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in our lines, is at the Fair. In fact it is a regular Christmas Sixteen of the Enemy Killed and Seventy-Six Armed Prisonbeen put to one side and all ers Secured. available space has been devoted

> Many Wounded Left on the Field-The Government Wires Its Congratulations to the Successful

London, Dec. 14.-Reporting to the war office from Pretoria, under date of yesterday, Lord Kitchner says:

"Bruce Hamilton, after a long night march, surprised Piet Viljoen's laager. at dawn, Dec. 13, at Watkraens, 25 day, per dozen 40c MIXED NUTS, PER LB 15c Chocolate Creams, per lb 12c A box of Chocolates Monday for .. 10c ed and were left at farms. He also recaptured one of Benson's guns, the All new stock at very closest price. Inquire for our prices on Fancy Work Boxes and Smoking and Shaving Sets, other having been destroyed. Two field cornets are among the prisoners. The recaptured gun is in good order and everything in the fancy box line. and was used against the retreating

> Right Hon. W. St. John Brodrick, secretary of state for war, wired the government's congratulations upon Hamilton's brilliant

COLONIALS FOR THE KING'S NAVY.

The admiralty authorities are being urged to make an effort to secure the services of Canadians and Australians as officers of the King's navy, so that the consciousness that the navy is We have the most complete stock of Fancy China and Bric-a- the imperial service should be fost- ered. It is argued that the position of Brac to be found anywhere. The most dainty and pretty patterns the navy is the foundation bulwark of nd decorations that are produced. Making our purchases direct the British empire would be better understood in both Great om the manufacturers, you save from 25 to 50 per cent by buyfrom the manufacturers, you save from 25 to 50 per cent by buying from us. Cases by the dozen are arriving daily and being admiral commanding in the Mediterranean happened to be an Australian and the admiral commanding the future North Sea squadron was a Can-Rich Cut Glass at Reason. adian.

> FOR THE POOR

The Salvation Army Christmas See Our Display of Silver- cheer movement is progressing very favorably. Quite a number of citizens have replied to the coupon circulars and have given very freely to the fund. Four replies had \$10 to accompany them, several others giving \$5, Compare these prices as to what you and others cheerfully giving \$2 and \$1 bills. The wholesale houses have, in several cases, given freely in biscuits, tea, coffee and sweets.

The fund has, including donations and goods given, reached about \$160. The army is anxious to secure, if poscover, complete with one dozen sible, \$40 more, as they desire to distribute \$200 in the line of Christmas

The officers and several other workers are out making careful inquiry, and utation. But he was taken away and trying to find families where misagain sent to the Ohio prison to serve fortune has come such as sickness or accident, or for those who are out of work this season of the year. Sever-al cases have already been reported where some kind assistance and cheer will soothe those to whom the kind-

The Army Home, on Riverview avenue, South London, will also be remembered. Here a noble work is carried on.

The city hall will be the scene of the tasty spread, commencing at 11:30 a.m., and continuing until the comers are supplied with a good dinner. The store underneath the city hall will serve as a kitchen and receiving depot, and will be open after Tuesday next to receive donations, or any applications for Christmas cheer, also for tickets

MR. LAKE'S BACK

Plattsville Gentleman Who Had Little Hops of a Oure Is Now Well. Plattsville, Ont., Dec. 9-(Special)-

Thos. Lake an aged and highly respected gentleman of this place, gives Dodd's Kidney Pills the credit for curing him of a very bad case of Kidney Trouble and Lame Back. His back and Carle gave an amusing, if not ached so that he could hardly sit up, and his kidneys gave him much troutitle role. William Reily Hatch, first and his kidneys gave him much trouble. Mr. Lake is over 70 years of age. and he thought he was too old to be cured. However, he saw an advertisement telling how a man older than by using Dodd's Kidney Pills, so he determined to test them. The first box proved to his satisfaction that a cure was possible, and now he is well

SNOWBALL CAUSED DEATH Detroit, Dec. 14.-Fred Kriegel, 51 years, died at St. Mary's Hospital yesterday, as the direct result of the throwing of a snowball at the horse, attached to a delivery wagon, which was in charge of Kriegel. Dr. Thos. Henderson sent the patient to the hospital and found that Kreigel was suffering from a fracture at the base of the skull. The deceased lived at 1.175 Gratiot avenue with his employer, August Baumgarth, the grocer Cor-oner Forth will not hold an inquest.

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One of the Bravest" at the Grand Opera House.

The quiet of midnight had fallen on

the city streets, and all good citizens were sleeping peacefully in their beds, when a sound arose, low at first, but rising gradually into a clamor that thrilled the bravest hearts and caused them to fear for the softer of their them to fear for the safety of their loved ones. Frantic men ran through the streets, rousing the sleeping with the dreadful cry of "Fire." Wreaths of smoke, lurid with the glow of the advancing flames, burst from the windows of the doomed dwelling where the fire fiend was doing its awful work. Strong men wept as they real-ized the horrible fate in store for the imprisoned inmates of the house which was so rapidly falling a prey to the flames. But help was at hand. The clang of a gong was heard and two dashing white horses, drawing a fire engine with its furnace and stack aglow, swept upon the scene. it came the brave fire laddies, and ir a twinkling ladders were raised and nets spread. Two or three fire-fighters sprang aloft to rescue the imperiled householders, while others stayed be low to perform less dangerous, bu equally necessary work there. Axes smashed through the windows and the heroic rescuers disappeared in the flame and smoke, to reappear in a few seconds with the white-clad forms of children in their arms. Without oment's hesitation the children were hurled from the lofty windows, only to be safely caught in the ready nets held by strong arms and brawny hands. One sturdy laddie, unwilling to trust his precious burden-his sweet heart—to the net, slid with her down a rope to safety. Not a moment too soon has the work been done, for the crackling, roaring flames shoot from every window, the walls totter as though to crash down into the raging furnace beneath, the sound of falling timbers and floors is heard, and—the curtain goes down. It is the great fire scene in "One of the Bravest," and it is safe to say that it has never been sur-passed on a local stage for genuine thrilling realism. Outside of this fea ture the play is a melodrama of the conventional type. There is the hero turning up in the most opportune and unexplainable manner to foil the villain; there is the utterly impossible caricature of an Irishwoman by a male man; there is the villain, with his villainy apparent to all, and his ever-ready revolver which he displays with about the same frequency that he is forced to recoil before another revolver in the hands of his victim. Everybody in the play carries a re-volver, the hero having an extra one, making a total of nineteen revolvers, and the weapons are displayed 47 times during the play. Chas. Mc-Carthy was excellent as the fireman hero, while his make-up and work as Hop-Wah, the Chinaman, in the last act was surprisingly good. The majority of the other parts were in capable hands.

Fourth Concert Course Number at the Auditorium.

The fourth number of the popular concert course at the Auditorium was provided last night in the appearance of Mr. Melvin Robinson, a talented of Mr. Melvin Robinson, a talented character impersonator, in his arrangement of the late Tom Robertson's successful comedy "David Garrick." Mr. eleven characters of the cast. He was especially pleasing in his reading of the lines of the central figure, the great Garrick, while his versaltility was shown in his delineation of the character types of Simon Ingot, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Miss Brown, Mr. Jones, and Dick Chivy. The large audience present enjoyed the evening

Rocket Club Concert at the City Hall.

A most successful and enjoyable concert was given in the city hall last night under the auspices of the Rocket The programme was furnished by well-known local talent, and the performers' efforts were thoroughly appreciated by the large audience. The programme was:

Chairman's address....Mr. J. L. Flanagan Charrman's address. Mr. J. L. Fianagan
Piano selection. Mr. F. Gruber
Clark's Quartet. Messrs.
Clark, Stevenson, Bowman Spence
Comic Mr. Dave Walsh
Song Mr. J. O'Neil
Buck and Wing Dance. Mr. J. O'Neil
Buck and Wing Dance. Mr. A. Lewis

Clark's Quartet. Mr A. Lewis
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Clark Stevenson, Bowman Spence
Comic. Mr Dave Walsh
Song and Dance.
Messrs. Delaney and Madden
Song And Madden Song. Mr. A Lewis Quarter Messrs Clark, Stevenson, Bowman F. Gruber, Accompanist

"The Burgomaster" Tonight.

The Montreal correspondent of the New York Dramatic Mirror says in this week's issue: "The Burgomaster" opened at the Academy Dec. 2 to a packed house, and, judging by the enthusiasm with which it was received, repeated its hit of last season. Richas the Captain of the Guard and later

RICHARD CARLE AS "THE BUR-

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was more than made up by the daintiness of her acting. Ruth White was capable as Willie, and Knox Wilson, Carleton King, Josie Intropidi and Rose Leslie also deserve mention. The opera was beautifully staged and the chorus large and comely. The business at the New Grand today promises to be record breaking.

MARKS BROS. MONDAY.

"His Atonement" will be the play that Marks Bros. will produce at the New Grand on Monday evening next. The piece is a comedy-drama of a su-perior order of merit, and is one of the best in Mr. Marks' repertoire. This season the company is much larger and stronger than ever before, and numbers 21 artists of recognized ability. The plays, scenery, costumes and specialties are all new and up to date. There are no waits with this show, polite vaudeville being introduced between the acts. The prices will be 10c, 15c and 25c.

THE METROPOLITAN COURSE. The fifth number of the Metropolitan Course, which was originally announced for Friday, Dec. 20, has been postponed to Monday, Dec. 23. Edward P. Elliott, the monologue artist, will furnish the entertainment.

ORGAN RECITAL ON TUESDAY. A grand organ recital, under the auspices of the Woman's Guild of St. Paul's Cathedral, will be given in the cathedral at 4 p.m. on Tuesday next by Mr. Wm. Gomph, official organist of the Pan-American Exposition. He will be assisted by Mr. Gilbert Penn, baritone soloist of Trinity Church, Buffalo. A silver collection will be taken at the door.

"OUR NAVY" NEXT WEEK." On Monday evening next, the beautiful and instructive entertainment of "Our Navy," which, by the aid of wonderful moving pictures, shows how the British Jack Tar is trained, drilled and developed on board the great battle-ships of the royal navy, will be given its initial presentation at the Auditorium. "Our Navy" has had a most successful career in Canada since its arrival at Halifax last June, and wherever it has been seen it has met with enthusiastic receptions. It was shown before the late Queen at Osborne, and among the many patrons are Rear Admiral H. R. H. the Duke of Cornwall and York, K.G. His Majesty the King. His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, as well as the lords of the admiralty and the various admirals of the navy. It will be shown every evening next week, with matinees on Wednesday and Sat-

"PRINCE OTTO" WAS LOSING VENTURE.

Company Here on Wednesday Disbanded in Michigan. E. D. Stair's "Prince Otto" company,

which has been touring the country since early fall, with Harry Glazier as the star, and which appeared at the Grand Opera House here on Wednesday night last, was disbanded after the performance at Flint, Mich., last night. It has not been a paying ven-ture. The future of Mr. Glazier has not been decided upon, but almost all the members of the company have been placed in other companies controlled by Mr. Stair or by Mr. F. C. "'Prince Otto' did not make money."

said Mr. Stair to a Detroit News reporter yesterday morning. "It was the only thing I had out that was not paying, and I decided to bring it in. It was a first-class production in every way, and that was just the trouble. It was a little too high class to meet the demand on the medium-priced theater. "We are not losing much on it. Of

course, we have the investment costumes and scenery, but they will be rented for stock company use. The story that we are \$4,000 to the bad on the play is not true.
"'Prince Otto' did fairly well in De-

as the Harlem Spider, was excellent. "Prince Otto' did fairly well in De-Grace Wallace, as Ruth, seemed a lit-tle nervous in her singing, but this cities where it had been put on. How-

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ever, it did not keep up the average of the theaters where it was billed, and we did not care to keep it on un der those circumstances. It drew fairly well at one-night stands, but was too expensive a company for that class

Twenty Years of Bronchitis. Capt, Dunlop, of Kingston, commander f the steamer Bohemian, of the R. and D. fleet, suffered unceasingly for twenty years, and although he took treatment all years, and although he took treatment all that time, permanent relief was not obtained until he used "Catarrhozone," which cured him quickly and permanently. The captain says: "Catarrhozone is the best cure for bronchitis on the face of the globe; pleasant to use, quick to relieve and sure to cure." Catarrhozone is a wonderful treatment for all diseases is a wonderful treatment for all diseases of the throat, lungs and bronchial tubes. Two months' treatment, price \$1; small size, 25c. Druggists or Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont.

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ROASTED TO DEATH. Logansport, Ind., Dec. 14 .- Miss Sarah Gehring was roasted to death last evening, and her foster mother, Jennie Dailey, and her uncle, Joseph Dailey, were probably fatally injured in trying to save the young woman's life. A hanging lamp broke from its fastening in the ceiling and fell, striking the young woman upon the head and exploding.

KNOWN TO THOUSANDS.—Parmelee's Vegetable Pills regulate the action of the secretions, purify the blood and keep the stomach and bowels free from deleterious matter. Taken according to directions they will overcome dyspepsia, eradicate biliousness, and leave the digestive organs healthy and strong to perform their functions. Their merits are well known to thousands who know hy ing tone to the system.

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markable criminal history. In Sepember, 1898, a fine-appearing man and clergyman of most elegant address ime to Horton, Mich. He said he was a member and pastor of the "Eth-cal Church." Among the most refined nd well-to-do people of the town he t once made a good impression and is church soon had a large and flourhing congregation. He was enterained at the best homes, and was ighly thought of as a devout and norning, a year after his arrival in the own, United States officers from Chatanooga arrived in Horton, and then he good people were shocked to see he elegant divine led away in handuffs. Then his past came out. He ng them that they had fallen heir to ast ancestral estates in England, and hat for a retainer fee he would put hem in possession of their patrimony. When the English police made it too vely for the ambitious divine, he fled Jackson, Tenn. Here he worked

Then two Scotland Yard detectives ollowed hard upon his trail, and in ackson, Tenn., they ran him to earth his old clever game. He was conricted and sentenced to a term of ears in the Ohio penitentiary at Colefore he bribed his way to freedom

In Chicago, Rev. Harper again apeared. Here he stole the stationery rom the custom house, had it coun erfeited, and by this means secured the coming year. luxurious living. He wrote to copie all over the country, and in-crimed them of valuable express packof the officers again upon his track, he slipped out of the city and then appeared in the quiet little town of Horton, a new and fruitful field. When the officers of the government arrested Rev. Harper in Horton, the unsuspecting revidents refused to believe that the elegant minister of the Gos-

pel was a criminal of world-wide reptime for his many crimes.

Christmas Presents Galore

in the Basement.

earrest of "Rev." C. F. B. Howard Who

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 13 .- A special rom Columbus, Ohio, says: Rev. C. . B. Howard, who has just completd a sentence for swindling claimants b estates in England, of which he as convicted in Tennessee, was reeased from Ohio penitentiary today. Ie was rearrested at the prison gates, d was taken at once to Horton, lich., where he is wanted on similar harges.

The rearrest of C. F. B. Howard, lias Robert Harper, allas William Lord Moore, is another chapter in a ne same game with variations. Here ays he was the smooth, well-groomminister of the Gospel with influ- evening's dance at the barracks,

ice and refinement. mbus. He was there scarcely a year

Now he is being taken back to Hor-ton to answer for the swindles and false pretenses which he practiced under the very noses of the unsus-pecting people of that quiet town. When the gates of Columbus prison opened for him, it was but for an instant, and the law was waiting for him with further retribution. man is a doctor of divinity and a bachelor of law. His elegant education has added to his criminal ability, and with all his remarkable equipment he is one of the most dangerous lawbreakers that the police of two coun-

tries have attempted to restrain. DANCING CLUB AT WOLSELEY BARRACKS

Enjoyable Evenings Spent by Tommy Atkins and His Friends.

rather heavily on Tommy Atkins, and every means is taken to afford amusement to himself and friends. Not the least of these is the Dancing Club at plished man, until one September Wolseley Barracks. Every Monday evening a quiet practice takes place, and every Thursday evening an enjoyable hop is held, when Tommy and his lady friends spend a few hours tripping the light fantastic, in a time not one of the cleverest criminals in Last evening quite a few were present usually laid down in the drill book. Il England. For years he had made from the city, and a most enjoyable fat living by writing letters from time was spent. The music is furondon to gullible Americans inform- nished by the Wolseley Barracks orchestra. consisting of Quartermas-ter-Sergt. Dunlevy, Corporals O'Connel and W. Walsh, and Pte. Dormey, and they are most ably assisted by the well known violinists, Messrs. Scott, Murray and son. Next Thursday evening another will take place and those who once attend are only hoping for was "Rev. Robert Harper," and al-the time to quickly pass when they was the smooth, well-groom-commence again to have a pleasant

> BARRACKS NOTES. Sergt. W. Farnsworth is improving. but is still confined to bed with conjestion of the lungs. Pte. Von Schieler is still very low with typhoid fever at Victoria Hospital, where he receives the best of

treatment The short course ceased at the barracks today, and the various officers, non-commissioned officers and men will return home for their Christmas. The next course starts in the first week of

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