Prospecting Association, and deter-
l to test the ground. Several of
number went up with boring rods to
n fair samples of the wash dirt. Sev-
amples were obtained, and the re-
was most curious. Very poor returns
obtained from all the places except
which was very rich in gold. But
tuff from this one place was liable to
uspicion that it had been "salted."
hen the gold particles were examined
ugh the microscope it was found that
were filings off an English sovereign.
they were filings was unquestionable
their form, as no gold could possibly
r in nature of the same shape. That
were from an English sovereign was
clear, because they had precisely the
alloy of copper as an English sover-
The Australian sovereigns are alloy-
ith silver. How the swindle has been
etrated is as yet a mystery, but it is
e hoped that it will be discovered and
perpetrator severely punished.

LATE CANADIAN NEWS.

QUEBEC.

t is now pretty well decided that there
be no winter carnival at Montreal
year.

he petition to unseat Dr. Fiset, mem-
of the Commons for Rimouski, has
n dismissed.

. Valtier's furniture factory, Quebec,
h contents, was destroyed; loss between
,000 and $100,000; no insurance.

he C. P. Ry., will build immense
bles at Montreal to accomodate four
ndred horses, owing to the large export
ranche horses shortly expected.

eo. Olds was examined by the rail-
d commission at Montreal and denied
t the Canadian Pacific had given differ-
ial rates to the Ogilvies or any others.

Dr. Devlin, son of the late Bernard
vlin, M.P., has been appointed succes-
of the late Dr. Howard as Govern-
nt inspector of Longue Pointe asylum.

In the court of appeal Hon. Mr. Gar-
an, member of the Mercier Ministry,
s muleted in $350 for having slandered
-Lieutenant-Governor Robitaille in the
e local elections.

Melvin Smith, a well-known man about
wn, Montreal, was arrested on a *capias*
ued at the instance of his wife claiming
0,000 capital sum and $5,000 alimony
arded by the courts in their famous
vorce case some years ago. He has not
id a cent and as she heard he was selling
s property preparatory to going to the
tates she had him arrested.

An elopement case of a rather singular
aracter has just been settled. H. G.
m, aged 20, whose father keeps a hotel
Ottawa, passed through Montreal to
ke up his residence in New York, but
s friends were very much surprised
hen he suddenly turned up at a Mon-
eal hotel at the beginning of the week.
now turns out that the young man had
on the affections of a Mrs. Barker, of
ew York, and she eloped with him, put-
ng about $1,000 in his hands. But
fter obtaining possession of the money
e left her. She immediately put the
atter in the hands of a detective agency,
ith the result that he was found and a
eeting arranged with the lady, when a
ettlement was arrived at. The youth
hen went home and the lady west.

MANITOBA.

W. R. Plummer was killed at Meadow
ea, by the accidental discharge of a gun.

Winnett's furniture store on Main
treet, Winnipeg, was destroyed by fire to
he extent of $1,500.

Van Seadt, a forger, of Bnte City,
Montana, was arrested at Gretna. He
will be extradited.

Rushbrook, a Moose Mountain settler,
has not been heard from for some time
and it is believed he has been lost on the
prairie.

NOVA SCOTIA.

In Shelburne, Lauric (Tory) and Rob-
ertson (Liberal) and in Yarmouth, Cros-
bett (Tory) and Levitt (Liberal) have
been nominated.

Clinton Crawford and Thomas Gutro
were ordered at Halifax to come out of a
slope where they were working, but re-
fused, and a few minutes later were
crushed to death by a great piece of frozen
clay.

Miss Armstrong, of Inverness, went to
a well a few days ago to lower some milk
when she fell into the water and though
she managed to drag herself out she was
found dead shortly afterwards from ex-
haustion.

Application for an extension of time for
commencing the trial of the election pe-
tition against Hon. A. G. Jones, Liberal
M. P., was dismissed on the ground that
the petitioner had allowed three months
to elapse without making any effort to
proceed with the trial.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The petition against Temple, member
for York, has been dismissed.

ASTONISHING REVELATIONS.

The Montreal Police in League to Rob and Murder.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—Constable Plant was arrested yesterday as an accomplice in the detective cases. Two additional charges were laid against Detective Nagle. Evidence has been obtained pointing to the prisoners having perpetrated the robbery of $2,500 from a Grand Trunk paymaster eight years ago and suspicion rests against them for the mysterious disappearance of L. C. Ross, the wholesale clothier, who has not been since the 17th of last month, when he was in a house frequented by one of the prisoners. At the time Ross had nearly $1,000 in his possession. Detective Flynn of the Grand Trunk says that most astonishing revelations are yet to be brought out and that it will be proven that Montreal has been in the hands of a coterie of criminals who were in league with members of the police and even higher officials in the robbery of $15,000 worth of diamonds from Melvin Smith's house, the abduction of his child and even cases of murder are laid at the door of the arrested detectives.

ANNEXATION.

A Member of Parliament Advocates Annexation to the United States.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 15.—John V. Ellis, M. P., (Grit) has published an editorial in his paper, the *Globe*, strongly advocating annexation. He says: "There is one simple way by which the whole trouble over the fisheries between Great Britain and the United States can be settled. We invite Mr. Chamberlain's attention to it, as being simpler than reciprocity, restricted and unrestricted, than commercial union, than anything else that can be proposed and it is the political union of Canada and the United States. The people will then have one common interest, and Great Britain will be strengthened where she is now weak. She would be strengthened on the continent by the fact that 5,000,000 loyal Canadians would become citizens of the United States, and these on all questions would give preference to the mother country but their own, as Canadians do to-day. Events are crowding each other so rapidly in Canada that it is only a question of time when the people of Canada will be asked to settle the question of annexation at the polls."

That Edmund Yates telegraphs to the New York *Tribune* that the Pope is showing his affection for Ireland and the Irish people by ordering the jubilee pontificial robes to be made of white poplin of Dublin manufacture.

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OUR CABLE LETTER.

Result of Recent Developments of the Fair Trade Controversy—Practically Three Sections.

Report of the Home Rule Union Declares that the Irish are not Separatists.

Serious Complications Feared Through the Imprisonment of Lord Mayor Sullivan.

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LONDON, Dec. 24.—One result of the recent developments of the Fair Trade controversy is that the truce which was patched up last season among the "fiscal reformers" is in danger of coming to an end. There are practically three sections of the party, the out and out protectionists, and they are sometimes irreverently known as the "Sheffield gang", who advocate an effective duty all round as the only possible method of war. Trade theories of establishing a state of things which would last for twelve months; the next is the party which advocates "small duty on corn" and which used to look to Mr. Chaplin as its leader, and lastly, the very weak-kneed section which favors a tentative duty on manufactures, but shirks from "taxing the food of the people" in any way. The last named section have never commanded either the confidence or respect of the other two and while they might assent to vague resolutions on the subject of Fair Trade they were always suspected of being ready in obedience to any kind of a party pressure to fall back into the ranks of the free traders. What is of

MORE IMPORTANCE,

however, is the obvious split which has now taken place among the "small duty on corn" people who, till recently, were very much the most numerous and influential of the three sections. A considerable number of these people have grown doubtful as to the efficiency of their own remedies, and shrink from consenting at present to anything more drastic, while others have gone over to the "out and out" protectionists. The effect of all this, in view of the leading protectionist idea, is that the active Fair Trade party in the House of Commons will be less numerous next session than they were in the last, but much more united. It is important to note that this split among the protectionists marks the line of cleavage in the ministerial party generally. The "out and out" men are, as a body, luke-warm supporters of the Unionist alliance and of Mr. Goschen, the Unionist Chancellor of the Exchequer. They include several aspirants to office and a number of men who are in favor of settling the Irish question on a "democratic basis." They will certainly not be deterred from prosecuting their "fad" next session by any of the considerations suggested by Lord Hartington at a recent Unionist conference regarding Ireland; in fact a collision between them and the

IRISH NATIONALISTS

from the fact that no leader of the Irish people has ever advocated, or even so much as mentioned, any foreign policy for Ireland. It has therefore caused some surprise that, whenever the baseless epithet "separatists" has been flung at the liberals, no leader of the liberal party has called attention to this very eloquent fact: If there is even a secret desire for separation Irishmen could not keep their thoughts or their tongues from giving expression to that policy, which would be by far the most important in its consequences.—But the subject of the Irish foreign policy which, if separation was thought of, would transcend all other matters in interest, is never referred to. It has just leaked out that the Tory government have had men to carefully peruse the back files of the Chicago newspapers and newspapers of other parts of the world, and that they have searched in vain for any programme of a foreign policy for Ireland on the lines of separation, or even an allusion to a foreign policy for Ireland in any of the numerous speeches made by any Irishmen or Irish "Americans" during the past several years. It would seem almost impossible to have stronger evidence than the desire of the Irish people to have control of their domestic affairs.

SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS.

The imprisonment of the lord mayor of Dublin may and probably will lead to serious complications. As a first class misdemeanant Mr. Sullivan is allowed to receive visitors daily. Arrangements for his treatment were made by a prison committee of the Dublin corporation of which the lord mayor is chief. Mr. Sullivan has the right, if he chooses to use it, to visit every person in jail, by virtue of his office of lord mayor, and any attempt to prevent his doing so is held to be illegal and will be made a question at law; but that is not the only complication arising out of the imprisonment of the chief magistrate of the Irish capital. His year of office expires on the first day of January, when, in accordance with ancient custom, he hands over his chain and other insignia of office to his successor. Mr. Sullivan will still be in prison on the 2nd of January, when the investment of Mr. T. Sexton, M. P., with the insignia of his office will take place. The out-going lord mayor cannot go to the city hall and therefore cannot formally give up his office. The suggestion made to meet the difficulty is that the corporation shall accompany the new mayor to Tullamore prison and there in Mr. Sullivan's cell go through the inaugural ceremony. In that case all the trades, temperance and friendly secret societies, with banners and bands, will form the mayoral procession and conduct Mr. Sexton to the prison with such a magnitude of demonstration as Dublin has seldom witnessed. It is of course open to Balfour to proclaim the procession and to prevent the corporation from visiting the prison for the transaction of business. The result is awaited with the keenest interest.

MR. GLADSTONE

is in very good health, but his voice is not at all in a condition to enable him to speak in public, hence he has been persuaded by some of his friends, who think that the result will be beneficial, to take a few week's rest in a milder climate before the meeting of parliament; and he will leave Hawarden next week for Venice, to be absent fully one month. On the opening of the session his presence will be urgently needed and he himself is most anxious to be able to be there in his place. It is known that the government proposes to occupy a considerable portion of the working time of the session with rules of procedure. No plans are yet definitely made by the Liberals, but it is understood that Mr. Gladstone concurs in the opinion that a contemptuous denial, and indefinite postponement of the Irish claims in regard to local self-government, must be brought to the attention of Parliament at the earliest possible opportunity.

The movements of the Russian troops on the Russian frontier, in spite of all pacific assurances from St. Petersburg, still continue to cause a good deal of

UNEASINESS ON THE CONTINENT.

Several correspondents who profess to have accurate information declare that the concentration is too small for war and too large for peace, but Russian military movements are always mysterious. There is no army list in Russia and no certain means of ascertaining either the strength of corps or expenses incurred by the government for military matters. A government bureau is an advantage when it wishes to conceal its military schemes from foreign powers and in the case of Russia it is never possible for outsiders to know whether the movements of troop are inspired by political motives or whether they are the beginnings of construction intended ultimately for war, as is well known that Russia is compelled, owing to her wide extent to, commence her military preparations and concentration of troops on the frontier sometime before an actual declaration of war. Before the last Russian-Turkish war the order for mobilizing the six army corps was given in Nov. 1876, and all winter was occupied with the mobilizations, so that war might be declared in the following spring. What Austrian and German states are now asking themselves is whether the present movement may not also be a portend of a declaration of

WAR IN THE COMING SPRING.

The concentration which is taking place threatens Austria's weakest point. Competent military authorities have declared their opinion that in the event of war between Austria and Russia, Austria has no means at her disposal to prevent Galacia from being immediately overrun by Russian troops. It is computed that Russia can bring three times as strong a force to bear upon Eastern Galacia as Austria-Hungary can muster to oppose it. The Austrian troops have no railway connection with the west and south, where as the Russians have several lines capable of reinforcing their troops from South Russia. It is hardly surprising that the Vienna papers are clamoring for counter precautions on the Austrian side of the frontier, but their demands come rather late as the season is too far advanced to permit the building of railroad lines in time for a spring campaign, even if rigorous weather did not interfere with such work. The precautions at present being taken by Austria indicate that her military chiefs are hopeless of holding their frontier posts, and will rely on concentrating their whole available force at a point where the lines of communication with the Austrian capital may be kept open without the employment of a very large force and there wait an attack from the Russians.

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have been raised so often during the last year that they have ceased to be seriously regarded, but the sudden military activity of Russia, following upon the known estrangement between Russia and the Galicia, as no sane government would select the winter season to begin military operation in a country where the zeal or clemency of the weather has proved more fatal to troops than the cannons and bayonets of the enemy. The fears of the English people have not been quieted by the premier's statement and they would like to know a little more clearly how far Lord Salisbury has committed them to the alliance of the Central powers.

LIBEL CASE.

James Kennedy Mulcted in $1 and Costs for Libelling Woods, Turner & Gamble.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

The case of Woods, Turner & Gamble *vs.* James Kennedy, for libel contained in a letter printed by the defendant in the *Columbian* newspaper, was heard before a special jury to-day, James Leamy being foreman. The jury returned a verdict of $1 damages with costs.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MARKET.

A Most Substantial Display of Christmas Meats.

Van Volkenburgh Bros. do not pride themselves upon an artistic effort, but rather endeavor to make as substantial a showing as possible. During the past year their business has greatly increased, and although called upon to feed the hungry as far north as Sitka, yet they manage to accomplish the task and still have choice cuts over for the beef-consumers of Victoria. Some magnificent beef had been got in readiness for yesterday's display, but the Ancon came along and it was shipped to Alaska. However, as there was never a better meat supply than that of this year, other animals were killed, and the spacious British Columbia Market made the substantial exhibit that its genial manager so much likes to look upon. There were sides and quarters of prime beef by the dozen, gally dressed mutton by the hundred, with large and diminutive porkers grinning from their places. Turkeys there were without number, and the humbler but equally prized goose and chicken were also conspicuous. The display was such as one as makes the heart of the hungry man glad and his temperament cheerful, and it is a truism that this satisfactory state of things is never readier secured than by means of a good dinner. And while there was such an abundance of good things, it is also a pleasure to know that in our population there are few who are without the means of providing themselves with enough and to spare. The display at the B. C. Market had hosts of admirers last night of the thousands who were on the streets, and it was evident from the satisfaction depicted on the faces of Mr. Ben. Van Volkenburgh and his numerous customers that they were equally gratified with the exhibit.

PERSONAL.

U. Nelson, T. Harper, W. G. Walker and W. L. Cusack, have returned from the mainland.

Louis Redon and wife will leave for southern California to-day week where they will stay until March.

D. Wilson, inspector of schools, went over to New Westminster this morning, where he will eat his Christmas dinner.

D. Chisholm, M. P., accompanied Dr. Montague and his friends to this city. He received the congratulations of many friends on his hale and hearty appearance.

Hon. J. H. Pope, Minister of Railways and Canals, tumbled down stairs a few days ago at Ottawa and has been laid up ever since. His physician consider his condition serious.

AMERICAN NEWS.

A Passenger Train Thrown from the Track—One Person Killed and Several Injured.

Dunn & Co.'s Weekly Report—An Ex-Saloon Man Charged With the Murder of a Woman.

The Situation in Western Kansas Improved—Twenty Cars of Coal Sent to the Relief.

Dunn & Co's Weekly Report.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—R. G. Dunn & Co.'s weekly circular reports business throughout the country as active for the season and generally fairly satisfactory. An uncertainty, however, affects important branches of production and the industrial outlook does not improve. Currency is generally in good supply. Speculation has been less active and a general level of prices, though higher than a week ago, is most speculative markets, the only one being cotton, which advances. Before the last Russian-Turkish war the order for mobilizing the six army corps was given in Nov. 1876, and all winter was occupied with the mobilizations, so that war might be declared in the following spring. What Austrian and German states are now asking themselves is whether the present movement may not also be a portend of a declaration of

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CABLE NEWS.

Alleged Home Rule Proposal Denied—Lord Churchill in St. Petersburg—Steamer on Fire.

Prayer for the Crown Prince's Recovery—Consultation with the Czar—A Generous Donation.

John L. Sullivan's Letter to the London "Sportsman" in Answer to Richard K. Fox.

John L.'s Reply to Richard K. Fox.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The *Sportsman* to-day published the following letter from John L. Sullivan, toned down by the use of stars to escape a possible suit for libel: "Edinburgh, Dec. 22.—I noticed in several papers in this section an alleged cable offer from Richard K. Fox, in which he agrees to match Jake Kilrain to fight me in orthodox style, and to wager $10,000 to $7,000 on the result. I now wish to ascertain if this offer is a genuine one, or if it was cooked up by him who is in London representing [illegible] his * * trophies. I have no desire to pose before the public as an advertising sandwich. Consequently that 'Foxy' gentleman cannot induce me to lend myself to his * * by allowing them to hold our money and turn legitimate prize-fighting into a ticket-peddling snap. My desire is to fight Kilrain. I whipped him once and can do it again, and well they know it. You now hold £500 of Henry Phillips' money which goes on the following proposition: 'that we fight next April on the conditions that Mr. Fox takes $10,000 to $7,000, either dollars or pounds, or if the * * wishes the match six months off and demands that the dog collar be thrown in as a chrono for the winner then the stakes must be doubled to $20,000 to $14,000 as a fair remuneration for the use of my name, because by that time the belt must become the absolute property of the winner. As I feel quite sure of getting it I have instructed Harry Phillips to consider the offer of it as a prize for a boot-blacking contest to occur in New York one month after the fight with Mitchell is over. All that is necessary to insure the match is for Mr. Fox to authorize his representative * * * in London to cover the £500.

Yours truly,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN."

M. Wilson's Investigation.

M. Daniel Wilson again appeared before the investigation committee to-day and was examined with reference to the newly discovered decoration scandal at length. His testimony was not made public, but as a result of his examination three men named Dalbeniac, Rattard and Rouhaudat were arrested on a charge of having attempted to obtain the decoration of the Legion of Honor through M. Wilson's influence. It is quite evident through this circumstance that the idea of probing M. Wilson's connection with the scandals to the bottom has not been altogether abandoned. The entire fire service was called out and after six hours' work succeeded in confining the flames to the compartment in which the fire started. The vessel is now nearly flooded with water and the fire is under control.

Prayers for the Crown Prince's Recovery.

COLOGNE, Dec. 23.—Five thousand persons marched in a procession to the shrine of the Virgin at Aix La Chappelle to-day and offered prayers for the recovery of the Crown Prince of Prussia.

Consultation with the Czar.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.—The commanders of the military districts of Warsaw, Odessa, Valna, Kiff and Charkoff, have been summoned to Gatschina to hold a consultation with the Czar.

A Generous German Singer.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—Herr Sotz, the German tenor, has devoted the money he has earned during his engagements in America to the erection of a Lutheran church at Abenberg.

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An Excursion Train Rolls Down An Embankment.

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Minneapolis, head cut; A. Hellenstein,
Chicago, right foot lacerated; Mrs. Frank
Haine, Dubuque, arm bruised and hip
injured; Danl. Vollick, Lesuire, Minn.,
bruised back and head; F. W. Young,
Chicago, leg broken; Alex. Forbes, Nova
Scotia, head cut; A. F. Froad, Freeport,
head cut and left leg sprained; G. F.
Andrews, St. Paul, right hand mashed;
Mrs. M. Conway, Winnipeg, wife of a
well-known auctioneer, and but recently
married, head bruised and left arm broken;
J. A. Cunningham, Lordsburg, Dak.,
bruised in the chest and body and head
cut; Mrs. L. A. McIntyre, Winnipeg, hip
and shoulder bruised; Thos. Atkinson,
Williams City, Dak., bruised shoulder and
neck; Eugene Fisher, Mouse River, Dak.,
body cut with broken glass and hip dislo-
cated; Sam Flood, Chicago, rib broken
and internal injuries. The loss to the
railroad company will aggregate $150,000,
as the rolling stock is all new. In the
afternoon the passengers, including those
injured who could be moved, were sent
to Chicago on a special train.

NANAIMO NOTES.

(Free Press.)

On Thursday a Chinaman in the employ of the Vancouver Coal company was engaged in cleaning the hoisting engine at the No. 1 Esplanade shaft and had his hand and arm severely smashed. It appears that he got his hand between the bed plate and connecting rod, and it was smashed to a pulp.

The three youths, Lawless, Freak and Burns, were tried on Tuesday by the Cowichan magistrate for taking a hand-car from one of the section houses of the E. & N. railway, running it along the line for some distance and then tumbling it over an embankment. The magistrate sentenced Freak and Burns to three months' imprisonment and Lawless was discharged. They will serve out their sentence in the Nanaimo jail.

Mr. Nightingale and his staff of assistants are now engaged in placing the screw in position so as to enable the boring of Nicol rock to be proceeded with. It is expected that the drills will be placed in operation about the beginning of the New Year.

The marriage of Mr. W. Hunter, B. A., teacher of the Nanaimo public schools, and Miss Laura Gordon, eldest daughter of D. W. Gordon, Esq., M. P. for Vancouver District, is announced to take place to-day at the residence of the bride's parents.

John Hale, a miner working in the No. 5 shaft of the Wellington mine, accidently broke his arm by a fall in that mine on Thursday.

MARINE.

Capt. Worth, formerly of the Umatilla, has taken command of the American tug Mastick.

Steamer Umatilla is on the way from San Francisco for this port. She should arrive Monday morning.

Steamer Mexico arrived from the Sound at 9 o'clock last night and will leave for San Francisco to-day at 1 o'clock p. m.

British ship Lindisfarne was reported from San Francisco on Tuesday as having been chartered to load coal at Nanaimo.

Ship Hagarstown, 1,808 tons, built at Richmond, Me., in 1874, has been sold at New York to be cut down as a coal barge, for $26,000.

AMERICAN NEWS.

A Ghastly Discovery in a Deserted House—Three Bodies Found in the Basement.

Heavy Bullion Shipment from Australia Exceeds Half a Million—A Miner Killed.

Shot by His Wife—A State Penitentiary Burned—Ryan Knocked Out.

A Ghastly Discovery.

WICHITA, Kas., Dec. 24.—A ghastly discovery recalling the deeds of the notorious Bender family has been made on a ranch nine miles from Oak City in "No Man's Land Ranch," which had been occupied by a family named Kelly. Nothing was known against them, and when they suddenly left a while ago the fact caused comment. A few days ago a [illegible] opened to ex[illegible] and [illegible] plied an[illegible]

fluence [illegible] this the King then replied, "[illegible] pledges required of us are each and severally acceded to." The reform legislators do not propose to submit to Kalakaua's interference, and they held a meeting at which it was resolved to request the King to abstain from interfering in legislation. The outcome of the difficulty is awaited here with much interest.

Shot Her Husband.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Wm. McCaulley was shot by his wife this afternoon and died in a few minutes. He left his house at Arthington place to reside with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jas. Martin, and his wife, being enraged at this action on his part, hunted him and committed the fatal deed. McCaulley was a bookkeeper and is about 40 years old.

DANIEL MANNING DEAD.

Message of Condolence from President Cleveland.

Expressions of Deep Regret by Citizens—Flags on all Public Buildings Displayed at Half-Mast.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Daniel Manning, ex-Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, died at 1:40 p. m. to-day, at the residence of his son, James H. Manning, where, for a week, he has been lying in a condition it was well known could end only in death. Mr. Manning was born in Albany, N. Y., August 16th, 1831.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The first intelligence of the death of ex-Secretary Manning was received here this afternoon by the United Press, and was at once telephoned to the President's mansion and the treasury department. The news, although expected hourly, was received with sorrow by the President and his cabinet and every body in the administration circles. The sad news throws a shadow over the Christmas festivities both at the President's house and in the cabinet households. A few minute before 2 o'clock p. m. the following message was received: "Albany, N. Y., Dec. 24.—To Col. Lamont: Mr. Manning died at 1:34 o'clock p. m. (Signed) W. H. Johnson." A few minutes later the President sent the following message of condolence: "Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C., Dec. 24, 1887.—To Mrs. Daniel Manning, Albany, N. Y.: Though in this hour of unutterable grief your sorrow is too sacred to be shared and too deep to be reached by earthly comfort, I express to you my sincere and tender sympathy, saddened by my own affection at the loss of a true and trusted friend and a loyal associate, who but lately stood at my side in the discharge with patriotic zeal of a solemn public duty." Signed, "Grover Cleveland."

Later in the afternoon the President issued the following: "Executive Mansion, Washington, Dec. 24.—To all departments: The president directs that the flags on the public buildings in the city of Washington, be placed at half-mast as a mark of respect to the memory of Daniel Manning, late secretary of the treasury, by direction" of the President. Signed, Daniel L. Lamont, Private Secretary." This was followed by an order from Secretary Fairchild, which reads: "Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., December 24th, 1887.—The Hon. Daniel Manning, late Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, died to-day at Albany, New York. Mr. Manning was a true patriot and a firm friend, and he has rendered his country great service by a wise management of this department. He was honored by all of our people and especially endeared to all who were associated with either in his public or private life. As a mark of respect to his memory it is ordered that the treasury department buildings, at the capitol be draped in mourning for ten days and that it be closed on the day of the funeral and that on that day the national flag be displayed at half-mast on all the public buildings under the Treasury department throughout the United States." Signed, "Charles A. Fairchild, Secretary of the Treasury."

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The news of the death of ex-Secretary Manning was re-
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Christmas was [illegible] mas with all its joys and sorrows. For although generally considered a bright and merry day yet it has its dark side. It is essentially the children's day. It is they who thoroughly enjoy it. Who does not remember the time when they believed in that wonderful old man Santa Claus? Was the Christmas then not merrier than it is now? We think it was. Christmas is a day of reunion, when relatives and friends, perhaps separated for months, meet once again. This is a bright view; now for a dark one. What day is there when memories crowd so upon us as Christmas,—memories of departed friends; memories of dear ones once here, now gone forever; memories of a last Christmas spent with them, a Christmas that will never come again, and reproachful thoughts come to us, thoughts of how much kinder we might have been to those we have lost, how much happier we might have made their lives, and although these thoughts come too late to be of use to them, still they are not altogether useless, for they make us have a better feeling for all, and enable us to exclaim: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men!" Now is the time when the long treasured coins are taken from the money box; and even the mean man opens his heart, and also something more to the purpose—his purse. And the New Year, too, will soon be here. What a number of good resolutions will be made! and what a number of new leaves will be turned over! But alas! the good resolutions will soon be broken, and the new leaves blotted and soiled, and even the strange feeling of seeing 1888 printed on everything instead of 1887 will, in time wear away, and we will go on in the same old way, and commence to think of and plan for another Christmas and another New Year. We fear that the final examinations of the High School this term have not been all that the Superintendent could desire; but Mr. Pope will, no doubt, take into consideration the shortness of the term and also the many breaks and interruptions that have occurred. Great interest is, of course, taken in the result of these final examinations, and all are anxious to know who have passed from the Junior to the Senior Division, and also who is the head pupil. We congratulate all who are leaving the Junior Division, and to those who remain we would say, "Don't cry now, and work hard next term!" Some pupils of the Senior Division will very likely not return to school after the holidays. To these we extend our best wishes for their future, and hope that in parting from our school companions we give to the world youths who will make good men and women. May the good old school days ever remain bright and fresh in their memories. May they always remember the teachers and old friends, and also the many and various things learned within these walls.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our school-mates and teachers, and to all the ladies and gentlemen present to-day.

The engineers who have been making a preliminary survey for an inter-oceanic railway from Vera Cruz to Acapulco, report that practicable routes of not very heavy grades have been found.

HOLIDAY DISPLAYS.

Mr. John Parker's and Mr. Roberi Porter's Butcher Shops Make a Good Showing.

The holiday season this year seems to have been an inducement to all shopkeepers to brighten up their stock in order to show what they are capable of selling. The leading butchers of this city have vied with one another in this respect and a finer display of meats was never seen before.

Mr. John Parker, the long-established caterer to almost innumerable customers, is the owner of not less than three shops, one on Fort, one on Yates and the other on Johnson streets. All made almost creditable showing, for on the side hooks hang huge sides of beef of the best quality, bunch grass and stall fed. Mutton graces the top hooks, turkeys of all sizes can be seen hanging about, and a large black bear graces the door, the observed of all hungry mortals. The decorations are simply gorgeous and the artistic work on the saddles of mutton speaks volumes for the designers. Mr. Parker has a large business to attend to, and his success in making such an excellent showing is highly commendable.

Robert Porter, of the Island market, is also a prominent dealer and has this season, excelled any past efforts. His object is to always please his customers and he has done so, far beyond his most sanguine expectations. The decorations in his market are certainly second to none in the city and the beef he has on exhibition speaks well for his judgment in the matter of selection. Mr. Porter, who is assisted by his sons, never fails to make his presence felt in the community in a way which will have a lasting effect and his genial countenance welcomes people to the shop which is a model of perfection. The cuts of meat he has, show that he is an adept in his business and his artistic merits are also well defined in the arrangement of the smaller meats. Many people visited the shop last night and on the evening previous and many complimentary remarks were made.

ABOUT SOME WORDS.

Throne meant simply a stool. Cowper should be pronounced Coo-per, and not Cowper. Hypocrite means simply an actor, one who clothes himself with other people's personality. Tile and detective are from the same Aryan root, one through the Teutonic languages, the other through the Latin. Temple and anatomy have a common origin; so have timber and domestic; and symposium and poison. Ought we to say coo-cumber, cow-cumber, or kow-cumber? We suppose there is little doubt but that it should be pronounced Q-cumber. Do we shut the door to or too? If we mean the adverbial sense of close we might use too, as Dickens did, but it really means, "shut the door to something," and is a preposition. It is better, however, to use neither, and this rule holds in nearly all doubtful cases.—*Boston Journal of Education.*

R. Hall returned from Vancouver last night.

[illegible] may be made more clear that they were not so anxious to obtain decorations as the president's son-in-law was to influence their insurance for a consideration.

Important Dynamite Revelations.

Extremely important and absolutely fresh "dynamite revelations" are promised by the police next week. In the search for evidence against Millen and Melville the police have discovered, or they claim to have done so at least, that these presumed dynamiters have been known in London under several *alias* other than those mentioned in the warrants for their arrest. The discovery has led to the springing of a number of clues, which the police claim will result in the apprehension of persons hitherto unsuspected. Officers are scouring the vicinity of King's bridge, as well as Glasgow and other countries, in the hopes of bagging Millen, Melville and their accomplices.

Alleged Home Rule Proposal Denied.

Lord Salisbury flatly denies the assertion of Mr. Justin McCarthy concerning the alleged home rule proposal which the Tory government attempted to bring forward through Lord Carnarvon, who was charged with duly making overtures in their behalf to the Parnellite leaders. Salisbury declares neither he nor any other responsible member of the government ever authorized proposals, and he further asserts that they would have received no countenance from the government had they become a subject for serious discussion among the Nationalist leaders.

Lord Churchill in St. Petersburg.

The visit of Lord Churchill to St. Petersburg continues to confound political sages and others who are usually in a position to obtain information from inspired sources, and many of the latter persons express views on the subject diametrically opposed to those of their fellows. It is morally certain, however, he has gone on his own hook and that nothing he may say or do will receive sanction here.

Maintains His Former Remarks.

Mr. Justin McCarthy writes to the *Daily News* regarding Salisbury's denial of his (McCarthy's) statements at Hull concerning the tory home Rule proposal, maintaining the accuracy of his remarks. Mr. McCarthy declares he had often before quoted Lord Carnarvon's words in reference to the proposal, and that his lordship had never disclaimed them.

Hanlan Will Challenge Subear.

A dispatch from Sydney, New South Wales, says that the date fixed for rowing the race between Hanlan and Trickett is May 3rd. Hanlan has decide to challenge Subear to two matches, to be rowed in England in September for $500 a side each.

Life Guards to be Increased.

The government has decided to increase the strength of the life guards by two regiments, drawing from the dragoons for that purpose.

Charged with Being a Spy.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—A German travelling through France as a peddler was arrested at Bethune to day, charged with being a spy. The man has already been imprisoned and expelled from France under the same charge.

The Steamer Peconic on Fire.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—The British steamer Peconic, from Norfolk, Virginia, took fire at this port to-day. Flames were discovered early this morning among 600 bales of cotton which were stored in the after-hold. The entire fire service was called out and after six hours' work succeeded in confining the flames to the compartment in which the fire started. The vessel is now nearly flooded with water and the fire is under control.

Prayers for the Crown Prince's Recovery.

COLOGNE, Dec. 23.—Five thousand persons marched in a procession to the shrine of the Virgin at Aix La Chappelle to-day and offered prayers for the recovery of the Crown Prince of Prussia.

Consultation with the Czar.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.—The commanders of the military districts of Warsaw, Odessa, Valna, Kiff and Charkoff, have been summoned to Gatschina to hold a consultation with the Czar.

A Generous German Singer.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—Herr Sotz, the German tenor, has devoted the money he has earned during his engagements in America to the erection of a Lutheran church at Abenberg.

Lost at Sea.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Positive confirmation of the loss of the American clipper ship Alfred Watts, which sailed from this port on Oct. 8th for Hiogo, Japan, was received yesterday by the maritime exchanges. The vessel capsized when ten days out and all on board were lost except two of the crew, Henry Magnus and Oscar Lind who were picked up by the British bark Lizzie Perry on Oct. 20th. These men say the vessel capsized during a terrific hurricane after being dismasted and water logged. The vessel carried a crew of twenty-eight and one passenger, A. B. Oakford, son of W. H. Oakford, a hatter of this city. The vessel was laden with petroleum and valued at $75,000.

Transfer of Valuable Property.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The transfer of the Wilbur F. Storey estate, comprising the Chicago *Times* plant and building and private mansion, also the West Snowden Syndicate, will take place to-morrow. The legal papers were signed this afternoon by West & Snowden, and other parties concerned, and Judge Tuley is expected to enter an order to-morrow morning for the receiver of the estate to transfer it to the new proprietors.

Three Men Horribly Burned.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Dec. 20.—The molten iron broke through the booch of Neshannock furnace in this city, about 2:30 this afternoon, and coming in contact with water surrounding it, created a terrible explosion. James Killeen, Jas. Lawler and John Cunningham were caught by the molten metal and horribly burned. Killeen will probably die. All the woodwork in the vicinity was burned and about thirty tons of metal form a solid mass.

Secretary Manning's Condition.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Hon. Daniel Manning's condition