# UP 2,000 FEET IN AIR IN DISABLED AIRSHIP.

Horace Wild, Aeronaut, Has Narrow Escape from Death Above Chicago.

The Ship is Disabled While Smoke and Sleet Make the Earth Invisible.

#### Aeronaut Lands on Vacant Lot After a Perilous Trip Along Framework.

disabled airship separating him from i noon under conditions among the most terrifying which have ever attended an ascent in Chicago, finally landing in a and the great mass glided gently down

way he was heading. Sometimes he lost even the sense of the vertical and was unable to tell whether he was approaching or receding from the carth.

Then the supreme misfortune occurred. A sharp crackling sound reached him above the whistling of the wind. The glanced around and saw what he feared. The rudder had snapped and he was at the mercy of the wind.

Pausing only long enough to make sure there was no chance of guiding the great monster above him he worked his way slowly forward. The ropes supporting the staging had become entangled by the buffeting of the wind and he could no longer stand on the braces beneath. With fingers from which the feeling had long since departed he grasped the rods of the framework and worked his way slowly along. Once he lost his grasp and ly along. Once he lost his grasp and ly along. Once he lost his grasp and long off. I was not bad when I started and I rose to a height of about 2,000 feet. Then I cancountered an east wind which began to a height of about 2,000 feet. Then I cancountered an east wind which began to a height of about 2,000 feet. Then I cancountered an east wind which began to a height of about 2,000 feet. Then I cancountered an east wind which began to a height of about 2,000 feet. Then I cancountered an east wind which began to a height of about 2,000 feet. Then I cancountered an east wind which began to a height of about 2,000 feet. Then I cancountered an east wind which began to a height of about 2,000 feet. Then I cancountered an east wind which began to a height of about 2,000 feet. Then I cancountered an east wind which began to a height of about 2,000 feet. Then I cancountered an east wind which began to a height of about 2,000 feet. Then I cancountered an east wind which began to a height of about 2,000 feet. Then I cancountered an east wind which began to a height of about 2,000 feet. Then I cancountered an east wind which began to a height of about 2,000 feet. Then I cancountered an east wind which began to a height of about 3.30 o'clock from Lincoln a

NO FOOD TAXATION.

CHURCHILL ANNOUNCES OFFICIAL

LY THE LIBERAL INTENTIONS.

Conference May Be Held-Britain's Rep-

onies involving taxation of food.

receive all possible assistance and encour-agement. Lord Elgin, before Mr. Lyttel-ton left office, had, with great propri-

cty, suggested a postponement until af-ter 1907 of the conference due in the

summer of next year, and inquiries had already been sent to the various col-

onies concerned before the Government changed. It appeared that the postponement was, in secural cases, actually convenient to the colonial Ministers. More-

over, all had the interests of the Em-

pire at heart. Both motherland and col-onies would desire that these periodic conferences should be kept clear of Brit-

ish party passions, which were always excited by a general election. When the conference met in 1907 it would be free and unfettered, and it

would be open to colonial Minsters to bring forward any question, or to advise any proposal which seemed to afford a

prospect of more in made co-ordination and closer union of the various wide-spread dependencies of the Crown. No coubt the colonial representatives

at the conference would receive from their respective Governments precise instructions as to the proposals they were authorized to put forward or ac-

were authorized to put forward or accept. Representatives of the Home Government would also receive precise instructions. The nature of those instructions depended upon the wishes and feelings of the masses of the British people. If the result of the general election should provide Sir Hönry Campbell-Bannerman with an adequate majority for the conduct of public affairs, it would be the duty of the representatives of the British Government to inform

of the British Government to inform

their colonial colleagues that we would not enter into any arrangements for a preferential union with the colonies in-

volving the protective taxation of food.

In making such a statement he said the Liberal Ministers would only be following the course taken by Mr. Cham-

resentative, However, Will Be In-

sturcted to Refuse Such Conditions

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Swaying 2,000 feet him. The speed of the propeller had not slackened and the great ship descended slowly. Then he was suddenly enveloped dy a cloud of smoke and could tell noth-disabled airship separating him from the great ship descended by a cloud of smoke and could tell noth-man more until about 500 or 600 feet from disabled airship separating him from ing more until about 500 or 600 feet from the earth, when a sudden current swept narrowly escaped death yesterday after the smoke away and he perceived the houses below him. Carefully shifting his

ascent in Chicago, finally landing in a vacant lot at Robey and Ohio streets.

Balancing on the frail framework,

Balancing on the frail framework,

The next problem was to descend safe. Balancing on the frail framework, which had tipped so it was with the greatest difficulty that he could maintain his position, the wiry little man battled bravely with the elements. The driving snow and smoke had so blinded him that he lost his bearings and it was only by noting the direction from which the sleet came that he could guess which way he was heading. Sometimes he lost way he was heading. Sometimes he lost way he was neading. Sometimes he lost way he was neading. Sometimes he lost way he was neading to the same at alloung list and the problem was to descend safely the next problem was to descend safely the remaining distance, for a fall from this height result as fatally as if he had fallen half a mile. Then he heard a shout and saw his assistants, three in number, who had follewed in an automobile, running into the yard. They climbed to the roof of the building, which is on Erie street, near Robey, and the four together succeeded in disologing the ship and getting it to the vacant lot back of the house, where it

since departed he grasped the rods of the framework and worked his way slow! It along. Once he lost his grasp and saved himself by desperately clasping the frame with his knees.

With aching muscles he kept at his task and finally succeeded in shifting sufficient weight forward to make the great cigar-shaped bag point toward the ground.

Ilis machinery was working perfectly and this was the only thing which saved

rica. It would broadly allow the colony the Union Jack.

# KILLED IN BED.

NEW YORKER RECEIVES MORTAL WOUND FROM PISTOL BALL.

London, Jan. \*8 .- On behalf of the Co- No Possible Clue to Murderer-Bullet louisl Office. Winston Churchill, speaking to-night at Manchester, made an ing to-night at Manchester, made an important declaration of policy in a statement regarding the prospective colonlal conference. He stated that in the event of a Liberal success, the Government would not enter into any arrangement for preferential union with the colonies involving texation of food Best of Spirits.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 8.—Charles A Edwards, of New York, formerly Presi-dent of the Passaic Chemical Company of New Jersey, and more recently an of-ficer of the General Chemical Company, with an office in New York city, was He said there was no need to get nervous about the Empire, which would not sink to the level of a fifth rate power so soon as Mr. Chamberlain supposed. mysteriously given a death-wound from a pistol ball while lying in bed during so soon as Mr. Chamberlain supposed.

Lord Elgin had faced many difficulties, but the question of the colonial conference presented greater difficulties to the Government. A periodic assembly of representative men from all parts of the Empire, to discuss questions of imperial interest, would be attended by great advantages. Such a policy would be supposed to the conference of the policy would be supposed to the Charles A. Hiller, at his home here. oroner Pond opened an inquest.

Mr. Edwards was found dying in his

hamber by Mr. Hiller. Last night chamber by Mr. Hiner. Lass light he attended a birthday party in honor of his sister. Mrs. Samuel Harris, a cousin of former President Timothy Dwight, of the Yale University. He retired, apparently in the best of spirits. His failure to appear at breakfast led Mr. Hiller to go upstairs. According to the latter the chamber door was not locked, and, going in, he saw Mr. Edwards

locked, and, going in, he saw Mr. Edwards apparently unconscious.

A neighbor, Dr. Metcalf, gave restoratives under the impression that it was a stroke of apoplexy. A little later Dr. Benjamin H. Cheney reached the house, but Mr. Edwards was then breathing his last. Dr. Cheney found a bullet hole in the left side of the head directly behind the ear. The hemorrhag from it had not been profuse, the missle had gone directly into the brain. Deputy Coroner Pond said that it Deputy Coroner Pond said that it would be impossible for Mr. Edwards to have shot himself and get rid of the weapon, and it was equally mystifying he said, as to the point from which the bullet was discharged. Determination of these facts if it he possible was left. of these facts, if it be possible, was left to the autopsy, which will be held to-

# MADE HER CRAZY.

SEA SICKNESS MADE HER INSANE. AND SHE IS SENT HOME.

New York, Jan. 8 .- The after effects of seasickness was the unusual cause for a sentence of deportation which the immigration authorities imposed to-day Mrs. Lydia M. Thompson, a woman of means, wife of an English country gen tleman, and cabin passenber on the steamer Minneapolis, was deathly seasick in the great Christmas storm during the Minneapolis' passage, and this illness left her mind temporarily deranged. Although her friends in this country guarantee that she will not become deconfer deconfer the contemplated. berlain in 1897.

There were many other questions of visit here, Immigration Commissioner Imperial importance lying outside the Watchorn has ruled that as an insane realm of fiscal reform, upon which a colonial conference would throw a most instructive light. The Government was hepeful of fruitful results to South Af-

DEAD IN BASEMENT.

MONTREAL MAN THOUGHT TO BE VICTIM OF MURDER.

Montreal report: The police are engaged to-day investigating the suspicious circumstances surrounding the death of William Regg, aged sixty-five years, who was found dead in the basement of a building at 217 St. Charles portoned street, this morning, and they fear that a murder has been committed. Allert Rignon, a neighbor, who had not seen Reg leave neighbor, who had not seen Regg leave his home for several days, suspected that he was ill, and on visiting the place this morning he made a gruesome discovery. Kegg was found lying dead on the floor, which was strewn with every kind of filth. His head presented the appearance of having been badly battered, His skull was fractured. A few feet from the body were several empty bottles, some broken and bearing whiskey labels, and still smelling strongly of alcohol.

Deceased is known to have lived for at least two years in the basement or

at least two years in the basement or cellar in which he was found, with a wo-man, who gives her name as Margaret Burke, fifty years of age. The woman was arrested. Regg was a pensioner of the British Army.

#### ABOUT USURY.

CLAUSE IN ACT THAT NEEDY BOR ROWERS SHOULD KNOW.

Misrepresentation or Concealment Can Be Proven Only Legal Rate of Interest is Chargeable-Penalties for

speaking yesterday in regard to the methods of usurers, as revealed in some recent instances, expressed the opinion that Magistrates should have authority to hear charges arising from such case in camera. Attention was such case in camera. Attention was drawn by Dr. Hunter to a clause of the act of 1905, one of several acts framed with the sole purpose of protecting people who borrow small amounts of money from outrageous interest charges. This clause states that where money not ex-ceeding \$200 is borrowed, and interest over ten per cent. is charged, and the borrower can show that he was induced to enter into the contract by misrepresentation or concealment of the rate of interest to be charged, then the loan may be liquidated by the amount actu-ally borrowed, together with the legal rate of interest—five per cent. This clause can be enforced before any Magistrate or Justice of the Peace.

It is also provided in the same act that "the cost of the loan," a phrase which has often been used in deceptive ways to the financial detriment of the wer, means the whole cost, but does not include actual disbursements for legal charges, such as those of the Registrar of Deeds, the Master or Local Master of Titles. Clerk of the County Court, the Sheriff or the Trea-surer of a municipality where it is necessary to file papers, make searches, or otherwise transact business with the officials mentioned, for which they

borrowers as "the cost of the loan," oc-

casionally as high as \$25 having been so charged on loans of \$100.

The penalties mentioned in the clause quoted are: A fine of \$200 for a first conviction, and for subsequent convictions imprisonment not exceeding a term of twelve months.

# SHARKS ALL AROUND.

TRENCH SAILORS.

Clinging to the Keel of Their Capsized Boat, Sharks Drew One Under, the Second Went Mad, and the Third Barely Escaped.

Paris, Jan. 8.—A French destroyer has brought into Bizerta the sole sur-

to the lifeboat and during three days subsisted on a single biscuit.

They were surrounded by sharks the whole time, and eventually Eriksen went mad and tried to kill Liset, who

was obliged to knock him down and drop him into the sea. Liset finally risked the sharks and swam ashore. DEATH OF AFRICAN MISSIONARY.

Rev. Dr. Stewart Was Associated With Livingstone.

terest is Chargeable—Penalties for Violation of Act.

Toronto report: Dr. J. Howard Hunter, Inspector of Insurance Companies and Registrar of Loan Corporations, and Registrar of Loan Corporations, the Corporations of Loan Corporations, the Corporation of Loan Corpo ingstone, whom he joined on his second journey of exploration in the Lake Nyassa region. He was present with Mrs. Livingstone when she died, and was also at the funeral of Dr. Living-stone. In 1866 he became associated with the Lovedale Mission, and revived the project of founding the Livingstonia Mission in 1875. Having again visited Lake Nyassa, and explored much of the western shore, Dr. Stewart gave an account before the Royal Geographical Society. He helped in the settlement of Blantyre, and was Moderator of the ree Church Assembly in 1899. He was

TO JOIN THE UNIVERSITY.

The Macdonald University at Guelph Expected to Affiliate.

Toronto despatch: The Masdonald Institute in connection with the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph will, it is expected, become affiliated with the University of Toronto. Mrs. Hoodless. Provincial Superintendent of Domestic Science, conferred with Hon. Dr. Pyne and Hon. Mr. Monteith yesterday in regard to the question, which will be brought to the attention of the University Commission. At present the domestic science course at the institute and similar work at the university overlap similar work at the university overlap or otherwise transact business with the officials mentioned, for which they are allowed a fee.

In some cases, in addition to the legal charges, varying amounts are charged to the university of the university o

# Hole in Left Side of Head Directly MAY BE MERCY TO KILL THEM;

# Dr. Chas. E. Norton Favors Taking the Lives of the Hopelessly Sick and Insane. Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—Dr. Chas. Eliot, Norton, of Cambridge, has joined forces with Miss Anne S. Hall, of Cincinnati to give a dose of Indiana would hesitate to give a dose of Indiana.

with Miss Anne S. Hall, of Cincinnati, and Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth in their campaign for the killing off of the hopelessly insane, hopelessly diseased and victims of accidents.

His views are expressed in a letter written to Miss Hall and made public

here to-day.

Dr. Norton was formerly professor of literature at Harvard. He was a friend of Longfellow and Lowell, and with them made the famous translation of the Divine Comedy. He heads his letter, "An Appeal to Reason as Well as Compassion," addressed to Miss Hall, and

prolong every human life as long as possible at whatever cost has hitherto been generally accepted. Its main support has been the doctrine of the sacredness of the sacredness

"The doctrine and the practice have both been pressed too far. There is no ground to hold every human life as inground to hold every human life as inviolably sacred, and to be preserved, no
matter with what results to the individual, or to others. On the contrary,
there are case to which every reasonable
consideration urges that the end should misery."

no right thinking man would hesitate to give a dose of lawdanum sufficient to end the suffering and life together, to the victim of an accident from the torturing effects of which recovery was impossible however many hours of mis-ery might be added to conscious life by stimulants or surgical operations.

"Nor should a reasonable man hesitate to hasten death in the case of ; mortal disease, such, for example, as of incessant severe pain, and when the patient desires to die. The prolongation of life in such a case, by which whatever means is mere criminal cruelty. Or take another instance, that of an old person whose mind has become a chaos of wild imaginings productive of constant distress not only to the sufferer

sition so deeply rooted in tradition as that of the duty of prolonging life at any cost will readily yield to the arguments of reason or the pleadings of com-passion, but the discussion of the sub-ject in its various phases may lead grad-

# SUE FOR \$5,000,000 OF SINGER ESTATE.

#### Two Titled Daughters of Sewing Machine Man Want Share of Fortune.

Paris, Jan. 8 .- Society is greatly in- ing machine, which bears his name, died Paris, Jan. 8.—Society is greatly interested in the sensational Singer will case which is about to come before the civil court of the Seine. The principal parties to the dispute are the princesse de Polignac, who was a Miss Singer, the Duchesse Decazes, another Miss Singer, and Monsieur Sohege, who married the widow of the elder Singer. The sum contested is 25,000,000 francs, or say \$5,000,000.

Mr. Singer, the inventor of the sew-

# MORALES' DEFEAT AT **PUERTO PLATA COMPLETE**

TRAGIC EXPERIENCE OF THREE A Hundred and Fifty Men Killed and Wounded During the Three Days' Fight.

#### Gen. Jiminez Said to be Preparing to Attack the City of Santiago.

has brought into Bizerta the sole survivor of the steamer Albula, which foundered off Cape Bon. The crew of eighteen left the sinking vessel in a dingy and a lifeboat, but the former was immediately swamped, and the lifeboat soon capsized, only three men escaping by clinging to the upturned the forces of the fugitive President, General Caceres, and the forces of the fugitive President, General Morales, say that the defeat of the keel. advices received here to-day from the scene of the hostilities between the latter before Puerto Plata on Jan. 3, One of the men had been wounded, and was bleeding freely. The blood attracted a number of sharks and be was soon dragged under. The two survivors, Eriksen and Liset, clambered on the commander, lost his life, was complete. About 150 men were kill-vivors, Eriksen and Liset, clambered on wounded. The remainder of Mortal Complete is the commander of the commander ed or wounded. The remainder of Morales' followers embarked on board the gunboat Independencia off Puerto Plata, after which the vessel sailed for Monte Cristo. General Guillito, the former Governor of Monte Cristo, who with his troops had declared hanself in favor of Morales, on being informed of the death of Gen. Rodriguez, decided to fight in his own behalf, and is preparing to attack Santiago, south of Puerto Plata.

Gen. Jiminez, the former President of

Cape Haytien, Hayti, Jan. 8.—Further advices received here to-day from the scene of the hostilities between the troops of the temporary President of Santo Domingo, General Caceres, and

messengers, a large part of the popula-tion of northern Santo Domingo is in

New York, Jan. 5.—That the death of Gen. Demetrio Rodriguez, who led the Morales insurrection in Santo Domingo, will be the death blow to the uprising, was the opinion expressed yesterday by Fabro Fiallo, Consul-General of Santo

Domingo in this city.

According to Senor Fiallo President
Caceres can give far more substantial
aid to the pending treaty between the
United States and Santo Domingo. He
further declared that Gen. Morales joined the revolution to defeat the treaty.

The news of the killing of Gen Rey. The news of the killing of Gen. Rod riguez in the fighting at Puerto Plata was a shock to his friends in this city, where he lived for some time. He was a graduate of Fordham College.

### THE YORK LOAN.

PLAN TO CONTINUE REALIZATION OF ASSETS FOR SHAREHOLDERS.

Mr. James Bicknell, K. C., Thinks This transformation. Method Would Be Profitable-National Trust Company to be Continued in Management.

A Toronto despatch: Still another and quite new development in York County Loan Co. affairs was made public yes-terday, when Messrs, Bicknell & Bain gave notice of an application to be made to the Legislature for an act to reorga-nize the affairs of the company and to incorporate a new company for the purincorporate a new company for the purpose, issuing stock to be exchanged for the shares held by the present members.

Mr. James Bicknell, K. C., told a reporter that reorganization was absolutely necessary. The winding-up would be a long, slow, tedious process unless a purchaser for the assets could be found, and he was inclined to think that such a purchaser would not give a price that would be satisfactory to the shareholders. He thought the assets should be realized carefully, putting the

snareholders. He thought the assets should be realized carefully, putting the National Trust Co. in charge, but a reorganization was desirable by the shareholders for their own benefit. The The winding-up would be solely for the pur-pose of obtaining restitution from any parties who may have used funds wrong-fully or who used funds for unauthorized purposes, and which they would be liable

Mr. W. T. White, of the National Trust Co., had nothing to say on the matter beyond remarking that the Ontario Legislature could not interfere in a winding-up under the Dominion act. The work of liquidation was going on, 25,000 or 30,000 books having been taken

in. The new plan of enlisting the aid of the banks is working splendidly.

Until the appointment of a permanent liquidator on the 22nd instant no furliquidator when the property of the prope

had instructed the managers of all their branches to accept the pass-books and stock certificates of shareholders and depositors, and besides forwarding the same to the liquidator to assist the unfortunate depositors of the company in very way possible.

# ALFONSO'S WEDDING.

PREPARATIONS AT MADRID FOR THIS GALA EVENT.

A Gigantic Floral Garden-Wagonloads of Roses and Pinks Will Be Used, Wine Will Flow Like Water and Grand Things Will Be Done Gener-

Madrrid, Jan. S .- The most scrupulous eserve is maintained in Court circles concerning the arrangements for the marriage of King Alfonso and Princess Ena, of Battenberg, but the following As at present arranged, the formal announcement of the betrothal will be made either just before or when King Edward visits Madrid, and the wedding will probably take place during the traditional fetes of Isidore. facts are from an authentic source.

A rumor which was circulated that the Pope did not view the alliance with faor is groundless. During the wedding festivities Madrid

from the provinces.

Streams of white and red wine will flow from the fountains of Madrid in lieu of water on the day of the wed-

had during the regency, and the King those he had during his minority, and considerable rearrangemente will, of course be made. ourse be made.

The Princess Ena will have her pri-

vate apartments on the first floor of the palace, where an army of workmen are engaged in making the necessary

transformation.

Don Carlos, the widower of the late Princess of the Austrias, the elder sister of the King, lives with his baby Prince, the heir-presumptive, in the palace, and will continue to do so until the King has a descendant of his own.

A Madrid jeweler is manufacturing a magnificent dinner service of solid silver to be used at the wedding banquet.

# CATS AND INFECTION.

THE LANCET GIVES SOME CASES IN POINT.

Iwo Cats Examined by the Bacteriologist of Govan Were Found to Have Diphtheria Germs in Their Throats.

The apparently harmless domestic cat to the Lancet, for two cases of diphtheria have practically been traced to children kissing and petting these animals.

The bacteriologist for the burgh of Govan is responsible for this latest medical scare. He has issued an interesting report on the result of his investigations into the possibility of the infection of diphtheria being carried by the lower animals expecially cata.

lower animals, especially cats.
Two cats were taken to the laboratory, where their throats were examined. Micro-organisms from the throat were cultivated on artificial media away from the body, and were found to correspond

the children became affected, infection is quite likely to have been carried in this way, and it is perfectly reasonable to suppose that similar instances of undetected or unrecognized attacks of disease among the lower animals have materially contributed to the prevalence of diphtheria.

of diphtheria.

Of five cases of diphtheria recently reported in Govan three patients came from two families living in adjoining properties and two from a house in a tenement area opposite. In the circumscribed area enclosing the back courts of these buildings there had been a stray cat which had eventually ob-tained a home in one of the families affected. The animal, when examined was found to be suffering from post-diph-theritic paralysis of the legs.

## SETTLE OLD DISPUTE.

GREAT LAKES FISHERIES QUES-TION MAY END.

Secretary Root Expects to Reach an Agreement With Great Britain by Which United States Will Buy Out Canadian Sealers.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 8.—A Washington despatch to The Chicago Tribune says: Secretary Root is about to setbrought by hundreds of wagonloads from Seville, Malaga, Valencia, Alicante and Murcia.

Grand processions in character will be organized by the students and women eigarmakers, and the charming national dances will be performed by peasants from the provinces.

Streams of white and red with the character will be seal caught.

With this agreement will be sufficiently, it is expected, by which the United States will be organized by the students and women ideas will be performed by peasants from the provinces.

Streams of white and red with the discontinuation of the value of the seal caught. tle the great lakes fisheries question with Great Britain, and practically all the other controversies existing with

the dispute which about fifteen years ago brought the United States and Great Britain to the verge of war. As soon as this matter is disposed of Secretary Root and British Ambassador Durant will take up the question of the ding.

One of the most popular celebrations will be a monster bull-fight, conducted with all the magnificence and panoply of ancient use.

Many changes are being made at the palace to prepare the apartments for the King and his bride. At present the Course of the treaty of 1817, limiting the arament of each power on the great lakes. Then will be discussed the minor questions in connection with the transmission of goods in bond through the territory of the other, and the regulation of immigration.