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a Ten-Year-Old Boy.

Bacomes an International Affair Between Uruguay and United States.

Washington, Dec. 24.-Possession of 10-year-old Jose Preston Ames, heir in a great estate in Uruguay, has become an international matter, in which the state department and the republic of

Uruguay are interested. The child's mother was a beautiful spanish woman who married Dr. Preston Ames, an American doctor, who lived for many years in Uruguay. The child's father died shortly after his birth, while coming to the United States. Dr. Ames left a valuable estate on the Uruguay River. The mothere she was well known

Early this winter Mrs. Ames, accomwas taken suddenly ill and died Dec.

Mrs. Helen Sparhawk, sister of the child's father, attempted to obtain possession of her nephew after the death of his mother. She instituted habeas corpus proceedings, and notice was served on Preston Adams Ames, of Washington, a grand-uncle of the child, and Pepita and Eduardo Laroque, to produce the child in court. Immediately after his mother's death the child was sent to the Uruguayan legation here and placed in charge of the minister. The boy sailed for Uru-

guay on Dec. 12. After listening to the testimony Justice Barnard ordered that the state de-partment be requested to ask the Uruguayan legation to furnish a transcript of its record regarding the departure of the child. If it can be shown by the Uruguayan legation that the child was in its possession and had started for New York previous to the beginning of the habeas corpus proceedings, Mrs.

Sparhawk will have no redress.

RULING IN INSURANCE CASE

at Montreal Reversed.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 23 .- The court of King's bench this morning reversed the lower court decision in the case of Hon. buildings yesterday. Mr. Fisher says R. Angers vs. the Mutual Reserve Life Fund Association of New York. now experimenting with a rapacious The lower cour had ordered the association to reful d premiums and interest paid by Hon. Mr. Angers from 1885 to 1898, but the court toda decided that after enjoying its privileges extent that it never does any harm. for thirteen years, plaintiff could not ask a cancellation of policy. It was a mutual concern, and he should have China only one pair, and that at an familiarized himself with the conditions expenditure of several thousand dolon which the original policy was is-

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Sold His Own Head.

Florence, Col., Dec. 24.-Walter Jennings, of this city, has just sold his head for \$2,000 to a Chicago medical Institute. He will receive \$1,000 down and his relatives will collect the other \$1,000 when his head is delivered to the purchaser. Jennings is one of the few victims of hydrocephalus who has lived to his majorit . His head measreumference, and ures 36 inches in reumference, and nis hats are made to order. He has also an affection of the spine, which commind, of course, is weak, but his relations, it is said, have consented to his musual bargain.

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Keen Struggle for Possession of Woodstock Times Plant Damaged by Fire and Water.

> Escanaba Factory Burned, Entailing Loss of \$150,000-Other Fires.

Woodstock, Dec. 24.-Shortly after 6 o'clock last evening, fire broke out in the office of the Woodstock Times, and both building and contents were Times newspaper was absorbed a short time ago by the Express, but plant. The plant, including two typographs, a folder and other things, were either totally destroyed or er, Mrs. Octavia H. Ames, lived in Uruguay, but spent the winters in mained in the building was also destroyed. Both the building and the plant were insured. The property bepanied by her son and her niece and nephew, came to Washington. They went to their home here. Mrs. Ames to have originated in the cellar, problisher of the Times. The fire appears

ably with the furnace. Arnprior, Dec. 23 .- Fire broke out this morning in the cellar of the drug store owned and occupied by A. L. Budd, and before it was extinguished considerable damage had been done. Bellaire, O., Dec. 23. - Fire today destroyed the wholesale produce house of Boyd & Co. and seven other build-

ings, causing a loss of \$100,000. Escanaba, Mich., Dec. 23.-Fire today destroyed the butter dish factory and warehouse of the Escanaba Woodenware Company, entailing an estimated loss of \$150,000.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 23 .- A fire which started tonight in the large lumber mills of the John L. Roper Lumber Company, at Gilberton, six miles from Norfolk, on the southern branch of the Elizabeth River, had up to 11:30 o'clock destroyed eight dry kilns and \$,000.000 feet of lumber. President Roper said he was unable to estimate the loss, but it will be heavy.

LIKE CURES LIKE

Feeds on San Jose Scale.

Toronto, Dec. 24.-George E. Fisher, the Ontario Government expert on the San Jose scale, was at the Parliament that the United States Government is insect, which lives naturally in the Orient, which is the home of the San The Washington Government was

lars, but these are now multiplying. the experiment proves successful Mr. Fisher proposes to import some of the insects for Ontario orchards. He recently obtained a species of parasite from Maryland, which, it said, would feed on the scale and keep it in check. He has not noticed much effect in the orchards in which it has

been placed. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over FIFTY YEARS by MILLIONS OF MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEETHING, with Phare LOT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES the CHILD, SOFTENS the GUMS, ALLAYS all PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC, and is the best remedy for DIARRHEA. Sold by Druggists in every part of he world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's" Soothing Syrup.

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Iron and Steel Tariff. Toronto, Dec. 24. - The iron and steel manufacturers of the Dominion, who are members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, assembled here yesterday to discuss the suggestions made by the members for a revision of the Dominion tariff on iron and steel The views of the members will be laid before the committee on tariffs.

Tired when you go to bed, tired when you get up, tired all the time. Why? Your blood is impure. Take Ayer's Sarsaparilla and be quickly cured. If the bowels are constipated, take Aver's Pills. Lowell, Have.

TRAGEDY NEAR BRANTFORD; MAN SHOOTS HIS BROTHER

The Victim Was Mistaken for a has made his home in Detroit for some Burglar—Returned Home to Spend Christmas.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 23.-A horrible ragedy occurred about 9 o'clock this morning at Middleport, about twelve miles from this city, Wesley Watson being shot and instantly killed by one the scene, is a very peculiar one.
Two brothers, Samuel and James
Watson, run the farm near Middleport, and the third brother, Wesley,

time past. Late last night he came home unexpectedly, it is supposed, to spend the Christmas holidays. The brothers at home, both men over 30 years of age, heard him approaching the house, and apparently they be-came possessed with a fear that they were about to be attacked by burglars. They ran upstairs, and getting out of a window, went to the house of a neighbor, where they spent the night.

About 9 o'clock this morning they returned, armed with a shotgun. Wesof his brothers. Full details of the ley had gone into the house, and findof his brothers. Full details of the ity in no one there, went to bed. When shooting are lacking, but the story, his two brothers opened the door of which was brought to the city by a the room in which he was sleeping which was brought to the city by the raised himself in the bad. They neighbor who lives half a mile from he raised himself in the bad. They the scene is a very peculiar one.

PASSIONATE BOY SHOOTS HIS SISTER IN THE HEAD

Because She Refused to Give up the coveted article. Upon the girl refusing to do this the boy discharged Him Something That He Wanted.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.-The two children of sidore Desrosiers, 68 St. Bernard street, Hull, were playing this morning, and the sister having something wished to get, the latter somehow got ened to shoot her if she did not give reys acted in self-defense.

one chamber of the weapon, and the ball, which was of large caliber, entered the girl's jaw, and came out at the back of the neck. The wound may be fatal. The boy is about 10 years

QUARREL OVER DICE.

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 23.-In a fight over a game of dice here today, Walker Humphreys, a conductor on the in her possession that the brother Louisville and Nashville road, shot wished to get, the latter somehow got and killed W. M. Barnett, a grocery man. The coroner's jury tonight renhold of a loaded revolver, and threat- dered a verdict, finding that Humph-

MANY FARMERS FOOLED A WOMAN RULES SAVAGES

Scheme in Detroit.

Make Good Their Escape.

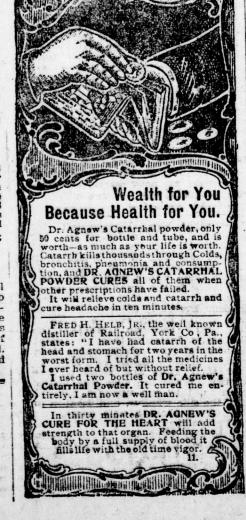
Detroit, Dec. 23.-For several weeks past, says the News, both Supt. Downey and Chief of Detectives McDonbadly damaged by fire and water. The had its headquarters in the Cleland in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000, and was operated by a recent acquisition the building was still occupied by the from Canada named Andrew Stewart. in the world.

Crown Mail Order House was to send many, where she has been negotiating agents throughout the State soliciting for the sale to a syndicate for \$2,000,-000 of about one-eighth of her possesorders for clothing, such as suits and sions. It is her hope that within the overcoats, as well as coats and sacques next five years see may be able to disfor women. These agents carried the po finest samples of beaver cloths which they represented was the kind of cloth Hawaiian Islands. that was to be used in the overcoats, dress suits, etc., that they received this afternoon for San Francisco,

The agents represented that the Crown Mail Order House for the purpose of advertising itself had decided first husband, Edward E. Forsaythe, to sell the made-up garments cheaper an Englishman, found herself not only than any garment could be made in poor, but heavily in debt. But even the country. They would require a deposit of \$5. The overcoat or dress of \$12, just one-fifth of what either would cost if purchased from any other firm. After the order and the deposit, the farmer would wait a long time. and then he would receive a letter from the Detroit concern requesting

the balance of \$9. After the \$9 additional was sent the concern would send another letter saying that finer lining was needed in the garment than was first supposed. and that \$6 more was needed before the clothes could be sent. When the remaining \$6 was sent the sender would receive a package of clothing that could be duplicated in any store for

from \$4 to \$6. Chief McDonnell paid a visit to the establishment with one of its customers, but could get no complaint, for the Occision of the Court of King's Bench | Parasite Imported From the East Thta reason that the concern made a settlement. The close plessing of the police, however, must have had its effect, for the Crown Mail Order House has disappeared from the Cleland building, and Parker & Goodson, its legal represent-atives, tell the News that Andrew Stewart and the Crown Mail Order House have gone. The law firm is desirous of finding out where Stewart is, claiming that he owes them for legal services, which they would like to collect.



Islands, in New York.

Proprietors of the Swindling Concern | One of the World's Wealthiest Women Bosses 100,000 Ex-Cannibals.

'New York, Dec. 24 .- Under the incognito of Mrs. Paul Kolbe, a virtual queen of a group of South Sea Islands, nell have been in daily receipt of let- and one of the half dozen wealthlest ters from farmers and others in the women in the world, with her husband interior of the State, complaining of and grandson, was a patron of an upthe "Crown Mail Order House," that town hotel yesterday. Her wealth is building, 29 and 31 State street, and she is the lawmaker for nearly 100,000 islanders, who only a score of years ago were among the fiercest cannibals

It appears that the scheme of the She is on her way home from Gercrests in the archi Queen Emma will leave New York

large fortune. At first her position on the islands was not only uncomfortable, but extremely dangerous. The cannibalistic natives were hostile and suspicious, but she gradually acquired such influence over them that of nearly entire population she is now virtual leader. She gives them their laws, marries and divorces them, and is looked upon as the final arbiter in all

LIBERAL M. P. DISQUALIFIED

Joseph Brunet, Member for St. James Division, Unseated.

Montreal, Dec. 23. - Mr. Joseph Brunet, Liberal M. P. for St. James' division. was today unseated and dis-

Poison by Mail.

North Adams, Mass., Dec. 24 .- Mrs. C. N. Beers, of this city, recently rereceived through the mail a box of candy, the appearance of which so aroused her suspicions that she did not eat any of it, but submitted it to a local chemist for analysis. His examination has shown that the candy was covered with a poisonous powder. The police are at a loss for a clue, as the post mark on the box wrapper is undecipherable.

Ready to Marry by Lot. Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 24.-Clarett B. Simpson writes to Postmaster Cromwell from Troy, N. Y., that she and 20 other Troy girls have formed a matrinonial club with the object of proiding wives for Pacific coast men. The club is the result of a story in the east that 500 men of Tacoma and other coast cities were in need of wives. Miss Simpson is president if the club, which, she says, will choose by lot the members who shall marry first. Their plan is to forward to Postmaster Cromwell photographs of the girls thus selected and have him distribute them among the men wanting wives. The club will provide funds to defray the expenses of its members to the coast, one at a time. If the meeting with the young man with whom the wedding has been arranged by correspondence and exchange of photographs is not satisfactory, then the club will pay the girl's expenses back to Troy.

desperation by the loses of stock as a result of the depredations of mountain Northern Montana are organizing an without a parallel in western history. The recent blizzard and tense cold

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pelago and spend the remainder of her life traveling, with a residence on the

whence she will at once sail for her home. It was only about 20 years ago that Queen Emma, on the death of her

then her knowledge of trade conditions in the Western Pacific was suit was to be sold for the small sum quoted as authoritative, and by making use of this knowledge, and taking advantage of her opportunities she quickly paid off her indebtedness and laid the foundations of her present

qualified.

Chance for Hunter Roosevelt: Butte, Mont., Dec. 24. - Driven to the ranchers and stockmen of immense drive, which will be, perhaps, have forced the animal of their mountain list into the light below in quest of food. It is proposed to have about 100 men engage in the chase, and from different points they

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