

THE UNITED STATES WILL BE NEUTRAL

Is Satisfied with the Explanations Given by the Powers and Consider the Facts Establish a State of Actual War which may Necessitate Neutrality.

WILL NOT OPPOSE A WAR BLOCKADE OF VENEZUELAN COAST.

London, Dec. 17.—Replying to questions in the House of Commons today the Premier repeated the assurance that England had no intention of landing troops in Venezuela or occupying territory. He believed, he said, that the Germans had other grievances besides those arising from financial claims. The British Government, he added, was not anxious that the blockade should be carried out with as little inconvenience to the neutral powers as possible. Nothing further, he said, had occurred with regard to the arbitration of the claims of England or Germany. If the seizure of the gunboats had not the desired effect, he said, it would be necessary to proceed with the blockade. This would be carried on by the fleet of England and Germany. The two nations would officiate in different parts of the coast and would not act as one force. Premier Balfour said there was no such thing as a "pacific blockade." A state of war actually existed with Venezuela and an intimation of the blockade would be given to the powers shortly.

La Guayra, Dec. 17.—Considerable alarm was created today by the British war vessels, which made a hostile demonstration with the men at quarters and the decks cleared for action. The occupants of the fort expected a bombardment similar to that at Puerto Caballa and general consternation reigned.

Rome, Dec. 17.—The Italian cruiser Agordat has been ordered at once to Venezuela.

Caracas, Dec. 17.—At 8 o'clock this morning Minister Bowen went to the Italian Legation in a State carriage, accompanied by Secretary Russell, and took the Italian Minister, Signor De Riva, and the Italian Consul, Signor Guzzarelli, and conducted them to the railroad station, where they were met by the leading Italian residents of this city. Mr. Bowen then accompanied the Minister to his car. The Venezuelan newspapers are still ignorant of the fact that the Italian Minister presented an ultimatum to the Venezuelan Government yesterday afternoon, and, therefore, there were no crowds at the railroad station and no hostile demonstration. The city is quiet today.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The following cablegram was sent today by the Navy Department to Admiral Dewey in command of the combined fleets, addressed to San Juan: "Send command officer with despatch, in torpedo boat destroyer or other vessel to Caracas as assistant to American Minister." The following cablegram also was sent to Commander Diehl, of the Marietta, now lying at La Guayra: "Send Vandusen (executive officer of the Marietta) as assistant to the American Minister temporarily." The officer from Dewey's fleet will relieve Lieut. Commander Van Dusen, who is only an hour distant from Caracas, when he arrives upon the scene. While no explanation is given for the above orders, it is believed that these measures are being taken to guard against an interruption in the cable connecting Mr. Bowen with his home Government.

It was stated at the Navy Department that one reason for sending the officers to Caracas was the fact that Mr. Bowen is almost overwhelmed with the amount of work imposed upon him by his many charges. He has nearly all of the English residents domiciled in Caracas domiciled in the American Legation and is feeding them from his own table. As for the torpedo boat destroyer, it is pointed out that it will serve as a despatch boat to keep Mr. Bowen in touch with the nearest cable station at La Guayra, which can be relied upon to transmit messages to Washington in case the La Guayra cable is out as an incident of the blockade.

No further orders than that noted above went forward to Dewey today, but Secretary Moody expects to have ready by tomorrow his orders for distribution of the vessels of the combined fleet. Up to the present moment he has not reached any settled determination as to any one ship. There will be no effort on the part of this Government to resist a war blockade of the Venezuelan coast as against merchant ships. Custom requires that due notice shall be given of the blockade and that fact, taken in connection with the declarations that have been made in the British Parliament by the authorized representatives of the British Government, will, it is understood, be sufficient to justify all neutral nations in the understanding that a state of war does actually exist. This might in the end require the issue of a proclamation of neutrality by President Roosevelt, but this, it is stated, would not be timely now.

Rome, Dec. 17.—The announcement of the presentation yesterday afternoon of Italy's ultimatum to Venezuela was received here with general satisfaction. Apart from the desire to recover the claims of Italian subjects there has been long standing ill-feeling between the two countries consequent on the persistent hostility shown by the rural clerical element in Venezuela against Italy on account of the struggle between the Vatican and the Quirinal. Premier Zanardelli and

Foreign Minister Prinetti are discussing the measures to be adopted should the ultimatum not have the desired effect.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The State Department has received no response thus far to the messages sent to the European foreign officers relative to the arbitration proposition. It is not known here whether President Castro will consent to apologize as a condition precedent to arbitration, but it is hoped that Minister Bowen can induce him to do so, if this will be sufficient to meet the demands of the allies. If apologies are tendered and accepted some time will be spent in an arrangement of the basis upon which the arbitration should be conducted. This will be a difficult problem, for it is anticipated that the allies will base their acceptance of the arbitration on an agreement by Venezuela to instruct the arbitrators to accept certain principles in advance which would commit Venezuela to a recognition of an indebtedness of about \$15,000,000. Still the State Department is hopeful that arbitration will prevail, for the alternative is now realized to be actual war between the allies and Venezuela. The Navy Department has no announcement to make respecting the orders to be given to Dewey's ships and it is reported that the sole purpose and aim of the Department is so to place the vessels, a few at each important port, that the men may enjoy themselves Christmas week without overtaxing the facilities at any one point. Secretary Moody spent a good part of the day before the House Naval Committee in continuation of his explanation of the recommendations made by him in his annual report for the betterment of the navy.

Paris, Dec. 17.—M. Thiéssé, formerly French Minister to Venezuela, who negotiated the convention of 1885 and who has lived many years in Venezuela, has been interviewed concerning the situation there. He said: "Venezuela can put 400,000 men in the field, and even foreigners there are liable for military service. The regular Venezuelan army numbers only 10,000 men. A number of the younger officers received their education in the military schools of France and Germany. The Venezuelans are armed with Martini and Remington rifles and have a few Maxim and Krupp guns. They have no cavalry. Caracas is almost impregnable owing to the fact that it is situated on the other side of a mountain range about 5,000 feet high. These mountains are impassable except by steep paths, where 20 men could stop a whole regiment. There is a railroad from La Guayra to Caracas, but the destruction of a single bridge would render the line useless. If by a miracle Caracas was taken the Venezuelan would wage a guerrilla warfare as they did against Spain."

Brussels, Dec. 17.—The Belgian claims against Venezuela amount to several million francs. They arise chiefly from the non-payment of interest on Venezuelan Government bonds issued as purchase money for the water works at Caracas, which was promoted by a Belgian company. Caracas, Dec. 17.—This note was transmitted to President Castro at all o'clock today. It is signed by all the leading merchants, bankers and agriculturists of Caracas. It is a petition among the business element of this city. The men who signed the note will meet again to-night to discuss ways and means of obtaining money with which Venezuela can meet her obligations, as well as the guarantees which it will be possible to offer to her creditors. The note is as follows:—

Caracas, Dec. 17.—To the President of the United States of Venezuela: "Sir—The undersigned having met with the purpose of offering their aid to the Government of Venezuela in the present conflicting situation, which has been created by the aggressive attitude of Germany and Great Britain and upon your request to give our opinions in writing, we address you in the following terms: "In view of the acts of violence already committed and of the absolute impotence of Venezuela to meet force with force in response to the allied action of Germany and Great Britain, in view of the fact that Venezuela has exhausted all the measures required by civilization and diplomacy to put an end to the present situation, and the Government and the people of Venezuela having complied honorably and worthily to the demands of the national honor, we consider, with all due respect, that the moment has yielded to force has arrived. We therefore respectfully recommend that full power be given to the Minister of the United States of America authorizing him to carry out proper measures to terminate the present conflict in the manner least prejudicial to the interests of Venezuela. We subscribe ourselves your obedient servants, J. E. Linarés, B. L. Boulton, Carlos Santana, N. Comales Zuloaga, Carlos Zuloaga, F. De Sales, Perez Montañán, M. Chapellin, Juan Herrero Juan A. A. Triviso, Y. De Paul."

In addition to the names given the note is signed by about 200 other prominent citizens of Caracas. The blockade of La Guayra, notably of which in the names of Great Britain and Germany was communicated to the Venezuelan Government December 13, went into effect today. The order applies to Venezuelan vessels only. Rome, Dec. 17.—The rejection by Venezuela of the Italian ultimatum was expected, consequently the announcement that this had been done created no sensation and no surprise. During the day frequent communications were exchanged between Italy and Great Britain and Germany on the question of arbitration. The friendly attitude of the United States is particularly appreciated here. Opinion generally favors arbitration although it is understood Great Britain and Germany the leaders in the matter by reason of their heavier claims, and their priority in the present action may not accept the suggestion. At the weekly diplomatic reception held at the Foreign Office today Ambassador Meyer and Signor Prinetti had a lengthy conference on Venezuelan affairs. Caracas, Dec. 17.—Indications here are that Venezuela will yield to the demands of the allies. The leading citizens of Caracas have addressed a joint note to President Castro asking him to give full powers to the United States Minister Bowen to effect a termination of the present difficulty. Caracas, Dec. 17.—The awakening of the Venezuelan people to the present situation of their country is accompanied by feelings of bitterness and sorrow. Their fleet has been destroyed and their pride has been deeply wounded; they are now resigned to accept the affront which they consider has been offered them by the allies. During the last ten days President Castro has acted with extraordinary energy. He has transferred the entire country into a vast camp, having raised more than 40,000 men, whom he has well armed, equipped and transported from every direction to La Guayra and Puerto Caballo, hoping that the allies would attempt to land at one or both these points. But there has been a change of feeling and the prominent men of Venezuela, who were at one time ready to lead the people in the defence of their country, now consider that justification to take the men of the Republic away from their families and their work does not exist. They have resolved to discover a means to bring about arbitration or at least treat with the allies. The means sought is thought to lie through the United States Legation and satisfactory results are on every hand expected to follow the attitude of the United States. A member of the Ministry said to the correspondent of the Associated Press:—"The United States has not prevented the allies from assailing us, but it has obliged them to accept our terms." Rumors have been in circulation here lately of the capture of the last Venezuelan gunboat, the Miranda, at Maracaibo, by the German cruiser Falke. It is now reported, however, that the Miranda has taken refuge in Lake Maracaibo and that all the guns and ammunition which were on board have been disembarked. Washington, Dec. 17.—Officials here are not surprised at the feeling which has manifested itself at Caracas of a desire to seek a termination of the unfortunate situation that now confronts Venezuela. The Government is anxious that some settlement may be found very soon, as it is realized that the present conditions cannot last long without a climax being reached quickly. With this end in view the State Department has already given permission to Minister Bowen to be the bearer of any messages that the allies on the subject of the present difficulties, such request, however, to come from the Venezuelan Government. So far as could be ascertained here to-night no reply has come to the State Department in answer to the request of President Castro that pending claims be submitted to arbitration.

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NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL

MONTREAL WANTS COAL CARRIED FREE—OPENING OF THE ISOLATION HOSPITAL—BOARD OF TRADE OFFICERS—A LONG SEPARATION.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Alderman Dan Gallery, of Montreal, is here in his municipal capacity and also as member representing St. Ann division in the House of Commons, to urge Hon. A. J. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals, to come to the relief of the poor of that city by providing free transportation of coal over the Intercolonial Railway from Nova Scotia.

Dr. Russell, M.P., Hants, N.S., is in the city on departmental business. Mr. W. M. German, M.P., Welland, is here on business with the Department of Public Works.

Over 1000 invitations have been issued for the opening by Her Excellency the Countess of Minto of the Isolation Hospital on Saturday afternoon, and the affair promises to be quite a social function.

Mr. J. Smith, of the C.A.R., and Mr. Irvine, of the mechanical department of the same company, have recently closed a deal with the Clergue system by which they are said to have netted \$25,000 on a new car coupling device.

The nominations for officers of the Board of Trade for next year closed today. Mr. John R. Reid, superintendent of the Sun Life Insurance Co. for Eastern Ontario, was elected President by acclamation. There will be contests for the other offices.

After 47 years of separation, Mr. Gerald Gorman, of Ottawa and his brother John, of New York, came together yesterday. Gerald Gorman is the father of Mr. Pete Gorman, the popular manager of the Russell theatre. Forty seven years ago, the two brothers left Ireland together and went to England. Later they separated. John going to the States and Gerald coming to Canada. From that day until yesterday they had not seen or heard of each other. A week or so ago some one told Mr. Thomas Gorman, a son of Mr. Gerald Gorman, that his uncle was in New York. His wife wrote a letter, which was answered at once and the next day John Gorman followed it to Ottawa. John Gorman followed it to Ottawa. John Gorman followed it to Ottawa.

President Derbyshire, of the Eastern Ontario Dairyman's Association, has written to the Ottawa Committee that His Excellency Lord Minto has agreed to open the convention which meets in this city on January 7th, the opening session being on that day. It is likely that the sessions of the convention will be held in the Normal School Hall, and the President assures the local committee that everything points to one of the largest conventions ever held by the Association.

Sir John Boyd, President of the Provincial High Court, has been requested to nominate a judge of the County Court here to investigate the alleged charges of ballot box stuffing and impersonation which are said to have taken place in Ottawa on December 4th, when the liquor law was voted on. As soon as the judge has been chosen he will issue a summons on each of the parties charged with the offense. Subsequently the investigation will take place. The usual mode of procedure is to arrest the culprit on the spot and bring him before the Police Magistrate, but in this case where action has been deferred the law takes a much more round about course.

GETTING CHEAP COAL
Toronto, Dec. 17.—The city has ordered more coal for the municipal coal aris, 1000 tons Hoeking Valley at 5.50 f.o.b. here, being \$1 less than the last order, and 250 tons sample lots of soft coal from Bay City, Mich., one of domestic at \$5 f.o.b. Toronto, the other steam or nut at \$4.50 f.o.b. Toronto.

AMERICAN LOCOMOTIVE CO.
New York, Dec. 17.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the American Locomotive Company, held today, the officers were re-elected. A dividend of 12 per cent was declared on the preferred stocks, payable January 1, 1903. The earnings for the six months ending Dec. 31, 1902, (partly estimated) were reported to be \$15,653,552, an increase over the same period in 1901, of \$3,634,387.

COADJUTOR NOT ASSISTANT
Rome, Dec. 17.—The Congregation of the Propaganda intends, in accordance with the Pope's settled policy, to appoint a Coadjutor Archbishop of St. Louis with the right of succession, instead of an assistant, as suggested by the Archbishop. The Pontiff desires this rule to be adhered to in all cases except in the most important dioceses where Archbishops must be elected, as he does not approve of the appointment of auxiliaries who on the death of their superiors are left without a position.

STEEL FROM GERMANY
Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 17.—An entire train made up of 35 cars of steel was received here by the Huron Spring Co direct from Germany today. It is the first consignment of metal ever shipped into this state from a foreign country. The order was placed in Germany because all the mills in this country are said to be over run with orders. The steel was ordered in September and the price is said to be very low. The German workman's wages cause competition with American prices at the present scale of work.

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MR. GREENWAY'S DECLARATION

A ROAD THROUGH MANITOBA TO HUDSON'S BAY WOULD BE OF MORE BENEFIT TO THE NORTH WEST THAN A COUPLE OF TRANS-CONTINENTAL LINES.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Hon. Thomas Greenway, addressing a meeting of the Young Liberal Club here last night, discussed transportation, saying it was the question of the day, and apparently an insoluble one. If the C. P. R. should double track the line from Brandon to Fort William, it would be some relief, he said, to the farmers and grain dealers; so would another transcontinental line, but he believed that a road to Hudson Bay would be of more utility than two transcontinental lines. He believed the Hudson Bay route entirely practicable. There should also be a railway from Manitoba direct to Duluth. In the course of the speech Mr. Greenway formally denied that it was his intention to retire from the Provincial Liberal leadership.

THE NEW CANADIAN LINE
London, Dec. 17.—The Liverpool Chamber of Commerce has declined to support the London Chamber's representations submitting the advantages of Lough Foyle as an Irish port of call for the new Canadian-British steamship service.

BRIDE AND WIDOW IN A WEEK
Detroit, Mich., Dec. 17.—Ida Reaume, aged 18 years, of Jeannettes Creek, Ont., came to Detroit on Saturday night and was quietly married to Hugh McKenzie, a young Scotchman, the young couple immediately taking up housekeeping. Yesterday morning, while McKenzie, with two other workmen was standing on top of one of the passenger elevators in the Stevens building, engaged in painting, the other elevator was suddenly started up. McKenzie was leaning over one of the cross beams of the shaft at the time and the huge balancing iron coming down noiselessly completely severed his head from his body. McKenzie's widow is prostrated from the shock.

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THE INTERPROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

The Interprovincial Conference of Premiers meets here to-day, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Parent will make a better showing of it than his big brother at Ottawa did of the Intercolonial Premiers' Conference, or the prefix inter-anything will in future be simply suggestive of laughter. There is one thing in favor of the Provincial Premiers doing a little business, and that is that they have apparently only two important matters to discuss, namely the extraction of greater subsidies from the Dominion Government, and the Federal representation, and there is a touching unanimity of common sentiment on the first point which is equivalent to half the battle. It is not the first time that the Federal chest has had siege laid to it, and now that Mr. Fielding has such gorgeous surpluses, albeit of the Blair-Mulock pattern, it seems only reasonable that he should return a portion of it to the peoples from whom he has extracted it instead of using it to further increase the national debt. It was Sir Richard Cartwright, we believe, who stated that any Government that took more from the people in the shape of taxes than it absolutely needed, was no better than a common thief, and though Mr. Fielding has not, that we are aware of, shown any signs of repentance so far, still he may have some transient awakenings of conscience whenever he gazes into the accusing spectacles of Sir Richard Cartwright, and jump eagerly at the opportunity of making some slight partial restitution which the Inter-Provincial Premiers will doubtless tender him.

Nor is the demand wholly without good and sufficient reason. The annual grant settled on the Provinces at the time of Confederation was made on the two following bases:

First, a specific grant for civil government and legislation was made to each Province. Ontario was given \$80,000; Quebec \$70,000, Nova Scotia \$60,000 and New Brunswick \$50,000. These were the four provinces which originally united. It was assumed by the fathers of Confederation that the sums named would be sufficient to meet all the expenses of government in the Provinces, but the fact is that in Ontario at the first term the members' indemnity ate up nearly the whole of the grant.

The second basis for the grant was 50 cents a head for the population as it existed in 1851. This made no allowance for an increase in population. The idea of the Fathers seems to have been that that basis would be sufficient for all time to come—an obvious mistake, as expenditures have grown in the interval.

At the same time, although the Government grants to the Provinces have not changed in forty years, the Dominion revenue has increased from \$13,000,000 in 1861 to \$52,000,000 in 1901, and it is argued that inasmuch as the Dominion takes four times as much out of the Provinces, it should give more back. This view was taken when the Provincial Premiers and Ministers held a conference in 1887. It was affirmed that the grants to the Provinces should be on the basis of population, and that the Confederation act should be changed in that regard.

With regard to the second topic, Federal representation, the probability is that the conference will agree to disagree. The recent census will probably deprive the Maritime Provinces of several members in the Commons, and this will be strongly resented by them, in which they will have the backing of Ontario. It is not probable much will be done in this direction.

QUEBEC'S NORTH COUNTY.

The tempting offer of \$37,500,000 made to the Government the other day for the purchase of certain timber and mineral lands in the far north of this Province has opened the eyes of the public to a condition of affairs which imposes certain duties upon the Ministers of the Crown. Few will be found to deny that Mr. Parent acted wisely in refusing to finally dispose of such enormous territory upon terms first offered for it. There is undoubtedly great wealth in Quebec's northern territory, and in the present more or less crippled condition of the

Provincial finances, the possession of this wealth involves a serious responsibility. Public enterprises of all kinds are calling out for assistance, and the future interests of the Province imperatively demand the expenditure of much larger sums of money than have been hitherto available for Colonization and Public Instruction. No argument is necessary to show how intimately the future of the Province of Quebec depends upon the education of the people and the progress of colonization. These important interests are in the hands of the Government, which has undoubtedly done its best for them with the insufficient means at its disposal. The comparatively recent acquisition of the rich lands of the far north seems to have been destined by Providence to supply the means for meeting the national necessities of the hour. For this purpose it is not necessary that the larger part of the new territory should be sacrificed. Its development will add materially to its value and supply all the financial needs of the Province for many decades to come. It is unfortunately but too well known that there are certain individuals whose influence is being directed towards a policy of allowing things to remain as they are, and who would be delighted if Mr. Parent could be prevailed upon to play the part of the man who buried his talent in the ground. It would suit them better, either from jealousy of Quebec, or of the present leader of the Government, that no use at all should be made of the present opportunity of placing the affairs of the Province upon a sound and satisfactory financial basis. Unless we very seriously mistake the temper of the Province, however, these people form a very insignificant minority of the population. The Government has the ball at its feet and should not hesitate to act. All that is necessary for the present administration in order to find the means to do for the Province more than was ever done before for it is to ensure the early opening up of railway communication between Quebec and its new north country. The capital and the industries which will follow the railway will do the rest.

THE WEALTH OF WESTERN CANADA

The enormous wealth and untold possibilities of Western Canada are attracting a large measure of attention in the United States, where there is considerable comment upon the failure of existing transportation companies to keep pace with the agricultural development of the country. A famous west side clergyman of Chicago, the Rev. Dr. Kittredge Wheeler, has recently communicated to a Chicago newspaper some of his impressions of the northern parts of Manitoba and the Canadian Northwest, from which he has just returned. He tells his fellow-countrymen that while Manitoba alone has fully 25,000,000 acres of arable land, only 3,000,000 of these have yet been ploughed, notwithstanding which, neither last year nor yet this, despite the increased railway facilities, was it possible to move the wheat. "Elevators full to the top," he says, "cars loaded, and then all through the wheat lands the sacks corded up in huge piles by the railroad tracks awaiting the cars. At Indian Head, with its six or eight elevators, there were some 120 grain bins or small storehouses holding a thousand bushels or more each, scattered all over the village and out in the fields. These granaries are on skids or runners, and sometimes are hauled out into the fields, and the steam thrasher pours its stream of No. 1 hard through the low roof directly into the granary, where it remains until empty cars for shipping can be had. I never knew what a railroad meant to a country until I stood upon the rear platform of a Canadian Pacific train, speeding thousands of miles across a wheat paradise—worthless and uncultivated and uninhabited were it not for that one simple, narrow, iron highway, those two iron rails some five feet apart, that narrow highway that opens up millions of acres to the farmer pioneer. That single track carries tens of thousands of people back and forth across the continent, and loads up the wheat and oats harvests, and the herds of cattle grazing on these boundless prairies, and unloads them in the markets of the world."

Northern Quebec has wheat lands just as fertile as those of the great Northwest, but they are as worthless and uncultivated and uninhabited as those of Manitoba were before they were opened up to pioneer farmers by the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Quebec contributed, like the other provinces of the Dominion, to the construction of the iron highway which has transformed the wild lands of the Northwest into smiling wheat fields. Will she do less for herself than for the western prairies? The cream of immigration from the United States as well as from Europe is flocking into Manitoba and the Northwest Territories now that they are supplied with even imperfect and insufficient railway communication with the outer world. It is just as reasonable to expect a similar influx into our own north country as soon as a rail-

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way is built into it. The people of this pivotal province of the Dominion, who have been so heavily taxed for their contribution to the construction of a railway to open up the prairie lands of the far West, are assuredly a unit in looking to their Government to secure an iron road into their own northern wheat lands, more particularly as it will open up large areas of timber and pulp forests as well as agricultural lands, and give to Quebec the trade of Hudson and James Bay, and the control of the eastern terminal of a new trans-continental railway. The volume of business of all kinds that may be depended upon to follow the construction of a railway into the new north of Quebec, may be judged from western experiences. Speaking of Edmonton, Dr. Wheeler says: "The amount of trade, the monthly or yearly sales of many of the stores and hotels in Edmonton, 200 miles north of the main line of the C.P.R. would put to the blush many of our stores and hotels in cities of 50,000 or 100,000 people."

A VENEZUELAN SURPLUS.

Says the Montreal Gazette:—"Another set of figures has been sent out from Ottawa promising a large surplus at the close of the current fiscal year. The same kind of reports heralded the close of the last fiscal year; and the Government owes over \$15,000,000 to the banks, on which it is paying heavy interest. Laurier surpluses and Laurier promises are alike. There is nothing in them."

Speaking of Laurier promises reminds us that in British Columbia just now they are trying to find one promise that Laurier made to that Province that has been kept. According to Dr. Innes he promised the Pacific Province before 1896 to give it full representation in the Cabinet, and to exclude the Chinese; and after he came into power he promised to establish a mint at Vancouver—none of which promises he has kept. Under those circumstances the British Columbians who were fooled into voting for Grit candidates are inviting some one to come along and kick them for their folly.—Halifax Herald.

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Silk Cuffs,
Silk
Silk Shirts,
Silk Pyjamas,
Silk Umbrellas,
Silk Night Shirts,
Silk Smoking Jackets,
Silk Bras,
Silk Ties ENGLISH.

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The Quebec & Maritime District
No. 134.
William Price, Plaintiff,
vs.
The Tug Steamer 'Dauntless.'

In virtue of a Commission of Appraisement and Sale issued in this cause, by public auction will be sold on Friday, the 26th day of December instant, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of the Marshal of the said Court, in the Court House, in the city of Quebec, the said Steam Tug 'Dauntless' official number 64967, built July, 1871, length 82 feet, tonnage 80.62 gross, 35.40 net, estimated horse power 60, her tackle, apparel, and furniture, as she now lies in Tait's Dock, in the city of Montreal,
Quebec, 12th Dec. 1902.

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Marshal Quebec Admiralty District.

District of SUPERIOR COURT,
QUEBEC
No. 1112.
Dame C. Julie Cadin dit Desjardins has, this day, instituted an action in separation as to property against her husband Joseph Roy dit Desjardins, of the city of Quebec, caeter
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PELLETIER & CHOUINARD,

Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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NOTICE

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 17.—An Even-
ing Telegram's special London cable
says:—“The Daily Mail to-day,
commenting on the ocean mail ser-
vice and the proposed port of call
reputation to Lord Strathcona on
Saturday says there will be plenty of
salms put in and plenty of argu-
ments to digest before a final deci-
sion is arrived at.”

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QUEBEC.

Marine News.

OCEAN MAILINGS.

Steamer	Line	From
Dec 21 Lunenburg	Quebec Line	New York
20 Cambridge	Dominion	Boston
20 Minnesota	At. Transport	New York
20 Montreal	Holland Am- erican	do
20 Vancouver	Canada	do
20 Victoria	Canada	do
20 Quebec	Canada	do
20 Halifax	Canada	do
20 St. John	Canada	do
20 LaSalle	French Line	do
20 St. Louis	French Line	do
20 St. Paul	French Line	do
20 St. Peter	French Line	do
20 St. John	French Line	do

OCEAN ARRIVALS.

Dec. 17—
SS Winifredian, at Boston from Li-
verpool.
SS Sachem, at Boston from Liver-
pool.
SS Teutonic, at Queenstown from
New York.
SS Lahn, at Naples from New York.
SS Philadelphia, at Southampton from
New York.
SS Switzerland, at Antwerp from Phi-
ladelphia.
SS Calabria, at Marseilles from New
York.

ALLAN LINE.

The ss Numidian sailed from Phila-
delphia for Glasgow at 9 a.m. on
Tuesday.
The R.M.S. Tunisian, from St. John
N.B., and Halifax, arrived at Liver-
pool at 11.49 p.m. on Tuesday.
The R.M.S. Pretorian from Liverpool
docked at St. John, N.B., at 11 a.m.
on Wednesday.

QUEBEC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

The ss Fontabelle arrived at St.
Croix W.I., from New York at 7 p.m.
last Monday.
The ss Pretoria sailed from New
York for Bermuda at 10.30 a.m. yester-
day.

P.T. BACK.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 17.—The Furness
Line steamer London City, Capt. Har-
rison, which left here on Tuesday
morning for St. John, returned to-
night to-night with engines disabled.
The steamer had got as far as Cape
Sable Island when the accident occur-
ed, and the Captain decided to put
back to Halifax.

DISASTERS.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 17.—The Al-
lan Liner Siberian arrived here to-
day from Liverpool. She encountered
furious gales which swept her decks
and smashed her lifeboats.
Three schooners with crews aggre-
gating 25 men are missing and the
Government has despatched a tug in
search of them. Fears are entertain-
ed, however, that the schooners have
been lost in the gales of the past
fortnight.

PROPOSED TONNAGE DUES.

London, Dec. 17.—A proposal to in-
crease tonnage dues at Southampton
in order to recoup the cost of the
project to deepen the harbor has raised
a storm of protests on the ground
that the light draught vessels will be
taxed unfairly. The North German
Lloyd line threatens not to call at
Southampton, and the American and
other liners have sent written protests
to the harbor board. The board has
appointed a committee to consider
these communications.

THE LAKE CHAMPLAIN.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 17.—Port Physi-
cian March has decided to land the
first and second class passengers of
the steamship Lake Champlain this
evening and allow them to proceed to
their destinations. Six hundred immi-
grants in the forward stowage will be
sent into quarantine on Partridge Is-
land. The 32 Americans in the after
stowage will be detained on the ship
unless the American authorities allow
them to cross the line. There are se-
veral further symptoms of small-pox
among the immigrants. The vessel
will probably be released on Friday.

SYDNEY NOTES.

Sydney, C.B., Dec. 17.—The steamer
Daniel arrived here to-night from
North Sydney with four thousand tons
of iron ore and steel billets. The cargo
is for the Steel Company at New Glas-
gow, and will be shipped there by
rail.

NOTES.

The ss Empress of Japan left Hong
Kong for Vancouver yesterday.
Bark Ajax, Capt. Hainstahl, from the
St. Lawrence, passed Inshull on the
15th instant.

Literary Notes.

THE INTERNATIONAL QUARTERLY
The December issue of The Interna-
tional Quarterly sustains the position
of this review as the most important
organ of contemporary thought that
this country has. The following is
the complete list of contents:—“How
Soldiers Have Ruled in the Philip-
pines,” Capt. D. H. Boughton, Third
U. S. Cavalry; “Why Criminals of
Genius Have No Type,” Cesare Lomb-
roso; “The Spanish Drama,” Bran-
den Matthews; “Faith and Reason,”
Alfred Fouillee; “Faith and Nature,”
N. S. Shaler; “Ethnology and the
Science of Religion,” Th. Achelis;
“The Beginnings of Mind,” C. Lloyd
Morgan; “The American Workman
and the French,” Andre and Jules
Seligson; “Emile Zola,” Gustave
Goffroy; “Duchess Amalia of We-
mar,” Benjamin W. Wells; “Home
Rule for American Cities,” Ellis P.
Oberholzer; “National Antagonisms,
an Illusion,” Jacques Novicov; “The
Recent American Architecture,” Rus-
sell Sturgis; “The Quarterly Chroni-
cle,” Joseph B. Bishop.

Sporting News.

FOOTBALL.

Dublin, Dec. 17.—In the football
match to-day, all Canada versus the
Province of Leinster, the Irishmen
won by 13 to 6.

CURLING.

London, Dec. 17.—The Royal Caledo-
nian curling team are the guests at
dinner of the Liverpool Caledonian
Club to-night prior to sailing for
Canada on the Allan Line ss Bavarian
to-morrow. The team expects to be
absent two months. There were over
200 candidates for membership, out of
which Rev. John Kerr, the chaplain,
of the Royal Caledonian Club, has
chosen an undeniably strong side.

BOXING.

Sporting Editor Chronicle, Quebec.

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Phil-
lips' acceptance of my challenge, en-
closed find fifty dollars as forfeit of
one hundred dollars (\$100) side bet,
the balance, fifty dollars (\$50), to be
posted ten days before the contest.
Have mailed Mr. Snelling articles of
agreement to be signed on behalf of
Mr. Phillips, which I hope will be
done without any unnecessary delay.
Yours,
T. P. HANLEY.

SNOW-SHOING.

QUEBEC SNOW-SHOE CLUB.

The members of the old Black and
Red should not forget that the first
regular turn out of the season will
take place this evening, when the Club
will leave the Quebec Skating Rink
for the new Club House. Every mem-
ber should make it his duty to attend,
as a programme has been prepared for
this occasion.

The members of L'Union Commer-
ciale and Le Montagnais Snow-Shoe
Clubs paraded through the principal
streets of the city and last evening,
headed by their bugle bands, and ser-
viced their honorary officers. The
former club turned out particularly
strong, there being about fifty mem-
bers in snow-shoe costume, a number
of whom carried torches.

HOCKEY.

QUEBEC'S PRACTICE LAST NIGHT

Practice Hours for This Year at the
Rink Gives an Extra Evening for
Skaters.

The practice of the Quebec Hockey
Club last night was well attended and
the men had a good deal of the super-
fluous adipose tissue worked off. The
shooting of the forwards was excellent
and it looks now as if we have material
this winter for a team that will
make the best of them. Con-
stant and careful practice is a neces-
sity from now on.

The schedule for hockey practices in
the Quebec rink is now complete and
is as below. It will be noted that
this year two evenings are reserved
for skating, Tuesday and Friday. This
will likely prove a very popular move.
MONDAY—7 to 8, Seminary; 8 to 9
Quebec; 9 to 10 Crescent, 10 to 11 St.
George.
TUESDAY—7 to 10 skating (hand),
10 to 10.45, Frontenac, 10.45 to 11.30,
Aberdeen.
WEDNESDAY—7 to 8 Quebec, 8 to 9
Quebec, 9 to 10 St. George, 10 to 11,
Crescent.
THURSDAY—7 to 8 Quebec, 8 to 9,
Crescent, 9 to 10 Frontenac, 10 to 11
St. Patrick's School.
FRIDAY—7 to 8 High School, 8 to
10 skating, 10 to 11 Aberdeen.

MORNING PRACTICES.

THURSDAY—8.30 to 9.30, St. Pat-
rick's School, 9.30 to 10.30 Commer-
cial Academy, 10.30 to 11.30 Seminary.

SATURDAY—9 to 10 High School.

THE STANLEY CUP.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The Stanley Cup
trouble has been settled for this season.
The trustees have decided in fa-
vor of the Winnipeg Victorias, the
challengers, as they considered them
the only sportsmanlike course open to
them. The Victorias challenged the
Montrealers, the present holders of
the cup, to play between January
10 and 20, but the Montrealers de-
cided that hockey in the East would
be hurt by the playing of the matches
early in the season and sent a letter
to the trustees in which they stated
that they would not play between
those dates, and asked that the mat-
ches be played in March. It was un-
derstood from their letter that if the
dates they named were not accepted
they would not play, and the cup
would go to the Vics by default. The
trustees were not to be intimidated
and decided that the Vics application
for January dates was worthy of fa-
vorable consideration. The Vics may
accept either the January or the
March dates, as they choose, but it is
certain that the Montrealers will re-
fuse to play in January. Certain it
is too that if the Winnipeg team will
not consent to play in March the
Montreal club will allow the cup to go
by default.

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MR. VANDERBILT'S CONDITION

Newport, R. I., Dec. 17.—A message
received here from New York stated
that the condition of Cornelius Van-
derbilt was serious, owing to weak-
ness of his heart. His brother Regi-
nald, Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt and
Miss Kathleen Neilson will return to
New York in the morning.



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COUNTY OF QUEBEC

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY HOLDS ITS ANNUAL MEETING — PRE-SIDED OVER BY MR. CHARLES DELANY — IMPORTANT MATTERS DISCUSSED.

The annual meeting of the Quebec Agricultural Society was held yesterday under the presidency of Mr. Chas. M. Delany, in the absence of Mr. S. Lesage, the President, who was unavoidably absent.

The financial statement was read by Mr. F. Connolly, the Secretary, and was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Wm. Lee moved, in an eloquent address, that the sympathy of the members of the society be presented to the family of the late Hon. Mr. DeBouché, formerly Minister of Agriculture, who had always acted in a statesmanlike manner, and had done all that a man could do to forward the true interests of agricultural progress. The motion was carried unanimously.

Then came the appointment of the Board of Directors for the ensuing year. The same Board was elected, with the exception of Dr. Elliott, who, being absent from the city, was replaced by Alderman U. Cantin.

Mr. Geo. Moore, of the Department of Agriculture, read a very interesting and instructive paper on the objects, management and results of agricultural and horticultural fairs and exhibitions, in which he urged the Directors to energy and enthusiasm, a determination to enforce the by-laws, and excite a fraternal feeling among exhibitors.

Mr. Lee suggested that a circular should be published and sent to all parties likely to be interested in the work of placing the time-honored Quebec Agricultural Association on a firm basis of usefulness to the entire community.

This was left to the new Board of Directors to decide. There will be a meeting of the Board at the office of Mr. Lesage on Monday, the 29th instant, at 4 p.m.

TO THE LADIES.

A Guide for Z. Paquet's Stores. To facilitate the purchases in the immense departmental stores of Z. Paquet, the directors of the establishment have ordered to be made and delivered free to the buyer a special guide or directory. It is a small and elegant booklet with an ivorine cover ornamented with artistic designs of forget-me-nots, and which can be used as a memorandum or purchase book and instructor. Every department with their contents is mentioned or specified in this booklet. There will be a free distribution of these elegant booklets to the ladies to-day and tomorrow, as well as Monday and Tuesday of next week, at Z. Paquet's stores. The ladies would do well not to wait to the last moment, and bear in mind the distribution days: Thursday and Friday of this week and Monday and Tuesday of next week.

THE PROVINCIAL PREMIERS.

The Provincial Premiers coming to Quebec to take part in the Inter-Provincial Conference, which is scheduled to commence this afternoon at the Parliament Buildings, are due to arrive this noon. Arrangements are being made for the entertainment of the Provincial statesmen, and will include a dinner and reception at Spencer Wood, a dinner at the Garrison Club by Hon. S. N. Parent, and a dinner at the Kent House, where the visitors will be the guests of the Provincial Cabinet Ministers.

THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNORSHIP

Sir Louis Jette, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, will retire from the office on the 2nd day of February next, when his term of office will expire. He then will be appointed to the Canadian Senate in place of Hon. Senator Masson, and will devote his time to the completion of his work on law, which Sir Louis is very much interested in, and desirous of completing. As it has already been reported in the Chronicle, Sir C. A. P. Pelletier can have the position if he desires. It was offered to him months ago by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and he has been considering its acceptance ever since. Sir Alphonse, however, does not want the position, he is an active man in politics. Corporation Counsel for the city of Quebec, besides being identified with many other interests, which he would have to sacrifice if he became Lieutenant-Governor. He has not given his final answer as yet, but no doubt will do so one way or the other on the return of the Dominion Premier from Virginia at Christmas. In view of Sir Alphonse refusing the honor, it is reported that Hon. Senator Joseph Shebyn will be tendered the Spencer Wood vacancy. Hon. Mr. Shebyn is without doubt one of the oldest and most consistent Liberal chieftains in Quebec, who enjoys the respect of the entire community, irrespective of party affiliations, and he would do honor to the office. He is rich, accomplished and his name ranks among the distinguished men of Quebec, and his appointment to the Lieutenant-Governorship of the Province would meet with universal approval.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

WITHOUT HIS PERMISSION

London, Dec. 17.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., publishes in the Pall Mall Gazette tonight an emphatic contradiction of the published statement naming him as a director of Hooley's Sapphire Corundum Company, which is now the subject of much adverse criticism in the English press. The Pall Mall Gazette adds that it is monstrous that the name of a gentleman of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's position should be placed in a prospectus without his knowledge or consent.

It has been observed that, as a rule, single women live longer than single men.

THE MONMAGNY MURDER TRIAL

ACCUSED GIVES EVIDENCE IN HIS OWN BEHALF — RE DETAILS HIS MOVEMENTS AT THE TIME OF THE ALLEGED MURDER — THE EVIDENCE ALL IN — COUNSEL AND JUDGE ADDRESS THE JURY.

The evidence in the case of the Crown vs. Gosselin, for the murder of Mrs. Trahan, at St. Lazare last spring was concluded yesterday, when the prisoner was placed in the witness stand and under oath stated that on the Sunday he went to Trahan's residence with a bottle of gin. It was then about 9.30 p.m., and he gave Mrs. Trahan a glass of gin in the presence of the latter's daughter. He left the house about two hours after, and upon arrival at his home received a rather cool reception from his wife. On the following day he left home about 4.30 in the afternoon, returning home about eleven o'clock, the lush he fell sick and entered the sugar cane of a man named Bechar, where he slept for some time. This was on the day that Mrs. Trahan disappeared. The prisoner then stated that on the following day he had worked on the upper part of his farm, and while working had become unconscious. He remained in that condition for some time, but finally reached his home, where he remained in bed on Wednesday. He did not work much during that week, and being ill remained home, and on the following Monday began to seek evidence against those who accused him of the crime. On Monday evening, when he learned that the police were approaching his home, he fled, disappearing through a window, and on the following day remained in the woods, but on Wednesday he went to St. Charles and gave himself up to the authorities.

Sergeant McCarthy, of the Provincial Police, also testified, as did Mr. Cinq-Mars, of La Presse, who stated that after the coroner's inquest the prisoner's wife had told him that there were no traces of blood on her husband's clothing. The evidence being concluded, the court was adjourned until seven o'clock, last evening, when counsel for the prisoner addressed the jury, being followed by the Crown and presiding judge.

School children in Mexico, who have shown proficiency in their studies, are permitted to smoke cigarettes by their teachers while pursuing their lessons.

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THE CATTLE EMBARGO

London, Dec. 17.—Sir Albert Rollitt, member of Parliament, who has just returned from Canada, states that the public feeling in the Dominion strongly favors the repeal of the British Board of Agriculture's embargo against Canadian stock cattle. This feeling, he states, is especially strong among the cattle breeders of Lower Canada. The shippers of Montreal reassert the Canadian denial that there is any contagious disease among Canadian cattle.

RAILROAD PURCHASED

St. John, N. B., Dec. 17.—The sale of the Elgin & Havelock Railway has been consummated. The road was owned by an English syndicate and was managed by the Imperial Trust Company. The purchasers are a Halifax syndicate headed by Messrs. John F. Stairs, B. F. Pearson and R. E. Harris. The road is 27 miles long and extends from Elgin, Alberta County, to Havelock, King's County. It taps the Intercolonial at Petit Codiac.

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ANTHRAHITE COMMISSION

CASE FOR THE OPERATORS OPENED - IT WAS A LIVELY SESSION - WAGE STATEMENT CHALLENGED BY MINERS' LAWYERS.

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 17.—The anthracite coal operators opened their side of the controversy with the mine workers to-day before the Strike Commission and the attorneys for the non-union men began calling witnesses. The sessions to-day were probably the liveliest yet held by the Commission. At the morning session the miners' lawyers challenged the fairness of certain wage statements handed to the Commission by the Pennsylvania Coal Company and in the afternoon Lawyer Darrow had a spirited discussion with Chairman Gray as to whether or not the miners had a right to know who is paying the lawyers representing the non-union men before the Commission. Mr. Darrow asserted they were employed by the coal operators. Preceding this Simon P. Wolverton, counsel for the Reading Company, who delivered the address on behalf of all the large coal companies, made the point that the recognition of the Union is not an issue before the Commission, which brought out a protest from Mr. Darrow. The latter claimed that if it were not then the operators should be forbidden from presenting testimony that tended to show that the Union was responsible for all the alleged violence committed during the strike.

The alleged unfairness of the wage statements came to the notice of the Commission as a result of its inquiry into the child labor question in this vicinity.

THE UNITED STATES WILL BE NEUTRAL.

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fully recognized the possibility of war with Venezuela and only postponed action until the winter at the suggestion of the Admiralty, and in order to avoid the unhealthy season. On the other hand those who declare that the Government of the United States forced the Government of Great Britain into a virtual declaration of war are not lacking. Certainly a considerable portion of the British public was rather disagreeably surprised to find that Great Britain was actually at war and that this war might for many months to come require the presence of a large naval force in Venezuelan waters and put a stop to all British trade with Venezuela. Added to this is the apprehension as to whether or not Germany would be willing to accept the status of a belligerent blockade, which would entail the stoppage of her trade also.

Henry Norman, M.P., in a newspaper article published this morning, in which he emphasizes the dangers of the position into which Germany is dragging Great Britain, contends that the only safe and dignified course is for Great Britain to seek satisfaction through the co-operation of the United States. Mr. Norman asserts that "serious and urgent warnings, private in their origin, but virtually official in their destination, have been cabled from the United States during the last few days."

Mr. Norman's opinion reflects a very widespread feeling with regard to the Anglo-German agreement and concerning the question of how the United States would view the existence of a state of warfare between the Powers and Venezuela. The newspapers this morning ask: "What would happen should Germany choose to seize Margarita Island as a base for the blockade?"

The Daily News, in an editorial article, roundly declares that the new European concert "is not to coerce a bankrupt republic but is a revolt against the Monroe doctrine."

London, Dec. 18.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Willemstad, Curacao, dated December 17, says the Venezuelan rebels are approaching Valencia. The population of Curacao is urging President Castro to resign.

It is rumored in Willemstad, says the correspondent, that the President is in hiding.

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.
London, Dec. 17.—"The seizure of Venezuelan gunboats does not result as we all hope, it will be necessary to proceed to a blockade." In the speech in the House of Commons to-day, during which Premier Balfour made the above statement, he conveyed the impression of possible, though as yet unnecessary, further hostilities but that also arbitration on some basis might be accepted. Immediately after having spoken these words, the Premier said that in the event of a blockade no difference would be made between the ships of neutral powers, who would not be consulted. He then ridiculed the idea of a peaceful blockade. When he said "I think it would likely that the United States would not think there is such a thing as a peaceful blockade and I personally take the same view," that evidently blockade does involve a state of war," the House expressed its approbation. Throughout the discussion the tenor of the questions and answers show regard for the views of the United States. Mr. Balfour assured the House that the papers in the Venezuelan matter were in course of being prepared as rapidly as possible, and answering a question by Sir Wm. Vernon-Harcourt he said they would include the communications with reference to Venezuela that had passed between His Majesty's Government and the United States. Sir Wm. Vernon-Harcourt asked this question "so we may know how we stand with reference to the Government of the United States."

Premier Balfour gave no hint to the House as to the ultimate result of the arbitration proposal, and nothing further in this respect has been given out at the Foreign Office.

TO BE ARBITRATED.

Caracas, Dec. 17.—It has been decided that the Venezuelan difficulty should be arbitrated, and the discussion of terms of settlement is now going on. United States Minister Bowen undoubtedly will be one of the arbitrators. The Government fears that coercive measures will follow the establishment of the blockade.

C. VANDERBILT'S HEALTH

New York, Dec. 17.—Dr. Austin Flint said this evening there had been a change for the better in the condition of Cornelius Vanderbilt. In explanation of two visits this afternoon he deemed it best to watch the patient very closely at this stage of his illness.

FOUND DEAD IN BED

Detroit, Dec. 17.—A man who registered at the Hotel Cadillac this morning as Fred E. Kelley, Buffalo, N.Y., was found dead in his room to-night with a bullet wound in his right temple, and a revolver tightly grasped in his right hand. Papers in his pockets showed that he was a baggage man and express messenger running on the Wabash railroad between Detroit and Buffalo.

FROM JAPAN BY C. P. R.

Ogdensburg, Dec. 17.—Japanese raw silk valued at \$2,000,000 was transferred to the New York Central Railroad here to-day from Canada and sent by special train to New York. The silk was shipped from Japan by Canadian Pacific steamship to Vancouver and rail to Prescott. Within six weeks thirty-eight cars of Japanese silk valued at nearly \$5,000,000 have passed through here from New York over the same route.

THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

Detroit, Dec. 17.—President C. M. Hays, of the Grand Trunk System, is in this city conferring with local railroad men and the Tribune will quote him to-morrow as saying:—"The international bridge question at Detroit is a live issue and I hope to see a bridge built." From well-informed sources it is learned that negotiations are under way between the Michigan Central, Grand Trunk, Wabash and Pere Marquette Systems to settle upon a location for the proposed bridge across the Detroit River.

A VALUABLE ESTATE

New York, Dec. 17.—The will of Heber P. Bishop, disposing of an estate valued at \$3,500,000, was filed in the Surrogate's office to-day. The sum of \$55,000 is bequeathed to prepare a room in the Metropolitan Museum of Art for the reception of the great collection of jades and other precious stones, valued at \$750,000, presented by Mr. Bishop to the Museum last April. After small bequests to relatives the rest of the estate is divided between the testator's widow and his eight children.

IN THE U. S. SENATE

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Senate to-day passed the pension appropriation bill without discussion. It carries \$139,847,000. An urgency deficiency bill also was passed. The amount carried by this bill is \$1,140,000, and includes an item of \$500,000 to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to stamp out the foot and mouth disease, which has become epidemic in the New England States. An adjournment was taken until Saturday.

ON THEIR WAY TO QUEBEC

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Hon. Premier Roblin, of Manitoba; Hon. Premier Peters, of Prince Edward Island, and Hon. Wm. Pugsley, of New Brunswick, left here to-night for Quebec to attend the conference of Provincial Premiers which will open in that city to-morrow and at which the questions of Dominion representation and Provincial subsidies will be considered. Both Premiers Peters and Roblin expressed the opinion before their departure to-night that a readjustment of the relations between the Dominion and the Provinces was necessary and they hoped for some practical result from the conference.

Those Pale Girls

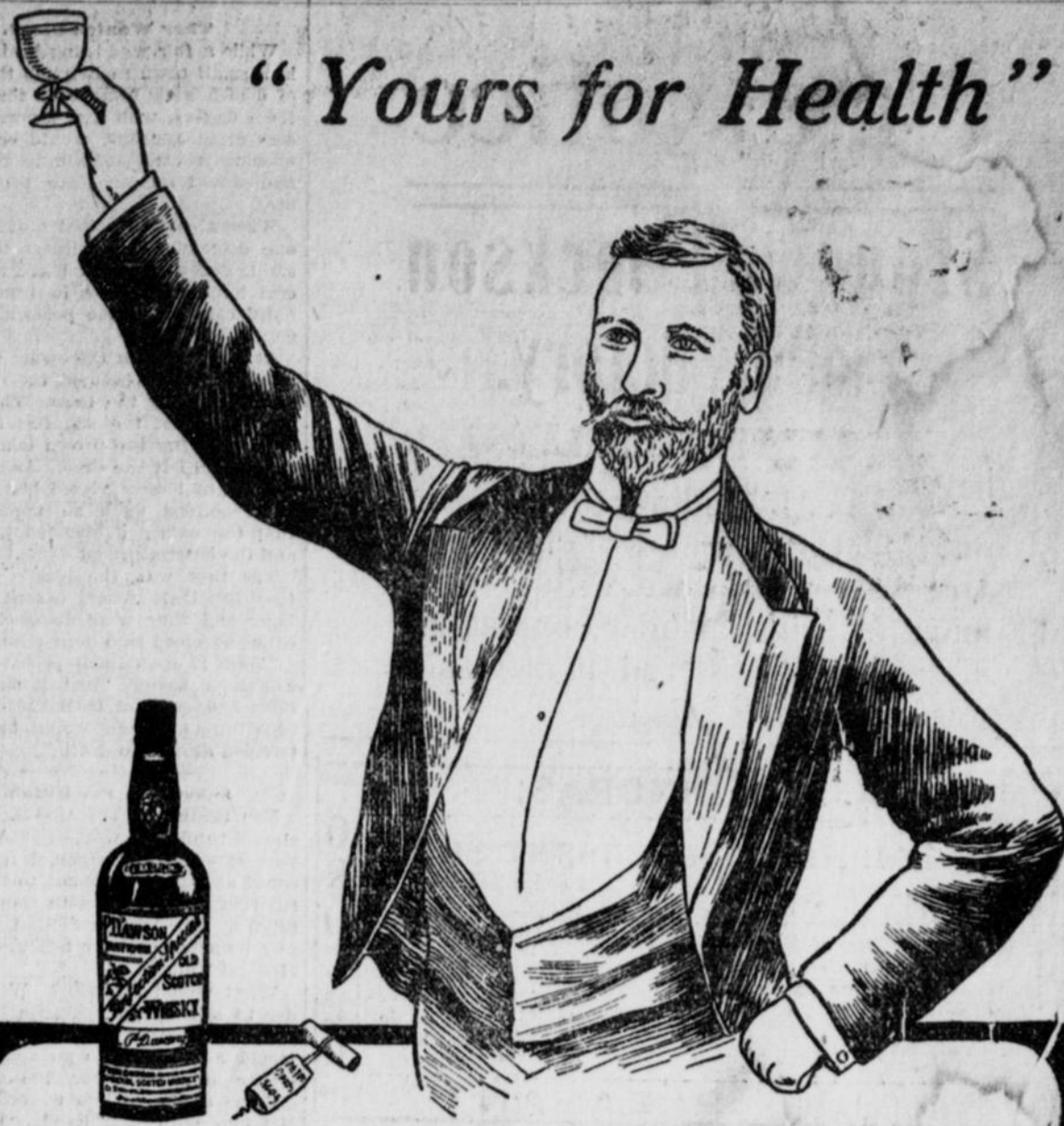
How many pale girls there are! Girls who have the will, but not the power to bring out their vitality. Doctors call it anaemia, which means poor blood. They are thin, delicate and nervous. Their digestion is usually poor, the appetite not all that it should be and they do not even get all the nourishment that is in the food that they do eat. They linger between strength and weakness with no certainty as to what change a day will bring forth.

Scott's Emulsion is for all such girls. The hypophosphites combined with the cod liver oil will tone up the system, give the blood new life, improve the appetite and help digestion. Above all it gives nourishment.

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They Wanted Blood.

While a fair was being held recently in a small town in Belgium the owner of a menagerie announced that one of the villagers, who was known to possess great courage, would enter that evening a cage containing two lions and would remain there fifteen minutes.

When this was noised abroad, every one determined to witness the novel sight, and as a result there were several hundred persons in front of the lions' cage when the performance began.

At a signal from the owner the courageous villager entered the cage and stood watching the lions. They, however, took not the slightest notice of him, and after the fifteen minutes had expired he left the cage. As he did so a storm of hisses greeted him, and the next moment such an uproar arose that the owner summoned the police and the entertainment came to an end.

The fact was the people expected that the lions would attack the villager and they were disappointed because no blood had been shed.

"Yet it is exceedingly probable," says a French writer, "that if one of the lions had escaped from the cage this bloodthirsty crowd would have been terrified almost to death."

Substitute For Quinine.

You think you are bilious. Well, I should think you would be! What did you expect your stomach and liver could stand? You ought to be thankful that you got off with simply being bilious. The wonder is that you have any stomach or liver left at all, says Medical Talk.

What would I advise? Well, in order to stir up your liver a little and give you a slight gymnastic exercise I would advise you to go and find the doctor who gave you 100 grains of quinine and give him a good kicking. Hit him with your hands. Don't hit with a club or shoot him. Just use your open hand. After you have done this right I would quit using tobacco, if not entirely at least nearly so, say a little after supper each day. Use no alcoholic stimulants of any sort. Let your diet be simple and plain. Avoid excesses. Avoid everything fried during the hot season. Eat much fruit; drink much water. Take long nights' sleep. Behave yourself. Keep away from the doctors.

Circumstances Alter Cases.

Anxious Daughter—Mother, did papa have his salary increased when he was married?

Mother—No, my child.

Anxious Daughter—I don't suppose he had any money saved up, had he?

Mother—Not a penny. He spent all he earned.

Anxious Daughter—Did you get along comfortably?

Mother—We were very happy.

Anxious Daughter—Well, you know, George hasn't been able to save a penny, but—

Mother—Now, Maria, if that poverty stricken fellow dares to show his face here again I'll get your father to turn him out!

Some Epigrams.

Some epigrams have been culled from the utterances of great men in British public life. Andrew Carnegie said, "Queen Victoria transformed Great Britain into a crowned republic, a nation in which the will of the people is the supreme law." Prime minister Balfour declared that the "educational system of England is chaotic and behind the age." The bishop of Manchester said that "this is a reading age, but how many people read the Bible?" "Plenty of porridge and milk will do more for the physique of a nation than the most up to date physical drill" is attributed to Professor Laurie of Edinburgh university.

Felt Injured.

Two good natured little Irish boys once occupied the same bed. In the morning one of them said to the other: "Dennis, did you hear it thunder last night?"

"No," said Dennis. "Did it really thunder?"

"Yes; it thundered as if heaven and earth would come together."

"Well, phoy in the worruld didn't ye wake me? Ye know I can't sidge when it thunders!" said Dennis.

How He Won Her.

She—Some persons claim that they cannot look from a height without wishing to cast themselves down. Did you ever have that feeling, Mr. Xears?

He—Once.

"Indeed? Where were you?"

"I was in an elevated car, and I saw you in the street."

Possibly True.

Mamma (to a friend who is lunching with her)—I don't know why it is, but I always eat more when we have company than when we're alone.

Tommy (helping himself to the third piece of cake)—I know why it is; 'cause we have better things to eat.

Disappointing.

"I gave you a shilling the other day on the plea that your child was seriously ill—at death's door, in fact. And yesterday I saw him as lively as a cricket."

"Yes, kind lady. He's the most disappointin' boy you ever see!"

Authoritative.

Meeks—The man who tries to change a woman's views is a fool.

Weeks—How do you know?

Meeks—My wife told me so.

The one eternal lesson for us all is how better we can love.—Henry Drummond.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

NOT DUE TO CLIMATE.

Catarrh is Found Everywhere.

Catarrh is at home anywhere and everywhere. While more common in cold, changeable climates, it is by no means confined to them, but is prevalent in every state and territory in the union.

The common definition of catarrh is chronic cold in the head, which if long neglected often destroys the sense of smell and hearing; but there are many other forms of the disease, even more obstinate and dangerous.

Catarrh of the throat and bronchial tubes as well as catarrh of the stomach and liver are almost as common as nasal catarrh and generally more difficult to cure.

Catarrh is undoubtedly a blood disease and can only be successfully eradicated by an internal treatment. Sprays, washes and powders are useless as far as reaching the real seat of the disease is concerned.

Dr. McVerney advises catarrh sufferers to use a new preparation, sold by druggists, called Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, because actual analysis has shown these tablets to contain certain anti-septic qualities of the highest value, and being an internal remedy, pleasant to the taste, convenient and harmless, can be used as freely as required, as well for children as for adults.

An attorney and public speaker, who had been a catarrh sufferer for years, says:

"Every fall I would catch a cold, which would settle in my head and throat and hang on all winter long and every winter it seemed to get a little worse. I was continually clearing my throat and my voice became affected to such an extent as to interfere with my public speaking.

I tried troches and cheap cough cures and sometimes got relief, but only for a short time, until this winter, when I learned of the new catarrh cure, Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, through a newspaper advertisement. Two fifty cent boxes which I bought at my druggist, cleared my head and throat in fine shape, and to guard against a return of the old trouble I keep a box of the Tablets on hand, and whenever I catch a little cold, I take a tablet or two to ward off any serious developments."

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets deserve to head the list as a household remedy, to check and break up coughs and colds, because unlike many other catarrh and cough cures these tablets contain no opiate, cocaine or any injurious drug.

BAPTIST MINISTER KILLED

Decatur, Ala., Dec. 17.—Rev. S. A. Archer, a Baptist minister, was killed last night by Casey Holland, a young farmer living near here. Holland struck Archer on the head with a stick of wood, fracturing his skull.

BULL AND BEAR FIGHT

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Bulls and bears of the Chicago Board of Trade had a sharp and decisive struggle over December corn to-day. W. W. McCleary & Co. failed to respond to margin calls and the so-called "blind pool," headed by Thomas A. Cleage, of St. Louis, suffered a severe set back. December corn receded almost six cents during the day and showed a break of about 11 cents since earlier in the month. Mr. McCleary declared that he could pay dollar for dollar and that he probably would be ready for business to-morrow. He said that his own firm had all his trades closed upon him because of excessive calls. Mr. Cleage's "pool" has about 800 members. He has been operating in St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago and at one time is said to have had as much as 14,000,000 bushels of corn in these three markets and 4,000,000 bushels in Chicago.

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Thorough cures for coughs and colds are rare, and when you find a medicine that you can rely on for such affections, as well as croup, whooping cough, bronchitis and asthma, you do well to stick to it.

Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine has by far the largest sale of any such remedy on the market, and as demand increases by leaps and bounds every year we believe this is due to the peculiar merits of this preparation.

You only need to be reminded that it is sometimes necessary to insist on getting what you ask for. Dealers have other preparations of linseed and turpentine put up to look as nearly as possible like Dr. Chase's, and because of larger profits may try to induce you to try the imitation.

There is one way to be sure, and that is by seeing the portrait and signature of Dr. Chase on the wrapper.

Do not be contented to take any preparation offered you because it is "only a cold." Colds lead to the most fatal of diseases, and you cannot afford to take risks with new and untried treatments.

From childhood to old age, from the time when croup threatens the baby's life until the aged father or mother are victims of asthma, Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine is the most efficient treatment obtainable; 25 cents a bottle, at all dealers, or Edgington, Bates & Co., Toronto.

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Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf. - Strong westerly and southerly winds, partly fair, not much change in temperature.

SHARPLES.-At 25 Genevieve Avenue, Cape, on the 17th inst., the wife of Archie Sharples, of a daughter.

DIED. CASUALT.-At Lonsdale, Quebec, on the 16th instant, Marie Josephine Anne Eugenie, youngest daughter of Chief Justice Sir L. N. and Lady Casault.

Funeral from her father's residence, Thursday, the 18th instant, at 9 a. m., for the Jesuits' Church, St. Foy's Road, thence to Belmont Cemetery.

Montreal papers please copy. CONNOLLY.-At St. Hyacinthe, Margaret S. Connolly, daughter of the late Michael Connolly.

Funeral on Thursday, the 18th instant, from the Lewis Ferry on arrival of the I.C.R. at Lewis at 1 o'clock, Ferry at 1:30 o'clock, to St. Patrick's Church and thence to Woodfield Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully requested to attend.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Money in Oil - N. P. Bryant. Grenoble Walnuts - Fraser, Viger & Co. Catchy Songs - John E. Walsh. Jacques Cartier Hall - Lillian Tucker Stock Co. Christmas Presents - Pruneau & Kirouac. Estey Flour - Messrs. Renaud and Busiere. Quebec Snowshoe Club - F. S. Stocking. Head and Hand Reading - Palma. Smart Young Man Wanted - "M. Q." This Office.



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Local News.

ANNUAL SALE OF PAPERS, ETC. The annual sale of newspapers at the Garrison Club takes place this evening at the general meeting.

POLICE COURT. Two city saloon keepers were before the Police Court yesterday, charged with selling liquor on Sunday. One was fined \$30 and costs and the other \$75 and costs, it being his second offence.

TURKEY MATCH. Citadel City Council, No. 1666. R. A., hold their fifth progressive euchre this evening after the regular meeting. First prize a record turkey. Second prize not to be told. Turn up all Arcanumites.

BEER OF THE DAY. Families who will buy a dozen of PROTEAU & GARRIGAN'S ale, or porter from their grocer will be entitled to a handsome colored panel.

\$2,500.00 PREMIUM. You save five cents on every dollar spent in the largest grocery store of the city. Phone 2143. It means a big profit to you. Eleazar Turcotte, grocer.

LATE MR. PETRY'S SUCCESSOR. Mr. Ernest Gagnon, Secretary of the Provincial Public Works Department, in future will perform the duties of head accountant of the Department in conjunction with his other duties, thus doing away with the appointment of an officer to succeed the late Mr. W. G. Petry.

BARBERS' CONVENTION. The annual meeting of the Barbers' Association of this Province took place in Three Rivers on Monday last. There are eleven barbers in Three Rivers, and besides the latter five delegates from Montreal, four from Quebec and one from St. Hyacinthe were present. The Board of Directors is that number eight were elected from Three Rivers and two from Quebec, Mr. Oscar Desplats being elected Secretary and Mr. Alex. Jean, Treasurer.

NOTHING BUT THE LATEST AND THE BEST. It is with pleasure that we announce to the many customers of Mrs. Henderson, No. 185 St. John street, that she is now prepared to supply all the latest Xmas and holiday periodicals and annuals, besides which her supply of art calendars and novelties this year is one that defies all competition. Mrs. Henderson is at her home every Wednesday and Saturday and trusts to see all her old friends.

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ESTEY FLOUR.

We beg to inform our customers, and the public in general, that owing to our mill having been destroyed by fire, and unavoidable delays in rebuilding, we are prevented from filling any orders for Estey Flour before the middle of January, but expect by that time to be in a position to satisfy all customers.

THE WOLVERTON MILLING CO. Our flour as usual will be in the hands of

J. B. RENAUD & CO., 126 St. Paul Street. P. G. BUSSIERE & CO., 7, 9, 11 & 13 Dalhousie Street.

PALMA

Will leave Quebec on Sunday next. Up to that day he will give Hand and Head Readings at 50c. each. With each examination a Calisthenic movement free for the improvement of health. Parents should not miss this opportunity to know their children.

St. Louis Hotel. Hours 10 A.M. to 10 P.M.



Quebec Snowshoe Club.

The members will meet at the Quebec Skating Rink at 8 o'clock THURSDAY night to tramp to the lodge. All up for the first meeting of the season at the new Club House.

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ORDER OF RAILWAY TELE-GRAPHERS.

The Order of Railroad Telegraphers of America held a meeting yesterday in the St. Louis Hotel, this city. Mr. L. W. Quick, of St. Louis, Mo., Grand Secretary of the Order, was in attendance. The meeting, which will be continued to-day, was absolutely private.

GROCER ASSIGNS. J. A. Beaudette, grocer, of Montcalm Ward, assigned yesterday on demand of Messrs. Paradis & Langlois. Assets, \$2,735; liabilities, \$3,068. The principal Quebec creditors are Jeffery, Montreuil & Co., \$450; Langlois & Paradis, \$414; Gusti Beauchamp, \$375; P. Boucher, \$218.

TO THE CHILDREN.

A club of Santa Claus is in a fair way of organization at Z. Paquet's stores. Children who desire to be put under the special protection of this mysterious personage will do well by consulting or perusing carefully the special advertisement of Z. Paquet's stores Saturday next. They will then find out what are the conditions to fulfil to become members of Santa Claus' Club.

CORONER'S INQUEST. Dr. G. W. Jolicœur, deputy Coroner returned to the city last night from Grandines, where he went to hold an inquest on the body of Leopold, aged 2 years, son of Louis Archambault, who was burned to death in his home on Monday night last. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

Q.A.A.A. RINK. Don't forget the band to-night on the Q.A.A.A. rink from 8 to 10 o'clock. Also to-morrow night at the same hour. Good music, good ice, and the finest sport in the world. Join the procession and be on hand. Don't lose time about buying that season ticket. Cheapest thing for the money in Quebec.

MUSIC HATH CHARMS. It has been said that music hath charms to soothe the savage breast, but it may easily be said the gentle breast can respond to the soothing influence of good music. This can be experienced by dropping into John E. Walsh's bookshop, on St. John street, where the latest and most catching songs and music can be had at the reduced price of ten cents each. You will also be charmed to witness one of the finest displays of art calendars, cards, gift books, etc., that is shown in Canada.

NEW MUSIC BOOKS AT A REDUCTION.

An immense lot of new music books containing all of the latest pieces for piano by the best authors. Usual price \$1.00, now until January 1st for 50c. When sent by mail add 10 cents for postage.

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JACQUES CARTIER HALL.

Another large audience filled the Jacques Cartier Hall last night to witness the Lillian Tucker Stock Company in the interesting melo-drama, "The Inside Track." As usual, the play was well staged, and the cast of characters excellently sustained. This play will be presented for the last time at the matinee to take place this afternoon, and which deserves a crowded house. To-night the company will produce "The Gambler's Wife," a play filled with interest, which no doubt will be appreciated by the patrons of Jacques Cartier Hall.

VENISON, choice fed turkeys, chickens, ducks, geese, pigeons, game in season, fresh eggs, cooking eggs, choice laid eggs, fresh print butter, fresh roll butter, fresh creamery butter, &c. J. & J. DALY, 3 Montcalm Market.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT PALMA.

Some have mistaken Palma for a fortune teller. Surely one has only to talk with the gentleman about a minute to discover that his calling has nothing whatever to do with such humbugging. "He is an educated gentleman; his actions bespeak his training," says the Truro Searchlight. To speak with Palma will convince the most skeptical. "He is an honest exponent of his observation, experience and general knowledge," says the Sydney Post. Have not his lectures proved his straightforwardness. He never claimed to be infallible, nor did he ask his clientele to believe it. He has done incalculable good here in Quebec, and when he departs next week for new fields, he will carry with him our best wishes.

BOOTS.

Skating Boots for Ladies' and Gentlemen at unheard of prices. Go to Leonard's, Quebec Shoe Store, 24 St. John Street. Big Fire Sale.

AROUND THE COURTS.

In the Enquete and Merits Court yesterday Mr. Justice Andrews rendered judgment in the following ex parte cases: - Elizabeth Barr against her husband, Clodomir Casault, laborer. This was an action taken by the wife on the ground of ill-treatment and abandonment. The defendant did not plead to the case and judgment was rendered in favor of the wife, with costs.

Matta vs. Thibet - Judgment in favor of plaintiff for \$504, amount of promissory notes. The Prothonotary, Mr. Malouin, also rendered judgment in the following cases by default, the actions being based on promissory notes and accounts: - Canada Liquor Co. vs. Therrien - Judgment for \$123.29, interest and costs. Myrand et al vs. Paquet - Judgment for \$135, interest and costs. Anyot vs. Larouche et al - Judgment for \$822, interest and costs. Legare vs. Cantin - Judgment for \$241, interest and costs.

WHAT A CHANCE.

Leonard Brothers, Proprietors of the Quebec Shoe Store, 24 St. John Street, are holding a big fire sale. Bargains, Bargains, Bargains. The lowest prices in Quebec.

THE CAMEL'S HEAD.

"Where the camel's head goes his body follows," says an Oriental proverb. It's the same way with disease. A small opening will give it an entrance and when disease once has a place in the body a large number of ills may follow it. The opening for disease is often found in a "weak" stomach. When the stomach is "weak" the body also becomes weakened by lack of nutrition, and disease attacks the heart, liver, lungs, kidneys and other organs.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery makes the weak stomach strong. It cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, and so enables the body to resist or throw off other diseases.

Men and women who are sick are invited to consult Dr. Pierce, by letter, free, and so obtain without charge the opinion of a specialist on their ailments. All correspondence strictly confidential. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

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Mainly About Persons.

Mr. E. R. Watson, Montreal, is a guest at the St. Louis.

Mr. Ant. Guibault, of this city, is in Bic on business.

Mr. Henri Beland, M.P. Beauce, is registered at the St. Louis Hotel.

Hon. J. D. Rolland registered at the Chateau yesterday.

Mr. A. Giard, M.P.P. for Rouville, arrived in the city yesterday and registered at the St. Louis Hotel.

Major Fages has returned to town from Ottawa and will spend the holidays with his family in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. McLean, St. John, N.B., are guests at the St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. de Lery, St. Francois, Beauce, are guests at the Chateau.

Mrs. C. R. Scoles, New Carlisle, P.Q., arrived in town yesterday and is stopping at the Chateau Frontenac.

Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, Minister of Justice, will arrive in town this morning and will remain here until the end of the week.

Messrs. J. M. McCarthy, Chas. H. Binks, H. M. Cockfield, M. C. Hopkins, G. A. Kahl and Geo. Dawson were among the Montrealers who registered at the Chateau yesterday.

Mr. L. A. Taschereau, advocate, accompanied by Mr. Adams, has left on a hunting expedition to Lac a la Gallette, in the National Park. They will be back to town on Tuesday next.

Cramps are Like Burglars

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IMPORTANT.

Christmas comes but once a year. When it comes it brings good cheer. But it would be cheerless without a few bottles of liquor. Scotch Coronation brand, \$1.10 for c.; Loch Katrine \$1.10 for 9c.; Robin Brandy, \$1 for 8c.; other brands Cognac worth 90c for 75c; other 75c for 59c.

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THE HOUSE WAS UNANIMOUS

Washington, Dec. 17 - Mr. Bartlett, a Georgia Democrat, during consideration of the Legislative appropriation to-day in the House, unexpectedly and without warning sprung an amendment to appropriate \$250,000 for the enforcement of the liquor law, and to direct the Attorney General to proceed at the prosecution of all violators of the law. Although such a provision was plainly amenable to a point of order not a member on either side of the House raised objection. Both sides wheeled into line and all agreed that some such action was advisable. Some of the Republicans, however, raised objections to the looseness of the language of the amendment, and Mr. Hepburn (la.) offered as a substitute for it the language of the bill he introduced on the opening day of the session to appropriate \$500,000 for the enforcement of the law. This was further strengthened to make the appropriation immediately available, and as amended, the substitute was agreed to without division. The Legislative bill was passed practically as it came from the committee except for the amendment.

Christmas Shoe Certificate

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