The Steamer Abydos Lost and 22 Persons Drowned.

ord Randolph Churchill's Condition Growing Worse.

The Question of Priests Riding Bicycles the Subject of Vatioan Investigation.

Twenty-Two Lives Lost. LONDON, Dec. 26 .- The owners of the small British steamer Abydos learn that she was lost off Porterin in the gaic. Twenty-two persons were drowned.

Cycling Clergymen. LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Daily News' correspondent in Rome says the Pope has nominated a committee to examine the question of priests riding bicycles and the nygienic and moral aspects of the practice. A section of the bishops oppose bicycling because the riders are unable to wear their clerical gowns.

Serious Trouble Caused by a Bull. CAIRO, Dec. 26.-Nubar Pasha, President of the Council of Ministers, was chased by a bull on his farm at Choubrah two days ago. In his flight he fell down an embankment and injured his back so severely that his doctors say he must recline in a chair or on a couch for two months. His family urge him to resign his office and take a long rest.

India and Ireland Compared.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26.—The Indian National Congress opened in Madras today. Alfred Webbe, M.P., member for West Waterford, was elected president. He compared the situation and destinies of India with those of Ireland. He commended the Indian Government, but sharply criticised the country's extravagant military establishment as entirely beyond the limits of

The Pope and the Blue Jackets.

Rome, Dec. 26 .- The Pope received the officers of the United States cruiser Detroit at the Vatican this morning. Commander Newell, in a brief address, thanked his Holiness for granting an audience to himself and his fellow-officers. No American visiting Europe, he said, thought his visit the Pope. The Pope replied, saying he was towards midnight. A high wind prevailed always particular to receive citizens of the great Republic.

Lord Churchill Worse.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The condition of Lord Randolph Churchill was much worse this morning. He is a great deal weaker than he was yesterday and relapses into prolonged periods of coma.

Another consultation of physicians was held at midnight. The patient's condition alternates between coma and partial con-

Dr. Keith, one of Lord Randolph's physicians, said tonight: "His weakness ncreases slowly, and the case is absotely hopeless. A sad feature of his lness is that every effort on behalf of e patient merely prolongs such agony as is now able to feel. The end is merely matter of time. He may linger a month, at this is highly improbable."

The Chelford Disaster.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Government inhiry into the railway disaster near Chelord opened today with Prof. Bryce, president of the Board of Trade, in attendance. Stationmaster Hyde, who supervised the handling of the freight cars at the switch where the accident occurred, testified that he was shunting a freight train just before the Chelford express was due to pass the side track. The last car got detached while he was near the front of the train. He saw it move swiftly toward the main line, but he could not reach it. He waved his lantern vigorously to stop the express, but without effect.

The engineer in the second locomotive said he saw the red lantern, but it was too late to reduce speed, as the train was running 50 miles an hour. The engineer and fireman of the first locomotive were unable to attend the inquiry, and it was adjourned to await their recovery.

THE MIDDLEMARCH TRAGEDY.

Friends of Welter and Hendershott Take a Christmas Dinner to Them.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 26 .- The inquest into the cause of the death of William Henry Hendershott will be resumed tomorrow at the Grange Hall, Middlemarch, at 10 a.m. Provincial Detective Murray returned from Toronto today to work on the case. Two loads of the friends of the prisoners

Welter and Hendershott drove in to see them yesterday and brought them a Christmas dinner. They were not allowed in, but the dinner was taken in and given to the prisoners.

Patrick Fitzpatrick, the man upon whose life John Hendershott, charged with murder, attempted to place an insurance for his (Hendershott's) benefit, was taken charge of by the police today. He has been drink ing so much that he is a veritable wreck. Owing to his uncleanliness the police did not put him in the cells, but kept him outside till the arrival of the magistrate, when he was sent to jail.

OTTAWA'S CARNIVAL

Will Proceed in Spite of the Governor-General's Request to Postpone It.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26 .- At a largely attended meeting of the executive of the carnival tonight a letter was read from Lord Aberdeen, asking its postponement for a week owing to the death of Sir John Thompson. There were only two, Gen. Herbert and Lieut.-Col. Anderson-of the Maritime members who favored the postponement. A resolution was passed thanking his Excellency for the interest he had taken in

the carnival. It was, however, decided to

ANOTHER RUINED LIFE.

A Trusted Clerk of a New York Bank \$30,000 Short.

NEW YORK, Dec 26. - President W. W. Saerman, of the nounces that the defalcation by sierk, Edwi

\$30,000. Carter has been in the bank 25 years, beginning as messenger boy, and being promoted from time to time till he reached his present position. Among his other duties he was required to receive and pay coupons and maturing or called bonds. On the discovery of the discrepancy he accounted for it by claiming that he paid in error that amount of bonds before their maturity. When asked to produce the bonds he was unable to do so, and admitted his guilt. He claims to have used

the money in his living expenses. He has been placed under arrest. The bank has a capital of \$5,000,000 and surplus and undivided profits of \$3,500,-000, but the defalcation is none the less distressing, as Carter had the confidence of all who came in contact with him, and he has a wife and two children.

WINTER IN EARNEST.

The Arctic Wave Has Reached St. Paul, Minn.

While Boreas and "The Beautiful' Seem to Hold Sway Throughout the Country.

Sr. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 26 .- The first Arctic wave of the winter came down on St. Paul this evening. The range of temperature over the Northwest was from zero at St. Paul to 26° below at Qu'Appelle, Canada. The balometer at the latter point has reached the high level of 31.26°. Signal Service Officer Lyons reports that temperatures ranging from 20° to nearly 40° below zero will be registered over the Northwest tomorrow morning. No

moderation is expected before Friday. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 26.-The first snow of the winter began to fall here this afternoon, and in a few minutes a smallsized blizzard had developed. Reports from all sections of the State show that the storm was general, and for the first time thir winter the country is covered with snow.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 26.-A heavy snow storm set in at 4 this afternoon, and at 10:30 o'clock about 30 inches of snow had failen, with the storm still raging. CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 26 .- Reports to the Tribune show that a heavy snow is falling throughout southern Ohio and Indiana, all of Kentucky and West Virginia. In the mountain sections of the last two States there is great rejoicing, as it will probably cause a big rise in the rivers,

thus letting out the immense log rafts that have been accumulating for months. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 26.—Snow began had seen his Holiness falling in this city tonight, but abated and the thermometer fell to 20 degrees and the household effects were damaged to above zero. Reports from Illinois, Iowa, the extent of \$1,000. Wisconsin and Michigan say that snow falls

prevail in those States. NEW YORK, Dec. 26 .- A snow storm which visited this city tonight was heavy enough to make the first sleighing of the season, and at 8 o'clock the jingle of sleigh

bells could be heard in Central Park. The observer at Sandy Hook reports that the Majestic passed in at 5:20 p.m. The wind at that hour was blowing 60 miles an hour, and a blinding snow storm had set in and the sea was running very high. It was impossible to see 100 yards ahead through the snow storm.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 26 .- The first snow of the season was extraordinary heavy, and sleighs were running through out the city by nightfall. Late at night the wind subsided and the snow fall was succeeded by a heavy rain storm.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—The first snow of the season fell here today, cover-

QUEBEC, Dec. 26.-The thermometer registered ten below zero here today, the lowest of the season.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

Wednesday, the day after Christmas, was generally observed as a holiday in

Seventeen hatches, such as are used on cean steamers, have been found on the Donegal coast since the gale. A Bay City (Mich.) dispatch says: Rev. Joseph H. St. John and wife have made

up and are going to live together again. The Emperor William has sent 8,000 marks to the persons made homeless by he earthquake in Sicily and Southern

Frederick Rice, aged 16, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Thomas Rice, Fowlerville, Mich., committed suicide on Tuesday by shooting.

Reason unknown. As Burlington, Vt., on Wednesday, W. H. H. Whiteman, of Winooski, shot and killed himself after murdering his wife and attempting the lives of their two children. In Fulton, the lower part of Richmond, Va., five persons were disfigured for life by the explosion of gunpowder on Christmas Day, which they were using in firing a toy

The will of Napoleon Bonaparte Gale was probated on Wednesday at Laconia, N. H. Among the legacies is one of \$100,000 to the city for hospital, library

and park purposes. Secretary Herbert denies the truth of the report that Andrew Carnegie had demanded restitution of the fine he had paid the United States for plugged armor, and had threatened suit if his demand was not com-

Dwight Miner, who was the principal owner of the Miners' Bank at Dunkirk, N. Y., ten years ago, who left suddenly in 1886, a defaulter in the sum of \$200,000, returned Wednesday and surrendered himself to the sheriff.

The revolutionary and anti-Semetic newspapers in France are starting a Jew baiting campaign in view of Dreyfus' Semetic origin. Le Libre Parole predicts that the Jews, by presuming to consider themselves the equals of Frenchmen and competing with them, are preparing the most fearful disaster that ever marked the history of the race.

-The old saying that "When the days begin to lengthen the cold begins to strengthen" is pretty well verified this

A Fatal Attack.

A fatal attack of croup is a frequent cocurrence among children. Every houseank of Commerce, anbank has discovered a
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Extract? You use it for some purposes,
your neighbor for others, and both are
equally delighted with the results. Why

Dealt With in Scathing Terms by Counsel.

The Street Railway Methods Severely Censured.

Charges of Corruption Asked for Against a Number of Citizens.

Toronto, Dec. 26 .- The municipal investigation was resumed this morning before County Judge MacDougall. The morning was occupied in unimportant arguments between counsel representing ex-Ald. Hall and ex-Ald. Maloney regarding the evidence of the former touching the conduct of the latter.

STRONG LANGUAGE. This afternoon Mr. Nesbitt and Mr. Grier summed up. The central feature of the pleadings, both of Mr. Nesbitt and of Mr. Grier was the strong words of condemnation of the street railway methods of dealing with aldermen. Mr. Nesbitt expressed his belief not only that Mr. Everett had conspired to debauch, but he was associated with corruption throughout

and was a commercial leper. Scarcely less outspoken was Mr. Grier's denunciation of Mr. Grace, the secretarytreasurer of the company, who in various transactions, as he claimed, was shown to have had a perfect understanding with Coleman, the briber, and the general agent of the company in shady transactions.

UNDER A CLOUD. A finding of corruption is asked against Messrs. J. Bailey, J. Gowanlock and E. Hewitt, members of the council of 1894; in addition to Ald. Stewart, adjudged guilty already; against Wm. Hall, J. E. Verral, John Maloney and Charles Small, members of the council of 1893; against W. A. Bell, of the city clerk's office, and J. C. Grace, secretary-treasurer of the Toronto railway. Hewitt and Coleman have fled the country, and will probably never return.

DEATH-DEALING OIL.

A Babe and a Little Girl Fatally Burned in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 26 .- Mrs. Cohn spilled some oil on the floor and over her clothing while filling a lamp in her home last evening. Attempting to light the lamp, the wasted oil was ignited, and the woman was severely burned. Her 9. months-old child was burned to death,

By the explosion of a lamp in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aberhorn last evening a flood of burning oil was scattered over little Lena Aberhorn, and she is said to be fatally burned. Her father was painfully injured in trying to extinguish the flames.

SETTLED THE SUIT

By Marrying the Woman Who Sued Him.

TORONTO, Dec. 26 .- Rather than diminish his bank account to the extent of \$5,000, Francis Prott, the septuagenarian proprietor of the Dufferin Hotel on Bloor street west, has married Mrs. Matie Seraphim Beilbecker, who recently brought suit for the above amount for Mr. Prott's apparent breach of his faithful promise to

A WIFE'S SORROWS.

ing the ground to the depth of an inch or arrived in Canada to Find Her Husband Had Proved False.

TORONTO, Dec. 26 .- A Mrs. Sinclair arrived from Scotland vesterday, expecting to join her husband, who has been working as a stonecutter for some time in Toronto. On reaching the house where her husband had been boarding, and from which place he had kept up a correspondence with his wife in Scotland, she learned that he had been married about two mouths ago to another woman and had left. A photograph of her husband and his new wife was shown to the forsaken one from Scotland. Mrs. Sinclair is iriendless in the city, and was at the city hall this morning seeking ad-

A QUESTION OF VERACITY

Involved in the International Dispute Regarding Seized Nets.

CTTAWA, Dec. 26 .- In regard to the disagreement over the fishing nets seized some weeks ago in Lake Erie by the Petrel, the dispute has taken an international turn, and Commander Wakeham's report has been forwarded to the British authorities. It is understood that his report fully establishes Canada's contention that the seizure was made in Canadian territory, between mated that 2,000 families are depending Point Pelce and Kelly Island. The for assistance upon the one inadequate owners of the nets, however, claim that the nets were seized in an entirely different place from that sworn to by the Canadian officer. Thus it is not likely that any boundary dispute will come up, but will rather turn on a question of fact.

Death of Father Rooney. TORONTO, Dec. 27 .- Rev. Father Rooney. vicar-general of the Diocese of Toronto

and rector of St. Mary's Church, died this morning at 1 o'clock, after a lingering illness, aged 71 years.

Wants a Divorce.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 26 .- Mrs. Bushy, daughter of the late Hon. Isaac Burpee, has commenced proceedings for absolute divorce from her husband, Wm. L. Bushy, for alleged adultery and non-support. Mr. Bushy will fight the case. He is living in New York.

Execution of His Own Will. NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 26 .- James Simpson, of the firm of Simpson, Crawford & Simpson, died at 6 o'clock this evening at his residence on West Seventy-third street. He had been ailing for some time. He was the senior member of the firm. On Saturday night, when on his death bed, he gave to each of the employes who had been employed by the firm for ten years the sum of \$100, and those in its employ for fifteen years \$200. It is said that in this way Mr. Simpson paid out at least \$20,000.

Fearful Force of the Waves. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26 .- Some de-

The waves lashed the rock with such fury that pieces weighing as much as 167 pounds were rent from its sides and hurled into the air, a distance of 1391 feet, shattering thirteen panes of glass about the lens and falling upon the wooden structures beneath, caving in the root. The damage amounted to \$1,200.

WITHOUT FOOD OR M EDICINE.

Terrible Condition of the People at Point Esquimaux.

Twenty-Five Families Left Without Sustenance-Diphtheria Epidemic and No Medicine to be Had.

QUEBEC, Dec. 25 .- News was received here today from Point E quimaux to the effect that through the loss of the three schooners there some time ago, 25 families have been left without bread. Diphtheria has broken out among the in-

habitants of the north shore. The inhabitants are devoid of all medical belp, and diseases have spread freely through the population, especially since 1891, when the dreaded disease, la grippe, made such ravages on the north shore. Dr. Tremblay, who was the resident medical officer of the Labrador region, had to leave the place on account of his salary having been reduced considerably.

An Attempted Murder at Glen Rae-Sudden Death at Belleville.

The Bell Telephone Company has presented the Quebec fire brigade with \$50 as

Christmas gift. The withdrawals from the Postoffice Savings Bank exceeded the deposits during the month of November by over \$30,000. Samuel Gilmour, an old and respected citizon of Georgetown, and for many years an employe of the corporation, dropped

dead on the street Christmas morning. The remains of the Lieut.-Col. Skinner, which were taken to Hamilton from Woodstock, were buried on Wednesday in Hamilton Cometery. He had a military funeral.

Jack S. Crothers, who was for many years in the confectionery business in Belleville, fell dead in his house. He was 46 years old and leaves a wife and family. A 4-year-old son of John Culver, King burned about the body and legs on Nednesday by the prostring of store never so much value. Wednesday by the upsetting of a stove in his parents' house, but will likely re-

A special meeting of the St. Thomas Board of Health was held Monday afternoon to consider the question of relieving Dr. McCrimmon, now in quarantine at the Isolation Hospital. It was decided, providing no other cases break out, to release Dr. McCrimmon on the night of Dec. 31,

As Mr. Wm. Ellis, of Glen Rae, foreman in the mill there, was returning to his home Christmas eve, just as he was about to enter his own door, some person concealed fired at him, the charge riddling the side of the house, and some of it passing through his coat. Footprints on the heavy frost indicate that the person firing was in his stocking feet.

IN LABOR'S FIELD.

Suffering Among Cloak-Makers in New York.

An English Leader's Conception of a Trades Union.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 26 -In a con versation this morning David Holmes, the English labor leader, said his conception of a trades union is an organized body with a very strong fund at its back. He considers strikes in the nature of wars, that should not be engaged in until absolute refusal to talk of the matter in dispute is received. "I regard it as a woeful thing to allow members of a union to leave their work when they have not funds to support them a great while," he said. "In England," he says, "the children are brought up to know the advantages of paying to their trades and supporting each other in times

of dispute. NEW YORK, Dec. 26 .- As winter pro gresses the suffering among the distressed cloakmakers increases. The busy fall season having already passed away with the benefit to neither the strikers nor manufacturers, no other prospect than continued misery is presented to the former for the next few months. It is esticloakmakers' relief depot.

ROCKVILLE, Conn., Dec. 26.—Belding Bros. & Co.'s silk mills, employing 500 hands, will begin running on full time next week. The mills have been running on short time for nearly a year. HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 26. - The labor troubles here have grown more pronounced today, and it seems tonight as though a general strike affecting every department

Sensible Jubilee Celebration.

of shoemaking is inevitable.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 26 .- It is 50 years since the Denison Manufacturing Company was founded, and it has just celebrated the anniversary by distributing among its employes a fund on the basis of \$5 for each year's service. Some of the employes received \$150 apiece as a Christmas present. The whole amount distributed, by the company was about \$33,000.

Steamship Arrivals.

Dec. 26. At From
Majestic... New York... Liverpool
Eibe... Southampton. New York
Circassia... New York... Glasgow
Moravia... Hamburg... New York

Though not without a bottle of Pond's Extract in the house since you can remember, have you ever read the book which surrounds each bottle, and the list of dis-orders on the wrapper, and noted how many ailments from which you may have suffered or have attempted to cure with other remedies you might just as well have cured with your ever-ready bottle of Pond's

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COLD WEATHER SNAPS

WEEK. THIS FOR

Men's Extra Heavy All-Wool Shirts and Drawers, con sidered good value at 60c, for 39c.

Men's Heavy Ribbed All-Wool Hose, former price 18c, now 12 1-2c. Heavy Ribbed Top Shirts, in dark gray only, with laced

front, only 32c. Men's Heavy All-Wool Cardigan Jackets, worth \$2, for

Women's Extra Heavy All-Wool Hose, worth double the money, 20c.

Extra Heavy 28-Inch Gray Flannels, only 12 1-2c yard. Full Seven Pound Pure Wool White Blankets, \$3 pair,

worth \$4 85. Heavy All-Wool Canadian Tweeds, cut free of charge, 37 1/2c, 54-Inch All-Wool Mantle Cloths, reduced from \$1 25 to 50c, cut free of charge.

44-Inch All-Wool Cheviot Dress Suitings, reduced from 65c to 35c yard.

Extra Heavy Scotch Wool Shawls, reduced from \$5 50 to \$3 Extra Heavy Ribbed Undervests, reduced from 78c to 50c. Large Size All-Wool Knitted Shoulder Shawls, 30c.

Men's Lined Kid Gloves, worth \$1 25, for 71c.

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