance. 302 3

ROOM — WELL FURNISHED, WARM front room, hot water heating, gas, etc., for gentleman. 2444 St. Catherine, near Drummond. 302 3

ROOM — FURNISHED ROOM, WITH board, for one or two gentlemen; terms $15 per month. 53 Metcalfe street, opposite Dominion square. 303 2

ROOMS — BRIGHT, WELL FURNISHED, double and single, all convenience, with board, quiet family, warm house, no children, first class locality. 98 St. Famille. 303 3

ROOM — A LARGE DOUBLE ROOM, with board. 2496 St. Catherine street, between Mountain and Crescent sts. 303 3

ROOMS — COMFORTABLY FURNISHED, with board; vacancies for table boarders. 10 Phillips Place, Beaver Hall Hill. 303 3

ROOMS — ON BATH FLAT ALSO double room, on first floor, suitable for bed and smoke room for gentleman of quiet habits. Crescent st. Address N. 7712, Star Branch Office. 303 5

ROOMS — ONE DOUBLE OR TWO SINgle, adjoining rooms, nicely furnished, hot water heating, bathroom flat. 118 Cathedral. 303 5

ROOMS — TO LET, NICELY FURNISHED, all modern conveniences. No. 4 Stanley street. 303 2

ROOM — LARGE, COMFORTABLE WARM room to a gentleman of quiet habits, hot water heating, gas, no students. 95 University street. 304 3

ROOM — A COMFORTABLY FURNISHED room to rent. Apply 179 Mansfield st. 304 3

ROOMS — FURNISHED, TWO LARGE and two small, suitable for party of gentlemen, steam heat, Auer light, telephone; no children. 25 University st. 304 3

ROOM — LARGE, VERY COMFORTABLY furnished, suitable for one or two, on bath flat, also single one on 1st floor. Address N. 7730, Star Branch Office. 304 2

ROOMS — WELL FURNISHED, WARM double, for housekeeping, single and double; modern conveniences. 20 McGill College avenue. 304 3 3aw

ROOM — VERY NICE LARGE FRONT room to rent, furnished or unfurnished. 1985 Notre Dame. 304 2

ROOMS — LARGE, WELL FURNISHED, h. w. heating, Auer light; every convenience. 96 Union avenue. 304 4

ROOMS — FURNISHED, TWO ROOMS, one double, one single, on bathroom flat, comfortably heated, Auer light, at 766 Palace street, near Beaver Hall Hill. 304 10

ROOMS — COMFORTABLY FURNISHED, Hutchison st., good board, Daisy furnace, $16, $18, $20; private family, gentlemen only. Address O. 7741, Star Branch Office. 304 1

ROOM — 36 MACKAY STREET, WELL furnished, warm, sunny room, Daisy furnace, electric light; private family, terms moderate; gentlemen preferred. 304 4

ROOMS — FURNISHED FRONT ROOM, with board, suitable for gentlemen or married couple; other rooms; central locality. 179 Bleury st. 304 4

ROOMS — WITH OR WITHOUT BOARD, also handsome parlours, en suite, or separate, with piano; transients. 142 Mansfield. 304 1

ROOMS — LARGE DOUBLE ROOMS TO let, also a single room. 127 Metcalfe st., cor. Burnside. 304 4

BUSINESS CHANCES.

FOR SALE —IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR a good paying partnership, dry goods, hotel, restaurant, candy or general business, communicate with Emblem Bros., 41 St. Francois Xavier st., Montreal. Telephone Main 426. Businesses bought and sold. All information furnished free. 249 tf

WANTED — BRITISH FIRM OF manufacturers of well known proprietary article, require first class agent in Canada, with established connection in grocery trade. Apply by letter only to L. 1955, Star Office. 302 12

FOR SALE—HOTELS, SALOONS, CIGARS and confectionery, and all other businesses, partnerships, etc. Good opportunities for beginners. L. Harris, 62 St. James. Evenings, 429 St. Lawrence. 301 4

WANTED — AGENCY. A YOUNG FIRM, who are sending travellers all over the Dominion for an important agency, are desirous of securing some other good agency in a staple line. Highest references. Apply to Agent, care A. McKim & Co., Board of Trade, Montreal. 303 2

FOR SALE — GALT "REFORMER." Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned for this business until Jan. 14th, '99. Plant is one of the best in Ontario and business is now paying $3000.00 annually. Only reform paper in Riding. Everything in good order and will be sold as a going concern. Good daily and weekly circulation in Galt, Preston, Hespeler and vicinity. Liberal terms given. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. For particulars apply to Miller & Richard, Toronto, or at the office, Galt. H. Willoughby Laird, Assignee, Galt. 294 9 2aw

FOR SALE — AT BACK RIVER, the large well known hotel on the east corner facing Peloquin's Hotel; cost one year ago $18,000; includes bar fixtures and hot water furnace; price $12,500. Apply to Carl Warnecke, 157 St. James st. 304 1

PARTNERS WANTED.

WANTED — BY A YOUNG MAN, WITH some office experience and a moderate capital, a partnership in some wholesale or manufacturing business; only such as will bear closest examination and with first class references, will be entertained. Correspondence strictly confidential. Address O. 2001, Star Office. 303 5

WANTED — ACTIVE OR SILENT PARTner, with fifteen hundred dollars, can make as many thousand in three months. Principals only. Address S. 2103, Star Office. 303 2

MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED — ANY PERSON HAVING A young, well bred fox terrier dog to give away, can find good home for him by addressing V. 2148, Star Office. 304 1

BOARD.

BOARD —AND ROOMS FOR LADIES DURing confinement; private. Ladies attended to at their own home. Mrs. Bohme, Ladies' Doctress, 151 Cadieux. 102 207

BOARD — MRS. McKEWAN, LADIES' SICK nurse. Superior accommodation; best medical attendance; strictly private. Terms moderate. 187 Cadieux st. 291 100

BOARD — MRS. SEARL, DOCTRESS, PRIvate accommodation, with or without professional attendance, or without board; ladies treated and attended. 28 Monique. 297 12

BOARD — NEATLY FURNISHED ROOMS, with or without board, suitable for ladies or gentlemen, wishing comfortable boarding house. 35 Latour st. 304 4

BOARD — AND ROOMS, OR TABLE board, steam heat, gas, bath, hot water, private family. 81 Cathcart street. 304 4

PUPILS WANTED.

WANTED — PUPILS. MRS. MATHEWS, teacher of music and singing, removed to 46½ City Councillors street, will receive a few more pupils. 303 2

WANTED TO PURCHASE.

WANTED—TO PURCHASE LADIES' AND gentlemen's cast off clothing, furs, jewellery; highest prices given, at S. Pearson's, 2336 Notre Dame. Mail orders promptly attended to. 299 6

WANTED — A MEDIUM SIZED SECONDhand safe, must be in good order. State price and make. Address R. 2046, Star Office. 303 2

WANTED — CANDY KETTLE AND FURnace, or would rent small shop, complete. Address V. 2138, Star Office. 304 1

WANTED — TO PURCHASE ONE OR two large platform scales, secondhand, to weigh 2000 lbs. State price and particulars to care P. O. Box 483, Montreal. 304 1

WANTED — A SECONDHAND ORGAN, 6 octave; terms cash. Address T. 2114, Star Office. 304 1

PERSONALS.

PERSONAL — THE STUDIO OF MR. C. J. Way, in the Hall of Fraser Institute, is open to visitors. 303 3

PERSONAL — FOR FIVE DOLLARS WE will make a complete set of teeth, worth $15 to $25 and will guarantee the work. Franco American Dental Institute, 162 St. Denis st. 303 5

PERSONAL—MISSING SINCE NOV. 29TH, Mary Ann Carrigan. Wanted information of her whereabouts by Rev. Father Martin St. Patrick's, or Superioress of St. Bridget's Home. 304 1

PERSONAL — WANTED A POSITION BY a first class furrier, capable of designing and fitting, wholesale or retail. Address W. 2183, Star Office. 304 1

ROOMS AND BOARD WANTED.

WANTED — BY A MARRIED COUPLE two furnished or unfurnished rooms, with board, in a first class locality, heated by steam, gas and bath, for the first of January. Address P. 2023, Star Office and state terms. 303 2

MEDICAL.

DR. FULTON SUCCESSFULLY TREATS patients by correspondence or interview. Debility, blood poisoning, tumors, no knife. Enquiry free. 77 Bleury st. 304 1

Slaves in Ancient Greece.

Writing of Alexander the Great's efforts in subduing the rebellion that followed the assassination of Philip, Professor Benjamin Ide Wheeler says: At last, after much long-suffering, the strong hand of the Macedonian power, contrary to all its purposes and policy, had laid itself with violence upon one of the great Greek cities. Once and again it had forgiven, but Thebes had transgressed the bounds of endurance and could expect no mercy. She obtained none. The city was razed to the ground, only the house of Pindar being spared; the territory was distributed among the allies, and the inhabitants who survived, some 30,000 in number, excepting only the priests and priestesses, the descendants of Pindar, and the guests, friends of Philip and Alexander, were sold into slavery, making a slave market so vast that, as we hear, the standard price of slaves in the markets of the Aegean was seriously depressed in consequence. The ordinary price for a slave was from $20 to $35. Abundant supply kept the price low. Society was built on slavery. Slaves, or, as in Sparta and Crete, serfs attached to the soil, were the farm labourers; in manufactories they took the place of modern machinery; they were a form of investment, being often rented out in gangs, as for work in the mines; large numbers were used, too, for domestic service, seven being an average number for an ordinary house. Corinth is said to have had 460,000 slaves, Aegina 470,000, and a census of the year 309 B. C. showed 400,000 in Attica. These figures have sometimes been doubted, but other known facts go to confirm them. Most of the slaves apparently came from outside Greece, as from Lydia, Syria, Bithynia, Thrace and Illyria, but there were also among them Italians, Egyptians and Jews. The supply from outside was maintained by the slave-traders, who obtained them either in barter or by robbery along the coasts of the Aegean and the Euxine. The slave market was a feature of every city agora, and especially of the temple fairs. Captives in war were, like the rest of the booty, treated as merchandise. They were disposed of chiefly by the professional traders and sold mostly abroad. Thus men of culture and education often appeared in the condition of slaves. Employed as teachers, readers, secretaries, musicians, they often served the purpose of spreading the knowledge of art, manners and life among other peoples, and aided in mixing the soils and forwarding the interests of cosmopolitanism.

Work of Peter the Great.

It is not 200 years since Russia changed from a barbarian power to one of civilization. The vast Empire was thinly settled by wandering tribes, utterly lacking cohesion. They had no commerce, no manufactures, but the rudest, and no softening intercourse with other nations. Peter the Great, a boy of 17 came to the throne at this time. Although wholly without education and encouraged in drunkenness and other vices by his sister, who had usurped his throne, he resolved to learn the secret of the progress of the rest of Europe. First educating himself, he began the movement that has made Russia to-day a world-power, and, although he lived but fifty-three years, during that time he accomplished more for the development of a nation than any other man had ever done before. He perfected his armies, taught them European methods of discipline, and with these armies extended his frontiers. Then he determined that Russia should have a navy, and himself went to Amsterdam and Deptford, where, as Petter Zimmermann, he learned the trade of a ship carpenter. He picked up blacksmithing, enough of cobbling to make a pair of shoes, and of surgery to bleed and pull teeth. Upon his return from his visit to the civilized world Peter began his refarms. A formidable navy was constructed. Then he built St. Petersburg, as Moscow was remote from European influences. St. Petersburg was built so that as "from a window he could look out upon Western Europe." His subjects were forced to give up their long beards and flowing Asiatic robes. The power of the nobles was lessened. Religious toleration was granted. Arithmetic was introduced into the Government offices, where previously accounts had been kept by a system of balls threaded on wire. He introduced silk and woolen manufactures, the art of printing, and made roads and canals. He established a postal service, began to develop the vast mineral wealth of the country, and founded hospitals and medical schools.

Over all these reforms he took personal supervision; for among all crafts he had some knowledge of each, which he had gained while in England and Holland.

The Malay Character.

Writing of the Malay character in the "Cyclopaedia of India," Surgeon General Edward Balfour says:

In character the Malay is impassive. He exhibits a reserve, diffidence, and even bashfulness which is in some degree attractive and leads the observer to think that the ferocious, blood-thirsty character imputed to the race must be grossly exaggerated. He is not demonstrative. He is slow and deliberate in speech. Children in the company of men are silent, and are generally quiet and obedient. When alone the Malay neither talks nor sings. He is cautious of giving offence. He does not quarrel easily about money matters. Practical joking is utterly repugnant to his nature. The Malays of the higher class are exceedingly polite. They are proud, and, if ill-treated, revengeful; but under generous treatment are gentle, kind, humane, graceful, docile, and faithful. They are dutiful children and kind parents. They treat their aged kinsmen with the greatest kindness and feel it a duty to relieve the wants of an indigent relation. Old men and women are always regarded with respect.

Dr. Oxley described the character of the unsophisticated Malay as remarkable for its simplicity and honesty. They have a regard for truth, and may generally be depended upon in their statements. What has so often been written of their revengeful spirit, he says, is much exaggerated; polite in the extreme, according to their own ideas, they never indulge in abuse one toward the other.

Treatment of Mexican Prisoners.

The term of a prisoner in Mexico is divided into three periods. The first is occupied with penal labour, the second is spent in the training school, with small pay, and the third is preparatory to freedom, with paid work and many privileges.

Special Notice.

"Holiday Bargains."

With a view of clearing out Holiday Stock of new Morris Upright Pianos before the new year, W. H. Leach, 49 Metcalfe street, is prepared to offer exceptional prices and inducements to families purchasing this week. Old pianos and organs ofany style or make accepted as part payment. Open evenings. 303 2

A BULLISH MARKET.

Wheat Advances in Liverpool—The Local Market Continues Strong.

The boom in the grain market has become general and nearly all grain is on the rise. Wheat in Liverpool went up with a bound to-day, December closing 2d higher than last night; March 1¼d higher, and May 1¼d higher.

The Chicago wheat market stood somewhat lower at noon to-day than it was last night, the reduction being in all probability due to profit taking. The feeling among merchants continues strong.

LOCAL MARKETS. — The market for Canadian wheat is firm to a shade stronger. Local dealers are now paying 70c a bushel for Ontario winter wheat, high freights west. Manitoba No. 1 hard is quoted at 71½c at Fort William for May delivery, but local dealers think 71c high enough. December delivery is quoted at 67 to 67½c; No. 1 northern has a spread of 3½c from these prices.

A miller of Manitoba grades of flour reports that the prices paid by him to farmers for wheat at country points yesterday ranged from 55 to 58 cents a bushel for No. 1 hard.

Oats are high and scarce. This morning 32½c was offered for them in Montreal, but the sale was not made as spot goods are scarce, and at 30½c east of Toronto, or 29½c west, there can be no profit in it. Deliveries from the country around about will be light for a few weeks, and merchants are consequently bullish in their ideas.

Peas are quoted at 67c east of Toronto and 66c west.

Corn in Montreal is quoted at 46 to 47c.

WHEAT IN SIGHT. — The wheat in sight this week is nearly two million bushels less than it was last week and fourteen million bushels less than a year ago, as will be seen from the following table:

	Dec. 27, 1898.	Dec. 17, 1898.	Dec. 28, 1897.
Visible supply U. S. and Canada	28,783,000	30,559,000	36,616,000
On passage to U. K.	18,000,000	17,520,000	21,920,000
On passage to continent	8,480,000	9,040,000	11,360,000
Total in sight	55,263,000	57,119,000	69,896,000

MANITOBA WHEAT.

(Special to the Star.)

WINNIPEG, Man., December 28.—No. 1 hard wheat, Fort William, 67 1-2 cents; at country points prices range from 48 to 55 cents. Deliveries still continue comparatively light.

FLOUR AND FEED.

FLOUR.—The market is very firm in sympathy with the wheat market, and although higher prices cannot yet be obtained they are being asked.

Quotations in store are: Winter wheat patents, $3.70 to $4; straight rollers $3.50 to $3.65; straight rollers in bags, $1.65 to $1.75; Manitoba patents $4.30 to $4.40; strong bakers, $4 to $4.10.

MEAL.—The market is dull, and supplies are liberal. Prices are $3.40 to $3.50, according to quantity, for oatmeal in wood, $1.65 to $1.70 in bags. Cornmeal is quiet at $1 to $1.05, in round lots, and 10c to 15c more for small transactions.

FEED.—There is a strong feeling in the market, particularly for bran.

Quotations are: Ontario winter wheat bran, $14.00 per ton; shorts, $14 to $15 in bulk; Manitoba bran, $12.50 to $14, shorts $15; middlings, $16.50; provender, $18 to $19; Cornmeal, $19 a ton. All quotations in bulk.

BALED HAY.—Local demand is fair. Quotations are: No. 1, $6.50 to $7; No. 2, $4.25.

PROVISIONS.

The market for hams and bacon was more active this morning, but there is very little demand. Quotations are: Canadian pork, in barrels, $15 to $16, hams, 10c to 11c per lb.; bacon, 11c; pure Canadian lard, in pails, 7 to 8c; compound refined, 5 to 5 1-2c.

LIVE HOGS.—The market remains rather weak and inactive. Prices this morning were steady at about $4.25 to $4.35 per hundred pounds.

DRESSED HOGS.—Demand is fair for this time of year and prices range from $5 to $5.50 for country dressed, and $5 for abattoir dressed.

FOREIGN MARKETS.—The Liverpool public cable quoted lard 6d down at 27s 6d this morning. Other lines were steady at 20s 9d for tallow and 27s to 28s for bacon.

The Chicago market was steady to a shade weaker during the morning. At noon, December pork was steady at $8.80; January was 5 cents down at $10.15, May was 5 cents down at $10.50, December lard was 12 cents up at $5.47; January was even at $5.45 and May 3 cents down at $5.67.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

POULTRY AND GAME—The market for partridges has weakened considerably owing to increased supplies and lighter demand at previous high prices. Poultry remains firm and active.

Quotations: Turkeys, 9c to 10c lb.; ducks 7 1-2c to 8 1-2c; geese, 5c to 6 1-2c; chickens, 5 to 7c; old fowl, 4 to 6c; partridges are selling well. No. 1 quality are 60c to 70c a brace; No. 2 45 to 50c; spruce partridges, 25c to 30c. Rabbits are 21c to 25c a pair; venison saddles, 7c to 8c per lb., deer carcasses, 5c.

EGGS — There is a good demand for good stock. Supplies are almost nothing, and as stocks are constantly being reduced, the market is very firm.

Quotations are: New laid, 24 to 30c; straight candled, 16c; No. 2 stock, 13c; Montreal limed, 14 to 15c; western limed, 13 to 14c; western cold storage, 12 to 13c; culls 9 to 10c.

HONEY—There is very little demand for comb honey. Quotations are: White clover comb, 8c to 10c per pound; dark comb, 6c to 7c; white strained, 6c to 8c; dark, strained, 4c to 5c.

HOPS.—Trade is very dull, and 18 to 20c a pound is being paid for choice Ontario stock, laid down here.

POTATOES—Business continues brisk. For good stock, by the car load, on track, 55c a bag is being paid. Smaller quantities in store realize 65c a bag.

TURNIPS—Trade is very light. Nothing is being done in car lots, but 45c is being realized for bags of 90 pounds.

BEANS—Demand for beans has almost ceased for the time being. Prices range from 90c to $1.00 a bushel.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

BUTTER—Stocks are unusually light, and local trade has been first rate up to the present. It is thought that this week there will not be much business done, but the market remains firm and an advance is looked for about February.

Quotations are for export, local prices being fractionally higher. Creamery — Fancy boxes, 20¼c; tubs, 19 to 20c. Dairy —Fresh tubs, 16 to 18c; tubs, held, 12 to 15c; roll, 14½ to 15½c.

CHEESE.—The market continues steady and dealers are holding their stocks for better prices. Western, fall make, is quoted to-day at 10 to 10¼; eastern, 9¾ to 10c. There is very little early-make cheese offering.

LIVERPOOL. — The public cable quotes the market steady this morning at 48s for white and 49s for coloured.

NEW YORK COTTON PRICES.

NEW YORK, December 28. — Cotton futures opened quiet and firm.

January, 5.44; February, 5.45; March, 5.50; April, 5.53; May, 5.58; June, 5.62; July, 5.66; August, 5.69; September and October 5.62.

RANGE CATTLE DOING WELL.

An interview with a Calgary rancher appears in the Winnipeg Commercial, in which he says that the weather so far this winter has been favourable for live stock on the western ranges. Cattle, he says, are in better condition now than when the export movement was going on in the autumn. In fact, they have been gaining right along this winter, and are in the pink of condition now. To prove this assertion he pointed to the fact that Winnipeg is being supplied with choice Christmas beef from cattle right off the western ranges. It has not been necessary to feed even the yearling stockers which were shipped in last autumn.

WHOLESALE FRUIT.

Christmas Trade is Brisk—A Large Variety of Oranges in Stock.

ORANGES—There has been an active Christmas demand for oranges during the week. Floridas are quoted at $4.75 to $5.25 a box; California navels, $4; California budded, $2.75 to $3; Mexicans, $2.75 to $3.25; Jamaicas, $2.75 to $3.00 a box, and $5 to $5.30 a barrel; Sidons, $4 a box; Valentias, in 420's $3.75 to $4; and in 714's, $4 to $4.25. First arrivals of Nassau oranges are expected in a few days.

LEMONS—Business is fairly good, and stocks are light. Boxes are selling at $2.25 to $3.00.

BANANAS—Demand is dull, and bunches sell at $2.25 to $2.75 each.

PINEAPPLES —Prices are 25c to 35c each.

GRAPES—There is a fair demand for Almerias at $5.50 to $7 a keg.

GRAPE FRUIT— Fancy Florida grape fruit is selling slowly at $6.25 a box.

TANGERINES—Stocks are light, and boxes of 150 sell at $6.25.

Apples—There is very little going on in the market. Barrels sell at $3 to $4.

CUCUMBERS AND LETTUCE. — Some fine stock has been received from Boston. Cucumbers sell at 20c each, and lettuce at $1.15 a dozen heads.

SWEET POTATOES—Demand is very light, and prices range from $3.75 to $4 a barrel.

ONIONS—Spanish sell at 75c a crate, and red at $1.75 a barrel.

CELERY—California celery is in, but demand has not yet commenced. Prices are $5.50 to $6 a crate.

NUTS—There is a good demand for almonds at 13½c lb. Shelled almonds are 26c to 28c; walnuts are 12 1-2c, shelled walnuts are 24c; peanuts range from 7c to 10c a pound, pecans are 10c and 13c, according to size; Brazils are 12 -12; chestnuts, 8c; English cob nuts, 25c a pound.

FRUIT AUCTION SALE.

A full representation of the fruit trade, wholesale and retail, and most of the leading grocers attended the Montreal Fruit Auction Company's second "holiday sale" yesterday. The bidding was quiet and liberal, especially on the car of California oranges, 336 boxes which sold in lots of 3 to 50, at $3.25 to $3. The oranges were all disposed of in about three or four minutes. The Valencia oranges, 300 cases, also went off very rapidly in lots of 10 cases and upwards, at $3.30 to $2.80; 500 boxes lemons sold at $2.25 to $2. Apples were of medium to lower grade, and brought $2.55 to $1.70. There were plenty of buyers for the fruit offered, and nearly 500 barrels were knocked down without delay by Potter & Morin auctioneers. Among those present were Messrs. C. E. Thurston, of California, and Charles A. Rice, of Bedford, Que.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, December 28.—Flour—Winter patents in bags, $3.70 to $3.90; straight rollers, $3.35 to $3.40; Hungarian patents, $4.10 to $4.15; Manitoba bakers, $3.80 to $3.85. Wheat -Ontario red and white firm at 68c north and west; goose, also firm at 66c; No. 1 Manitoba hard, 79c at Toronto, and No. 1 northern at 74c. Oats—White oats quoted at 28c west. Rye—Quoted at 51c. Barley—Easier, quoted at 46 to 47c west. Buckwheat — Firm at 44 to 45c, north and west. Bran—City mills sell bran at $13, and shorts at $15 in car lots f.o.b. Toronto. Corn—Canadian, 32c west, and American old, 44½c; new American, 41½c to 42½c on track here. Peas—Firm at 64 to 65c north and west in car lots. Oatmeal—Car lots of rolled oats in bags on track in Toronto, $3.50; in barrels, $3.60.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

CHICAGO, December 28.—Receipts—141,-000 bushels of wheat, 399,000 of corn, 54,745 bbls. of flour. Shipments—103,000 bushels of wheat, 146,000 bushels of corn, 52,756 bbls. of flour.

NEW YORK, December 28.—Receipts — 520,775 bushels of wheat, 325,650 of corn, 122,000 of oats, 15,190 sacks and 44,406 bbls. of flour.

DULUTH, December 28.—Receipts—191,-000 bushels of wheat. Shipments —57,000 bushels of wheat.

TOLEDO, December 28.—Receipts—47,000 bushels of wheat, 117,000 of corn. Shipments—12,000 bushels of wheat, 85,000 of corn.

MINING STOCKS.

Quotations for active British Columbia Mining stocks furnished by R. Meredith & Co., Mining Brokers, 31 St. Francois Xavier Street.

	Bid.	Asked
Big Three	$ 15¼	$ 16¼
Brandon & Golden Crown	..	35
California	05	08
Can. Gold Fields Syn	05¼	07
Cariboo Hydraulic	..	1.05
Cariboo McKinny	..	..
City of Paris	40	..
Deer Park	19¼	20¼
Evening Star	03	03
Fern	..	60
Golden Cache	..	06
Gold Hills Developing	07	07¼
Giant	..	05
Iron Colt	09¼	10
Iron Mask	85	90
Jumbo	50	..
Knob Hill	73	80
Monte Christo Con	09	11¼
Montreal & London	40	45
Montreal Gold Fields	18	20
Noble Five	15	20
Old Ironsides	..	1.00
Smuggler	15	17
Silverine	..	05
Tin Horn	..	12
Two Friends	..	..
Virginia asst. paid	31	40
War Eagle Con	3.05¼	3.05¼
Winchester	..	10
White Bear	05¼	07¼

Land of Many Thirsts.

The Egyptian never travels without his goolah. He fills it with filtered water and in the morning can command a pint or more of water cooled by evaporation through the unglazed clay. This precious fluid he does not waste on unsatisfied thirst. Taking off the long white wrap and the piece of cloth that covers his head during sleep, the native pours the water over his head, neck and hands. The European, with all his instinct for cleanliness, seeks first to relieve his overmastering thirst. There are in Egypt as many thirsts as plagues, but the dust thirst is the worst. Every pore is sealed; the throat is a lump of dry clay and one feels what it must be to be a mummy.

A PROMINENT VANCOUVERITE

Permanently Cured of Asthma, Clarke's Kola Compound Cures.

Mr. F. J. Painton, the well known proprietor of Painton's Music Store, Vancouver, B. C., writes: "I have been a great sufferer from asthma in its worst form for over four years, very often having had to sit up nearly all night. I had consulted physicians both in England and Canada without obtaining any permanent relief and tried many remedies with the same result. A friend who had been cured by Dr. Clarke's Kola Compound advised me to try it. And three bottles have entirely cured me. It is now nearly two years since my recovery, and asthma has not troubled me since. I feel very grateful to Dr. Clarke for introducing this wonderful remedy, suffering as I was, and do not know of a single case where the required number of bottles have been taken that it has failed to cure. See that you get Clarke's. Free sample bottle sent to any person. Mention this paper. Address The Griffiths & Macpherson Co., 121 Church street, Toronto, or Vancouver, B. C., sole Canadian agents. 304 1

BRITAIN PROPOSES ARBITRATION.

Lord Salisbury Offers to Refer the Anglo-French Disputes in Africa to a Joint Commission.

(Special Cable to the Star.)

LONDON, December 28.—The Anglo-French disputes over their territorial possessions in Africa have been opened up for diplomatic settlement. Lord Salisbury yesterday formally proposed to the new French Ambassador, M. Cambon, that a joint commission be appointed for the delimitation of frontiers. Lord Salisbury, however, in his note, partially lays down the frontier lines, conceding to France certain territory to the south and west of a line drawn westward from the Ubangi watershed, but claiming for Egypt and England the sphere of influence over the Bahr-el-Ghazel, Darfur, Borgu, and all territories to the east shore of Lake Tchad.

These negotiations are the result of Marchand's evacuation of Fashoda. How France will regard England's declaration that the Bahr el Ghazel region and the shores of Lake Tchad are beyond the sphere of negotiations is doubtful, as the forces are the regions east of the Nile that the French have been most desirous of securing.

If France declines to accept the conditions laid down for diplomatic negotiations the whole matter may again revert to a critical stage.

ONTARIO BYE-ELECTIONS.

Unseated Members Re-elected in North Hastings and Nipissing.

IN BOTH CASES THEY HAVE LARGELY INCREASED THEIR MAJORITIES OVER MARCH LAST.

BELLEVILLE, December 28. — In North Hastings a bye-election took place on Tuesday to fill the vacancy caused by the unseating of Mr W. J. Allen, Conservative. The candidates were the same as at the general election, W. J. Allen, Conservative, and R. O'Loan, Liberal.

The election resulted in the return of Allen, the Conservative candidate, by a majority of 567, with several polls to be heard from, which will increase his lead.

At the general election, Allen's majority was 272.

IN NIPISSING.

NORTH BAY, December 28. — The provincial bye-election in Nipissing took place on Tuesday, being necessitated by the unseating for corruption by agents, of Mr. John Loughrin. The candidates were the same as at the general election in March, John Loughrin, Liberal, and C. Lamarche, Conservative. Loughrin has been re-elected by 95 majority.

At the general election Loughrin's majority was only 61.

FRANCE IN AFRICA.

Having Evacuated Fashoda an Expedition is Making for Another Point.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The French, having failed in their endeavour to plant the tricolour at Fashoda, have sent out an expedition to another and more remote part of Africa, where there is some chance of working undisturbed. It is to the Tibesti group of oases, in the centre of the Sahara desert, that the expedition is bound. The party reached Temassanin Nov. 19 and should now be well on the road to Air by the Aougnd route. The commanders, it is said, have definite instructions not to operate outside the territories recognized by foreign powers as lying within the French sphere of political action. The Aougnd route has been selected because if the nomadic populations of the desert decided to oppose the progress of the expedition the column would have to deal with the Hoggar Tuaregs. The alternative Igharghar route would have taken the French force through the Azdjer Touareg territory. Interference with the expedition would be extremely awkward for the natives, so in anticipation of trouble the preference has been given to the Hoggars, as being the tribe responsible for the massacre of the Flatters mission. Moreover, the Azdjher Tuaregs, who live south of the province of Constantine, profess friendship for France, though no practical result has ever come of their professions. The Paris papers have recently expressed surprise that these desert nomads should appear to prefer isolation amid their rocks and sand to the benefits conferred by French administration of their affairs, and it is confidently predicted in Paris that after seeing what happens to the Hoggars they will have a more lively sense than at present of the benefits in question. One man in France, M. Camille Pellatan, seems to think that the expedition is a waste of time and money.

THE CAPTAIN RESPONSIBLE.

Neglecting the Uses of the Lead Caused the Wreck of the Steamer Express.

HALIFAX, N. S., December 28.—Captain W. H. Smith, R. N., wreck commissioner to-day filed his decision in his investigation into the loss of the steamer Express of the Yarmouth Steamship Company, off Bon-Portage Island, Shelburne, last September. The accident is found to have been caused by the neglect of the master, Capt. Thomas Harding, to take soundings to ascertain the depth of water as the steamer approached the Island in a dense fog. His certificate is suspended for three months. The certificate of the mate Uriah H. Lyons is suspended for one month for not calling the attention of the master to the danger the vessel was in by his neglect to use the lead. Captain Harding is at present in command of the steamer City of St. John. The commissioner recommends that during the time his master's certificate is suspended, Capt. Harding be granged a mate's coasting certificate.

THE BULGARIAN "NAVY."

BERLIN, December 28. The little Bulgarian nation, struggling into emancipation is proud beyond measure just now over the arrival in the harbour of Burgas of the brand-new warship Nadeshda, a gem of its kind and the latest acquisition of the Bulgarian navy. Refreshingly unsophisticated, the patriotic Bulgars, one and all, experience intense pleasure with every step made by the nation as a whole up the ladder it is trying so hard to climb. Prince Ferdinand and his consort, Marie Louise, journeyed to Burgas to await the arrival of the Nadeshda, and met with a hearty welcome. Dr. Stoiloff, the redoubtable minister-president, and Col. Iwanoff, the War Minister, did the honours to their Royal Highnesses and made much of them. Yet it was all for appearance sake, for, to tell the truth, the Cobourgs are only too perceptibly losing in popularity. The new warship has a displacement of 703 tons, and is to make a speed of sixteen knots. Its guns are all of the rapid-fire sort.

In spite of the recent decision of the New York Court of Appeals, declaring that it was contrary to the principles of civil liberty to make the selling of an unused railway ticket a penitentiary offence, the House of Representatives at Washington has passed an act closely resembling the invalid New York statute. The bill passed at Washington applies, of course, only to tickets calling for transportation between different States.

A LOSS TO VERMONT.

Senator Morrill Dies at a Ripe Old Age.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 28. — Senator Morrill died shortly after midnight.

In the death of Hon Justin Smith Morrill the Senate lost its senior member in point of service and its oldest in age. He had served continuously in the Senate for more than thirty-one years, and he was 88 years old on the 14th of April last.

With the single except. n of Hon. Cushma Crow, of the House of Representatives, he was the only man in Congress whose Congressional career began prior to the beginning of the civil war, and he had the honour over Mr Crow in that his congressional service had been continuous, covering in the Senate and House combined almost 41 years.

THE LATE SENATOR MORRILL, of Vermont.

Mr Morrill was a native of Vermont. He was first elected a member of the House from that state as a member of the thirty-fourth Congress, taking his seat at the first assembling of that body, after the 4th of March, 1855. He was re-elected to the 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th and 39th Congresses and was in 1867 elected to the Senate to succeed Hon. Lake P. Poland. He has held his seat in the Senate since that date without interruption, having been elected six times successively. His present term, to which he was chosen in 1896, would not have expired until 1903.

It was at the beginning of the civil war that Mr. Morrill's practical business training first brought him forward as a man of national reputation. He was the author of the Morrill Tariff Act of 1861, which was the basis of all the tariff legislation of war times. In 1861 he became chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, the principal committee of the House, and at that critical time of especial importance.

After entering the Senate Mr. Morrill continued to give his attention largely to financial and commercial questions, and during the greater part of his term of service he was identified as a member of the Committee on Finance, which committee deals especially with these subjects.

A RABBI GAOLED.

He Plucked Chickens According to His Faith and Goes to Prison.

PHILADELPHIA, December 28. — Rabbi Dogha Araroshy and his assistant were sent to gaol yesterday in default of a fine imposed by Magistrate Harrison, before whom they were arraigned on the charge of plucking live chickens.

Rabbi Araroshy and his assistant had been arrested at the instance of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The agent of the society testified that he had seen the accused pluck a live chicken in the market place.

The Rabbi said the chickens plucked were killed according to the Jewish religion. The defendants were fined $10 each and upon refusing to pay it were sent to gaol.

SEQUEL TO A MURDER.

Cattle Men Acquitted of the Charge Present Dead Man's Widow With $1,000.

CHADRON, Neb., Dec. 28.—As a sequel to the court scene at Hot Springs, S.D., last week, in which thirty-two cattlemen were acquitted of the charge of killing John Ekmen, a sheep herder, last August, a cavalcade, composed of the exonerated cattlemen, rode up to the little cabin occupied by the destitute family of the dead man, told the widow they were sorry that they had been compelled to kill her husband and presented $1,000 in gold to her.

A "JACK THE RIPPER CASE."

This is the Third in European Cities Within a Short Time.

VIENNA, December 28.—The body of Franziski Hoefer, an unfortunate woman, has been found in her apartments her head skilfully decapitated by an unknown "Jack-the-Ripper." It is only recently that similar work on women in Amsterdam and Brussels occurred, and the police entertain the theory that a mania among the "Rippers" has occurred.

Old North Church, Boston, is falling into decay, and the vestry has made an appeal to the public to assist in its preservation. Money is needed to paint the building and to repair the old steeple, from which was hung the light which started Paul Revere on his famous ride. The church was built in 1723, and is, therefore, even older than the Old South Church.

CLOSE OF PARSLOW TRIAL.

The Case Went to the Jury Early This Afternoon.

THE CROWN PROSECUTOR SUMS THE EVIDENCE UP IN A CONCISE FORM.

(Special to the Star.)

ST. SCHOLASTIQUE, December 28. — The last day of the Parslow murder trial was ushered in with very cold frosty weather. Notwithstanding this fact, the usual crowd of spectators filled the court room. Geo. Parslow, as usual, sat near his brother. Mr. Mackay immediately began his address to the jury on behalf of the Crown. He carefully reviewed the evidence in the case. The onus of the affair had been put on Cordelia Viau, but there had been a struggle in the chamber, and without doubt Sam Parslow had taken part in that struggle. The relations of Cordelia Viau and Sam Parslow had been without doubt criminal. The butchery of St. Canut could never have been perpetrated by a woman alone. It was contrary to reason to suppose it. Parslow's silence after the affair was also very suspicious. It had been proved beyond doubt, by reliable witnesses, that the prisoner was in the house when the tragedy occurred. His brother George suspected him. The confessions made to Detective McCaskill, of the Canadian Secret Service, were referred to. The prisoner bore up well while Mr. Mackay was speaking. The learned counsel concluded a concise and eloquent speech at twenty minutes to twelve, having spoken for one hour and a half. The judge withdrew to his room for five minutes, and upon his return to the bench proceeded with his charge the jury. No one had left the room. The prisoner, Parslow, with his eyes upon the judge, followed eagerly every syllable of His Honour's charge. Judge Taschereau carefully explained the jury's duty in this case. Although he could show to them the law which must guide them, they were nevertheless the absolute masters of their verdict. The details of the case were reviewed and the whole evidence with regard to Parslow's share in the tragedy was carefully examined.

Judge Taschereau concluded his charge to the jury at one o'clock. Parslow's nerve remained firm throughout. A friend called to him as the crowd pushed past. Parslow turned around in the dock and smiled at him. The court adjourned until a quarter past two o'clock. One of the jurymen is sick. It is thought by some that there may be a disagreement.

THE MAD MULLAH.

He is a Wonderful Old Man and Requires Much Watching.

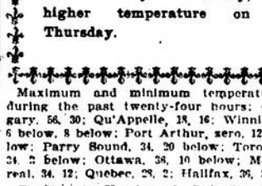
LONDON, December 28.—Not much is known about the "mad mullah," the old bath of India who is causing uneasiness in the minds of English politicians to-day. He is mad only in the fanatical sense. He first made himself notorious in the Chitral outbreak of 1895, when, although more than 70 years old, he was among the foremost in energy and strategic ability. In the fighting at the Malakand he lost two fingers, and afterward the members were buried with great pomp in the Bonair valley, and a shrine was erected to mark the spot. The Mullah is a native of the Bonair country, and wields therein a tremendous amount of influence. This influence he has used in skillfully turning the enmity of the people of Swat against the Khan of Dir in the "jehad," or holy war. There is a feud at long standing between the Swatis and the Khan and the mad mullah turned it to his account. The Khan claims certain parts of Upper Swat, and at intervals from before the British occupation until this day he has been in the habit of raiding the country. His agent, a Khaka Khel of the Zaraz near Nowshera, had spread terror throughout the valley, but it is doubtful whether the Khan, with all his boasts—for he is a weak man—would be able to maintain his official position were it not for British support. The frontier will not be secure as long as the Mullah is at large but the suppression of the present outbreak is likely to lead to an independent inquiry into the pretensions of the Khan of Dir with a view to a settlement of the old controversy.

MRS. MAYBRICK'S CASE.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—Friends of Mrs. Florence Maybrick, imprisoned in England for being convicted of murdering her husband, are making renewed efforts to secure her release. The State Department has received several communications within a few months urging that on acount of the present good feeling between the United States and Great Britain, it would be an opportune time to bring the matter to the attention of the British Government. It is represented that Mrs. Maybrick is in delcate health and may die in prison if not set free. It is understood that the new ambassador to Great Britain, when appointed, will be instructed to do what he can toward securing Mrs. Maybrick's release. As she was convicted in due legal form, the United States authorities can only express a hope that the British Government may see fit to pardon her. Such representations have been made from time to time since she was sent to prison, but have not been effective.

H. P. LABELLE & CO.

The extensive furniture store of H. P. Labelle and Co., 1659 Notre Dame street has been doing a rushing business during this holiday season. It is one of the most attractive stores in this line of business and this season has well sustained its past reputation. Notwithstanding the large sales already made the rush is being kept up this week and the choice is as large as ever. There is a fine lot of brass bedsteads in tasty designs. The mahogany bedroom sets are also very numerous. There is a fine collection of parlour sets of the latest and most fashionable designs to suit the taste of the most fastidious. The number of fancy articles suitable for New Year's presents is quite large and some of them are most artistic. The firm have two large stores adjoining each other which are filled with all sorts of furniture, easily within reach of all purses. The rich and the poor can have a choice from which most suitable selections can be made. The advantage in making purchases for presents suitable to the season at this large store is that all the presents are useful and can be shown to the best advantage. People investing their money in this class of goods cannot regret having done so.



Predicted for the Star, Wednesday, 11 a. m.—Fair and decidedly cold to-day, higher temperature on Thursday.

Maximum and minimum temperatures during the past twenty-four hours: Calgary, 56, 30; Qu'Appelle, 18, 16; Winnipeg, 6 below, 8 below; Port Arthur, zero, 12 below; Parry Sound, 34, 20 below; Toronto, 24, 2 below; Ottawa, 36, 10 below; Montreal, 34, 12; Quebec, 28, 2; Halifax, 36, 32.

Readings by Harrison & Co.'s Standard Instruments.

	Thermometer.	Barometer
MIDNIGHT	20	29.40
5 A. M	— 8	29.70
NOON	— 2	29.99

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McGILL APPLIED SCIENCE EXAMINATIONS.

The following results of the Christmas examinations in the Faculty of Applied Science at McGill, were posted this morning, the names of the students appearing in order of merit:

Mathematics.—First year—Class I.—Corliss, Robertson, Scott, H. E.; Dutcher, De Percier, Dunfield, Sterns, Ralph, Smith, J. M.; Biggar, Barwick, Murphy, Smith, G.; Hicks. Class II.—Wengant, Colson, McBride, Mathers, Addie, Myers, McLaren, Jackson. Class III.—McKay, Beck, Cardell, Newton, Mitchell, Baird, Dupuis, Sewell, Peck, Lawrence, Campbell, Labelle, Pearson, Kerr, Trenholme, Ward.

Mathematics—Second year.—Class I.—McKenzie, Edwards, Flemming, Clement, Fry, Burson, Fraser, Askwith, Archer, Taylor, Glasco, Tupper, De Blois, Paterson, McLaren. Class II.—Ritchie, Higman, Hampson, Ward, Wilson, T. A.; Lowdon, White, Gagnon, Frechette, Cameron, Wilson, R. C.; Palmer, Schwitzer, Scott, Boyd, Reynolds. Class III.—Ogilvie, Lloyd, Cowen, Bricken, Pyke, Blue, Burchell, Wakeling, Cary, Howard, Kane, Galbraith.

Mathematics—Third year—Class I.—Shepherd, Gillean, Anglin, Percy, Neville, Allen. Class II.—Buffett, Duncan, Cowans, McLaren, Glasco, J. G.; Walker, Corriveau, Nelson, Miller, A. K.; Arkley. Class III.—Ewart, Hamilton, Robertson, St. George, Montgomery, Byers, Black, Moore, MacMaster, Burgoyne, McMillan, Osborne.

Graphic Statics—Third year—Class I.—Gillean, Hannilton, Duncan, Walker, Black, Shepherd, Corriveau, Anglin. Class II.—Buffett, Montgomery, St. George, Allen, Nelson, Neville, Moore, E. V.; MacMaster. Class III.—Bourgoyne, Arkley, Smith, G.; R.; Ewart, Fraser, J. W.; Cowans, F.; Byers, Glasco, J. G.; Miller, A. K.; MacLaren, G. M.; Robertson, Percy, Forman.

Mineralogy and Geology—Class I.—Howard, Hyde. Class II.—McLeod, Ewart, Buffett, Peden, Gillean, Byers, Cowans, Bourgoyne. Class III.—Cary, Robertson, Donaldson, Moore, Barber, Buchanan, Anglin.

ACTION FOR SLANDER.

Messrs. E. Lapage and Co. Seeking to Vindicate Their Reputation.

Messrs. E. Lepage and Co., the extensive drg goods merchants, have taken out an action for $5,000 damages against Mr. C. Filiatrault, dry goods dealer, for alleged false statements which are of a nature to affect their credit. In their declaration the plaintiffs state that they are carrying on a large business at the corner of St. Lawrence and St. Catherine streets and that, along with the capital invested, they need good credit to carry on their business successfuly; that during the past year and more especially during the last two months the defendant has injured the plaintiffs, in their reputation their ability and their credit; that the defendant has been telling the wholesale trade and the suppliers of the plaintiffs that the latter were sacrificing their goods at vile prices and would be the cause of a loss to the wholesale trade, and other libels of a similar nature; the defendant further charged the plaintiffs with extravagance with the advances made them by the wholesale trade; the defendant declared to the wholesale trade that he would cease to do business with the suppliers of the plaintiffs if they continued to make advances to the plaintiffs.

It is declared that all of the above statements are false and of a nature to injure the plaintiffs in the amount claimed by their suit.

SHE HAD A BOTTLE.

Mary Connors' Explanation of Her Theft of a Pair of Gloves.

Mary Connors, an old woman of 60, who said she hailed from Ireland, was on trial in the dock of the Police Court this morning charged with stealing a pair of kid gloves from a little girl named Rebecca Cooney, of 196 George street. In default of the fine of $1 imposed by Judge Desnoyers, she was sent to the gaol for a month.

Mary met the child, who is only ten years of age, on Bleury street, near the "Girls' Club," where she had received a present of a parcel containing two pairs of gloves. Pleased with her Christmas gift, she had stopped in front of a window to look at the parcel, when the accused came along and took one pair away from her. "Perhaps you stole them," was her remark with the action of snatching the parcel, "and you had better give me a pair to put on my hands." Drawing them on and admiring the fit, she went in to a butcher's shop, while the child stayed on the sidewalk and told her story to a passer-by. "So it was for fear she had stolen them that you took them yourself?" asked the court. "Yes Your Honour, that's it. That's it, Your Honour, but I wasn't alone. I had a bottle in my pocket."

FUNERAL OF MRS. McCARTHY.

The funeral of Mrs. Jeremiah McCarthy took place on Sunday afternoon from her son's house, at 81 Young street, to St. Ann's Church, and thence to Cote des Neiges Cemetery. Mrs. McCarthy and her husband had come on a visit to their children from Loughhill, County Limerick, where Mr. McCarthy has been for years in the employ of the Fitzgerald family, and where he intends to return. The coffin was borne into church by her four sons.

A LOAN RENEWAL.

Finance Committee Considers Tenders for a Renewal of $170,000—The Appropriations.

The Finance Committee held an important meeting last evening with closed doors. The principal object was to consider tenders for the renewal of $170,000 temporary loans maturing in London on the 30th inst. Arrangements were made for the renewal through Mr. R. Wilson-Smith on practically the same terms as before.

Before the meeting with closed doors the committee proceeded to discuss the departmental appropriations, deciding to cut them all down to last year's figures.

The Finance Committee asked for $241,714. It was decided to recommend $220,630, plus $3,600 for salaries of three experts who had been ordered by the Council during the year—$117,800 is for salaries. The sum asked for salaries was $120,094. For interest there was appropriated $1,140,000, and for the City Hall department, $26,400, as against $32,979 asked for.

The Road Committee asked for $622,078, and was given $210,304. The Police Committee requested $300,755 to carry on its work with during the year, and received $261,899, $1,600 more than last year. To the Recorder's Court was given the same amount as last year, $13,150. The sum asked for was $13,788.

The Fire Committee asked for $181,624, but it only got last year's amount, $161,374. The Fire Alarm department asked for $15,295. It got the same amount as last year, $13,390, and the Light department got the same as last time, $161,812. The Boiler Inspector's Department got $1,025, and the Building Inspector's department got $2,700 out of the $2,950 asked for.

The Water Department was given the same as last year, $118,438, and the Health Committee got $106,769. To the Market Committee was given the same amount as last year, $26,267; it asked for $58,100; and the Parks and Ferries Committee got $10,000 (same as last year), out of the $18,230 asked for.

The appropriations total up to a sum of $2,478,656.

ELECTRIC TRAIN IN JAMAICA.

A few months ago Montreal capitalists undertook building an electric railway in Kingston, Jamaica. It is already approaching completion. The Gleaner, of that city, of the 20th inst., referring to the trial trip, said in part:

"Yesterday a trial trip of the new electric car system was made from the Car Company's office, Orange street, to Constant Spring. Mr. Henry Holgate superintended and acted as motor man; Mr. George Douglas carried out the conductor's duties, and the party consisted chiefly of the principal officials of the company. Needless to say the greatest excitement prevailed all along the road, consummated in the performance of a couple of cyclists, between Constant Spring and Half-way Tree, who, taking fright at the unusual sight of a large horseless vehicle, tumbled off their wheels head over heels, as the car passed them. They were unhurt. The maximum speed run by the car was not more than nine miles per hour."

PIERSON, Man.—Early on Tuesday morning fire broke out in the Ogilvie Milling Company's elevator, which was destroyed, together with fifteen hundred bushels of wheat.

KENTUCKY BELLE'S REVENGE.

Refused the German Baron Who Jilted Her Years Ago.

This is a story of an international marriage that didn't take place. It failed twice—the first time for reasons of the man in the affair, or his family, and the second time for reasons of revenge on the part of the once young woman, now three times married. It is safe to say that the German baron will not dally long again with a blue grass belle, says the New York Press.

It was half a century ago that Miss Marie Goodloe, one of the most beautiful girls in that State, won'd famous for three beautiful products — girls, horses and whisky—went abroad and formed the acquaintance of Baron von Norde of Berlin, nephew of the late Prince Bismarck. They became engaged and everything seemed to be going on smoothly, when the parents of the young man announced that it could not be, and the affair was broken off.

Miss Goodloe recovered, and in time became successively Mrs. Shreeve, Mrs. Ransom and Mrs. Cuthbert Bullitt. The first two husbands died and divorce separated her from the last one.

Perhaps the old flame lingered in the heart of the baron, and it certainly burned with a vengeance in the heart of the lady. Last summer they met in Chicago, and again he asked her to be his. The long-awaited hour had come. At last the proud Kentuckian had a chance to show the baron what sort of woman the blue grass country produces.

She told the baron that she would consider the matter and give him an answer in person at her home on November 1. He came in advance of the date and found Louisville society wide open. She gave a reception in his honour at Fountain Ferry Park and for two weeks showed him every attention.

On the 1st of this month he knelt with the becoming baronial grace at the feet of the beauty and offered to share his castle on the Rhine with her.

With an arise sir-knight air she bade him regain his feet, and when he was sufficiently braced, she remarked that she preferred a cabin in Kentucky to a castle in Germany. The baron quit America, and Mrs. Bullit gave out the story. Thus was she avenged.

Porto Ricans Shave With Glass.

The natives of Porto Rico have no need to buy soap for the wooded country abounds in plants whose leaves and bulbs supply most fully the place of that indispensible article. Among the best of these is the soaptree, so called, though it is more a bush than a tree. Its bulb when rubbed on wet clothes makes a snow-white lather, which has an odour like old brown Windsor soap. The Porto Ricans, who are all, from the highest to the lowest, great dandies in their way, make soap out of cocoanut oil and home-made lye—and a fine soap it is, smooth and fragrant. This cocoanut oil soap is used for shaving. When a man wishes to have a shave in the morning he starts out with his cocoanut-shell cup and his donkey-tail brush and bottle. It is never any trouble to find an empty bottle in Porto Rico. Cuba, Jamaica, or almost any of the larger West India Islands, even in remote spots in the mountains. At least twenty generations of thirsty people have lived there and thrown away the bottles. The man carries no mirror he is too poor to own such a luxury. Not one house in twenty in Porto Rico has even the very cheepest looking-glass. But generously rich nature provides the mirror, as well as the soap. The man goes to some convenient pool in the mountain stream where the water is quite still—there is his mirror. He breaks his bottle on a stone and deftly picks out a sharp piece of suitable size. Then he lathers his face profusely, and begins to scrape away with his piece of glass which in his hands works as well as the best steel razor. A cut or even a light scratch, is extremely rare as a result of this al fresco form of shaving.

The Chopstick of the Orient.

Chopsticks, held in one hand, and known in China as "hasteners or nimble lads," are certainly the most efficient device for their purposes ever invented by man. Throughout that vast Asian region, embracing a population of 500,000,000, the chopstick is used as a substitute for fork, tongs and certain forms of tweezers. Even fish, omelet and cake are separated with the chopsticks, and the cook, the street scavenger and the watch repairer use this device in the form of iron, long bamboo and delicate ivory. The bamboo chopstick was known in China 1000 B.C., and shortly after this date the ivory form was devised. Their use is one of great antiquity in Japan, as attested by references to it in the ancient records of that country. One may search in vain for the trace of any object in the nature of a chopstick in Central or South America. Knitting kneedles of wood are found in the work-baskets associated with ancient Peruvian mummies, but the chopstick has not been found. Curious pottery rests for the chopsticks are exhumed in Japan, but even this enduring testimony of its early use is yet to be revealed in this country.

$10,000 Reward

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STOLEN from the MOLSONS BANK, WINNIPEG, some time between 28th September and 4th October, 1898, $62,000, made up as follows:

In Molsons Bank Notes	2,000 x 5	$13,000
" "	700 x 10	7,000
		$20,000
In Dominion Legal Tender Notes	2,000 x 1	$2,000
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For use by Banks only	8 x 1000	8,000
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		$33,000

$62,000

The eight $1000 Legal Tenders for use by Banks only are numbered 1089, 1527, 1672, 2891, 3063, 3312, 3669, and 3745.

The five $5,000 will be among the following numbers: 0132, 0269, 0523, 0947, 1191, 1231, and 1271.

$5,000 will be paid by the Molsons Bank for information that will lead to the conviction of any person or persons concerned as principals in the above robbery.

$5,000 will also be paid by the said bank for information enabling them to recover the stolen money; and in like proportion in case only part of the money is received.

Apply to J. C. McRAE, Chief of Police, Winnipeg.

Or to The Manager, the Molsons Bank, Montreal, or any other Branch of the Molsons Bank.

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QUEEN'S AUCTIONEERS — HICKS & CO.

Fur Sale

We are instructed to sell at our rooms, 1821 and 1823 Notre Dame Street,

Saturday Afternoon, and Evening, Dec. 31st

A large assortment of made up furs for Ladies and Gentlemen's wear, comprising—

Seal, Persian Lamb, Otter and Beaver Caps, Muffs, Capes, Storm Collars, Fur Lined Coats, Raccoon Coats and Jackets, and a general assortment of furs for Ladies and Children.

Sale at 2.30 and 7.30 o'clock.

M. HICKS & CO., Auctioneers.

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QUEEN'S AUCTIONEERS — HICKS & CO.

GREAT Clearing Sale —OF— Furniture, Plated-Ware, China, Cutlery, Pictures.

4 cases Enamel Ware; 1 case Blankets; 2 cases White and Coloured Quilts; Lace Curtains, Tweeds, Dress Goods, Linens, and a lot of Odds and Ends to close consignments.

At our rooms,

1821-1823 NOTRE DAME STREET,

Friday Afternoon, Dec. 30th,

AT 2.30 O'CLOCK.

No reserve.

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Possibilities of the Phonographic Clock..

Of a phonographic clock recently launched in Germany, the New York Sun observes: One must admit the alarm clock in the theory of modern life, but a phonographic alarm clock adds insult to injury. If one must be wakened, one must; but how can one turn over and take the final luxurious 40 winks when the depressing program of a busy day has been shouted into one's ears? Things that seemed natural and practicable the night before present an appalling front in the early morning; and the breakfast hour, announced in strident tones, is much more insistent than when suggested by an impersonal metallic clang. Some valuable possibilities the new invention does possess. The housewife needn't laboriously explain breakfast details to the servant at night, and find the next morning that all important points have been conscientiously forgotten. She sets the phonographic alarm for an early hour, talks directions into it, and the next morning the cook is wakened by a stern voice telling her exactly what is expected of her in regard to breakfast preparation. Paterfamilias, too, can work the combination. No more will he sit up until his pretty daughter's caller goes home and resort to time-honoured hints to hasten the departure. Oh, no; he will simply set the phonographic alarm for the hour when he thinks young men should end their calls. Then he will go serenely to bed; and when the fatal hour strikes a specimen of the oil gentlemen's finest irony will be hurled at the offending guest. Exit young man. The maiden wrathfully weeps alone.

Persian Ideas.

An American traveller in Persia learned that the common soldiers of that country supposed that our practice of firing a salute at the burial of a soldier had for its object the driving away of devils. Other mistaken impressions no less absurd he reports in his "Persian Life and Customs."

A village soldier asked me if I knew of dogworshippers. I told him I had heard of fire-worshippers, cow-worshippers, and the like, but not of dog-worshippers. He said he had seen some in Teheran. Some foreigners there had fed dogs at their tables, had washed and clothed them, fondled them in their laps, and taken them riding in their carriages; were they not dog-worshippers?

An English sea-captain, whose ship touched at Bushire, took a horseback ride through the streets of the city, but made so poor a display of horsemanship as to astonish and amuse the people. The next day a vendor of fruits came on board the ship and said to the captain:

"I have made such an explanation as to free you from all reproach. There is no one who does not think that you are an expert rider, as becomes one of a nation of horsemen."

"And how did you do that?" asked the captain.

"I told them you was drunk."

A Kissing Nation.

In no part of the world is kissing so much in vogue as in Russia. From time immemorial it has been the national salute; indeed, it is more of a greeting than a caress.

In public affairs, as in private, the kiss is an established custom. Fathers and sons kiss; old generals with rusty moustaches kiss; whole regiments kiss. The Emperor kisses his officers. On a reviewing day there are almost as many kisses as shots exchanged. If a Lilliputian corps of cadets have earned the Imperial approval, the Imperial salute is bestowed upon the head boy, who passes it on with a hearty kiss to the next, and so on, through the whole juvenile body.

On a holiday or fete day the young and delicate mistress of a house will not only kiss all her maid-servants but all her menservants, too, and if the gentleman does not venture above her hand, she will stoop and kiss his cheek.

To judge, also, from the number of salutes, the matrimonial bond in these high circles must be one of uninterrupted felicity. A gentleman scarcely enters or leaves the room without kissing his wife, either on her forehead, cheek, or hand.

Mrs. Frances A. Carver, wife of Joseph W. Carver, a well known citizen of Griffith, Va., is dead, from the effects of a scratch of a cat. Mrs Carver was fondling the family cat when the animal scratched her slightly on the right hand. No attention was paid to the wound, which was considered trifling. The hand began to swell, and later the whole body turned black, blood poisoning having developed.

Preliminary Notice.

Unreserved Auction Sale —OF— Thoroughbred Ayrshire Cattle, (About 30 head) Farm Stock, Implements, etc.,

By order of Mr. Dan Drummond, Jr., Who is giving up farming, having accepted a position in the west.

Sale at "BURNSIDE" FARM, Petite Cote,

On Thursday, 16th Feb., at 10 A.M.,

Catalogues are being prepared.

WALTER M. KEARNS Auctioneer

VICTORIA HORSE EMPORIUM.

322 and 324 St. James St.

Our Weekly Sale of

Horses, Sleighs, Harness, Robes, &c., &c.,

Will be held on

FRIDAY, Dec. 30th, at 2.30 p.m.

STEWART & HERBERT, Auctioneers.

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MARCOTTE BROS.

The last great auction sale of this year, Friday afternoon, December 30, 1898, and we'll sell private sale every day to clear all the fancy goods and furniture at any prices this week. At the store, 1693 and 1695 Notre Dame street.

Comprising: A large lot of Fancy Rattan Chairs of all designs; Centre Tables, Music Racks, Mahogany and Oak Rocking Chairs, Book-Cases, Writing Desks, a fine lot of Pictures, British Plate Mirrors, Corduroy Lounges, Wire Back Easy Chairs, very nice Crystal and Brass Gasaliers, Lace Curtains, Chenille and Damask Portieres, Hall Stand, Crockery, Silverwares, Carpet and Oilcloth.

Parlour Sets, in Turkish rug, silk brocatelle, corduroy and hair cloth; Bedroom Sets in walnut and oak; Sideboards in oak and walnut; Dining Tables, 6 Leather Covered Dining Sets of Chairs, Spring Beds, Hair and Wool Mattresses, Wool Blankets, Feather Pillows, Hall Lamps, and two splendid Upright Pianos, New York make, cost $500.

We have received a second hand Square Piano that cost $1000 at the exhibition of Chicago, and it must be sold at any price.

Parties desiring some pieces of furniture would do well to attend to this sale.

Sale at 2 o'clock.

MARCOTTE BROS. Auctioneers.

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THE PEOPLE'S AUCTIONEERS — A. A. MACKAY

Regular AUCTION SALE.

Handsome Axminster, Wilton, Brussels and Tapestry Carpets in Squares or by the yard.

Household Furniture, in great variety, Iron Beds, Fancy Goods, English Oilcloth and Linoleum, Portieres, Curtains, Table Decorations, etc., etc.,

—AT OUR ROOMS—

241 and 243 St. James St.,

Friday Afternoon, December 30th,

At 2.30 o'clock.

PAE & DONNELLY, Auctioneers.

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EDWARD O'BRIEN AUCTIONEER CO.

TO-MORROW, Thursday, Afternoon and Evening,

We sell at our gallery, No. 221 St. James Street, a collection of Oil Paintings by American artists, all pleasing subjects. Landscapes and Seascapes of well known localities. Sale at 3 and 8 o'clock,

THE EDWARD O'BRIEN CO. Auctioneers.

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PUBLIC NOTICE. —:o:— Smoke Consumers

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that under section 7 of ByLaw No. 130, and in conformity with the instructions from the Fire Committee, every proprietor, owner or tenant of any engine, steam boiler, factory, chemical works, or other work-shops or establishment within the limits of the said city, is bound to provide such establishment with such apparatus as will consume the smoke and gas escaping therefrom, so as to effectually remove and abate any nuisance arising from the working of such establishment.

Any person offending against any of the provisions prescribed in said section shall be prosecuted after the 1st of January next, and shall be liable to the penalty provided for by the said By-law.

(By order of the Fire Committee.)

(Signed), E. O. CHAMPAGNE, Boiler Inspector.

City Hall, Boiler Inspector's Office, Montreal, 27th December, 1898. 304 2

Novel System of Electric Canal Towage.

According to the London Electrical Review one of the most novel systems of electric canal towage that has yet been tried is meeting with such great success that the line is to be extended some fifty miles. Small track tricycles, equipped with six horse power motors, run along a French tow path, taking their current from an over-head wire. These are sufficiently powerful to draw a 200-ton boat at a speed of 1½ miles an hour. While the system is not cheaper than animal haulage, yet the speed is greater and the service very regular. There are two generating plants, each of 200 horse power, one at each end of the line.

THE TRANSFER WAS CANCELLED.

A Transaction Between An Ex-Alderman and a Corporation Contractor Which Is Exciting Comment About the City Hall.

The talk of the week in inner circles at the City Hall is a scene which transpired in the City Treasurer's office one day last week.

The principals were Mr. Carroll, of Carroll Brothers, the Craig street plumbers, and well known as corporation contractors, and ex-Ald. Grothe, who for a short time towards the end of the last municipal year was chairman of the Police Committee. Carroll Brothers & Crevier, it will be remembered did a great deal of work for the Police Department last year, repairing the plumbing of the various stations, putting in new furnaces, etc.

As the Star pointed out first over a year ago, much of this work was given out without the formal authorization of the committee, and without the knowledge of the chiefs of the department. When the accounts were presented there were no funds to satisfy them, and $15,072 of outstanding accounts to these firms of contractors were left over from the last municipal year, and, with the other accumulated out-standing accounts, were referred to the special committee on claims, which had been hard at work all the summer.

The committee found great trouble in arriving at a decision on these plumbing accounts, owing to the difficulty in many cases of proving the necessary authorization. The work of the contractors was found to be satisfactory.

Suits were taken by the contractor against the city, and additional expense incurred. Finally an agreement was arrived at between the special committee and the contractors that the latter should receive $11,200 as settlement in full of their outstanding accounts, legal expenses and interest. The settlement was approved in the regular way by His Worship the Mayor and sent to the City Treasurer.

A further complication arose. The contractors had transferred some of the warrants and claims to other parties, who had realized on their accounts. A list of these transfers had been filed with the City Treasurer, among them one transferring a warrant for $1100 to ex-Ald. Grothe. Before the settlement was arrived at Mr. Carroll had cancelled this Grothe transfer, writing "cancelled" across the face of his letter of transfer. In view of the transfers that had been made the City Treasurer asked the contractors to have the gentlemen to whom transfers had been made come to his office with them so that the settlement might be satisfactory to all concerned. Among those who attended at the Treasurer's office at the time fixed for the settlement of the accounts was ex-Ald. Grothe, who, as the money was about to be paid over, asked that he be paid the amount of his warrant. The Treasurer referred Mr. Grothe to Mr. Carroll, who explained, in the presence of all in the office, that the transfer had been cancelled, adding that he had received no money from Mr. Grothe.

The City Treasurer, at any rate, did not hand the money over to Mr. Grothe, and since the incident referred to above, Mr. Grothe, accompanied by his attorney, Mr. Gouin, has been at the City Hall and announced his intention to institute legal proceedings.

A Star reporter saw Mr. Grothe this morning and asked for an explanation of the matter, but the ex-Alderman said he was too busy, but would explain the transaction to-morrow.

Mr. Carroll was also seen. His explanation was that the transferred warrant Mr. Grothe claimed payment for was for a loan the ex-chairman of the Police Committee had advanced to his firm. The dispute was all about the rate of interest Mr. Grothe had charged.

SMASHED A MAN'S HAT.

Charles Willison Got Into Trouble While in an Intoxicated Condition.

A young man of 21, who, it is alleged, boarded at the Windsor Hotel and who gave his name as Charles Willison, Peel street, was brought before the Deputy Recorder this morning charged with being drunk on De Montigny street and damaging the property of Mr. Joseph Price, hide and leather merchant, 157 St. Dominique street.

About 12 o'clock last night Willison met Mr. Price on the street and being the worse of liquor accosted him. The stranger struck Mr. Price on the head and smashed his beaver hat. Willison was arrested by Constable Vezina and spent the night in the police station.

For damage to the hat he was fined $2 and costs, which amounted to another $1.50, sentence being suspended for drunkenness.

ST. HENRI ROBBERY.

Pierre Leart Accused of Robbing Joseph Lambert's Store.

Pierre Leart, Bourget street, St Henri, was arrested and brought to the Police Court this morning by Captain Gibeau, of the St. Henri Police, charged with burglary. The store of Mr. Joseph Lambert, 3304 Notre Dame street, merchant tailor, was broken into about three weeks ago and upwards of $100 in cloth, coats, suitings and other unfinished goods were stolen. The usual means of breaking in by the back door was employed, and from a clue picked up there the policeman effected Leart's arrest about half past eight yesterday. A common gold watch which was among the articles stolen was according to the police, found on his person.

He appeared before Magistrate Lafontaine this morning and pleaded not guilty. Trial was fixed for January 11th.

VISITORS TO THE CITY.

WINDSOR HOTEL.

J. C. Robertson, St John, N.B.; Dr. Matthias Nicoll, jr., Alf. E. Keel, New York; Francis T. Frost, Smith's Falls; A. George Blair, jr., G. E. Price, St. John, N.B.; J. R. Denon and wife, Gananoque; D. G. Macdonell, Vancouver; Mrs. A. McDonald, Alexandria; Fred. M. Stevens, Dunham; Chas. M. King, Boston; J. James Rutledge, Alaska; Geo. D. Weed, Plattsburgh; D. E. Brown, Hong Kong; E. W. Cook, Mrs. J. Cass, New York; B. W. Pearson, Halifax; W. H. Waldron, New Brunswick, N.J.; H. C. Abell, Mrs. E. H. Brown, New York; J. E. Muhlfeld, St. Thomas; C. Riordan, Toronto; Geo. E. Shields, Brockville; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rent, Halifax; A. C. Shunerfelt, Victoria; W. Weatherston, Toronto.

ST LAWRENCE HALL.

Capt. R. M. Cadell, London, Eng.; H. N. White, London; Dr. and Mrs. Haughton, Toronto; F. Lasse, Boston; John T. Field, Cobourg; A. A. Charlebois, Quebec; W. Sealing, Manchester, Eng.; W. H. Fillington and wife, Miss Fillington, London, Eng.; J. Augustus Whelan, New York; Thomas Cunningham, New York; Dr. N. Jacques, Worcester, Mass.; Angus McLean, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Murtha, Miss Murtha, New York; Gen and Mrs. Henry, Quebec; J. G. Brosseau, Inverness; O. Meunier and wife, Quebec; Judge Tellier, St. Hyacinthe; Jno. Morrow, Hawkesbury; Wm. Hutcheson, Ottawa; Daniel Smith, Kingston; R. W. Leonard, R. T. Hunker, Montreal West; W. F. Vilas, Cowansville; John Shand, Edinburgh; J. T. Sommerville, San Francisco, Cal.; Miss Sommerville and maid, San Francisco, Col.; Fred. T. Shad, Toronto; J. J. McKelligy, Tomilson, Neb.; Miss Suckling, Toronto.

QUEEN'S HOTEL.

I. F. Lemieux, Quebec; R. S. Flint, Chicago; R. D. Lindsay, London; A. McDowell and wife, Ogdensburg; W. H. Wilson, London, Eng.; R. A. Danson, Quebec; Mrs. H. R Rennie, Malone; W. I. Barrett, Richmond; W. G. Barnes and wife, Valleyfield; T. R. Harvey and wife, Soo, Mich.; C. G. MacNaughton, Cedars, P. Q.; C. A. Magny, Quebec; Allan J. Wheeler, Halifax; Robert Tarniff, Little Metis; I. A. Turaiff, Ottawa; E. L. Desjardins, Levis; R. Colclough, Jos. A. Bournue, Moncton, N. B.; I. W. Davignon, Manchester; D. Fitzpatrick and wife, P. O'Brien and wife, Massena, N. Y.; W. T. Masson, Ottawa; F. T. Carroll, Boston; L. Z. Lambert and wife, Beauce, Que.; J. F. Adams, R. A. Strong, R. A. Whitney, H. B. Sims, Prescott, Ont.; W. B. Wyse, Cleveland, Ohio; Jno. McGavet, Ottawa; C. G. Bowen, Sherbrooke; M. Darley, Joliette; Dr. W. A. Stewart, Clarenceville; Geo. E. Allan, Providence; W. B. Russel, Pembroke, A. E. Finnermore, Guelph.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

La Compagnie Canadienne d'Approvisionnements of Outremont, dealers in grain, hay, etc., and composed of Messrs. Raymond Auzias Truenne and Louis de Gaspe Beaubien, have fyled a noticed of dissolution of partnership at the Tutelle Office.

LONDONDERRY IRON WORKS.

A Winding Up Order Granted by Judge Mathieu, To-day.

Judge Mathieu has granted the application of John L. Reay for a winding up order for the Londonderry Iron Company of Nova Scotia, with head office in Montreal. Mr. Reay is the holder of a $10,000 promissory note signed by A. T. Paterson, the managing director of the Company, and dated December 10th, 1895. The Company has a capital stock of $800,000 and its shareholders belong to England, Nova Scotia and Montreal.

Mr. Fleet represented the petitioner, and Mr. Geo. G. Foster the Company. On behalf of the latter, Mr. Foster stated that the Company had ample means to pay its creditors in full and that by a careful liquidation it was expected that enough would be realized to pay a considerable sum to the stock holders.

The Court ordered that a meeting of all parties interested be called for Thursday, January 5th, to appoint a liquidator.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD.

The Catholic School Board met last evening, Rev. Canon Racicot in the chair. The account in connection with the negotiations with Cote St. Louis was referred to Mr. Ph. Demers, who is to examine it and report thereon. Permission was granted to a number of scholars of the Commercial Academy to remain at school between four and five o'clock for the classes in shorthand and typewriting. The class hours for the preparatory course was fixed as follows: 9 to 11.30, and 1.15 to 3.30. For the other classes the hours are: 9 to 12 and 1.15 to 4 o'clock. Ald. Martineau moved that in future tenders be called for all works of repairs, and also that the annual competition be extended to all the classes. Mr. Connaughton gave notice that he would move that in future no account be paid unless it is signed by two members of the Board who recommended the expense incurred.

McGILL SUMMER CLASSES.

A proposal is under consideration to institute summer classes in certain subjects of the arts curriculum at McGill University for the benefit of such students as may be in a position to take advantage of the same. These classes will be entirely voluntary, and will form no part of the course for a B. A. degree. It is believed that a considerable number of students would be willing to avail themselves of such an opportunity of systematic work during part, at least, of the summer vacation. The subjects to be taken up include English, mathematics, Latin, Greek, French and German. The proposal will be further discussed at the next meeting of the corporation.

POLICE COURT CASES.

Catherine Duff, for stealing a goat robe from Mrs. Adelard Delorme, 14 de Salaberry street, about two weeks ago, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Judge Desnoyers this morning, in the Police Court.

James Buckley, Maisonneuve street, for attempting to pick the pocket of a lady in front of Vanier's store, St. Catherine street, was given a like sentence of six months.

Albert Roy, a boy of 18, who was arrested by Constable Dufresne for stealing 2 boxes of axes from the G.T.R. sheds was sentenced to three months.

CAPTAIN CADELL IN TOWN.

Captain R. Mackay Cadell, of the British army, whose adventures in and on the way to the Klondike, via the Edmonton route, were set forth in these columns at some length a few months ago, is in the city. He has just returned from England, whither he went from Montreal on his return from the far North-West. Captain Cadell will probably spend a week in Montreal. He intends visiting the Atlin gold region in northern British Columbia shortly. Captain Cadell came from England via New York, crossing the ocean in the Cunarder Lucania. While he was in England, Kitchener of Khartoum, was the popular hero. Captain Cadell has been at Ottawa and in Western Ontario since his return to Canada from Great Britain.

BEAVER LODGE, I.O.O.F.

Beaver Lodge No. 6 I.O.O.F., has elected the following officers for the ensuing half year: N.G. Bro. J. Culberson; V.G. Bro. J. Moffatt; permanent secretary, Bro. F. W. Berridge, (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. J. Carmichael, (re-elected); recording secretary, Bro. L. Jehu, (re-elected); trustees, Bros. J. Gow, J. E. Hayden and R. Turner, (re-elected); physician, Bro. A. R. Griffith, M.D. The installation ceremonies will be performed the second Tuesday night in January, at which the subordinate officers will be chosen and installed into their respective chairs.

LATE SPECIAL CABLES.

Dreyfus Will Leave Cayenne for France on Tuesday.

FRENCH OFFICERS PUNISHED FOR ASSISTING MADAME HENRY FINANCIALLY.

(Special to the Star.)

LONDON, December 28.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily News says he has reason to believe that Dreyfus will leave Cayenne, the capital of French Guiana, South America, for France on January 3 next.

ZOLA IN LONDON AGAIN.

LONDON, December 28.—Emile Zola arrived here this morning from the country, accompanied by one of his secretaries.

FRENCH OFFICERS PUNISHED.

PARIS, December 28.—Thirty officers have been arrested and all sentenced to four days' imprisonment for subscribing to the fund started by the Libre Parole to enable Mme. Henry to meet the expenses of her contemplated prosecution of M. Joseph Reinach, editor of the Republique Francaise, and Conservative Deputy for the district of Digne, for declaring her late husband, Lieut.-Col. Henry, a traitor.

A CANADIAN GERMAN GENERAL.

The only American general in the German army is Lieut.-Gen. George Eyl, a native of Halifax, N.S. Yesterday he celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of his entrance into the imperial German service.

ILOILO'S SURRENDER

Was to the Filipinos and Not to the Americans.

SERIOUS ISSUES NOW CONFRONT THE AMERICANS IN THE EAST.

MADRID, December 28.—General, the Spanish commander in the Vizcaya Islands, has telegraphed to the Government from Iloilo, capital of the island of Panay, under date of December 24, as follows:

"Am preparing to embark on the steamer Leo XIII. for Zambonanga, Island of Mindlano, having yesterday (December 23) formally surrendered Iloilo, in the presence of the military and naval commanders, the mayor and the foreign consuls. Have charged the German consul with the protection of Spanish interests. Shall arrive at Manila by the end of this month."

Though the despatch is ambiguous, it is assumed here that the surrender of Iloilo was to the Americans.

WASHINGTON, December 28. -- Just before noon to-day a despatch came from General Otis at Manila that at once confirmed the fears of the officials of the War Department as to what had taken place at Iloilo. It appears that the American forces arrived too late on the scene and that the insurgents added to the difficulty of the problems already presented by hoisting their flag over the city which they had been besieging for months.

The evacuation by the Spaniards of all the Philippine ports, as reported by General Otis although doubtless inspired by a desire to secure their safety by concentration, undoubtedly has done much to complicate the problems already presented to the War Department of extending the military jurisdiction of the United States over the islands. It will now be necessary to expedite the execution of the original plans, and it may be fully expected that within a week important events will have happened in the Philippines. It is presumed that General Otis will demand the surrender of Iloilo into his hands, and this demand may at once raise the issue between the insurgents and the United States Government of possession of the islands.

The province has a population of 472,000, and it is the second seaport of importance in the Philippine group. It is located on a river navigable for vessels of 15 feet draught, so that very few of the American gunboats would be available.

In his cablegram to the State Department General Otis stated that the Spanish forces had evacuated all stations in the southern islands except Zamboanga and Mindanao, by order from Madrid.

The Spaniards have chosen a strong place for the concentration of their troops in the town of Zamboanga, which, as the reports here indicate, is strongly fortified and possessed of considerable natural strength from a defensive point of view.

BRANDISHED AN AXE.

A Young Man at a Christmas Dance Attempts to Kill Everybody Present.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., December 28.—Edward Winne, a young miner, attended a Christmas dance at Doloito Monday. Mary Lowe refused to dance with him because he was intoxicated. Leaving the dance hall he armed himself with an axe and swore to kill every one present. He proceeded to execute his threat by chopping down the dancers right and left. George Murray, who was dancing with the Lowe girl, was killed, his head being split open. Mary Lowe's shoulder was broken and her skull fractured. John Davis' breast was cut open and he can scarcely recover. Some one in the crowd shot Winne and he fell mortally wounded. Winne was brought to gaol here yesterday. He is still unconscious.

THE CABINET IN COUNCIL.

(Special to the Star.)

OTTAWA, December 28.—A meeting of the Cabinet at which all the Ministers except Hon. Messrs. Dobell, Geoffrion, Borden and Mills will be present, takes place this afternoon. The Washington conference will be discussed.

BIRTHS.

MACINTOSH — At Cote St. Michel, on December 20th, the wife of J. Duncan Macintosh, of twins.

MARRIAGES.

COFFIN-HOWARD — At the residence of the bride's parents, on December 26, by Rev. J. Valentine, Herbert W. Coffin, of Fort Kent, Maine, to Alice L., eldest daughter of Fred. A. V. Ruth Howard, Grand Falls, N.B.

CUNIN-CURRY — Dec. 26th, at the residence of the bride's father by the Rev. James Hastie, A. J. Cunin, of Montreal, to Sarah Jean, daughter of Mr. John Curry, Cornwall.

SERSON-MACDONALD — At Christ Church, Gananoque, on the 27th inst., by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Ontario, assisted by the Very Rev. the Dean of Ontario, the Rev. John Reaby Serson, M.A., rector of Christ Church, Gananoque, to Mary Louisa, eldest daughter of Charles Macdonald, Esq., C.E., LL.D., New York city.

TIFFANY-BRILL — At New York, on Friday, December 23rd, by the Rev. Wm. Rainsford, George Sylvester Tiffany, M. D., formerly of Alexandria, Ont., to Emma Rosalie, daughter of J. Brill, Esq., Brooklyn, N.Y.

DEATHS.

MACINTOSH — At Cote St. Michel, on December 21st, Duncan, infant son of J. D. Macintosh.

MACINTOSH — At Cote St. Michel, on December 22nd, Gladys, infant daughter of J. D. Macintosh.

McGUIRE — On the 27th inst., Charles Francis, beloved son of John McGuire, picture framer, 2324 Notre Dame street, at the age of 14 years, 10 months and 13 days. Funeral Friday, December 30th, at 7.30 a.m., to St. Ann's Church, thence to C. P. R. depot (Windsor station). St. Ann's Cadets will attend. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. 304 2

ALLEGED BREACH OF PROMISE.

The Peculiar Contract Which Is Alleged to Have Been Broken.

In the breach of promise case taken by Miss Annie Walker against Joseph Goldman, the latter has given bail and was released from the capias taken against him pending the trial, which will be held on the first day of the January term. Mr. Jacobs, acting for Goldman, has petitioned the Superior Court to quash the capias. The petitioner alleges that he at no time intended to leave the country to escape from his obligations to marry Miss Walker. He claims that when arrested the delay in which the marriage was to have taken place had not expired. Goldman alleges that even if he were responsible for failure to carry out the agreement the sum fixed in the written agreement, viz.: $50, would be the only sum for which he would be liable, and not $3,000, which the plaintiff claims. Messrs St. Pierre, Pelissier & Wilson are acting for Miss Walker.

It is expected that the trial will be a lengthy one, as many witnesses are to be called by both parties. The following is the English version of the contract of engagement:

GREETING:—

May this Union prosper and succeed as in a garden of flowers, as it is said when you find a good woman you find a jewel.

This be the contract of the two respective parties, Joseph Osher, the son of Colmon, on the one side, and Saul, son of Jonas, who represents Elka, his sister, the daughter of Jonas, on the other side.

At the beginning, be it understood that: the aforesaid Joseph Osher, the son of Colman, shall marry the aforesaid Elka, according to the laws of Moses and Israel, and after marriage they shall live together in harmony, according to the customs of the civilized world.

It is further agreed that the said Saul, the brother and representative of Elka, the bride, hereby binds himself to make the bride her full wardrobe for week days, Sabbaths and holidays as befitting her standing in the community.

It be further agreed that the wedding is to take place on the Sabbath of Chonika, in the year 5659, all the expenses of the said wedding to be sustained by Saul, the brother of the bride. A fine, however, of $50 to be imposed on either party for the breach of this contract, said fine not to be remitted in any event.

For the good faith of this agreement Jochaskel Schleifer, for the groom, and Hirsch Cohen, for the bride, are binding themselves to see to it that this agreemento is promptly fulfilled.

And all that is written here is complete.

Signed and sealed this 15th day of Chasven, in the year 5659, in the City of Montreal.

Signed, JOSEPH OSHER GOLDMAN,
ANNIE WALKER,
ISAAC, the son of MOSES
JACOB HALEVY BRONSTEIN,
DAVID EPSTEIN.

THE MOON WAS ECLIPSED.

There was a total eclipse of the moon last night, and had it not been for the heavy clouds the interesting phenomenon would have been visible in this city. It was shortly after five o'clock when the moon entered the shadow, and it was nearly nine o'clock before it emerged therefrom. The duration of the entire performance, so to speak, exclusive of what is technically termed the penumbral phase, was a little less than three hours and fifty minutes. The phenomenon was visible in every part of this hemisphere, including both North and South America, and pretty generally throughout Europe and Africa. In Asia it assumed the character of a partial eclipse. During the present year there have been thre clipses of the moon, the first of which occurred on January 7 last. It was visible in the eastern portions of North and South America. The second took place on July 3, but was invisible in America. The third occurrd last night, and was perhaps the most interesting and important of the entire series from an astronomer's point of view.

THE LETTER CARRIERS.

It Was the Street Railway Company Which Cancelled the Free Ride Arrangement.

(Special to the Star.)

OTTAWA, December 28.—Hon. William Mulock, Postmaster-General, asked this morning whether it was the intention of the Government to discontinue the arrangements by which letter carriers in certain cities were allowed to ride free on the electric cars, replied: "The Government have not taken the initiative. In the City of Montreal, the Street Railway Company have given the department notice that they will not continue the existing arrangement after December 31. That is how the matter stands."

Mr. Mulock declines to define the policy of the department as to the arrangements, generally, which have always been made "from time to time," merely. It is understood that it is exceedingly unlikely that the demand of the Montreal Street Railway will be acceded to in this matter, but other arrangements will be made. According to some statements current, the letter carriers in that city must have spent from five to six hours a day taking electric rides if the figures submitted to the department are correct.

THE CUBAN TROUBLES.

Many Arrests Have Been Made — Cuban Troops Enter Havana.

HAVANA, December 28.—The patrols of American troops made thirty arrests for misdemeanours last night and turned them over to the civil authorities.

Two of the men arrested for the Vegas Bomba Cafe affair are Spanish marines. They were surrendered to the Spanish authorities.

Fifty United States soldiers have been arrested for being in the city without leave. They were sent to the camps for punishment.

A detachment of 100 Cubans, under the command of Colonel Jose Estrance, has entered Havana. The men are quartered at the Dragone's barracks.

AN ATTEMPTED OUTRAGE.

(Special to the Star.)

KINGSTON, December 28. -- Last evening about eight o'clock, Miss Johnson, while going home through the city park, was attacked by two masked men. One put his hand over her mouth and the other knocked her down. She screamed very hard and so frightened the men that they could not fulfil their evil designs. They ran away before the police officers came.

THE FILIPINOS AT WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, December 28.—The Filipinos now here will open a Washington junta. Senor Agoncillo, the representative of Aguinaldo, so announced to-day. He also said the Filipinos wanted independence. They had fought for it and it was theirs by right. He would not say what the insurgents would do if the United States extended its authority over the islands. When the United States announced its policy, he said, the Filipinos would speak.

MR. GUITE'S RESIGNATION.

(Special to the Star.)

OTTAWA, December 28.—Mr. Guite, the member for Bonaventure, sent his resignation to Sir James Edgar, the Speaker, but it is understood that the form does not fulfill the legal requirements, not having been properly witnessed. It is, therefore, invalid and cannot be accepted. Mr. Guite may reconsider his determination.

ASSETS, ONE SCARF PIN.

NEW YORK, December 28.—Thomas Q. Seabrooke the actor to-day filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. Seabrooke states that his liabilities are $39,075. To offset this, Seabrooke states that the only property he has is one scarf pin, and that this is exempt under the law.

The Germans having been twitted of enlarging their army in spite of promises to co-operate in the Czar's disarmament proposal, point out that the Russian navy has been increased, the Finnish army reorganized on a larger scale, and the Russian artillery strengthened by an expenditure of nearly $100,000,000.

A PECULIAR ARREST.

Jean Carriere Rescued From Irate Women to be Made a Prisoner.

Jean Carriere, a trader, aged 39 years, claiming to live on St. Ambrose street, was arrested by Constable Desautels and Turcotte last night on a charge of theft. About half past two yesterday the two officers were on their way to No. 14 Station when, as they were passing a vacant lot, they heard the screams of a chorus of female voices from a shed near by. Going there the officers found a gathering of upwards of half a dozen women surrounding Carriere who was on the ground and undergoing punishment. He had been pretty badly beaten, was held face downwards in the dust of the wood shed and supplemented the proceedings by kicking furiously and calling for help. His cries were of a different nature to those of the women for he was yainly endeavouring to appeal to them to let him up. Two black eyes were the visible signs of the appreciation of his remarks.

The trouble arose from the fact that Carriere, according to the onlookers, had been hanging around that afternoon and had taken a fancy to investigate the contents of a trunk which was in the shed. To cut a long story short the owner, Mrs. Raymond, Amherst street, observed him and objected to the inspection with the above results.

He appeared before the police magistrate this morning to explain matters but trial was fixed for Decemhber 30th.

THE COLD DIP.

A Very Sudden Change in Temperature This Morning.

One of the most sudden changes in temperature in Montreal on record was reported by the observatory at the City Hall this morning. At 3 p.m. yesterday the temperature was 25 above, at midnight 20 above. At 3 a.m. the thermometer registered ten above, at 7, 3 below and at 11, 6 below.

At the latter hour the velocity of the wind was thirty miles an hour.

LICENSE FOR THE WEST END.

An application for a restaurant licence for Her Majesty's Theatre has just been fyled at the Licence Commissioners' Office. The petition bears thirty-one signatures, although only twenty-five are necessary. It has been known for some time that such an application was on the tapis and considerable opposition was promised should the attempt be made to locate a licensed institution of any description in that part of the town. The opposition has now taken definite form, and petitions are being circulated asking that the license be not granted. It appears that to successfully oppose the application it is necessary for the counter petition to have the support of two-thirds of the residents living within that portion of the city bounded by Dorchester, Sherbrooke, Mountain and Guy streets.

DEATH OF MISS ESDAILE.

The many friends of Miss Nancy Flora Esdaile will be pained to learn of her death, which occurred yesterday. Miss Esdaile was the daughter of the late Robt. Esdaile, and was forty-six years of age.

COURT OF APPEAL.

Judgments will be rendered in the following cases by the Court of Appeal to-morrow: Vasey and Montreal Gas Company; Montreal Gas Company and Vasey; McNamee and Ford; Gareau and Montreal Street Railway, two cases; Parent and Bruneau; Guerin and Devine; C. P. R. and Morin; C. P. R. and Martel; United Counties Railway and the Sisters of the Precious Blood; Renaud and Pilon; Johnson and Murray, Charland and Sylvestre; Craig and Maloney, Sylvestre and Honan, two cases.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.

Patrick Campbell, aged 26, a glass-blower, St. Paul street, was arrested by Detectives Coleman and Richard on suspicion of stealing $290 from Mr. John Sheridan, 63 St. Patrick street. He appeared and denied the charge, but was allowed out on bail for trial on January 4.

The new Viceroy of India is a strong temperance reformer; in fact, until he went to the Foreign Office, Lord Curzon was actually on the executive of the Church of England Temperance Society.

Two girl students at the University of Berlin were expelled because they persisted in wearing their hair in braids down the back after being informed that such a mode was not allowable under the rules.

ST. JOHN'S DAY.

Montreal Masons Held Their Fraternal Gatherings Last Night.

SEVERAL PRESENTATIONS OF PAST MASTERS' JEWELS.

The different lodges of the Masonic fraternity assembled around the festive board last night and a very good time most of them had. Zetland lodge has a record of taking a lead and last night was no exception, and they were the first to make use of the Place Viger Hotel for a Masonic celebration and a great success it was. Not only were the members of the lodge as usual, in evidence, but their numbers were supplemented by many members of Corinthian as thear lodge holds its celebration at a later date. W. M. Bro. I. H. Stearns and M. W. Bro. I. H. Isaacson, the grand treasurer, and grand secretary were present.

Mention was made by Mr. Stearns in eloquent terms of what the Earl of Zetland had done in his twenty years of Masonic work as G. M. of England and the effect it had on the empire at large. Letters were received from the W. M. Bro. Chambers, of Quebec, and R. W. Paterson, who would visit them later on.

At St. George's, 440 E.R., a good old English time was held, the chief feature of which was a well deserved presentation in the shape of a very handsome past master's jewel to the retiring master, Bro. George Britain, which was made by V. W. Bro. Angus Hooper on behalf of the lodge.

St. Lawrence Lodge, E. R., had a large meeting and received their visitors in their time honoured way. Bros. Venables, Duquette, Crawford, Capon, W. H. Young, and W. H. Dixon sang, while Bro. Frank Smith pleased them with the flute.

St. Andrew's Lodge at St. James Hotel, held a pleasant re-union. R. W. Bro. Fyfe made one of his interesting and instructive speeches in response for St. George's, 10, which was received with accord it deserved.

At Kilwinning there was a unique visit from the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and they were received right royally. The lodge kept up its record.

At Prince Consort Lodge there was, as at St. George's 440, a most pleasing departure, for Bro. Allan was presented with a past master's jewel by the lodge. The presentation was made by the D. D. G. M. with a tribute to the receiver.

The other lodges of Quebec and English register commemorated the day in a truly English manner and to-night Valleyfield Lodge will celebrate at the house of their W. M. Bro. Smith.

THE CELEBRATION AT QUEBEC.

(Special to the Star.)

QUEBEC, December 28.—The Masons of the Quebec district banquetted the Grand Master, E. T. D. Chambers, last night at the Masonic Hall. Congratulatory messages were received from Royal Albert Lodge Past Grand Master, Sir W. M. Tait, Col. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, B. Lootie, Deputy Grand Master and others.

AFFAIRS IN EUROPE.

Mr. Antoine Robert Speaks of His Recent Trip Abroad.

Mr. Antoine Robert, of Robert's counting house, has returned from a pleasant trip to Europe, including England, Scotland, France, Belgium and Holland. He returned via Portland, by the Numidian, which had a very agreeable passage. He reports business very brisk, especially in London, which he says is increasing at a surprising rate. The interest in Canada is growing, and Canadian securities are eagerly sought for. There is still a good deal of talk about the fast line, the consensus of opinion being that a sixteen knot service would meet all the requirements.

There is more talk of the Dreyfus case out of France than in it. The immense majority of the people there seem to be satisfied that Dreyfus is guilty, and cannot be brought to believe that the three Ministers of War who had to deal with the case were guilty of any conspiracy in the matter. Mr. Robert predicts a great success for the fair of 1900. While in Paris he was received by Cardinal Richard, the Archbishop of the French capital, who was an intimate friend of the late Archbishop Fabre. The building of the under ground railway is one of the most interesting work now going on in Paris.

CITY SCAVENGING.

The Time for Receiving Tenders Expires To-day—Three Tenders.

The time for receiving tenders for the city scavenging and the incineration of garbage expired at noon to-day. Three formal tenders and an informal proposition, unaccompanied by a deposit, were received.

The tenderers are L. H. Henault & Co., Charpentier & Co., a syndicate organized by ex-Ald. Charpentier, and A. Depatie & Co. These tenders are for both the scavenging and incineration as per specifications of the Health Department.

The informal proposition is made by Mr. Atwater, of the firm of John Martin & Co., who offers to undertake the cremation of the city garbage at half the present cost whatever it might be proved by actual experiment to be.

It is considered very doubtful that the scavenging will be let by contract.

PERSONALS.

(See also page twelve.)

Mrs. F. E. Morgan, of Prince Arthur street, is spending the holidays with friends near Bedford, Que.

Dr. Fisk, of Prince Arthur street, has returned to the city, after spending Christmas with relatives at Abbotsford, Que.

Prof. Allan, of Moncton, N.B., and Miss Sadie Harper, of Shediac, N. B., are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. J. J. Fairbairn, Belmont street.

Mr. Fred. Cleveland, formerly of the Great North - Western Telegraph Company, Montreal, returned to his home in Holyoke, Mass., after spending a day in the city.

Mr. William Morris, of the Royal Electric Company, who has been engaged in helping erect a new power plant at St. Catharines, Ont., has returned to Montreal for the winter.

ACTIVE AND STRONG.

The Upward Movement in Wall Street Continues.

(From the Star's Special Correspondent in Wall Street.)

NEW YORK, December 28.— Renewed activity and strength attended the early dealings on the Stock Exchange this morning, and in some issues the variation of prices was again very wide. The upward movement was led by the Grangers, American Cotton Oil, International Paper, General Electric, the American malting shares, the Reading issues, and Consolidated Gas. As the morning advanced the market broadened, and the activity increased. Another heavy day was promised in the matter of sales, 442,505 shares of stock being disposed of during the morning. After midday less activity prevailed, and the general list reacted quite sharply. In a number of instances prices were marked down to figures below yesterday's close. This was followed by a rally of fair proportions.

A RAZOR AND AN AXE.

The Weapons Which a Wife Is Accused of Keeping for Her Husband.

On a warrant from the Police Court yesterday afternoon, Matilda Larose, wife of George Denelle, Poupart street, was arrested by Constable Marsotais charged with being drunk and attempting to kill her husband. He claimed that she kept a razor and an axe under the bed and had several times threatened him. On Monday she had started him badly and he asked that the Court punish her and bind her over to keep the peace.

She denied the threats, however, and her trial was fixed for the Police Court on December 30th.

CLOSING PRICES.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Prices are Steady and the Morning's Business a Large One.

There was a lively demand for stocks on the Montreal Stock Exchange this morning, and prices were well sustained, though with the exception of Richelieu there was no marked change in values. Rumour has it that there is to be additional capital added to this company, and that more steamers and greater hotel facilities down the river will be the result. As yet there is nothing tangible in the story, and such men as the president, Senator Forget and Col. Henshaw, a director and large stockholder, state that they have never seen the men whose presence in the city has led to the rumour, and who, by the way, come from Chicago. However, the story has many believers among those who are usually well informed, and there has certainly been some talk, but whether it will amount to anything or not is a matter very much in the dark as yet.

The stock opened this morning at 101, and upon the sales of a trifle over three hundred shares at the morning session advanced to 102 1-2.

Montreal Street remained steady at prices ranging between 288 and 289. The railway earned yesterday $1,073.45, which is an increase of $29.69 over the same day last year.

There were 2,420 shares of Montreal Gas sold at 209 3-8 to 209 1-2.

Trade in War Eagle was brisk, and the stock advanced five cents over yesterday morning's sales. The opening price was 304, and at noon the quotations were 305. The highest point reached was 306. Over 17,000 shares changed hands.

Canadian Pacific changed hands at 85 3-4 to 85 7-8. The special cable to Messrs. L. J. Forget & Company quotes Grand Trunk firsts in London at 68 5-8; seconds, at 45 5-8, and thirds at 20 1-2. C.P.R. was 88 3-8, and Hudson Bay, 20 1-8.

MORNING SALES.

500 Canadian Pacific at 85 3-4.
300 Canadian Pacific at 85 7-8.
200 Canadian Pacific at 85 3-4.
200 Montreal Street at 289.
23 Montreal Street at 288 1-2.
100 Montreal Street at 289.
50 Montreal Street at 288 3-8.
125 Montreal Street at 288.
2220 Montreal Gas at 209 1-2.
200 Montreal Gas at 209 3-8.
25 Toronto Street Railway at 109 1-2.
225 Toronto Street Railway at 109 5-8.
125 Toronto Street Railway at 109 1-2.
60 Toronto Street Railway at 109 1-4.
5 Toronto Street Railway at 109 1-2.
100 Toronto Street Railway at 109.
25 Toronto Street Railway at 108 7-8.
75 Richelieu and Ontario at 101.
4 Richelieu and Ontario at 102 1-2.
25 Richelieu and Ontario at 101 1-2.
25 Richelieu and Ontario at 102.
100 Richelieu and Ontario at 102 1-4.
100 Richelieu and Ontario at 102 1-2.
200 Royal Electric x div. at 161 1-4.
25 Royal Electric, x div. at 161 1-2.
45 Bell Telephone at 173.
50 Dominion Cotton at 107.
25 Halifax Heat and Light at 30.
5 Montreal Telegraph at 174 1-4.
500 War Eagle at 304.
1500 War Eagle at 305.
2500 War Eagle at 305 1-4.
250 War Eagle at 305.
500 War Eagle at 305 1-2.
5000 War Eagle at 305.
1500 War Eagle at 306.
500 War Eagle at 305 1-2.
5250 War Eagle at 305.
25 Halifax Railway at 130.
30 Montreal Cotton at 158.
10 Montreal Cotton at 159.
10 Ontario Bank at 115.
6 New Montreal Street at 284 1-2.
100 North-West Land, pref. at 55 1-4.

AFTERNOON SALES.

150 Montreal Street Railway at 287 3-4.
8250 War Eagle at 305.
75 Canadian Pacific at 85 3-4.
3500 War Eagle at 304 1-2.
82 Montreal Telegraph at 175.
575 Toronto Street Railway xd. at 108 1-2.
200 Toronto Street Railway xd. at 108 1-4.
350 Richelieu & Ontario at 102 1-4.
100 Canadian Pacific at 86.
50 Canadian Pacific at 85 7-8.
25 Toronto Street Railway xd at 108 3-4.
25 Montreal Street Railway at 288.
50 Montreal Street Railway (new) at 286.
100 Montreal Gas at 209 1-4.
200 Montreal Gas at 209.
75 Montreal Street Railway at 288 1-4.
50 Richelieu & Ontario at 102.
25 Royal Electric xd. at 161 1-4.
50 Canadian Pacific at 85 3-4.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Reported for the Star by Gordon Strathy & Co., Stock Brokers, 2 St. Sacrament st.

Close	Dec 28th Ask.	Bid	Dec 27th Ask	Bid
Canadian Pacific	85¾	85¾	85¾	85⅞
Do do Land Bonds	—	110	—	110
Duluth S.S & Atlantic	3½	2½	4½	3
Do do do pref.	8½	7	8½	7½
Commercial Cable xd	184¼	183½	184½	183½
Do Coupon Bonds	—	103½	—	103½
Do Regd do	—	103	—	103¼
Montreal Telegraph	179	175	180	174
People's Ht. & Lgt. Hlfx	32	30	32	30
Do do Bonds	—	—	83	80
Rich. & Ont. Nav. Co.	102½	102	100	99½
Montreal Street Rail	288½	288	289	288
Do do New Stock	286½	285½	287	285¼
Halifax St. Railway xd	132	129½	131	128½
Do Bonds	88	85	—	108
Montreal Gas Co	209½	209	209¼	209¼
Bell Tel Co	175	171	175	172½
Do do bonds	—	—	—	—
Royal Electric xd	162	161¼	161¼	160½
Toronto Railway xd	109½	108⅝	109½	109
Do do Bonds	—	—	—	—
Cornwall Railway	—	—	—	—
St. John Railway	—	—	—	—
Belt Line	—	—	—	—
Bank of Montreal	250	245	255	246
Ontario Bank	—	114½	—	114½
Bank of B. N. A.	—	—	—	—
Molsons Bank	210	200	206	202
Bank of Toronto	250	243	250	243
Banque Jac. Cartier	—	110½	—	110½
Merchants Bank	185	179	185	179
Do do Halifax	—	180	—	180
Bank of Nova Scotia	—	—	—	—
Dominion Bank	—	—	—	—
Eastern Townships Bk.	159	150	160	153
Quebec Bank	—	122	—	122¼
La Banque Nationale	96	90	96	90
Union Bank	—	110	—	110
Canadian Bank of Com	—	144½	—	144½
Dominion Bank	—	—	—	—
Imperial Bank	—	—	—	—
La Banque Ville Marie	100	98	100	90
Hochelaga Bank	165	162	165	162
New Stock	—	—	—	—
Amer Incand. Light	—	—	—	—
Windsor Hotel	—	100	—	100
Intercolonial Coal	—	—	—	—
Do do pref Stock	—	—	—	—
North-West Land Co. pfd	56½	55¼	56½	55
Do Do Com	17¾	16	—	—
Taylor Hy. Air Com. Co L	—	—	—	—
Canada Paper Bonds	—	—	—	—
Canada Central Bonds	—	—	—	—
Champlain & St. L. Bonds	—	—	—	—
Dominion Coal Com	35¼	33¾	34½	—
Do do Pref x.d.	115	113	116	113
Do do Bonds	—	—	—	—
War Eagle	306	304	303	307¾
Montreal Cotton	162½	157	165	157
Can. Col. Cot. Mills Co.	75	65	—	—
Do do Bonds	100¼	100	100¼	100
International Bids	—	—	—	—
Cariboo Consol	—	—	—	—
Merchants Cotton Co	—	—	67½	65
Dom. Cotton Mills Co	107	106	110	106
Do do Bonds	—	—	—	—
Land & Mortgage Co	—	—	—	—
Guarantee Co. of N. A.	—	—	—	—
Diamond Glass	—	—	—	—
West Loan & Trust Co.	—	—	—	—

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSE.

Specially reported for the Star by C. D. Monk, 16 St. Sacrament street, local manager for J. S. Bache & Co., New York, over direct private wire.

	Dec 28 Opg.	Close.	Dec. 27. Opg.	Close.
Amer Cotton Oil Co	34	34½	—	—
Do do Pref	—	—	—	—
Amer Tobacco Co	143¼	142	143¼	143
Do do pref	—	—	—	—
Amer Sugar Refin Co	124	123	123¾	124⅛
Do do pref	—	—	—	—
Amer. Spirits Mfg Co.	13½	13⅛	14	13¾
Do do pref	37¾	37⅛	37⅜	38⅛
A. Top. & St. Fe, all paid	19⅛	18⅛	19⅛	18⅛
Do do pref	52½	50½	50⅛	51⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	70	70	69⅝	69⅝
Bay State Gas	8⅛	7⅛	8⅛	8¼
Canadian Pacific	85¾	85	—	—
Canada Southern	56¾	56⅝	—	56⅜
Ches. & Ohio	25⅛	25	25⅛	25⅛
Chic. B. & Quincy	124	123	122¾	124⅛
Chicago Gas	110	110	109	110⅜
Chic. & N. W.	142¼	141	142	142¼
Chic. R. I. & Pac	114⅛	112	112	114⅛
Chic. Mil & St. P.	119⅛	119	118⅛	119⅜
Consolidated Gas N. Y.	195	194	—	—
Cleveland C. C. & St. L.	44	43⅛	44	44⅛
Delaware, Lack & West	—	—	—	—
Delaware & Hudson	106	107	—	104⅛
Denver & R. Grand pref	71⅛	69⅛	69⅛	70⅛
Duluth S. Shore & Atl.	—	—	—	—
Do do do pref	—	—	—	—
General Electric	96	95	94	96⅛
Hocking Valley	4¼	4⅛	3¾	3⅝
Jersey Central	—	95	—	—
Laclede Gas Com	51	51	—	51¾
Lake Erie & Western	22	21⅛	21⅛	22⅛
Do do pref	75	74	74⅛	75
Lake Shore	—	—	—	—
Louisville & Nashville	65⅛	64⅛	64⅝	64⅝
Manhattan Elevated	97⅛	97⅛	97¼	97⅜
Missouri Pacific	46	44⅛	45	45⅝
Michigan Central	—	—	—	—
National Lead Co.	39⅛	37⅛	38⅛	38⅛
Do do pref	—	—	—	—
North American	—	—	—	—
Nor Pacific com new	44	42⅛	42⅛	43⅝
Do do pref	77¼	77	78⅛	78
N. Y. Central & Hud	123⅛	123	123¼	123⅛
N. Y., Lake Erie & West.	—	13	—	14⅛
Do do II pref	—	14⅛	—	—
Do do I pref	—	37⅛	—	—
N. Y. Ontario & West	18⅛	17⅛	17⅛	18
N. Y. Chic & St L. com	—	—	—	—
N. Y. Sus & Western pref	—	—	—	—
Omaha, com	93	93	—	91⅛
Pacific Mail	46	44⅛	45⅛	45⅛
Phila. & Read, all paid	19⅛	20	19¼	19⅛
Pullman	150	152	—	150¼
Southern Ry. com	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛
Do pref	42⅛	41⅛	41⅛	42
Standard Rope & Twine	—	—	9	—
Tenn Coal & Iron	38¼	36⅛	38½	38
Texas Pacific	19¼	19	19⅛	19⅝
United States Leather	8	7⅛	7⅛	8
Do do pref	74	71¾	75⅛	73¾
United S. Rubber Com	45	44⅛	45	45⅛
Do pref	111⅛	111⅛	111	111
Union Pacific Rcts	43⅛	36⅛	43⅛	43⅛
Do pref	74⅛	72⅛	73⅛	—
Wabash	8⅛	8⅛	—	8⅝
Do pref	23⅛	22¼	—	23⅛
Western Union Tel	93	92¼	—	93
Wheeling & Lake Erie	6⅛	6	6	6
Do pref	27⅛	27¼	27¾	27⅛
Metropolitan Traction	189	190⅛	192	192⅜
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	77⅛	75⅛	75⅛	74⅛

IN THE WHEAT PIT.

Montreal People are Making a Lot of Money Out of Corn.

(From the Special Correspondent of the Star on the Chicago Board of Trade.)

CHICAGO, December 28.—Profit taking was the order of the day not only in wheat, but also in corn and provisions, and there were serious dips in all commodities but a firm undertone existed at the declines established, and the consequence was quick re-actions and rallies. Montreal loaded up with good lines of wheat, corn and hog products at prices much below those now obtainable and its selling was not a small feature in the day's business. It is said that a well-known man of Montreal has cleared $150,000 on the right side, and there are others from Montreal and Toronto who have raked in the shekels by the bushel. Montreal sold a lot of corn yesterday and was a good buyer on the soft spots to-day. She was a big buyer of pork to-day at the low points touched. Money has been made by the Canadians on recent changes in this market, and from wheat and provisions they have taken more kindly to corn than heretofore. The outlook to-day is for a re-action in corn, the country sold its cash liberally to-day and also placed good lines of futures. May wheat sold at 71¼ to 69⅞ and up to 71½. May corn sold at 35⅛ to 38⅝. May pork at $10.65 to $10.35, to $10.55.

WANTED — BY A MANUFACTURING ... clerk for warehouse, with ... experience preferred. State salary and experience. Address X. 2196, Star Office. 304 1

PERSONAL — INFORMATION WANTED of the whereabouts of George W. Tarr, formerly of Gloucester, Mass. Address George ... 50 Derby street, Gloucester, Mass. 304 6

PERSONAL — WANTED ADDRESS OF ... W. Carnell, or any of his heirs, his last address was Trenton, Ontario, in the year 1871 or 1872, as an estate is awaiting the claimant. Address G. W. Ostrom, Barrister, Trenton, Ont. 304 6

PERSONAL — INFORMATION WANTED of Alice Rose, formerly of Santa Cruz, California. Important, for her interest. Address H. G. Clay, 522 Walnut st., Philadelphia, Pa. 304 6

PERSONAL — IDA MAY DAVIS-KING: Any one knowing the present place of residence of the daughter of the late Gilbert ... Davis, formerly of Brooklyn, afterwards of Philadelphia will confer a favour by communicating with Michael Furst, Attorney, 215 Montague street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 304 6

BAILIFF'S SALE — PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, District of Montreal, No. 2737 Superior Court. Hon. Sir A. Lacoste et al, es qual, Plaintiff, vs. Dame O. Tidman and vir, Defendant. On the seventh day of January, 1899, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at the place of business of said Defendant, No. 1756 Notre Dame street, in the City of Montreal, will be sold, by authority of Justice, all the goods and chattels of the said Defendant, seized in this cause, consisting of one stock of trunks and tools for manufacture of trunks, etc. Terms cash. J. S. LAVERY, B. S. C. Montreal, 28th Dec., 1898. 304 1

BAILIFF'S SALE — PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, District of Montreal, No. 1465. Superior Court. A. Mathieu, Plaintiff, vs. J. Deslauriers, Defendant. On the seventh day of January, 1899, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at the domicile of said Defendant, No. 175a Rachel street, in the City of Montreal, will be sold, by authority of Justice, all the goods and chattels of the said Defendant, seized in this cause, consisting of household furniture, etc., etc. Conditions cash. C. GRANGER, B. S. C. Montreal, 28th December, 1898. 304 1

FOR SALE OR LEASE

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Purchase (or lease) of Public Property at Alexandria, Ont.," will be received at this office until Monday, 16th January, 1899, for the purchase or lease of that portion of lot number thirty-eight (38), in the third concession of the Township of Lochiel lying south of the Highway or Public Road traversing said lot, said parcel containing one hundred acres more or less.

All information may be obtained at this Department.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

By order,
E. F. E. ROY,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, December 22nd, 1898.

Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid for it. 304 15

The famous Knickerbocker Burlesquers come to the Theatre Royal next week. This organization ranks with the best of its class on the road and left a reputation when last here which will be sufficient to fill the house at its opening. The company requires the services of thirty people, carefully selected. The vaudeville contingent is particularly strong, embracing such people as The Three Gardners, in a musical act; M. S. Whallen, the rapid fire humourist, and impromptu singer, the California trio, Cogan, Rand and Tafe, acrobatic comedians; Shayne and Worden, a good sketch team, Cessy Grant and Rita Durand, Duettists, Mae Taylor, serio comic; Vera Hart, balladist, and Raymond and West, black faced artists, who are open to walk any couple on earth on the stage during the entire week, for any amount of money.

The announcement that the Theatre Francais is to have a grand revival of that celebrated military play, "Youth," will be received with pleasure by the theatre-goers of Montreal. Military plays when there is merit attached to them are and have been for years a popular line of entertainment. "Youth" is known as one of the very best. Its production at the Theatre Francais last season resulted in the banner week's business. There was some idea at that time of continuing it for another week but it was finally decided to leave it for a twelve month and it is now to be reproduced as a scenic spectacle of more than ordinary brilliancy.

Mr Jas. W. Harkins, jr., is the author of the stirring romantic play "Under Sealed Orders" that will be the attraction at the Queen's all next week. It is an English story of the secret service system. The scenes are laid in London and far away Algeria. It is described as a mingling of the real and the romantic an absorbing tale of love, passion and adventure. It is this style of work in the novel form that made such writers as Stanley Weyman, Rider Haggard and Robert Louis Stevenson famous. The entire production is said to be an ambitious one in a scenic sense.

The "Circus Girl," which will be acted, sung and danced at the Academy of Music New Year's week, needs no introduction to Montreal theatre-goers. It was one of the biggest and strongest of all the comedies that played here last season, and left a remarkable record of pleasure and success behind. Unlike a great many works of its kind, it has a plausible and coherent plot, and is accompanied throughout by some of the most charming music that has ever been sung in pieces of this character. The young ladies in the cast and chorus are pretty, with unusually good voices.

Three years ago a performance was given at the Fifth Avenue Theatre for the benefit of the late actor, Charles W. Couldock. A considerable sum was raised, but only a little remained when the old player died a few weeks ago. Already a supplementary benefit was being arranged for under the direction of Joseph Jefferson, Daniel Frohman and Joseph Brooks. This will now be given at the Knickerbocker Theatre next Friday afternoon and the receipts paid over to Mr. Couldock's grand-child, Hazel. First in the programme will come a sketch of Couldock's life, written by Jefferson and read by William Faversham; Annie Russell and Vincent Serrano will present "Dangerfield '95;" Pol Plancon will sing, Mrs. Le Moyne will read, John Drew and Isabelle Irving will appear in "Mrs. Hilary Regrets;" W. H. Crane and company will play "His Last Appearance," and E. J. Morgan and Hilda Spong and the Lyceum company will produce for the first time a new one-act play, called "An Amateur Rehearsal."

SIR HENRY IRVING
(From His Latest Photograph.)

[Sir Henry Irving spent Christmas at Bournemouth and it will be good news to all that he is recovering steadily, though somewhat slowly, his old-time vigour.]

Professor Tom Collins and his celebrated boxing Kanagaro "Lanky Bob" will be seen at the theatre Francais next week for the first time in Canada. This will be the headliner of a vaudeville bill of such excellence as the Francais has not had for some time. Owly Randall, the Hebrew comedian and juggler, is also to make his first appearance here. This young man has the reputation of being not only a clever juggler but an actor of merit. Then there will be Laura Cumstock, late of the Weber and Fields forces, and in all probability a society sketch team is also to make its Montreal debut.

The drawing power of Mrs. Fiske, in "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," was as pronounced during her second engagement at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, New York, as on the original presentation of this play at that theatre. Large audiences were swayed by the stronger episodes of the play as at first, and it might have enjoyed a run equal to the first one had it not been necessary for Mrs. Fiske to produce other plays last season in accordance with contracts. Her appearance in this city as "Tess" will be one of the events of the season, as all who have once seen Mrs. Fiske in the play will look forward to a repetition of an unusually-satisfying theatrical experience. Mrs. Fiske has become noted also for the character of her companies, and she will this season be supported by an organization that has no superior among those travelling. Mrs. Fiske will appear at the Academy shortly.

Thomas Jefferson, Joseph Jefferson, jr., William Jefferson and Charles B. Jefferson, sons of Mr. Joseph Jefferson, will be the attraction at the Academy of Music for one week, commencing Monday, January 9, next, presenting the play "Rip Van Winkle," which has made the name of Jefferson a household word throughout the country. These young gentlemen have been meeting with great success wherever they have been seen in this play.

For a generation the name and fame of Rice and Barton has been growing, and slowly but surely they have reached the top of the theatrical ladder. They invest more heavily in the theatrical business each season, and as they are no longer hampered by the want of money to operate with, are putting out more companies, better equipped in every way, than ever before. There now en route three large organizations — the Rose Hill English Folly Co., "McDoodle's Flats" and the Big Gaiety Spectacular Extravaganza Company. With the latter they travel themselves and appear at every performance. It will appear at the Royal during the week commencing January 9.

Charles Frohman's stock company began its tenth season at the Empire Theatre, New York, on Monday night. "Phroso," a dramatization of Anthony Hope's novel of the same name, was served to reintroduce this talented band of popular players. The book was put into stage form by Edward Rose, the successful adapter of "The Prisoner of Zenda" and "Under the Red Robe," and H. V. Esmond, author of "One Summer's Day," "Cupboard Love," "My Lady's Lord" and other plays. William Faversham played the part of the young English nobleman, who, through his purchase of the island of Neopalia, meets with a succession of exciting adventures. The title role was assumed by Miss Jessie Millward, the English actress, who on this occasion made her first appearance there as the leading lady of the Empire company.

Appropriate to the merry yuletide, the Castle Square Company, which a year ago inaugurated its season of opera in English, on Monday at the American made a big spectacular production of "Lurline," a combination of grand opera and fairy spectacle. Edward Fitzball years ago wrote the book which deals with romance, fairy spells, gnomes and magic rings, and for it Vincent Wallace, the composer of "Maritana," wrote the score.

A fillip

to remind you that it's time to listen to the voice of common sense. It isn't reasonable to do your washing in the hardest way, when there's nothing to be gained by it. Compare soap-washing with Pearline-washing, point by point, and all the gain is on the side of Pearline. Greater ease and quickness, absence of rubbing, more economy. 535

Millions NOW USE Pearline

Blanche Walsh has gained a good place on the stage and received praise for almost everything she has done. But now she is said to be responsible for an endless chain of letters to be distributed and copied, not in fours, but in sevens. The ostensible object of this subscription is to build a theatre devoted to those undefined performances that are too fine for the general public and must be supported by some such mendicacy. Miss Walsh's project may become entangled with that of the Professional Woman's League, which wants a clubhouse and has started its own endless chain.

Della Fox has come forward as a star at the Herald Square Theatre in a new musical comedy especially written for her, called "The Little Host." Edgar Smith and Louis De Lange are jointly responsible for the book, while the score is the result of the united efforts of W. T. Francis and Thomas Chilvers. Miss Fox plays the role of an actress, who, discovered in the rooms of her fiance in male attire, is compelled to carry out the masculine deception for nearly the entire two acts. The disguise naturally leads to numerous complications.

The Polish tenor, Herr Ladislaus Mierzwinski, who in his golden days received as high as $500 for single performances, has been compelled, it is reported, to accept a position as porter in the Hotel d'Angleterre. The downfall of the artist is partly attributed to gambling and partly to the gradual loss of his voice. He is known to have lost as high as $10,000 in one night at the gaming table. Mierzwinski has sung before all the crowned heads of Europe and has been heard at the leading opera houses. He was a great favourite with the ladies on account of his tall figure and fine military bearing. Though nearly sixty years old he is still hale and hearty, and noted for his great muscular strength.

The dates of next summer's performances at Bayreuth have been fixed, and the subscription lists will soon be opened, although the tickets will not be distributed till March 1st. There will be only two cycles of "Der Ring des Nibelungen," namely, July 22nd to 25th, very possibly with M. Jean de Reszke as Siegfried, and August 14th to 17th; and these will probably be the only Bayreuth representations of the tetralogy till 1901. Frau Cosima Wagner has also arranged for model performances of "Die Meistersinger" on July 28th, Aug. 1st, 4th, 12th and 19th, and of "Parsifal" on July 29th, 31st, Aug. 5th, 7th, 8th, 11th and 20th. Concerning the conductorship there are conflicting reports. Some say that Hans Richter will conduct one or both of the Nibelung cycles, others that Siegfried Wagner will take charge of one or both of them, leaving only "Die Meistersinger" to Richter and "Parsifal" to Mottl.

When Mme. Melba sings for charity at the Metropolitan it is not probable that either she or the members of her opera company will volunteer. They give their services, but not without a reward commensurate with the value of them. Singers are loath to appear for nothing, whatever the occasion may be, and it is considered unworthy their personal dignity to give their services without proper compensation. This is a measure necessary to preserve their professional standing. For the same reason they are unwilling to appear for less than the amount at which they value their services. This was interestingly shown last year at Covent Garden. A rule of the syndicate forbids the payment of more than $650 a night to any woman singer. This was adopted in the hope of keeping prices down and making it possible for the season to be conducted without loss. Mme. Melba fixed her salary at $1,000 a night, and refused to take less. The directors of Covent Garden were prevented, however, by their rules from paying the sum she asked. Rather than accept this sum—$650—which she considered unworthy her professional dignity, Mme. Melba persuaded the committee to pay her $1,000 for three performances. Then she "gave" the directors one performance, which made it possible for them to break the letter of their rule, although the spirit of it was closely observed. Mme Melba got her $1,000 a performance for three nights and sang once for nothing. The company paid only the fee of $650 for four appearances of the prima donna. In this way no rules were broken, nobody's professional vanity was wounded, and the result that everybody desired was accomplished. It is said to be quite uncertain whether or not Mme. Melba will sing at the Metropolitan this winter with the opera company. She had promised to appear six times, but subsequent events have made that seem quite impossible.

THE "JOE JONESES."

The Name by Which Uncle Sam's Soldiers Will be Known.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—Among the President's callers on Monday was Major Herbert M. Lord, a paymaster of the volunteer army, who has just returned from Manila. He was accompanied by Representative Dingley, of whose committee, the Ways and Means, Major Lord was clerk up to the time he was appointed to the army. Major Lord says that the Filipinos believe that "A Hot Time in the Old Town" is the American national air. When Manila fell nearly all the regimental bands of the American forces played the tune at frequent intervals, and the small boys of the town began whistling it. When Major Lord was ordered to return to the United States he was the guest of honour at a farewell dinner. A native band was engaged for the occasion. The leader of the band understood English, and when he was asked if his musicians could render the American national air, he responded proudly in the affirmative. And the band played "A Hot Time in the Old Town."

When Shafter's army was being landed at Siboney and Baiquiri, the bands on the transports played "A Hot Time." As at Manila, the air was the most frequently heard at Santiago. An officer, referring to this to-day, said that if the war had lasted longer there would have been many patriotic songs written equalling in popularity and permanent hold on the people those of the Civil War.

"I predict," he said, "that we will get an American Kipling out of the occupation of foreign islands by American troops. The trouble about our army heretofore has been that nobody saw anything romantic in it. The army was too small to attract much attention. What we need is some distinctive name for the American soldier corresponding to the Tommy Atkins of the British army. Our navy has its 'Jackie' and 'Bully,' but the army han has no such cognomen. The American Kipling must give us such a name. I remember the story of a small boy who had a relative in the army, and was very proud of it. One day he saw three soldiers who had been indulging too freely, and running to his mother, he cried: 'Here comes my three drunken cousins, Joe Joneses.' Every man in the army, officer and private, was Joe Jones to him. It is such little things as that remark that sometimes start a popular expression."

IS THIS SARANTOS?

Greek Arrested in New York, Who May be a Much Wanted Brigand.

NEW YORK, December 28.—Michael Ferrando, a Greek, who is charged with having decoyed a Greek sailor, Nicholas Zoutzouble, to his room and there beating him into insensibility and robbing him, upon being arraigned in court yesterday, was identified as the Greek brigand Soteros De Sarantos, for whom the Greek Government has offered 5000 francs, dead or alive. The identification was made by George Zegouras, of this city, a collector of ferns and wild flowers, and by others. Sarantos, it was stated, has been in this country for many months and has been recognized by nearly all the Greeks who have met him. He denies his identity, however, and the matter will be put in the hands of the Greek Consul. He was held on the charge of assault.

REINFORCEMENTS

Many a battle has been lost for the lack of reinforcements at the critical moment. Many a death from consumption has occurred when Shiloh's Consumption Cure would have enabled the forces of nature to overcome the forces of decay.

The cause of Consumption is known to be the germ called bacillus tuberculosis, and without it the disease could not occur; but there are many predisposing or helping causes which enter into the production of consumption, and these must not be neglected.

Among the many letters received by the S. C. Wells Company, of Le Roy, N. Y., the proprietors of Shiloh's Cure, is the following from James McPherson, of Arkadelphia, Alabama: "I have suffered with a severe cough about thirteen years, and have tried doctors and all kinds of medicine without results. A friend recommended Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure. The first bottle gave me relief, and, used as directed, it has cured me."

Shiloh's Consumption Cure is sold by druggists under a guarantee that the purchase money will be refunded in case of failure. 25c., 50c. and $1 a bottle in Canada and the United States. In England, 1s. 2d., 2s, 3d. and 4s. 6d.

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AN EXPERIMENT THAT FAILED.

PARIS, December 28. — The Mediaeval University at Azay le Rideau, in the province of Touraine, which was designed to bring the French and English youths together for mutual improvement and a better understanding of each other's ways, has been closed, owing to the criticisms of the jingo local press and the fact that the priests raised a row about the "contaminating influence of English thought and manners."

NEW DRESS TRIMMINGS.

Applications and Incrustations are Very Much in Vogue at Present.

INDEPENDENT BODICES WORN WITH BLACK VELVET SKIRTS.

BRUSSELS, December 13. — One of the distinctive characteristics of to-day's fashions is the preponderance of applications and incrustations. Not only is the street costume of cloth or silk embellished in this way, but the most ravishing effects are produced by these applications and incrustations on the soft, thin materials which constitute the modern evening gown and which, combined with the fashionable draperies, tend to imitate the classic models of the ancient Greeks.

Our illustration shows a dinner or evening gown affecting these lines. The combination of colours and materials of fine model will appeal to lovers of the unique.

The gown consits of draperies of fine black silk tulle richly decorated over a foundation gown of white satin. The trained underskirt of white satin has an odd border of fine black silk mousseline ruches sewed on the satin in the shape of large squares, which are very effective under the transparent drop-skirt of black silk tulle spangled with black jet and terminating at the hem with three rows of black mousseline ruchings like those on the white satin underskirt. A beautiful finish is lent to the skirt by the pointed tunic of black silk tulle with its garnitures at once elaborate and dainty. A floral designs of real lace is incrusted with delicate traceries running into points in front and at the back, where the tunic is long enough to cover the train. The tunic is further enhanced by a border of velvet poppies appliqued with shaded red embroidery of silver threads. The tulle serpentine flounce which finishes the tunic is edged with a fine black mousseline ruche.

The white satin bodice closes in front and is veiled with jetted black tulle shirred to adjust closely to the figure in back, while forming a slight blouse effect in front. The decollete is edged with rows of narrow black mousseline ruching, and the front of the blouse is draped with a deep point of black tulle incrusted with real lace and bordered with appliques of red velvet poppies and black velvet scrolls like the tunic. A similar but much shorter point drapes the back, and the epaulettes, which take the place of sleeves are made to match. Red velvet ribbon forms the belt and is arranged into graceful knots and bows along the left side of the bodice. White or black gloves may be worn.

Every season springs up the alarm that separate skirts and waists are going out of favour, and every season dressmakers are forced to use their ingenuity in the construction of new separate waists to satisfy that clientele, which is too well convinced that so far no substitute has proved as convenient and stylish as the odd waist.

Spangles and lace vie with each other in decorating separate bodices for dressy wear. One of turquoise blue taffeta has the loose blouse front covered with black lace incrustations outlined with silver spangles, and with it is worn a black velvet skirt, which has taken the place of the former silk or satin one.

These velvet skirts have the inevitable serpentine flounce in one form on another and are decorated with black satin bias bands, straps of silk passementerie or fur, according to the taste of the wearer. An innovation in belts is worn with this new separate skirt, and is made of black jet beads with figures of steel or gilt beads and jewels of the same colour as the blouse worn with it. Thus a beautiful blouse of turquoise blue taffeta veiled with jetted black tulle and embroidered with steel beads is worn with a black velvet skirt and has a belt of cut jet and steel beads with small stars made of jewels resembling turquoises. The beads are sewn on an elastic band which adjusts itself closely to the waist and is fastened with a handsome buckle of jet steel and imitation turquoises.

One of the newest ideas in trimmings is the gradual revival of fringes of silk braid, olives, spangles and beads. Panels on skirts are of rows upon rows of falling fringes that move with every motion. Blouse fronts are also frequently covered with a deep fringe from neck to waistline, the tips being drawn in at the latter part. These are of beads, spangles or chenille.

Chenille is prominently used among galoon garnitures as well as for hand embroidery on separate bodices. An odd garniture consists of strings of beads alternate with strings of black chenille, all starting from a neckband of chenille, worked with silver and set with cut jet. This band forms epaulettes at the same time, and is worn with a bodice of white satin embroidered all over with irregular zig-zag stitches of black chenille, a style, though expensive when bought at the shops, is yet easily imitated by deft fingers which, by outlining a conventional or flower design with black or coloured chenille, are thus able to transform an old waist into a thing of beauty and of fashion.

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EFFECTIVE DINNER GOWN.

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THE SOO CANALS.

Increased Traffic and the Need of Extension.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., December 28.—The contention that increased facilities are necessary to properly accommodate the rapidly increasing traffic that finds its way through the canals at this place is amply sustained by the statistics just issued covering the traffic they were called upon to take care of during the season just closed, the last lockage for the year having been made on December 14.

The record made breaks those of all previous years, exceeding that of last year by two million and a quarter tons of freight. There were 21,234,664 tons of freight carried through the United States and Canadian canals at the Soo this year, as against 18,982,755 tons, in 1897, the actual increase being 2,252,909. During the same period there was an increase of 1,002,821, in the registered tonnage of the craft transporting this enormous amount of freight. The United States canal was open for traffic this year from April 18 to December 14, a total of 241 days, or seven days longer than in 1897, when it was opened on April 21 and closed on December 10th. This year the Canadian canal was open a total of 243 days, or five days longer than last year. It was opened this year April 11, and closed December 9.

GARCIA' SDAUGHTER DEAD.

THOMASVILLE, Ga., December 28.—Miss Mercedes Garcia, daughter of the late Calixto Garcia, the Cuban leader, died at the Pinewoods Hotel, in this city, on Tuesday, December 26th, of consumption. Mrs. Garcia and her two daughters arrived here the day General Garcia died in Washington, and while at dinner received intelligence of his death. The contents of the telegram were never revealed to Mercedes, who was at that time failing rapidly. All the members of the Garcia family at present in this country were at the bedside of Miss Mercedes when the end came.

SAILED FOR ENGLAND.

(Special to the Star.)

NEW YORK, December 28.—M. N. A. Belcourt, M. P., of Ottawa, sailed on the Teutonic to-day for England, whence he goes to plead the Nicolet election appeal before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

" What an amount of fraud on the public might be prevented if good things could be sold at the prices of trash."
" What an amount of dyspepsia might be prevented if all who ask for

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THE ISTHMIAN CANAL.

A New Idea Regarding the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty.

"BOSS" QUAY'S GRIP ON THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

(From the Star's Special Correspondent Resident in New York.)
Star Bureau, 195 Broadway,
NEW YORK, December 28.

A new idea in connection with the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is that it was made for the purpose of facilitating the construction of the isthmian canal, but has simply balked it, and both of the contracting powers are now said to be ready for its abrogation. Both want the great waterway established, but neither would build it under the terms of the old treaty. In recent years it has been demonstrated that such a canal can be neutral and still be under the control of one power, as in the case of the Suez Canal, which is practically controlled by Great Britain. The Suez Canal was opened to the Spanish fleet, and would have been similarly open to the American warships, had they desired to pass through during the Spanish war, and the Nicaragua Canal, under American control, would be open to belligerents in any war that did not concern this country. The Suez Canal would not be open to the fleets of any Power at war with Great Britain, neither would the Nicaragua waterway to a Power at war with the United States. England knows she can trust Uncle Sam to keep the canal neutral, just as other powers trust her to keep the Suez Canal neutral. England will be a gainer by the construction of the Nicaragua Canal, and, consequently, it is not anticipated that there will be any serious objection on her part to a repeal of the Clayton-Bulwer compact.

Reliable advices from London say that Englishmen are much less disposed than Americans to haste in such large concerns and to lively speculation over them long in advance, and they seem to be settling into the belief that negotiations as to the treaty are not a thing of the immediate present, nor the actual undertaking of the canal of the very near future. It is thought that American energy and resource may hesitate when they come face to face, perhaps in the coming report of the Walker Commission, with the enormous cost and the engineering difficulties of the cutting of the Isthmus. The opinion in England appears to be that if the United States grants anything in the way of compensation for the abrogation of the treaty, it should be to Canada in the negotiations now pending at Washington, as the British Government and people are warmly disposed just now toward Canada and Canadian desires.

"BOSS" QUAY.

The old saying that "Boss Quay owns the State of Pennsylvania" bids fair to be once more verified by his re-election to the United States Senate under circumstances which are a disgrace to any civilized state. The election for Senator will not take place until after January 7, the day fixed for a hearing of Quay's case before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court on the charge of stealing public funds deposited in the Philadelphia bank, which he controlled. In order to keep a grip on doubtful Republican members of the Legislature, Quay has ordered that a caucus shall be held on January 3, four days before his case is heard, at which he will be renominated. If Quay should be convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary after his election, the Republican members of the Legislature would present a sorry spectacle indeed.

THE CHASER.

A species of actor until recently unknown to the patrons of the theatre, has appeared at most of the continuous performance houses in this city. He is known as "The Chaser." When people are too much bent on getting their money's worth the "Chaser" is run out for a turn, and by his "bum" acting clears the place. Those who had intended to remain all day suddenly grew weary and leave in disgust. This is just what the managers want, and they are generally willing to pay good "Chasers" higher salaries than they are the stars.

APPLES FOR EXPORT.

A new method of packing apples for export has recently been tried, which seems to be satisfactory to both shippers and receivers. This innovation consists of packing the apples shipped to foreign markets in crates or boxes, as California peaches and pears are packed. The apples coming from California and Oregon overland for reshipment at New York were first packed in this way. Eastern shippers took up this style of package, and it is now quite generally used. Some of the fruits sold by domestic buyers are also packed that way. This style of package has proved to be very popular, so that it will, no doubt, be extensively used during the coming year.

S.S.S.

Napoleon's Wonderful Memory.

Napoleon possessed a wonderful memory. Soon after his coronation as emperor he was at Erfurt, receiving the homage of kings and princes, who had come to do him honour. At one of his receptions, during conversation, the date of an ancient pontifical bull was called in question. An Austrian prelate stated a period which Napoleon declared to be wrong.

"I am better informed than your majesty on such subjects," said the prelate, "and I think I am certain of what I state."

"And for my part," replied the emperor, "I do not say I believe—I say I am certain you are deceived. Besides, the truth may be easily ascertained."

He then ordered a certain work to be brought, saying that, if wrong, he would willingly acknowledge it.

When the book was brought, it was found that Napoleon was right.

All present were amazed at this exhibition of the tenacity of the emperor's memory, especially as the subject was one of which they fancied he had little knowledge.

"When I was lieutenant," said Napoleon —and it is stated that these simple words wrought a strange effect on the representatives of the old monarchies present, who exchanged smiles—"when I had the honour to be a lieutenant of artillery," continued Napoleon, raising his voice, "I remained two years in garrison in a city of Dauphine, which had but a single circulating library. I read three times the whole collection, and not a word of what I read at that period ever escaped me. The title of the book which has just been brought figured on the list. I read it with the rest, and, as you have seen, I have not forgotten its contents."

The Kaiser reports now that he was greatly disappointed with Jerusalem, which he found squalid and ill-kept; in fact dirty, notwithstanding all the money spent by the Sultan to put things in proper shape.

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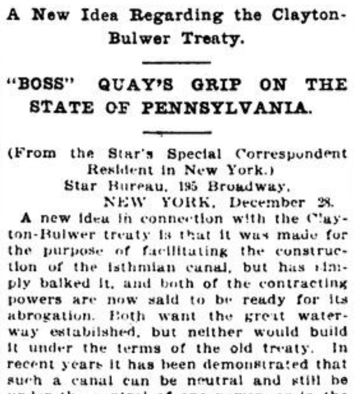

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All the grogshops have been cleared off the island at the entrance of the Wei-hai-wei harbour, which is now a British port, and the other day a man who persisted in plying an illegal trade was deprived of his pigtail. This was considered a fearful punishment, and created quite a panic among the Chinese. The captain of a Chinese warship is reported to have said that he thought the sentence too severe, and that it would have been better to cut off the offender's ears.

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(Note * signifies runs daily. All other trains run daily except Sundays.)
7.00 a. m.—Hemmingford, Huntingdon, Fort Covington and Massena Springs.
7.30 a. m.—Valleyfield, Ottawa, Toronto.
8.00 a. m.—Sherbrooke, Island Pond, Portland, Quebec and Sorel.
8.40 a. m.—New York via D. & H.
*9.00 a. m.—Toronto, Detroit, Chicago.
9.00 a. m.—New York and Boston via C. V. R.
9.30 a. m.—Ottawa and Valleyfield.
12.00 noon—St. Johns daily, except Sat. and Sun.
1.25 p. m. (Sat. only)—St. Lambert and St. Johns.
1.50 p. m.—Island Pond, Sherbrooke and Arthabaska.
4.30 p. m.—Hemmingford, Huntingdon and Fort Covington.
4.45 p. m.—St. Johns and Rouses Point. Waterloo and intermediate stations via Chambly.
*4.55 p. m.—Ottawa and Valleyfield. (Valleyfield daily except Sunday.)
5.15 p. m.—Vaudreuil, Cornwall and Brockville.
5.30 p. m.—St. Hyacinthe and U. C. Ry. points and Sorel.
*6.50 p. m.—New York and Boston via C. V. R.
*7.00 p. m.—New York via D. & H.
*8.00 p. m.—Toronto, Detroit and Chicago.
*8.25 p. m.—Boston and New York via C. V. R.
8.35 p. m.—Quebec, Sherbrooke and Portland.
*10.25 p. m.—Toronto, Detroit and Chicago.
TRAINS ARRIVE BONAVENTURE STATION
7.00 a. m.—Portland and Quebec daily.
7.15 a. m.—New York via D. & H.
*7.20 a. m.—Chicago, Detroit and Toronto.
*7.25 a. m.—New York and Boston via C. V. R.
*7.40 a. m.—New York and Boston via C. V. R.
8.40 a. m.—Fort Covington and St. Cesaire C. V. R. points.
8.50 a. m.—St. Hyacinthe, Sorel via St. Lambert.
9.08 a. m.—Rouses Point.
9.50 a. m.—Brockville.
*11.30 a. m.—Ottawa and Valleyfield (arrives from Valleyfield daily except Sunday).
11.30 a. m.—Island Pond, Sherbrooke, etc.
4.40 p. m.—Massena Springs.
*6.00 p. m.—Toronto, Detroit, Chicago.
6.25 p. m.—Toronto and intermediate points.
7.00 p. m.—Portland, Island Pond, Sherbrooke and Sorel via St. Lambert, U. C. Ry. points.
8.25 p. m.—Boston via C. V. R.
8.45 p. m.—New York via D. & H.
10.15 p. m.—Ottawa and Valleyfield.
10.15 p. m.—New York and Boston via C. V. R.
SUBURBAN TRAINS
LACHINE—Daily, (except Sat. & Sun.) 7.30 a. m., *9.00 a. m., except Sat. and Sun. 12.10 p. m., 1.30 (Sat. only) 2.50, 4.35 (Sun. only 5.15 p. m., 6.15, *7.00, p. m. 9.00 p. m., 11.25.
LACHINE WHARF—5.20 a. m., 6.35 a. m., 7.55 a. m. 12.10 p. m., 5.00 p. m., 6.20 p. m.
ST. LAMBERT—5.45 a. m., 7.00 a. m. 8.40 a. m., 9.00 a. m., 12.00 noon (except Sat. & Sun.), 12.10 p. m., 25 Sat. only, 4, 4.30, 4.45, 5.30, 6.30, *6.50, *7 and 8.25, *8.30, 11.15.
LONGUEUIL—8.00 a. m., 5.30, 6.30.
COTE ST. PAUL—6 a. m., 6.35 a. m., 7.45 a. m., 12.15 p. m. 5.15 p. m., 6.21 p. m.
ST. ANNE'S and VAUDREUIL—7.30 a. m., *9 a. m., 9.30 a. m., 12.10 a. m., (except Sat. and Sun.) 1.30 p. m. (Sat. only), *4.55 p. m., 5.15, 6.5 p. m., *8.00 p. m., 10.75 11.25 p. m.
DORVAL—7.30, 9.30 a. m. 12.10 p. m. (except Sat & Sun.), 1.30 (Sat. only), 50 p. m., *4.55, 5.15 p. m., 6.15 p. m., 9.00 p. m. 11.25 p. m.
ST. LAURENT—.40 a. m., 12.00 noon. 5.20 p. m.

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WINDSOR STREET STATION.
Day Express for St. Johns, Farnham, Newport, Manchester, Nashua, Boston and New England Points via Montreal and Boston Air Line.
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Fast Express for Brockville, Smith's Falls, Hamilton, Buffalo, Kingston, Toronto.
Leave 8.55 a. m. | Arrive 7.00 p. m.
Local Express for St. Johns, Farnham, Sherbrooke, St. Hyacinthe, etc.
Leave 4.30 p. m. | Arrive noon.
Night Express for St. Johns, Farnham, Newport, Concord, Manchester, Nashua, Lowell, Boston and New England Points.
Leave †8.20 p. m | Arrive †7.50 a. m.
Local Express for Hudson, Pt. Fortune and intermediate stations.
Leave 6.15 p. m., (1.15) | Arrive 8.45 a. m. 6.45 p. m.
Western Express for Smith's Falls, Hamilton, Buffalo, Toronto, St. Thomas, London, Detroit, Chicago and all Points in Ontario and Western States.
Leave 9.00 p. m. | Arrive †7.50 a. m.
Sherbrooke, St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., etc.
Leave 7.00 p. m. except Saturdays. | Arrive 9.00 a. m. except Mondays.
Sault Ste Marie, St. Paul, &c.
Leave daily †10 p. m. | Arrive daily †8.05 a. m.
Ottawa.
Leave daily 9.15 a. m. 11 a. m. 4.15 †10 p. m. | Arrive †8.05 a. m. 11.45 a. m., 6.35 p. m. and 7.15 p. m.
Winnipeg, Vancouver, &c.
Leave 11 a. m. | Arrive 6.35 p. m.
PLACE VIGER STATION
Fast Express for Three Rivers, Quebec, &c.
Leave 8 a. m., †3.30 p. m. | Arrive 6.30 a. m., 3.1 p. m. *11.00 p. m. | 6.30 p. m., †7.35 p. m.
Fast Express for Lachute, Ottawa, etc.
Leave 8.25 a. m., 4.10 p. m. | Arrive 12.50 p. m., 6.35 p. m.
For St. Therese, St. Rose, etc.
Leave 8.25 a. m., †9.15 a. m., (1) 1.40 p. m., 5.10 p. m., 5.45 p.m., 5.10 p. m., 6.35 p. m. | Arrived 30 a. m., 8.05 a. m. 11.45 p. m. †9.45 p. m. 2.55 p. m.
Local for St. Agathe and Labelle.
Leave 5.0 p. m. | Arrive 9.15 a. m. w6.25 p. m.
Local for Joliette and St. Gabriel.
Leave 5.00 p. m. | Arrive 8.0 a. m.
For St. Therese and St. Jerome, St. Lin and St. Eustache Branches and intermediate stations.
Leave 5.10 p. m. | Arrive 8.40 a. m.
§ Run Sunday only
‡ Saturday only
§ Daily except Saturday and Sunday.
†) Daily including sundays.
w) Wednesday only.

TAXATION CLAUSES OF THE CHARTER.

Many of Them Passed at Yesterday's Meeting—The Y. M. C. A. and the Windsor Hotel.

The City Council held another long meeting yesterday afternoon discussing the report of the Charter Amendment Committee, and made considerable progress with Chapter XI. on assessments and taxation.

Alderman Ames, the Acting Mayor for the quarter, presided at the opening of the meeting giving way when the meeting was about over for His Worship Mayor Prefontaine. All of the members, except Aldermen Rainville, Prenoveau and Lareau were present.

The first part of the charter report taken up was clause 1 of section 5 of Chapter XI., which read in the report of the Charter Committee as follows:

DEPARTMENTAL STORE TAX.

1. An additional special tax not exceeding ten per cent. of the annual assessed value of the entire premises in which departmental stores are maintained and carried on may also be imposed upon such persons, companies or corporations, for each separate and distinct department of trade and business maintained and carried on in such departmental stores.

It was moved by Ald. Ames seconded by Ald. Beausoleil, That clause 1 of section 5 of Chapter XI. be replaced by the following:

An additional special tax not exceeding five per cent of the annual assessed value of the entire premises in which departmental stores are maintained and carried on may also be imposed and levied upon such persons, companies or corporations, for each separate and distinct department other than the principal trade or business maintained and carried on in such departmental stores

The Council, for the purpose of imposing such tax, may, by law classify and define the trades and businesses carried on in departmental stores.

Alderman Ames said he considered the imposition of ten per cent. per department would be too drastic a measure.

KILL THEM AT ONCE.

Ald. Gallery, who was the originator of the campaign against departmental stores, said that there were at least 150 good stores vacant on Notre Dame street, and this, he thought, was altogether due to the absorption of the retail business of the city by the departmental stores. He thought that five per cent was altogether too light a special tax to impose. He would prefer a tax of twenty per cent., as he thought it would be better to kill the departmental stores at once.

At the suggestion of Ald. Beausoleil, Ald. Ames changed his amendment so as to make the tax 7 1-2 per cent. per department.

Ald. Archambault moved, seconded by Ald. Gagnon, that the special tax be at the rate of ten per cent. per department, but that it be not applied to the principal trade of each establishment.

Ald. Roy moved in sub-amendment, seconded by Ald. Martineau, that the special tax be ten per cent., but that it do not apply to the first two departments.

Ald. Martineau explained that the object of the sub-amendment was to exempt very small traders, such as tobacconist and candy shops.

The sub-amendment was lost on the following division:

Ayes.—Aldermen Roy, Dufresne, Gallery, Martineau.—4.

Nayes.—Aldermen Wilson, Gagnon, Paquette, Ekers, Clearihue, Ouimet, Archambault, Sadler, Laporte, Dupre, Turner, McBride, Beausoleil, Ames, Jacques, Kinsella, Stevenson, Marsolais, Brunet—19.

The amendment of Ald. Archambault was carried on the following division:

Ayes.—Aldermen Wilson, Dufresne, Gagnon, Paquette, Gallery, Martineau, Ouimet, Archambault, Laporte, Dupre, Turner, McBride, Kinsella, Marsolais, Brunet.—15.

Nayes. Aldermen Roy, Ekers, Clearihue, Sadler, Beausoleil, Ames, Jacques, Stevenson—8.

MANY TAXES PASSED.

The following succeeding sub-clauses were then discussed in order:

The Council may also, in addition to the above taxes, impose and levy, by a vote of the majority of the whole of its members, the following special taxes:

(a). A special tax not exceeding $1.00 on bicycles, tricycles and other vehicles of that kind. This provision shall not apply to such vehicles when used by children under ten years of age.

(b). A special tax not exceeding $10 on milkmen and bakers.

(c). A special tax not exceeding $25 on carters or hackmen.

(d). On the owners of horses and vehicles for each and every horse a special tax not exceeding $10, and for each and every vehicle, a special tax not exceeding $25; except such owners as are licensed or taxed under the preceding paragraph.

(e). A special tax not exceeding $25 on every vehicle used to bring from outside municipalities into the city any building stone, whether it be rough or cut.

(f). A special tax not exceeding $50 on employment offices, public laundries, keepers of private hospitals, real estate agents, peddlers, hawkers, hucksters, junk and second-hand dealers and all itinerant traders doing business in the city.

BILLIARDS AND BOWLING.

(g). On persons and clubs keeping billiard tables, pigeon-hole tables, bowling alleys, shooting galleries and other similar games, a special tax not exceeding $50 for each billiard-table, pigeon-hole table, bowling alley, shooting gallery or other game.

(h). A special tax not exceeding $? per annum, on every person keeping a [illegible] within the limits of the city outside of any city markets.

(i). A special tax not exceeding $100 on stock brokers, financial agents and money lenders.

(j). A special tax not exceeding $100 on every person [illegible] a shop to sell [illegible] stock or other effects.

(k). A special tax not exceeding $200 on pawnbrokers.

(l). A special tax not exceeding $200 on auctioneers.

(m). A special tax not exceeding $200 per diem on circuses, menageries, or travelling exhibitions or shows.

(n). A special tax not exceeding $200 on every life, accident or guarantee insurance company doing business and taking risks in the city, and a special tax not exceeding $100 on every marine insurance company doing business and taking risks in the city; provided that when any such insurance company combines two or more branches of any kind of insurance, one tax only shall be levied upon such company, that is to say, the tax, the rate of which is the highest on any of the said branches of insurance respectively.

(o). A special tax not to exceed $100 on every fire insurance company doing business and taking risks in the city.

(p). A special tax not exceeding $400 on owners of steamboats plying for hire, for the convenience of travellers and freight, to or from the city.

THE BANK TAX UNCHANGED.

(q). A special tax not exceeding $400 on every bank doing business in the city, with a paid up capital of one million dollars or less; a tax not exceeding $500 on every such bank, the paid up capital of which is more than one million but does not exceed two million dollars and a tax not exceeding $600 on every such bank, the paid up capital of which is above two million dollars.

(r). A special tax not exceeding $500 on owners of theatres, and of all like places of amusement kept open for profit.

(s). A special tax not exceeding $500 on every detective agency, and a special tax, in the form of a license, not exceeding $5.00 on every constable or guardian of the peace not being under the control of the municipality or the Government.

(t). A special tax on the keepers of all clubs, inns, hotels, saloons, or restaurants where wine, beer or spirituous liquors are sold, provided that such special tax shall not exceed 20 per cent. on the annual assessed rental value of the premises occupied and used by such club, inn, hotel, saloon or restaurant keepers, for the purposes of such trade.

PROTECTION FOR QUARRYMEN.

Ald. Martineau moved that the special tax on vehicles used in bringing stone into the city be $100 instead of $25 as provided in sub-section (E). The outside quarries were killing the local quarrying and stone cutting industries.

Ald. Sadler thought that the Council should hesitate about passing prohibitory and protective legislation.

Ald. Martineau's amendment was lost on the following division

Ayes.—Aldermen Martineau, Ouimet, Brunet.—3.

Nays.—Aldermen Wilson, Roy, Dufresne, Gagnon, Paquette, Ekers, Clearihue, Gallery, Sadler, Laporte, Dupre, Turner, McBride, Beausoleil, Ames, Jacques, Stevenson, Marsolais.—18.

TAXING PRIVATE HOSPITALS.

In the discussion on sub-section (f), Ald. Sadler objected to the tax on private hospitals, and moved that the words "keepers of private hospitals" be struck out of the clause. The private hospitals did much good in alleviating suffering, and many who paid for treatment there, would, if the private hospitals were closed, be thrown as a burden upon the public hospitals.

The Mayor: "Many doctors in various parts of the city have private hospitals and are growing rich out of them."

Ald. McBride: "And they have no free patients."

Ald. Sadler's motion was negatived on the following division:

Ayes.—Aldermen Roy, Dufresne, Paquette, Sadler Stevenson.—5.

Nayes.—Aldermen Wilson, Gagnon, Ekers, Clearihue Gallery, Martineau, Ouimet, Laporte, Dupre, Turner, McBride, Beausoleil, Ames, Jacques, Marsolais.—15.

INSURANCE COMPANIES TAXES.

Several propositions to increase the taxes on marine and life insurance companies were made, and either talked out of Council or voted down.

The proposed increase on the marine companies was objected to as an additional burden on the shipping of the port.

Ald. Jacques suggested that the tax on fire insurance companies be doubled.

Ald. Martineau said that would be a magnificent pretext to increase the insurance rates.

Ald. Jacques moved, seconded by Ald. Sadler, that the tax on fire companies be $600 instead of $400, as at present.

The motion was lost on a vote of 8 to 11, the majority being composed of the following: Ald. Clearihue, Gallery, Martineau, Ouimet, Laporte, Dupre, Turner, McBride, Beausoleil, Ames, Stevenson—11.

TAXES ON SALOONS.

A long discussion took place on subclause (t), providing for special taxes on hotels, and it was still in progress when the Council rose.

Ald. Beausoleil moved, seconded by Ald. Jacques, that the clause be struck out. It would put a stop to the reputable and regulated liquor trade, and throw it into the hands of irresponsible parties, who would foist inferior liquor on the public.

Ald. Ames explained that the Charter Committee had merely provided for an equalization of the tax on the trade. At present the small liquor seller pays a much heavier tax proportionately than the large one; the Windsor Hotel, for instance. Had the committee adopted the Charter Commission's suggestion the city would have been able to impose a total taxation of $160,000 upon the liquor trade. They had, however, considered that an unfair [illegible].

Ald. [illegible] expressed the opinion that the [illegible] interest was already taxed too [illegible]. There was protection wanted, [illegible] the largest liquor seller in the city, the Windsor Hotel. There was an [illegible] interested in that institution, and it was heavily taxed. And what did they find. Men who would otherwise stop at the Windsor and pay three or four dollars a day for the accommodation, because it was cheaper, could go across the way to another institution the Y. M. C. A., and get rooms at two or three dollars a week.

Ald. Ames said a case or two of that kind had occurred, but a stop had been put to it as soon as it was known.

Ald. Jacques said that the saloons were already paying more than their share of taxes. If they wanted the business to run on in the hands of good, honest men, keeping clean houses, and selling healthy liquor, they would have to give them a chance.

His Worship the Mayor expressed the opinion that the imposition of a fair tax was rather an advantage to well equipped establishments.

All of the other sub-sections given above were passed before adjournment.

Ald. McBride gave notice of a motion to amend rule 24 of the Council, which provides that the corporation advertisements be inserted in only four of the city daily papers, which are specified. Ald. McBride wants the advertisements published in all of the daily papers.

Ald. Sadler, who looks forward to the ultimate abolition of the St. Ann's Market, gave notice of a motion providing that in future the stall holders in the market be only granted monthly leases.

The Council meets again this afternoon.

HAVANA STREET RAILWAY.

How the Matter Stands as Far as Montrealers are Concerned.

Some time ago a Canadian and American syndicate of capitalists purchased the street railway system of Havana, Cuba and announced their intention of modernizing and extending it. This move attracted public attention in the United States, and during the past few weeks no less than three other companies have been formd for the purpose of providing the capital of the island with a street railway system. From Washington came the report last week that it was the intention of the Secretary of State for the United States to veto all contracts and franchises granted prior to the occupation of the island by the United States troops. It was reported also that this veto would apply to the street railway franchise in Havana purchased by the syndicate of Canadian and American capitalists.

Mr. Edwin Hanson, of Hanson Brothers, financial agents of this city, whose firm is interested in the recently acquired Havana street railway, was seen by a Star reporter yesterday in reference to the matter. "The veto of the Secretary for War of the United States," said Mr. Hanson, "would not apply to the franchise in which our firm is interested. The street railway system of Havana, which has been purchased, was established under charter from the Crown of Spain, granted in 1859. The system has been in operation for more than a quarter of a century and we do not intend to in any way interfere with that service except to improve it by making it more modern and comprehensive, all of which we have the power to do under our charter. The veto of the Secretary of War, as I understand it, is directed against franchises obtained during the last days of Spanish occupation. It is not intended to apply to a service which has been in existence for as long as the street railway system of Havana. We are not proposing to originate anything, but simply to improve a system now in actual existence."

AMATEUR BURGLARS.

Several Clumsy Robberies Within the Past Few Days.

Thieves paid a second visit to the office of the Theatre Royal Monday night in quest of money. The furniture was upset and roughly [illegible]d, but there was nothing stolen.

On Sunday night robbers entered 179 McGill street by breaking in the front door and secured $5 from the cash till. Messrs. Bell, King and McLaren's premises abutting, were also broken into and some small change and a few cigars stolen. The burglars were evidently amateurs.

POLICE COURT CASES.

Joseph Buckley, 28, living on Maisonneuve street, was arested Monday while attempting to pick the pocket of a woman in front of Mr. Vanier's store, St. Catherine street east. Detectives Gaudry and Giguere saw the man hanging around and succeeded in catching him with his hand in the woman's pocket. He was remanded for trial on Dec. 28th.

Catherine Duff, servant for Mrs. Jos. Maille, was arrested charged with stealing a robe from her employer. She will be tried on the 28th.

Elize Wilson, servant at Mrs. Armstrong's 349 Park avenue, pleaded guilty to stealing a watch, chain-bracelet and other articles to the value of about $75. She had gone to Smith's Falls some days ago. She was given two months in the female gaol.

Arthur Whitmore for stealing a watch and chain from Mr. A. Gauvreau, a friend, was sent down for 10 days imprisonment. Mary Connors, Bernard street, for stealing a tub of butter also got 10 days.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

The fortieth annual session of the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal will be held in the Synod Hall on Tuesday, the 17th day of January, 1899. There will be a public celebration of Holy Communion in the Cathedral on Tuesday morning at half past ten o'clock: and evening service will be held in the Cathedral at eight o'clock; preacher, Rev. Canon Dixon, of St. Jude's, Montreal. The Synod will meet for business on Tuesday, at two o'clock in the afternoon, when the Bishop intends to deliver his charge; and on succeeding days at ten o'clock, unless it be otherwise ordered. On Wednesday evening, at eight o'clock, there will be a missionary meeting under the direction of the Synod Committee on Domestic and Foreign Missions, in the Synod Hall. A full atendance of members of the Synod is earnestly desired. The annual meeting of the Diocesan Sunday School Association will be held on Thursday evening, at eight o'clock.

BUSINESS NOTES.

The following entries have been made at the Tutelle Office:

The Beaver Line, Limited, was incorporated by Dominion letters patent on August 18th, 1898, with G. A. Ringland as secretary and acting manager.

Sarrasin & Desjardins — Olier Sarrasin and Rosario Desjardins, plasterers.

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Malartre & Co. — Mrs. August Malartre, manufacturer of Canadian wine.

Les Syndics de la Cour Duvernay, No. 1271, of the Independent Order of Foresters, give notice of their incorporation.

The Dominion Tobacco Company — Bernhardt Goldstein and Jacob Goldstein, tobacco manufacturers.

Henry Harvey & Co., printers have dissolved partnership. The partnership was composed of Henry Harvey and Michael Charles Foley.

LIBERAL DEMONSTRATION.

The Club National are organizing a grand Liberal demonstration at the Monument National, for Tuesday next, January 3rd, in honour of the lately elected members in the recent bye-elections. Among those who have accepted to be present are Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, Hon. Messrs. Tarte and Fielding, Premier Marchand, Senator Dandurand, Hon. Messrs. Archambault, Duffy, Messrs. McCaskill, Desmarais, Penny Fortin, Lemieux, Madore, Gouin, Lacombe, Decarie, Chauret and Hon. J. E. Robidoux. Premier Hardy has also been invited, but it is not yet known whether he will attend.

INSOLENT THIEVES.

A lady walking on St. Lawrence street on Saturday night with her arms full of purchases, was insolently treated by a pair of roughs, who ended by snatching a parcel from her and attempting to pick her pocket. The affair occurred at the corner of Roy street. After taking one parcel a second, which the lady placed on a door step while she merely turned her back, was also stolen.

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Our — Boys and Girls

IN CAMPING DAYS.

The high school history class had gone into camp for a week before school began. There were seven of them in all—three girls and four boys—and they had two large tents pitched on the banks of the Delaware, far up towards the head waters, where the woods were as wild and dense as when George Washington was said to have surveyed the country, more than a hundred years ago.

They were a happy lot, ranging in ages from sixteen to eighteen, and this was the end of their vacation. They were enjoying it to the full, therefore, and the woods from early morning until far into the night echoed with the shouts and laughter. They had all brought their wheels and rode over every morning for milk and butter to the nearest farmhouse, which lay four miles distant on the only road where wheels could be used with safety. After this they fished and boated in their two portable canvas canoes, and hunted too, for there was considerable small game, and the boys had each brought guns which the girls were learning to use.

A GREAT GRAY PANTHER.

One of the girls, Hester Halsey, became really skilled in handling the handsome rifle which Clarence Cofield had brought along, and declared more than once that she was going out some day alone and show them what she could bring in. The others chaffed her a great deal, and told her that if she saw a squirrel or a pheasant she would be too tender [illegible]arted to shoot at it.

"Perhaps I would," she admitted. "It always seems to me a pity to kill them, but I will go for big game. You know the hired man up at Bink's said yesterday that there were still 'b'ars' in these woods and 'painters,' as he called them. Maybe I'll meet a 'b'ar' or a 'painter.'"

"And if you did you'd come in ahead of him," said little Johnnie Martin, while all laughed.

"Maybe not," said Lucille Barnes. "You remember the young lady.

"Who smiled as she rode on a tiger,
"but when the tiger came back he was wearing the smile, and the young lady—well, you all know the sad story."

"I hope you won't leave my gun behind you," laughed Clarence Cofield. "Forget the Maine for a minute, if you meet a 'b'ar' or 'painter,' and remember the gun."

It was after supper and they were lying about the big campfire in front of the two tents. The wooded hills about them were black with night and some of the girls looking behind them, shivered.

DRAGGING THE DEAD PANTHER BETWEEN THEM.

"I don't believe there are any big animals in these woods now" said slender Nettie Foster, timidly. "That fellow was just trying to frighten us."

"Neither big animals nor big fish," said Clarence Cofield, "We haven't caught a fish since we came three days ago that is more than ten inches long by actual measurement. I'm not going over to Bink's tomorrow morning. I'm going to get up before daylight and try to catch some of those big bass I've heard about."

"And I," said Hester Halsey, "am going to get up early, too, and take Clarence's rifle and bring in some game for breakfast. I won't go before daylight, but I'll start in time to be back for breakfast, and the rest of you can ride over to Bink's for the milk."

"Hi! hi!" said Bob Williams, "A nice, juicy bear steak will taste good. I speak for first choice!"

"I speak for the skin," said Less Brown.

"The skin!" exclaimed Lucille Barnes. "She'll keep that herself, as a trophy of the chase."

"Unless she gives it to Clarence," put in Ned Vaughn. "It would be great for Clarence to have in his room when he goes to college."

At this there was a great laugh all around, and Hester blushed furiously.

"Never mind what becomes of it," she said, poking at the fire to hide her confusion. "Wait and see."

"Yes! First catch your bear," piped up little Johnnie Martin, "and then, as it was getting late, the young ladies and gentlemen retired to their respective tents, and presently the sounds of mirth that echoed back and forth from the lighted canvas died gradually away, the lights went out and the tired and happy party slept the sweet sleep of health and youth.

When the boys' tent awoke next morning they found that Clarence, true to his word, had taken his bass rod and gone.

"Clarence'll get big bass if anybody can," said Ned Vaughn, looking out. Hello! There goes Hester with the gun. Remember the gun, Hester, and bring back the skin for Clarence!" he shouted after her.

Other heads came out from both tents, and laughter and teasing followed her, all of which she ignored with calm dignity and presently disappeared amid the undergrowth of the forest.

"Don't go far, don't shoot yourself and don't get lost," was the last call of little Johnnie Martin as she vanished.

"That's sensible, at any rate," thought Hester. I'll keep near the river bank, so I'll be certain to get back." Then, with her gun thrown carelessly across her shoulder, as Clarence carried it, she stepped lightly through the fresh, dewy woods, looking in her short skirt and tall, thick cycle boots like a sweet, modern Diana of sixteen.

Clarence meanwhile had already met with some sport. He had waded down stream in the early morning until he reached a swift riffle where it seemed to him that bass might be found. At his first cast he had felt a strong tug and his rod bent furiously. Then the tension slackened, and he uttered an exclamation of disgust.

"Lost him!" he said aloud. "But I'll get him yet. He's a big one!"

He cast again and again, but perhaps the hook had pricked the big fellow considerably, for he did not take hold. There was no lack of sport however, and Clarence soon had a number of handsome fish swinging from the stout string at his waist. He looked at them admiringly.

"These are better than we've been catching," he muttered, "but I want that big fellow. I'll bet he was a five-pounder."

He waded on lower down the riffle, casting as he went. It was a long, rapid stretch of water and seemed full of good fish. Now and then he could see little droves of bass running ahead of him as he went forward. At the lower end the water was deeper and formed a sort of whirlpool. The boy's eye glistened.

"The place of all places for a big bass," he whispered to himself, "and the very time, too." The sun was just rising and sparkling through the tree tops on the dancing water.

He made a long, careful cast right into the centre of the whirling water, and then suddenly caught his breath, for there came a tug that nearly jerked the rod from his grasp. He saw the dark silk line cutting the water from right to left; then there was a fierce swish, and an instant later the hooked monster shot straight into the air, shaking himself fiercely in an effort to loosen the fatal barb. The boy's heart sank.

"Great whales!" he exclaimed. "I'll never land a fish like that with this line. I've only got twenty-five yards and it's a year old. I'll lose him sure."

The fish was going straight down stream and Clarence was letting out line and following as fast as he could walk through the swift water and slippery stones. All at once he found himself in water to his shoulders, and was obliged to hold his reel above his head to handle it.

"This is fishing with a vengeance." he thought. "I'll be swimming next," and in reality this prophecy came true presently, for the water deepened to his chin and a moment later his feet failed to touch bottom.

He kept himself afloat with one hand and held on to the rod with the other, the big fish dragging him.

"If he turns back I'll never be able to reel in, and I'll lose him!" he groaned. "I'd give twenty dollars to land that fish!"

Just then the fish did turn and the boy made a frantic endeavour to keep afloat with his feet, reeling meanwhile with his hands. Finding he could not do this he let the reel go and followed the line to the tip of the pole, pulling it back hand over hand. In this way he could keep up a motion that answered for swimming and hold his head above water. But in his haste the line in some manner became wound about one of his wrists, and when all at once the fish turned from him he felt the cord cut into his flesh and found himself as fast at his end of the line as the big bass was at the other.

"Well, I've heard fish stories," he muttered, "but I never heard of the fish catching the fisherman before. This one will do it sure, if the line holds, nad I guess it will by the way it feels."

They were cut in a wide stretch of deep water now and Clarence's captor was headed for the shore, here there were some broad flat rocks, that sloped to the water's edge.

"He's picking out that good place to land me!" thought the boy. "He can haul me out on that big rock in great style after he gets me well tired out."

The thought of the fish landing him made him smile grimly in spite of the discomfort of his wrist and the danger of his position, for he was becoming worn and breathless with the struggle and from swimming in his clothes. But his smile died away as quickly as it came, for as the dark rocks drew nearer, he saw in the shadow of an overhanging bough, watching him eagerly and swinging its tail silently from side to side, a great gray panther!

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The boy felt himself grow suddenly colder even than the water about him, and he made an involuntary movement in the opposite direction. But the last year's line held, and fish and current were both carrying him toward the big rocks. In fact, he saw now that the current swept around under the rocks that lay like a flat table on the surface of the stream. He knew at once that the big fish was seeking this place as a retreat and that he would be thrown directly at the waiting panther's feet. He had no means of defence and his strength was already exhausted. He saw the gray beast, almost the colour of the rocks, crouch like a huge cat, waiting. The current and tugging line were dragging him forward now so swiftly that in an instant more he would be flung against the rocky shelf, and then——

He closed his eyes and tried to utter a word of prayer for strength. Then, instantly, he opened them again for, right in his face, it seemed, there came the sharp crack of a rifle, followed by a snarling cry. He was against the rock, and just in front of him, whirling around and around, so close that its long, gray tail struck him full in the face, was the dying panther.

"Oh, Clarence!" cried an eager voice, "don't let him get away! Don't let him get into the river!"

Clinging to the rock Clarence turned. Coming hastily out of the bushes, her face flushed with excitement and gun in hand, was Hester Halsey. He stared at her an instant and then smiled feebly.

"No, Hester," he said, "he won't get in. He's done for, and so am I and the fish. Come, please, and get us out."

The panther gave a final quiver and lay still. The blood streamed from behind his left foreleg. Hester ran forward and, seizing Clarence's hand, pulled with all her might as he struggled out of the water. He gained the flat shelf, and sank down for a moment utterly exhausted. Then he said meekly: "There's a fish, Hester, on one end of that line and a pole on the other. I'm about half way between 'em" The girl went to the edge of the rock, and drawing in one strand of the line presently brought up the rod uninjured. Then she ran back and unwound the silk from Clarence's wrist.

"Now," she said, "you're all straight. Take the rod, and if your fish hasn't got away you can land him here in good style."

Clarence was regaining his strength like magic. He seized the rod eagerly. Then he hesitated.

"I ought to let you do it, Hester," he said meekly. "You've earned it."

"No, no,—Quick, now, he may get away."

A turn of the reel showed the boy that the big bass had not escaped or fouled the line among the rocks below. He reeled steadily, and the old monster tired and drowned out was soon struggling feebly at the edge of the rock. Clarence had no landing net and he was afraid to lift out the fish with his weakened line. Hester, comprehending this instantly, knelt down and, seizing the snell close to the big fellow's mouth, landed him with a steady swing safely on the rock, where he lay flopping sluggishly by the dead panther. He had swallowed the hook so far that there had been no chance of his escape except by breaking the line. The boy had never seen so large a bass in his life.

"It weighs seven pounds if it weighs an ounce," he said in an awestruck voice: "And that panther! How in the world did you ever do it, Hester?"

"Oh, easy enough. I wasn't more than twenty feet away when I saw him. He was looking at you so hard that he didn't hear me, I suppose. I remembered the gun, you see, and what you said once about shooting behind the foreleg. I couldn't miss at that distance."

"Lucky for me you didn't," said Clarence "I thought I was a goner that time, sure enough. What do you suppose they'll say in camp?"

"Let's go and see."

Folding his rod and stringing the big fish with those which were still hanging at his waist, the boy seized one of the dead panther's forefeet and the girl the other, and dragging him between them over the leaves and through the thick bushes they marched triumphantly toward the camp, more than a mile away. When they drew near they heard their companions calling them to breakfast

"Let's go in as if it were just a matter of course," said Hester. "Don't say a word, and see what they will say first."

So they marched into camp, dragging the dead panther between them and with the great fish dangling at Clarence's waist. When they stepped out of the woods in plain sight there was at first a moment of profound silence, followed by a wild shout and a general rush for them. Then came a hundred questions all at once, which at first remained unanswered. At last Clarence said:

"No, we didn't kill the b'ar—the painter. I mean. Hester killed it. And Hester caught the fish, and me and the pole, and everything else."

Hester protested.

"Oh, no, Clarence, I didn't either! You caught the fish yourself."

But Clarence insisted that Hester had done everything he said, and then he went on and told just how she did it, with the boys asking questions every other sentence and the girls crying. "Oh, Hester, how could you? Weren't you frightened to death?"

"Of course she wasn't," teased Ned Vaughn, "when it was to save Clarence. And I'll bet Clarence gets the panther's skin, too."

At this suggestion the girls were indignant, while Hester only blushed.

"I told you you'd come in ahead of the painter!" piped little Johnnie Martin.

Then they had breakfast, while the adventure had to be all told over and over again.

After breakfast the skin of the panther and that of big bass were both duly and carefully taken care of. Both trophies have gone to a taxidermist now for mounting, and it is whispered among the High School history class that the big bass will decorate the wall of Hester's room and that the panther will go with Clarence to college.

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STATUE OF MICKIEWICZ.

Great Polish Poet's Memory Honoured in Warsaw.

WARSAW, December 28 Saturday was a memorable day for Warsaw in particular and for Poles generally in Russia, Austria and Prussia. At ten o'clock in the morning, in the presence of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Warsaw, the Most Rev. V. T. Popiel, of the municipal authorities and of an immense throng, a monument was unveiled in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the greatest poet of the Polish nation, Adam Mickiewicz.

The monument, which stands in the principal street of Warsaw, is of granite, surmounted by a bronze statue of the poet. All the work, both in design and execution, has been done by Poles. The statue is the work of the well known Polish sculptor, Cyprian Podebski.

Adam Mickiewicz was born in the town of Novogrudok, Lithuania. His father was a lawyer as well as a farmer, but his grandfather was both poor and illiterate. In childhood he showed so much precocity, beginning to write meritorious verse at the age of 14, that he was sent to the university which at that time existed at Vilna. For political reasons Mickiewicz was compelled, about the year 1826, to leave his native Lithuania and reside in Russia proper. He was received in the most cultured circles of St. Petersburg, but he was resolved neither to live in Russia nor Poland while it should remain under Russian rule. In 1831 he obtained leave to travel, and spent the first part of his exile in Germany, Italy and Switzerland. Going on to Paris, he was made professor of the Slavonic languages and literature in the Colege of France, a position which he held for four years, when mental disorder induced a wildness in the manner of his teachings that brought him into disfavour with the authorities. In the Crimean War he went to Constantinople to raise a regiment of Poles, to serve against Russia, and at the Turkish capital he died in 1855. His body was taken to Paris by the French Government and buried in Montmorency.

One of the most notable of Mickiewicz' works is an epic entitled "Konrad Wallenrod," a thinly veiled protest against Russian domination in Lithuania.

RAILWAYS IN KANSAS.

The Populist Legislature is Determined to Control Rates.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 28.—The railroad bill which has been agreed upon by the populist leaders and will be passed by the special session of the Legislature called by Governor Leedy will be a crushing blow to the railroads whose lines run through Kansas.

The bill creates a railroad court, whose jurisdiction is superior to that of any District or Appellate Court, and inferior only to the Supreme Court of the State. In some respects it is even superior to this higher tribunal. Its decisions and orders are made final, the Supreme Court simply having the power to review any error which may be alleged, but not to pass on the evidence presented or any question of fact.

Any person having a real or imaginary grievance can institute a case before this Court, and it will be the sole and final judge in the matter. The Court is given sufficient process to enforce its orders and decisions and compel the attendance of witnesses and railroad representatives and also to compel railroads to produce any and all books and records in open court.

The court will consist of three judges, who will be elected by vote of the people. In addition a solicitor for the court is provided for in the bill. His duties will be the handling of all legal work incidental to the cases brought before the court. The solicitor will also be elected by the direct vote of the people.

The intermediate federal courts, it is held, will have no more power to review the actions of the railroad court than the district and appellate courts. All cases taken to the State Supreme Court on writs of error will go direct to the United States Supreme Court in the event of appeal.

The fundamental idea of the bill as stated by a member of the Joint Railroad Committee is to place the railroads under State regulation and control and take away from the railroads the power of making rates. Prominent lawyers of the State have been employed in the preparation of the bill and the populists are satisfied with it. The bill, they assert, is in accordance with the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court, which declared the fixing of rates a judicial and not a legislative question.

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FRANCE NEEDS REFORMS.

An Agitation Started for a Constitutional Convention.

A RAPPROCHEMENT WITH GERMANY SEEMS TO BE COMING.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Many thoughtful Republicans feel that if the present form of Government is to be preserved sweeping reforms—administrative, financial and political—are absolutely necessary. The disorder and barrenness of results which characterized the session of Parliament up to its adjournment for the holidays has much to do with focusing the attention of the public and the press upon this crying need for reform. Attempts at remedying recognized evil conditions are already under way, however. A few days ago a bill favouring decentralization was laid before the Chamber of Deputies. The aim of the measure is to decrease the number of office-holders by a number sufficient to save 200,000,000 francs annually. The constant increase of the officeholding class is one of the chief causes of the ever-present deficit in the French budget.

During the last twenty years the annual expenses of administration have been swollen by nearly 1,000,000,000 francs. In 1876 these expenses amounted to 2,600,000,000 francs. For 1898 they have aggregated about 3,600,000,000 francs.

A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Jules Roche, who was Minister of Commerce early in the '90s has taken the lead in seeking to check this evil tendency. He has just organized a Taxpayers' Protective league, which meets with the enthusiastic approval of the public, while Senator de Marcere, a distinguished ex-minister, and Prof. Louis Eugene Benoist, the well-known publicist, have gone to the root of the matter by demanding a constitutional convention. These thinkers demand that the present instrument be revised, adopting several features of the American constitution, especially that giving the president more power than is enjoyed by the chief executive of the French Republic.

Senator Marcere said: "I am a great admirer of the constitution of the United States and its authors. The Federalist was an admirable work. There are features in the American constitution which we might well borrow. Our custom of our social state, our democracy are everywhere menaced by the predominance of private over public interests. This danger is the first that must be guarded against."

The leading moderate Republican papers throw open their columns to consideration of these various proposed changes, but they are not very sanguine that any serious reforms will be adopted.

RELATIONS WITH GERMANY.

The idea of a rapprochement between Germany and France is still kept alive here. One of the leading evening papers devotes an article to the subject giving the opinions of the leading German papers thereon. It is evident that the Paris sheet is not opposed to the proposition, and there is much ground for believing that the idea of a reconciliation may make progress—slow, surely, but sure, perhaps. Indeed the rapprochement may be an accomplished fact by the time of the exposition of 1900.

One of the most important acts of the Chamber before adjournment was the ratification of the Franco-Italian commercial treaty, and the most significant feature of the act was to be noted in the friendly comments of the press on both sides of the Alps. That means much politically, for it is another step in the direction of a rapprochement with Germany. Better relations with Italy mean an easier understanding with Germany. This view is held by many French statesmen who are not afraid to speak their minds.

A Destructive Chinese River.

The most destructive stream on the face of the earth is the Hoang-Ho or Yellow River which has appropriately been named the "Sorrow of China." It is one of the principal rivers of that country, and has a tortuous course of over 2,400 miles, rising in Lake Alanor, in Tibet. In less than a hundred years it has changed its channel four times and the point where it empties into the sea has from time to time been moved up and down the coast a distance of 300 miles. It runs through a vast alluvial plain, and is fed by streams from a great system of mountains in the north. When the snow melting on this range comes at a time of heavy rains the result is sure to be a terrible flood. It has been estimated that in the past three centuries over 10,00,000 human being have perished in the floods of the Yellow River. The last dreadful inundation on this destructive river occurred in 1887 when over 1,500 populous villages and over 2,000,000 lives were destroyed.

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THE MURDERED EMPRESS.

A Memorial to be Erected to Elizabeth in the Riviera.

NICE, December 28. With the approval of Emperor Francis Joseph, the Austrian colony at Mentone is erecting a memorial to the Empress, who was a regular visitor to the Riviera.

The memorial will consist of an obelisk surmounted by the Imperial eagle, the shaft ornamented with garlands and symbolic figures.

GENOA, December 28.—Michael Rossi, the anarchist who was arrested in Geneva and expelled from Switzerland at the time Luchess murdered the Empress of Austria, is again in the hands of the police.

He was arrested by the Italian authorities while working under an assumed name in a factory near Arcola. The authorities in Rome think they have forestalled another anarchistic plot.

A DUEL WITH KNIVES.

OROVILLE, Calif., December 28. Thos. J. Grubbs, aged 46, and Harry Roberts, aged 70, have fought a duel with pocket knives at Mooredown, twenty two miles above this place. Grubbs literally hacked his aged victim to death, and was himself shockingly wounded about the face and neck. Grubbs has been arrested on a charge of murder.

Mr. Bartram, of London, Ont., has reiterated his contention that Mayor Wilson and ex-Mayor Taylor were not legally nominated, and has served the city clerk with a notice protesting.

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LUTHERANS MEET.

The First Gathering of the Kind Ever Held in America.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 28.—A general conference of Lutherans, the first meeting of the kind ever held in this country, the delegates representing the general council, the general synod, and united synod of the South, began in St. John's Lutheran Church here yesterday. The conference will continue until Thursday afternoon, the sessions to-day and Thursday being held in St. Matthew's Church. The three bodies comprising the conference have a communicant membership of 600,000 persons, and includes 4,000 congregations. The ministers in the bodies number nearly 3,000. The conference proceedings, which are expected to have an important bearing upon the future of the Lutheran Church, grew out of the action taken by the general council at Easton, Pa., in 1895, which was subsequently approved by the general synod and the united synod of the South. While it is not announced as an effort to unite the three great bodies of the Lutheran Church, the object of the conference is to prepare the way for a better understanding and a more harmonious co-operation among Lutherans in the three bodies represented. The ministers in attendance as delegates number about three hundred, and are from Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

A KLONDIKE ENTERPRISE.

(Toronto Globe Cable.)

LONDON, December 28.—The Klondike Mining, Trade and Transport Company, of which Sir Charles Tupper is chairman, has just issued its report from the end of July, 1897, to the end of November, 1898. The loss on trading was nearly £27,000, the loss in connection with the Teslin route accounting for £23,000 of this. Against the loss stands as an asset shares in other companies, whose nominal value amounts to £47,500.

Aubrey Shanfield, aged sixteen, committed suicide at New York, on Tuesday, by inhaling gas through a tube in the Defender Hotel. He was a wayward youth. His father committed suicide by drowning three years ago.

LONDON PANTOMINES.

America and Australia Have Joined to Make Them a Success.

LONDON, December 28.—All of London's thirty four pantomimes got into swing Monday night with more or less success. Of course the principal ones were at the two West End houses—the Drury Lane and the Adelphi.

"The Forty Thieves" at Drury Lane, is pronounced by the unanimous voice of London's critics to be a great success.

Speaking of "The Forty Thieves," the Daily Telegraph says:

"For many a long year the lovers of true pantomime, the merry, light hearted adorers of fun in its most attractive form, have not had such a treat as Arthur Collins has given them this time. It is a children's pantomime in a double sense. Every child will love it. Every man and woman in the audience will, by the magic of the pantomime, become a child again.

"But were there ever two such entrances as those of Dan Leno and Herbert Campbell, the one burlesquing Beerbohm Tree as D'Artagnan in 'the Three Musketeers,' and the other caricaturing charming Miss Edna May in 'The Belle of New York?'

"Like a true liberal unionist and a dramatic free trader, the enterprising Mr. Collins has gone this year to America and the English colonies for the best representatives of their art.

"In this form of wholesome, genial, old fashioned entertainment, America is represented by Miss Amelia Stone, who at once made her mark when she appeared in this country in an American play, and has made an even stronger mark now, for she can act, she is bright and has humour, and is never dull, stupid or lethargic. Miss Amelia Stone play Morgiana, Cassim's slave. She lights up every scene in which she appears.

"Australia's representative is Miss Nellie Stewart, a lovely, graceful woman, a born actress and an experienced artist. She is attractive in style and has a pure and beautiful voice.

"At the close of the performance, again and again Mr. Collins was called out. May all congratulate him on the beautiful, costly entertainment, the fun there, the porcelain ballet, the magnificent transformation scene. 'Love's Golden Gates' will be the talk of London and far beyond it."

A protest is being prepared for presentation to the Government against the disfigurement of Major's Hill Park, Ottawa, for railway purposes.

THE PARSLOW TRIAL.

Mr. Ethier Concludes His Address for the Defence.

THE CASE WILL GO TO THE JURY THIS AFTERNOON.

(Special Staff Correspondence.)

STE. SCHOLASTIQUE, December 28.—The trial of Sam Parslow for the murder of Isidore Poirier was resumed on Tuesday afternoon at a quarter past two o'clock. Within five minutes of the adjournment of the morning session, ladies began entering the court room through the private door. They speedily filled the reserved enclosure. Groups of men and women waited patiently in the storm outside the court house. At two o'clock the corridors were filled with a noisy, jostling crowd. A few obtained admittance through the back entrance of the court.

After the jury and the prisoner were brought in, the main entrance was thrown open, and the struggling mass of humanity came with a rush into the body of the court. There were some ominous cracks heard, and the front rank of spectators was almost forced through the dock by the pressure from behind. Soon the room was packed. Parslow's brother, George, who has assisted the prisoner's counsel during the trial, occupied his old seat immediately in front of his brother. The wife of Edward Parslow sat on the steps at the foot of the judge's bench. Sam Parslow was firmer than in the morning, and seemed to have nerved himself for what was before him.

Mr. Ethier resumed his speech at twenty minutes past two o'clock. Every square foot of the court room was occupied. The air soon became stifling. The face of the foreman of the jury was set like an image. It showed no sign of softening under Mr. Ethier's eloquence. The learned counsel spoke of the love for the woman, Cordelia Viau, which prompted Parslow to do the deed.

Lights were brought in at four o'clock, and Mr. Ethier still continued speaking. The scene was impressive in the dim light. The impassioned oratory of the speaker moved to tears many of the spectators. George Parslow, the brother, was especially affected.

At twenty minutes past five o'clock Mr. Ethier concluded his address.

His speech occupied in delivery just five hours and a quarter. The court immediately adjourned until the morning at ten o'clock, when the trial will be finished.

Mr. Mackay will address the jury on behalf of the Crown the first thing in the morning. Then will follow the Judge's charge, which will probably consume about two hours in delivery. The case will probably go to the jury in the afternoon.

Sam Parslow, the prisoner, broke down after the conclusion of his counsel's address. The court room was cleared with difficulty. The curious crowd persisted in hanging about the prisoner's dock as they went from the room.

CIVIL SERVANTS

Wait Upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Ask for Their Statutory Increase.

(Special to the Star.)

OTTAWA, December 28.—Yesterday a delegation of the civil servants waited upon the Premier, with whom was the Hon. W. S. Fielding, to present the petition for the restoration of the annual statutory increases in the civil service salaries. The deputation consisted of Mr. King, astronomer of the Interior Department; N. Doyon, of the Inland Revenue Department, and Mr. Stumbles, of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, all of whom set forth in brief speeches the prayer of the whole service and the reasons why the Government should grant the petition.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was, as usual, strictly non-committal. He gave the deputation no just cause for hope that their prayer would be granted: In his reply he rather discussed the probability or possibility of the present act being amended, or superseded by a new one. Should either of these alternatives take place, Hon. W. S. Fielding, who, as Finance Minster, would have charge of the bill, would give full weight to the views and suggestions they had just heard.

The delegates thanked the Minister, and withdrew.

LOST THE RECORDS.

Strange Happenings to a Member of the Anti-Anarchist Conference.

ROME, December 28.—A member of the recent anti-Anarchist conference lost in a vehicle a copy of the records of the conference proceedings.

The police, though they have made a thorough search for the missing document, have failed to discover it. The newspapers have been warned not to publish its contents, and to advise the police if the copy is offered them.

FRANCE AND THE VATICAN.

ROME, December 28.—It is reported that the recall of M. Poubelle, French Ambassador to the Vatican, was by request, the Pope finding him no longer persona grata on account of his intrigues over the French protectorate of Catholics in Palestine. The Capitale says the same question has made the position of Cardinal Rampolla, the Papal Secretary of State, very difficult.

EXPORT BOUNTY ON CATTLE.

(Toronto Globe's Cable.)

LONDON, December 28.—It is reported from Buenos Ayres that the Argentine Congress is this session considering a bill to grant a bounty on cattle exported, together with a remission of dues upon vessels carrying Argentine cattle.

BISHOP SULLIVAN ILL.

(Special to the Star.)

TORONTO, December 28.—Right Rev. Bishop Sullivan, of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, is at present very ill and is confined to his bed. A physician is in attendance.

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THE DRUCE MYSTERY.

Many Visitors to the Vault in Highgate Cemetery.

ITS OPENING WOULD TAKE AN EXPERT MANY HOURS.

LONDON, December 28. — The Druce grave in Highgate cemetery is an object of interest to curiosity seekers. Scarcely a day elapses without bringing its shoals of visitors to the marble tomb which has been the subject of so much litigation during the past six months; and on Sundays the cemetery attendants are kept busy pointing out the way to the now famous vault.

George Eliot, Michael Faraday, and scores of other noted men and women, found their last resting place on the hillside overlooking Kenetishtown; but their graves are no longer sought for in the rush of morbid sightseers who hunt out the tomb of T. C. Druce.

On Sunday afternoons it is no unusual sight to see a dozen persons gathered about the marble shaft that holds down the secret that Mrs. Druce is fighting so hard to reveal.

A constant watch is kept on that part of the cemetery in which the Druce grave is situated; but that is simply because it happens to be near the chapel gates.

There are three entrances to Highgate, the upper, lower, and chapel. A gatekeeper is on duty at each of these for twelve hours a day. At the chapel gate the superintendent occupies a lodge, and there is an extra night watchman on duty all night. The cemetery officials would be individually glad if Mrs. Druce succeeded in opening the grave.

Mrs. Druce has not been near the cemetery for several months, so far as the officials know. At the time of the rumour of the grave having been tunnelled into by the family, Mrs. Druce went out to Highgate with some friends and made a personal inspection of the exterior of the vault. She apparently satisfied herself that it had not been tampered with, and the gatekeepers have not seen her since that day.

"It would be absolutely impossible for any person to open the Druce vault without detection," said a cemetery attendant. "The Druce vault, except so far as the contents of the coffin are concerned, are as plain to me as though it were opened. Originally it was 10 feet deep, 9 feet long, and 6 feet 6 inches wide.

"Such a vault will hold two adults side by side, and one child. The coffin supposed to contain the body of Thomas C. Druce is on the bottom. Next to this coffin is that of Walter Thomas Druce, his third son, while an infant son is buried at their feet. When his wife died there was a slab placed above the coffin of T. C. Druce, and her remains are on top of this.

"It would take an expert ten hours to open the vault sufficiently to expose these coffins. If a novice tried it he would probably take a lifetime, for the shaft would probably fall on him and kill him."

HIS OWN SEXTON.

A Lunatic Who Conceived a Novel Mode of Self-Destruction.

PARIS, December 28.—At a town between Paris and Dijon a vestry clerk employed in the local church saw a strange scene the other night. On leaving his office he heard a noise in the cemetery, and went into the place in order to ascertain the cause of the same. He then saw a man named Penisson, whom he knew, rolling a wheelbarrow containing a coffin towards an open grave. The clerk asked the man what he was going to do, whereupon Penisson calmly replied that he was tired of existence, and intended to bury himself alive near the side of his father. Hearing this, the clerk resolved to go for the local mayor, in order to take combined action with him about the lunatic. In about half an hour the two men entered the cemetery and went towards the place where they saw Penisson's wheelbarrow. They found that the coffin had been lowered into the grave. They descended into the pit and tried to open the lid, which resisted their efforts. It was fastened inside, and they next used a pick, and with it lifted up the lid by their joint efforts. The lunatic was lying down in the coffin, but as soon as the cover was taken off he jumped up, clambered out of the grave with the greatest celerity, and ran away. Penisson has not since been seen. The inside of the coffin was comfortably lined with wool, and in it were a dictionary, a prayer book, Penisson's record of military service, a certificate of his good conduct and his savings bank account. The gendarmes are now looking for the man who wanted to bury himself alive, and it is possible that he may very soon be found and transferred to an asylum.

ONTARIO'S PROGRESS.

Statistics Showing the Rapid Development of the Sister Province.

(Special to the Star.)

TORONTO, December 28. — A bulletin issued to-day by the Department of Agriculture gives a number of figures of interest concerning agriculture in the province. In the 114 cheese factories, 1,455,937,148 pounds of milk were used, and 137,362,916 pounds of cheese were made, the value of the cheese produced being $11,719,468. This is about $3,000,000 more than the amount for 1896. The creameries show even a greater increase. The quantity of milk sent was 7,708,265 pounds, and the value of the butter produced was $1,403,609. This is almost three times as much as produced in 1893. Other statistics of interest may be summarized as follows: Total farm property, value $906,093,613, which is five millions less than in 1896; live stock, $83,619,804, which is also less than in 1896; implements, $51,299,098; buildings, $206,090,159. The chattel mortgage list decreased a small amount during 1897, from $13,561,716 to $13,382,196. The bonded debt of the municipalities has increased from $26.51 per head to $26.84 per head. The population is rated at 1,990,977, an increase over 1896 of over 18,000.

DROWNED IN ALASKA.

HAMILTON, Ont., December 28.—James Galloway, an employe in Solicitor T. C. Haslett's office, who is legal representative here for ex-Mayor A. D. Stewart, has received a telegram confirming the report of the death of Mr. Stewart by drowning, while on his way to the Klondike, and stating that a letter with particulars would reach here in a day or two.

AN HONOUR FOR MGR. McEVAY.

(Special to the Star.)

HAMILTON, Ont., December 28. — The Pope has promoted Mgr. McEvay, of the St. Mary's Cathedral here, to the position of Domestic Prelate to His Holiness. The insignia of the new office consists of a purple soutane, rochetta, mantle and biretta.

All notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths must be endorsed with the names and addresses of the persons sending same.

BIRTHS.

BALL—At Magog, Que., on the 4th of December, the wife of E. L. Call, of a daughter.*

BURNS—At Toronto, on December 22nd, the wife of Mr. C. Burns, of a daughter.*

BURTCH—In Kingston, Ont., on December 23rd, 1898, to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Burtch, a son.*

CLELAND—At Beech Ridge, Que., on the 16th of December, the wife of Michael Cleland, of a son.*

CRANDON—In St. Mary's, Ont., on December 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Crandon, twin boys.*

EVANS—At La Fayette, Indiana, on the 25th inst., the wife of Dr. Percy Norton Evans, of a son, still born. 304 3

FARWELL—In Shebrooke, Que., on Dec. 13th, the wife of Dr. W. A. Farwell, of a daughter.*

FERNS—At Godmanchester, Que., on the 16th inst., the wife of Hamilton Ferns, of a daughter.*

MORRISON—At Elgin, Que., on the 20th inst., the wife of D. C. Morrison, of a son.*

NORCROSS—At Lennoxville, Que., on the 19th of December, the wife of A. A. Norcross, of a son.*

RUMBLE—In Nissouri, Ont., on December 7th, to Mr. and Mrs. John Rumble, a son.*

SEARLE—At Denison's Mills, Que., on December 11th, the wife of Edward Searle, of a son.*

SHELTUS—At Bedford, Que., on December 12th, the wife of W. A. Sheltus, of a daughter.*

SOMERVILLE — At Huntingdon, Que., on the 21st inst., the wife of A. R. Somerville, of a daughter.*

WHITTIER — At Cherry River, Que., on December 9th, the wife of Homer Whittier, of a daughter.*

WRIGHT—At Stephen Mills, Que., on the 6th of December, the wife of L. Wright, of a son.*

MARRIAGES.

HARRINGTON-FAHEY — At New York, on October 5, by the Rev. Fr. Cunningham, Mr. Charles Harrington, of Toronto, to Miss Mary Jane Knowles, of Clifton, Gloucester Co., N.B.*

HORNIBROOK-KNOWLES—At St. John, N.B., on December 21, by Rev. W. Harrison, Perkins Hornibrook, of New Bandon, to Miss Mary Jane Knowles, of Clifton, Gloucester Co., N.B.*

LAWSON-NICHOL — At Ottawa, on the 20th of December, Miss Mary Nichol, daughter of Robert Nichol, to Robert Lawson.*

McFARLANE-GALLAGHER — At Sackville, N. B., on December 21st, by Rev. A. D. Archibald, M. A., George McFarlane, of Dover, to Sarah Gallagher, of Sackville.*

MORRIS-SCARTH — In Lennoxville, P. Q., on the 16th inst., William Morris, of Sherbrooke, to Miss Margaret Cecilia, only daughter of Rev. Dr. Scarth, rector of Lennoxville.*

DEATHS OUTSIDE THE CITY.

ALLISON—At Sackville, N. S., on the 14th inst., Elizabeth, wife of Dr. Allison, president of Mount Allison University.*

BILYEA—On con. 14, London Township, Ont., on December 9, Mr. Nelson Bilyea.*

BLANCHARD—At Ste. Anne de Stukely, Que., on December 11, Dame Euphrasie Lesperance, wife of J. B. Blanchard, aged 79 years.*

BRITTON—At Hillsdale, N. S., on Dec. 3rd, Gladys Mary, daughter of Robert and Carrie Britton.*

CALL—At Magog, Que., on the 12th of December, Mary Ann Bickford, wife of J. B. S. Call, aged 52 years.*

CARSON—At Windsor Forks, N. S., on December 15th, of meningitis of the brain, Charles Philip, son of Benj. Carson, aged 7 years.*

COOKE—At Sunnyside, near Cataraqui, Ont., on December 22nd Margareta Emily Haycock, wife of James M. Cooke, in the 43rd year of her age.*

CORMIER—At West Gardner, Mass., on December 3rd, Sieur Benoni D. Cormier, formerly of Buctouche, N.B.*

DICKIE—At Brookfield, Col. Co., N. S., on December 11th, Bessie, wife of Abner P. Dickie, aged 32 years.*

FRY—At Quebec, on the 20th inst., John Shurland Fry, a native of Devonshire, England, in his 80th year.*

GUNN—At Brocton, Mass., on Dec. 3rd, Annie Gunn, wife of Wm. H. Gunn, of Chatham, N.B., aged 56 years.*

HURLEY—At St. John, N.B., on Dec. 17, Timothy Hurley, aged 70 years.*

KEEFLER—At Weston, Ont., on December 22nd, Mathias H. Keefler aged 74 years.*

KENT—At Gay's River, N.S., on the 10th of December, Josephine L. Kent, aged 14 months.*

LEGGAT—At Farnham Centre, Que., on 5th of December, James Leggat, in the 88th year of his age.*

ROGERS—In Motherwell, Ont., on the 5th inst., infant daughter of Mr. W. J. Rogers, Motherwell, aged 5 weeks.*

SCHRYBURT—At Quebec, on the 20th of December, at the age of 2 years and 9 months, Marie Rose Delima Yvonne, child of M. F. Schryburt.*

SEGEE—At St. John, N.B., on Dec. 22nd, Laura Isabella, daughter of C. W. and Charlotte I. Segee, aged 13 years.*

For additional Births, Marriages and Deaths, see pages 7 and 11.

WHEN THE BUGLE CALL.

Soldiers Who Fight Against Attacks of Cowardice.

After reading of the brilliant exploits of our gallant troops at Omdurman, one may be pardoned for doubting the existence of cowards in the British army, says the London Mail.

Unfortunately, however, every now and then amid the din and crash of battle a recruit is seized with a fit of cowardice, which he boldly fights against. The attack is oftentimes quite inexplicable, and nearly always momentary.

The majority of men are brave by instinct, especially when in the thick of a fight. There are, of course, exceptions to the rule, but generally the feeling that the soldier is not a separate unit, but a cog in a vast fighting machine tends to make even the most timorous stand shoulder to shoulder with his comrades.

Then the fear of being thought afraid steels the nerves of many a failing soldier, and there is no doubt that the dread of the contempt and indignation of his fellows is a most powerful stimulant.

Very rarely, indeed, does a British soldier allow fear to overcome his sense of duty; but some old veteran will occasionally admit that he has known perhaps one such instance, and in reply to the question, "How is it we never read of such cases?" he will answer: "One dead man is a small loss to a regiment. Besides, one man running off may cause another to follow him, and a panic may thus set in. Before any one has time to think about it or issue an order, depend upon it, one of his comrades, for the honour of the regiment, puts a bullet through him."

Sir Charles Napier had an effective method of dealing with cowards. On one occasion a flying soldier was stopped by his fellows, who were about to shoot him, when the general intervened.

"Give the man another chance," he ordered. "Place him in the front rank, and if he turns again let him be shot."

The man eagerly embraced this chance for his life, overcame his fears and fought bravely for the rest of the day. Bravery is sometimes largely due to mere lack of sensibility.

"There goes the bravest man in the army," said the old Kaiser Wilhelm on the battlefield of Sadowa, as a pale young officer cheered his men on to the charge. "He is terribly afraid of being shot, and he knows it; but he loves his duty and country more than his personal safety, and that is what makes him lead his men on so gallantly."

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THE SECRET OF THE MALESTROM

The theory that the great whirlpool off the coast of Norway is subterraneously connected with the Gulf of Bothnia has found many believers, among them the celebrated Kirchner, who prepared the architectural plans of what the Tower of Babel was like. Yearning for something definite as to this mystery of nature, however, the French Government has nominated a scientific commission to study the celebrated whirlpool, to investigate its suggested connections with the Gulf Stream, and to rectify existing charts of its currents.

All the poetry of Scandinavia centres around the terrible gulf which expresses the supreme horror of nature. But we live in a more positive age. The whirlpool is in the vicinity of the wildest, rock-bound coast of Norway, the black cliffs of which have been called "the ramparts of the world." Still there are times when the pool is so calm that a small boat can sail across its presumed mouth. No ship has ever been sucked down—mariners know the currents by their charts save that described by Edgar Allen Poe, so full of "creepiness," and where the vessel is converted into matchwood. Of its crew one alone was rescued, a youth of 22, who, after some corkscrew tossing in the funnel, was thrown upon a beach some miles away, his hair having become as white as snow and he himself a wizened old man.

During periods of storm the maelstrom is said to resemble a funnel, the water whirling inside a ring of foam; but the eye can see the descending liquid wall to be all jet-black water. Trunks of trees have been thrown up so split that the natives say they have become "mermaids' hair." Of course there are legends of whales having been drawn into the great race, and that their cries have been heard above the storm.

What will accrue to science from the result of the French commission is naturally impossible to predict. As was evidenced by the late expedition of a Frenchman to the depths of the Red Sea to recover traces of Pharaoh's lost hosts, the Gauls of to-day have a decided fondness for peering into matters the investigation of which seems to be contrary to the decrees of both time and nature.

But an outside observer might plausibly allege that a descent into a volcano to ascertain whence came the fiery scoria, as well as observations as to the effect of the ejected molten lava upon the circumjacent air, would be quite as easy and of equal advantage to the world of science as the proposed effort to fathom the mysteries of the maelstrom. The fascination for diving into the unknown is, however, so great that as long as mysteries shall exist somebody will be found to spend valuable time, valuable life, and valuable means upon their solution.

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A STORY OF COL. ROOSEVELT.

A correspondent of the New York Tribune tells the following anecdote of Colonel Roosevelt: "I think it was in 1890 that I spent the night in a cabin on the eastern shore of Kootenai Lake. Another man had sought refuge there, who said that he was a trapper and that he had just come down from a point in the Selkirks, where he had accompanied Colonel Roosevelt on a bear hunt. The colonel had heard that there existed in the Selkirks a new kind of grizzly bear which he had not as yet shot, and he had determined to secure a specimen. The guide said that they came across this bear rather unexpectedly, and that the animal charged them. He added: 'You know Colonel Roosevelt is very near-sighted, and he carries more kinds of glasses than an Englishman; one pair to read with, one to shoot with and another to walk with. When the bear charged us he had on his walking glasses, and when I told him that the beast was upon him he coolly took off these glasses, folder them up, put them away in his pocket, took out and wiped his shooting glasses and put them on as quietly and deliberately as if there was not a bear in the entire country. By the time he had got his glasses adjusted the bear was near, and he pulled up his gun and killed him in his tracks, and did not seem in the least bit excited."

All Notices of Births, Marriages, and Deaths must be endorsed with the names and addresses of the persons sending same.

BIRTHS.

MONAHAN—At 270 Coleraine st., on the 18th inst., the wife of M. Monahan, of a son.

ALLAN—At Diligent River, N. S., on December 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Allan a son.*

AYLMER—At Peterboro', Ont., on the 21st of December, the wife of James A. Aylmer, of a son.

BLACK—At Upper Dorchester, N.B., on December 16th, to the wife of C. N. Black, a son.*

BRUNETT—At Cornwall, Ont., on December 19, the wife of Wm. Brunett, of a son.*

HOPPER—At Morrisburg, Ont., on Dec. 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hopper, jr., a son.*

KELLY—At Parrsboro', N. S., on December 18, to Captain and Mrs. C. A. Kelly, a daughter.*

McBRATNEY—In Kingston, Ont., on December 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. McBratney, a son.*

McCORMICK—In Warwick, Ont., on December 2, the wife of Mr. John McCormick, of a son.*

McRAE — At Maxville, Ont., on December 21, the wife of F. J. McRae, of a son.*

NICHOLLS—At Parrsboro', N. S., on December 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nicholls, a son.*

NORCROSS—At Lennoxville, Que., on December 19th, a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Norcross.*

POIRIER — At Shediac, N. C., on December 16th, to the wife of Simon A. Poirier, a son.*

RUTHERFORD—At Parrsboro', N. S., on December 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rutherford, a daughter.*

WINTER — At Sherbrooke, Que., on Dec. 15, the wife of A. T. Winter of a daughter.*

MARRIAGES.

BOYAIRD-LARKEN—By the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael in St. George's Church, Montreal, December 27th, 1898, Louisa, second daughter of Major W. H. Larken, of Woodbridge, England, to David Boyaird, jr., M.D., of New York city. 304 3

KERR RITCHIE — On December 24, at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs J. Thistle, by the Rev. E. M. Hill, Minnie Kearet, daughter of the late John Ritchie to Andrew C. Kerr. 304 2

BERRY-PRICE — On the 20th inst., at Sherbrooke, Que., by Rev. Wm. Shearer, James A. Berry, of Montreal, to Beatrice M. Price, of Sherbrooke.*

CAMERON-DALRYMPLE — At Lower Selmah, N. S., on December 13th, by Rev. T. W. Cox, Daniel F. Cameron, of West River, Pictou, to Addie Dalrymple, of Minasville.

CREASER-FRASER — At Rose Bay, Lunenburg, N.S., on the 15th of December, by Rev. Oskar Gronlund, Pollie E. Fraser, of Rose Bay, to Charles Creaser, of Lower LaHave.*

DAWE-DAWE—At Bay Roberts, Nfld., by Rev. W. C. Shears, Mr. Robert Dawe of St. John's, to Mary Violet, daughter of Captain Henry Dawe, of Bay Roberts.

GRADY-JOLIFFE — At Inverness, Que., on December 17, by Rev. James Sutherland, George Grady to Sara Jane Jolliffe.

JENKSSAYRE—At Spencer's Island, N. S., on December 24, H. S. Jenks, of Parrsboro', and Miss Sayre, of Spencer's Island.*

McCOLLUM-FREYSENG — At Toronto, on December 21st, by Rev. Arthur H. Baldwin, Arthur B. T. McCollum son of the late Dr. J. J. McCollum to Josephine Maria, daughter of Peter Freyseng, Esq.*

OLSEN-ROWDEN—At St. John's, Nfld., on the 10th inst. by Rev. L. Curtis, Captain Henry Olsen and Mrs. Martha Rowden, both of St. John's.*

ROGERS-IRWIN — At Pittsburg, Pa., on December 12th, by the Rev. Dr. Granger, J. Wm. Rogers, eldest son of Major John Rogers, of this city, to Mary Blanche, daughter of C. S. Irwin, Esq., of Brookville, Pa. 303 2

STEELE-SNADEN — On the 21st inst., at Danville, Que., by the Rev. R. Robinson, James A. Steele, of Asbestos, to Miss Alice F. Snaden of Danville.*

DEATHS IN THE CITY.

CLEARY—Suddenly, in this city, on the 27th inst. Sarah Kavanagh, beloved wife of John Cleary, foreman, G.T.R. Funeral from her husband's residence, 214 St. Martin street, at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, December 29, to St. Anthony's Church, thence to the Roman Catholic cemetery. Please omit flowers.

DERRY — At the Moore Convalescent Home, on December 24th, Alice Gertrude, third daughter of the late John Ogilvy Moffatt and wife of John Derry. Funeral private. 304 2

ESDAILE — On Tuesday, December 27th, Nancy Flora, eldest daughter of the late Robert Esdaile, aged 46 years. Funeral private. 304 2

MALTBY—In this city, on December 28, 1898, 761 St. Denis street, Sarah Elizabeth Maltby, third daughter of Herbert Maltby, aged 15 years, 3 months and 15 days. Funeral on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend. (Chicago papers please copy.) 304 2

MINOGUE — In this city, on the 27th inst., Lassie Darragh, beloved wife of Michael Minogue, master carter, after a short illness of 3 days, aged 25 years, leaves a small child and husband to mourn her loss. Funeral from her late residence, 98 St. Hypolite street, Thursday, the 29th inst., at 2:45 a.m. to Windsor Station. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend. 303 2

DEATHS OUTSIDE THE CITY.

BELMORE — At Toronto, on the 26th inst., Anthony Joseph, son of Anthony Belmore, aged 2 years.*

CAREY — At Hamilton, Ont., on the 16th inst., Peter Carey, aged 88 years.*

DOYLE—At Ottawa, December 19th, Mary Doyle, relict of the late Matthew Doyle, of Montreal, in her 86th year.*

GARDINER — At London, Ont., on Dec. 19, Helanor, wife of John Gardiner, aged 76 years.*

GORDON—On the 10th December, at Oswego, New York, Gertrude Waddington Ogden, daughter of the late Governeur Ogden, of Waddington, and wife of the late John Gordon, formerly of Quebec.*

GOSNELL — At Victoria, B. C., on the 11th inst., Agnes Theresa, wife of R. E. Gosnell, a native of Hamilton, Ont., aged 35 years.*

HARDING—At Detroit, Mich., on Dec. 24, Francis Harding, formerly of London, Ont., aged 51 years.*

JONES — At Quebec, Patrick Jones, aged 88 years, formerly of Marbale, County of Gaspe.*

LORD — At San Francisco, Cal., on Dec 10, Elijah Lord, a native of St. John, N B.*

MANDERSON — At Newcastle, N. B. on December 4th, John Manderson, in his 69th year.*

MARTIN — At Hamilton, Ont., on the 19th inst., Philip Martin, sr., in his 80th year.*

McDADE—At St. John, N.B., on Dec. 17, Elizabeth, wife of Michael McDade.*

McMURRAY — At Milltown, N.B., on December 11, W. John McMurray, aged 71 years.*

MUMFORD — At Halifax, N. S., on December 18th, Heber Mumford, in his 80th year.*

O'BREADY — At Wotton, Que., on Dec 12, Patrick O'Bready, aged 70 years.*

PATTERSON — At Hamilton, Ont., on December 20, Emma Jane Patterson, wife of Norman Patterson, in her 54th year.*

RAMSAY — At Ramsay Corners, Ont., on December 18, Robert W. Ramsay, eldest son of the late John Ramsay, aged 51 years and 5 months.*

RENFREW—At her residence, 343 Sherbourne street, Toronto, on the 25th inst., Eliza Jane Tweddell, widow of the late George R. Renfrew. Interment at Guelph, on the 28th inst. 302 2

RYAN — At Halifax, N.S., December 19, Cecelia, wife of Michael Ryan, aged 59 years, a native of Galway, Ireland.*

SIFTON — In North Oxford, Ont., on December 2, Charles Sifton, in the 79th year of his age.*

SORLEY — At New Edinburgh, Ont., on December 20, Margaret S. McCormick wife of James Sorley, aged 77 years.*

TAIT — At St. John, N.B., on the 20th inst., Elizabeth, wife of James Tait, in the 55th year of her age.*

TURNER—On the 10th inst., at Ottawa, Harry F. Turner, aged 19 years and 11 days.*

For additional Births, Marriages and Deaths, see pages 7 and 10.

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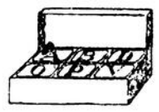

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1000 Wooden Shovels, **7c**

250 Jacks in The Box, **4c**

100 Boys' Sleighs, Special **20c**

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500 Crystal Trade Sets 21c
520 Crystal Cake Salvers 20c
250 Crystal Lemonade Sets 21c

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Decorated Tea Sets, special **$3.40**

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Elegant Manicure Sets $2.10
Cups and Saucers from 5c
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A Boy's Knife
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125 Gray Persian Lamb Muffs, very choice curl. Regular $3.50. Special **$2.80**

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The Big Store has popular Books at ALL PRICES and ALL REDUCED, CALENDARS, NEW YEAR'S CARDS, etc., in quantity at Clearance Prices.

Ladies' Jacket and Cape Sale

33 1-3 Per Cent. Off Every Garment
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Never before has the Big Store had such crowds of ladies at any of their great sales as thronged the three great Mantle Rooms to-day, some ladies were buying one, two and some three garments for New Year's gifts. The following list will show how the discount affects the original prices.

	Regular	
Ladies' Heavy Beaver Cloth Jackets, stylish shape and extra finish	$3.50	$1.70
Ladies' Beaver Cloth Jackets, Chesterfield front, Velvet Collar	7.25	4.45
Ladies' Fine Box Cloth Jackets	19.50	9.95
Ladies' Vicuna Finish Cloth Capes, cut full and well made	2.75	1.30
Ladies' Curl Cloth Capes, cut full circular, very stylish	7.50	3.85

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FROM THE LINEN DEPARTMENT

Lace Edge Doylies, 25c, 35c, 50c, 65c, 75c each up.

New Delft Doylies, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 60c up.

Hemstitched Pillow Shams, $1.25, $1.35, $1.50, $1.65, $1.80, $1.90, $2 per pair.

MEN'S NIGHT SHIRTS.

Men's Imported English Flannelette Night Shirts, cut 54 inch long, finished with side pocket, pearl button front; sizes 14 to 19. Special value at $1 each.

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Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, with frilled footing, 10c, 18c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c each.

Ladies' Pure Linen Hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 25c 30c, 35c, to $1.30 each.

Ladies' Fine Lawn Handkerchiefs, embroidered open edge, from 10c to 25c each.

PURSES.

A fine selection of Gift Purses, from 25c up to $3 each.

Fancy Hair Pin Boxes, with full assortment of hair pins, 30c box.

Needle Cases, 15c, 20c, 30c, 35c, $2 each.

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Children's 3-Clasp Kid Gloves (Minnie), in tans and browns, price 75c; fancy stitching.

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SPAIN'S UNHAPPY PLIGHT.

Premier Sagasta Will Endeavour to Start Afresh.

DON CARLOS NOTIFIED THAT HE CAN EXPECT NO AID FROM ENGLAND.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A despatch to the World quotes the London Mail's Madrid correspondent as saying:

Intimate friends of Senor Sagasta have supplied the following statements made by him a few days before his illness became serious.

"The time when the peace negotiations were in progress was a time of the greatest bitterness to me.

"Many a night I could not sleep and many a day I could not eat, so great was my anxiety, so deep my fears that what has happened would happen.

"I know the Americans, and I guessed what they were going to do.

"As a rule a victorious nation makes generous concessions to the vanquished people in order to make their victory more humane, and to honour their foe.

"From the United States we have met no generosity but only levity and deceit, carried to the extreme of interpreting capriciously an important word in the text of the protocol, in order to violate the principle they had already agreed to.

"We have had to suffer all this to prevent greater evils.

"In Cuba, our army thought themselves dishonoured by accepting peace without having fought against their foe.

"Now all is ended and we must look ahead to the future.

"Elements are not wanting for our regeneration and our work will be seen in time.

"The lesson inflicted upon us has been hard, but it will be fruitful."

"The dangerous symptoms of Senor Sagasta's illness are passed away. In the course of conversations, he said he thought that in five years he could effect radical reforms in all branches of the administration. His plan would be to divide the Ministry, forming the departments of public works, agriculture, commerce and education into two and perhaps three different ministries, because the work of reorganization of the country would fall largely upon these departments."

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Morning Post publishes to-day a communication from a correspondent now travelling in Spain, who says: "The recent arrest at Leon of Senor Granda, editor of the Carlist newspaper El Correo Espanol, is proof of the panic which has seized the authorities. Senor Granda was visiting the district where he was arrested, for family reasons and without the slightest idea of stirring up revolution. His imprisonment is likely to do the Government more harm than good.

"The results of my inquiries tend to show that the Spanish Republicans have some sympathy with Don Carlos. They would not fight for him, but they certainly would not oppose him. On the whole they would rather welcome any means of overthrowing the present corrupt regime. Still, it is useless for Don Carlos to imagine that he can do anything without fighting, and he must make a move soon or not at all."

The Times editorially repudiates this morning the notion that Don Carlos will get any support from England.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The Semet Solvay bi-product plant at Ensley City, a suburb of Birmingham, was destroyed by fire on tuesday night. One man is missing, and is thought to have been burned to death. The plant was valued at half a million dollars. It had been completed and was in ful operation only a few months.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—A loss of $100,000 was caused Tuesday night by the burning of elevator "I," together with its contents of 60,000 bushels of wheat. The property belonged to Wheeler, Taylor & Company. The loss is covered by insurance.

COLLINGWOOD, Ont.—Fire destroyed the house owned and occupied by George Patterson, Spruce street, at three o'clock on Tuesday morning. A stiff wind was blowing at the time, and the fire burned so rapidly that the family had great difficulty in getting out with their lives, they being asleep at the time. Loss is covered by insurance in the Insurance Company of North America.

CALGARY, N. W. T.—A fire broke out at 6 o'clock on Tuesday morning in the office of Hutchins and Riley, saddlers. Two thousand dollars damage was done.

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Lepage's Triumph

THE OPINION OF A GREAT SCHOLAR.

"One success suffices to make several enemies."
—VILLEMAIRE.

THIS *striking truhist* is *confirmed* daily and *shall ever* be *true*. Too often, however, the *proof* of it is *found* among *business men*. *Nevertheless*, it's *consoling* to know that the *exhibition* of such *jealousy* is the sure *proof* of some one's *success*. Our *success* has long been *assured*, but it wanted to be *crowned* by *ENVY*. It *is now done! Broad-minded* and *progressive business men* have been *prophets* in our *case*. Our success is not only the opening day of *success* as some one would have made *believe*. We can *truly* say that while we had to perfect our *organization* in a very *short time*, we have been *exceptionally fortunate*. Our *opening* was a *triumphant one*, and the *phenomenal total* of *sales*, which have gone on *increasing* ever *since* is *sufficient guarantee* of future *prosperity*. We are *offered* by the *leading wholesale houses* every *advantage* to stock our *immense warehouse*. This *proof* of *confidence* on their *part* is *sufficient answer* to our *would-be rivals* who are *disturbing* their *sleep* by our *success*.

These *gentlemen* are so short *sighted* as not to *see* that the *number* of *people circulating* in this *district* has more than *double* since our *opening*.

For our part we are fully satisfied of our position achieved and trust to the future to vindicate our course, and furthermore we have instituted actions for damages against those conspiring against us and we will not cease until we have put a stop to all unprincipled attacks on our credit and commercial standing.

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FOR FISHERY PROTECTION.

France Sending Modern War Vessels to Newfoundland
—Britain Will Follow Suit.

HALIFAX, N. S., December 28.—The naval authorities have been officially notified of the intention of France to replace her obsolete war vessels engaged in the fishery protective service on the Newfoundland coast with modern cruisers, one of which is as large as H. M. S. Renown. Owing to this important move, Britain will put out of commission the obsolete gun boats Pelican, Buzzard, and Cordelia, and substitute therefore vessels of sufficient power to cope with the Frenchmen.

The French vessels to go out of commission are the Fulton, built of wood, 811 tons, 12 knots, complement 116 men; Renault de Genouilly, wooden vessels, single screw, speed 13 knots, complement, 106 men and the Dubourdieu about the same tonnage and armament as the Genouilly. These vessels comprised part of the North Atlantic fleet and wintered in the West Indies.

They will be replaced by the modern war vessels Cecille, Stax and Kersaint. The Cecille is steel throughout has three funnels and is 279 feet long. The beam is 50 feet and her displacement 5726 tons. Her horse power, forced draught, is 10,680 and she has a speed of 19.4 knots. She is supplied with military fighting tops, armament is 8 six inch lining guns, ten 5 inch quick firing, ten 3-pound quick firing and fourteen one pound revolving cannons. Her complement is 526 men. The Stax is built of steel, has two funnels, three masts and fighting tops. Her length is 290 feet and displacement 4500. Her speed is 16 knots and she is powerfully armored. The Kersaint is a first class despatch boat. Her length is 225 feet, and displacement 1243. Her speed is 16 knots. She is also well armoured.

DEATHS BY ACCIDENT.

KINGSTON, Ont.—On Saturday Richard Richardson, an employee of Messrs. Avery and Thompson, was killed while felling trees a few miles north of Sharbot Lake. A tree struck him on the head, crushing his skull and killing him instantly.

OMAHA, Neb.—Mrs. J. Weller was so badly burned on Sunday afternoon by the explosion of boiling turpentine on a stove that she died on Monday night. The family are Christian Scientists, and refused medical assistance.

TORONTO.—Frank C. Keam, the six-year-old son of Rev. Mr. Keam, Methodist minister, of Thornhill, was choked to death on Tuesday by an orange pip becoming stuck in his wind-pipe.

After the assassination of her husband, the President of the French Republic, Mme. Carnot established a foundation of 31,000 francs, the income to be devoted to aiding working men's widows with children. At her death she bequeathed an additional sum of 50,000 francs for the same purpose, and provided that her diamonds should be sold to furnish the money. This was recently done in Paris at auction.

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DEATHS REPORTED
At the Star Office To-day.

TORONTO.—Margaret, eldest daughter of Detective Wasson of the Ontario Medical Association, died Tuesday night, aged 28.

A cablegram was received in the city yesterday announcing the death of the well-known Toronto basso, Pere Delasco in Southern Europe. The cause of Mr. Delasco's death was consumption, from which he had been suffering for some months and which led to his leaving Toronto for Italy two months ago. Mr. Delasco's real name was William Robinson, Delasco being his stage cognomen. He was born near Bradford, Ont.

Helen Turnbull, relict of John Turnbull, of Galt, died here Tuesday, aged 91.

William Stratton, late of this city, died at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Tuesday, aged 90 years.

NEW YORK.—Andrew Allen Bonner, aged 47, eldest son of Robert Bonner, proprietor of the New York Ledger, died on Tuesday, of pneumonia. He was much interested in horses and was a leading member of the Suburban Riding and Driving Club.

Charles W. Arthur, aged seventy-nine, died on Monday. He was born in British Guiana. He was well known in dry goods, and tea, coffee and spice trades.

Robt. R. McBurney for many years general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of this city, died in the Sanitarium at Clifton Springs, Tuesday, of kidney disease. He was often spoken of as "Father of the Young Men's Christian Association." He was born in Ireland in 1837.

BOSTON, Mass.—Hon. John Kendrick, a prominent citizen of South Orleans and well known throughout Barnstable County, died Saturday, at the age of 79 years.

At the age of 69 years Saml. B. Wood, an old time shipwright and yacht builder, died on Monday, in this city, after a long illness.

QUEBEC.—A telegram from New York announces the death there on Tuesday of Mr. Edouard Moreau, formerly of the Provincial Railway Department in this city. The deceased gentleman has been ailing for some time. He left here last spring for New York, for the benefit of his health.

OTTAWA.—Ex-Mayor McDougall has received the intelligence of the death of his son, J. P. McDougall, at Kirksville, Missouri. The young man was attending the American College of Medicine.

GUELPH.—George Lamprey, son of ex-Mayor Lamprey, and for many years financial manager for J. M. Bond and Co., died Tuesday.

GEORGEVILLE, Que.—E. J. Tuck, an old citizen, died at 3 o'clock on Wednesday after a long illness. He was a prominent Liberal.

WINGHAM, Ont.—The youngest daughter of Thomas Holmes, a prominent resident, died suddenly of heart failure.

LONDON, Ont.—Donald McPhee, aged 78 years, who had resided in London for over fifty years, is dead.

HAMILTON.—Mrs. Susanna Butler, widow of the late James Butler, and an old resident, is dead, aged 62.

GALT, Ont.—Andrew Malcolm, Galt's oldest resident, having come here in 1834, is dead, aged 89.

WOODSTOCK, Ont.—Catharine McKay, wife of Mr. William Murray, died on Sunday, aged 45.

A new Robinson Crusoe has been found. The man, according to a Peruvian telegram was found on one of the desert Galapagos Islands. He had not spoken to or even seen a human being for fourteen years, and his body is covered with thick hair. He has lived on wild birds, shellfish and water. The man must have a sensational story to unfold.

Notes Of the News.

It is reported that the plague has broken out in the district of Delagoa Bay, South Africa.

Catlin Bros., bankers and extensive stock feeders, of Hilton Valley, Kansas, have failed with liabilities that will run from $500,000 to $500,000.

Captain Macdowell, Royal Canadian Infantry, Fredericton, will leave there on Friday for Kingston, Ont., to instruct the 42nd Battalion.

Mrs. Saunders, who was the claimant for the sum of $20,000,000 left by an uncle named Leak, who died intestate in America, died recently at Porteawl, Wales.

A commission appointed by the County Council is working for the abolition of toll roads in Oxford County. The toll roads will be all purchased by the county.

The first woman to receive the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the Berlin University is Miss Elsa Neumann, who recently passed a most successful examination.

The Berlin University has a larger attendance of students this year than any other year in its history. The number of undergraduates is 6,151, nearly 500 more than last year.

A prominent Berlin surgeon suggests that the coming peace conference would be a good time for the powers to consider the proposition to give first aid to the injured instruction to soldiers.

News has reached Tacoma of a big strike in the Beola copper mine. The vein runs twenty per cent. pure copper, and also carries twenty ounces of silver and paying quantity of gold to the ton.

The priests in charge of St. Peter's Church in Rome were not a little surprised recently to find the parents and relatives of a child candidate for baptism coming to the sanctuary all riding bicycles.

Joseph W. Pearson the man who threw a brick through a window of the residence of the British Ambassador at Washington, and escaped from an insane asylum there, has surrendered himself to the police.

At Worcester, Mass., Walter Brinkworth shot his sweetheart, Bessie McDonough, and then shot himself. The girl will recover. The man, it is believed, is fatally injured. He is 24 and she is 22 years old.

An international commercial congress is to be held in Philadelphia next June. To this congress representatives of South Africa, India, Australia, China, Japan, the South American Republic, and other countries will be invited.

Ambassador Romero, of Mexico is seriously ill with appendicitis, at his residence at Washington. Considerable anxiety is felt as to the outcome of the Ambassador's illness, because of his advanced age, 63 years, and his frail constitution.

Miss Juha Arthur, the actress, was stricken with nervous prostration at New York on Monday, and her physician is unable to tell how long it will be before she can appear again. Miss Arthur gave a performance Monday afternoon at Wallack's Theatre.

The Portland Steamship Company has taken advantage of the Limited Liability Act, and has petitioned the United States District Court to enjoin all persons from bringing suits for damages through the loss of the Portland. The company declares the loss of the steamer was the act of God.

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There are at present several old convicts in Freemantle Western Australia, who, though their time has long expired, live on there. They give as their reason that all the people they knew in the old country must be long since dead, so they prefer to remain where so much of their life has been spent. The old fellows are allowed to go into town, but must be back in time for lock up.

Special Notice.

A $12,000 Aeolian Organ.

The $12,000 Aeolian organ in the rotundo of the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, was burned December 28, 1897. It seems the instrument ignited in the interior and in 15 minutes was a total wreck. Two days after the fire the Aeolian Co. was at work on a larger and finer instrument, convincing testimony of the practical usefulness of and affection felt for the instrument. It will soon replace the one destroyed.

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The Montreal Daily Star, printed at the corner of St. George street and Fortification lane, is published by Hugh Graham, resident in Montreal. Publishing office, 163 and 165 St. James street.

RELIEF FUND.

St. James Church

THE FUND TURNS $95,500.00.

Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams, 137 Mansfield street, and Mr. Jas. A. Mathewson, jr., 202 McGill street, have been appointed Joint Treasurers of the Fund for the relief of St. James Church.

This fund is designed to relieve St. James Methodist Church, Montreal, from the debt that threatens its existence. To this fund all subscriptions will be welcome, from the widow's mite to the millionaire's round figure cheque

SUBSCRIPTIONS PREVIOUSLY ACKNOWLEDGED, - - $95,075.14.

JOHN NICHOLS, Montreal,
Twenty-five Dollars (Additional) - **$25 00**

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Twenty-five Dollars **$25 00**

MISS EMILY FRY, Windsor Mills, Que.,
Ten Dollars - - - - - **$10 00**

The following subscriptions are all from Sherbrooke, Que., and were collected on Sunday, Dec. 18th, by Rev. Dr. Williams, senior pastor of St. James Church.

Total - - - - **$610 00**

Wm. Baux	$1 00	Miss S. J. Morrison	5 00
A. H. Foss	1 00	Miss A. W. Hyndman	50 00
John Smith	00	D. G. Loomis and wife	30 00
Mrs. M. J. Holmes	1 00	Mrs. A. J. Cook	5 00
S. M. Page	50	Mrs. S. Spencer	10 00
D. W. Hyndman	2 00	George Lonk	25 00
J. H. Kellar, B.A.	5 00	D. Hyndman	10 00
Small cents, buttons	2 00	Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Hyndman	100 00
Mrs. Dowlin	1 00	Mr. Logie	1 00
N. Conklin	1 00	A Presbyterian Friend	5 00
John Holmes	1 00	Misses Georgie and Minnie Bostwick	5 00
E. A. Craig	1 00	John O. Duncan	5 00
Edward C. Grandy	5 00	A Friend, per T. G. W.	5 00
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W. R. Bradley	10 00	W. E. Loomis	25 00
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George Armitage	25 00	James A. Flagg	25 00
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Knight	50 00	J. Falls	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McKee	5 00	A Friend, per T. G. W.	5 00
C. W. Cate	20 00	A Presbyterian	5 00
		W. A. Morehouse	10 00

One of the last acts of Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, before leaving England for Egypt, December 7th, was to write to the undersigned lady "gladly giving her permission" to dedicate to him the following lines:

NATIONAL ODE.

BRITANNIA'S DUTY, EGYPT'S NEED."

To the Sirdar

LORD KITCHENER OF KHARTOUM.

(By Permission.)

Arise! and act! great mistress of the ocean
List! to the stirring sound of duty's call,
Urged by a people's true and deep emotion,
Ever warmly burning since their hero's fall.

Our mighty "Gordon's" name shall never perish—
'Tis ever in our nation's love enshrined
All his grand conceptions we must cherish;
At mind our hearts we has a mesh entwined.

Then haste! to show some symbol of our love—
A College, "In memoriam," where he fell,
May glowing rays of brightness from above
Cast o'er the dark Soudan their potent spell!

Far famed thy deeds, victorious Sirdar!
The empire's thanks we offer now to thee,
Joined by our kinder'd people from afar
And by our "Sovereign Ruler of the Sea."

A path imperial truly thou hast made
Through Central Afric's burning desert sand,
Ere long to join "The Cape" with far "Port Said,"
England's mighty power shall ever stand!

—Jane H. Oakley.

Wilbury Lawn, West Brighton, December, 1898.

PERSONALS.

General Henry, United States Consul at Quebec, and Mrs. Henry, are at the St. Lawrence Hall.

Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal left for Ottawa this morning in the private car Earnscliffe.

Mgr. Pascal, Vicar Apostolic of the Saskatchewan, is to sail from France early in January for home.

Miss Thyra Jordan, of Perth, Ont., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Beswick, Metcalfe avenue, Westmount.

Mr. H. Markland Molson presented each of the employees of his malting house with a dozen bottles of a gobbler for their Christmas cheer.

Mrs. R. Fraser left Monday evening for Boston to meet her husband, Capt. Fraser of the steamship Coban, which is sailing there at present.

The Misses Sullivan, daughters of the Hon. W. W. Sullivan, Chief Justice of Prince Edward Island, are in town, the guests of their brother, Mr. W. F. Cleaver Sullivan.

Mr. W. J. McMurty, of Toronto; Major Weatherall, Porto Rico; Mr. W. Sutherland, Belleville; Dr. J. A. Stockhouse, Buffalo, and Mr. R. McElroy, Richmond, are at the Balmoral.

Miss Wood, Buckingham; Mr. W. S. Morgan, Sorel; Mr. F. W. Sherman, Burlington, Vt.; Mr. Allen Toy, New York; E. J. Steele, Ottawa, and T. MacMillan, Calgary, N.W.T., are at the Balmoral.

Dr. C. W. H. Rondeau, of Westmount, was married yesterday at St. Peter's Church, North Shefford, to Miss Bertha A. Martin. Dr. and Mrs. Rondeau will be at home at 421 St. Catherine street on January 6th.

Montrealers at Toronto hotels on Wednesday were: W. J. Best, A. McKillop, J. R. Albert and wife, Richardson; J. S. Williams, Grand Union; H. G. Edy, A. E. Fuller, S. H. Mills, A. R. Wright, Rossin; J. F. Torrance, Walker.

Messrs. Eugene Tarte, son of the Minister of Public Works, and J. E. Robillard, of this city, arrived home yesterday from Europe, delighted with their trip. They visited France, Belgium, Holland and the United Kingdom while away.

Lieut. W. T. Ives, 1st Regiment of United States Engineers, is spending his Christmas holidays with his father, Mr. H. R. Ives, University street. The Lieutenant, who has recently returned from Porto Rico, will remain about two weeks.

Dr. Ami, of the Geological Survey Department, Ottawa, passed through the city on his way to New York city to attend the meetings of the Geological Society of America in that city. Important papers bearing on North American geology, including Canada, are to be presented at this meeting.

CLERGY TO MEET.

The clergy are to meet at the Palace on Saturday morning next at ten o'clock to present their New Year wishes to His Grace the Archbishop, and to receive his blessing.

The Grand Duke Cyril, of Russia, is now at San Francisco en route to Europe, via New York.

Mr. James G. Murray, of Cape Town, South Africa, is a guest at the Hotel Carslake.

Lieut.-Col. W. St. Paul-Seitz, who it will be remembered, was connected with the Stiles British Empire Exposition scheme in this city about two years ago, is announced as Secretary-General for the Continent of Europe of the Western Australian International Mining and Industrial Exhibition, incorporated.

Mr. H. B. Cady, the superintendent of the Montreal Stock Yards Company, Point St. Charles, has endeared himself to the employees by his genial manners to such an extent that advantage was taken of the season to show their appreciation by presenting him with a handsome musical box. Mr. Cady made a feeling and appropriate reply.

Mr. H. Markland Molson gave a charming luncheon at the Forest and Stream Club on Friday for his English cousins, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Allison (nee Barber), and Mr. Phillip Barber, of Nottingham. Those invited to meet the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Molson, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. W. H. Morris, Miss Naomi Molson and Mr. Herbert Molson, and all returned to town, having thoroughly enjoyed the country outing.

On Thursday evening, December 22, about 150 friends met at the residence of Mr. Hipolyte Bergeron, Longue Pointe Road, the occasion being the 25th anniversary of Mr. Bergeron's appointment as architect for the Longue Pointe Asylum, and presented him with an address, a Persian lamb coat, and an otter cap. Mr. Bergeron was quite taken by surprise, and after speeches, songs, etc., refreshments were served. The merry party left about midnight.

A very quiet but pretty wedding took place yesterday afternoon at St. George's Church, when Miss Louise Larken, of Montreal, was married to Mr. David Bovaird, M. D., of New York. Dean Carmichael performed the ceremony. The church, with its Christmas decorations, looked very handsome. About half-past four the bride, leaning on the arm of her uncle, Mr. John Savage, entered the church, and looked quite pretty in a gown of ivory satin, the bodice embroidered with seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of bride roses. The bridesmaids were Miss Ramsay, Miss Archibald, Miss Redpath and Miss Grant. They were all gowned alike, in yellow muslin over yellow silk, with wide sashes of watered silk, and they wore pretty pearl and enamel pins, the gifts of the groom. Large Gainsborough hats with black tips completed this effective toilette, and they carried showér bouquets of white carnations and maiden hair fern. The groom was assisted by Dr. Nicoll, of New York, while the ushers were Messrs. T. Savage H. Molson and W. Larken. Mr. and Mrs. Bovaird left on the half-past six train for New York.

THE ART UNION CASE.

The enquete into the criminal charge against John Bickell, manager of the Canadian Royal Art Union, which was to have been continued this afternoon has been postponed until a week from to-day, January the 4th. The postponement was made at the request of Magistrate Lafontaine.

CANADA'S TARIFF.

How Its Operation is Reviewed in Chicago.

CHICAGO, December 28.—The Times-Herald thus discussed the effect of Canada's preferential tariff:

"According to a recent statement compiled from the British Board of Trade returns and issued by the Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce the "jubilee gift" of a preferential tariff made by the Dominion Government to England has not caused any considerable diversion of Canadian trade to the Mother Country. In fact, the statistics show that while there has been a slight increase in the imports of certain lines of manufactured goods from Great Britain it is more than offset by a decrease in imports of iron and steel manufactures and a corresponding increase in this class of imports from the United States.

In the four months ended October 31, during which the ful preference of 25 per cent. has been in force, the importations of British cottons, worsteds and linens show a slight increase. But the importations of iron and steel for the same period dropped from $79,569 in 1898 to $18,014. During the four months ending October 31 rail road iron and steel exported to Canada from the United Kingdom was valued at $30,309, as against $635,577 during the corresponding months in 1896. The manufacturers in the United States have profited by this decline to an extent that requires no further demonstration of the inability of the Canadian Government to devise any scheme of preferential tariffs that will encourage the importation of British as against United States iron and steel. Even with the 25 per cent. advantage it is impossible for British manufacturers to compete with the Americans in Canadian markets.

The decline in imports of iron and steel manufactures from Great Britain is accounted for by the tendency on the part of the Canadian importers to await the results of the work of the Anglo-American commission. If the preferential tariffs abolished as a result of the negotiations of this commission, as now seems probable, there will be no obsacle in the way of our complete control of the iron and steel trade with Canada.

LIONS ATTACK TRAINS.

One of Them Carries Off 17 Coolies From the Uganda Railway.

LONDON, December 28.—The railway from Mombasa (the seat of administration in British East Africa) to Uganda is creeping up steadily. Latest news says that the rail head was at Mukindee River, some 215 miles from the coast and about a third of the way to the proposed terminus on the Victoria Lake. It is expected that the railway will be completed in about three years. There is now a through train every day. Lions are very numerous along the route, and the houses of the Indian laborers are surrounded by lion-proof stockades 50 feet high and 6 feet to 8 feet thick. One of these man-eaters, who had disposed at different times of seventeen coolies, one day unsuccessfully attacked a luggage van.

CHARGED WITH BURGLARY.

Three Montrealers Arrested in a Crowd at Ottawa.

(Special to the Star.)

OTTAWA, December 28. Edward Demarche, Thomas King and G. Simpson, Montreal; J. B. Mason, Lachine; James Howard, Sherbrooke; Arthur Proulx, Ottawa; and James Walters, Hamilton, were arrested on Byward market this morning as being burglars who have been operating in Ottawa, Hull and Aylmer for some time past.

STONED THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

Sir Peter O'Brien Attacked in His Own Court at Belfast.

LONDON, Dec. 28. — While Sir Peter O'Brien, Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, was presiding at the Belfast Assizes a rough-looking man named Robert Gordon, who had been sentenced to twelve months in gaol for burglary sprang to the front of the dock and threw a stone at the judge's head, only narrowly missing. After a desperate struggle he was overpowered.

HEDIN TO VISIT THIBET.

GOTHENBURG, Decemeber 28. — Dr. Sven Hedin, the well-known Swedish explorer, who some time ago made a long and adventurous journey through Central Asia, is planning a new expedition. His intention is to try to penetrate the most unknown parts of Asia. It is intended that the new journey shall begin next spring, and now also the starting point proper will be Kaschgar. Dr. Hedin will cross the Taklamakan desert in two defferent directions, study one of the largest rivers in east Turkestan and explore certain parts of the Lopnor district. He will try to penetrate the unknown northern and central parts of Thibet, in the highlands of which country, at an altitude of about 16,000 feet, he may also spend a winter. From Thibet he will go to India, and he has several times consulted Lord Curzon, the new viceroy of India, about this part of the programme. The return from India will be made over Himalaya, Karakorum and Kaschgar. The proposed trip will take about three years and the expenses will amount to about $10,700. Dr. Hedin expects much assistance from the Russian authorities, and counts particularly on the interest which the Czar has shown in his plans.

Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION.

The annual inter provincial convention of Young Men's Christian Associations in Ontario and Quebec will be held this year at Brockville, Ont., commencing on Monday, January 26th, and continuing until Thursday, the 29th. Among the prominent speakers expected to be present are the Rev. James Gray, D.D., of Boston, who will conduct the daily Bible study; Mr. W. B. Millar, of New York, who is in charge of the Army Department of the International Committee; Messrs. H.S.Campbell, Ottawa; Frank Yeigh, Toronto; John Penman, Paris; H. M. Moore, Boston; W. S. Symonds, acting provincial secretary; Dr. F. J. Stephenson and the Rev. W. W. Weeks, of Toronto. The complete programme, giving the subjects of the addresses and the titles of the papers, will be issued early in January.

Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION.

The annual New Year's reception at the Young Men's Christian Association will take place on Monday next, between the hours of two and ten o'clock p. m. As in previous years, the programme will include swimming and athletic contests in the baths and gymnasium, vocal and instrumental music in Association Hall, orchestral music in the reception parlour, and sports forms of diversion in the junior rooms. The whole building will be thrown open to the young men of Montreal, and all will be welcome. Refreshments will be served in the musical parlour.

A STRANGE DELUSION.

NEW YORK, December 28.—A granddaughter of Alexander Hamilton, Miss Alice Hamilton, aged 61, has been placed in a sanitarium at Pleasantville, N. J., with a strange hallucination. She imagines herself dead. Her sister, Miss Adelaide, has requested the Supreme Court to appoint a committee for her sister's personal property, which aggregates $200,000.

FOUR BURGLARS PLEAD GUILTY.

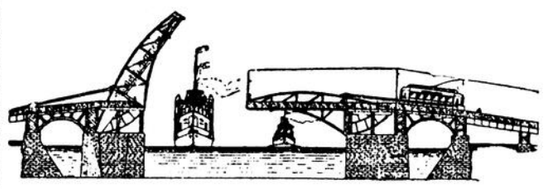
They Were Arrested for Robbing the Store of Malouf & Hochar, Notre Dame Street, and Confessed Their Guilt.

The burglars who broke into the store of Messrs. Malouf and Hochar, importers, 495 Notre Dame street, about three weeks ago were captured by Detectives Suthergill and Picard last night. Like the majority of the captures made within the last few weeks all were young fellows not more than 20 years of age. They gave their names as Albem Brissionette, 16, roofer, Lagauchetiere lane; Raoul McCumber, 17, plumber, St. Elizabeth street; Golsolve Bellecour, 21, turner, Vitre street; Vital Lepierre, 20, cigar maker, Laroper street.

At the time something like 100 watches and a large quantity of clothing were taken, and when the young men were taken last night several of the articles were recovered at their houses. From the fact that the burglars were intimate with the premises the theft was traced to the four prisoners. They once belonged to a club which had quarters in the building. The young men have always been respected, steady workers. After the robbery it was found that the loot went out to the Back River and had a time.

They were all locked up in the cells for the night, and when arraigned before the Police Magistrate this morning pleaded guilty and were remanded for sentence later on.

PROPOSED ATWATER AVENUE BRIDGE.



The suggestion has been made that the new bridge to be constructed over the Lachine Canal at Atwater Avenue should be constructed on the lines shown in the accompanying illustration. The design is by Mr. Francois Lapointe, formerly a Canadian, now residing in Chicago. The bridge, if it is constructed, will be different from the other bridges across the canal. It would have few heavy girders, beams or channels, angles and lattice work being substituted which gives more strength, and is lighter according to the claims of the engineer.

AN ANGLO-SAXON ALLIANCE.

One on the Battery Park Promenade, New York, Attracted Much Attention.

Six feet in his stockings and a trifle more in his boots, James Ross, of Her Majesty's Seventh Royal Artillery, walked up and down the Battery sea wall yesterday, says the New York Times. He was clad in his uniform, and wore the regulation "Tommy Atkins" fatigue cap, polo shape, with a gold band around it, worn on the side of the head and held by a chin strap. His trousers, coat, and overcoat were of the regulation artillery blue of the British arm, with wide red stripes down the trouser legs and the tunic trimmed with red, emphosized with brass buttons.

He had a young face, looking to be hardly 20. Beside him, with arm linked, walked a United States regular—not so tall, well knit, wearing his army coat, leggings, and slouch hat. The regular happened over from Governor's Island, and the Britisher, who had just come out of the Barge Office, accosted him.

The two attracted no little attention. Some lookers-on sentimentally declared that it was a symbolic picture of the Anglo-Saxon alliance. Some of the inconsiderate carmen and baggage handlers engaged in piling trunks, bags and immigrants into their trucks, and who did not appreciate the symbol, made other kinds of remarks.

Her Majesty's soldier finally started away and the Governor's Island soldier told some curious questioners that the Britisher was on a furlough and was going to Guelph, Canada, to visit relatives.

DEMORALIZED RATES.

Railways Out of Chicago Carrying Freight for Almost Any Price.

The demoralization of freight rates in Chicago, and the West, still continues. Rates are being cut on every side. The novel feature of the situation is that the volume of business offering is exceedingly large; in fact is entirely out of all proportion for the limited supply of cars that can be secured. The various roads, said a railway man to-day, are accusing each other without attempting a settlement.

The disturbance is largely attributed to the decision of the United States Supreme Court, declaring the Joint Traffic Association an illegal body.

UNKNOWN MAN KILLED.

He Was Struck by a Grand Trunk Train at Vaudreuil.

Coroner McMahon has been busy to-day endeavouring to ascertain the identity of a man brought to the city yesterday afternoon from Vaudreuil in a dying condition. He had been struck by a Grand Trunk train while walking on the track near Vaudreuil and was brought to the city on the Grand Trunk express. While being conveyed to the General Hospital in the ambulance the unfortunate man breathed his last. His body on arrival at the hospital was removed to the morgue where it now lies awaiting identification.

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It is only in the larger cities that dealers in sporting goods exclusively can afford to conduct business. In the smaller towns these goods are sold by hardware, drug and general storekeepers. Montreal cannot boast of being one of the great centres of the world, but it has one of the best equipped sporting goods houses on the continent. Messrs. T. W. Boyd & Co., of 1683 Notre Dame Street, have been in the sporting goods business on Notre Dame Street for more than half a century. They were the originators of the style of skate so popular in Canada, at one time known as the skeleton skate. Though they started business in a small way and a very restricted market the growth of the city and the consequent expansion of the market for sporting goods has enabled the firm to enlarge its business, until now it is one of the largest and most complete sporting goods houses in Canada. Messrs. Boyd & Co., are agents in Montreal for some of the largest and best known firms of bicycle manufacturers and during the past season disposed of no less than four thousand machines. Of skates, they have every known make in stock, their Christmas sales alone this year amounting to over four thousand pairs. Hockey sticks, punching bags, boxing gloves and a thousand and one articles known to those who indulge in sports of various kinds are to be found in their well assorted stock.

WELLSVILLE, N. Y.—Judge Hamilton Ward, of the Supreme Court, died this morning.

CARILLON, Que.—Mr. Dominique Leduc, aged 67, died last week at St. Placide of a cancer.

NEW CARLISLE, Que. — Fred. Lebel, son of J. A. Lebel, died on Wednesday morning from blood poisoning, aged 19.

THE BEAVER LINE.

Mr. David Campbell Will Retain His Position as Manager.

Mr. David Campbell, well known in Montreal as the manager of the Beaver Line, and who is now in England perfecting arrangements for the transfer of the company over to the Elder-Dempster Line, will return to Montreal in January.

The new company will retain Mr. Campbell as manager at this port. Though the arrangements for the coming season have not as yet been entirely completed, it is thought that there will be a service of four vessels weekly, one to Liverpool, one to London and two to Bristol.

The old shareholders of the Beaver Line by no means disappear, as they still retain an interest in the line, though the management is entirely in the hands of the Elder-Dempster Company.

SHIPPING NOTES.

OCEAN STEAMERS.

ARRIVED.

Name	At	From	Date
St. John City	London	New York	27
Spaarndam	New York	Rotterdam	27
Weimar	Bremen	New York	27
Hesperia	Glasgow	New York	27
State of Nebraska	Glasgow	New York	27
Cephalonia	Liverpool	Boston	27
Siberian	Philadelphia	Halifax	27
Numidian	Portland	Liverpool	26
Scandinavian	Glasgow	Boston	26

SAILED.

Name	From	For	Date
Teutonic	New York	Liverpool	Dec 28
Sheikh	Portland	Liverpool	Dec 28
Southwark	New York	Antwerp	Dec 28

STEAMERS DUE AT NEW YORK

Name.	From.	Date
Wednesday.		
Aller	Gibraltar	Dec. 14
Patria	Gibraltar	Dec. 19
Albano	Hamburg	Dec. 14
Thursday.		
Britannic	Liverpool	Dec. 21
Ardandearg	Gibraltar	Dec. 15
Friday.		
Karlsruhe	Bremen	Dec. 18
Patria	Hamburg	Dec. 18
Caesar	Amsterdam	Dec. 16
Llandaff City	Swansea	Dec. 16
SATURDAY.		
Paris	Southampton	Dec. 27
Hekla	Christiansand	Dec. 14
Crema	Dundee	Dec. 17
Indralema	Gibraltar	Dec. 17
British King	Antwerp	Dec. 17
James Turple	Gibraltar	Dec. 15
Cluden	Amsterdam	Dec. 17

DUE AT ST. JOHN, N. B.

Name	From	Sailed
Vancouver	Liverpool	17
Parisian	Liverpool	23

DUE AT HALIFAX.

Name	From	Sailed
Halifax City	London	8
Lake Superior	Liverpool	19
Lake Ontario	Liverpool	20
Dahome	London	23

SAILING DATES OF STEAMERS

Name.	From	For	Date
Huronia	Portland	London	31
Numidian	Portland	Livepool	30
Philadelphia	New York	Laguayra	30

TROOPS FROM BERMUDA.

(Special to the Star.)

ST. JOHN, N. B., December 28. — The steamer Scotsman sailed this morning for Liverpool via Halifax.

The steamer Tavmouth Castle, from Bermuda with a detachment of British troops for Halifax, passed Briar Island this morning and reached St. John early this afternoon.

STEAMER ASHORE.

LONDON, December 28.—A despatch to Lloyd's from Yarmouth says that the steamship Josephine is ashore in the harbour with a rock through her bottom. A final survey of her has been recommended.

NOTES.

The business at St. John is far heavier than it was at this time last year. The Scotsman sails to-day with the largest freight cargo ever taken out of that port.

Repairs to the machinery of the steamer Manchester City, now at St. John, are being rushed as rapidly as possible.

LOUISEVILLE, Que.—Maxime Lamirande, died on Saturday.

Francois Voisvard died on Monday.

Mrs. Napoleon Meneau died on Monday, aged 40.

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BRITISH PRESS OPINION.

MONSON'S SPEECH.

London Chronicle: The more this unhappy and eccentric effusion is read, the more absurd does it appear. We should say that nothing the press on either side has said about the controversy has been quite as foolish as Sir Edmund Monson's post-prandial lecture to the Government to which he is accredited and to the Minister to whom he sends his reports. We believe that, so far as his private influence goes, nothing could have been more tactful and sensible than Sir Edmund Monson's attitude during the Fashoda controversy. But we entreat him to make no more public speeches. The situation in Paris is delicate enough without making our Ambassador the centre of press polemics, which, judging by the references to his speech, is now the case. With some of these criticisms sensible men here are bound to agree.

London Daily News: There are only two theories possible about his remarkable speech last night, and neither of them is very re-assuring. Either it was a great indiscretion, or it was a deliberate move in the diplomatic game. If it was the former, the situation will become graver than it is. If the speech was the latter, the situation is already graver than it seems. On the former hypothesis, we are afraid that the newest instance of the New Diplomacy will tend to aggravate the situation. On the latter, we must hope that Sir Edmund Monson's plain words will tend to clear the air.

The Edinburgh Scotsman: It is a fair inference from the Ambassador's remarks that he has not yet found, either in the official or in the unofficial exponents and guides of the national policy of France, evidence of that wiser vision and fair and friendly spirit which are required if the relations of the two countries are not to drift into a condition of "intolerable" friction and irritation. Presumably with the knowledge and consent of the Government which he represents, he has taken the opportunity to liberate his mind in words "perfectly honest, truthful and straightforward" indeed, but in no sense insulting. If the provocative policy still continues to be pursued, if the French and their rulers insist on seeing only "artificial fireworks" in the display of the will and resolve of a united nation, and on acting on the notion that they have only to squeeze and prick us hard enough in order to make us yield all that they choose to ask, they will be sinning in the face of the clearest light. The responsibility of collision will be not on those who, after patiently enduring much, gave warning of the danger, but on those who refused to look or to listen.

THE DUTY OF THE LIBERALS TO IRELAND.

London Daily Chronicle: No Liberal, no Englishman, can have read Mr. Barry O'Brien's "Life of Parnell"—a book which ranks among the great biographies of the century—without feeling that we cannot safely relegate to the Tory party the settlement of the root problems of Irish government and Irish society. What are those problems? The first of them is the question of Home Rule. There, for a time, we have to confess our powerlessness to bring into operation the great remedy devised by Mr. Gladstone. The second is the question of land that we have temporarily settled. The third is the question of education, as to which we would only say that the disabilities of Ireland are not less than her disabilities in other matters which deeply concern her national life. Is the Liberal party to have no voice in the settlement of this controversy? Are we to assume that we are without a policy, without even an expedient? Are we to leave Ireland largely devoid of the means of higher education, which England, Scotland and Wales enjoy, and which we in London propose to crown by the establishment of a great imperial teaching university? We cannot forget that if the scheme for a London university succeeds, we place the disabilities of Ireland in a light unfavourable to us and disastrous to her. The Unionists have their special responsibility in this matter, and with it we are not directly concerned. But we have a graver responsibility still.

NAMING THE BRITISH WARSHIPS.

London Daily Mail: A correspondent raises once more the question of naming our ships of the navy with French names, which few sailors can properly pronounce. Though in most cases these names have a glorious history, we cannot avoid a suspicion that French and mythological appellations are being overdone. The American system of calling battleships by the names of States, and cruisers by the names of towns, fosters an interest in the navy, and might well be introduced in England. After all there is plenty of precedent for it in our own naval history. We have had Portsmouths, Essexes, Southamptons, and Milfords; we have to-day a London. We hope, then, to see the Admiralty move in this direction. And why not call our destroyers after distinguished naval officers?

ENGLAND IN EGYPT.

London Daily News: Great Britain is resolved neither to be worried out of Egypt, nor, as we put it the other day, any longer to be worried in Egypt. M. Deloncle, who has been further explaining his scheme to an interviewer, wants to know why France should not work "side by side" with Great Britain in the Soudan as she already works in Lower Egypt? The answer is very simple. Because France's idea of "working side by side" appears to be to stick in "pins." Great Britain is tired of this form of "co-operation." In Lower Egypt she can only obtain a free hand by disturbing the status quo, which she has no present desire to disturb. France and the other powers have vested rights there. But the case of the Soudan is different.

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AMERICAN PRESS OPINION.

THE NEW CUBAN TARIFF.

(New York Post.—Ind.)

The new Cuban tariff which is to go into force on January 1, appears to be honestly and intelligently drafted in order to meet its professed purposes. These are, in the first place, of course, to raise sufficient revenue; then to afford Cubans every advantage possible in the struggle to restore their protrate agriculture. This end is aimed at by putting agricultural implements and cattle on the free list, and by reducing the rates on elementary substances to an average of about 25 per cent. ad valorem. If, in addition to these great reductions in customs duties, steps are taken, as they should be, to modify or repeal the onerous system of internal taxes under which all Cuban industries and professions have groaned for so many years, the fiscal emancipation of the island will have been well begun.

(New York Commerical Advertiser.)

How the new tariff for Cuba will work remains to be seen. It is based on at least on correct lines. Its object is to provide sufficient revenue to make Cuba self-supporting and at the same time to encourage Cuban industry and foreign trade. No attempt seems to have been made to give special advantage to the United States at the expense of the people of Cuba. The tariff, however, is tentative and temporary, and in case it fails to achieve its purpose it will be an easy matter to amend it. The subject rests wholly with the President as long as Cuba remains under military government.

SHOULD ESTABLISH A PROTECTORATE.

(Chicago Record.—Ind.)

If the United States is going into the business of controlling distant possessions it should aim to treat them as colonies, which it best can do through establishing a protectorate. Then if the inhabitants of the Philippines ever manifest capability for self-government they can be allowed independence, which is the intention with reference to Cuba. Any pledges made before the war that prevent us now from regarding Cuba as spoils of war, to be treated as ours by right of conquest, should by implication be made to apply equally to the Philippines.

THE FLAG BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE

(Boston Post—Dem.)

But the worst of it is that President McKinley assumes to wrap himself up in the American flag and defy the American people to obstruct the policy which he, without the people's consent, has adopted. "Who will haul it down?" he says, referring to our flag in the Philippines. If this rhodomontade was worthy of answer, it might be said in reply that the American flag is the property of the American people, not the individual or even the official possession of William McKinley, and that it will be hauled up or hauled down as the people determine.

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A PATHETIC INCIDENT.

LONDON, December 28. — A pathetic story comes from Sheffield. A little five-year-old girl was left at home by the other children while their mother was out at work. She wrote a letter to Santa Claus asking for presents to come on Christmas Day. She then posted it by putting it in the fire. By some mischance the paper flared up and set fire to the little one's clothing. The mother returned to find the charred body lying in front of the fire-place. The child was still living, but died shortly afterwards.