

## The Only

Great and thoroughly reliable building-up medicine, nerve tonic, vitalizer and

## Blood Purifier

Before the people today, and which stands preeminently above all other medicines, is

## HOOD'S Sarsaparilla

It has won its hold upon the hearts of the people by its own absolute intrinsic merit. It is not what we say, but what Hood's Sarsaparilla does, that tells the story:

## Hood's Cures

Even when all other preparations and prescriptions fail.

"The face of my little girl from the time she was three months old, broke out and was covered with scabs. We gave her two bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and it completely cured her. We are glad to recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla." THOS. M. CARLING, Clinton, Ontario. Be sure to

## Get Hood's

Hood's Pills easy to buy easy to take easy in effect. 25 cents.



## Sick Headache

CURED PERMANENTLY

BY TAKING

## Ayer's Pills

"I was troubled a long time with sick headache. I tried a good many remedies, but none did me any good. I then began taking Ayer's Pills."

"I received permanent benefit. A single box of these pills freed me from headache, and I am now a well man."

—C. H. HUTCHINGS, East Auburn, Me.

Awarded Medal at World's Fair

Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the Best.

The full text of Manitoba's reply to the Dominion Government on the Separate School question has been made public. The Manitoba Government repudiates its invitation for an enquiry into separate schools.

### For Over Fifty Years

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used by millions of mothers for their children while nursing. It soothes the infant and broken of year rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of cutting teeth sent at once and got a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers, there is no mistake about it. It cures Diarrhoea, regulates the stomach and bowels, cures Colic, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is a children's medicine, pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Price, twenty-five cents a bottle. Sold in all drug stores throughout the world. Be sure and get Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

### Bad Blood Between Them

The ever-slaving farmer's wife, her delicate sister in the city, suffer more than they care to tell. The dark rings around the eyes, headaches, dizziness, palpitation of the heart, twinges, betoken a run-down system. The blood is poor and is a bar to enjoyment of life. Scott's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood, strengthens and vitalizes the system, and speedily restores the bloom of health to the cheeks. It cures when all others fail.

A January thaw is always more productive of colds and coughs than a January freeze. Then is the time Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is needed and proves so extremely efficacious. Ask your druggist for it and also for Ayer's Almanac, which is free to all.

A bill has been introduced in the House at Washington authorizing the construction of a bridge or tunnel from Grand Island, on the Niagara River to a point in Canada.

**REAL MERIT** is the characteristic of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It cures even after other preparations fail. Get Hood's and ONLY HOOD'S.

## ON TO COOMASSIE.

The Ashantee Expedition Pushing Forward.

### PREMPEH TRYING TO TEMPORIZE

But the British Commander Goes Right on—A Fight Expected—Further Talk of a British-Russian Understanding—Matters Troublesome in the Transvaal

London, Dec. 30.—Up to the present everything in connection with the British expedition being sent against King Prempeh appears to have gone well and smoothly. The main body of the expeditionary force left Cape Coast yesterday and the advance guard has already reached the River Pra, which has been bridged. When this work was accomplished the scouting parties were sent forward into the enemy's country.

King Prempeh has sent several temporizing messages to the British authorities, but no notice has been taken of them, and it is generally believed that he will fight when the expedition enters the bush.

General Sir Francis Scott, Inspector-General of the Gold Coast forces, accompanied by his staff, which includes Prince Henry of Battenberg and Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, started for the front yesterday.

### BRITAIN AND RUSSIA

May Unite to Effect a Solution of the Eastern Question.

London, Dec. 30.—Developments in the East point to an entente between Russia and Great Britain under which Russia will temporarily occupy the disturbed provinces in Asia Minor, Great Britain co-operating with Russia on the seaboard. Russian overtures to this effect are undoubtedly before Lord Salisbury. The news yesterday from St. Petersburg adds to the belief that such negotiations are in progress.

The departure of the Russian Black Sea squadron from Sebastopol on Dec. 15 for an unknown destination, is much commented upon, and has caused some lively speculation as to its ultimate destination.

The apathy of Europe and America, so far as the governments are concerned, is almost as surprising as the cruelty of the Turks. There is still talk of committing reforms to these murderous Turks. They will take care unless Europe intervenes speedily that there shall be left no Armenians to participate in reforms.

The Duke of Argyll has written a letter, in which he comments on the absence of a genuine European concert on the Armenian question. He says, with reference to Asia Minor, that if a combination of the powers cannot be effected, Great Britain must give up her jealousies and invite Russia to do what she can accomplish with ease.

### A Red Hot Appeal

New York, Dec. 30.—The Armenian Relief Association in New York has cabled the following to The London Times and London Daily News:

"Europe pushed Armenia to the mouth of hell and turned to celebrate Christmas. If the continental powers are dead to honor and conscience can England forget justice? Does she not believe in Almighty God, that she will for help before scolding the wholesale assassinations of Christian ministers and their flocks and the raising of millions? We send £1000 to Grosvenor House Committee. But what avails food when fire and sword exterminate? Shall we advise Armenians to apostatize? Surely the wrath of God and the blessing of Christ have still a significance for the men of England. Does she no more expect them to do their duty? Christian America will support England."

### Russia Moving Troops

London, Dec. 30.—The Standard will tomorrow publish a despatch from Shanghai saying it is reported in that city that Russia is massing troops on the Korean frontier in readiness for any emergency that may arise. Owing to alleged assaults on Russian subjects in Korea, 70 Russian officers and soldiers have arrived at Cozan on the east coast of Korea.

### IT LOOKS SQUALID.

The Transvaal Government Taking Steps to Suppress Rebellion—People Fleeing from Pretoria.

Pretoria, Dec. 30.—The Transvaal Government has ordered the Boer burghers to hold themselves in readiness to be called upon to suppress rebellion. The trouble between the foreign residents of the Transvaal and the Boer Government is increasing in intensity. The leading mines are closing and the price of breadstuffs in Johannesburg has risen greatly. Trains leaving her are filled with refugees.

### Brewer is Acceptable

London, Dec. 30.—The Daily News in its issue to-morrow will say that the appointment of Justice Brewer of the United States Supreme Court as a member of the Venezuelan High Commission is a sign that President Cleveland wishes a fair report to be made.

An effort is being made in Ohio to organize a league composed of Defiance, Fremont, Fostoria, Lima, Kenton, Tiffin, Findlay and Piquette. The average distance between these towns is about 30 miles. A \$500 salary limit is talked of. Defiance parties are booming this scheme.

An offer has been made to Hugh Jennings, the Baltimore shortstop, by Harry P. Simpson, the young coal operator and chief owner of the Scranton Baseball Club of the Eastern League. Jennings is offered a one-third interest in the club and \$300 per month to captain the club and play shortstop. The impression prevails in Scranton that Jennings views the offer with favor. His home is in Avoca, a suburb of Scranton.

### HAMILTON SMELTING WORKS.

The First Industry of the Kind in the Province.

Hamilton, Dec. 30.—The formality of blowing in the smelting works took place this afternoon, before a gathering of several hundred people, comprising the prominent business men of the city and numerous prominent people from outside. A special train conveyed those present to the works at 2 o'clock and shortly after John H. Tilden, president of the company, briefly addressed the gathering on the importance of lighting the first smelting works blast furnace in the province, after which Mrs. Tilden, amidst the cheering of the crowd, with torch in hand, ignited the fuel. Then the crowd adjourned to the engine house, A. T. Wood, a shareholder, addressed the gathering at length, pointing out how that he had become convinced that the smelting works can be operated successfully in Hamilton, although he had thought otherwise when the matter of establishing a plant here was first mooted. Although the iron ore will have to be brought from the northern part of Ontario, and the coal also brought to the city, he thought the works were as conveniently situated as those at Tonawanda and other American cities. He was assured that the new industry will be of great advantage to the city, and looks for the support of the people of Ontario.

John Milne, one of the directors, referred to the fact that Hamilton has the only smelting works plant in Ontario or Quebec. The machinery and the plant in general are of the most substantial character, being unexcelled by any other smelting works plant in America, and the capacity is 200 tons of pig iron a day. The machinery is all duplicated, and Mr. Milne said that the fire that was started would probably not be extinguished for over two years, and the smelting of ore would begin at once, there being a large quantity of it already on the premises. He formally started the engines going, amid the enthusiasm and cheering of the crowd, who before dispersing examined the ponderous-looking machinery.

Besides Mrs. Tilden, there were present Mrs. T. H. Pratt, Mrs. S. F. Laidler, Mrs. Handy, Mrs. Millard, and Miss Millard, and among the men present were Mr. H. C. Macdonald, J. C. Hon. J. M. Gibson, Nicholas A. Wray, M.L.A., George Roach, J. M. Lottridge, George E. Tuckett, F. W. Feaman, William Gibson, M.P., Col. Moore, W. H. Gillard, T. C. Bruce, Robert Thomson, John Leggat, H. G. Wright, Aid. Watkins, G. S. Lynch-Staunton, Robert Evans, J. V. Teetzel, J. C. Aid. Raycroft, Aid. Colquhoun, W. J. Copp, Frank E. Walker, Major McLaren, Dr. Osborne, Aid. Hannaford, W. Southam, C. K. Domville, John R. Cameron, Alex. Pirie, James McPherson, Rev. Dr. Burns, William Vallance, C. R. Smith, J. J. Mason, Dr. Baugh, A. D. Braithwaite, Adam Zimmerman, Alex. Turner and many others.

### SLAFT ON \$1500

But It Had Gone When He Awoke in the Morning—A Nurse Arrested.

Detective Davis yesterday arrested Jane Robinson, a most respectable working woman on a charge of stealing \$1500 from James Eves of 41 Charles-street. She was employed there as a nurse attending Mrs. Eves, and it is alleged this money was taken by her from underneath the bed-dock where Mr. Eves placed it last night, after counting it out and putting it in a bag, going to sleep on top of it. He awoke in the morning to find the whole amount disappeared.

Mr. Eves is one of the city's pioneers, and owns a large amount of property in the neighborhood of Yonge and Charles-streets.

Mrs. Johnson strenuously denies any knowledge of the robbery.

### A MEMORABLE CHANGE

Mr. Paul Campbell, Secures From the Firm of John Macdonald & Co.

Mr. Paul Campbell for more than eight years a partner in the wholesale dry goods firm of John Macdonald & Co. will retire to-day, owing to ill-health. Mr. Campbell has been connected with the firm for the past 34 years, having entered the employ of the late John Macdonald as a youngster, and his retirement will be regretted among those to whom his face and figure have for so many years been familiar; in the wholesale quarter of the city.

Simultaneous with the withdrawal of Mr. Campbell is announced the entry as partners in the same firm of Duncan M. Macdonald and Arthur N. Macdonald, the firm now being composed of the four brothers: John, Duncan, James Fraser, Duncan M. and Arthur N. Macdonald.

### FIRE AT OENLIA.

Destruction of the Thomson-Tipping Black-Heavy Losses.

Orillia, Dec. 30.—At 2:30 this morning fire destroyed the dental rooms of S. L. McRae, in the Thomson-Tipping building. The tenants were as follows: Tipping Building, Traders' bank, furniture and plate glass almost a total loss, insured; McPhee's dental rooms, total loss, insured for \$600; Orillia Athletic rooms, piano and gymnasium apparatus a total loss, piano insured; T. Haywood, Italian warehouse, estimated loss on stock \$5000, covered by insurance; Bannerman's law offices, Y.M.C.A. rooms, Christians meeting place and the Masonic Hall were completely gutted and the entire contents are a total loss. The records of Orillia Lodge, No. 192, A.E. & A.M., were not stored in their hall, and were consequently saved. Their furniture was insured for \$500, and their loss will be about the same amount. The buildings were owned by George Tipping and George Thomson. Tipping's loss will probably be \$3500 and Thomson's will reach \$700. The fire originated from a defective stove pipe.

### POISONED BY NOT GUILTY.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—The trial of Napoleon Demers, accused of the murder of his wife in June last, was concluded to-day and resulted in a verdict of "not guilty," the jury being out about a quarter of an hour.

## A Mother's Beautiful Child

Dragged Nearly to Death's Door by Severe Nervous Disease—Suffered Extreme Pain in the Head—Doctors Could Do Nothing—South American Nervine Called in at the Eleventh Hour and Restores to Health Little Annie Joy, of West Toronto Junction—The Great Remedy is Reducing the Death Rate of All Canadian Cities.



MISS ANNIE JOY, WEST TORONTO JUNCTION.

A bright little lad, or golden-haired girl, is the delight of your home. Whether you revel in riches, or know something of the privations of poverty, that child is all the world to you. It is no wonder that mother and father become anxious when sickness overtakes the little one.

The remedy, fathers and mothers, is nearby. South American Nervine has been the means of giving back the bloom of youth to thousands of suffering little ones. It is not a medicine that buoys up the parents' hopes, only to have them in a short time dashed down again lower than ever. Whether with child or adult, it promptly gets at the root of all disease, which is the nerve centre. From this fact it is peculiarly efficacious in the treatment of nervous diseases of man, woman or child.

A recent case is that as told by Mrs. M. A. Joy, of West Toronto Junction, whose little daughter Annie, aged 15 years, had been a sufferer from severe nervous depression for about two years. As with all mothers, no trouble and expense was spared in the effort to bring relief to the child. The little one suffered extreme pains in the head, so

distressing at times as to render her completely helpless, sapping all her strength. The best skill of the most skilled physicians was called into request, but little Annie steadily grew worse. Becoming more hopeless and discouraged as the weeks went by, Mrs. Joy decided on trying South American Nervine as almost a last resort. Employing her own words she said: "I determined to give it a trial, although I felt it was useless."

To-day it is all happiness around that home, for before one bottle of the medicine had been taken, the mother tells us Annie commenced to show decided signs of improvement. The child has taken three bottles and has practically regained her natural health and vigor. There is nothing surprising in the fact that Mrs. Joy cannot speak too highly of South American Nervine.

Much was at stake, but this wonderful discovery proved equal to the emergency, and so it does in every case. Thousands of letters on file from well-known citizens prove this. For nervous diseases of young or old, from whatever cause, it is an absolutely infallible cure.

### He will take no Risks.

Shrewdness of a wellknown City Merchant.

### HE KNEW WHAT WAS GOOD FOR HIM.

In winter when Canadians spend a large portion of their time indoors and cannot have the same variety of fresh food as in summer and fall, indigestion and dyspepsia afflict a majority. "If anybody will tell me that dyspepsia in its advanced stages is perfectly curable," said a Toronto merchant, "I will take his word. Personally I run no risks. As soon as I feel a sense of weight in the stomach, after a meal, I know that my blood is sluggish in circulation. In my business I cannot take much exercise, and I fight the first sign of stomach troubles with Scott's Sarsaparilla. It has never failed me, and has saved me many a doctor's bill."

Scott's Sarsaparilla possesses medicinal properties superior to all other so-called sarsaparillas made. As a remedy for indigestion, rheumatism, pimples, scrofula and all blood diseases, physicians state that its equal was never known. Sold at \$1 per bottle, of all dealers.

John Brown, Mary Street, Hamilton, had paid for the cure of Rheumatism, by taking a bottle of Kootenay Cure, and was now so much better.

**THE MOST** remarkable cures on record have been accomplished by Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is unequalled in its power to cure.

### KOOTENAY

About ten years ago I first became afflicted with Rheumatism and Gout, and during the last ten years I have been treated by several physicians, and they all advised me that it was impossible to cure me here, and that the only remedy for me was to go to a warmer climate.

I was confined to my house last December owing to this disease, and was unable to do any work whatever.

I commenced taking the Kootenay Cure which Mr. S. S. Ryckman, M. P., gave me about the middle of April last, and after about one week's using this medicine I was sufficiently cured to be able to start driving a bread wagon, which work required me constantly getting on and off my wagon.

The pains which I always had in my sides are now completely gone, and I am now able to work without any pain whatever.

In the past I have suffered almost indescribably agony from this disease. My general health has wonderfully improved since taking this medicine. Sworn to by MICHAEL H. DWYER, 32 Leeming Street, Hamilton.

Send for pamphlet to S. S. RYCKMAN MEDICINE CO., Hamilton, Ont.

### RHEUMATISM

To the aged, with their poor appetite, feeble circulation and impoverished blood, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a boon beyond price. Its effect is to check the ravages of time by invigorating every organ, nerve and tissue of the body. See Ayer's Almanac for the new year.

Henry Cielersmith, who was arrested at Gloucester for stealing a carload of wagon spokes at the Sycamore depot on the L.E. & D.R.R., has been convicted at the Chatham sessions.