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e for the prosecution shows did not know of or see the publication, and gave no garding its appearance fact at the time of the he alleged libel I was over miles away (in Ontario), the copy of the paper conthe 23rd of December, n to my ranch at Ducks. lesire whatever to evade ty for any of my actions. his prosecution as a transalicious attempt to brand inal and prevent both the legislature of this province g a matter of first import-

ecution as this could not Ingland without the order nd if it is the law in this hareholders, large or small, can be branded as crimof acts about which they it is time the people reainger plainly, because I feel not now." eserved decision for a day,

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feature of the case Mr. Martin delibup his brief for the ground that he fair play for his client.

HITTE MANUTATION AND A STATE But the Statist says that this is a srive mistake, "as spart from sentiment, the material losses inflicted upon Americans y the anarchy in Cuba must not be belittled." The Saturday Review is of the opinion that the affair is gravely critical, and comments upon the silence of the coart of Inquiry as being "ominous," as, in the nervous anxiety of President McKinley and his ministers to avoid a rupture with Spain, it would obviously have hastened to publish anything which would help to stop the mouths of Senators Mason and Allen, who with the assistance of certain and a crew of 175. For some time I have suffered with rheamatism and tried every imaginable remedy, without effect. Mr. F. G. S. Wells advised me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, telling me that it had cured many cases of long standing like mine. I have used four bottles and feel sure that one more bottle will make my cure complete.—A. P. Kontz, Clarmore, Ark: Sold by Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancou-ver. Allen, who with the assistance of certain newspapers, are "yelling for instant war in the best Jingo style." Proceeding, the Saturday Heview says that Secretary Sherman having been silenced by the sim-ple process of not allowing him to know anything, the executive has lately kept its secrets admirably, but it is shrewdly suspected that the pacific disposition of President McKinley is largely owing to the reports of his naval advisers, to the effect that America is not in a condition to go to war with Spain, with any cerainty of an immediate and overwhelming Athens, Feb. 26.—An unsuccessful at-tempt was made to-day to assassinate king George of Greece. The king was returning from Phalerum at 5. o'clock in the evening, in a landau, accompanied by the Princess Maria, when two men who were hidden in a ditch alongside the road opened fire with guns upon the occupants of the carriage. The first shot missed, but the second wounded a foot-man in the arm. The coachman whip-ped up his horses, and the royal party dashed away at a gallop. The mis-creants fired seven more shots after them, none of which took effect, and the king and the princess returned to the palace unhurt. The Spectator is certain that the United States government, "whether moved by information from Europe, or being only desirous of peace, is anxious to avoid. Army Reform. The war office scheme, for the reform of the British army, which was explained in the House of Commons on Friday, by the Hon. Mr. Brodrick, the parliamentary secretary of the war office, seems to have greatly satisfied the various factionsadds 23,000 men, the largest increase ever proposed in Great Britain in time of So great is the Empire's demand now,

So great is the Empire's demand now, that one in every sixteen able-bodied men in the country is serving either in the army or navy, and one in every four youths, reaching the age of 18 years, has joined one of the two services. The great drawback of the present system, Mr. Brodrick says, was its incapacity to pro-vide for sudden small wars, and it was proposed to meet the situation by allow-ing 5,000 infantry to go on the reserve, ing 5,000 infantry to go on the reserve, Scattle companies with the object of bringing the state militia up to the high-end of the assassin was slightly wounded. One of the horses was slightly wounded. The horses was slightly wounded to fire after the carriage until if was out of range. His companion did not leave the ditch. As soon as the news became known alt the leading politicians hastened to the palace to express their congratulations over the escape of King George and the Princess Maria.
Where Specialists Failed Dr. Chase Cured Catarrh.
James Spence, Clachan, Ont., writes: "I had been a sufferer from catarrh for fifteen years. It became chronic, and I had given up hopes of ever being cured when advised by a friend to try Dr. ind draw a shilling instead of sixpence day these men to be subject to call ⁿ any emergency. ^{Mr.} Brodrick outlined a scheme of war ffice reforms, conferring large powers of nitiative and financial control upon generals, and putting an end to the system of constant reference to the war office on minor matters. It was proposed, he said. o create three effective army corps, of which two would take the field immediin case of war. and 10,000 men would be in readiness for minor emergenwithout calling upon the reserve. battalions of infantry would have fewer than 600 men, no cavalry regiment fewer than 350 men, and no artillery battery fewer than 150 men.

County Council Contest.

London is in the throes of the hottest.

ampaign in its history, the contest for eats in the London county council com-letely throwing into the shade even the enest fought 'general parliamentary ections. For three weeks past, the fight, ⁸ been waging alike in Belgravia and hitechapel. Nightly there are scores meetings attended by cabinet ministers d "front benchers" of both parties. For e 118 seats to be filled on March 3rd, ere are 340 candidates, including a few dependents. National issues have been catarrh." endents. National issues have been included in the fight in a manner hitherto

dam bore down and stood by, and with no little difficulty rescued all bands. La Champagne met strong head winds up to February 17, when the tail-end shaft gave way. When the accident occurred the best of order prevailed.

The steamer was perfectly tight and not making any water.

La Champagne carried 304 passengers, 43 cabin, 53 second-class; 203 steerage

leaked out so far point to a submarine mine as the cause of the disaster, but For some time I have suffered with mine as the cause of the disaster, but also the argument in support of this be-ing due to design that the federal gov-ernment would have indoubtedly spoken out at once if the supposition of an ac-cident had been confirmed. If such is the case, President McKinley will have great difficulty in preventing con-flict." La Patrie thinks war is on the point of breaking out between Smin and the

"Le" Patrie thinks war is on the point of breaking out between Spain and the United States, but advises the latter to think twice before engaging in a con-flict. "Spain's army and navy," it says, "are composed of sessoned and tried men, whereas this quality is ab-sent in the forces of the United States. The American fleet was organized only for defensive war; as for the American army, it has still to be brought into ex-istence." KING OF GREECE FIRED ON. Two Miscreants Make a Desperate At-tempt to Kill Him.

istence. Chicago, Feb. 28.—The Chronicle says: Wm. S. Farley, of Chicago, the inventor of mirex, one of the most powerful explosives known in naval warfare, has been invited to visit Washington and demonstrate the powers of the product to Secretary Long and associates. Key West, Feb. 28—The United States

court of inquiry into the loss of the bat-tleship Maine commenced its sessions here co-day. Tacoma, Feb. 28 Governor Rogers has

rdered the twelve companies composing ne National Guard of Washington state shall be immediately recruited to their full strength. Governor Rogers is giving personal attention to the Tacoma and Seattle companies with the object of bringing the state militia up to the high-

ing the stay of the Spanish cruiser Viz-caya, through courtesy to Spaniards. London Feb. 28.—There is no truth in the report circulated in the United States that Lloyds' underwriters were asking slight war risks upon Spanish steamers bound for the Island of Cuba. * Paris, Feb. 28.—The Echo de Paris to-day expresses the hope that "Euro-pean statesmen will be found to inter-yene with a view to the maintenance of I had given up hopes of ever being cured when advised by a friend to try Dr. Chase's catarrh cure. I at once started, and am pleased to state three boxes effected a complete cure, and I heartily recommend it to any one suffering from

Mrs. Chas. Smith, of Jimes. Ohio, writes: I have used every remedy for sick head-ache I could hear of for the past fifteen years, but Carter's Little Liver Pills did me more good than all the rest.

Winnipeg, Feb. 25 .- No "side door". but drinks could be obtained by Winnipeggers at any city saloon late last night, as every hotel man closed his doors promptly at 11 o'clock. This is, the re-sutl of the active crusade inaugurated by the Citizens' Order League against infractions of the liour licence laws infractions of the liquor license laws. The Roman Catholic Mission residence

at St. Laurent was totally destroyed by fire last night. The church was saved with great difficulty. Jeremiah Murphy, aged 18, was instant-ly killed to-day in McArthur's sawmill near Russell, by falling on a circular saw.

Mr. P. Elkjar and party for the Klon-dike, left last evening and will sail from Victoria on the steamer Islander on March 2nd. Mr. Elkjar is taking in two carloads of supplies, most of which will be purchased in Victoria or Vancouver,

be purchased in Victoria or Vancouver, and, with the assistance of 20 mules and 40 dogs, the 17 men in the party will transport the whole to three miles below Five Finger Rapids, where they will es-tablish a post. Mr. Elkjar is the joint proprietor, with his partner, of the steamer now wintering at the mouth of Lewes river, on the Upper Yukon, and they will use this to carry passengers from Daw-son City to Five Fingers. From Five Fingers, saddle horses will be provided the passengers, and the trip will be made in the remarkably short time of 15 days

in the remarkably short time of 15 days. Winnipeg, Feb. 26.—Deputy Warden Fitzsimmons, formerly of Stony Moun-tain penitentiary, and before that of New Westminster, is dying in the hospital

The Richardson block, recently pur-chased by the Bank of Hamilton direct-ors, will be made into a modern office building this year. Tenders are now be-ing called for the work, and it is estimted that the improvements will cost

pedition Arrive. New York, Feb. 28.—The Lapland reindeer for the Yukon relief expedition of the gov-enment reached New York last night on the chartered steamship Manitoban, 24 days from Bozkop, Arctic Lapland. The Mani-toban brings 113 immigrants, 537 reindeer, 417 reindeer sleds, 511 sets reindeer harness and between three and four thousand bags of moss for feeding the reindeer ner route. The immigrants consist of 43 Laps, ten Finns and fifteen Norwegian reindeer herd-ers aid drivers and their familles, making a party of 68 men, 19 women and 26 child ren. Amongst them are six bridal couples, who were married a few days before the sailing of the steamer. The expedition was at once loaded on special trains and sent to Fuget Sound, where it will take steamer for Southeast Alaska. From Southeast Al-aska the expedition will cross to the Yukon valley.

rene with a view to the maintenance of meace between the United States and Spain." Baltimore, Feb. 28.—Cardinal Gibbons

A stram plant including bost, pump, bosts. All the other warships, including the battleships Pelayo and Emperador Carlos V. and the armored cruiser Cris-tobal Colos, are undergoing repairs. It will take some time yet to complete the repairs, fit them out and mount their guns, but they are being actively pre-pared for service. "Thris Feb. 28.—The Paris Temps says of the Maine disaster: "Not only do the facts which have leaked out so far, point to a submarine on February 1st, demanding among the conditions of its continuance an increase of 50 per cent, in the "car haul" rate, and demanding half passenger traffic for the Chicago route. Buring the past 12 years, or ever since file opening of its line north of Lake Superior, the Can-adian Pacific has quoted especially low rates for landseckers and emigrants to the Caladian Northwest for the purpose, of encouraging the development of that part of the country and to prevent their

part of the country and to prevent their diversion to western states en route, a matter from which Canadian interests suffered so seriously prior to the opening of the all-Canadian line to Winnipeg. During the life of agreement the pro-priety of this rate was not questioned by priety of this rate was not questioned by the G.T.R. before the advent of the present management, and its proportion of rate was accepted for its line between Ontario points and North Bay without

Onterie points and North Bay without question. The statement concerning the diversion of settlers en route to the Canadian northwest is verified by ine folowing extract from the recent ap-plication of the Grand Trunk, Northern Pacific, Great Northern, and other rail-way companies, to the inter-state com-merce opmission at Washington, for the suspension of the long and short haul clause at the inter-state comclause of the inter-state commerce act,

Hardware, was in town on Tuesday, and has given out unofficially that the present postmaster will be suspended in

ried by the United States lines found in-ducements to settle in Minnestoa and other Northwestern states. With the low rates established by the C.P.R. on the completion of its line through north of Lines Could not compete therefor without demoralizing their intermediate rates or sustaining great loss of needed revenue, and a reveal the entire traffic in

the shaft, and the end snapped off and pierced his eye, totally destroying the sight. The eye was subsequently re-moved. It was only a few minutes after

the boy was brought home that his mother died. London, Feb. 26.—Mr. H. D. Mitchell, the manager of the Traders' Bank at Glencoe, died suddenly to-day from

Hamilton, Feb. 26 —Frederick Walkin, an old pensioner, who lived alone in the city, last his life in a fire that destroyed his house yesterday.

Honest Help Free !

An old clergyman, deploring the fast that so many men are being imposed upon by unscrupulous quacks, is will-ing to inform any man who is weak and nervous, or suffering from various ef-fects of errors or excesses, how to do-tain a perfect and permanent cure. Hav-ing nothing to sell be asks for no mousy, but is desirons for humanity's sake the help the unfortunate to regain their health and happiness. Perfect secrecy sissured. Address with stamo, Rev. A. H. MACFARLANE, Franktown, Om-tarie. hold them against the G.T.R.'s Chicago route. The northern transcontinental lines sold tickets freely at various re-ductions from the agreed rates and the

so that these lines might be free to sirike the Canadian Pacific without hurting themselves. This extract is the very basis of their application, and it should not be forgotten that the Grand Trunk Railway, of Canada, was a party to it: Trink Railway, of Canada, was a party to it: "That, prior to the completion of the C.P.R., between the provinces of Ontar-io and Manitoba, the petitioners' lines enjoyed the whole of a large passenger traffic between these provinces, much of which traffic was composed of settlers who were seeking homes in the North-west. Many of the passengers so car-ried by the United States lines found in-ducements to settle in Minnestos and

fully \$30,000. Manager Whyte, of the Canadian Pa-cific Railway Company, leaves for the West next week, to decide on several im-portant matters affecting the line in the Facilic province.

THE COUNTRY IS SAFE.

Lapland Reindeer for the Yukon Relief Ex-pedition Arrive.

was part of a conspiracy between the Grand Trunk, Northern Pacific and Grand Trunk, Northern Pacific and Great Northern to divert from the C.P. R. the large passenger business which was expected to move towards the Klon-dike during the months of February. March and April, and before the opening of lake navigation would enable the C. P. R. to protect itself. It was doubtless believed that, being compelled to carry its measurers an extra distance of 220

its passengers an extra distance of 220 miles, the Canadian Pacific could not

and, as a result, the entire traffic in question was diverted to the Canadian Pacific Bailway." Prior to this application, a similar ap-plication was made to the inter-state commerce commission to suspend the pro visions of the act in respect to the Pa visions of the act in respect to the Pa-cific coast traffic, both that the Ameri-can competitors of the C.P.R. might freely strike it, and the Grand Trunk was also a party to these applications. While it is impossible to procure evi-dence of such a thing, the management of the C.P.R. is convinced that the breaking of the North Bay arrangement was nort of a consuracy between the

the reduced rate on the Canadian Paci-fo-railway to the Facilic coast. If goes into effect on Monday. The Canadian Pacific management has issued a statement, declaring that it is

ed that the abrogation of North Bay arrangements was a part of North Bay arrangements was a part of the conspiracy on the part of the Grand Trunk railway company and its Ameri-can allies to divert the Klondike business from the Canadian railway, and refra-ing to consider, any offer to arbitrate that matter, so long as the Grand Trunk railway helps the American dires. Ba-ferring to the abrogation of the "long and short haul clause" of the Interstate Commerce Act, the statement declarge and short half clause of the interstate Commerce Act, the statement declares that prior to this application, another similar application was made to the Im-terstate Commerce Commission to sus-pend a provision of the act in respect to Kootenay traffic, and that the Grand Truck respect to communication of the state Trunk railway company was also a party to that application. The statement says that, notwithstanding that the Grand Trunk management apparently disclaims any responsibility for the cut in the rates of Western traffic in its territory, its tickets have been furnished in quantities to Canadian agents on the Western lines, and have been continued to be used for this purpose.

CANADIAN.

Toronto, Feb. 25.-Mr. David Davies, the editor of the South Wales Daily Post, is here, on a special mission to ac-certain how the Welsh people have fared, and what capabilities the country offers for Welsh immigrants. Sherbrooke, Feb. 25.-H. Sadergren, a Swede, committed suicide yesterday, by shooting himself through the head at Lake Megantis. The deed was commit-ted in the Oneen's hotel office, just be-

ted in the Queen's hotel office, just be

fore dinner. Orillia, Feb. 25.—Postoffice Inspector,

a day or two. Pictor, Feb. 25-Mr. Nostram Sprague the Reform candidate for Prince Ed-ward, resigned his candidature this morn-ing. The contest in this riding is now