

SUPPOSE THAT IN THE PARK YOU SAT AND HEARD THE BAND PLAY MARCHES WALTZES TWO STEPS TOO I THINK IT WOULD ASTONISH YOU BUT YET WITHOUT A PRETTY BAND YOUR HAT WOULD HARDLY LOOK SO GRAND.



SPORTING NEWS ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. Next Saturday afternoon another game of the intermediates series will be played between the Victoria and the Columbia and Boys' Brigade. Up to the present the Victoria team has been the leader in the league, the Boys' Brigade coming next, one point ahead of the Columbia. For some time past, in fact ever since the season began, the Columbia team has been gradually improved. Their forward and half back line has been slightly altered by the addition of a few players. It has been done to make it stronger than formerly. C. Newcombe, a well known player, has been added to the team. The Boys' Brigade have also improved. They have had a number of new players, and their team has not been materially altered, it is expected they will be able to hold their own against the red sweaters on Saturday next.

EXCITEMENT IN CHURCH. Five Women Overcome by Natural Gas From Heater. Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 23.—During services in the Second Baptist church five women were overcome by natural gas escaping from a heater. The gas escaped into the choir gallery. All were resuscitated, and will recover. During the service the janitor, in trying to reach one of the natural gas heaters, accidentally turned the damper the wrong way, and the surplus gas escaped. The congregation was dismissed during great excitement, and a panic was narrowly averted.

A CHRISTMAS NONSENSE VERSE. Would it not take your breath away To see a Christmas tree in May? And gifts such as the family makes? Yet Christmas trees are always found growing all the year around.

BANKBURN'S NARROW ESCAPE LAST NIGHT. Under Bare Poles From Rocks to Trial Island—Damage in the City.

THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AMERICA VENEZUELA MUST YIELD TO GERMAN DEMANDS

Conciliatory Negotiations Have Been Renewed Between Argentina and Chile—Fighting in Venezuela.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—(By announcement that Germany has sent an ultimatum to Venezuela has been conspicuously printed in the press here. Those newspapers maintaining the closest relations with the government affirm the news is premature. While an ultimatum has not yet been yielded to Venezuela, they say, this step will soon be taken unless Venezuela yields to what are deemed here the reasonable demands of Germany.

Col. Damant Lost Thirty-Two Killed and Forty Wounded—Drilling of Volunteers. London, Dec. 24.—The list of casualties of Col. Damant's engagement at Tafel Kop, Orange River Colony, on September 20th, when the Boers, dressed as British yeomanry, defended a kopje against the British, is published. It is the heaviest that first reported by Lord Kitchener. It now appears that the British lost three officers and 23 men killed, and had five officers and 35 men wounded.

KILLED HIS CHILDREN. Frenchman to Be Executed for Murdering Four Daughters and a Son.—Chartres, Dec. 23.—After a week's trial which has attracted the attention of the whole of France, Briere, the farmer of this vicinity, who on April 21st murdered his four daughters and his son, 17 years of age, by stabbing them to death while they were in bed, was found guilty to-day and will be condemned to be decapitated.

SECURITIES COMPANY ATTEND. Number of Governors Will Attend Conference at Helena, Montana. St. Paul, Dec. 23.—Governor van Sant has already received replies from the smaller states to his invitation to a conference of governors of states interested in combating the plan of the Northern Securities Company, held at Helena, Montana, on December 30th. Governor Toole approved the invitation, and the governors of Montana, Governor White, of North Dakota, promises to attend with Attorney-General Fyfe, of that state. Governor van Sant sent invitations to the governors of North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, South Dakota, Washington and Oregon, and suggested that in addition to the governors, the attorney-general of each state attend.

THE VENEZUELAN REVOLT. Post of France, Island of Martinique, via Haytian cable. Dec. 24.—The Venezuelan rebel leader, General Gomez, is reported to have been during the night. Her destination is unknown. The British steamer Fenwick, said to be loaded with arms and ammunition, intended for the rebels of Santa Marta, is alleged to have been captured by the Venezuelan army, and the vessel is reported to have been sunk on November 29th. An-

other alleged revolutionary vessel has been signalled to the eastward of this island. There was fighting yesterday in Venezuela, where the revolutionary movement is spreading. The engagement took place at Villa de Cura, about 50 miles from Caracas, and it is reported that the revolutionary commander, Gen. Luciano Medina, president-elect of the state of Carabobo, was defeated by the government troops.

IN THE PHILIPPINES United States Troops Burned Filipino Barracks and Hamlets—Many Natives Killed.

Manila, Dec. 24.—The Filipino General Samon and other insurgent chiefs on the island of Bohol have surrendered with 28 cannon and 45 guns. During an engagement in Batangas province between the insurgents and a detachment of the 21st infantry under Lieut. Conley one American private was badly wounded while a number of the enemy were killed. The military prison at Subig has been re-established. A large number of Filipinos captured in Laguna and Batangas province have been sent there.

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OPPOSED TO POLYGAMY. Presbyterian Church Will Work for Proposed Amendment to the Constitution. New York, Dec. 21.—At a recent meeting of the Presbytery of the Presbyterian church, it was decided to amend the constitution so that polygamy may be made impossible. The amendment would be made by inserting in the constitution the words, "No man shall be married who has a living wife."

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS. By the preliminary report of the Interstate Commerce Commission the income of railroads in the United States for the year ended June 30th, 1901, shows the returns of railway companies operating 192,133 miles of line. The passenger earnings of these roads was \$429,902,210, and freight earnings \$1,114,140,770.

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