Mr. R. Watson, of Montreal, His Brother, Says the Poet is Under a Mental Cloud.

An important statement regarding the that had been applied to my brother mental condition of William Watson, by the Rev. Dr. Aked of New York the English poet, whose poem, "The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue," has recently created such a sensation. is made by his brother, Mr. R. Watson of 155 Peel street, Montreal, who has just returned from New York. Mr. a letter of apology, in which he says:

Watson says: I have been reluctant to make any personal statement of matters con- merely quotations from it, suspicions ning my brother, William Watson; of the truth. Yet, of all those who and only do so now under strong con-straint; seeing the necessity of some pronouncement from me in order to ntervail the many erroneous ones, small matter when the magnitude of and that the real facts, however dis-

tressing, may be known. Near the close of November, 1892, genius. It was not for nothing that my brother entered on what is perhaps I described him as a prophet of God. the saddest experience that can be endured in the life of any man—a mental aberration, which continued to hold him its victim through several months. The writer, who was with him from December, 1892, until the spring of the word of sympathy. But he word of sympathy. But he word of sympathy. But he word of sympathy. following year, has never in public print made even the remotest allusion to that dark time until now. It is difficult for me to quietly write about ready to sympathize and help to the those days; but I will endeavor to limit of my power and opportunity.

state the circumstances without any ambiguity. There were two almost concurrent events which relatively small as they may seem today, were most momentous to him then; and which were the

contributory causes of a profound whom England has delighted to honor. In October, 1892, Lord Alfred Tennyson died. Immediately on the tidings of his death reaching London, the "Illustrated London News' telegraphed my brother a request for a brief comemorative poem , to appear in the following issue of that journal. Moved where he has assailed; or that, at any by an exalted ambition to produce a lyrical tribute which should be a silent. worthy offering to the memory of him whose death had filled the world with cause for this present mental catagrief; and limited, as he was to time clysm, as I have done for that of 1892, for his great effort, William Watson I can only say—I do not know.

for fifty consecutive hours, without a To myself I have my surmises, which break for either rest or respite, and may be wrong, and will therefore not barely touching food of any kind, give them. But anyone who deeply worked in almost tremulous eagerness and anxiety, his whose mind vibrating in painful sympathy with his himself find therein a clue; and in theme; and, instead of the "brief poem," that had been requested de-livered to the "London News" his immortal "Lechrymas Musarum," a poem of which Mr. Gladstone said to her late majesty Queen Victoria, than in his opinion it was greater than Tennyson's own Ode on the Death of the

Duke of Wellington." Early in November, 1892, a letted (the original is before me as I write), was sent my brother from the premers official residence, informing him that Mr. Gladstone had been pleased to recommend him for an immediate grant of two hundred pounds from the Part of two hundred pounds, from the Royal Bounty Fund, reserving the ques tion of a Civil List Pension for fur-

And now I must disclose the fact that up to the time of that letter my will spend Christmas with his mother brother had been for years contend- at Grand Pre, Nova Scotia. Sir Freding with adverse pecuniary circumstances; at times utterly disheartened shy apparent lack of recognition and dismayed by the seeming hope-lessness of the strife. And when the ning hope- will spend Christmas day at his old great news came of that "immediate MacKenzie King will go to Berlin. grant of two hundred pounds" from the Royal Boanty Fund it was like a veritable avalanche of good forume to him; It was like a sudden recall to one

that had been long exiled. But it was nors truch more. Coming to him as a did when he was physically fevered he mentally unstrung by that prolonged nervous concentration on his hard task, it was too much; it was more than he could bear. The burden of years had been lifted in a moment; I shorter haul over its own line to equal his mother he said that day, in pa- rates charged by the I. R. C. on longer thetic memory of the past, "No more | haul. dark days now, mother; no more dark

But only a week later, and it be- MISS CHARLOTTE VASSIF came evident, beyond all doubt, that his mental balance was gone. Sudden cess and joy has told on him more than all adversity and pain. And now I must refer to a peculiar feature of that mental ailment which has its parallel again today. In the first few weeks he who would not bruise a inated by the single idea that he had a mission to accomplish against certain persons in exalt- was received with general regret ed stations in England; the most of throughout the city where the dehis talk being in that strain. And be it said here that those very persons had a wide circle of friends. were they to whom afterwards he showed himself most sincerely devot- twenty-second year. She is survived by

So far I have been dwelling on the wents of 17 years ago. It is a long are Mrs. Bancroft, of Quebec, and trestch of time, and during such an Mrs. Walter E. Foster, of this city. interval one is apt to lose sight of William Vassie, of this city, is a Yet it is all as vivid to me as are the vents of this December in 1909. And here is the parallel I have referred to: The Poet has come to America with a deeply rooted belief that he has a mission of hostility against a certain family in high station in England. Nothing can dissuade him from that wild infatuation which is controlling him night and day. Terrible things; absolutely unforgivable things, has been lightly hurled at that dis-tinguished family; things which it must be admitted seem to brand the author of them as beyond the pale of our toleration forever.

ways I who alone have the right to out deliberately, in full knowledge, and with full empasis, that sponsible utterances of the poet, Wm They are the outcome of a mental malady, alien to himself, and returns to himself the Willfam Watson we know will regret and them with burning words

and bitter tears. And that manifesto; full of its utterly insignificant details about teas and void of all dignity and grace, what of it? The hand that wrote it was truly the hand of my brother; but not so much as one soli-tary sentence of it was his; not a line, not a word; and when the poet is rehabilitated his lips will unsparingly condemn what his hand has done, but to which his real mind has never given from beneath the bucket. He was a

In the Witness of December 9 (which six years of age, and is survived by has only this day been put before me) there is a leading article which embedies some of the scathing criticism to F., of St. Stephen.

WILLIAM WATSON, VICTIM OF A STRANGE DELUSION COOK BOWLED OUT,

and as, after Gladstone, the one great

that after what may seem to you the

brutality of my words to the Evening

word of sympathy. But be very sure

In the light of this deeply apologeti

letter from Dr. Aked, I earnestly say

-let no one dare to prejudge in this

Something more than apology is due

from one who, himself an author and

poet, I ned not mention by name here.

but who was fully cognizant of the

dire events of the close of 1892. It

might at least have been expected of

rate, he would have remained wisely

If I am asked to assign a definite

to Quebec - Pugs'ey

OTTAWA, Dec. 21-Mr. R. L. Borden

to St. John. Hon. A. B. Aylesworth

The railway commission today granted the application of Chas. Pen-

der & Co., Portland Rolling Mills,

Ltd., and the Maritime Nail Company of St. John for an order requiring the C. P. R. to restore lower rates in force prior to the recent change on

bar iron and nails from St. John to

points on the Quebec Central. The

board held that the company was not

justified in advancing the rates on the

Miss Charlotte Vassie, youngest

daughter of Mrs. William Vassie, died

The late Miss Vassie was in her

her mother, two sisters and one

brother. The sisters of the deceased

Mrs. Walter E. Foster, of this city.

brother. Mrs. Bancroft was informed

of her sister's death by telegram

The funeral will take place on Thurs-

The death of Miss Vassie coming, as

it did, very suddenly, causes general

regret among all who were acquainted

with the deceased, whose good quali-

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Dec. 21 .-

fatal accident occurred at the Wash-

ington County Railway coal dock in

The schooner Roger Drury was just

commencing to discharge coal, the big

buckets being hoisted by a donkey engine. Frank Mahar of Calais was

bucket, which was hoisted to a level of the wharf. Just then the hoisting

rope over the end of the drum was

caught in the cog wheels, which, in the twinkling of an eye, severed the

strands and sent the iron bucket, con-

taining a quarter of a ton of coal, fall-

ing through space.

Mahar was directly beneath it and

before any warning could reach him,

he was crushed beneath its weight.

Death was instaneous and his body was terribly mangled when extricated

sober, industrious man, about fifty-

ON MAN AT BORDER

ties were highly appreciated.

COAL BUCKET FALLS

Calais this afternoon.

day afternoon at 2.30.

DIED HERE YESTERDAY

home in Newbourgh, Ont., and Hon.

him that he would have shielded

. . I greatly fear

English voice. .

Report of Special Comby the Rev. Dr. Aked of New York during an interview with the New mittee Given to York Evening Mail. On seeing a partial transcript of the Evening Mail article, I wrote a brief protest to Dr. the Public Aked; and in reply received from him

"I had, as you know, if you have seen the whole interview, and not Almost Contemptuously Shatters Cook's the sorrow is seen. I agree with you in your estimates of your brother's Title

> Branded as Imposter--Danes Are Filled With Chagrin

Cook's New York Friends Drop Him--Made or Stole \$100,000

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21-The report of the special committee of scientists which the University of Copenhagen appointed to scrutinize Dr. Frederick A. Cook's claims that he had discovered the North Pole was submitted to the consistory of the university this morning, endorsed by that body and

given to the public. The report shatters completely, almost contemptuously, the Broklyn ex- ous." plorer's title to such discovery and fills reads and carefully analyzes the "Sonnets to Miranda," may posisbly for with chagrin at the figure Denmark is made to assume in the eyes of the scithose sonnets, written at white heat, ed as an impostor. Many cling to the his lectures. belief that Cook acted in good faith, T FOR REDUCED RATES

but harbored a delusion, Explorers and scientists almost nonesty, while one of his warmest supporters, Knud Rasmussen, helped to frame the report. The evening papers attack Cook and severely reproach him for hiding, which they regard as a sign of a guilty conscie

The rector of the University, Dr. questioned as to th the degree which it conferred on Dr. Cook, said that no decision had been reached, but he thought that the degree could be withdrawn in the same erick Borden will spend the holiday in way as a government could deprive Boston, and Hon. Dr. Pugsley will go person of an order obtained under

false pretenses. Commodore Gustav Helm, the Arctic explorer and a member of the committee, said:

"Cook's claim that he made the observation 89 degrees, 59 minutes, 46 econds near the Pole proved immediately that he was a bad observer, but nothing indicated that he was a swinder. Now his papers convict him of being a swindler. We examined Cook's observations first and agreed unanimously that they were worthless. It is Mr. Bradley added. not unlikely that Loose made the observations. He is a clever man, just University of Copenhagen some time the sort that Cook could use."

Professor Olufsen, secretary of the Danish Geographical Society, said: "It is the saddest event in my life. As an explorer there seems to be no doubt that Cook is absolutely unreliable."

The National Tidende, while deploring that the University conferred the degree in a moment of enthusiasm finds consolation in the fact that others honored Cook when he returned to

yesterday after only a week's illness. The news of the death of Miss Vassie civilization. "The President of his own country and its envoy at Copenhagen," says the paper, "were the guarantors for ceased, on account of social activities, him. Denmark did not blunder alone. Our country must now leave this sad affair to America and Cook."

RASMUSSEN INTERVIEWED.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21.-In an interview to-night Knud Rasmussen "The university would not call me

at first, because I was one of Dr. Cook's strongest supporters. Later, however, I was invited to the investigation and when I saw the observations, I realized it was a scandal. "My confidence in Cook had been based on personal impressions, on reports that I had received and also on I know that any verdict they reach the testimony of the Eskimos, when they all said that he had made the trip from Cape Sparbo to Etah and such a trip during the dark of winter would suffice to make a man famous. and my knowledge of the work in the But the papers which Cook sent to openhagen University are more imoudent, No schoolboy could make such calculations. It is a most childish attempt at cheating. Cook has killed

imself by his own foolish acts." Commodore Hovgaard, the explorer, said: "Although it has not been proved that Cook did not reach the Pole, 1 in one of the hatches and had filled a can only regard Cook now as an impos-

THUS THE CHAPTER ENDS.

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 21 .- Thus ends one of the most fascinating chapters in all the remance of exploration. Honored by the King of Denmark heralded by the University of Copenhagen, garlanded with wreaths of roses by young girls, accorded the freedom of the city of New York, and acclaimed by thousands for the length and breadth of the land as the bravest man who ever dared the silent horrors of the Arctic, Dr. Frederick A. Cook stands to-night discredited in the

IS NOW IN HIDING Nothing but disavowals from his par-tisens in the controversy that has, raged around him since the time that he first flashed word from Lerwick. in the Shetland Islands, to his wife: 'Successful, well, address Copen-

> Interest to-night turns to three ques-Where is the doctor? What will he have to say for himself? What will he do with himself? Charles Wake, a close friend and Dr. Cook's brother in Brooklyn, both say he is at Christiansand, Norway, with

hagen."

A friend who had opportunity to see a private letter from Dr. Cook to former Rector Torp of the University of Copenhagen says that the doctor then wrote that, in the event of an adverse lecision he would take no appeal to the other scientific tribunals of the world. In this country Commander Robert E. Peary has already been pronounced the discoverer of the North Pole by the National Geographic

Society, One of the party who made the trip with Dr. Cook to Hamilton, Mont .. where he had a dubious meeting with the guide Barrill, who denied that the loctor had ever completed the ascent f Mount McKinley, said to-night: "On the way back to the east, asked the doctor in so many words what he would do if the University of Copenhagen found against him.

"I haven't thought of that," answered the doctor. "But you must think of it," said the friend. "A situation of this importance must be considered from every

angle." "Well," answered the doctor, "If the Iniversity should find against me, I elieve I should go back among the Eskimos of southern Greenland and

Henry Wellington Wack, Dr. Cook's the officials and people of Denmark lawyer, and the friend who is the authority for the statement above were both asked to-night how much money entific world. The public was prepared they thought Dr. Cook had made from for a verdict of "not proven," but did the sale of his narrative to newspapers the sale of his narrative to newspapers not expect its recent hero to be brand- in this country and abroad and from

"More than \$100,000," said the friend. inanimously have lost faith in Cook's elect to spend the remainder of his Both agreed that should the doctor days in the retirement he has thus chosen, he need never want for comfort.

The Board of Aldermen who voted Dr. Cook the freedom of the city on his return to this country have now before them a resolution to withdraw possibility of the university cancelling their grant. The resolution was placed on file to-day before the clerk had finished reading its text.

> NEW YORK NOT SURPRISED. NEW YORK, Dec. 21-News that the University of Copenhagen had declined to accept Dr. Cook's claim that he had reached the North Pole came as no surprise to scientific circles here no surprise to scientific circles here and to many of his friends who had SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC been prepared for the result by early

rumors. "He has fooled us all from the King of Denmark down," was the exclamation of John R. Bradley, Dr. Cook's backer in his Arctic trip, when he was apprised of the news from Copenhagen. "And he fooled me with the rest." "I discounted this decision from the

ago," continued Mr. Bradley, "In common with the rest of the world I was delighted at the first news from Dr. Cook that he had discovered the Pole. Former Preacher in Trouble—Sh phuilding His actions, however, and his failure to make more than the meagre statements regarding his trip following his return to civilization took some of the smack off the supposed triumph. I began to weaken decidedly when Dr. Cook left us all without so much as a word of good-bye, when a man runs away you can't expect his friends to of the American Marine Hospital anthat's what it seemed to me to amount his affairs. Before that I never had pines have been inaugurated. had reason to doubt Cook and his explicitable to me.

side his brother knew the whereabouts was dumbfounded when informed of and St. Louis. the verdict reached by the University of Copenhagen. "This is such a severe Wesley McCrossan, formerly a Bapciate it," said Mr. Wake when he had partially recovered his composure. "I had every confidence in Dr. Cook and I believe him thoroughly. Yet, I am well acquainted with the authorities of the University of Copenhagen and

is just and true." Herbert L. Bridgman, secretary of the Peary Arctic Club, said: "From my personal knowledge of Dr. Cook Arctic, I never wavered in my belief that Dr. Cook could never prove the claims he made. I thoroughly believed in the story of Peary and the Esquimaux that Cook had not gone far north. Again, Dr. Cook's story was filled with holes so that any one had knowledge of Arctic could easily see that no faith could be placed in the story." Dr.Cook's claim that in 1906 he made

the ascent of Mt. Mckinley in Alaska, the highest peak in America, is now under investigation by a committee of the explorers' club here. Dr. Cook promised to appear before the com-mittee after he had completed his polar data, but he has not done so.

ENGLAND WAS WISE. LONDON, Dec. 21.-Dr. Cook's claim

never obtained support in England, and the tone of the morning newspapers is rather one of relief that the controversy is ended The Standard in an editorial expresses the opinion that as Dr. Cook failed to convince the authority he house of his friends. Not a word to ask for a further postponement of

WANT PRESENT SEVERE BLOW LAW CHANGED

nter-State Commerce | Balfour's Retirement Commission's Report

any serious dispute," adds the paper "that Peary first reached the pole." PARIS COMMENT. PARIS, Dec. 21.—The Paris newspapers have received the finding of the Copenhagen commission coldly, and WASHINGTON, Dec. 21-Vigorous are inclined to show caution in view of the possibility of Dr. Cook producing further evidence. The Figaro says that it is Cook's duty to bring out his

reserves without delay. CAPTAIN LOOSE'S PART. NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Conerning the part that Captain August W. Loose played in the decision as reached at Copenhagen to-day, the New York Times correspondent cables

The Chronicle banters the Copen-hagen authorities with first passing

sible for Dr. Cook to take refuge in

ent and then making an inquiry The Morning Post thinks that although the committee's decision is cautiously worded, it will scarcely be pos-

as follows:-"The commission considered that i would have been exceeding its functions if it had officially examined Captain August W. Loose's affidavit, pubcember 9. When, however, the official nished him by Loose, so far as Loose's observations appear in the article pubsend to the Congress. lished in the New York Times. This comparison established beyond doubt that Cook made some use of Loose's observations, which, it may be said in passing, were excellently done, but exactly how much use has not yet been

AMUDSEN SORROWFUL.

try to carry on there such a medical mission's crushing statement than mymission as Dr. Grenfell has made famcould feel more sorrow at the com Cook as a devoted friend and an honest man," said Captain Roald Amundsen to-day with much feeling. "The imto-day with much feeling. portant question now is whether he is a swindler or merely ignorant. I refer to believe that Dr. Cook himself was confident that he had arrived at the North Pole. This must have been a fixed idea with him. If he is a swindler, he must have changed his "More than \$80,000, said Mr. Wack. character in the past ten years."

> MAY BE IN NAPLES. NAPLES, Dec. 21 .- "It is the general belief that Dr. Frederick A. Cook is either here or passed through Naples quite recently under an assumed name. NO TRACE OF HIM.

> MARSEILLES, Dec. 21.—An exhausreveal any trace of Dr. Cook in Marseilles. GENOA, Dec. 21.-It is asserted that Dr. Cook recently spent some time in Genoa. The report, however, is him and a search to locate him to-day

RAGING IN AMOY

Monkswell, Lord Prominent Reformer

Plant Destroyed — Historian Mis.ed by Forged D.cumens.

AMOY, China, Dec. 22-The officials fight for him, and Cook's flight, for nounced the presence of a smallpox epidemic in Amoy. Quarantine regulato, killed all my interest in him and tions for the protection of the Philip-LONDON, Dec. 22-Lord Monkswell, whole course in this matter seems in- President of the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society, died to-Charles Wake, Dr. Cook's closest day. Lord Monkswell had been a frepersonal friend and every person be- quent visitor to America and was one of the British representatives at the of the explorers in the fast few weeks, international exhibitions of Chicago

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22-Charles tist preacher in Los Angeles, convicted two days ago of making false representations in the prospectus of a mining company of which he was president, has been sentenced to pay a fine of \$4,000 or to serve one year in jail. McCrossan said he would pay the

NEWBURG, N. Y., Dec. 22.-Fire this morning destroyed about one half of the large shipbuilding plant of the T. S. Marvel Company, a part of the plant including the engine and boiler house, the iron forming department, moulding room and saw mill were destroyed. The loss will aggregate about \$75,000. Several new boats in course of construction and a dozen under repairs were threatened, but were saved by the firemen.

VIENNA, Dec. 22.—The evidence presented at the trial of Dr. Friedjung, the histarian, charged with libelling several deputies of the Croation Diet and Hungarian parliament, tends to show that the defendant was misled by forged documents. Efforts have been made to arrange a settlement out of court, but Dr. Friedjung declined to accept the plaintiffs' conditions or withdraw his accusations. The case therefore will proceed before the jury.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The total iminigration into Canada from the 1st of april until the end of November was 150,256, as compared with 116,596 for the same period of last year, an increase of 29 per cent. The immigration via ocean ports was 78,268, an increase of 6 per cent. The immigration from himself had chosen, it would be absurd the United States was 71,938, an increase of 68 per cent,

CHANGES SOUGHT

his original statement that his records are in Greenland. "There is no longer of Railroads be Made

> ecommendations for changes in the present law regulating transportation companies are contained in the twentyhird annual report of the Inter-State Commerce Commission transmitted today to the Congress. Notwithstanding the recommenda-

tions made, however, the report, in this respect, is notable rather for what it does not, than for what it does, contain. Five of the suggestions made by the special committee selected by President Taft to draft changes in the existing inter-state commerce act are offered in the report. It is known lished in the New York Times on De- that the commission, as a body, favors the plans proposed by that comreport of the commission was forward- mittee; but, as a matter of courtesy, it part of the week. He continued to give ed to the University, members of the has refrained, in its report, from discommission took occasion to compare cussing the changes in advance of the was set back by his insistence against Cook's observations with those furspecial message on the subject which President Taft has indicated he will

The commission expresses its conviction that certain amendments to present law are necessary to enable it fully to accomplish the purposes of Congress. Briefly summarized, the proposed amendments are as follows: That a physical valuation be made of the inter-state railroads of the country. The commission points to the difficulty experienced in certain cases where its orders are attacked in court in meeting the testimony as to physical value offered by the carriers, and says that if its rates are to be defended, some method must be furnished by which a value can be established which shall be binding on the courts and the

commission. The commission again suggests that it be given power to prevent advances in rates or changes in regulations or practices to the disadvantage of the shipper, pending an investigation into the reasonableness of the proposed change. It is stated that where a rate has been in effect for years it is presumably reasonable and that there would be no hardship on the carrier in giving the commission authority to require continuance of the rate until opportunity had been afforded to investigate the pro exists, and the commission recommends the south of France, and then came to that this limitaton be stricken out of gret the loss of the budget." the law, so that it may establish a vague, as no one can be found who saw through route wherever upon investigation it is found that the public ne- flict over the use of the King's name.

action. A further recommendation is wanting no respect to the Crown, and the effect that in certain instances the shipper be permitted to direct the intermediate routing of his traffic. It further requested that the law be so amended as to give the commissionundoubted authority to enter a corrective order as the result of an investigation instituted by the commission

upon its own motion. The commission again calls to the importance of some form of federal control over railway capitalization and expresses the opinion that adequate legislation upon this subject is required by the interests involved. The annual reports to the commis sion from the carriers show that for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1908, the gross operating revenues of all railroads in the United States were \$2,461,521,345, and the operating income (derived by subtracting operating expenses and taxes) was \$656,418,321. For 1909 the operating revenue was \$2,-494,115,589 and the operating income \$742,987,191, indicating an increase for 1909 of \$32,594,244 in gross earnings and \$86,568,870 in net earnings. The average number of miles operated in 1908 was 228,164 and in 1909 233,002. The large in-

HARRISON FARM AT GONDOLA POINT SOLD

crease in net as compared with gross

earnings is accounted for by a reduc-

tion of operating expenses in 1909 be-

low those of 1908 of \$59,224,983.

Holder of Second Morigage Secures the Property at \$1300-Sold Under Order of Court.

HAMPTON, N. B., Dec. 22.-The Harrison farm at Gondola Point, at present in the possession of Miss Mary L. Harrison, containing seventy-five acres with residence and farm buildngs, was sold by auction this morning it the court house under a decretal order issued out of the supreme court, wherein Barnhill, Ewing and Sanford, trustees of the estate of the late Charles Lawton, were plaintiffs and Mary L. Harrison was defendant, to satisfy a mortgage of \$1,300 and costs, making a total claim of \$1,412.68. The sale was made subject to unpaid taxes and a second mortgage unsatisfied. The property was knocked down to Mr. H. L. Puddington, the purchaser, it is understood, being Mr. George Pettingell, the holder of the second mortgage. Mr. J. Roy Campbell, referee and Mr. J. Arthur Freeze were present at the sale and H. J. Fowler was auc-

Children Ory FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

From Fight

UNDER DOCTOR'S CARE

Asks That Physical Valuation | Refuses to Allow Him to Leave ris Koom for Some Time

> LONDON, Dec. 21-The whole Unonist cause rests in so especial a way upon Balfour that something like consternation spread through the Unionist clubs last night when the news came through that Balfour had been forbidden by his doctors to go an hour's journey from his house, Whittingehame, to make a short speech at Edinburgh.

Miss Balfour, who devotes her life to her bachelor brother, has been inundated at Whittingehame today with messages of inquiry. Every one, following the opinion of medical men, expected when Balfour left London last Friday week that ten days' rest would banish the pulmonary catarrh, which had kept him to his bed for the best his nearest friends some anxiety and the doctors' wishes on going to the Commons on the fateful day when Asquith moved his anti-Lords resolution. But now the doctors and Miss Balfour together have him better in hand, and decline to allow any public speeches

till after the new year. Unionists refuse to contemplate the confusion and dismay that would result should Balfour fail to lead the campaign next month, If Asquith fell behind, at least five men, including Grey, Lloyd-George, and could take his place at the front of the fight, but now that Chamberlain is disabled, Balfour stands alone as the possible Unionist leader. However, today reports from Whittingehame encourage the belief that with extreme care Balfour may throw off the attack as he has done previously, and be ready for the platform the second week in January, if not the first. One who is in a position to know

says the King greatly resents the use being made of his name in the present conflict Particularly offensive is the reported incident at the Newcastle meeting yesterday, when Arthur Kenderson, chairman of the Labor party, with a strange disregard of the elementary fact of the British constitution, said: "This is a grave business Let me read the King's speech pro-The commission's authority to tablish a joint rate and through route is limited to cases where no such route ing. This showed that some one besides the Liberal and Labor men re-Sir Edward Grev and the Duke of Northumberland also got into the conessity and convenience require such The Duke accused the minister of not having a proper sense of decency, saying something which none of his-Grey's-forefathers would have said. Grey's reply is as follows: "The Crown is recognized in its perfectly well understood position at the head of our constitution of which it is

an integral part. When any reference is made to the constitutional position of the Crown it is made without referattention of Congress the increasing ence to the person or personality of the King himself. I made my reference impersonally in the way it done, but the Duke of Northumberland has thought it fitting to constitute himself champion of the King's personality. That is certainly most, unusual and undesirable, much more wanting in respect and decency than anything I said. I suggest to the Duke that he and his party have quite enough to do in challenging the rights of the Commons without raising any question about what has been the constitutional practice acted on by the Crown and recognized by the people for at least two hundred years-a hereditary principle which, as far as monarchy is concerned, holds our respect and affection-but that is no rea son why a hereditary principle in the House of Lords should have a hold upon the affections of the people.'

LCBLANG CAPTURED AFTER LONG FREEDOM

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 22 .- A subscription has been taken up about the city for the widow of the late Robert J. Whelan, who was crushed to death n the Intercolonial wreck at Nash's Creek. The sum of \$119.70 was realized ,a portion being devoted to paying off a small balance on the dead driver's property. The only insurance left by Whelan was \$250 from the railway, which went to his mother. Evading the police for five months, Ben Leblanc was finally captured this morning at three o'clock, while he slept at the home of his father on Cross street. For the past five months the police have been looking for Leblanc, he having escaped from Dorchester jail by means of breaking the bars of a window. He with his brother was awaiting trial for theft of forty dollars from Fred, Bourque of Shedias Road. He was arrested August 20th and was committed for tria and had been in Dorchester jail three days when he made his escape.

THEME WITH VARIATIONS.

Mary has a little lamb, Its fleece is white and curly, She bought it when, some weeks ago, She did her shopping early.

Mother-"Johnny, if you don't behave I shall spank you." Johnny-"Er-don't you think it rould be more womanly to use indirect influence?"

LEOPOLD IN HADES; SATAN ABDICATI

Rev. Hazen Conklin Preach Startling Sermon at Pawtucket

PAWTUCKET, R.I., Dec. 21.-I claring that King Leopold of Belgi out-Sataned Satan while on earth a probably has caused an insurrecti in Hades itself on arriving in the regions, the Rev. Hazen Conklin, tor of the First Congregational Chur of North Attleboro, Mass., preached sermon here this afternoon on the vertised subject, "Who in H- is L

man who has been justly held be responsible for the death of 10,000 of his subjects in the Congo must ha stirred the jealousy of the evil himself," declared the minister. sonally I doubt the existence of a such as some evangelical minist would describe, but granting its exi ence, he must have been a very welcome visitor to those regions. "One of the greatest financiers world ever knew, King Leopold foug death as he had fought the world, a died friendless and alone. Once d he probably swindled Charon out of

gained a credulous following in Ave nus, merged the ferry routes acre the Styx and obtained concessio amounting to a monopoly of the co "The devil himself would have take a rear seat in the presence such a power for evil as King Le

fare, defied Mephisto on his thron

from the life of the late King. **NEW PORTUGESE**

The pastor then drew a moral lesso

All of the New Ministers Selected Are Progressionists

LISBON, Dec. 22.-The formation of a new cabinet was announced to-day. It is composed as follows:-President-Beirao; Minister of Justice-Montegre: Minister of the Interior-Diacosta: Minister of Finance-Branco; Minister of Foreign Affairs-A. E. Villaca: Min ister of War-Mathias Nunes; Minister of Marine-Azevdo Coutinno; Minister of Public Works-Moreira. new ministers are prog sists. The Cortes will reassemble on January 2, but immediately adjourn for two months, to permit the government time for the preparation for a programme of reforms including amendments to the constitution and the improvement of the electoral sys-

SARDINIAN IN FROM LONDON AND HAVRE

Brings Only Twelve Passengers

LARGE GENERAL CARGO

Lake Michigan Sails for London and Antwerp-20 Passengers

The Allan liner Sardinian, from Liverpool and Havre via Halifax, docked at Sand Point last evening. The Sardinian brought only twelve passengers, four being second class and the remainder steerage. The majority of the passengers which the Sardinian brought were landed at Halifax. The steamer brought a large general cargo. The trip out from London was made in good time and fairly good weather was encountered. The Lake Michigan of the C. P. P. Line sailed at 8 a. m. yesterday for Halifax, London and Antwerp. She took twenty passengers from this port and will pick up about a hundred in Halifax. The Michigan had a large cargo, including 504 head of cattle. The steamer Bertha, of the Cuban Line, sailed vesterday for Havana with a cargo of lumber, potatoes, hay, and other New Brunswick produce. The Donaldson liner Parthenia, with passengers and general cargo, from Glasgow, is due here this morning. The next sailing from this port will be the Allan liner Tunisian, which leaves for Liverpool on Friday, In addition to a heavy general cargo the steamer will carry thirty saloon, one hundred and fifty third-class passen-

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years of age.