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A VILLAINOUS TRAFFIC.

THE MORAL DEATH TRAP SET FOR HUNGARIAN GIRLS.

Her Majesty's Ministers Snubbed—The Czar as Pawnbroker—Davitt in a New Role—Sympathy For Bismarck.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The action of the vice-consul at Marseilles, who recently sent back to their homes eight girls who were being exported for immoral purposes, has led to a startling discovery at Buda Pesth. It has been ascertained that a regular traffic in Hungarian maidens has long been in existence, with headquarters at Buda Pesth, and has grown to large proportions. Some of these unfortunates have been decoyed to Brazil, as in the case of those who were intercepted at Marseilles last week, but most of them have been sent to Egypt to disorderly houses at Cairo and Alexandria or become slaves in the harems of Egyptian beys and pashas.

The Austrian imperial government gained some knowledge of this infamous traffic a few months ago, and issued an order prohibiting the exportation of women to Egypt unless each was accompanied by a male relative and legal guardian. Since this order has been in force the agents have adopted new tactics. They now engage their victims to go to America for domestic service, assuring them that they will find good homes and situations, with the chance of marrying well and becoming American ladies. Tickets for the passage to America are shown to the girls and small amounts of money are given to them with which to purchase outfits. They leave Buda Pesth in charge of the agents, but as soon as they get beyond the Austro-Hungarian frontiers the route of the journey is changed and they are shipped to Egypt. These revelations have caused a sensation at Buda Pesth and several men and women have been arrested.

Her Majesty's Ministers Snubbed.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Sir Vernon Harcourt, home secretary, appears to be much annoyed at the act of the coporation of London in offering a reward of £5000 for the capture and conviction of the dynamiters without first consulting the ministry on the subject, and considers that her majesty's government has been incontinently snubbed by the mayor and aldermen. The mayor replies with the proverbial independence of a London freeman.

Davitt in a New Role.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Some of the political proposals advanced in Michael Davitt's book, Lectures to a Solitary Audience, are causing bitter discussion. The book itself, which is nominally claimed to be a memoir of Davitt's recent jail life, has turned out to be a great literary success, but its politics, however, bids fair to set the radical and moderate factions of the home rule party by the ears.

The Czar as a Pawnbroker.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—It is stated that after January 1, 1885, the Russian imperial government will monopolize the business of pawnbroking and will establish monts de piete in all the cities and towns where they shall be found necessary, to be conducted upon the system now practiced in Austria. The government will not seek to make a profit out of the business.

Sympathy for Bismarck.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—The North German Gazette states that Bismarck is receiving telegrams from every part of the German empire, expressing the painful impression produced by the attitude of the reichstag towards him. The telegrams express profound veneration for and absolute confidence in the chancellor.

Wolseley's Weary Way

CAIRO, Dec. 20.—Gen. Wolseley will begin his march from Korti through the desert upon Shendy Jan. 7. The distance from Korti to Shently is 200 miles, and Gen. Wolseley calculates the march will occupy sixteen days, unless he meets with opposition from the enemy on the route.

A Cornwallite Sentenced.

DUBLIN, Dec. 20.—The third trial of James Ellis French, director of the detective department of the royal Irish constabulary for scandalous offences in connection with the Cornwall case resulted in conviction. He was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

In the Nick of Time.

MILAN, Dec. 20.—Garvasini, 18 years of age, was arrested yesterday while in the act of placing a bomb under the police station. He confessed he had been instructed to fire the fuse with a cigar, but refused to disclose his associates.

The Ultimatum of France.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—A despatch from Shanghai to the National says the French minister has been ordered to inform China that any further negotiations are useless. The dispute must be now settled by the sword.

An Odor of Corruption From Cologne.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—There is a deficit of 200,000 marks in the government treasury at Cologne. Count Von Bauman, retired secretary of the treasury, has been arrested in connection therewith.

Suakim's Slender Garrison.

CAIRO, Dec. 20.—Major Chermside reports that out of a garrison at Suakim of 1200 marines and sailors there are only 100 effective men. Fresh troops will be sent to Suakim.

CABLE NOTES.

Several socialists were arrested at Vienna Saturday.

The Russian naval commissioner recommends the reorganization of the naval staff by a large increase of officers.

Prime Minister Ferry approves the conduct of Governor Thomson of Cochin China in forcing King Morodom of Cambodia to sign a treaty.

England, Germany, Holland and Italy are now in accord upon the proposition to neutralize the territory of the African international association.

The Japanese government has remitted the indemnity of $400,000 payable by Corea in consequence of an attack on the Japanese legation at Seoul in 1882.

A fire broke out in the Windsor railway station Saturday, but was soon extinguished. Among the debris were found the remains of an infernal machine.

A large number of foreign workmen were expelled from the departments of Bouches, Rhone and Alpes maritimes, in France, on pretence that they are anarchists.

A WILL AND A WAIT.

A Last Testament Which Caused Much Sorrow to the Expectant Heirs.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A remarkable case of eccentricity in will making is just reported from Bradford, and rivals, in real life, Eugene Sue's dramatic story of The Wandering Jew. John Taylor died in Bradford in 1860, leaving considerable wealth and a will directing that all his property should be so administered as to accumulate for twenty five years. The only charges that were to be paid were the cost of maintaining and investing the property, and of discharging certain mortgage bonds as they become due. At the end of twenty-five years the property was to be divided among certain heirs named in the will or among such of them as should then be living. In case none of the heirs should then be living the share of each one as apportioned in the will was to be paid to his or her natural heirs.

The beneficiaries named in the will were all relatives of Mr. Taylor and were all poor. They vainly sought to set aside the will and they vainly appealed time and again to the executors for some relief out of the shares which were eventually to come to them. The executors rigidly adhered to the terms of the will, and some of the heirs, although prospective millionaires, became reduced to great poverty and want. Several of them died in poor houses. Only eight now survive to share the property, which is to be divided among them early next year, and which amounts to no less than $20,000,000.

A Courthouse Ransacked.

TRAVERSE, Dak., Dec. 20.—This morning an armed mob of 100 men from the southern part of the county attacked the courthouse in this place, the county seat of Roberts county, and removed the county safe, destroying an immense amount of property. The mob carried off all the private property they could find. The sheriff attempted to resist the mob, but was immediately covered with a dozen rifles. Traverse men not wishing to see blood shed made no resistance.

A spy just arrived from Wilmot says a conference of 150 men was being held in Mann's office at Wilmot. The chairman, standing on the top of the stolen safe, said the combination had been telegraphed for, and that if it was not received by Sunday morning the safe would be blown open, and he asked the question "What shall we do if the books are not in the safe?" A motion was made and carried amid cheers and howls to go to Traverse and sack and burn every building and hang every man found.

On receipt of this news, the Traverse officers ordered the women and children to leave the town. The order is being rapidly obeyed. The mob is not expected to reach here much before dark. The buildings are being barricaded and there are runners out all over the county for arms and men.

The trouble arose out of a dispute as to whether Traverse or Wilmot shall be the county seat. Wilmot had the majority on a popular vote, but some ballot boxes were discovered to have been stuffed in its interest, and the court decided in favor of Traverse.

Fire in a Church Without a Panic.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A fire broke out during the services at Christ protestant episcopal church this morning. The organist noticed smoke coming from the floor below and quietly left the loft followed by the choir. The pastor requested the congregation to depart quietly, stating the church was on fire. The occupants left without confusion. Building damaged $4000.

Killed at Sunday Work.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—This morning 300 feet of the iron framework of a large hotel in course of erection directly west of the main exposition building fell with a terrible crash. A number of men were working on the structure. Frank Green (colored) of Nashville was instantly killed. Albert Freeze, Michigan, was fatally, and James Carroll, Chicago, badly injured internally.

Life in Tennessee.

CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 20.—At Chatata last night a crowd of drunken roughs attempted to break up a school entertainment. A pitched battle ensued. Three men were shot, ten were stabbed and a great number were badly beaten.

Riddled With Bullets.

RATVILLE, La., Dec. 20.—Jas. Peoples, the wealthiest planter in this part, was waylaid last night by Joseph and William Ellington and shot to death, being literally riddled with bullets, for the alleged betrayal of their sister, aged 16.

Died of Fright.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A fire broke out in a tenament house on Division street today. Mrs. Mary Moss, who was very ill, was dragged out by her mother, and died of fright and exhaustion.

A Well Killed Man.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 20.—James Nelson, who murdered Eugene Sherwood Tuesday in Frontier county, was taken out by regulators Thursday night, his throat cut, shot and his body hung up to freeze.

Could not Live Without Her.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—This afternoon Policeman Mackowski, being informed his wife, who was ill, could not recover, went out and killed himself. His wife expired a few minutes later.

Sunday at the Exposition.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—Moderate attendance at the exposition to-day. Divine service was held in the music hall, followed by a sacred concert this afternoon by the Mexican band.

A Dance of Death.

ATHENS, Tex., Dec. 21.—At a dance last night a desperado named Gracey was killed, and John Browning, a farmer, was seriously wounded.

SPORTING NOTES.

Hanlan, Clifford, Beach and Laycock are reported doing gentle exercise on the Parramatta river at Melbourne. Laycock is in splendid health, but it is not believed that he cares to have a shy at either Beach or Clifford.

In the billiard tournament at Chicago Saturday night Cotton, in the 94th inning, made a single run of 933, and in the next inning completed 3000 points and won. McLaughlin's score was 2307.

Buy your Christmas and New Year's Millinery at the Bon Marche.

THE DEAD LIST SWELLING

TWENTY-TWO BODIES RECOVERED AT THE BROOKLYN FIRE.

As Many More Orphans Missing—The Number of Inmates—Information Refused to the Press—Notes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Like the Brooklyn theatre fire the Brooklyn catholic orphan asylum fire grows in horrors with the hours. Up till 1.30 o'clock to-day seven more bodies of the "missing" children had been digged from the ruins, also the body of a man, making eighteen all told up to the time stated.

The remains of Sister Mary Josephine were viewed by Coroner Hosse and jury and the inquest adjourned until such time as shall be fixed to hold an investigation upon all the bodies. The body of the sister was buried this afternoon in St. Mary's cemetery at Flushing. The corpse was followed to the grave by the mother superior of St. John's home, by several sisters and by some relatives.

Accounts differ as to the number of children in the infirmary at the time of the disaster. The mother superior insists there were but twenty, while another claims that the infirmary had thirty-five inmates.

Vice-President Shanahan of the orphan's society said the books showed 724 children in the home, and of this number we have accounted for 663, which leave sixty-one missing. All the sisters are accounted for and escaped uninjured except the unfortunate sister, Mary Josephine; in addition to the sisters, and there were twenty-three of them, there were thirty attendants, all of whom had been accounted for. The bodies found leave forty-six children yet to be accounted for. We, of course, hope there are no more children in the ruins, but we cannot tell until the basement has been cleared.

Rev. Eugene F. Mahoney, chaplain of the institution, was asked by a reporter if a list of names of the children was in the possession of Mother superior De Chantal. He said it was, and when asked if the reporter could obtain it he answered it was not for the press, and inquired if the reporter thought the sisters had made it out for the special benefit of the press. The sisters, acting under instructions, refuse any information to reporters. The total insurance was $95,000 and estimated loss $150,000.

Delvers in the debris continued their labors late into the night and secured two more bodies, making an aggregate of 20 bodies recovered. Twenty children are still missing.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 21.—Coroners Hess and Meninger, accompanied by Drs. French and Valentine, visited the burned building this afternoon and examined the remains found. They discovered that there were the bodies of 22 children and 2 adults.

See the Christmas Display at the Bon Marche.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Mrs. Louisa Lindhardt, aged 75, was found murdered in her house at Toledo.

Wrappelle's furniture and toy factory at Louisville, Ky., was burned, at a loss of $50,000.

Weston and Fiske's oil warehouse, 61 Water street, New York, was burned Saturday.

Peter Louis Otto of Buffalo, who killed his wife Nov. 14, was sentenced to be hanged Jan. 30.

At Boston Saturday, James Nicholson, the wife murderer, was sentenced to be hanged March 27.

The statue to Admiral Dupont at Washington was unveiled Saturday. Senator Bayard delivered an oration.

The cotton factory of the Matoaca manufacturing company of St. Petersburg, Va., has resumed with full force.

The Georgia legislature adjourned to the second Wednesday in July. The general local option bill was postponed till the summer session.

Suits have been begun by the United States electric light company against a number of other companies for infringement of patents.

The striking shoemakers and manufacturers at Philadelphia have arranged for a joint committee on arbitration. The shops open Friday next.

The Knights of Honor mutual aid association of Louisville, Ky., has decided to dissolve, its membership having dwindled to less than 1000 members.

Bishop Wm. F. Dickerson, colored, of the African methodist episcopal church, died of heart disease at Columbia, S.C., Saturday evening, aged 40.

Kellogg has served Gay with a notice of contest of election in the third Louisiana congressional district, charging bribery, corruption, violence, intimidation and falsification of election returns.

The Pennsylvania river coal miners inaugurated a strike Saturday. They have notified the operators that they will not return to work unless the advance demanded is granted. The operators say positively they will not pay the advance.

South Norwalk, Conn., hat manufacturers say that among those who refuse to work are nine men who received $1300 each last year; two got $1400, one $1820, one $1900 and one $2300. They think that workmen earning such wages can stand a reduction of ten per cent. without being pauperized.

The New England tobacco growers' association have adopted a memorial to congress calling for the abolition of internal revenue taxes on tobacco and cigars, and the retention of high rates of duty on all imported wrapper tobacco; also for the rejection of pending reciprocity treaties with other nations.

Killed by a Reproof.

From the New York Commercial Advertiser.

When the heart of a man is filled with remorse for his faults it sometimes takes a very little thing to fill his cup of bitterness to overflowing. This happened, it appears, in the case of a switchman, Willis A. Kane by name, lately employed on the Naugatuck railroad. Through his carelessness a train was derailed and he was dismissed from his employment with the superintendent's mild condemnation, "You ought to be more careful." These simple words so rankled in the breast of the man that he soon imagined everybody dinning them at him. In this morbid state a few days ago he accidentally broke a plate. His wife rebuked him, unwittingly using the same fateful words that had been haunting him so long. This proved to be Kane's death-knell. He developed at once the fury of a maniac, and death relieved him of his sorrows.

UNITARIANISM.

An Exposition of Its Leading Principles by Rev. Hilary Bygrave.

"What the Unitarian Church Stands for," was the subject of Rev. Mr. Bygrave's special lecture in the Unitarian church, Jarvis street, last evening. Freedom of thought, he said, was the first thing. They saw no virtue in blind belief. Believing had long been regarded as the all-important concern of the religious world, while in learned and scientific societies, in art, literature, politics and commerce, men were required to open their eyes, to enquire, to think, to weigh, to reason. Unitarians claimed for themselves and others the widest liberty of thought and speech. They were prone to call themselves protestants of the protestants, because they insisted on that mainspring of the great protestant movement, the right of private judgment, which he claimed was made void by the traditions of the sects, which prescribed what men must and must not believe. It was not only the privilege, but the duty of men to search and prove all things. What could not pass muster at the bar of our reason and moral sense we should hold in light esteem. In the exercise of this intellectual freedom unitarians strove after a rational view of the bible, regarding it not as an infallible book, but as a great river of God, though colored with the clay and sediment of the lands through which it had passed. They believed in the perfect unity of God, finding no warrant either in reason or scripture for the trinity. The unqualified oneness of God was constantly reiterated in the scriptures, the trinity nowhere; and one day men would wonder that their forefathers could have believed in the latter any more than in the numerous gods of Greece and Rome. Their church asserted the fatherhood of God; it stood for God's love—universal, full and unconditioned. They knew not of nor believed in God's hate, wrath, or vengeance. He needed no atoning sacrifice to pacify His wounded feelings, or to make Him kindly-disposed towards His creatures. He loved us all, whether we returned His love or not; and go where we would His everlasting arms surrounded us. The unitarian church stood for a better understanding and a higher conception of God than commonly prevailed, holding Him forth not as a cruel, capricious despot, but as our great Parent, who ruled by justice, reason and love, and would never shut the door of mercy on His children. It stood for the real humanity of Jesus, believing him to be not God or a third of God, but a man of a pure, large, loving heart, with a rare sympathy for human woe and weakness, and of a deep trust in the Almighty Father greater than himself. Thus he became, what he could not as a supernatural being—an actual ideal for mankind, proving by his example that man is not of necessity sinful, selfish, or false, but showing how true and Godlike he may become. Their church stood for faith in man. They discarded the theological and accepted the scientific theory of man's origin and history. They regarded man, not as a fallen and depraved being, but as one who by a slow but sure growth, from a humble origin to higher states and conditions. Man was not God's greatest failure, but His greatest success, and there were no limits to human progress. Lastly, the unitarian church stood for the hope of eternal life and blessedness for all human souls. They hoped for no partial or private salvation; they believed in no final endless woe; but they affirmed that it was never too late to mend, and had full confidence that the love of God was strong and patient enough to bring all His erring ones home at last.

DOMINION DASHES.

The Forsyth house at Newmarket was damaged by fire Saturday.

A royal commission has been appointed to enquire into Winnipeg's civic affairs.

Pilgrims to the shirne of La Bonne St. Anne, Quebec, the past season number 62,000.

A gang of men have left Quebec for North Carolina, where they will work in a saw mill.

Wm. Donnelly of Biddulph fame is doing good work as a constable at Glencoe and vicinty.

Read, the New Brunswick lottery man, forfeited his bail and retired into Uncle Sam's territory.

A Bishop's Burial.

HAMILTON, Dec. 20.—The remains of the late Bishop Fuller were interred in the family vault at Burlington cemetery this afternoon. The funeral took place from Christ church cathedral, where an immense congregation attended the service which was conducted by Bishop Sullivan and Dr. Mockridge. Several Torontonians were present, including Bishop Sweatman, Rev. J. D. Cayley, Rev. A. J. Broughall, Rev. Prof. Jones and Col. G. T. Denison.

Montreal News.

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—A deputation of leading citizens to-day waited upon the members of the provincial cabinet and urged the establishment of a protestant insane asylum in the province. Alfred Perry severely criticised the present asylum system. The ministers promised serious consideration of the matter.

R. I. G. Barnett, the operatic manager, has been arrested at Boston at the instance of Montreal creditors.

Trouble Feared at Harbor Grace.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—The British man-of-war Tenedos has been ordered to proceed immediately to Harbor Grace, Nfd., in view of the annual celebration of orangemen Dec. 26. The feeling is very bitter between orangemen and catholics, and the latter threaten violence should the orange attempt to march this year.

The great Christmas Dress Silk Sale commences to-day at the Bon Marche.

Self-Depreciation.

When you meet a Scotch farmer riding a huge horse of seventeen hands and remark to him what a grand animal he has got, "Yes," is the humble reply, "it's a nice pony." We depreciate ourselves and our belongings, expecting (to be contradicted. You remember the lady described by Hannah More, who frequently declared that her sins were grievous and innumerable. At length her husband, thinking to comfort her, said that she was vexing herself unduly. She was not so bad. No doubt she had her faults. Whereon the penitent, with intense bitterness and self-assertion, burst forth in acrimonious tones, "And pray what are they, sir?" Indeed, she added much more, which may be found in the proper place. But this was the key-note,

A SET OFF TO SECULARISTS

HOLINESS CONVENTION IN PROGRESS IN TORONTO.

The Gathering at Richmond Street Church—An Old Woman's Cure by Faith—Prayer Offered for Reporters.

The small silver badge, denoting that the wearer was a member of the salvation army, was conspicuous on the breasts of a number of those present at the opening of the holiness convention held in the Richmond street church Saturday night. There was a large attendance of delegates from various parts of Ontario, and the meeting was enthusiastic. The convention is called for the purpose of prayer, and the relating of experiences. Rev. N. Burns occupied the chair. Among those present were Rev. Thomas Cullen, Rev. Wm. B. Osborne and Rev. J. M. Kerr. After the hymn, "'Tis the Old Time Religion," prayer was offered.

Rev. Mr. Burns, in his opening address, expressed his strong disapproval of the method the Metropolitan church had used to raise money. The entertainment given by Mark Twain and Mr. Cable, under the auspices of the Metropolitan, he thought, was not in accordance with their doctrine, and he hoped the delegates would pray that the Metropolitan church should devise some more legitimate method of raising money. He also spoke of Dwight L. Moody and his work.

An experience meeting was then opened. One old lady, who asserted that she had been enabled to read without spectacles, after using them for six years, and all through faith, insisted on telling this story three times. She finally wound up with a tremendous shout of "Glory hallelujah" that shook the building to its foundation. Prayer was just concluded when a young man, whose broad expanse of forehead extended to a point not far distant from his bumpt of firmness, slowly arose from his seat and with a benevolent look at the two reporters present suggested that the delegates should offer up earnest prayer for the conversion of the scribes. The conscience of these young men, he believed, would not let them alone, and if they were only converted he thought they would be able to push their pencils quicker and with more power.

Rev. Wm. Osborne preached to the delegates morning and evening at the Richmond street yesterday. The convention will resume at 10 o'clock this morning in the same church.

Bear in mind the Bon Marche keeps open to-night and Tuesday and Wednesday nights until 10 o'clock.

The Late Mrs. Gerald O'Reilly.

The death of Mrs. Gerald O'Reilly at Hamilton Friday evening was very sudden. She had just arrived from Grimsby and was on her way to Arkledun, the residence of Edward Browne, when stricken down by heart disease. The Hamilton papers publish long obituary notices of the deceased lady. The Times says:

Deceased was an old resident of the city, was highly respected, and leaves a large circle of mourning friends. Her husband was a most successful physician, and doubtless will be remembered by many of the old residents of Hamilton. Deceased was a native of England, had resided in Hamilton over 40 years, and was highly esteemed by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. A member of Christ Church cathedral while alive, she took a great interest in everything pertaining to its advancement, and was known as a consistent christian, ever ready to do what lay in her power to advance the good work she had so much at heart. Her sudden death will cause a pang to shoot through the hearts of many who loved her for her many lovable traits, and will mourn the loss of an esteemed and valued friend. The Times extends its heartfelt sympathy to the survivors in their sad affliction, who are as follows: Dr. Charles O'Reilly, medical superintendent of the Toronto general hospital; Dr. Gerald O'Reilly of Fergus; Henry O'Reilly, agent of the bank of Hamilton, Listowel; Dr. Edward O'Reilly, surgeon on the steamer Peruvian; Mrs. Edward Kittson of Winnipeg and Miss O'Reilly. Thos. Waters of Windsor and Mrs. Buckwell of Port Dover are a brother and sister of Mrs. O'Reilly.

Christmus Toys and Fancy Goods, being the balance of the Herman stock, offering at half-value at the Bon Marche.

Elm street Methodist Church.

Elm street methodist church was full of events yesterday. At the morning service Rev. Dr. Creighton of Illinois preached, taking for his text II. Timothy, 4-7 and 8: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that His love appears."

At 3 30 there was a reunion of the converts made during Rev. Mr. Harrison's revival, and at the evening service the boy preacher presented himself for the last time. The church was packed. Rev. Mr. Laird announced that the expense of maintaining the revival services for the past ten weeks was in the neighborhood of $2100, and in order to meet this $1000 would have to be subscribed before Tuesday night. The jubilee of the conversion of 1000 souls will be held to-morrow night.

Great bargains in Flannels and Blankets at the Bon Marche.

Egyptian Masonic Rite of Memphis.

Editor World: I am in receipt of your issue of Dec. 18 in which you say that a new masonic body has been formed in Boston called the Royal masonic rite of the United States, embracing all degrees from the 4th to the 96th. What this rite really is I know not, but one thing I can assure you and the masonic brethern, viz., that it has nothing to do with the ancient Egyptian masonic rite of Memphis of 96° or its sovereign sanctuary. I understand this is a new fangled idea of Donus Wilson of Boston, who was expelled from the Memphis rite in 1883, but who has heretofore insisted that he was grand master of the E. M. R. of M. and owned the rite. Having failed in this, he got up this so-called new rite and merged his Memphis rite into it. Please assure your many readers and the Memphis masons in Canada that the sovereign sanctuary of the E. M. R. of Memphis had no lot or part in any such transaction. Neither had it the power to do so, as no grand or other body has the power to change, alter or abridge any rite or any of the land marks of masonry. C. C. BURT 96°, grand master ad vitam.

Detroit, Dec. 18, '84.

Ladies' Astrachan Muffs for 75 cents only, about quarter their value, at the Bon Marche.

WINGATE DISGORGES.

He Gives up Eight Thousand of the Stolen Money.

Mr. Scarth on Saturday night informed a World reporter that he had received news from Mr. Cochran, who is in New Orleans, to the effect that Wingate had given up the $8000 found on him stolen from the firm. It is not certain, however, whether Wingate will escape punishment.

The Cause of Mr. Bethune's Illness.

Mr. Bethune when he was taken down sick said he had no doubt that he was suffering from typhoid fever, and that it had been contracted in the Dafoe house, Belleville, where he had stopped when attending the recent sittings of the court in that town. He felt so strongly on the matter that he said he would take legal proceedings in the public interest against the owners of the place if he recovered. This is not the first complaint that has been made against the sanitary arrangements of this hotel.

There has been a great deal of sympathy and regret expressed around Osgoode hall because of the untimely death of James Bethune, Q C. The Law society on Saturday evening made full arrangements for attending the funeral at 2.30 p.m. today. All the courts sitting to-day will adjourn at 2 o'clock.

Mild Weather and Snow.

To the great relief and joy of Toronto folk the weather on Saturday evening and yesterday took a big jump from away below zero to the realms of mildness. With the latter came comparatively good sleighing, and yesterday the streets were merry with the jingle of bells. [But may early perish the snow poet.] The merchants will hail the sleighing with delight, and will look to a brisk holiday trade.

With the cold and snow came the advent of skating and iceboating on the bay. Yesterday both of these amusements were largely indulged in. The ice-boats did a thriving business. All day long the bay was dotted with skaters and boaters.

Some Advice to Advertisers.

—The World is the only paper in Toronto that does not appear periodically as a "blanket sheet." Thousands of dollars are thrown away by advertisers by inserting their notices in the unfathomable recesses of these eight, twelve, sixteen and twenty page sheets. Every line that appears in The World is seen by everyone that reads the paper. The World is compact, easily handled, well-read and you get the value for your money every time. Advertisers, remember this.

Out for St. James' Ward.

James Gormley of Isabella street is out as a candidate for municipal honors in St. James ward. He is an old and well respected citizen, possessing a large knowledge of the wants of the city. He would make an excellent representative at the council board.

The Federal Bank at Hamilton to be Closed.

After careful consideration, General Manager Yarker has decided to close the Hamilton branch of the bank. Molsons bank will take over the business under the management of J. M. Burns, the old manager of the Federal.

A Young Man With a Revolver.

A young man named William Armstrong was locked up at No. 2 station Saturday night for threatening to shoot J. Armstrong. When searched at the station a revolver was found on him.

The Forty-Five Trick.

Editor World: Take 45 from 45 and 45 remains: this is the answer:

From 987654321 = 45
Take 123456789 = 45

Leaving 864197532 = 45

H. R. LEDYARD, 12 years old.

Oscar Wilde, R. J. (Owen Sound), and Large Head also send in a correct answer.

T. C. Patteson.

Editor World: I see by your editorial of Friday that it is claimed John A. would have been thrown over in '73 but for the pluck and address of a leading journalist. Would you kindly inform undersigned through your columns the name of person alluded to. IGNORAMUS.

J. B. Knocked Out Again.

Editor World: J. B.'s second attempt at problems can, I believe, be solved by multiplying 98765432 by 9, giving 888888888 as an answer. Three minutes or less served to strangle this question. J. G. D.

R. J. (Owen Sound), John Jones, B. L. J. Cowboy, A. H. Bowman, Kentish, Printer's Devil and Harry Davis also send in correct answers. The latter says: J. B. has broken out in the same soft spot. I should strongly advice him to retire at once. B. L. J. writes: J. B. says if we swallow this as easily as we did the fox, that he will retire from the business. Now, if you could only give us J. B. himself in to-morrow's issue we would swallow him too.

An Astounding Confession.

From the Hamilton Spectator.

Mr. Stewart (chief of police) did not act wisely.

A Chance to Clean up for Christmas.

From the Niagara Falls Review.

We see by small bills that a laundry has been started in town. It is a much-needed enterprise.

Mr. Smiff's Elysian Home.

From the Bobcaygeon Independent.

Hard times or not, Bobcaygeon is all right. Its taxes are paid, the yard is filled with wood, the cellar is well supplied with taters, there is no danger of the Scott act till spring, and the rink is nearly ready.

On the Wrong Track.

From the Ottawa Free Press.

For our part, we believe that should the day unhappily come when separation from Great Britain is rendered necessary, the mass of Canadians would prefer to enter into the certainties of annexation rather than to take the leap in the dark, which separate nationality means.

The High Mission of the Village Editor.

From the Bobcaygeon Independent.

The city editor has a sacred and solemn duty to perform, but is reserved for the village editor to ponder, far from the maddening crowd's ignoble strife, in comparative quiet, and to give to the world Reason, Philosophy and Thought. Such especially, is the mission of this journal, which enthroned, as it were, on the sublime peak of some tremendous mountain, sits undazed in contemplative calm, beholds the storms and tempests of humanity far below its feet, eternal sunshine glistening on its head, and catching the first rays of the blazing orbs of thought, it gazes on them, absorbs their light and glory, and never winks its eye. The city editor gives to the people news and information, but it is the village editor to whom the world looks for Wisdom and Philosophy.

Ahem! Five minutes allowed here for silent thought.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Liverpool: City of Berlin.

At New York: California, Canada, Elder, Schiedam, Rhynland, Republic, State of Georgia.

EPIDEMIC OF EXPLOSIONS.

OIL AND NATURAL GAS IN A STATE OF TUMULT.

A River of Fire at Williamsburg—Fatalities in Two Pennsylvania Towns—Heavy Losses by Fire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—This afternoon a naphtha tank at Pratt's astral oil works, foot of Twelfth street, Williamsburgh, exploded with a deafening report, and fragments were sent high and far, the burning oil scattering in every direction. A few minutes afterwards another tank burst. These two sent 10,000 barrels of flaming oil pouring into every nook and crevice where it could make its way. Burning oil flowed into Bushwick creek, and continued to burn on the surface of the water, giving it the appearance of a river on fire. The heat was so intense that the firemen could not get near enough to render needed service.

Explosion followed explosion, and the burning masses were carried up and away for long distances by the wind. All the buildings and tanks at the works, except a large brick building in which the canning is done, were destroyed. The loss will reach $600,000.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 21.—Natural gas has been playing sad havoc in different places in Western Pennsylvania within the past twenty-four hours. Reports of explosions attended with fatal and serious results have been received from Butler and Washington, while in this city a building occupied as a grocery store was completely demolished this evening by an explosion.

At Washington, Pa., the residence of Wm. Rabe was partly wrecked, and Rabe, his wife and child injured so badly that all have since died.

The explosion at Butler nearly ended in a horrible disaster. The residence of John Gates was entirely demolished, and the family consisting of Gates, wife and four children, all grown up, were barried in the ruins. They were rescued, all more or less seriously hurt.

KITTANNING, Pa., Dec. 21.—An explosion of natural gas occurred at the Worthrington lamp black factory to-night, shattering the building and seriously injuring eleven men, four fatally.

PERSONAL.

Hon. Wm. McDougall is at the Rossin house.

Governor-General Lansdowne is a good skater.

Cardinal Consolini is at the point of death at Rome.

Don Carlos will live at Bombay three months for his health.

Bismarck intends to take a voosage to Madeira for his health.

The marquis of Ripon sailed from Bombay Saturday for home.

Sir Francis Hincks is about to finish "Fifty years of my life."

It is reported Lady Archibald Campbell becomes a professional actress.

Jose Rente, the historian and senator for Havana university, is dead at Madrid.

Frank Manning has returned to town after a trip to Baltimore and New York.

Sister Theresa, a neice of J. G. Blaine, is dying in a convent at Wilkes-barre, Pa.

Sir Horace Rumbald, Brit ish minister to Sweden, has been appointed minister to Athens.

Miss Richards of Ottawa has executed a splendid picture of Sir Hector Langevin, minister of public works, in oil.

Emperor William visited a number of shops in Berlin Saturday purchasing Christmas presents. He looked well and hearty.

The eldest daughter of Charles Dickens contributes to the Cornhill Magazine for January an article entitled "Charles Dickens at Home."

Hon. Isaac Burpee, minister of customs in Mr Mackenzie's government, is not expected to recover. He suffers from Bright's disease of the kidneys.

The widow of President Madison, although inheriting a fortune of $100 000 from her husband, in her latter days depended upon the charity of one of her former colored servants.

Sergt. Bates, the renowned carrier of the United States flag, who carried the banner through the ex-confederate states, Canada and England, is on the point of starvation at his home in Saybrook, Ill.

When Col. Chaille Long, who accompanied Gen. Gordon to the Soudan in 1874, visited King M'Tesa, his appearance upon a white horse, something that had never been seen there, threw the king's subjects into the wildest panic, as they believed the horse and its rider to have come from celestial regions.

Mrs. Henrietta Page, an apparently intelligent colored woman of Newport, R. I., whose husband made a snug fortune out of restaurant keeping, went to the bank the other day and drew out all her money, $10,000, saying she was going to Canada to avoid being sold into slavery when Cleveland becomes president. She and her son, a man of 30, left for Montreal.

OXFORD.

Oxford county was the scene of the last incursion. The unstinted welcome left little time for exploitation. Note, however, was taken of the undulations giving much sweep of vision, the smooth roads, the exhilirating effect of the highland air. The feeling of expansiveness induced is checked on discovering the railway, telegraph and telephone filagree that has nigh abstracted distance. London, Hamilton, Toronto and intervening towns are within beck of the magic 'hello, central." Other marks of the advanced civilization of this favored region will be discanted upon after further observation by the Pilgrims. Sufficient to say that they have already made the acquaintance of James Brady, the best known man in the county.

TWO OLD FRIENDS.

Capt. McMaster could stand it no longer, and Saturday he came into The World office looking ten years younger and dressed in his familiar cape, which is so well-known to the captain's many friends. It was a little wrinkled from long disusage, but the December breezes soon pressed it into shape. A merry Ch—oh, we are a little too soon.

THE BELLS.

Hear the sledges with the bells—
Silver bells!
What a world of merriment their melody foretells!
How they tinkle, tinkle, tinkle,
In the icy air of night!
While the stars, that oversprinkle
All the heavens, seem to twinkle
With a crystalline delight;
Keeping time, time, time,
In a sort of Runic rhyme,
To the tintinnabulation that so musically wells
From the bells, bells, bells, bells,
Bells, bells, bells—
From the jingling and the tinkling of the bells.

—*From Edgar Allan Poe's Poem.*

A Decided Change in the Weather.

East and south winds; mostly cloudy weather, with local falls of sleet or rain in southern and snow in northern positions; slightly higher temperature; colder again to-morrow.