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## CHURCHILL VERY ANGRY,

*HE IS IRRITATED BY THE DENUNCIATION HE HAS MET WITH.*

**His Conservative Friends Claim that When the Whole Truth Regarding his Resignation is Known He Will be Triumphantly Vindicated.**

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Times commenting on the reported reason for Churchill's resignation viz.: that he was opposed to an increase in the military and naval estimates, says the estimates are not extraordinary and only provide for a moderate strengthening of the naval and military condition of the empire, rendered necessary by the outlook of foreign affairs. Conservatives in Ireland look upon the resignation as a serious blow to the ministry, while the Unionists think it will prove fatal to the present Government.

**Why Churchill Resigned.**

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The supporters of Lord Randolph Churchill, who is irritated and astounded at the unanimity of the denunciations of his course by Conservatives, declare then when he is able to tell the true reason for his resignation the disclosure will cause a sensation throughout the country and result in his triumphant vindication. They say it will be shown that he did not oppose grants for the necessary defence of the Empire, but that he refused to sanction an increase of estimates unless it was accompanied by a reform and administration of the War and Admiralty Departments. Lord Randolph discovered while in office, say his friends, that the Government had no control over the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of pounds which are yearly voted for the War Office for material that has never been provided, and that similar abuses exist in the Admiralty.

**The Conservatives' Weakness.**

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Daily News, referring to Lord Salisbury's overtures to Lord Hartington, says: "By this act of miserable weakness and miscalled patriotism Lord Salisbury acknowledges that the Conservatives are absolutely dependent upon the will and pleasure of Churchill. It is not strange that many Conservatives are puzzled over and indignant at the behaviour of their leaders, which must surely damage the reputation of modern Conservatism."

**Lord Hartington's Opinion.**

LONDON, Dec. 24.—In consequence of Lord Salisbury's request, Lord Hartington will remain in Rome until Sunday, to await letters from Lord Salisbury. Lord Hartington has not received an invitation to enter the Cabinet. It is improbable that an invitation would be sent by telegraph, as he has no cypher that would enable him to translate a Government despatch. He will not come to a decision until he has received Lord Salisbury's letters. Lord Hartington thinks that virtually there has been no change in the situation since last autumn. He reserves his opinion as to the future.

The opinion grows that Lord Hartington will not enter the cabinet.

*LORD COLIN WANTS A NEW TRIAL.*

**The Ground Taken That the Verdict Was Against the Evidence.**

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Lord Colin Campbell's solicitors have applied for a new trial of his counter-suit for divorce against his wife, on the ground that the verdict of the jury was contrary to the evidence submitted.

**A Defiant Priest.**

PEKIN, Ill., Dec. 24.—In Catholics of this diocese are in great excitement over recent difficulties in which Father Noonan, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, is concerned. It is stated that he was concerned in some real estate transactions wherein fraud was perpetrated, and when the particulars reached the ears of Bishop Spaulding of Peoria, he suspended Father Noonan and sent Father Dunne to take his place. When the latter arrived he found the residence of the priest barricaded, and he was driven off the premises by the servants. Suits were begun against the priest in the name of Bishop Spalding, Tuesday, and a constable managed to read the summons to Noonan by climbing to an upper window. Noonan hired the house directly opposite that of Father Dunne, and he defies the Bishop or anybody else to drive him out.

**O'Brien Sues for Libel.**

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—Over a dozen league meetings were held in Ireland to-day. Mr. O'Brien has begun an action for £5000 damages against the Dublin Express for libel in having accused him of being a swindler and an invincible.

**More Nihilists Jailed.**

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—The Government has discovered the existence of an extensive Nihilist organization, the members of which are principally workmen in large factories in the city of Moscow and in Vladimir. Many members of the organization have been arrested.

**Heavy Law Costs.**

The costs in the Campbell divorce case amount to $175,000 and the Argyll family will have to subsist on oatmeal in future. They rue the day when Colin married a beauty. He might better have been rubbing his back against one of the ancestral scratching posts or reposing in one of quinn's famous nightrobes on that day.

**Books for boys, books for girls and books for little folks at McAinsh & Ellis', opp. Post Office.**

**A Disestablished Church in Wales.**

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Mr. Bright has written a letter in which he refuses to give an opinion on the Welsh church question. He says he expects that that question will not be settled for a long time yet, pending the settlement of the Irish question.

**A Financial Combination.**

VIENNA, Dec. 24.—The Credit Foncier and the Credit Austelt have amalgamated in order to enable them to face all foreign competition and keep Vienna an independent financial centre. The newspapers state that the society will have complete control of the money market.

**Sunk By An Ironclad.**

LISBON, Dec. 24.—The British ironclad Sultan ran into and sunk the French steamer Ville de Victoria while the latter was lying at anchor in the Tagus. The Ville de Victoria had 250 persons on board. Several of them were drowned. The Sultan is an iron steamship, armor plated, and is 9200 tons burden.

**Where the Press is Too Free.**

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The North German Gazette, commenting on the story printed in progressist papers, that the Czar in a fit of rage shot a German military attache at St. Petersburg, declares that such abuse of the freedom of the press requires an instant remedy.

**A Socialist Dying.**

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The Socialist, Von Hofenstettin, is dying. He was Lasceles' second in a duel with Racovitza about a German lady who now resides in America.

**A Snow Blockade Raised.**

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The snow storm in Central Germany has abated, and railway communication has been reopened with Saxony and Thuringia.

**The Malagassy Loan.**

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Daily Telegraph says Gen. Willoughby, the Malagassy agent in Europe, has been instructed to stop negotiations in Paris for a loan for the Hova Government.

**They Speak for Both Countries.**

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Temps and the Liberte deny that either France or Germany has any intention to go to war.

*PINK-EYE IN BUFFALO.*

**Four Hundred Animals in that City Affected and Temporarily Useless.**

BUFFALO, Dec. 24.—About 400 horses are affected with pink-eye in this city. A continuance of the present warm, wet weather will increase this number and add to the fatalities of the prevailing equine epidemic. About twenty horses are sick in the Niagara-street barns of the Street Car Company, twelve at the Main and Virginia-street barns, four at the Cold Spring barns and three at the Eagle-street stables of the company. These horses are under the veterinary care of Dr. William Somerville, Sr. Seven out of the lot have died up to the present date.

Dr. Nelson P. Hinkley, the veterinary surgeon, reports that he has thirty-six horses afflicted with pink-eye at the Ice Association stables and about forty in private barns. Of the 165 in Chas. W. Miller's stables, where he found his first cases of pink-eye about six weeks ago, all but three have fully recovered, and these three are convalescing. He also had eighty-five horses in the Herdic barns, and the disease has disappeared from there. The worst phase of the epidemic was during the warm spell of weather five weeks ago. Dr. Hinkley has advices from Detroit, Halifax and Boston that the epidemic also prevails in those cities.

Referring to vaccination as a possible preventive, Dr. Hinkley said that it was a subject that ought to be investigated. Vaccination might turn out to be a boon in the treatment of horses in such epidemics. The only difficulty in the way of its application for intelligent observation, however, was the infrequent appearance of the disease and its short duration during very cold clear weather.

*FOUND IN A SNOWBANK.*

**A Peoria Girl Tells How She was Twice Abducted.**

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 24.—Rosa Roberts, aged 20, claims to have been seized by a man on the public street yesterday afternoon, thrown into a buggy and conveyed five miles up the river, where she was thrown from the vehicle into the snow. She was certainly found there and brought back to this city about midnight. Rosa tells a story to the effect that she was abducted from her home in Germany when 5 years old by a man named Blus, brought to New York, adopted by a manufacturer named Roberts as one of his family, and five years ago, when Roberts left her $1000 in his will, she came west with a daughter of Roberts who had married L. D. Will ams, now engaged in the boot and shoe business in this city, and lived with Williams until about a year ago.

She claims that Blus is the man who seized her on the street yesterday. She recognized the one who abducted her from Germany fifteen years ago, and says the horror of seeing him deprived her of consciousness. Rosa believes her parents are wealthy people in Germany, and that the object of Blus was to put her out of the way to keep her from securing her rights, and that her long unconscious sleep made him believe his object was accomplished.

*COLLIDED IN A FOG.*

**A Passenger on a Ferry Boat Has His Leg Taken Off.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A dense fog hung over the city and surrounding waters this morning. The ferry boats experienced much difficulty in making their trips, and one collision is reported. The Brooklyn boat Atlantic ran into the Northfield of the Staten Island line, and both were damaged. Edward Cosgrove of South Brooklyn, a passenger on the Atlantic stood on the bow of that boat, and had his leg taken off below the knee. There was a tremendous crush at the Brooklyn end of the great bridge. It took passengers from ten to fifteen minutes to reach the cars after they had purchased their tickets.

At noon the fog and clouds had been partially dissipated and there was promise of fair weather.

*SUING A TELEPHONE COMPANY.*

**Indignant Councilmen Who Want $80,000 Damages.**

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 24.—Councilmen Groves, Brentano, Fehy, Uphaus, Kiehla, Geddes, Branley and Wimberg, and Fire-chief Bullen have filed suits aggregating in amount $80,000 against the Cumberland Telephone Company for damages for false imprisonment. The suit grew out of a quarrel between the City Council and the Telephone Company. The company refused to comply with the laws of the state, and the City Council revoked their right of way in the streets and alleys, and cut the poles and wires. The above officials were arrested at the instance of the company for malicious trespass, and now they want damages. The sheriff has attached all the telephone property in the city.

**Princess Roller Rink, corner of Duchess and Ontario streets, open all day. Band in attendance afternoon and evening.**

**The Colored Man's Favorite Game.**

PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.—The policy-players in this city were jubilant yesterday and the policy-dealers very despondent, in consequence of the fact that the numbers "4-11-44," commonly known as the "coon row," came out. The backers of the game lost $30,000 on this alone, and many of those who have been playing policy for years, with varying fortunes, have very handsome, Christmas gifts. The winnings rated from two dollars to a hundred or more. Several of the fortunate ones stated that the numbers came out yesterday for the first time in two years and nine months, but that somebody had played them every day since that time.

**A Mississippi Outrage.**

KOSCIUSKO, Miss., Dec. 24.—Last night four or five armed and masked men went to the house of Jordan Teague, colored, four miles below town, and demanded entrance, claiming to have a search warrant. They killed Jordan Teague and shot his wife several times, it is believed fatally. She was shot through the tongue and cannot speak, but signified that she knew who shot her. The community is highly incensed at the outrage, and no doubt the case will be thoroughly investigated.

**A Peculiar Malady.**

WABASH, Ind., Dec. 24.—Recently James Lynn, a prominent farmer living near this city, was stricken with a peculiar disease which rapidly developed into appearance of trichinosis, and every member of the family of five was taken with the malady. Their limbs swelled to frightful proportions, and their agony was intense. The physician has decided that the disease was caused by breaking the poisonous gases arising from the flames which consumed several hundred hogs that had died of hog cholera.

**Compensation for Slaughtered Cattle.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The certificates of the Live Stock Commissioners for the cattle slaughtered since the outbreak of pleuro-pneumonia here were sent to Springfield yesterday for approval by the Governor. After they are approved the money will be paid to the owners of the cattle. The total amount will be nearly $61,000. The commission received from the sale of the carcasses a trifle over $30,000 which has been turned into the treasury.

**Suffocated by Coal Gas.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Capt. Peter E. Lefevre, Superintendent of the Savannah line of steamers, was found dead in bed this morning at New Rochelle. He was suffocated by coal gas. Mrs. Lefevre was found unconscious, and is not expected to recover.

**Shot Himself Through the Head.**

ASHVILLE, N.C., Dec. 24.—This morning Edward T. Aston, son of Mayor E. J. Aston, shot himself through the head in the office room in the Swannoa Hotel.

**More Emigrants Than Last Year.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Thirty-one thousand six hundred and twenty-nine immigrants arrived in the United States during November, against 20,070 in November last year.

**Metropolitan Roller Rink, corner of Shaw and Queen, open all day. Usual prices.**

## BIG BLAZE IN LIVERPOOL.

*THE LARGEST AND MOST DISASTROUS FIRE IN MANY YEARS.*

**Stores Valued at $2,000,000 Completely Destroyed — An Exciting Incident in a Menagerie Connected With the Establishment.—The Firemen and a Bear.**

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24.—The largest and most disastrous fire in Liverpool since the year 1847 occurred this morning, when the extensive general retail stores of John Lewis & Co., on Brunswick-road, were entirely destroyed. The stores contained an enormous Christmas stock, all of which was consumed, as was also a menagerie connected with the establishment. Loss $2,000,000.

When the firemen had secured such control of the flames as to be able to confine them to the burning premises it was noticed that the large Polar bear in the menagerie was still alive and comparatively unhurt, although surrounded by flames. A determined effort was at once made to rescue the fine brute. A powerful stream of water was kept in full play on the cage, and a number of daring men made their way under the current to the cage. This they wrenched from its fastenings and grappling it with chains and bars managed, the bear desperately flying at them all the while, to drag the cake from the fire just before the walls of the burning buildings fell in with a crash. The rescue of the bear was witnessed by thousands of people and greeted with great cheering.

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*A NEWSPAPER'S GOOD ACT.*

**The Poor of Cleveland Made Happy with Baskets of Food.**

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 24.—Some time ago the Leader newspaper started a Christmas dinner fund for the worthy poor of this city. Contributions poured in, and this morning the fund amounted to $3600. At nine o'clock the distribution began. There were 2600 baskets and each basket contained a large turkey, a peck of potatoes, a half pound of butter, a two pound loaf of bread, a half-dozen onions, three or four oranges, parsley, etc. The baskets were given out at the great tabernacle on Ontario street and a Christmas card was tied to each with directions in English, German and Bohemian for cooking a sumptuous Christmas dinner with the material furnished. Some of the people who applied for tickets had dozens at home in their family, and in such a case a special mark was placed on their card. For these five hundred separate baskets had been piled up and in each was placed a quart can of oysters. The crowd was very large and the distribution was the greatest thing of the kind in the history of the city.

*IS POWDERLY UNPOPULAR*

**His Declarations Against the Anarchists Not Relished.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Mrs. George Rodgers, Master Workman of District Assembly 24, Knights of Labor, still refuses to make public General Master Workman Powderly's communication regarding the attitude of the order toward the Anarchists.

It is stated that, in substance, it declares that no assembly may either contribute money in aid of the Anarchists, or take action encouraging such contribution or otherwise aiding them. The other section is to the effect that no assembly may, without violating the constitution and laws of the order, level itself against any political movement whatever, much less make of itself an active political machine.

**Opposition in Chicago.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The carpenters' local assembly of the Knights of Labor adopted resolutions calling on all district assemblies to demand an immediate special session of the General Assembly. The purpose is evidently to be afford an opportunity to prefer charges against General Master Workman Powderly for overstepping his authority.

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**Reading Hands Again on Strike.**

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The engineers, firemen, train hands and coal heavers employed by the Reading Railroad Company at the coal wharves at Port Richmond, who have been dissatisfied over the recent rules of the company and who returned to work yesterday, again struck this morning and trains were reported as badly blocked between the Falls of Schuylkill and Port Richmond. Nine schooners are lying in the docks waiting to receive their cargoes of coal.

**A Dude Coachman Pulled In.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Augustus Johnson, a dude coachman, who has a penchant for millionaire's daughters, and who was arrested some time ago for annoying the daughter of Mr. Stevens, the Hoboken millionaire, but was afterwards released, was arrested again to-day for annoying ladies in the streets. Unless he gives bonds for his good behavior he will go to prison for three months.

**Band will be in attendance at the Princess Roller Rink this afternoon and evening. Usual prices.**

**Another Telegraphic Route.**

FORT KEOUGH, Mont., Dec. 24.—The Rocky Mountain Telegraph Company's new wire is completed from Medicine Hat, on the Canadian Pacific, to Fort Assiniboine, which is connected with Helena. The electric circuit is now completed in the northwest, east and west from the United States via the Canadian Pacific.

**A Plague of Locusts.**

PANAMA, Dec. 14.—Writing from Carecnero, Venezuela, a correspondent says: "I believe the world has never witnessed such a plague of locusts as that from which we are suffering. I have just been to Paparo and the innumerable millions I have witnessed no figures could describe."

**Don't Go, it Would be a Long Walk Home.**

PANAMA, Dec. 24.—A company of Peruvian explorers claim to have discovered gold mines in the Provinces of Tarapacca, outrivaling in wealth any gold fields yet known. Tarapacca abounds in minerals of many descriptions, but this is the first time a claim has been made that gold is to be found there.

**As Bad as a Rattlesnake.**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 24.—R. F. Simpson, a farmer of Lincoln County, while playing with his three-year-old boy was bitten on the thumb by the lad. The wound bled profusely but no importance was attached to the incident. Last week, however, Simpson's hand began swelling and he died in great agony from the effects of the wound.

**A Gorilla-Like Child.**

PANAMA, Dec. 24.—Le Peuple, a paper published in Hayti, says: On Sunday last a woman in this town gave birth to a child which had the perfect form of a gorilla. After exhibiting it for about an hour the doctors stifled it.

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**The Man the Boodlers Fear.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Ex-Ald Charles B. Waite, boodle informer, was released from the House of Detention this afternoon.

**Significant News From Russia.**

LONDON, Dec. 24.—It is stated that the Russian reserves have been called out. Marked movements of troops have been noticed in Bessarabia.

**Parliament Further Prorogued.**

LONDON, Dec. 24.—It is expected that Parliament will be prorogued until February 3 in order to allow of the formation of a new ministry.

*TYRANNY IN COSTA RICA.*

**President Soto Ruling in a Very High-Handed Manner.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A Panama letter of recent date says: Colombian citizens have been illegally banished from Costa Rica without cause. One of them, the editor of a paper, was cruelly flogged and others were ill-treated. A serious diplomatic complication is threatened in consequence between Colombia and Costa Rica. It is stated that martial law rules throughout the Republic of Costa Rica. Dr. Rafael Zaldivar, ex-President of Salvador, and other prominent men have been ordered out by the Republic. Las Brujas, a paper of somewhat similar nature to Puck in New York, published an imaginary decree, which so irritated President Soto that he sent for the editor, Senor Marichal, and on the latter reaching the Government House the President fired a shot at him. Subsequently Editor Marichal was arrested and taken to prison, where he received 100 lashes. On the following morning he was marched off to Puntarenas, with some other Colombians. Prior to leaving he was also struck by the brother of President Soto, who is in command of the artillery barracks. Almost all the Colombians here will leave for Panama.

*HAMILTON AFFAIRS.*

**The York-street Toll-Bar Demolished—A Man who Wouldn't be Laughed at.**

HAMILTON, Dec. 24.—Last night a number of farmers and others who object to the York-street toll gate cut the bar down with axes and carried it away. The sidewalk in front of the toll house was torn up, but the house was not injured. Mr. Waddell, who claims the right of collecting tolls on York-street, and the Magistrate had a very warm controversy about the matter this morning.

Mr. J. H. Stuart, accountant of the Bank of Hamilton here, has been promoted to the position of manager of the Cayuga branch of the bank and will leave for his new post on Monday.

James Payne was charged at the Police Court this morning by Arthur Fairbanks with assault. Fairbanks said when he came home to dinner yesterday Payne, who boards at the same place, came up and caught him by the throat. Payne said he did not catch him by the throat but took him by the collar. He had been out walking with his girl and Fairbanks passed and laughed at him. He said also that he did not intend to warn him not to do it again and had no idea of assaulting him. He was fined $2 and $2 costs.

**Wrecked by a Falling Wall.**

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—About half-past 7 o'clock this evening parties in Alexander's restaurant, which is situated next door to the recently burned Nordheimer's Hall, heard a sudden rumble, and almost before they had time to leave the dining-room the gable of Nordheimer's fell smash through the roof, carrying everything with it. The parties inside barely escaped with their lives. The damage is estimated at $5000, on which fire insurance is not available.

**Settling the Rebellion County Claims.**

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Up to the present time 5000 bounty claims in connection with the Northwest Rebellion have been certified and settled by the Department of the Interior. Of this number 4600 were settled in scrip and 1120 in land warrants. The remaining claims have not been applied for.

**Meeting of Old Friends.**

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A despatch from Cologne says the Bulgarian deputation and Prince Alexander had a cordial meeting there.

**Gold From Over the Sea.**

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The steamer Sasle which sailed for New York this morning carries £320,000 in gold.

**Christmas Number of Montreal Star, London Society, London World, London Truth, Graphic and London News, Scribner's New Magazine etc., at Winnifrith Bros., 6 Toronto-St.** ed

*OUR OWN COUNTRY.*

**Items of Interest Received by Mail and Wire.**

Winnipeg has a Protestant school population of 3633.

Gen. Middleton has entirely recovered from his recent illness.

A gang of supposed robbers, ten in number, have been arrested in Quebec.

Quebec is to have a $300,000 hotel on the site of the old Parliament buildings.

The river at Montreal is slowly rising, and there are apprehensions of another flood.

Carey, the St. Thomas counterfeiter, has been sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

Diphtheria is epidemic in Hull, just across the river from Ottawa. Forty cases are reported.

Mr. J. M. Wilson has purchased the Mansion House, Stratford, from Mr. John Werner for $10,000.

J. T. Hymas' wagon shop in Lieury, Middlesex, was completely destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning.

A few days ago a man named Scott fell over the long bridge at Stratford and sustained such injuries that he died.

Lord Lansdowne, Lady Lansdowne and suite, who will visit Montreal next month, will stay there six or eight weeks.

On Wednesday afternoon the residence of John Cosgrave, brewer, Winnipeg, was destroyed by fire; loss $10,000.

A young man named Lapierre, a clerk in the employ of the Montreal corporation, has disappeared with $1500 of city funds.

The steamer York City, which recently arrived at Halifax, brought 10,000 bags of beet root sugar for Montreal refineries.

Rev. H. P. Chase of Muncey town has been appointed by the Bishop of Huron to the charge of the Sarnia and Kettle Point Indian missions.

Richard Stinson, who was held at St. Thomas charged with having obtained some machinery from Henderson Bros., Wardsville, by false pretences has been acquitted.

A despatch from Victoria, B.C., says that Mackay, the California millionaire, is backing a scheme to connect the railway system of Oregon with the Canadian Pacific.

A young man named Guillemette, employed in the spool factory of Jaile St. Paul, Que., recently fell on a circular saw running at a high speed and was cut completely in two.

D. T. Bradley, a Sarnia Knight of Labor, has entered suit against the editor of the Sarnia Observer for damages for defamatory matter contained in an article published in that paper.

Eight hundred and fifty-seven voters in the city of Ottawa will be deprived of their franchise at the election next Tuesday owing to the voters' list for this year not having been certified.

Mr. Geo. R. Patullo, having been appointed Registrar for the County of Oxford, will entertain the staff of the Sentinel-Review and former members thereof at a social at his house in Woodstock on Dec. 27.

On Saturday last while George Robertson, employed at Scrimgeour's factory, Stafford, was sharpening a large knife on an emery wheel the wheel burst and a fragment striking him on the forehead inflicted serious injury.

Samuel Plain, a lawless character who has given much trouble in the township of Southwold in the neighborhood of the Muncey reserve, has been sent to the penitentiary for two years, and his pal, Peter Beaver, to six months in the county jail.

Huts for the unlicensed sale of whisky are being erected on the ice on the Ottawa River, midway between the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, and are consequently out of the reach of the law of either province and cannot be interfered with.

James Lee, carpenter, fell from a ladder at Queen's College, Kingston, on Wednesday. He was holding a large nail in his mouth at the time, and the fall drove it into his tongue, which was badly cut. He was severely injured otherwise, and is in a precarious condition.

A meeting of the old settlers along the Red River was held at St. Vital, Man., on Tuesday night. After a number of speeches three gentlemen were selected to represent the settlers with a view of bringing about an adjustment of all differences alleged to exist between the Federal Government and the settlers.

Chief Justice Palmer of Prince Edward Island has decided that stipendiary magistrates have no jurisdiction in Scott Act cases, as they are appointed by the Provincial Government. This is a declaration that the Act must be enforced by Dominion officers.

**Ichi Ban.**

—All Toronto is flocking to see the biggest umbrella in the Dominion. Thirty-six feet in circumference; on view at Ichi Ban. The handsomest folding screens ever seen in this city are shown at Ichi Ban. In fact the largest and finest assortment of Christmas goods ever seen in any one store in Canada are on sale at Ichi Ban. All imported direct from Japan. 81 Yonge-street. x

*A REMARKABLE CASE.*

**A Murderer Sentenced to be Guillotined, but there is no Guillotine.**

*From the New York Tribune.*

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Dec. 18.—The authorities of the French colony of Isles Saint Pierre et Miquelon have upon their hands a convicted assassin who is something of an elephant. On August 28 last Carlos Zuzuarregui was convicted in the Court of Assizes of the murder of Stanislaus Coste and sentenced to be guillotined. There is no guillotine at St. Pierre, and the authorities must either build one or have somebody appointed executioner by the home Government or send to France for Monsieur de Paris and his machine. Zuzuarregui was to have been executed in September, but it was found that the cost of getting the public executioner over here on a Government vessel would be heavy, and the execution was postponed. It will be this month or early in January, if arrangements can be made, but if nobody in the colony can act as deputy executioner the murderer will be sent to France and have his head chopped off by Monsieur de Paris. The guillotine never has been set up in this country, and if Zuzuarregui shall be executed here it will be the first case on record on this side of the Atlantic. The crime for which Zuzuarregui is to suffer is the only murder that has ever been committed in the colony within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. Zuzuarregui, who was employed by a fish packer, tried to undermine Coste, another workman, in his employer's estimation, and failing in that, he conceived a violent hatred of the man. But failing to get up a quarrel, owing to Coste's imperturbable good nature and simplicity, he resolved upon deliberate, cold-blooded assassination. He took a heavy, keen fish-knife or cleaver in his hand, and walked into an alley where Coste was at work in a kneeling posture. Standing close to the foreman, he called to another workman, named Hacala, and asked if enough crates had been made. The question was so natural that it lured Coste off his guard, and he did not look up. Zuzuarregui raising the cleaver brought it down on Coste's neck with all his strength. The weapon was so heavy and sharp, and the blow so vicious, that Coste's head was almost severed from his body, only a few strips of flesh remaining to hold it on. Death was of course instantaneous. No effort was made to seize the assassin. Hacala and the other workmen thought the Spaniard was a maniac, and hastened to get out of his way. Zuzuarregui made no attempt to attack anybody else, but went straight to the police office and gave himself up. He said he had killed Stanislaus Coste because Coste got all the credit for the work and called himself the best workman in St. Pierre. He said he asked his priest if he should kill the man and his heart told him to do it. At the trial he was promptly convicted of assassination, and as he had beheaded his victim he was sentenced to suffer death in the same way on the guillotine.

*JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.*

The World was yesterday remembered by S. Davis & Sons with some choice cigars. It will puff their prosperity.

Acknowledgment of contributions to the Newsboys' Lodgings: Geo. W. Lewis $20, A. B. Lee $10, Mercyrn House Band (Miss Hight's Ladies' School) $15.

Mr. Ruse was surprised Thursday when the employes at his Temple of Music waited on him and presented him with an address and a gold-headed cane.

The employes of Walker Bros., 107½ Queen-street west, last night presented Mr. Raymond Walker with a handsome meerschaum pipe and an address as a Christmas box.

"Secular Thought" is the name of a paper which will make its first appearance in Toronto Saturday next. Its Editor explains its mission, Mr. Charles Watts being editor.

The Illustrated News, published at Cincinnati, has issued a holiday number, which takes rank with the best of the season. It reaches us from The World with Kris Kringle's compliments.

Mr. H. C. Dixon's Bible Class in the Church of the Ascension reached 1200 of the poorest children in the city with their Christmas gift of a book, five cents and half a pound of candy to each.

There was not a quorum at the meeting called yesterday afternoon of the Markets and Health Committee. Only three members, Ald. Macdonald, McMillan and Piper, were in attendance.

The World is glad to hear that Ald. M. J. Woods will stand for re-election for St. Mark's Ward, of which he is one of the pioneer aldermen. All his old friends will be sure to give him their support.

Mr. George E. Gillespie, the well known wholesale fur dealer of Wellington-street, is out for alderman for St. George's Ward. A few good solid business men in the City Council would greatly improve that body.

Mr. S. R. Briggs, manager of the Willard Tract Depository, was the recipient of a testimonial Thursday of a handsome office easy chair, on behalf of the employees of the establishment, as a token of respect and esteem.

Restaurateur Betts entertained his regular patrons to the number of 100 at his dining-rooms, 51 King-street east, Thursday night. The boys partook of a royal repast and toasted their host in a dozen rounds and a nightcap.

"Nosey" O'Brien, who made a desperate attempt to rob Owen Quinlan in broad daylight last Tuesday, was sentenced in the Police Court yesterday to six months in the Central Prison. Two previous convictions were put in against him.

St. Alban's Cathedral has received several gifts during the past week. A member of the chapter has given copies of "Hymns, Ancient and Modern," Mr. George Gowlock has presented standards and brackets for the rails, and one of the Church societies has presented service books.

Charles P. Howard, the commercial traveler who is wanted in Peoria, Ill., for crooked dealings towards his employers, was in the Police Court yesterday. Howard consented to return to Peoria for trial, and he left last evening in custody of a Pinkerton detective for that city.

The railroad laborer named Bruce, who was found lying unconscious in front of King-York-street lodging house Thursday night, after being put out by the proprietor, died in the General Hospital early yesterday morning. Coroner Johnson is going to hold an inquest on Monday.

John Bailey and John H. Palin were sent for trial in the Police Court yesterday for stealing in the spool factory of Jaile & James H. Rogers, forging Mr. Rogers' endorsation on the check and getting it cashed at the Dominion Bank. Palin's part of the transaction was merely to identify Bailey as Mr. Rogers at the bank.

*AMUSEMENTS.*

**Minnie Maddern Scores a Success in "Mignonnette"—Christmas Day Performances.**

"Mignonnette," as played by Minnie Maddern and her excellent company, at the Toronto Opera House last night for the first time on any stage, is a three-act comedy of the present time, with the scene laid in France. The author, Prof. Alf. Hennequin of the University of Michigan, may well be proud of it. "Mignonnette" is a most entertaining comedy, with a plot quite original and situations not impossible, as the average comedy goes. Minnie Maddern, with her slight, almost emaciated figure, and plaintive winsome face, is a charming actress in the title role, which is that of a free, gay girl. The company in support is good throughout, with the exception perhaps of Mr. Frank Karrington as Count Roger d' Ange, whose portrayal is slightly exaggerated.

"Caprice" will be played at the special Christmas matinee this afternoon, and again this evening.

**Nell Burgess at the Toronto.**

On Monday evening next Nell Burgess commences a three night's engagement in "Vim." A special matinee will be given on Tuesday afternoon and election returns will be read from the stage on Tuesday evening. The New York Journal says of "Vim": "The principal hit of the week is the production of 'Vim' at the Bijou Opera House. Nell Burgess has made a part out of Josiah Puffy's wife which is going to bring him fame and fortune."

Rev. E. A. Telfer, of London, Eng., will lecture in Elm-street Methodist Church on Monday evening. Subject, "Recollections of Queer People."

**"Held by the Enemy."**

This great drama will be produced at the Grand Opera House on Monday night for the first time in Canada. The company is one of the strongest on the road.

**The "Golden Egg."**

There will be a special matinee at the Grand Opera House this afternoon for ladies and children. The "Golden Egg" will be produced for the last time this evening.

## DAVID BLAIN'S CHANCES.

*WARMLY CONGRATULATED BY MANY OF TORONTO'S LEADING CITIZENS.*

**The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen Remember His Services in the House of Commons—He Will Probably Receive a Substantial Labor Vote.**

Notwithstanding the heat of the Ontario Assembly campaign, the decision of Mr. David Blain to oppose Mr. Howland for the mayoralty for 1887 was the talk of the street yesterday and last night. It appears to be the common idea of a great many people in this city that if a man has the temerity to oppose Mr. Howland he must of necessity be allied with what they are graciously pleased to call the "whisky ring."

Among some of the narrow-minded temperance men and fanatics, Mr. Blain's friends and supporters were called whiskyites and beer pump supporters. These gentlemen should remember that Mr. Blain will be supported by many of the best business men in the city and by men who, although they know not the taste of liquor, do not choose to ally themselves with the so-called temperance party.

Mr. Blain was warmly congratulated by many of the solidest men in the city when he made his appearance in the street yesterday. He must have shook hands with over a thousand people during the afternoon.

Mr. Blain goes into the fight determined to win, and his many friends are promising him their undivided support.

**Sure of Strong Support From Workingmen.**

That Mr. David Blain may count on a strong support from organized labor in his candidature for the mayoralty, was substantiated yesterday by several interviews with leading workingmen. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, although their constitution prohibits anything like politics, are likely to vote for him solidly, and their example will be followed by affiliated bodies. The reason why the engineers will give Mr. Blain their support may be learned from the fact that he has always been their friend, especially during the great strike of 1875-6. Mr. Blain was member for West York in the House of Commons at the time, and when the Grand Trunk engineers were accused in the House of stopping trains at a preconcerted time and leaving passengers in snow-drifts, Mr. Blain defended the men, and showed that their design in stopping the trains all together was to prevent collisions. The objection was then raised on behalf of the Grand Trunk that the engineers refused to carry the mails. Mr. Blain again came to the rescue and stated that the engineers were quite willing to supply men to run engines conveying the mails provided passengers were not included. Mr. P. M. Arthurs of Cleveland, who has been Grand Chief of the Order for the past fifteen years, was present in the House during the discussion and has frequently since borne testimony to the services rendered the cause by Mr. Blain. At an International Union meeting of engineers and firemen held four years ago in the Grand Opera House in this city Mr. Blain made an able speech, in which he took the ground that there should be a more equitable division between capital and labor. For these and other similar reasons, Mr. Blain is likely to poll a large workingman's vote.

*MIDNIGHT MASS.*

**The First Celebrated in Toronto for Sixteen Years.**

The first midnight mass that has been held in Toronto for sixteen years was celebrated in the handsome new Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, at Sherbourne and Earl-streets last night. The service did not commence till 12.15 this morning, when the church was filled with not only Catholics, but a large number of Protestants anxious to witness what to them is a strange ceremony, but which to the Roman Catholic is only the ordinary sacrifice of the mass celebrated at midnight instead of in daytime. The celebrants of the mass was the pastor, Rev. Father McBride, assisted by Rev. Father Nevin as deacon, and Mr. James Carberry as sub-deacon. The choir, efficient though new, sang Mozart's First Mass in C in fine style under the leadership of Mr. L. Richardson, assisted by Obernier's Orchestra.

**A Living Santa Claus Catches Fire.**

E. Murphy, who keeps a store at 299 Yonge-street had a Santa Clausin' is window last night which many children and grown people stopped to admire. About 9.30 the tinfoil which constituted Santa Claus' clothing caught fire and threatened him with cremation, but his presence of mind saved him. He jumped out of the window, sped out the open door and up street at lightning speed. He was thoroughly frightened, and some say he is running yet. The storekeeper with commendable enterprise had hired a small boy, dressed him up, and put a mask on him to represent the venerable Santa. Fifty dollars' worth of damage was done in the window.

At 7.25 a lamp exploded at Mrs. Johnston's house, No. 75 Seaton-street and did $5 worth of damage.

The firemen were called out in both cases. While going to the Yonge-street fire Driver Allen of the Court-street reel lost an imitation fur cap which he would be thankful to recover.

**Newsdealers and Subscribers are requested to provide boxes or paper slits in their doors; otherwise their Worlds will be exposed on the step for two hours or more and liable to be stolen. Our morning delivery is now so large that the carts and boys start out on their rounds at a very early hour.**

**The Business He Was In.**

*From Tid-Bits.*

A countryman and his wife were in town the other day for the first time, and they were wandering around looking at the show windows and having a good time. Finally they came to a bank, and, wondering what kind of business it was that had no signs or display of any kind, the man stepped in to enquire. There was no one in at the time but a very nobby young clerk—who was also very smart—and, as the rustic gazed around at everything, the clerk tackled him for some sport. "Very fine place we have here, sir," he said. "