

ANNEXING NEWFOUNDLAND AND GREENLAND.

What Canada Offered and What Newfoundland Wanted.

An Ottawa despatch says: In regard to the annexing of Newfoundland and Greenland to the Dominion it may be stated that in 1895 Canada offered to Newfoundland to assume its debts \$10,350,000, which was equal to 850 per head of her population at that time. As a yearly allowance Canada was to pay...

NEWS IN BRIEF

Baltimore, Md.—The Union Trust Company, which went into the hands of a receiver on Oct. 10, opened its doors today and resumed business. Manila.—The agreement for the sale of the Friar lands has been signed, to take effect in six months, the time allowed for surveys and examination of titles.

GERMAN TRADE FIGHT.

Workers to Aid Striking Saxony Textile strikers. Berlin, Dec. 28.—Twenty-three workingmen's meetings were held in Berlin to-night to raise money and express sympathy for the 5,000 textile workers at Grimnitzsch, Saxony, who for eighteen weeks have been fighting for a ten-hour day and an increase of the rate for piece work. The strike has outgrown the proportions of local disputes, and how threatens the peace of the entire German textile industry.

Melville, of Scotland Yard, the Anarchists' Arch Enemy and the System He Has Built Up.

With the going out of this month organized anarchy the world over, the anarchy that spouts and froths, but that which has made it the most dangerous of all enemies, the anarchy that has built up a system of detection and punishment, the anarchy that has built up a system of detection and punishment, the anarchy that has built up a system of detection and punishment...

HELD FOR MURDER.

Mysterious Death of Infant in North Orillia to be Investigated. Orillia report says: A coroner's jury has brought in a verdict finding that the child of Mrs. Christina Saunders, whose body was viewed today, came to its death by violence, and we believe that Christina Saunders and Pooebe Davis are responsible for its death...

CANADA'S AMBITIONS.

Glasgow Herald's Tribute to Our Nationality. London, Dec. 28.—The Glasgow Herald says that Canadians are talking of annexing Newfoundland and Greenland in order to become big enough for the field of treaty-making powers. The main object is the magnifying of Canada as a nation. The argument that the United States does not cover barren Greenland is weak when one remembers the desert state of Alaska, Denmark, however, is no more likely to sell Greenland to Canada than she was to sell the West Indies to the Americans...

MOCK DUEL WAS FATAL.

Boys Used Pistols to Adjust Quarrel and One Was Shot Dead. Paterson, N. J., Dec. 28.—County Judge has ordered a writ of habeas corpus to place the responsibility for the death of Antonio Leo, fifteen years old, who died to-day, having been shot on Sunday night by Julian Wageman, in the cellar of a North York street house. Wageman, who is also 15 years old, says he and Leo had been playing in the cellar, but finally quarrelled. Both had revolvers, and Leo, according to Wageman, also had a knife. Wageman says they agreed to fight a mock duel. Leo took the knife and threw it at Wageman, who says he thought he had done the same with his weapon. The boys stood at a distance of eight feet and at a signal fired. Leo fell to the floor with a wound in his brain. His companion, terror-stricken, gave an alarm, and the wounded boy was taken to the hospital, where he died to-day.

SPEAKER GULLY TO RETIRE.

Will Receive a Pension of \$50,000 and a Fee. London, Dec. 28.—The Right Hon. William Gull, who has announced his intention of refusing to offer himself for re-election as Speaker of the House of Commons on the completion of his present term. He has held the office for nearly nine years and will on retirement receive, as usual, a pension for the remainder of his life of \$20,000 a year, together with the peerage, which in the case of ex-Speakers is invariably taken the form of a viscountcy.

FALSE HAIR IN ENGLAND.

Many Beauties Wear Lovely Tresses Not Their Own. According to a London hairdresser more false hair is used in England than in any other country. A great deal of the hair is imported by way of Marseilles, from the East, Spain and Italy, and the amount reaches nearly forty tons a year. The hair is brought in by a man in a three-wheeled cart, and is finally sorted into seven different shades. They are then sold to the hairdressers, who make them up and sell the false tresses at prices ranging from a few shillings to several pounds. Well-to-do women have a "transformation" for every occasion, and this is sometimes rather surprising, and at times amusing, at the sides which work with a hat. The matinee, or the evening coiffure is very elaborate. Third Degree in Japan. In 1899 a girl of 13 was murdered in Osaka, having suffered indignities at the hands of her assassins. The police arrested a youth of 18 on suspicion, and he, having confessed, was brought up for trial. Owing, however, to insufficient evidence, the assassin, Matsuzawa, was acquitted. He has lived ever since under a social ban, the public being convinced of his guilt. In 1901 a girl of 14 was murdered in Osaka, having suffered indignities at the hands of her assassins. The police arrested a youth of 18 on suspicion, and he, having confessed, was brought up for trial. Owing, however, to insufficient evidence, the assassin, Matsuzawa, was acquitted. He has lived ever since under a social ban, the public being convinced of his guilt.

ROCKEFELLER AS SANTA.

Pays Off Mortgage on the Farm of His Boyhood Friend. Slout City, Mo., Dec. 28.—An unexpected Christmas gift from John D. Rockefeller has made Charles Austin a happy man, for it will wipe out a mortgage he has struggled for some years to pay. Austin lives on a seven-acre farm on Walker's Island in the Missouri River, a few miles from here. He has not been prosperous, and in spite of assistance by his sons he was unable to avoid the impending loss of his property. When a boy he was a close friend of Mr. Rockefeller, and the two have since corresponded with some regularity. Mr. Rockefeller learned of the mortgage and, ascertaining the amount, surprised Mr. Austin with a check that will end his financial trouble.

PREFERENCE IN AUSTRALIA.

London Press Differs as to Probability of its Adoption. London, Dec. 28.—The News, referring to the Australian elections, says it has produced the boss. Probably the majority of the new House are moderate protectionists, and certainly anti-imperialist, with not the smallest prospect of endorsing a preference. The Chronicle's Melbourne correspondent writes that the tariff is not likely to be amended, and that preferential trade will probably be postponed indefinitely, as the free traders number 40 and protectionists 35. The Standard says that a result rests on the main "Australian" for the Australians. The control has passed to that section associated with a whole with most rigid protectionism. Australian workmen are willing to accept the advantages of our free-trader's offer, but there is no whisper of a return. Much the same is suggested by the undignified reluctance of Canada to accept the offer to refrain from imposing the rigor of the regulations giving the Canadian manufacturer a monopoly of the colonial market.

MATRIMONY OR DEATH.

Members of Secret Society Swore to Strange Compact. Findlay, Ohio, Dec. 28.—This town is wrought up over the discovery that a secret society of young people exists under the rules of which death or matrimony is the alternative. Jester Williams revealed the secret. He says the society has existed for a year. Frequent meetings were held and straws were drawn. The person drawing the shortest straw was sworn to choose matrimony or death within a week. There have been a dozen marriages, but no suicide.

ROYAL BETROTHAL.

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SCHOOLBOY'S POINT OF VIEW.

An Original Essay on the Subject of Soap. In view of the recent soap controversy, started by the London Lancet, the following epistle on the subject, contributed by "A Schoolboy" to the Bolognese Times, is of some interest. It is the greatest nuisance possible to boys; it gets into their eyes and noses, and interferes with their enjoyment of life. The instinct against the use of soap is shown at the earliest age. You just watch a baby being washed and see what faces it makes. Later on when you are eight or nine years of age, and have been having larks, and got hot, and come home happy, your mother, when she sees you, instead of hugging you and being glad you have enjoyed yourself, says: "Oh you dirty boy, go and wash your face." That wouldn't happen if there was no soap. We are also informed that "soap is quite a modern invention, made, I believe, for the benefit of the instructed papers, because without it they would not get enough advertisements to make their pay."—Precocious schoolboy!

FOUGHT FOR THE BOERS.

The Romance of a Hungarian Nobleman Comes to a Light. Vienna, Dec. 28.—A curious echo of the recent war in southern Africa has just been heard, making known a very remarkable story. Five years ago Baron Azeel, a young Hungarian nobleman, quarrelled very seriously with his father, and in consequence departed from his home, leaving no one as to his whereabouts or his intentions. Shortly after his disappearance his father died, and having repented of his anger towards his son, left him a handsome inheritance. The widow caused extensive enquiries to be made as to the whereabouts of her son, and at last, after years of research, she discovered that he was now in the Transvaal. Thereupon she crossed the sea to the Boers during the Transvaal war. Thereupon she crossed the sea to the Boers during the Transvaal war. Thereupon she crossed the sea to the Boers during the Transvaal war.

IN A LOUD VOICE.

The Kaiser Gives a Toast to the Memory of Bismarck. Hanover, Germany, Dec. 28.—The one hundredth anniversary of the formation of the former Hanoverian monarchy was celebrated yesterday of a considerable celebration. Emperor William received the regiments and several thousand veterans of the old Hanoverian army. His Majesty commanded that a jubilee medal be struck in commemoration of the event. It will be made from the bronze of captured Prussian guns and will bear a representation of the Waterloo column in Hanover. At a banquet given in honor of the Emperor, the Emperor will in reply to a toast, and a plaudibundly and distinctly said: "With hearty thank I raise my glass and I hope will do it with the example. To the Kaiser!"

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