ARDED BY SPANIARDS. Bark Held Up by a War During the Late Unpleas. antness.

the Spanish did board one n vessel during the late war. k Nellie Brett, from New York, Auckland the other day. The the vessel was somewhat out dinary run, as besides having ater extremely bad weather the Spain had to be taken into owing to the fact that the was an American built shows her nationality in every leaving New York the bark was placed under the British articles. Capt. F. R. the only American on board, ien he left New York war be two nations was in full was naturally is to how matters would evenid should he be overhauled by cruiser

well until June 15, the vessel twenty-six days out and in 7.55 north, longitude 41.41 e vessel was lying becalmed smoke of a vessel was discerndistance. There were two lish vessels and one French ew all with their ensigns ch was a matter that Capt.
not understand at the time. which was bound away to suddenly altered made in the direction of the and coming up in close hoisted a signal which Capt not make out, although he ning very closely. No notiof the signal from the hose on board of the bark, sheered closer and fired a gun bark's bows, at the same ng up the Spanish flag. said Capt. Lowry, "decided said Capt. Lowry, "decided the course I had to pursue, and ordered a signal to be hoisted. y your origin.' A boat was the bark. An officer was in a crew composed of twelve accompanied by an interpreade Scotchman," so Captain ys) and a sergeant of marines, heavily armed and there was a ns and ammunition in the boat

arding the vessel the officer in nterpreter and sergeant prothe cabin and demanded the or inspection. Nothing evident-be made of the register or of cargo, but when the articles duced the interpreter seemed to nderstand them, and explained ficer in charge that everything to be satisfactory. However, lown the list of the crew, it that Capt. Lowry and when the captain ac upon being questioned.
as a fact, "The glitter in s of the sergeant of marines," Lowry said, "made me think I it like to meet him alone on a arty from the steamer then proeck, and the main hatch was to examine the cargo to see if any contraband of war on The officer, finding everything then demanded to see the flag out upon seeing the British pon seeing the British en-"jack," was quite satisfied

Lowry says the officer was anly in his demeanor, and exthat he was only carrying out ully understood, but at the same came to the conclusion that if geant had his way there would een a very short shrift for the of the Nellie Brett. The leaving the bark, the Spanish informed Capt. Dowry that he steemer

roceed on board ort to the commander, and when t was hoisted on board he might consider that the vessel would further molested. k them a long time to consider,

" said Capt. Lowry, "for the as alongside nearly half an hour she was hoisted up, and I was glad to see her screws working, steamer take a course in another on than the one in which I was

Spanish steamer was the Al-XIII., one of the Cuban mail and was the steamer which got into one of the Cuban ports dur war with a quantity of arms nunition and treasure. ards sunk by one of the American

HAT THE MATTER WAS. . Game of Two Choir Members Which the Minister Speiled.

nister's widow tells this: she said, "had brown hat turned deeply, darkly black he was angry, and which danced nost miraculous merriment when amused. Naturally, in the course e with him, I came to know the expression of those eyes pretty used to watch his eyes when eaching to know how things were with him, and incidentally, with ngregation. I remember once, in dst of a most earnest discourse, seen him stop suddenly for the a minute—not more—his eyes a minute—not more his eyes strangely black, then brightenin with that irresistible twinkle, the rest of his features remaingrave throughout. As I said, it for a moment; then he resumed on as before. was the matter?" I asked

church was out and we were on hy, I came so near laughing out ch that there was no fun in it, 'Of course, the choir is hidden the congregation behind its pro

screens in the rear of the church, chances to be exposed in my line as I stand on the rostrum. I stopped in my sermon to-day it ecause I happened to glance choir-and saw our soprano and new having a quiet game of cards bee screen. They must have felt upon them, for when they lookand caught my eyes those cards eared so suddenly and mysteriousthought that in spite of everything ald burst out laghing."

MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

York, Dec. 3.—A well dressed was found dead this morning in of No. 4 Chambers street. His were flung out as though he had violently. There was a com-fracture of the skull and the left his face was covered with blood, looked as though it had been ir with a club. The ambulance found bruises on the stomach, appeared to be the result of kicks. ice think the man's death could have been caused otherwise than brutal clubbing. The man wore a suit, sack coat and black over black derby hat, black laced shoes white outing shirt. He was about ears of age and five feet eight in height. His hair and mouswere brown and his eyes blue.

DISGUST,

Old World Tutaks of the line strait Policy of the United States of America.

W. T. Stead, Editor of the Review of Reviews, Writes From Rome - His Impressions of European Feeling.

London, Dec. 3 .- Mr. William Stead, WITHING from Rome, snortly perore the rusions, says:-"The answer to the nestion: 'What does the Old Word ink of the New World,' has never ben made with greater emphasis than in the Eternal City. The oldest Old World regards the newest New with feelings of anger, disgust and alarm, nost too great for words. The senti-ent of indignation differs in intensity, universal. There is no sym-the United States, extrer whites or blacks. In fact, dislike for the American seizure of the Philippines and a conviction that the humanitarian enthusiasm which made war possible, was a

Mere Mask of Cant,

are almost the only sentiments shared in common by the civil camps of the Quirinal and the Vatican. With the King's men the sentiment is comparatively mild. They do not believe in the least the disinterestedness of the American War of Liberation. The American declarations are almost universally derided, as a hideous example of a worse-than-English hyprocrisy. Uncle Sam, they say, determined in tall things to surpass 'John Bull,' has outdone him even in Pharisaism and assumed in order to facilitate conquest,

outdone him even in Pharisaism and cant. The friends of America wring their hands in unaffected grief at the fall of the United States under the temptation of the lust of territorial expension. Her renemies shoot out the what they regard as the unmistakable demonstration which the demand for the Philippines affords of American cupidity, American bad faith and American ambition. We told you, so they erican ambition. 'We told you,' so they exclaim. That is what the unctions between the embassies of Great Britain rectitude of the Anglo-Saxon always and America at Constantinople, and at ends in. He always begins by calling heaven to witness his unselfish desire help his neighbor, but he always ends by stealing his spoons.'

"It is unpleasant for the Anglo-Saxon to hear this on every side, but since the peace negotiations have developed a demand for the complete cession of the Philippines, Americans will do well to recognize that such a statement as the above represents the Current Opinion

of almost every one in Europe who pays cursory attention to what is going on abroad. The immense majority of Europeans are, of course, absolutely of Europeans are of content and the signorant of what has happened. Intent on their daily toil, they neither know nor care what occurs in another hemisphere. But the Europeans, who read newspapers, who form what may be described as the public opinion of the Old World, are practically of one nind on the matter. Outside of Eng-land I have met no non-Americans who did not dislike the expansion of Am-erica, nor do I think, in the whole of tour around Europe, I have met one European who did not receive my protestations as to the genuine sun-cerity with which the American peo-ple entered into the war with more less mocking incredulity less mocking incredulity.

'It is all very well,'they say in effect,
dissemble your love, but why did you kick me down stairs? It was all very well to proclaim your disinterestedness, but why should you seize the Philippines."

'Odious Pharisaism,'

is a phrase which roughly represents the judgment of the Old World on the recent developments of the New, From of his neighbor's motives we see the mirror of his own character. For the served until that date. they expected nothing better from these English of the New World. They are true to their ancestry, but there is in every duter a minority of thought-ful men, who, having for all their lives been the staunchest friends of the American Commonwealth, are now coninded and utterly put to shame at what is universally regarded as the apostacy of the United States, the abandonment of their national policy and the adoption of the Old World

policy of conquest.
"When I have listened, as I have been listening for months past, to the alterrate taunts and lamentations of the foes and friends of America, the babel of voices seemed at last to merge into one chorus of welcome to 'Uncle Sam.' Hell from beneath is moved for the to meet thee at thy coming: it up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth. It hath raised up fron their thrones all the kings of the nations. All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become like unto us? How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, Son of the Morn-

"You may argue, protest, rage as you please, the world has made up its mind on the subject and nothing that can be said or done in the United States will alter its judgment. The American government has come out of its ring fence; it has thrown its hat into the arena of the world. It has launched on a conserver of Conquest A Career of Conquest

which will be all the more predatory because it is masked by humanitarianism. The American Commonwealth, they hold, has succumbed to the malady which has so long plagued the Old World. A bright hope for the human race was extinguished when the one non-military great power, which eschewed an schemes of aggression and annexation, enrolled itself among the "So men talk everywhere in Europe.
Whether they regard the old American ideal with sympathy or with contempt, they all agree in believing that it has been abandoned, and that forever by the annexation of the Philippine Islands may seem but a small thing, but it is decisive. When Eve are the apple it was but the act of a moment, but ed against her forever, the gates adise. What the Old World says that the New World has now eaten of the forbidden fruit; and that the flaming sword which turned every way will prevent all return to the peaceful tradi-tion of the Fathers of the Republic. "In course of my tour, I am now impelled to admit that I found proof of the existence of a disposition on the part of the powers to intervene in bey half of Spain, which might have been

very serious had it not been checked in the bud by the knowledge that England

would have nothing to do with it. When I was in Paris I was positively told that no proposal had ever been made to inter-

to put her foot down on the anti-American coalition. That no doubt, was true

and that therefore England had never had the occasion or opportunity

the government was concerned But it is not less true that, immediately diter the war broke out, a diplomatic representative of the powers communi-cated to an American minister at an European court, in plain and unmistaable terms.

The Displeasure of the l'owers and their desire to express that displeasure publicly and forcibly. These com-nunications were sufficiently serious for the contingency of the use of the alled forces of the European nations for the coercion of the United States to be frankly discussed between the two di-piquatists. The result of that discussion was to put a summary stop to all totions of European intervention.

"If you intervene,' said the American minister, 'it means war.'
"'Yes,' replied his visitor, 'and the forces of the great European powers acting in alliance would overwhelm any oplosition which America could offer."

No doubt, said the Americant but you would have to bring forces across the Atlantic to the other hemisphere, and keep them there for the rest of your natural life. The New World is not going to submit to the Old World any more; no, sir, not any more than it submitted a century since, when the old worne for worse. odds were far worse. And remember, he added, as a clincher, 'that when you were hurrying your armies and your navies across three thousand miles of sea to fight America, you would have to count with England, who is certainly not friendly to your enterprise.

"This put An Extinguisher

and can shrick in derision over "If the Old World regards American Rome could hardly be closer and more cordial if there had been a hard-and-fast, cut-and-dried, signed-sealed-and-delivered treaty of alliance, offensive and defensive, between the two powers. defensive, between the two powers. If things go on as they are going now, every English-speaking man will feel, as I have felt, throughout this war, that he has not one ambassabor, but two in every capital in Europe; that lehind him, wherever he goes, he is shielded by the might, not of one Emp.re, but of two, a combination beneath whose shadow the whole world may yet learn to rest in peace."

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Niblock Case Remanded—An address to Lord Minto. London Life Assurance Co., pleaded portion of the building was concerned,

ed for one week. St. George's Society of this city pre-St. George's Society of this city presented an address of welcome to Lord the fire in person, went to the roof to give personal direction. At this time there were a few operators who had Minto to-day at Rideau Hall.

afternoon for Winnipeg.

Came in and all were force to rush for Although supplies of the new 2-cent their lives. The unsent messages were Imperial stamps will be sent out to post- left at the telegraph keys. Only a few masters immediately, and although they gangs were with the fire chief on the may be used forthwith, if preferred by tep of the Postal building.

The parchasers, this ead of ordinary 2-the parchasers, this yet important to bear o'clock three floors of this building had postage does not come into effect until Christmas day. Existing rates to those countries which, in addition to Canada,

MAINLAND NEWS.

Nominations at New Westminster-Burglaries in Vancouver.

Vancouver, Dec. 5. - (Special) - The for mayor are T. Ovens, the present in-cumbent, and W. H. Keary; for alder-ment: F. Anderson, W. A. Johnson, next Monday. Amongst those nominated for school trustees is Mrs. Emma

attle was realized in either case.

7. a. m. A large force of firemen is still busy this morning pouring water on rail demonstration in the opera house the ruins of the buildings burned by the n Tuesday evening.

TWO HUNTING ACCIDENTS.

cill's gun raught in something and was discharged, a bullet lodging in his com-panion's hip. The wound is not fatal, unless blood peisoning sets in.

THE CAROLINE ISLANDS.

Paris, Dec. 3.—There will be no joint session of the peace commissioners to-day. The Americans had a three-hour meeting this morning.

The report from Berlin that Ger-many is negotiating for the purchase of the Carolines is confirmed from several quarters, although Count Von Munster-Ledenburg, the German ambassador Ledenburg, the German ambassador here, informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that he knew nothing at all about the matter. The American commissioners are inclined to believe the report, and it is looked upon as explaining the reluctance of the Spaniards to

Three Mammoth Brick Blocks Gutted Last Night After a Flerce right With the the Fire Brigade.

The Rogers, Peel & Company, Home Life Insurance Company and Postal Telegraph Company the Sufferers.

New York, Dec. 5.—A fire started in the basement of the building occupied by Rogers, Teef & Co., about 9:20 o'clock last nights Two policemen standing within half a block of Warren street heard the sound of a loud explosion, and a moment later saw a thin line of smoke curling up alongside the side of that building. At that time rain was falling in torrents and the wind blew a gale, An alarm was sent in at once, but before the first engine turned into Broadway the Rogers, Peel & Co.'s basement was a roaring furnace, with great flames bursting through the floors above and rushing fiercely to the roof.

Within ten minutes after a general alarm was sent in, bringing engine after engine to the scene. By 10 o'clock there was nothing but the shell of the Rogers-Peel building left, with mountains of flame arising a hundred feet in the air and encircling the adjacent structure, the Home Life Insurance Co.'s building. Soon a great wave of fire swept across Warren street and caught the U. S. Life Insurance Co.'s building at the porth-west corner of Broadway. The wood-work on a dozen windows was afire in a moment. Several streams were playing n this building to save it from destruc-

When the Warren street wall of the Rogers-Peel building fell at 10:30 o'clock, a dozen firemen were directly beneath the wall. Several men were struck by bricks, but none were more than slightly injured. Acting Chief Feel fell, but whs dragged to safety by some

of his men.

Just before 11 o'clock the Home Life
Insurance Co.'s 16-story building chught
fired The firemenalizedy had their lines on this building up to the seventh floor.
The flames and euten through the side-walk in many places, and the large white structure burned forcely. The elevators made trips up and down until the men running the cages were compelled to fiee for their lives, and in this way many of effects of the offices were saved. The three top floors were on fire simaltaneously from the beginning. Flames shot high above the roof and over the massive brown stone Postal Telegraph building on the corner below, All the operators in the Postal building and everybody working in the structure had been ordered out of this building long before, and desperate efforts were being made to save it.

Within the Home Life Insurance Co.'s building was by this time a furnace. Flames were rouring in masses from the windows of the six or eight upper Ottawa. Dec. 5.—J. T. Niblock, of the stories. Behind nine stories were afire, and the fire department, so far as this

London Life Assurance Co., pleaded guilty to five cases of forgery in the police court to-day and was again remanded for one week.

London Life Assurance Co., pleaded was absolutely powerless.

At 11.15 the Postal Telegraph Company's building of 14 stories caught fire. Chief Bonner, who had charge of Minto to day at Rideau Hall.

Hon. Mr. Sifton, accompanied by his private secretary, Mr. Collier, left this afternoon for Winnipeg.

in mind that the reduced inter-Imperial been partly destroyed. The lire was then working its ways downwards. Chief Bonner thought, however, that he countries which, in addition to Canada, had it under control. He did not expect have given their adhesion to the scheme it to get much below this. At 2,0 clock the fire was till raging fiercely.

An insurance man roughly estimated the loss about as follows:-Rogers, Peel

& Co.'s building and stock, and losses to other tenants in the building, \$350,000; Home Insurance Co.'s building and losses to other tenants, \$500,000; Postal Telegraph Co.'s building and losses to other tenants, \$100,000; losses to other tenants, \$100,000; losses to other tenants, \$100,000; losses to civic nominations took place at New Surrounding buildings, \$50,000.

Westminster this morning. In the field The Home Life Insurance building westminster this morning. In the near the Home Life Insurance building are T. Ovens, the present incumbent, and W. H. Keary; for alderment: F. Anderson, W. A. Johnson, Marshall Sinclair, R. L. Reid, A. M. Herring, J. J. Agger, A. E. Woods, J. C. Brown, R. C. McDonald, J. G. Scott, J. Peck, W. R. Gilley. The election is the wall of the building, and it is believed that all the plans and schemes of work. Amongst those nomin-trustees is Mrs. Emma with which the commission have been to school trustees is also with which the commission have been working these many exents have been destroyed. In the Postal building as well, there were many serious losses of a private nature.

big Broadway fire last night. Shortly before 7 o'clock Contractor W. A. Magee warrived and prepared to take down the walls of the Rogers, Peel & Co.'s building, which threatened to fail. The work Learnington, Dec. 5.—H. Lemire, while rabbit hunting laid his gun down while he proceeded to dig a rapbit from a stone pile. While throwing stones back of him he happened to strike the gun, which discharged both barrels into his right shoulder shattering the should opinion the loss will not be as heavy as was at first estimated. He places the total loss at \$400,000. E. J. Cochrane, superintendent of the Postal Telegraph Co., said to-day that none of the wires of the company were damaged. The offices of the Rapid Transit Commission are said to be a total wreck. Probably all the valuable plans; specifications and other papers of old commissions. other papers of old commissions have been destroyed. Should this prove the case the work of providing a satisfactory rapid transit system for this city will be seriously interfered with and delay-ed. 'The Merchants' Exchange National Bank, which was located in the Home Life Insurance building, secured a temporary place of business at an early

THE STORMY ATLANTIC.

Booth Bay Harbor, Me. Dec. 5 .-Heavy blow llate Pesterday afterpoon and

as far as overt action on the part of the ground with the weight of snow. Cently removed to Portland.

An Opportunity for All Who Wish to Continue The r Stud es er Begin Fresh Ones.

A popular and h ghly successful form of what is known as uncersity exen-sion work is about that andertaken in this province. The says an andertaken in this province. The says and rad on under the auspices of the Calvers.ty Association of New York and Chicago, and is the outcome of the University Congress held during the World's Fair. It has had wonderful success in the United States, where over 2,500 reading centres have been organized. The services of a centleman well known in this proving of a gentleman well known in this province, Mr. R. E. Gosnell, late provincial librarian, have been secured to organize the reading centres in British Columbia, and under his direction there is no doubt that the movement will be highly successful. He will henceforth devote his time and energies to the work. The Times will be able later on to publish fuller particulars of what is contemplated and actually done under this system, but for the present its will be sufficient The associat on has published a series of studies in subjects of wide and general interest, the readings in each subject and subdivision being prepared by

university professors and specialists, some of whom are of world-wide fame. These studies include universal history, universal hierature, political economy, political science and sociology, religion and theology, and some of the sciences. This list will be extended from time to me to include other important studies of popular interest. The important feature of the system is that it proceeds on the principle of doing one thing at a the principle of doing one thing at a time and doing it well. A reader may select any one of the subjects in which he is most interested, and the course is so arranged that his readings will, if faithfully prosecuted, furnish him with a fundamental and livet comprehensive knowledge of it. It is not claimed that he will become an authority on or exhaust the subject, but he will be placed in a position of advantage in respect to his general reading and in further pursuing his studies. He will have laid a good foundation. Reading centres will be formed in each community where practicable, resident instructors appointed to assist, and examinations held is to the results of which certificates will

only \$3.75, with a further fee of fifty cents for a certificate of examination. It is therefore within the reach of all, rich or poor. Of course, such low fees are only possible on the basis of large popular classes, and owing to the popularity of the system the association has been nabled to carry it out on a self support-

ing basis.

Mt. Gosnell expects that the system will mee; with special favor in British Columbia, where the opportunities for securing higher education have been, so far, fewer than in the eastern provinces, and where seems to reference libraries. thought. Expensive or any other books of reference are unnecessary, as the text books provided contain extracts from the various authorities fully sufficient to supplement the text of the less sons of the description of the way of reading the works of the best authors are highly advantageous, but the surface of the less to supplement the text of the less sons of the less of t works of the best authors are highly ad-wartageous, but the system affords a well-selected digest, in all the studies, of the statements and ppinions of standard uthorities a feature in itself of inesti

It is the intention of Mr. Gosnell to prosecute the work vigorously, so as to take advantage of the winter season, during which it can be best carried on He states that all that will be exacted of readers in these studies, to complete a ourse, is one half-hour of honest reading each day

FROM THE CAPITAL Ottawa, Dec. 2.-Judge Wurtele, who sentenced Murderer Mann, of Montreal, to be hanged, has recommended that clemency be shown in this case, which means that the death sentence will be communited to life imprisonment. The Nicolet election appeal on the pre-liminary objection, decided by the su-preme court against Leduc, will be taken

to the privy council.

John T. Niblock, local superintendent for the London Life Assurance Company, was placed under arrest here tohay note at charge of forgery. He was taken the police station this afternoen. He is accused of putting a doctor's name to death certificates, there being no such person.

Mr. James Sutherland, M. P., is ere. He will probably accompany Mrs. Sitton west, and, if possible, leave to day.

THE AINSWORTH DISASTER. Spokane, Nov. 30.-A Nelson special to the Spokesman-Review gives further particulars of the wreck of the Ainsworth as follows: The starboard lifeboat was first launched. Six sprang in to it and it was swamped. All went down but Johnson, who divested himself of his overcoat and got on board again. The port boat was next launched, but the maddened Italians jumped in and it was swamped. Four of the Italians were drowned. The others were saved. This boat was subsequently righted and a part of the survivors get into it and paddled two miles to shore. There a bonfire was lighted and the bont returned and brought off seven wen clinging to the ropes. A third trip prought remainder of the passengers ashore. The wrecked party were taken to Pilot Bay and this morning the Kokanee brought them to Nelson. The Ainsworth is a wreck, half beached at Crawford At the time of the disaster she carried nineteen passengers and a crew of twelve.

Associated Press that he knew nothing at all about the matter the control of the

Livent which Maras the Opening Day's Session. or trace device .-Unusual Public Interest Aroused in Conse-

quence of the important Legislative Ques-

tions To Be Considered.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—Congress re-assembled to-day under curcumstances of unusual interest. The same congress six month, ago, declared war against Spain, and now, with the war fought and won, it came together again for the legislative questions to be considered which have been brought on by the eventful month just passed. The spirit of the occasion was not, how-ever, one of immediate expectancy, for the last few months left to the existrence of the fifty-fifth congress give promise of little more than the begin-ning of momentous policies and prob-

lems growing out of the war.

As usual, all Washington turned its attention to the capitel for that gala event which marks the opening day of the session. The weather imposed barrier, for the hurricane yesterday given way to clearing skies and balmy air. Long before noon, the hour when the senate and house began their work, the corridors were filled with surging crowds entering in the rotunda of the statuary hall and pushing along Tithe wards of the private galleries. No evi-cences remained of the explosion and fire which recently damaged the build-

Exactly at noon Speaker Reed's gavel came down with a sharp crack, the great ebony mace entwined with silver and surmounted by a silver eagle was lifted into place upon its green pedestal, the spreading folds of the American flag were broken to the breeze above the brilliant stained glass ceiling, and the House of Representatives entered upon the closing session of the memorable war congress. The scene within the great hall was animated, brilliant and be granted

Apart from the intrinsic merits of the system itself, what will recommend it to the public is the fact that it has been designed so as to impart its benefits at a minimum cost. It will be supprising to know that the cost of a course in any given subject, including the fext books, instruction, and all the rest, is only \$3.75, with a further fee of fifty only \$3.75, with a further fee of iffty only \$3.75. steady stream of people came from the corridors into the galleries. Even the private galleries, were crowded an hour before the house convened. Members began arriving shortly before 11, and the hall was soon abuzz as they exhanged congratulations or made condolences.

The galleries were filed early, many of the spectators being visitors to Washington. On the senate floor the Columbia where the opportunities for securing higher education have been, so far, fewer than in the eastern provinces, and where access to reference libraries is practically out of the question, no other qualifications being necessary than intelligence; ordinary educational acquirements and a desire to improve. He is particularly hopeful of the success of the members dropped into the political course, as it involves a their sents in the chamber, and the fast scene presented a scene presented was unusually brilliant. The desks of the members were loaded with magnificent specimens of the floristic sents in the first senator. On the senate floor the scene presented was unusually brilliant. The desks of the members were loaded with magnificent specimens of the floristic senator. One first members are described by the first senator. One the members described by the first senator. One by one the members dropped into the classification of the floristic senator. One by one the members dropped into the desks of the members were loaded with magnificent specimens of the floristic senator. One presented was unusually brilliant. duirements and a desire to improve. He is particularly hopeful of the success of the political course, as it involves a course of reading of such universal interest and importance. In this, as in all the other studies, the aim is to present of the origin, history, development and principal tenets of the various schools of the diplomatic gallery. Yun Tung Pan, Chinese minister and attaches of the diplomatic some other members of the diplomatic some other members of the diplomatic

which was held last night on the acci-

twelve trackmen of the company were killed by a train on November 18th, on the jury returned a verdict that Michael Lawless come to his death through the negligence of ene or more employees on the Pennsylvania railroad. The same verdict will hold in the case of the other eleven victims.

THE PEACE COMMISSION.

Paris, Dec. 5.—The American peace commissioners held a long conference this morning, beginning at 10 o'clock. They had only a brief recess for lunch Refere going to the foreign office to meet the Spanish commissioners this af ternoon the Americans apparently had changed the form of some of their demands, as a result of their deliberations during the past three days. Secretary Moore, of the United States commission ers, says it is probable that to-day's joint tession will settle all open questions in abstance, leaving only the wording the treaty for discussion, 1 97

TO CHECK AN EVIL. The Police Magistrate Will Have Chatham Street Looked, After.

May Williams, the keeper of a dis-reputable house on Herald street, was in the police court this morning as a wil ness in a vagrancy case, but she will make her appearance later as respondent to a more serious charge. Alfred Thomas, a young man who former y worked on the Garonne, but who has been knocking about town without any visible means of support, was brought up on a charge of vagrancy. The police suspected that Thomas was living up in the proceeds of infamy, and to prove the fact, put the woman into the lox She admitted paying Thomas the sum of \$10, but said that it was in part repayment of a loan the defendant had made to her. She said that she had become acquainted with him on an excursion to Vancouver. He was with three others and "they all had plenty of money," the added, "or else I wouldn't have been with them".

After the police chief had completed his examination the police magistrate sought light upon May's maner if life. "Where do you live?" he asked.
"At 37 Chatham street," replied the

"Is it a house of ill-fame?" continued The prisoner replied that it was and the magistrate continued.

"Are you the keeper of it?"

""" with an air of satisfaction. the court.

cordingly went over until to morrow. The usual fine of \$2.50 and the cost of hack was exacted in the case of a ne charge, failing to appear, his as carented. Washington La The miloner of the cula

ROSS WORK.

Washington, Dec. 3.-The French embassy has submitted to the state, department a request from the Spanish branch of the Red Cross Society for il-lustrations and explanations of all surgical, medical and humane devices used by the United States to allevate the horrors of war. The Spanish society is not a government institution, although it has operated during the recent war under the patronage of the Queen Regent of Spain. A request similar to this has been made of other governments, the purpose being to publish a volume showing advances made the world over in caring for the sick and wounded and n meeting the many distressing situa-ions arising from a condition of war. A full set of illustrations is desired of the American field hospital, ambulance trains, stretchers, surgeons' outfits, and conveniences of the military and naval surgeons bureau.

GERMANY'S ASPIRATIONS.

London, Dec. 1.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily News says Germany is negotiating at Washington for the recognition of Germany's commercial privileges in the Sulu islands. The negotiations are friendly, Germany desiring to act in perfect agreement with England and the United States. Ger-many would give a reasonable price for the Carolines, but she does not desire to lo anything to prejudice her relatious with either the United States or Great

## Sporting Intelligence.

THE RING.

Erne Surprised 'Em. Erne Surprised 'Em.

The comment of the leading New York newspapers on the Erne-Lavigne contest cannot but be interesting to the admirers of the Buffalo boy.

Kid Lavigne and Frank Erne fought a draw last night at Coney Island. It was as picturesque a battle as has ever been seen. Twenty faster rounds were never

seen. Twenty faster rounds were never fought. From start to finish the fight was as clean as a needle. There was no blood, no roughing, no fouls and no protests. It was the meeting of men of unmatched skill and perfect condition. It was so good that it tamed even the prize fight congregation. They forgot to how and shriek and hiss. It was a spectacle more than a contest; though Lavigne landed many more blows than Erne, he could not be said to have the better of it at the ed many more blows than Erne, he could not be said to have the better of it at the cod. If Lavigne is a master at hitting, Erne is a master of as great, or greater, a science, that of being hit. Because he just knew how to receive a blow with the minimum of danger, he was enabled to fight smilingly to the last of a long, hard struggle, and to be strong and able after a punishing that would put any ordinary puglist to bed for a week and kill a layman.

brine, who had been looked upon as an easy mark for the champion, surprised experts by putting up the cleverest fight of his career, and in the last five or six rounds his friends went wild over the fact that he outpointed Lavigne. The latter has undcubtedly gone back and he was a disappointment to those who had picked him as a sure winner. He was along the him as a sure winner. has indoubtedly gone back and he was a disappointment to those who had picked him as a sure winner. He was slow, but never-ceasing in his attack, using the old boring methods that have won so many battles for him, but Erne's wonderful cleverness stalled off many dangerous smashes and made the Kid look fuuny at times. Erne' used superb judgment throughout their contest, worked his left with such unerring accuracy that the Kid's face was badly bunged up, and fin'shed as strong as a Hem. Lavigne was, very strong, too, at the close, and the decision of Referee Austin, although it could not have been otherwise because of an agreement between the men, was generally considered just. There were partisans of the Buffalo boy, though, who believed that Erne's manager took exception to the ruling by saying that Referee Austin had misunderstood the articles of agreement. "If the police stopped the bout it was to have been ordered a deary." "If the police stepped the bout it, was to have been declared a draw," he said, "but if it went the "limit there was to be a decision. The referee made a mistake." As the odds were greatly in favor of Lavigne among the betters, the ruling may, perhaps, be considered fortunate for them, but Erne's followers were inconsolable over what they fermed the "going wrong of a good thing."

Erne forced the fighting and nearly closed the Kid's eye.

RUGBY FOOTBALL. Colonies the Victors. The Colonies defeated the Old Country representatives on Saturday afternoon by 6 points to 3. The miserable weather and the wretched state of the ground prevented anything like good play, and robbed the match of interest for spectators. The Championship Series.

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The Nandimo Hornets and the Vancouver team were to meet on Saturday afternoon in Vancouver to try concusions, and it is presumed that the following clipping from the News Advertiser refers to the game, atthough it does not say so. It is now produced merbatim, as it contains all that has been necessary in reference to the game. game: The first home match in the Rugby cham-The first tome match in the Rugby championship iseries was played at Brockton Point yesterday. The weather was far from favorable, but a hard and exciting game was witnessed nevertheless. Both teams put in excellent work, and some fine combination play was witnessed, but in the scrum and on the field it was apparent that neither side had any favor in weight or skill, and when time was called the game stood at a tie. Hopkins and Morley buth needed medical attention before the whistle blew, the former on account of his collar bone, and the latter for a strained shoulder. ed shoulder.

> HOCKEY. The Ball.

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The practice match of the Hockey Club on Saturday afternoon took the shape of a game between teams chosen by the captein and vice-captain, which was won by the last mentioned by 2 goals to 0. The ball will be held on Tuesday, the 20th, in the Fort street hall, just above the Riding Academy. Tickets may be had from any of the members. from any of the members.

> ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. Y. M. C. A.'s Won.

The Columb'as and the Y. M. C. A's had a happy time on Saturday afternoon, finding it almost impossible to keep upright, owing to the slipperiness of the ground. They played the game through, however, with the result that the Y. M. C. A.'s won by 3 goals to 1.

BASKET BALL.

Postponed Till To-morrow.

The senior game between No.'s 1 and 3 companies, announced for this evening, has been put off until to-morrow evening at \$1.15. The match will be a close one, as both teams are in good trim and determined to secure the victory.