LONDON, ONTARIO, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1902.

WHOLE NO. 167

Births, Marriages, Deaths.

DIED.

DAVIDSON-In this city, on Dec. 10, 1902, John S. B. Davidson, the beloved husband of Mary Davidson, aged 44 years, 4 months and 20 days.

Funeral from his late residence, 222 Maitland street, on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 2:30; service at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

Windsor papers please copy. 64u THOMPSON-In this city, on Dec. 12, 1902, Richard, the beloved husband of Sarah Thompson, aged 59 years.

Funeral from his brother-in-law's (Mr. Louis Risk, of the Royal Hotel, Richmond street), on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 4:30 p.m.; service, 4 p.m.. Friends and acquaintances please accept this

CUSHING-At 371 Wharncliffe road, West London, on Dec. 12, 1902, Jane, widow of the late William Cushing.

Funeral notice later. AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC.

New Grand Opera House

TONIGHT.

BENEFIT LONDON HOCKEY CLUB.
Teresa Flanagan, Marietta La Dell and
Local Talent.

Admission, 25c, 25c, 50c. 59n

GRAND --- TONIGHT. THE CELEBRATED IRISH COMEDIAN SHAUN JOSEPH MURPHY RHUE

PRICES-25c, 25c, 50c and 75c. Tomorrow Matinee and Evening. George Samuel's Superb Scenic Melo-

The Convict's POTULAR PRICES:

Daughter. Evening, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c.
Seats now on sale.

Coming-Dec. 16 THE GREAT WIZARD,

KELLAR

SEAT SALE TOMORROW-25c, 85c,

DANCING-SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT -Advanced class, ladies and gentlemen, opens Wednesday evening, Dec. 3; special rate, season ticket. Register early. Number limited to 100. Dayton & Mc-Cormick

WESTMINSTER RINK-ICE IN GRAND condition. Skating afternoon and night. 26th Regiment Band Saturday night. b

PRINCESS - SKATING. 7TH REGI-MENT Band Saturday night. Musical skating matinee Saturday afternoon. skating matinee Saturday afternoon. Season books, \$3.50 and \$3.

Y. M. C. A. ROOMS. SATURDAY, DEC. 18—Monument Fund. Promenade con-cert and sale of patriotic and fancy work. Refreshment and flowers. By the Lord Roberts Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire. Admission, 10 cents. Nord-

heimer Piano will be used. 60c-twv PLAN OF HALL FOR "MESSIAH" pens Tuesday at 9 a.m., Grand Opera House

TWILIGHT ORGAN RECITAL-FIRST Methodist Church, Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 4 o'clock. Vocal numbers by members of Women's Morning Music Club. Mr. Jordan at the organ. Admission, 10 cents

CHRISTMAS IN ENGLAND - THE HRISTMAS IN ENGLAND — THE Lake Megantic, sailing from St. John to Bristol, Thursday, Dec. 11; the Umbria, New York to Liverpool, Saturday, Dec. 18; St. Paul, New York to Southampton, Wednesday, Dec. 17, will arrive home for Christmas. F. B. Clarke, next Advertiser.

"THE MESSIAH"-THE MOST POPU-Dec. 18 in New Grand. Chorus of 200 Dec. 18 in New Grand. Chorus of 200 voices; orchestra of 50. Soloists, Mrs. Alice Calder Stock, Mrs. Clara Barnes-Holmes, of Buffalo; Messrs, Crystal Brown and H. R. McDonald, of Toronto. Conductor, Mr. Roselle Pococke. Prices of admission, 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.

ORIGINAL LONDON HARPERS— Music furnished for all occasions. Tony Cortese, 380 Richmond street. 'Phone

LONDON DANCING ACADEMY, COR-NER Dundas and Clarence streets— Gentlemen's classes, Tuesday night; ladies', Wednesday. Come and learn the latest dances, the "Florodora" and the "Buffalo Glide."

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING BY R. B. Millard, 345 Princess avenue. Season opens Oct. 1. Special attention given to waltz and two-step. Lessons

MEETINGS.

 O. F.—THE REGULAR MEETING OF Court Dufferin, No. 4. Election of offi-O. F.—THE REGULAR MEETING Court Dufferin, No. 4. Election of offi-cers and other important business, Mem-Hardy, C. R.; J. F. Hicks, R. S. b

MEMBERS OF PINE GROVE CAMP, No. 2. W. O. W., are requested to meet at Society Hall, East London, Dec. 14, p.m. sharp, for the purr tending funeral of our late Past Council Commander R. J. Piercey. Members of sister camps will please accept this intimation. Ed. Robins, C. C.: W. A. Hall clerk

LONDON COUNCIL, NO. 233, ROYAL Areanum, will meet this (Friday) even ing at 8 o'elock, in Duffleld block. b

REGULAR ASSEMBLY OF RICHARD Coeur de Lion Preceptory, No. 4, will be held in Knights' Templars' quarters, Ontario Lean and Debenture Company's building, Dundas street and Market Lane, this (Friday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock. W. T. Stenberg, registrar. b

MALE HELP WANTED.

BOY WANTED-ABOUT 15 YEARS OLD, to learn the butcher and pork business; must understand horses. Apply by let-ter only, to Box 63, Advertiser office.

STRONG BOYS WANTED FOR FAC-TORY, Apply D. S. Perrin & Co., Lim-

REAL ESTATE. FOR SALE-HOUSE, BARN AND LOT. quarter acre. Apply A. Garton, rietsville P. O.

NEW TWO-STORY BRICK, FOUR bedrooms, bath, furnace, w.c., electric light; would exchange for good 50 acres. Large two-story house, with two acres; eneap, or would exchange for smaller house. J. F. Sangster, 112

WANTED.

WANTED-CITY LOAN COMPANIES' stocks. John Wright, stock broker, London.

POSITION WANTED BY AN EXPERI-ENCED stenographer and bookkeeper; good references. Address Box 62, this office.

A Royal Christmas

We have just received one of our special style "R"

Gift.

NORDHEIMER PIANOS

in Mahogany Case. This would indeed be a "Royal Christmas Gift." Consider it.

NORDHEIMER'S,

188 Dundas St. 62 Years Established.

FEMALE HELP WANTED.

WANTED-HOUSEMAIDS. APPLY AT Victoria Hospital, Londor EXPERIENCED FOLDERS WANTED. Chapman's Bindery, 91 Dundas street. 63c

KITCHEN GIRL WANTED. APPLY AT once, Fraser House. 64n GIRLS WANTED-REASON'S PAPER Box Works, 80 Dundas street. 61n

GOOD GENERAL SERVANT WANTED at once. Apply Mrs. Thompson, 297 Wolfe street. 65tf WANTED-GENERAL SERVANT. AP-PLY to Mrs. James Reid, 252 Central avenue. 62tf

WANTED-A GOOD GENERAL SER-VANT; no laundry work or sweeping done. Apply in the evening to Miss Elliott, 400 Dufferin avenue. 62tf

WANTED-A PASTRY COOK. APPLY City Hotel. 62k EXPERIENCED GENERAL SERVANT wanted; family of three. Apply Mrs. R. C. Struthers, 508 Wellington street. 58tf

WANTED — COMPETENT GENERAL servant. Apply Mrs. T. P. McCormick, 294 Woife street. 48tf GIRLS WANTED FOR FACTORY.
Apply D. S. Perrin & Co., Limited. 43tf

WANTED-KITCHEN GIRL. APPLY at Olympia Restaurant. 4tf

AGENTS WANTED, TO MAKE \$10 A

ARTICLES FOR SALE.

FOR SALE-COUNTER; TOP 30 FEET Riverview avenue, South London, 640 CHOICE PEDIGREED COLLIE DOGS and puppies. Pedigrees furnished. dogs are workers, from strong, healthy

stock. Write for information, and say what you want. Our prices are reason-able. The London Collie Club, 197 South street, London, Ort. 'Phone 671. 64tf FOR SALE-VICTOR HAY PRESS, nearly new. Apply 619 Dundas street, London. 63c bw

SLEIGHS FOR SALE-TEN SETS OF sleighs, and milkmen's or bakers' sleigh tops; good as new. D. H. Porter, 97 Carling street. 63n

ALL KINDS OF MACHINERY REPAIR-ED at lowest prices. D. McKenzle & ED at lowest prices. D. McKenzle & Co., 298 Richmond street. 'Phone 1,141. FOR SALE - LOT OF CUTTERS, Sleighs, Gladstones, Cozy, Robes and Bells, in fine condition. Call between 9 and 2 o'clock. Bargains. Charles Bargains. Charles

Lilley, 404 Adelaide street. GREEN'S LOTION - GUARANTEED cure (or money refunded) for all sores and ulcerated wounds on limbs and body, running sores of long standing, etc. Price, \$1 per bottle. William Green, horse trainer, Queen's Hotel, London,

FOR SALE-LARGE IRON SAFE; CON-TAINS private drawers and lots of room for large books. Apply Advertiser office. 35tf

HORSE FOR SALE-CHEAP. 143 OX-FORD street

FORONTO CHRISTMAS GLOBE FOR sale at Red Star News Company, Market Lane. FOR SALE—ONE 16-FOOT LATHE, one 6-foot lathe, one 6-foot planer. Apply Thomas B. McGregor, Windsor,

GREEN & CO. HAVE RECEIVED A supply of West Virginia smokeless coal; will burn well in furnace or range. Massillon lump, a first-class domestic coal Good, dry mixed slabs at \$150 a

load. Good wood in blocks or split. Green & Co., Maitland street and Grand Trunk Railway. Telephone 1,391. SNAPS—WE ARE CLEARING OUT ALL second-hand organs and planos at prices never heard of before. First-class organs, \$10 and \$20, and elegant planos at \$75 and \$100. Payable, \$1, \$2 and \$3 per month. Heintzman & Co., 217 Dundas street, corner Clarence.

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ALL KINDS OF WOOD AND SOFT coal. Wm. Buchanan, 633 Colborne coal. street.

RDERS FOR HARD AND SOFT wood received. Order ahead, Leading East End-wood yard. D. H. Gillies & Co. 'Phone 1,312.

STOVES, BASEBURNERS AND Ranges of all kinds for wood and coal; second-hand furniture: cheap; at F. Keene's, 141 King street.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST-PURSE, CONTAINING SUM OF money. Finder rewarded on leaving at M. C. R. city ticket office, b FRIDAY - BLACK PURSE: owner's name on card. Reward at this office.

LOST - POCKETBOOK. BETWEEN nnston's butcher shop and Joseph aham's, junk dealer, on Wellington eet. Liberal reward on returning to Graham's. this office.

FOUND-STRAYED, JERSEY COW. Owner can have same by calling an Hector Lamont, lot 3, con. 6, Lobo Township, and paying expenses.

LOST-ROLL BILLS. AMOUNTING TO \$20, by young girl. Party returning suitably rewarded at Advertiser office. 68c

DRESS CHETTING SCHOOL LEARN CUTTING. GRADING AND signing costumes. Lessons daily. Satisfaction guaranteed. Satisfaction guaranteed. We purpose starting lessons in dressmaking. Ladies desiring tuition call or write Cutting School, 233½ Dundas street, London.

MISCELLANEOUS.

\$2,500 TO LEND ON CITY PROPERTY, at the lowest rate of interest. Box 61, Advertiser. 64u

MEALS CAN BE PROVIDED TO RE-SPECTABLE parties at 130 Albert street. 63k

hereby given that application has been made by Henry Lance, hotelkeeper, London Township, to have his license transferred to R. Riddle, City of London, The Board of License Commissioners, will react on Deep 20 8 pm more than the commissioners will react on Deep 20 8 pm more than the commissioners. ers will meet on Dec. 20, 2 p.m., to consider the same. A. Bailey, inspector, East Middlesex. 65u

DENTAL CARDS.

WOLVERTON & BENTLEY, DEN-TISTS, 216 Dundas street, next Edy Bros., over Cairneross & Lawrence, druggists. Telephone 228.

DR. WESTLAND, DENTIST, CHICAGO, post-graduate in Crown, Bridge and Porcelain work. Philadelphia post-graduate, Porcelain. Masonic Temple,

DR. G. H. KENNEDY. DENTIST— Successor to the late Dr. Davis. Special-ty, preservation of natural teeth. 178 Dundas street 'Phone 975.

first floor.

HOUSES, ETC., TO LET.

GROCERY STORE AND DWELLING-Corner Pall Mail and Miles; rent moder-ate. Apply 494 Pall Mall. 64c TO LET-UNION FURNITURE VAN-Furniture carefully handled. John Biggs, Cathcart and Bruce, South Lon-don, late of London Furniture Com-pany. 'Phone 310.

COMFORTABLE SIX-ROOM COTTAGE to let, No. 1 Nelson street. Apply 500 King. 32tf

HELP WANTED.

\$15 PER 1,000—COPYING AT HOME; either sex; two stamps for particulars. Twain Novelty Company, Omaha build-ing, Chicago.

BOARDING. ROOMS. ETC. ROOM AND BOARD—ALSO TABLE board, at \$2 per week. 442 Waterloo street, near Dundas street. 64u

ARCHITECTS. MOORE & HENRY-ARCHITECTS, LAND SURVEYORS, CIVIL ENGINEEPS. John M. Moore. Frederick Henry.



the undersigned and indorsed "Tender for Blind River Wharf," will be received at this office until Friday, 2nd January, 1903, inclusively, for the construction of a wharf at Blind River, District of Al-AGENTS WANTED.

AGENTS WANTED. with the actual signatures of tenderers An accepted check on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Minister of Works, for twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200 00), must accompany each tender. The check will be forfeited if the party decline the contract, or fail to com-

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. By order,
FRED. GELINAS. Secretary.
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, Dec. 6, 1902.
Newspapers inserting this advertisement

the work contracted for and will

returned in case of non-acceptance of

thout authority from the Department will not be paid for it. TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

J. T. Whelan, for many years town clerk and treasurer of Aylmer, Que., died on Thursday.

Ottawa's civic finance committee has issued a statement claiming \$13,000 surplus for the year. Critics say the city used \$55,000 borrowed money. F. X. Perrault has advised the Chambre de Commerce of his intention to introduce a motion at a future meeting favoring the appointment of Lord Strathcona as the next Governor-

General of Canada. William E. Norris, the Devonshire novelist, has started for Paris in the first stage of his journey around the which will include, a year assage from Vancouver and thence by Toronto, Washad New York. ingtor

The Anti-Saloon League, in session in Washington, has unanimously adopted an address to the public scoring army officials for their course on the auticanteen law and pledging the association to do its utmost to defeat any attempt to repeal the law until it has had a full and fair trial.

Willie Hinger, a 5-year-old boy, who mysteriously disappeared last Sunday from his home in Auburn, N. Y., was found lying on the porch of a house in the eastern suburbs, dead from exposure. J. T. Whelan, for many years town

clerk and treasurer, of Aylmer, Que., died on Wednesday. Heber Reginald Bishop, 62 years of age, retired merchant and banker, died in New York on Wednesday. He was

many times a millionaire. A new organization called the Wholesale Shoe Association of Canada was formed in Toronto Thursday night to promote better business relations with the trade.

Lord and Lady Minto returned to Ottawa from Montreal on Thursday on a special C. P. R. train. They were met at the station by carriages from Government House and drove home with out demonstration of any kind. In the United States House of Repre sentatives, Mr. Wadsworth, New York,

reported from the committee on agri-

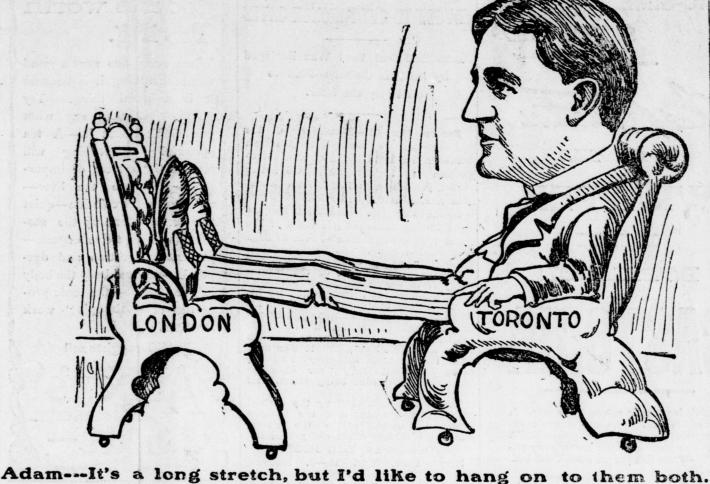
culture a bill to approprite \$1,000,000 to

eradicate the foot and mouth disease in

New England and gave notice that he

will call it up tomorrow. The popular route to New York and Philadelphia is via Grand Trunk and Lehigh Valley. Service the best. Pullman sleepers and dining-cars. Passengers have choice of three stations in New York-uptown near all firstclass hotels and business houses, or downtown near all European steamship docks. Secure your tickets and Pullmans at Grand Trunk ticket office.

Fare the lowest made. 65 bb The taxpayer of the United Kingdom pays 29 shillings 3 pence a year per head of the population toward navy and army, while the most heavily weighted colonist pays no more than 3 shillings 5 pence a year per head of the population for naval and military purposes.



living in the federal district, between

the ages of 18 and 50 years, must en-

roll themselves in the militia; and such

person refusing to enroll voluntarily. as patriotism demands, will be declared

VENEZUELANS SEIZE BRITISH STEAMER AT PUERTO CABELLO

British and German Consuls the following decree: "All Venezuelans Imprisoned.

ACTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR WAR

SEALED TENDERS, ADDRESSED TO Everyone in Caracas Believes the Situation To Be Desperate-Castro's Measures.

> Caracas, Venezeula, Dec. 11.-Everyone in Caracas believes the situation desperate and threatens war unless Minister Bowen succeeds in having the matters in dispute submitted to arbitration. It is said on the authority of an official near to President Castro that the president has allowed Minister Bowen to communicate with the Berlin and London Governments through the state department at Washington, this being the only hope of avoiding a serious con-

It is reported that the plan of the British and German forces is to secure the ports of La Guaira and Puerto

Cabello. It is stated on good authority that the Venezuelan Government has asked' United States Minister Bowen to act as arbitrator in the controversy with Great Britain and Germany. The Eng-

lish telephone office has been seized. CONSULS PUT IN PRISON. A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Willemstad, Island of Curacoa, dated Dec. 11, says: "The Venezuelan authorities at Puerto Cabello are fortifying that town. They have selzed and imprisoned the British and German consuls there, as well as other British and German subjects, and have taken possession of their property. "The authorities also seized a British steamer, which was discharging a cargo at Puerto Cabello. The Ameri-

can consul at Puerto Cabello attempted to intervene, but he was disregarded." COAL AND CARS SEIZED. Caracas, Venezuela, Thursday, Dec. - The Government has taken preservative measures at La Guaira. All the deposits of coal at the navy yard and all the British cars on the La uaira railroad have been brought here, rendering impossible the transportation of the allied troops by rail. Gen. Ferrer, the Minister of War, spent all day today in choosing spots in the mountains where trenches are

is looked upon as a politic act on the part of President Castro. DEFENSIVE PREPARATIONS. La Guaira, Venezuela, Dec. 12.—The defensive preparations at the strategic

are being vigorously pushed forward. The deposits of powder in the fortresses of Lavigia and Scancarlos have been removed. Great patriotic monstrations are being made, and everyone capable of bearing arms is of-fering his services. The embargo placed upon the harbor corporation has been removed.

BRITISH WARSHIPS WAIT OR-DERS. London, Friday, Dec. 12 .- A dispatch to a news agency from Devonport, says instructions have been received there that warships of the first class reserve be kept coal and ready for sea at 24 hours' notice.

Up to a late hour last night the

foreign office was still without former official news regarding the situation in Venezuela. While there is no confirmation of the rumors of fighting in La Guaira, etc., the newspapers this morning are beginning to show a keener appreciation of the serious possibilities involved by President Castro's continued defiance. CASTRO HAS NOTHING TO LOSE. While it is recognized that President

Castro has nothing to lose, and that the Venezuleans are incensed at the sinking of their ships, and may aside their internal difficulties and make stout resistance, hoping for some assistance from the United States or France, much gratitude is expressed at Minister Bowen's prompt intervention in behalf of the British and Ger-

man residents. Considerable alarm is felt at the possible fate of British subjects, not only in the coast towns, but in the interior

of Venezuela TWO MORE VESSELS TAKEN. Kingstown, Island of St. Vincent, Dec. 12.—The Venezuelan troopship Zamora and the Venezuelan coast guard vessel Veinte Tres de Mayo, were captured in the Gulf of Paria and taken to Port of Spain. Trinidad by the British sloop-of-war Alert.

delphia—Shrinkage Nearly

\$13,000,000.

dated Lake Superior Company, a \$100,-

000,000 Philadelphia corporation, creat-

ed an alarm in local financial circles

today. It developed that the corpora-

tion had been compelled to negotiate

a loan of \$3,000,000 to meet its obliga-

tions. The Commercial Trust Com-

pany raised the funds, a large number

of banks and trust companies assum-

In the present strained condition of

the money market such a large amount

could only be secured for most press-

ing purposes. The loan was negotiated

The shrinkage in value of the entire

capital represented by today's slump

was \$12,788,861 25. The stocks were

thrown on the market regardless of price, and the quotations fell with

asnazing rapidity. The common stock, of which there is \$78,553,790 outstand-

at 8 per cent-that is, 6 per cent in-

terest and 2 per cent "commission."

ing a proportion of the amount.

MAJORITY 78,028 SERIOUS SLUMP FOR LIQUOR LAW

The Governor of Caracas has issued

The Referendum Figures Now Common Fell to 9 1-4 in Phila-Completed—Total for the Entire Province.

Toronto, Dec. 11.-The latest total Philadelphia, Dec. 11.-A sensational figures of the referendum vote for the | collapse in the stock of the Consoliwhole province are: For the act 166,050 Against 88,022 Total majority for

For. Against. For.

Hastings, West ..1,386 Peterboro, West ..1,935 Peterboro, East ..1,789 835 490 STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Dec. 11 .- At New York-Crown Prinz

Wilhelm, from Hamburg; Oceanic, from

At St. John-Corinthian, from Liver-At Glasgow—Sardinian, from New York. At Southampton—St. Louis, from New Rotterdam-Potsdam, from New York.
At Liverpool-Georgian, from New York;
Celtic, from New York.
At Naples-Aller, from New York.
At Hamburg-Graf Waldersee, from

isfactory information was lacking. Rea traitor and sent before the tribunports were published that the com-Yesterday, after a long conference with President Castro, United States pany's Algoma steel plant had shut down for lack of orders. The latter Minister Bowen obtained an order for part of this was denied. A special meeting of the directors of the company was held tonight, lastthe liberation of the remaining British and German subjects who were held prisoners, and an hour later all had ing from 6 o'clock until midnight.

been released. Minister Bowen and brief statement was sent out from the Secretary of Legation Russell went to meeting room announcing that the the jail five times and assisted the poor steel and iron business is in a prospercolored British subjects and those who out condition and denying the report that the company's steel rail mill had The order for the release of the prisbeen closed owing to lack of orders. If oners has made a good impression, and the mill has been shut down, the statement says, it is because of the non-

delivery of material. to be that a lien was recently filed by a contractor for \$200,000 as the result of a disagreement over the settlement of an account involving several millions: that banks which have accepted the shares of collateral for loans notified brokers to withdraw a part of them and substitute other securities: that the steel rail mill, which has a capacity of about 500 tons a day, has been closed and that an order was received from Canada to sell a large block of stock, estimated at from 10,000 to 15,000 shares.

ing, sold at 36 in April and at 20 on

It opened at 19½ today and fell precipitately to 14 3-8, from which price it was advanced 1½, but the de-

cline was speedily resumed and there was no check to the fall, which

brought the stock down to 91/4. Only 9 was bid for it at the close. The preferred stock, of which there is \$26,-

749,800, fell in steps of \$2 at a time in

the afternoon until it reached 50. It

ASKING EXPLANATIONS.

Shareholders, brokers and bankers

endeavored to obtain explanations of

the slump from the company, but sat-

had sold at 68 in the morning.

Wednesday.

THE SITUATION IN VENEZUELA

German Forces Responsible for Sinking of Vessel Off Port of La Guiara.

London, Dec. 12.-The foreign office states that the British Government disclaims responsibility for the sinking of the Venezuelan vessels off La Guana, which it entirely attributes to

the German lorces .. Venezuelan news which the British Government gets comes through the State Department at Washington and is based on Minister Bowen's messages.

The foreign office here has so far, however, received no trace or the reply to the demands of the powers which Venezue a is reported to have transmitted to Great Britain and Germany through the United States consul at La Guaira, though it has officially received a copy of President Castro's proclamation.

The foreign office officials also said they had not received information to represented, then asked that they be ed Minister Bowen to act as arbitrator. They think it is not likely the proposition has been made, but if such is the case they do not consider that arbitration at this stage would be ac-

IN "SOO" STOCK ceptable to Great Britain. NO EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. A foreign office official at Paris made the following statement today to the correspondent of the Associated Press: 'No exchange of views has occurred between the European powers concerning the Venezuelan situation and no such exchange is intended, as it is definitely held that the affair is one in which the dited States should be

left free to take the initiative in This statement was called out by the suggestion of the Temps that it is time for Europe to speak in the interest of universal peace.

The release of the French steamer Ossun, seized by the Germans at La Guaira, has not yet been reported to the foreign office, but the office cept the unofficial reports of her release. After an exchange of cable messages it has been agreed to appoint a distinguished Spanish jurist as referee in the Franco-Venezuelan ar-

President Castro's war preparations and his public utterances are regarded in official quarters here as "Designed" to see how far the allies are willing to go, as a test of the further attitude of the administration at Washington.

and, above all, as efforts to unite his

ONLY "FEELERS."

own people and reconcile them to his dictatorship." REPORTS EXAGGERATED. Paris, Dec. 12.—The foreign effice re-

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ment of Toilet Pieces. Take Hair Brushes for example. Ours are all of a beautifully-finished selected stock with genuine Russian Boar bristles.

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CAIRNCROSS & LAWRENCE,

Chemists and Druggists, Corner Park Ave. 216 Dundas St.

ceived a cable message yesterday from the German Charge d'Affaires, Herr Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, filed at La Guaira. This is a sure indication, the for-eign office thinks, that the situation is no so tense as the press telegrams re-

present it to be. Regarding the reports that the Germans wantenly destroyed the Vene-zuelan vessels captured at La Guaira, it is said here that, according to the official advices received up to the present, only one vessel was disabled and none was sunk, and that the British participated equally with the Ger-

mans in the action taken.

It was announced from La Guaira d'Affaires and the British Minister left d'Agaires and the Eritish Minister left that place on Wednesday night on board warships of their respective na-

MASONS ELECTED OFFICERS

Interesting Meeting of King Solomon's Lodge.

Banquet Given in Honor of Two Notable Events.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 878, A., F. and A. M., held a regular meeting last night, which was unusually interesting because of the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the fact that the D. D. G. M., Rt. Wor. Bro. E. T. Essery, paid the lodge an official visit. In honor of these two events the lodge held, after the regular work, of the evening, a very enjoyable ban-

The officers elected were: I. P. M., The causes of the decline are said W. Bro. T. G. Davis; W. M., Bro. John Element; S. W., Bro. J. A. Stilson; J. W., Bro. Finnigan; Chap., Wor. Bro. A. R. Galpin; Sec., W. Bro. William Nicholl; Treas., W. Bro. W. J. Element; S. D., Bro. Jones; J. D., McDougall; I. G., Bro. Simmle, jun.; D. of C., Wor. Bro. Fred Andrews; S. S., Bro. Hambly; J. S., Bro. Edey; auditors, Bros. Kirkpatrick and Hambly; representative to board or benevolence, W. Bro. E. T. Essery; crganist. Bro. Fletcher; tyler, R. Wor.

Bro. John Simpson. After the banquet was served the worshipful master-elect, as toastmaster, introduced the customary toasts, which met with prompt and hearty responses from those called upon. Among those present were: R. W., Bro. E. T. Essery, D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. O. Ellwood, G. J. W.; R. W. Bro. A. G. McWhinney, R. W. Bro. George Morris, R. W. Bro. John Simpson, R. W. Bro. A. B. Munson, R. W. Bro. A. B. Greer, Wor. Bro. A. R. Galpin, Wor. Bro. Currie, Wor. Bro. Element, Wor. Bro. J. Lawson, Wor. Bor. Ed Platt. Wor. Bro. W. H. Irvine. Bro. J. S. Davidson, W. M .- elect of Unior Lodge; Bro. E. W. M. Flock, S. W. Kilwinning Lodge, and many others. Bros. E. J. Forsythe, Thompson and others assisted in the musical pro-

FIRM WILL RE-TENDER

gramme.

It is understood that nearly all the New Prices for Tar Macadam Will Be Submitted.

Warren Bros., of Boston, was the only firm which put in a tender for the construction of a bituminous macadam pavement on King street between William and Maitland streets, at the regular meeting of the board of works held last night. It was not opened, however, because of the wish of a local firm that the awarding be postponed until Monday night, when this firm will tender. Warren Bros., who were effect that Venezuela had request- allowed to withdraw their tender and submit a new one on Monday night. Their request was granted. The petition of C. E. L. Pratt for sewer on St. George street was found

> would have had to pay only \$145 54 if the snow had not fallen. In speaking of cigarette smoking the Southern Tobacconist says there are business men of biggest brain in railroad presidents and great factory managers, etc., who prohibit cigarette smoking in old or young, based on the fact that cigarette smokers are far less useful and reliable morally and phy-

This week's snowstorm brought the

pay sheet up to \$245 54. The city

to be sufficiently signed.

sically than non-users.

Plain Gold Links

Are Most Acceptable Christmas Gifts.

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