# MURDER MYSTERY IN BUFFALO, N. Y

Citizen Found Lying Dead in His Home.

#### HIS HEAD BADLY SMASHED,

Mysterious Circumstance Which the Police are Trying to Work Out.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Edwin L Burdick, president of E. L. Burdick & Co., of the Buffalo Envelope Company, was murdered early to-day at his home in Ashland avenue.

The theory at first advanced that the crime was the work of a burglar, was abandoned as the police probed while the police claim to have several important clues, no arrest has been

Burdick was last seen alive last night, when he bade the other members of the household good night and started for his room, apparently with the intention of retiring for the night. This morning his body, clad in an undershirt, was found lying on a couch in a small room off the lower hall used by Burdick as a smoking room. The body was covered with a rug and a number of sofa pillows. The couch was saturated with blood, and the walls of the little den was bespattered with Burdick's brains and blood.

The body when uncovered presented a ghastly sight. His head had been crushed with some blunt instrument and the blows were delivered with such force that the skull was fractured in several places and the brains were oozing out upon the couch.

Chief of Detectives Cusack took charge of the case. A thorough examwas made. The outside door was tions in Macedonia will have a pacifythe peculiar things that has developed locked and the spring lock was in its place when the servants got up. kitchen window was partly raised, but fess unqualified thankfulness. side or upon the window sill to indicate but very unmistakably, an idea that tempt was made to arrest him on that any one had entered there. All the other windows and doors of the house were securely fastened. That shattered the theory of an unknown

bed had not been occupied. On the declarations as the following:—
table in the smoking room the detecwhom, then, was the lunch?

afternoon gave out the following state-ment: "From what investigations I have made I would conclude that Mr. document. Burdick was called down stairs by a ring or knock at the door after he was ready for bed, for he was clad only in his underclothing. He evidently admitted some one he knew well and took the visitor into the den for a talk and to partake of the luncheon a struggle. The fact that two of the fingers of Burdick's left hand were broken indicates that he put up his hand to ward off a blow which he saw coming. The body was covered with a rug and several pillows, so that nothing could be seen but the blood which flowed from under the pile."

Mr. Burdick was very fond of feminine company. The force with which the blows that killed Burdick were struck, however, seems to preclude the possibility that a woman delivered them. Mrs. Burdick, the murdered man's wife, left home two months ago with the intention, it is said, of not returning. It is known that they not live happily together. December 3 proceedings for divorce were filed in the county clerk's office by Mr. Burdick. It is understood that Mrs. Burdick went to Atlantic City. What connection the domestic troubles of Mr. Burdick may have had with the crime the police do not pretend to

#### CANADIAN FRUIT.

Given a Preference by the English Merchants.

Toronto, Feb. 27 .- W. A. MacKinnon, chief of the fruit division of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, is here. He has been in England for the greater part of the year in the interests of the department, and expresses satisfaction at the condition and prospects of the Canadian fruit trade. He states that the English merchants undoubtedly give a preference to Canadian fruit. Even in the

smallest towns he heard dealers say: "We will stand by Canada as far as can." Other merchants told him that when the Canadian shippers commenced doing crooked work in their packing they far outdid the Ameri-Now when they were doing honest work they outdid the Americans just as completely the other

#### THREE MEN KILLED

And Eighteen Others Injured by Powder Explosion.

Cherokee, Kansas, Feb. 27.-The press mill of the Laflin & Rand Power Co.' plant at Turck, eight miles south of here, exploded to-day killing three men and injuring fifteen others, some

#### PHILIPPINE AFFAIRS.

Governor Taft Sends an Urgent Cal for a Change in the Tariff.

Washington, Feb. 27.-The President late this afternoon sent the following to the Senate:-"I have just received a cable from Governor Taft, which runs as follows:-'Necessity for passage House Tariff Bill most urgent. conditions of productive industry and business considerably worse i November, the date of last report, and growing worse each month. Some

interests. Number of the tobacco factories will have to close, and many sugar haciendas will be put up for sale at a sacrifice if the bill will not pass. Customs receipts have fallen off this month one-third, showing a decrease of the purchasing power of the slands. General business is stagnant. All political parties, including labor unions, most strenuous in petition for tariff bill. Effect of its failure very discouraging.' Vice-Governor Luke Wright endorses in the strongest manner all that Governor Taft has said, and states that he has the gravest apprehension as to the damage that may come to the islands if there is not a substantial reduction in the tariff WHILE THE WOMAN SLEPT. levied against Philippine goods coming into the United States." In conversation with some of his congressional callers to-day, the President dwelt with serious emphasis upon the necessity of the enactment of the pending Philippine tariff legislation.

# RUSSIA AND THE BALKANS

### deeper into the case, and to-night, The Czar's Advisers Score a Diplomatic Victory

### AS PROTECTOR OF THE SLAVS.

She Secures Undoubted Predominance - Introducing Reforms in Macedonia

Venienna, Feb. 27.—The Russian official account of the international negotiathe stern warning against revolution- any fear of being detected. ination of the house and its occupannts ary attempts to alter existing condiing influence in the Balkans. For this here in the case of Knapp is that the A diplomatic and official circles here pro-but fess unqualified thankfulness. The was in the Michigan City Penitentiary there were no marks on the snow out- document also conveys, very subtly, was in the Michigan City Pententiary masterly diplomacy on the part of ficials who knew of the confession, Russia is regarded here with ill-con- which was taken by a stenographer, Some interesting discoveries were cealed annoyance. It is felt in fact in the presence of the sheriff, warden made in the smoking room. To begin that Russia has scored a diplomatic and chaplain. These officials were out with no weapon could be found any-victory, for while professing the doc-of office when Knapp's term expired, where. The body was clad only in an trine of absolute unanimity among the and he was allowed to go free. undershirt. At the foot of the couch powers, she places herself in a posi were found the drawers and stockings. ion of predominance in the eyes of The trousers and other articles of the Balkan Slav population by ascribclothing which Burdick had worn were ing the initiative in the reform movein his bedroom on the floor above. The ment to the Czar, and such significant

tives found a bottle partly filled with independent existence to Russia, can whiskey, and the remains of a light rest assured that their welfare and lunch. Members of the family declare the material and moral interests of irdick never partook of the food the Christian populations will of which the lunch was composed and watched by Russia with unceasing never drank liquor while eating. For solicitude, and they can depend upon Co.'s weekly review of trade:—Milder the considerate and powerful protec-In this connection Chief Cusack this tion of the Imperial Government."

the reforms proposed by Austria-Hun- cases there are marked gains. the reforms.

#### A C. P. R. STRIKE.

Quit Work.

#### WILLIAMSON ARRESTED.

McDonald at North Bay.

A Toronto Girl Took Carbolic Acid and Died.

Toronto, Feb. 27.-Mary Armstrong, to the general hospital this morning trade is quiet in some. Failures this nd.

#### FAST LINE SERVICE.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy Going to England in Regard to It.

Montreal, Feb. 27. - Sir Thomas by the company of the Elder-Dempster situation, this not merely with regard n a short time.

#### SHIPPING.

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Steamships. Reported at.		From.
Lake ErieLiverpool	St.	John
SiciliaNew York	~	Genoa
PatriaNew York	(	Dorto
GermanicLiverpool	New	York
TraveGenoa	New	York
MesabaLondon	New	York
Moltke Piraeus		
Auguste Vic-		
toriaMalta	New	York
Kaiserin Maria		

# **MULTI-MURDERER**

His Latest Wife

Several Times She Woke up to Find His Hands on Her Neck, Trying to Choke Her.

Hamilton, O., Feb. 27. - Alfred Knapp, the self-confessed multi-murderer, was asked to-day whether, if ne had not been arrested, he would have killed his latest wife. He is quoted as saying:-"She woke up several times since we were married and found my hands on her neck When I was asleep, too, she would waken and ask me what I meant by taking hold of her neck that way, and I could not tell her why, because was asleep and did not know. Last week she woke up just in time or she might never have woke up at all. I grabbed her so tight and was choking her so that she was nearly gone when she came to and woke me

In anticipation of Knapp having to be tried elsewhere, he was interviewed to-day on the three cases at Cincinnati. He went over each the Cincinnati murders to which he has confessed, giving minute details and most revolting particulars. tions, with reference to Macedonia, to his motives, he said he was afraid ing:published here to-day, has created an of them for what they knew about impression in which both satisfaction to him, worked hard and were kind, and uneasiness can be detected. On but when he got afraid of them he put the one hand it is generally felt that them out of the way and never had

CAUSES CRITICISM. was in the Michigan City Penitentiary of office when Knapp's term expired,

#### U. S. TRADE REPORTS CONTINUE SATISFACTORY.

Demand for Goods Accelerated by Milder Weather-Pressure for Fuel

Relieved. weather not only accelerated the de-The papers today are very guarded but relieved the pressure for fuel, mand for many lines of merchandise, in their comments upon this Russian which threatened to become a serious matter, and incidentally facilitated ef-THE REFORMS BEGIN.

London, Feb. 27.—Constantinople Returns of both domestic and foreign correspondent of the Times says that trade are fully equal to those of the the Sultan has ordained application of same month last year, and in many gary and Russia in all six Roumelian people are consuming on a scale never found there. There are some signs of vilayets, thus adroitly imparting a before equalled. Firmly held quotacolor of spontaneity to the whole mea- tions also bear testimony to the fact sure and forestalling a jealous feeling that demand is often greater than another machine, but that it could plements are particularly heavy, and at Adrianople, Yanina, and Skutari, supply. In dry goods there is notable The State Council is now preparing an activity. Manufacturing plants have to get at it." organic statute for the application of no complaints as to the volume of business, but the cost of production is a disturbing element. In many cases it is possible to secure moderate advances in quotations. Railway earnings available for February sur-Clerks and Telegraphers at Vancouver pass last year's by 16.7 per cent., and those of 1901 by 17.8 per cent. Increased interest has been displayed vy purchasers of all products of iron and Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 27.—All steel, giving a decidedly firmer tone clerks in the telegraph, freight and to the market, and in many instances terday, aboard the cruiser New York, fair for this time of the year. passenger departments, checkers and quotations have advanced. Few ad- announced the arrival of his flagship truck men numbering 150, in the C. P. ditional advances have occurred in and the Boston and Marblehead at La lock is encouraging and weather favor R., in Vancouver, went out on strike quotations of cotton goods, the de- Union, Salvador. He said communica- able for retail trade, while payments there at noon to-day. It is stated all velopments of the week being chiefly tion by telegraph with Amapala was are fairly prompt. Provincial elecclerks between Vancouver and Win- in the direction of establishing the interrupted and reported further as tions have a disturbing effect on trade nipeg are out. The company's version is that the brotherhood demanded the suggested by earlier spasmodic adfelows:—"Battle on the mainland on at St. John, wholesalers reporting a follows:—"Battle on the mainland on at St. John, wholesalers reporting a follows:—"Battle on the mainland o reinstatement of an employe dismiss-ed for cause, which the company re-the part of the buyers, rendering the caped with three or four hundred tances come in rather oper-The strikers assert their stand market actually duller, despite dis- men. Bonilla in pursuit. Capital is in sive snow has hampered lumber operwas taken on account of threatenings tinct improvement in the weather. of dismissal of individual members of While purchases are being restricted Fighting supposed practically over tributive trade is good; travellers send to immediate requirements, it is worthy of note that sellers are equally diffident regarding the acceptance of large contracts, which must be attributed to the fact that stocks of raw Held Responsible for the Death of material are not heavy, while cost of operating the mills has risen, particularly as to fuel. Jobbers are unable to secure delivery of goods con-North Bay., Ont., Feb. 27.—The ad- tracted for earlier in the season, and journed McDonald inquest was held the market is decidedly in favor of this afternoon. The jury, after view- holders. A good export demand for ing the body and hearing Constable Canton flannels indicate that China Kinsella and Dr. Smith, who made the has resumed buying. Business in post-mortem examination, found that John McDonald came to his death by some early buyers reducing the size had a conference with Sir Wilfrid in conditions except in the goal minblood poison, superinduced by a knife of their initial orders, while in a few Laurier, Messrs. Sifton, Felding and tion, where settlement of the coal minwound in the hands of George Wil- exceptional cases there have been Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, at which ers' strike improves prospects. liamson. The latter is under arrest. complete cancellations. This change of the question of assistance to the front is attributed to the fact that Grand Trunk Pacific was the sub-TO MAKE HERSELF SICK. manufacturers have not held to open- ject discussed. It is understood that MORE OF THE MUing prices. The net result is an unsettled market, with no sign of de-Government. One was for a land ders for Easter goods. Quotations of sidered. Whatever aid is given it must

> suffering from carbolic acid poison- week in the United States are 211. ing, died a few hours later. She had against 427 last week and 215 the corunder estimated the effect of the responding week last year, and in poison, and intended only to make Canada 28, against 26 last week and herself sick. Bradstreet's review:-Springlike weather conditions have enlarged the jobbing demand for goods at leading markets, and favored expansion in retail trade, except where the breaking up of country roads has operated to restrict the movement of grain and cotton to market. Building activity has been quite generally resumed with Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. more favorable weather. Perhaps the R., will leave for England on Sun- most notable feature of the week's dein connection with the purchase velopments is the strength of the price steamships. It is expected that the to producers' and manufacturers' quofast line service will be decided upon tations, but also as to rates paid by final consumers. The conviction seems to be growing that a higher level of quotations has been rendered necessarv, and these are being accepted with little protest. The usual Febru- Chosen by the Quebec Opposition in ary dullness in collections is noted at many centres. Warmer weather has helped trade in the West and Northwest. At the East the feature is the activity in dry goods. Eastern shoe is leader of the Provincial Opposition. shipments are ahead of last year for This was settled at another caucus legislation from now until Congress

cloths have been steady. A large export business in cotton flannels for China is reported. Wool is steady, with supplies closely held and mill machinery well employed. Coke, coal and wages have all advanced, and as expected, iron ore has joined these constituents with an advance of 25c to 75c a ton. Pig iron is firmer, fortivity is being resumed. Lumber active in all markets, and paints and oils are improving. Failures for the week ending with Feb. 26 number 185, against 188 last week and 204 in 1902.

# THE VICTORY IN CENTRE BRUCE.

Hugh Clark M. P. P., Tells How it was Done.

#### PROTEST FROM ELECTORS.

Against the Government's Breach of Faith in the Saw-off Matter in the Riding Did Him No Harm, Nor Did the Prohibition Cry -The People Ran Against the Machine and Smashed It.

Kincardine, Ont., Feb. 27.-In re-

"The result in Centre Bruce cannot bound to prevent it.

saw-offs.

"The Government assisted me by ing, and it is reported the allotted feeling had time to cool. The riding there is a demand for more. the Dominion Parliament, and a corps of ordinary stump speakers, besides ing ample evidence of the growing imevery urban municipality had a small portance of the city as a distributing staff of imported leaders, doing their centre. work quietly.

more they accentuated my isolation. some places, but hurt me in others. very fair. My opponent accepted the speaker and but did me no particular harm. At lumber and in grain. present it does not appear that I lost Business at Winnip tion of the prohibition issue.

## FIGHTING IN SALVADOR.

Total Defeat of the Forces Under

Sierra. day from Admiral Glass, dated ves- very brisk. Country remittances are the possession of latter's adherents, ations in the Quebec district, but dis-All quiet here. The American inter- in liberal orders and collections are ests undisturbed."

#### SEEKING GOVERN-MENT ASSISTANCE.

Government. president, and William Wainwright, Trade conditions are favorable at Winpression, however, as raw wool is grant and money subsidy, the other fairly well maintained. A decided im- was for a cash subsidy without a provement is noted in the local job- land grant. It is almost needless to bing trade, retailers placing liberal or- say that a land grant will not be conthe 15-year-old girl who was taken leather are fully maintained, although take some other form than that of

#### **CREW AND PASSENGERS** PROBABLY PERISHED.

Steam Collier Driven on the Rocks and Sunk-Thirty Lives Believed to Have Been Lost.

Brest, France, Feb. 27.-The steam ollier Otter Caps, from Newcastle-on-Tyne, was driven on the trocks at Founenot last night and broke up, and mission to examine Webber in Clevesank immediately. It is believed that land. the crew and passengers, numbering 30, perished. Up to the present, seven bodies have been washed ashore.

#### E.J. FLYNN LEADER.

Canada.

# IS EXPANDING.

eign markets are higher and finished products have advanced. Building ac-Circles Encouraging

> ENLARGING CAPITAL

Spring Trade Opens Up Nicely and the Situation Generally is Healthy.

Toronto, Feb. 27.-Bradstreet's reriew of Canadian trade says:-Spring trade is expanding and some

Canadian banks are enlarging their capital. The Canadian Bank of Commerce will increase its capital by \$2,-000,000. British Columbia shipping is active, particularly in grain and lumber. Owing to difficulty in getting Manitoba grain some American grain has been shipped to Australia. Bank clearings for the week aggregate \$40,-Ross and His Henchmen Working 692,830, a decrease of 12 per cent. from last week and of five per cent. from last year. Failures for the week num-

Trade conditions at Montreal are healthy, and continue to show expansion in many departments. The wholesale trade of the country, in fact, is in a generally prosperous condition. Spring trade has opened up very nicesponse to a request for a statement, ly. Orders booked so far have been Hugh Clark, the Conservative victor large, and the sorting trade continues in yesterday's Provincial by-election active. Payments on paper shortly to in Centre Bruce, has issued the follow- mature are expected to be fully up to the steamship people are asking too expectations. Values continue to be firmly maintained.

A number of country buyers were in be traced to any one cause. This is a Toronto this week, and many more are Liberal riding, and it follows that millinery openings. Prices are firmly many Liberals must have supported held by the manufacturers, in the exme. They were opposed to a protest pectation that they will be fully taxed in this riding. That protest originated to meet the increased consumptive dewith, and was prosecuted by, my op-; mands of the country this year. Owponent and a few legal supporters, ing to the expansion in general busi-The Liberal party was not back of it, ness and the promise of a still further and the Government was morally increase in trade, the banks are establishing many new branches, and to "Having failed to abide by Acting- do this they are increasing capital. Premier Harcourt's agreement, the Business in general at Quebec dur-Government lost more or less prestige ing the past week has been fairly among Liberals who believe that faith good. In wholesale circles payments ought to be kept, even in a matter of are reported satisfactory. In shipping circles the outlook is very encourag-

bringing on the election before public space has already been taken up and was overrun by speakers, including the At Hamilton there has been a steady Premier, a dozen or more members of flow of orders to the wholesale trade the Legislature, several members of for spring and summer goods. Ship-

In London there has been a good de-"Personally, I had no outside assist- mand for staple goods. Orders are ance, a circumstance that met with the large and well distributed for spring approval of the people. The more men and summer goods, and the proportion more costly lines is figuring

At Victoria and Vancouver current platform of the prohibitionists. I re- business is fully up to that of former fused to do so, although assenting to seasons at this time, and the outlook the fact that the vote of December for trade is very promising. There is last demanded a decided measure of great activity in the shipping trade as reform in our liquor laws. Several a result of the large export business persons took the stump against me, being done in provincial products in

present it does not appear that I lost Business at Winnipeg is moderately more than I gained by the introductive. The wholesale trade is now busy making spring shipments, which "Personally, I always felt that the are heavier than ever before at this machine could never be smashed by season. The shipments of farming imlast year, reach 75,000,000 bushels. The inette and Haverson gave notice of outlook for the business in the North-

west is unusually bright. Dun's review:-At Halifax the out-

satisfactory. Business continues favorable at Mentreal. Spring millinery openings take place next week, and a large attendance of outside buyers is locked for. Collections are well maintained. Wholesale trade is better at Toronto, dry goods travellers sending Grand Trunk Officials Interview the in larger orders, and there is improvemert in greceries. Manufacturing is active at Hamilton and prospects good, although bad roads affect retail trade. Ottawa, Feb. 27.-C. H. Hayes, vice- Collections are well up to the average.

# SICIANS' MUDDLE.

Injunction Sought to Restrain the Formation of a New Union in London.

Toronto, Feb. 27 .- The trouble beween musicians in London was again struments to the perfection point. efore the Master in Chambers at Osgoode Hall to-day. Creswell, the present leader of the orchestra in the London Opera House, is suing John Hyttenrauch to restrain the formation of a new union in affiliation with the American Federation of Musicians, which recently revoked the charter to a London union. The Fedland, were to-day added as defendants. Small against Hyttenrauch for a com-

#### OBSTRUCTIVE TACTICS.

Revengeful Democrats Blocking Business in Congress.

Washington, Feb. 27.-The Demoeverything in their power to block

agreed on both sides that the present situation sounded the death-knell of practically everything except the appropriation bills. All overtures from the Republicans to the Democrats to induce the latter to abandon their filibuster have been fruitless, and there is every indication that they will continue their present tactics to the end of the session.

# MERELY AS A

De Armond's Motion in Congress so Regarded.

THE ALASKAN TRIBUNAL

A Writer Who Considers Canada's the Allan Line.

ber 27, against 20 last week and 27 a Armond's notice of resolution request- dies in the workhouse. His condition for the cession of Canada to the serlfdom. Such a man is naturally United States. The resolution is accepted here as a feeble joke.

G. T. R and ALLAN LINE. It is believed that the only difference in the negotiations between the Grand Trunk Railway and the Allan Line is the price. It is claimed that much.

A SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' CLUB. The Union Jack Club has been formed for the accommodation of soldiers and sailors who may be transient visitors to London. Lord Strathcona is the heaviest subscriber, having given £1,000 sterling.

THE ALASKAN TRIBUNAL. The Times' New York correspondupholds the appointment of the United States commission on the Alaskan tribunal, saying that they were not intended to be arbitrators, but representatives. He considers Canada's objections to be absurd and prompted by political opposition. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, a high official, says he can find no precedent for protesting against the appointees of a friendly power, though he considers the appointments to show the Americans' usual disregard of diplomatic usage. LORD STRATHCONA'S GENER-OSITY.

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LORD ROSEBERY'S IMPERIALISM. speaking at Glaspire, to make its population worthy and train to maintain it.

## \$100 AND COSTS.

Fine Imposed in a Personation Case at Toronto.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 27.-In the revated land the coming season. It is the charge of attempting to secure believed that the next wheat crop should, with conditions as favorable as and costs. In this case, Messrs Rob- at the mills. appeal, and as the grounds of appeal Originated the Railway Mail Service. also affect the charges against John Wholesale business at Ottawa is quite active. The sales of spring and McNally, all these, with other cases Washington, Feb. 27.-A cablegram summer goods have been large, and not yet mentioned, are adjourned until in looking through the files the other received at the navy department to- the sorting in these lines continues March 16, so as to give time for the day that showed very clearly the origin

#### HAVOC WROUGHT BY THE GALE IN BRITAIN.

A Train Blown Over and Passengers Injured-Collapse of a Building,

Many People Being Buried. London, Feb. 27.-At Ulverston, Lancashire, a passenger train was blown of the 'express' by rigging up a lot of over during the fierce gale to-day. A partitions in an old dry goods box, and number of passengers were injured labelled each hole with the name of and ten cars were wrecked. The gale an office served by the 'express.' On swept over Ireland from north south. At Cork a three-story building collapsed burying fifteen persons in the different partitions. When bagthe ruins. One of them was killed, gage cars were first in vogue the baleand one fatally injured. Various coast points report vessels ashore. Trivers in the interior are flooding.

#### WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Experimenting Between Toronto and it on." Hamilton.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—Dr. Lee De Forest, wireless telegraphy expert, returned to the city this morning to per- and always feels in coming out that onally superintend the experiments in he has spent his time profitably, and sending messages to Hamilton. He has but one regret, his inability frankly admitted that they had heard adequately describe the many beaufrom Hamilton by their system to-day, tiful things this live house shows but the real demonstration would not take place this week. They were still are now so busy that they can busily engaged in tuning up the in- hardly find time to talk to a re-

### A BLASTING ACCIDENT.

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 27.-John Birch, quarryman for the Rathbun Company this house one of his first calls, as eration and Joseph Webber, of Cleve- at Gananoque, was seriously injured their novelties are in almost all cases early Thursday evening, and may die. exclusive and trade winners, and are An order was made in the case of He was engaged in blasting and a picked up by the live merchants from charge failed to go off. Birch went the Atlantic to the Pacific almost as to see what was wrong, and in exam- quickly as they arrive. ining the charge it went off, blowing him some distance along with the de- kept full pace with the position they bris. He has a fractured skull. a hold in their dress goods and men's broken arm, injured hand, eye, chest woollens. and forehead.

> AN EXCEPTION. "I wonder," said the Gilmor street resident, "who originated the expression, 'Where's there's smoke there

crats of the House to-day carried out a threat made yesterday, that if Mr. Butler was unseated they would do furnace was invented." HIT.

# ABOUT CANADA.

Farmer Delegates in England Besieged.

FEEBLE JOKE. EMIGRATION FROM AUSTRALIA.

Farmers From the Antipodes on Their Way to the Dominion - A Hint to Premier Ross.

London, February, 27 .- Twenty of the Canadian farmer delegates are already at work in different counties throughout Great Britain. They report that they are besieged with enquirers, but Objections Absurd - Strathcona's are encountering local opposition from Generosity - The G. T. R. and the parsons, the squires and the farmers who fear the loss of their parishioners, their tenants and their laborers. The average wage of the farm London, Feb. 27.-Papers here pub- laborer in England is twelve shillings lish under such headings as "Re- (less than \$3 a week), and board and markable motion," Representative De lodge himself, and then he usually ing President Roosevelt to negotiate is, in fact, only a shade better than tempted to go to Canada if he is given the opportunity, and he is just the sort of man that Canada needs.

A HINT TO PREMIER ROSS. The message of Hon. G. W. Ross, Premier of Ontario, asking for 10,000 farm laborers for that Province, is inadequate. The Britisher is naturally timid at venturing upon a new start in life. Mr. Ross should send names and addresses of Ontario farmers wanting help, and it will then be easy to secure the laborers needed.

MR. BARR'S SCHEME. The success of Rev. Mr. Barr's scheme, owing to its plans of homogeneity and certainty of location, 'is drawing a continuous procession of enquirers to the Canadian Emigration Offices here.

LEAVING AUSTRALIA FOR CAN-ADA.

A party of British farmers, forced out of Australia by the drought, are expected in England next week. They will proceed in April to the all-British colonies in the Nor-west, accompanied by their relatives and friends. British farmers are coming who twenty years ago reported favorably on the Saskatchewan district. They have ample means, and will want considerable reas of land. The Canadian Deputy Minister of the Interior is engaged inspecting emigration agencies throughout the country, and is now visiting

#### FIRE RECORD.

well in current business when compar- gow yesterday, called the Govern- dale woollen mills here, owned by D. "The prohibition issue helped me in ed with previous years. Payments are ment's Imperialism of bloated arm- Graham, Sons & Co., were totally deaments and bloated expenditure real- stroyed by fire this afternoon. The ly anti-imperialistic. The barren-ness of its domestic legislation dis-is supposed to have started in the regard the first essential of the Em- picker room. When first noticed, the whole room was ablaze, and the man who runs the picker had his face and hair burned in getting out. The flames spread so rapidly that no progress could be made in checking the fire, and in less than an hour nothing but the walls was left. The loss is estimated at \$20,000 and the building and machinery insured for \$9,000, divided as follows:—Economical \$2,000, \$1.000, York \$1,000, Argyle American not stand if you allowed the people this indicates that there will be a ferendum inquiry to-day Judge Mc- \$3,000, Waterloo \$2,000. There is also large increase in the acreage of culti- Crimmon convicted J. D. Coulter on \$3,000 on stock in the Royal. The fire will be a heavy loss to the villagers, a

From the Washington Star. "I ran across an old memorandum court of appeal to hear the application of the vast railway mail service now in vogue in the United States," said a post office official to a Star man this

morning. "The man who started what is now an elaborate system was the postmaster at St. Joseph, Mo., at the time, appointed to the position by President Buchanan. His idea grew out of the old 'pony express,' which also had its origin in St. Joseph. He evolved an ingenious system of boxes for handling his mail expeditiously on the arrival to the arrival of the 'rider' he would box idea was used, and, crude as it was, it added greatly to the rapidity with which the mail could be handled. From this crude beginning has been evolved the most elaborate railway mail service in the entire world, and from the one man who originated it it now takes nearly 30,000 men to carry

In strolling about the dry goods trade of Toronto, our representative naturally drops into Nisbet & Auld's, in its respective lines. porter, but judging from the piles of covelties in their dress goods, men's woollens, lining and linen departments, we have no hesitation in saying that no house is catering nearer to the wants of the good trade of this coun-Quarryman Probably Fatally Injured. try than Nisbet & Auld, and we feel sure that every buyer visiting Toronto at this opening season should make

Their domestic linen department has

On Tuesday or Wednesday they expect to open a great number of cases of jobs in linen wear, including one lot of 1,000 dozen hemmed table napkins. slightly soiled, about 300 table cloths also hemmed, towels and towellings, all bought at a sacrifice, which will be sold close, to increase the interest in

this department. THE TALE THAT IS TOLD.

rivalry in sugar and tobacco prices. due to expectation of tariff law. The interests of Filipinos in sugar and tobacco are extensive and failure of the bill will be a blow in the face of those "Well, said the anecdotist, taking a