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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

BORN.

MAY—In this city, on Dec. 19, 1895, at 150 Mill street, the wife of R. V. May, of a son.

MARRIED.

ROWLAND—WINCHESTER—In Chicago, on Nov. 26, 1895, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Alfred Rowland, father of the bridegroom, Mr. A. H. Rowland (formerly of this city), to Miss N. G. Winchester, of Chicago.

PHILLIPS—BOYCE—At Milwaukee, Wis., on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1895, by the Rev. W. A. Hunsberger, of the Grand Avenue M. E. Church, H. C. Phillips, formerly of London, and now of Milwaukee, to Miss Martha Boyce, of London.

DIED.

BROOKS—In this city on Dec. 22, 1895, Evan Jane, daughter of James and Elizabeth Brooks, aged 16 years.

Funeral from family residence, 270 Maitland street, on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 2:30 p.m., services at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

Amusements and Lectures

Advertisements under this heading two cents per word each insertion. No advertisement less than 10 words.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE — ONE WEEK, beginning Monday, Dec. 23, Grand Christmas and Saturday matinees, 2:30 o'clock. The premiers of repertoire, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne, supported by their own company of brilliant players, presenting a repertoire of new and standard plays. Monday evening, Dec. 23, Milton Noble's original comedy-drama, in four acts, entitled "From Sire to Son," with all its grand scenic effects and elaborate stage settings. Change of play nightly. Popular prices —Evening, 10c, 20c, 30c; no higher. Matinee prices—Children, 10c; adults, 20c. Seats on sale Friday. 80k

MERRY CHRISTMAS—GRAND ASSEMBLY, City Hall, Dec. 24; Ensign's celebrated orchestra; grand march 8:15 sharp. 78k ywtz

LONDON EAST HALL IS TO BE SEATED with chairs for the concert Xmas night. 82n

PALACE DANCING ACADEMY—NEW Year's term commences Monday, Jan. 6. Gentlemen Monday, ladies Tuesday; advanced class Wednesday evenings. Children Saturday afternoons. DAYTON & MCCORMICK.

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING BY Mr. R. B. Millard, at his residence, 345 Princess avenue. A thorough system of teaching the modern glide waltz and all fashionable dances guaranteed. Lessons given any hour.

Meetings.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

LONDON SOUTH COUNCIL NO 19, C. O. C. F., regular meeting Thursday, Dec. 26th. All members requested to attend. Election of officers, also delegates to Grand Council. A. M. LEGG, recorder. 83u

A. O. F., COURT BRIGHTON, 6507, WILL meet in their hall, Craig street, on Monday, 30th December, at 8 p.m., instead of Xmas eve., 24th December. H. SUTHERLAND, secretary. b

EUREKA LODGE, I. O. O. F.—TUESDAY night, important business; no member should miss any meeting remainder of the year. z

Domestics Wanted.

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WANTED—YOUNG GIRL AS HOUSEMAID. Apply 518 Queen's avenue. 83tf

WANTED—A GOOD COOK FOR TH Home for Incurables. Apply MI FRANK, at the Home, Hamilton road. 81c

WANTED—AN ELDERLY LADY AS housekeeper on farm. Apply R. H. SSKYMFUR, Byron P. O. 82n

NOW FOR XMAS—RING UP THE OLD reliable, Dwyer's Intelligence Office. On hand: Cooks, generals, housemaids, dining-room girls, girls for all kinds of work; 391 Richmond street. Phone 1121.

WANTED AT ONCE—GOOD DINING ROOM girls and chamber maids to go out of city; also generals and girls for all kinds of work. Armstrong's Intelligence office, 56 Dundas street. Phone 386.

Lost and Found.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

LOST ABOUT A WEEK AGO A SEAL ring. Reward at this office. 83tf

LOST THURSDAY, BETWEEN HORN and Stanley streets, purse containing money. Finder will receive reward by leaving at 58 Craig street. b

Accountants.

W. MAGEE, ACCOUNTANT, 413 Richmond street, or 640 Talbot street, London.

ALFRED A. BOOKER, ACCOUNTANT—136 Elmwood avenue, South London. Telephone 1009.

Laundries.

TAKE YOUR WORK TO HOP SING—252 Dundas street. All work done by hand. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Marriage Licenses.

MARRIAGE LICENSES AT SHUFF'S drug store, 540 Dundas street east, corner William. Take Dundas street electric car. No witnesses required.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY W. H BARTRAM. 99 Dundas street.

WM. H. WESTON, GROCER, ISSUES licenses at his office, 64 Stanley street. No bonds required.

LICENSES ISSUED BY THOS. GILLEAN jeweler, 420 Richmond street.

MARRIAGE LICENSES, ISSUED BY Chas. F. Colwell, at Residence, 370 Adelaide Street, London. Witnesses not necessary.

Houses, Etc., To Let.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

COTTAGE TO LET — TEN MINUTES walk from postoffice, north. Apply 846 Dundas street. 83c

TO LET—TWO STORY BRICK HOUSE No. 629 Talbot street, $10 a month. Apply No. 631. 73n eod

OFFICE TO LET—DOUBLE ROOM WITH vault, first floor Albion Building; also front room on first floor; immediate possession Apply T. H. CARLING, at the brewery. 33tf

TO LET—COTTAGE, CORNER RIDOUT and Craig streets, South London; rent $13. Apply GEORGE C. GUNN, barrister. 42tf

TO LET—RESIDENCE, 484 COLBORNE street, corner Dufferin avenue, 10 rooms, modern conveniences. Apply FRASER & FRASER. 42tf

INSURE IN THE PHŒNIX — TIME tried, fire tested insurance company, of Hartford, Conn. Assets, $6,000,000. Large security, liberal settlements, low rates. Money to loan at 5½ per cent.

EDWARD TOWE, AGENT
Office over Bank of Commerce, London,
Telephone, No. 507. xzv

Christmas Cheer.

THE COMMITTEE OF ST. GEORGE'S Society request the members and friends of said society to call and inspect the Christmas cheer before distribution, which closes at 10 a.m. Tuesday. b

Male Help Wanted.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

WANTED—TRUSTWORTHY PERSON to travel in Canada; salary $780 and expenses; reference. Address The Dominion Company, 321 Omaha Building, Chicago. 79n

ORGANIZERS WANTED—PROFITABLE, permanent employment. Apply by letter. Grand Organizer Oddfellows, 49 King street west, Toronto.

CANVASSERS AND COLLECTORS wanted for loan and savings company. Apply Room 8, Duffield Block. 73bu

FROM NOW TILL AFTER CHRISTMAS we will make to order pants from $2 50 to $3; don't miss this offer. R. H. SIMPLE, merchant tailor, 291 Wellington street.

AGENTS—WANTED—$20 PER WEEK—Apply to GEO. MARSHALL & Co., tea importers, 258 Dundas street.

Agents Wanted.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

WANTED—AGENTS TO SOLICIT BUSINESS for the Home Life Association of Canada—assessment system. Good remuneration. Apply L. W. BURKE, Superintendent, No. 5 Masonic Temple. 2tf

WANTED — GENTLEMEN OF GOOD address to place building and loan stock. Men of experience preferred. Salary and commission. Address "Birkbeck," 169 Dundas street, London, Ont. 19tf

Typewriters.

VISIBLE WRITING AND FINE ART printing with the Blickensderfer Typewriter. Price only $45 00. Sixty sold in three months. CREELMAN BROS., Georgetown, Ont. zxv eow

Articles For Sale.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

FOR SALE — TWO FRIESLEY BRED pug puppies, small strain; pedigree, finest in America, 7 weeks old, $10 each. J. W. HINCHCLIFF, Strathroy. 83c

STAMPS — OLD POSTAGE STAMPS bought. H. GRUNDY, Bedford road, Toronto. 77n eod

FOR SALE — HARNESS, TRUNKS AND valises at Manufacturers' prices. J. DARCH & SONS, 377 and 379 Talbot street.

FOR SALE CHEAP — TWO HUNDRED-EGG "Ertel" Incubator and Brooder. Apply JOHN A. CRODEN, 171 Dundas street. 81c

FOR SALE — GROCERY FIXTURES—Shelving, counter, show cases, large window, etc. 215 Colborne street. 81c

FOR SALE—ONE HUNDRED THOROUGH-BRED chickens at sacrifice prices. Address JAS. PARK, 171 Dundas, or 215 Colborne street. 81c

FOR SALE—FIREPROOF SAFE—GOOD as new, Taylor's make; outside dimensions, 35x47 inches; will sell cheap. Apply J. H. CHAPMAN & Co., 126 and 128 Dundas street. 80tf

FOR SALE—CLOVER AND TIMOTHY seed, baled hay and straw. ARCHIBALD BROS., Ingersoll. 79g

LUMBER—WHOLESALE ONLY — CAR or cargo lots; Spicer's extra British Columbia red cedar shingles; pine and Ontario cedar shingles; pine, hemlock, hardwood, cedar, lumber, posts, piles, etc. D. FERGUSON, Manf. Agent, London, Ont.

PONY FOR SALE—QUIET AND SOUND—Will be sold cheap. Apply 637 Elias street. 35tf

Palmistry.

PROF. SEGNO, SCIENTIFIC PALMIST—Parlors, 187 Queen's avenue. Consultation hours, 10 till 8. 79bh

WHAT CANADIANS PAY.

Some Remarkably High Taxes on Necessaries and Low Taxes on Luxuries.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The trade returns in the Official Gazette show the total trade for November to amount to $23,577,017, compared with $23,250,729 last year, an increase of $500,000. The increase is in imports. In exports there is a decline of $1,250,000, largely in agricultural products. The imports show that the duty collected on rice was 50 per cent, on sparkling wines 28 per cent, on coal 31 per cent, on coal oil 64 per cent, on many classes of agricultural implements 35 per cent, on earthen and china ware 30 per cent, on cotton clothing over 32 per cent, on woollen clothing 35 per cent, on hardware and tools used by workingmen 30 per cent, on paper and envelopes over 30, and on sugar 23 per cent. In the face of this campaign orators tell the people that the tariff taxes the luxuries chiefly. The duty collected on silks was not half that on coal oil and little less than that on rice, the light and food of the poor. The average duty on all dutiable articles was 31 1-5 per cent. The duty collected on manufactures of gold and silver was smaller than the duties on the necessaries of life.

FANSHAW.

Dec. 23.—Mr. P. Imlay is about to start for Scotland with a cargo of horses

Mr. George and the Misses Uptigrove, of Delaware, have been visiting relatives here.

Mr John Bower, jun., has just returned home from Nebraska after an absence of fifteen years.

The pupils of Siloam school agreeably surprised their teacher, Miss M. Dundass, by presenting to her a handsome gold chain and ring as a token of their respect and best wishes. Miss M. Dundass is engaged for 1896 in school section No. 9, London township.

On Monday evening last the choir of Siloam Church spent a very enjoyable time at the residence of Mr. D. Napton. After a good feast of oysters the rest of the evening was devoted to music and lively parlor games. The party left in the small hours of the morning, all well pleased with the evening's fun.

Why will you allow a cough to lacerate your throat or lungs and run the risk of filling a consumptive's grave, when, by the timely use of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup the pain can be allayed and the danger avoided. This Syrup is pleasant to the taste, and unsurpassed for relieving, healing and curing all affections of the throat and lungs, coughs, colds, bronchitis, etc., etc.

The Brutal Turk!

Wholesale Massacre of Armenians at Zeitoun Ordered.

The Sultan's Murderous Decree Said to Have Been Carried Out.

Disastrous Collision at Sea Reported —A British Bark Sunk.

Steamer Spree Released From Her Perilous Position—The Feeble State of Queen Victoria's Health—Reported Spanish Victory.

POPULATION OF GERMANY.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The recently completed census of Germany shows the population to be 51,758,264—an increase of 2,329,894 over the census of 1890. All the states of the empire show increases.

REPORTED SPANISH VICTORY.

Madrid, Dec. 23.—A dispatch received here from Colon, Province of Matanzas, Island of Cuba, confirms the report that the Spanish troops have routed 4,000 insurgents on the Calmena River. One hundred of the enemy were killed.

THE SPREE.

London, Dec. 23.—The North German Lloyd steamer Spree, which stranded on Thursday last on Warden Ledge, near Totland Bay, Isle of Wight, was got off, and reached Southampton, under her own steam, but assisted by tugs. She is making no water and has apparently sustained no damage. She will go on dry dock for examination. She is already reshipping her boats and gear, which were removed in order to lighten her.

THE QUEEN'S HEALTH.

London, Dec. 23.—The fact that the Queen's health is feeble has obliged her physicians to order a stricter regimen for her. Early in the morning she has a cup of cocoa and a thin toast. At noon she takes an egg beaten in wine. At 2 o'clock she has luncheon, which is the heaviest meal of the day. This consists of soup, fish and fowl. Then she takes short repose, followed by a drive or a walk. At 9 o'clock dinner is served. Her Majesty then drinks watered claret or a glass of dry champagne. She continues her regular official work, signing papers, dealing with state matters, before luncheon.

THE SHIPBUILDERS' TROUBLE.

London, Dec. 23.—The British Admiralty, with a view to possible American contingencies, has made strong representations to the Clyde master shipbuilders for the purpose of bringing the dispute between themselves and their employes to an end. It is understood that an agreement between the masters and the men will be reached early in January. Then the building of warships will be accelerated. Japan is negotiating with the builders for the construction of a number of cruisers and torpedo boats.

STEAMERS COLLIDE.

London, Dec. 23.—The British steamer Cayo Mono (Capt. Pope), from New Orleans for Antwerp, has been in collision with the British steamer Achilles, which was outward bound. The Achilles' starboard quarter was damaged and she returned. The Cayo Mono apparently sustained no damage.

The British steamer Alicia, from Middlesborough for Bilboa, has sunk in collision with the British steamer Netley Abbey, from London for Blyth. The people on the Alicia, with the exception of five, who were drowned, were rescued by the crew of the Netley Abbey. The latter vessel was damaged.

The British cruiser Blake, which arrived at Plymouth yesterday from Chatham, reports that while off Portland, at 5 a.m., she passed a large steamer named Berlin, which signalled that two of her boats had been searching for three hours for the British bark Willowbank, bound for Glasgow, with which vessel the Berlin had been in collsion. No trace of her could be found. The Blake afterwards saw an empty boat belonging to the Willowbank. The Berlin had a hole in her bow. The Willowbank had a crew of 39 men. They were all saved by the Berlin, which must have found them afloat after speaking to the Blake. The only life lost was that of the pilot of the Willowbank, who went below to get his clothes. The vessel went down before he had time to again reach deck.

MASSACRE ORDERED.

London, Dec. 23.—Telegraphing under date of Dec. 20, a correspondent at Constantinople says the Porte has informed all of the foreign diplomats at the Turkish capital that the Armenians who are in possession of Zeitoun, having shown themselves to be obstinate regarding their surrender, the bombardment of Zeitoun will be begun at once.

A correspondent writing from Marash expresses the opinion, however, that the immediate capture of Zeitoun by the Turkish forces is not possible, and that the Armenians will be able to hold the place throughout the winter. The correspondent also says that there was a tremendous panic in Adana on the 7th inst., similar to that which recently occurred in Constantinople. During the panic all the shops were closed. A telegram received in Constantinople from Tarsus on Dec. 18 says many families have fled from there to Mersina.

The German ambassador to Constantinople, acting under instructions received from his Government, has again urged the Porte to prevent a massacre of the Armenians at Zeitoun. Sir Philip Currie, the British ambassador, supported the German ambassador in his attempt to save the lives of the revolted Armenians, but it is feared that the Zeitoun district has already been laid waste.

A communication issued by the Turkish Foreign Office says that the Armenians who are holding Zeitoun have pillaged and flooded dozens of Mussulman villages near Zeitoun and have killed 236 Mussulmans, including 15 women. The Foreign Office is also issuing other stories of a similar character. The correspondent learns that these statements are intended to prepare the public mind for the annihilation of the Armenians who are in possession of Zeitoun.

The United States Administration has given instructions for the removal of American citizens from the disaffected districts in Marash, in Asia Minor. This determination was reached at the last Cabinet meeting. Rear Admiral Selfridge will combine his fleet at Alexandretta, the nearest point to Marash, and will direct the American missionaries and other American citizens in Marash to come on board his vessels. In case it should be necessary to give them protection during their journey from Marash to Alexandretta, he has been authorized to land a force of sailors and marines.

London, Dec. 23.—The Telegraph this morning publishes a dispatch from Vienna, saying it is reported there that Mustafa Pasha, commanding a Turkish force, has captured the town of Zeitoun, which was some time ago taken by insurgent Armenians, and that he has massacred all the Armenians in the place who did not make their escape to the mountains.

CABLE NOTES.

A Pekin dispatch announces that the Dungan rebellion has been crushed. The rebels are now fighting among themselves.

There was a serious outbreak at Tarragona, Spain, on Sunday. The trouble was connected with the levying of duties on provisions, etc., entering the city from other parts of the country. Several persons were shot by the gendarmes.

The Italian Senate has approved the credit asked for by the Government to carry on the campaign in Abyssinia.

The United States minister at Constantinople, Mr. A. W. Terrell, has gone to Smyrna to confer with Admiral Selfridge, on board the United States flagship San Francisco, regarding steps to be taken to insure the safety of American missionaries in Asiatic Turkey.

Two Liberal leaders, Mr. James Brice and Mr. Arnold Morley, will soon return to England—one from South Africa, the other from Constantinople, where he was the guest of the British ambassador.

NOW A LAW.

The Venezuelan Commission Bill Signed by the President.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The President signed the Venezuelan commission resolution yesterday afternoon. It is therefore now a law.

At 1:45 p.m. the Senate adjourned until Tuesday without doing anything important.

In view of the great importance of the work to be discharged by this commission, it is said that the President will endeavor to secure the services as members of men of the highest character and ability. None of the names he has in mind have been officially mentioned, nor will they be until the President has been notified by the persons selected of their acceptance of the commission.

The State Department has been informed by some persons of repute, who have made a study of the subject, that there is good ground for the belief that upon careful scrutiny the claim of Venezuela to the territory in dispute on the border will be found to be without solid foundation, and that the commission will be obliged to find that Great Britain is really entitled to possession of the whole tract claimed by her, and perhaps more territory. These representations, however, have not shaken the determination of the Administration to proceed in the course it has laid down, for in its view, if the decision is in favor of Great Britain, there will be a practical demonstration of the uprightness of the motives of our Government in demanding a settlement of this great question on the sole basis of absolute and exact justice.

The New York Sun says: "Excellent information is that the three commissioners whom the President will appoint to investigate the Venezuelan boundary dispute will be ex-United States Senator George S. Edmunds, of Vermont; Hon. Andrew D. White, ex-president of Cornell University and ex-minister to Russia, and Hon. Edward J. Phelps, ex-minister to the court of St. James."

In the Senate the following cablegram was read: "The Federal Senate of the United States of Brazil sends its greeting to the Senate of the United States of America upon the worthy message of President Cleveland, who so strenuously regards the dignity, the sovereignty and the freedom of the American nations."

FATAL FIRE.

Four Persons Suffocated by Smoke in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Four persons were suffocated by a fire yesterday at the home of Andrew Johnson, 21 Parham street, in the southeastern section of the city. The dead are: Andrew Johnson, aged 30, and his three little children; Jessie, aged 9; Lena, aged 5; Dora, aged 3. The wife and mother, Mary Johnson, was taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition, and is not expected to live.

THE TROLLEY STRIKE.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—The agreement by which the trolley strike was declared off early Saturday morning has been practically repudiated by President Welsh and General Manager Beetem, who refused to put all of the men to work as agreed upon by a portion of the traction management at a conference with Mayor Warwick.

JOSEPH COOK BROKEN DOWN.

Niles, Mich., Dec. 30.—S. T. Searle, of this city, has received a letter from his daughter, who is a missionary stationed at Kobe, Japan, in which he says Joseph Cook, the noted divine, has arrived there recently from Australia, broken in mind and body. He had to give up his lecturing tour, and the probabilities are he will never regain his health or mental vigor.

Steamers Arrived.

Dec. 21.	At	From
Paris	New York	Southampton
Normannia	New York	Hamburg
Umbria	New York	Liverpool
Sarmatian	Glasgow	Boston
Dec 22.	**At**	**From**
La Bourgogne	New York	Havre
La Gascogne	Havre	New York

Stoves! stoves! stoves! Baseburners, cook stoves and parlor stoves at the Bed and Hair Mattress Cleaning Factory. Dealer in general house furnishings. Live goose feather pillows and hair mattresses made to order at JAMES F. HUNT'S, 593 Richmond street north. Telephone 997.

Howling for War!

Anti-English Feeling Increasing in Venezuela.

Intense Excitement at Caracas, the Capital—Hot Heads in the Ascendant.

New York, Dec. 23.—A special from Caracas, Venezuela, says: The anti-English feeling is increasing here. Fresh flowers are placed daily upon the statue of Washington, and the American and Venezuelan flags are everywhere to be seen, either displayed side by side or entwined in significant embrace, with the portraits of Washington and Monroe between. Another mass meeting was held on the Plazia Bolivar yesterday, at which were heard the cries "Abajo Los Engleses!" (Down with the English), "Vive Cleveland Los Estados Unidos!" (Long live Cleveland and the United States).

A demonstration of all the citizens is planned to take place on Christmas Day. The Patriotic Society of the Defense of Venezuelan Territory issue protests against the "pretensions and the past and proposed aggressions of England." It also requests the Minister of Foreign Affairs to revoke the exequaturs of Venezuelan citizens who are acting as British consuls in this country, unless they resign immediately. Guyana battalions are being formed The situation appears grave.

A cable dispatch from London says that at a public meeting yesterday the Government was petitioned to declare war upon Venezuela and the United States, and resolutions were adopted declaring that England would never recede from the position she has assumed. The honors paid to the American minister continue. Venezuela is sending diplomatic missions to every foreign country. The country applauds the action of the Government, and the nation is united.

In Bad Trim.

Significant Statements by United States Navy Officials.

The United States Could Not Meet Britain on the Sea—Atlantic Coast Cities Would Be Destroyed.

New York, Dec. 23.—"War with England would be a tremendous contract," said Rear Admiral Braine to a reporter at the Brooklyn navy yard, "and one for which I would not like to be responsible. I do not think that we are at all prepared to fight so formidable an adversary, nor would I like to predict the results if we attempted it. But I can say this for the navy, and say it confidently. You may be sure that it will respond at once to the call of duty, as it has always done."

"But what an inadequate cause it would be on which to base a conflict so tremendous. The whole business looks to me political. If we are to step into the quarrels of all those countries in South America it seems to me that we shall have our hands full. We'll have to fight Spain and France as well as England."

REAR ADMIRAL ROWE'S VIEW.

Rear Admiral Rowe, retired, the hero of the "ninety-day gunboats" of the civil war, those boats which were built and equippepd in ninety days, and which rendered such effective service in that much less scientific conflict, made no bones of discussing the matter from a practical standpoint or of declaring that the odds against the United States would be almost overwhelming.

"What would England do on the outbreak of hostilities?" he asked. "Would she not at once descend on Portland, Boston, New York, Baltimore, Charleston, Savannah, to capture or destroy them? What could we do to prevent her? Have we a single battleship to stem the tide of her impetuous march? It is the battleships that would do the business. They are the only things to settle the affairs of nations Have we anything adequate with which to oppose them? If we have I have not heard of it. I know that New York has admirable coast defenses partially completed, but I doubt if even New York is in a position to oppose bombardment. We might succeed, perhaps, against the deep Italian or French war vessels, but England has battleships of lighter draught. They could come much closer in than vessels of the Italian build."

"But how about these English battleships? Could they successfully cross the ocean?"

"Of course they could. England builds ships which could go around the world if necessary. If there is to be a war it will be a naval war. The land forces will play a minor part, and in discussing it we must realize that the chief work must be done upon the water. There would, of course, be some operations on the Canadian frontier, but even there we are not so strong as some people think. We have neither fortifications nor ships on the Great Lakes, while Canada has both. The Canadian frontier is bristligg with fortifications. With her ship canals she could fill the Great Lakes with gunboats in short order, and we have nothing to contend against them. As long ago as 1891 I besought our Government to put two warships in the lakes and form a naval station, with a commodore in command. I commanded on the lakes during a part of the war of the rebellion, and then learned by practical experience the importance of protecting them. But, as usual, nothing was done.

NOT READY TO FIGHT.

"The navy is not anxious to fight. I think that is a mistaken impression. No one, certainly, who has seen the deplorable results of fighting is anxious to enter another war. I think this whole matter will set our statesmen to thinking. I cannot understand the warlike sentiment which has sprung up in this country in the past year. Everybody seems anxious to have a fight of some sort. It is a regular fever, an epidemic. Have people forgotten what war means. It is 30 years since the last war, and the country has not recovered from the blow yet."

No Christmas or New Year's table should be without a bottle of Dr. Siegert's Angostura Bitters, the world renowned appetizer of exquisite flavor. Beware of counterfeits!

Christmas Boxes

In Buying Your Christmas Gifts Select Something That is Beautiful, Useful And Suitable.

Everyone likes new and dainty things. We have them. All our Christmas goods are purchased direct, that is why they are so reasonable in price.

Cairncross & Lawrnece,
CHEMISTS, ETC.

2 DRUG STORES { Main Store, 216 Dundas Street, corner Park Avenue. Branch, corner Richmond and Piccadilly.

THE POT POLITICAL.

LIVELY TIMES IN MANITOBA.

A dispatch from Winnipeg says: Indications at present all point to an early dissolution of the Manitoba Legislature, and an appeal to the country on the schools issue by the Greenway Government. Four Government conventions are called for this week, two Conservative gatherings are also announced and the labor men of Winnipeg have issued a call for a convention on Jan. 3, to select candidates for the Winnipeg divisions. It is understood the reply to Ottawa's rejoinder was dispatched to the Dominion capital today, and on this the Greenway Government will appeal to the people. No one questions the result of the election—it will be the almost unanimous approval of the Provincial Government's stand. The Conservative leaders will hold a meeting tomorrow, at which a plan of campaign will be adopted, but their forces are disorganized and in no shape for a fight at the polls. It is understood that no attempt will be made by the Opposition to carry the Winnipeg constituencies, excepting the North Winnipeg seat, where Mr. Fred Drewry, a popular Conservative, is mentioned as Opposition candidate. Messrs. Cameron, McMillan and McIntyre will be the Greenway candidates in Winnipeg. The date of the election will probably be fixed next week and the elections held obout Feb. 15.

AT IT AGAIN.

The Orangeville correspondent of The Toronto Star says that in Cardwell straw sells at $15 a ton, and that $12 is a fair price for a brace of spring chickens. The favor-seekers who bedevilled North Ontario must be getting in their fine work in Cardwell.

McGILLIVRAY, THE DODGER.

Commenting on the North Ontario election, The Lindsay Warder, Mr. Sam Hughes' paper, says: "The facts are, had Major McGillivray declared himself as opposed to any remedial measure he would have been elected by about 1,800 majority; while had he declared himself in favor of remedial legislation he would have been defeated by fully 800. He took the course of a freeman, especially as the settlement was then considered certain."

UTAH IS GOING IN.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The new constitution of Utah, which wos brought to Washington a week ago by the Utah commissioners, has been examined by the President and Attorney-General Harmon, and found to be in all respects in accordance with the terms prescribed in the enabling act. Therefore the President will issue his proclamation on Jan. 4 next, declaring Utah a State of the Union.

FIGHTING IN CUBA.

Santiago de Cuba, Dec. 12, via Key West, Dec. 21.—On Dec. 10, an engagement took place in La Virginia, between the rebels, numbering 900 men, and a Spanish column of 700. The encounter lasted four hours The loss of the insurgents is not known. The Spaniards had eleven killed and thirty-two wounded Four hundred insurgents attacked a Spanish column 700 strong near Baire on Dec. 9, The Spaniards were routed after a severe fight, leaving forty soldiers prisoners, and twenty-five killed and sixty-eight wounded. The rebels had nine killed and thirteen wounded.

WHILE SHOPPING REMEMBER:

That the powers of clerks are but human.

That other women have the same right to shop that you have.

That the clerk is not expected to know intuitively one's full name and address.

That it is unreasonable to expect a saleswoman to take a warm personal interest in matching your embroidery silk.

That perhaps your own politeness would wane if you stood on your feet and waited on 500 women for twelve hours at a stretch.

That it is better to know before starting to shop what one is going to buy and where one is going to buy it than to trust to the inspiration of the moment. Read the advertisements.

The packets schooner L. V. Decket, which left Boston for Liverpool, N. S., just before the recent gales, with about twenty passengers, had not reached her destination up to Thursday, being then nine days out, and some anxiety is felt for her safety.

At Toronto on Saturday Judge Macdougall passed a number of sentences in the court of general sessions. The heaviest was that of ten years imposed on Wm. McMillan, convicted of starting the Osgoodsby fire on Jan. 10, and causing damage to the extent of $700,000. McMillan was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

No family living in a bilious country should be without Parmelee's Vegetable Pills. A few doses taken now and then will keep the Liver active, cleanse the stomach and bowels from all bilious matter and prevent Ague. Mr. J. L. Price, Shoals, Martin county, Ind., writes: "I have tried a box of Parmelee's Pills and find them the best medicine for Fever and Ague I have ever used."

Munkacsy, the great artist, now living in Paris, is never ashamed to talk of his lowly beginnings. He started in life as a painter of sign-posts and tradesmen's walls.

Prof. David Mason, who has so ably filled the chair of English literature in the University of Edinburgh for 30 years, is about to retire and enjoy a quiet life of study.