French Government Thinks it Will Soon be Realized and is Preparing for Coming Change.

Police Will Have to be Provided With Flying Machines in Order to Protect People.

French Government that the day is only a short distance off when aerial locomotion will be practical that several commissions are at work elaborating plans for meeting, in the various branches of the public service, the solution of any new problems which the revolution will entail. Capt. Ferber, of the French army, who is devoting all his time to aerostat-ics, and who conducted the negotiations on behalf of his Government with the Wright Bros., agrees with Santos Dumont that flying machines in a few years will be as common as automobiles to-day. In the next war he is convinced there will be battles between flotillas of airships. "Human mastery of the air," said he to the Associated Press, "is virtually achieved. None of the start-ling achievements of the past, neither steam, electricity nor the telephone, can compare with what the future holds in store for us. Not only will the life of individuals be revolutionized, but Govalmost every department, new methods as a result of a slow process of evolution to meet the changed conditions. This comparable in a way to the slow perfection of the present means of flight.

Paris, Dec. 24.—So confident is the Perench Government that the day is only short distance off when aerial locomoion will be practical that several comnissions are at work elaborating plans the people from the new opportunities of crime which aerial locomotion will place in the power of criminals. It would seem that flying machines would enable anarchists to achieve any end by threats against not only rulers but whole cities. With the police sailing about in the air it will be no more difficult to frustrate their plots than it is now on solid ground. In war the intelligence service will be entirely confined to the aero-static divisions and armed airships will quard the bivouacs of armies."

Capt. Ferber believes the solution of the problem of aerial navigation lies in the problem of aerial navigation has in-the question of equilibrium, as the prin-ciple of flight, that is, area of aeroplane surface and speed. He contends that the domination of the air as at present

THE LORDS' DEFEAT OF THE EDUCATION BILL.

Parliament Will Not Dissolve-New Bill May be Introduced-Premier Sees King.

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London, Dec. 24.-There will be no dis- however, a widespread impression that solution of Parliament as a result of the action of the House fo Lords is defeating the Government's Education bill. Although the rejection of this, the main are possible to prevent the Lords from nullifying the prolonged labors of the most serious rebuff that Sir Henry measures passed twice by the Lower to gout and other allments has led to gout all the g Campbell-Bannerman's Cabinet has suffered, it is not regarded as being sufficiently grave to necessitate an appeal to the country. Whether the Government could now successfully appeal to than the Education Bill. The Liberals promise that there shall be no the nation on the Education Bill is the cessation of the fight until the constiquestion on the Education of its the question on which even many Liberals are in doubt. The only immediate effect of the step taken by the Upper House, of the step taken by the Upper liberature therefore, will be to give an enormous therefore, will be to give an enormous therefore, with the veto powers of the or of curbing the veto powers of the Peers and to furnish the Non-Confor-Peers and to furnish the Non-Comorning their fight for the disestablishment of the Church of Englanid. There is,

nowever, a widespread impression that a purely secular education bill will be introduced during the next session of Parliament, while no doubt the Cabinet during recess will consider what means are nexible to receive the Verilla Consider. It is the general view of politicians

that the Peers have entered into a constitutional struggle embracing much more than the Education Bill. The Libtutional issue is settled as to whether the Liberal party is to be forever check-mated by the "standing committee of the Tory Peers."

King Edward to-day received the Pre-mier at Buckingham Palace. It is un-King Edward to-day received the Fie-mier at Buckingham Palace. It is un-derstood that His Majesty wished to be fully informed regarding the Cabinet's views on the political situation, as af-fected by the education question.

PERJURY AND ARSON.

ous Charges. Flesherton despatch says: At the con-

Flesherton despatch says: At the con-clusion of the Feversham fire inquest held here yesterday by Provincial De-Hutchinson is out on \$2,000 bail. held here yesterday by Provincial Detective Rogers two warrants were sworn out. A. T. Hutchinson, general lives in Feversham and who was sick yesterday will be brought in to-day on the first the fairly well with conditions at the jail, expressed the belief that the Heitman, who was burned out, was arrested on a charge of perjury.

Theitman's store on the morning of ber because the lath of October last. rested on a charge of perjury.

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During his examination in the after noon he swore he had made no attempt Arrest of Two Feversham Men on Seri- to increase his own insurance. The Crown produced an application for more insurance bearing his signature, and R.

Feversham, and rival of severant above to bought in to-day on

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TWO DESCENDANTS PRESENT.

Centenary of Sailing of British to We Virginia is Celebrated.

London, Dec. 24.—An interesting feature of the celebration at the Hotel Savoy to-day of the 300th anniversary of the sailing of the party that was to form the British colony at Jamesto form the British colony at James-town, Va., was the presence of Major-General Baden Powell, who is a lineal descendent of John Smith and Admiral Rolfe, who is a descendant of Poca-hontas from her marriage with the English colonist Rolfe. Admiral Rolfe said his family had recently recovered a stolen portrait of Pocahontas which would be loaned to the Jamestown Ex-position.

T. P. O'Connor declared that Irish-T. P. O'Connor declared that Irishmen must have been among the first American colonists, as the latter soon became ardent Home Rulers.

The party included many other distinguished persons, including Foreign Secretary Grey, Earl Roberts, and Lord Curzon of Kedleston.

TRIAL OF MRS. CAREY.

DEAD INFANT FOUND IN PORT CREDIT CHURCHYARD.

everal Witnesses Saw Woman With Parcel Wandering About the Village, But No One Could Identify the Defendant.

Brampton despatch says: The trial of Alice Carey, the Toronto woman, charged with leaving a dead child in the Presbyterian Church shed at Port Credit, has been going on this afternoon at the Assize Court before Chief Justice Sir William Mulock. Evidence was given by the girl who found the body in the wood pile, by the doctors to the effect that the child had been born alive and was probably five days old, and by a dozen witnesses who had seen a woman wand ring about Port Credit on March 17, ering about Port Credit on March 11, a few days before the body was found. None of the witnesses would identify Alice Carey as the woman seen in Port Credit. Two witnesses spoke of a woman they had seen in Toronto that looked more like the wanted woman.

The evidence in the case will all be the proportion of the proport The evidence in the case will all be in by noon to-morrow, it is expected. Mrs. Carey is well-dressed, is quite cheerful, and bears herself jauntily when asked to stand up or walk before the witnesses. Her husband and a young woman friend from Toronto are in attendance.

HIS MEMORY GONE.

The Past Has Become a Blank to Joseph Chamberlain.

constant assertions and contradiction concerning the gravity of his condi

The Chronicle states that he greatly The Chronicle states that he greaty overtaxed his strength at the celebrations in honor of his seventieth birthday at Birmingham, with the result that he lost his memory completely. The past became a blank to him, and he could not remember what had taken place even a few hours before and although his other faculties were and are unimpaired, his memory is gone.

GUARDS QUARRELLED.

Witness Said Orangemen Did Not Like Catholic.

Toronto, Dec. 24 -- Thestimony relating to disputes and quarrels amongst fif-teen guards of the Toronto jail was heard from witness after witness a the investigation into the conduct of Governor Van Zant before Commissioner Judd in the Court House yesterday. Wil-liam McIntosh, a young Scotchman with guards who were Orangemen did not deamong their nur because the latter was a Roma

SAYS NO "RING."

MR. W. J. GAGE EXPLAINS TO THE TEXT BOOK COMMISSION.

ested Rights Urged-Open Competition Regarded as a Likely Improvement—
A Lengthy Statement Made—Report Will Be Ready in January.

book Commission yesterday fine field taking evidence, and the Chairman, Mrs. J.

T. Crothers, said that the report would be ready for the Government early in January. In the morning President S. G.
Beatty and Secretary Charles Builder, of the Canada Publishing Company, testified. Mr. Beatty gave the names of the members of the company, and thus it was shown that the company was comprised of members of the three firms which had practically controlled the publishing of school books. Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., on behalf of the publishers in question, read a statement, signed by Mr. W. J. Gage, with a view to placing them before the public in a more favorable light than they might have been owing to certain evidence given before the commission. Mr. Gage, who favored open competition, related the Toronto despatch: The Ontario Text Nesbitt, K. C., on behalf of the publishers in question, read a statement, signed by Mr. W. J. Gage, with a view to placing them before the public in a more favorable light than they might have been owing to certain evidence given before the commission. Mr. Gage, who favored open competition, related the circumstances of the three firms obtaining control of the publication of Ontario readers and the steps taken by them to preserve their "vested rights."

preserve their "vested rights." e document was calculated to prove that there was no "ring" of the publishers. In the afternoon Mr. Builder gave figures vs to the cost of production of the Canada Publishing Company's books, and Mr. A. F. Rutter, Vice-President of Warwick Bros. & Rutter, explained that the reason the Canada Publishing Company was because Mr. Beatty was in poor health and contemplated removing from Toronto.

HYSTERICAL GIRLS.

SEARCH FOR MISSING PROPERTY BROUGHT IT TO LIGHT.

Pittsburg, Dec. 24.-Following reports of numerous thefts in a dormitory of Washington seminary at Washington, Pa., the principal yesterday announced that the young women in that section of the building would not be permitted to leave for the Christmas vacation until they and their rooms had been care-fully searched. Scarcely had the teach-ers begun this unpleasant duty when the stolen money and articles were surrep-titiously returned to their owners and the esarch was discontinued. The students of the school left last night for their homes, many being somewhat hys

ENGINE QUIT THE JOB.

Serious Wreck on the C. P. R. Eastern Branch.

Brandon, Dec. 24.—A serious wreck occurred on the C. P. R. at 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning, one mile west of Elva, on the Estevan branch. Train No. 42. bound from Estavan to Brandon, struck a broken rail while running along at medium speed, which caused the engine, baggage, second and firstclass coaches to baggage, second and insteass coaches to leave the rails. The engine ploughed through the ditch up the embankment, and landed in a big snowdrift in a farm-er's field, completely off the right of

The only cars left on the rails were the tourist, express and mail. The en gine was badly broken and the tender completely smashed, while the rails were

torn up for some distance.

There were about 150 passengers on board, but beyond a bad shake up no one

FOUR MET DEATH.

Tragedy in Small Apartment House in

Buffalo. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Four lives being a man passing under were snuffed out and one person was fatally burned in a small fire in the

Fisher of New York.

The building was flatiron-shaped, and narrow, winding hallways, in which the victims, confused by the flames and smoke, lost their way and were overcome.

NO FAITH IN BANKS.

Woman Trusted Pocket Alone, But the \$6,000 Banished.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Ella 7. Kober was robbed of \$6,000 by a pickpocket in a holiday crowd in the shopping district here to-day.

The money was paid Mrs. Kober by the Pennsylvania Railroad in settlement of a claim on the death of her husband, who was killed in the recent electron railroad wreck near Atlantic City. Mrs

Kober had no faith in banks, and had re fused to accept a check from the rail-road in payment of the claim, and de-manded cash. She received thirty \$100 and six \$500 notes, which she sewed in a secret pocket in an underskirt. While shopping with a friend she discovered that the

pocket had been cut from her skirt and the money taken. WANT A BRITISH PRINCE.

Party Would Place Prince Arthur

Connaught on Servian Throne. London, Dec. 24.-In connection with the recent rumors of a plot to place Prince Arthur of Connaught on the Servian throne, M. Mijatovitch, ex-Servian Minister in London, in a published interview, admits that twice withlished interview, admits that twice within a year delegates from Belgrade have vainly endeavored to interest him in the proposal, asserting that King Peter would be induced to abdicate peaceably in favor of the British Prince. M. Mijatovitch said he declined to have anything to do with such a fantastic sugestion, but declares there is a definite political party in Servia favoring a change in the dynasty. VANCOUVER

THINKS MURDER WAS COMMITTED.

Trio of Mysterious Poisonings Arouse Relative's Suspicions-Wants Investigation.

Detroit, Dec. 24.— The mysterious greatly decressed over his failure in death by poisoning of Carl Mende and his wife and the serious illness of their son, aged 12, at Saginaw, Mich., when Mende and his wife died it was

MURDER MYSTERY NOW CLEARED UP.

Geo. W. Harris, Murderer of School Teacher Two Years Ago, Confesses.

Dodge, of the Circuit Court, to-day, Geo. W. Harris made a complete confession of the murder of Sarah Schaefer, a pretty school teacher, two years ago.

Harris is 31 years old. He says his real name is Frank Burdock, and that his mother lives in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Goshen, Ind., Dec. 24.—Before Judge bodge, of the Circuit Court, to-day, Geo.

V. Harris made a complete confession of the killing. In explanation of committing the murder, he says he did the middle of the murder of Saysh Schoofer, a pretical the murder of the murder

job through the greed to get money.

This afternoon Harris pleaded guilty to trying to kill Police Sergeant Whiteman, of Elkhart, and was given from two to four years in Michigan City prison and fined \$2,000. Sentence was deferred pending the inquiry into His whole life has been given over to crime. He was born in Logansport, Ind., and since he was 16 years old he has roamed to all parts of the country.

He detailed all his movements to the judges. Harris' story is that upon his arrival in Bedford he met Esau White, and immediately engaged to murder his wife No. 2, who is supposed to be Sarah Schaefer, for \$500. The confession says White helped to drag the body into the alleyway. Since the

AFTER THE NEW YORK ICE TRUST.

Controlled Ice Companies And Ice Field-Ran the Price Up to \$14 a Ton.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Attorney
General Mayer in the name of the people
of New York to-day began an action
of New York to-day began and to-d

against the American Ice Company in the Supreme Court of New York County, for the dissolution of the so-called "Ice Trust."

The complainant alleges as a principle feature of the "scheme and arrangement" by which the company secured a practical monopoly of the natural and artificial ice output and distribution especially in Greater New York and the communities in that vicinity, that it secured control of the "ice bridges." or landing depots, by which means, it is alleged, are controlled by the company and who supply the retail trade and the push cart dealers through whom the poor in the congested districts receive ice.—

It is said that by the time the ice of the supply are alleged to be similarly controlled. The key to the ice situation in New York city is pointed out as lying in the company's control of the "ice bridges." or landing depots, by which means, it is alleged, are controlled by the company and who supply the retail trade and the push cart dealers through whom the poor in the congested districts receive ice.—

It is said that by the time the ice bridges." communities in that vicinity, that it se-cured control of the Maine ice field, and caused a reduction there last year

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 24.— Attorney of the usual harvest from a million

It is said that by the time the ice reaches the poor customers of these push cart dealers it costs them at the rate of from \$10 to \$14 a ton.

WATCH FOR HIM.

SAID HE HAD TWO SCOTCH GIRLS FOR SERVICE.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 24.- Another alleged petty swindling operation the alleged swindler title of Rev. Robert Kerr. Kerr adver-Zenobia apartment house on Prospect avenue, at the corner of West Huron street, to-night. Other occupants of the place had narrow escapes, half a dozen being rescued by the firemen.

The dead are: F. M. Lambrecht, 40 Elmwood avenue; Mrs. Lambrecht, 40 Ruth Crumlish, three years old, daughter of Mrs. C. Crumlish, and Mrs. J. J. Fisher of New York.

Stationard in a small fire in the tised in the Toronto papers that he had tised in the Toronto papers the head tised in the Toronto pape tised in the Toronto papers that he had a certain day, but by that time had skipped. It is believed he took in between \$400 and \$500.

> LORD DELAMERE IN JAIL. Well-Known Explorer Charged With Fraud in Africa.

London, Dec. 24.-A despatch to the Daily Mail from Mombasa, on the east coast of Africa, says that Lord Delamere, who was prominent in English society and has wide connections among the aristocracy, has been committed for trial at Nairobo on a charge of fraud. A soficitor who is accused of abetting him

was also committed.

Lord Delamere devoted much of his time to exploring and hunting big game in Africa. His wife acompanied him and shared his rough life. He left England last year to reside near Nairobi, where he built a fine house and bought 100,000 acres of land, intending to grow cotton and sugar.

CHINA'S AWAKENING.

Four Important Towns to be Thrown Open for Trade.

London, Dec. 24.—The Times has recoved the following cable despatch from its Pekin correspondent: It is officially announced that by agreement with Rus-ia China will open by herself, as places of international residence and trade, Hangchun, otherwise called Kwangchenz-Hangehun, otherwise called Kwangeheng-tsze, the most important trade centre in Manchuria; Kirin, capital of the pro-vince of the same name; Harbin, the main centre of Russian activity in Man-oburia, and Manchuri, the first railway station on the Chinese side of the Rus-sian western frontier. The opening will

POPE DISPLEASED.

SAYS THAT NEW FRENCH BILL IS AS BAD AS THE OTHER.

Rome, Dec. 24.—A semi-official notes issued by the Vatican to-day says that; been exposed in this city, the text of the new French Government's aration bill of 1905, is as bad as the former regulations, "being a maximum of oppression with a minimum appearance" and aggravates the position of the church in everything without this being apparent to the general public.

CANADA SAME AS TOGOLAND.

Proposition Which Pall Mall Gazette Pronounces Preposterous.

London, Dec. 24.-Referring to wireless telegraphy and the appointment of a select committee, the Pall Mall Gazette says the draft of a scheme for colonial representation at the conference is by no means satisfactory. A scheme which gives Canada and Australia no greater voice than the bureau-cracy of Togoland or Kiacchau would be quite too preposterous for our ac-

JAPAN'S MERCHANT FLEET.

New Shipping Company With Capital of £2,000,000.

London, Dec. 24.-The Times' correspondent at Tokio sends the following cable despatch: A new shipping company has been formed in Japan. It already possesses a fleet of 150,000 tons. Its cap-ital is £2,000,000, of which half repre-sents the value of the existing fleet, the remainder to be devoted to the building of new ships. The company intends to establish services to Formosa, Hokkaido, Java, Vladivostock, North China, Hong Kong, Manila, Hawaii, America, the South Seas and India.

STAMP DISTRIBUTING CENTRES.

Have Been Established at Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—A new departure has been made by the Post C.free Department which will be welcomed by postmasters in the west. Heretofore these postmasters were compelled to send to Ottawa when they desired to replenish their stocks of stamps, but ow-ing to the rapid growth in the demand for stamps it has been decided to establish distributing centres in the west. These will be at Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancourer. The new system will go into effect on the New Year.