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Mews Summary.

The Grand Opera Houre. Kingston, Ont., was completely destroyed by fire on Thea-day. Total loss, \$25,000.

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Lieuts. Keating and Gate, British officers, and twelve native soldiers were massacred in October last while parleying with tribes-men of the Niger territory. A fatal shooting accident occurred near Waterville, Me., Sunday morning, when Dell Durgin was fired upon by Fred Oates, who mistook his grey coat for a deer's body. body

As the result of a fire in the premises of McIlroy & Co., merchant tailors, Toronto, Wednesday night, one woman is dead, another dying at the hospital, and several others badly injured.

others badly injured. Senator Hale on Tuesday introduced a joint resolution authorizing the secretary of the navy to erect a mouument in Hav-ana to the memory of the sailors and marines who lost their lives by the ex-plosion of the Maine. A fight occurred among Chinese miners, in a cabin near the Cold Springs mines, British Columbia, resulting in the death of three Chinamen The murdrer, after beheading two companions with an axe, hanged himself in a bar. Charles # Williams the Boston scent of

hanged himself in a barn. Charles F. Williams, the Boston sgent of the Portland Steamship Company, stated ou Tuesday that an attempt would be made by the company to locate the wreck of the steamer Portland if any clew to her whereabouts can be found. A St. Stephen despatch says: 1 he new pits suck at the nickel bede show a large surface of ore, and the reports of the latest assays are so favorable that there seems little doubt of the mines being worked by the company of capitalists now in control. The percentage of sulphur is exceedingly high, exceeding, it is said, that needed to sake the ore workable for its sulphur alone, and the absence of arrenic is a marked feature in its favor.

Hon. Mr. Davies while in Washington will endeavor to secure the adjustment of a claim made by the Dominion government against the United States for compensation for the damage done the cruiser Le Cana-disme by being run down by the United States warship Vanite in the St. Lawrence, opposite Quebec, last fall. A claim has been made for \$10,000.

been made for \$10,000. An important decision has been reached by the minister of customs which will effect every officer of the customs service who handles public money. The system of private security or bondsmen for the proper performance of duty by an officer will be aboliable from 1st january, and every collector, sub-collector, landing wait-er or special officer who receives money, for the government will be compelled to take-out a policy with a guarantee company. The Acadian Recorder. of Dec. 6. aave:

out a policy with a guarantee company. The Acadiau Recorder, of Dec. 6, says: At the luncheon is honor of Congressman. White at Government Honse this afternoon were Lieut. General Lord William Seymour Hon. Geo. H. White, Mr. Justice Town-shend, Hon. G. H. Murray, Hon. C. E. Church, Hon. J. W. Longley, the Mayor of Halifax, the Recorder of Halifax, Rev. J. F. Robinson, the A. D. C. Hon. Mr. White's wist to Halifax was on the in-visition of Rev. I. F. Robinson, pastor of the Cornwallis St. church.

of the Cornwallis St. church. Robertson Nicolls writes in the British Weekly of a startling state of affairs in the hiterary world. He mys : "I have evidence in my possession which shows that organ-ized compiracies exist to desiroy the reputation of certain books and authors, cliques of which certain journalists are at the head." Owing to the high standing of Dr. Nicolls, this statement has produced a great sensation in literary circles in London. The Academy reprints the accusation under the title "Breakers Ahead." The Winness, of Halifax...swas. General

under the title "Breakers Ahead." The Witness, of Halifar, says. General Lord Seymour bas expressed his readiness to co-operate with the civic authorities to put down the immoral places in South Brunswick street etc. The General de-serves the thanks of the public for his offer of co-operation. But the Civic authorities ought certainly to feel rebuiled that such an offer should be required or should be considered necessary. Let those whose duty is to deal with this muinance waken up and prove their fatness to cope with a recognized evil.

At a recent meeting of prominent citizens, including the chancellors of the arrious universities of the city, a committee was appointed to take steps looking to the stabilishment of a national provincial re-ference library. The idea is to have the iegislative library contributes more books, then to take the Toronto reference library and that of the Canadian Institute and and these over to a joint commission of titizens of high character and culture to be appointed by the Ontario government and the ely of Toronto; the funds to be pro-

vided by a grant from the Ontario govern-ment and the City Council of Toronto. It is also proposed to establish a system of travelling libraries or collections of books to be sent to different parts of the country, where good reading matter is now very scarce. scarce

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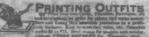
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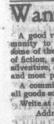
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