WORLD'S TINY REPUBLICS SMALLEST A MILE SQUARE

Europe is Dotted With Baby States That Call Themselves Free-Nearly All Owe Their Existence to Jealousy of Powers or to Inacessibility.

fact that there are a number of flour- known island about five miles long, ishing independent republics in exist- with an average width of half a mile, ence at present which are practically situated off the north coast of Sardinia. unknown to the outside world will seem Many maps and geography books almost incredible. There are, however, totally ignore the existence of this tiny states in various parts of Europe state. Yet it is a free and independent so completely isolated from the rest republic of about 70 inhabitants, who of the world that few maps show any are their own rulers. trace of them. But in spite of this The people of Tavolara declared their they are very important communities independence as recently as 1886, the in themselves, and can boast of a island having previously been made to this city from Hamilton. prosperous existence which would be a over in 1836 by King Charles Albert of

present time holds a kind of semi-in- without payment. dependent position between France and Jealousy between Belgium and Prus- appalling. I was mechanical superintendent of the Great Western Railerned by its own representatives, who tiny territory, called Moresnet, near members, which council elects a presi- republican citizenship for the last two

less to say, are devoted to liberty, republic is vested.

a standing army of 1,100 men. Basses Pyrennes, is to be found an- dence on a certain little island in the other miniature republic, which, so far Danube pay no taxes and acknowl- the coaches was frightful, and I thought as area is concerned, has the distinction edge allegiance to nobody. The island, at times we would go into the mud in of being the smallest self-governed which has very appropriately been the ditch. state in the world. It is called St. called Nobody's Island, was formed many years ago by the accumulation the line, but it was difficult to leave the Goust, and is hardly a square mile in of mud and sand carried down the area. The population numbers about great river by a flood. Since then yet erected, and the mud was too deep stage coaches made their stopping-120 souls, who rule themselves, mainly Austria and Servia has been quarreltake the trouble to alter its constitu- narrow tongue of sand, while at high

mountain top, which is so steep that and, as the island is not worth enough when anybody dies it is quite impos- to make it advisable for the Servian sible to have an ordinary funeral. A or the Austrian Government to fight coffin could not be carried down the over its possession, the inhabitants are mountain side, and consequently the sor and judge, is elected by a council are selected the council of twelve, who of twelve, which is chosen for five years superintend agriculture and, with the Imprisoned in an Old Hut, He carefully getting arm room, he hurled by the people, the little republic having assistance of two foreign lawyers, form the supreme court of the state. A been ruled for more than 2,000 years standing army of 150 men is mainthrough a "council of elders."

London, Dec. 19.-To many people the gard to population is Tavolara, a little-

Sardinia to the Bartoleoni family. None One of the most interesting of these of the great powers objected when the oldest and best known residents, was a Tom Thumb republics is Andorra, an island threw off the yoke of monarchy, passenger on the first train to reach almost inaccessible state of about 6,800 and during the last seventeen years this city, and yesterday a representainhabitants, situated in the Eastern the inhabitants have lived at peace tive of The Advertiser had a short chat with Mr. Bowman concerning the Pyrennes. Andorra was declared a with the world. They elect a president trip free state as long ago as the ninth every six years, and a council of six century by Charlemagne, and at the members, all of whom serve the state man, "the weather was cold and raw,

Spain. The republic, however, is gov- sia has enabled the inhabitants of a way at the time, and came in my officonstitute a sovereign council of 24 Aix-la-Chapelle, to enjoy the rights of centuries. The two countries mentioned The chief occupations of the Andor- could not agree as to who should own self, General Manager Brydges and ranos are agriculture, cattle breeding, Moresnet, and consequently they de- Construction trade in wood, charcoal and wool, and cided to make it neutral country. There especially smuggling. At the same are about 3,000 people in Moresnet, who time they are good-natured, hard- elect their own president and council working, hospitable people, and, need- of five, in whom the government of the ing at the time, early in the afternoon

which they are prepared to defend with It is also owing to a disagreement between Austria and Servia that the condition of the roadbed, and it was About 150 miles from Andorra, in the folk who have taken up their resi- my opinion at the time that it was a

At low water the island is almost connected with the Servian shore by a water it lies nearer the Austrian Island St. Goust is situated on a rocky of Osztrovaer. Consequently, no one can decide to whom it really belongs,

ing about its possession.

San Marino, a queer little Italian reassistance of two foreign lawyers, form tained, whose chief employment, how-The smallest republican state in re- ever, is that of acting as policemen.

Entry of the First Train Into London; An Event of Fifty Years Ago Recalled

Train Contained G. W. R. Officials and Was Warmly Welcomed by the Residents-Slow Time Where Pearl Fishers Gather to Dispose of the Precious Stones -Made on the Initial Journey From Hamilton-No Stations Along the Line-Opening of the Road Through to Detroit-Mr. Wm. Bowman's Recollections.



of the entry of a dered the railway officials. railway train into London, for it evening, and how pleased the people Indians had gathered all along the line desert is behind, and the well order"It takes about 400. The rest are indiant the gray of the great Australian vidual ventures.

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The desert is behind, and the well order"It takes about 4,000 to equip you," was on Thursday, cember, 1853, that the only connection the city had with the Great West-

Mr. Wm. Bowman, of 579 Dundas street, and who is one of London's

"As I remember it," said Mr. Bowand the mud along the line was simply cial capacity on the first train to Lon-

THE FIRST TRAIN

"The train consisted of a locomotive Engineer John Clark were aboard. Mr. Clark was the mai who built the road, and was also stat

"We left Hamilton where I was live and it was near dusk when we arrived at London. The time was very slow slow, even for those days, owing to the foolhardy notion to attempt the trip on such a roadbed. The rocking of

coaches, as there were no platforms as owned the Toronto street railway. The to wade into. Woodstock was the lar- place at the corner of Dundas and gest place between Hamilton and Lon- Ridout streets, at the old Robinson those days, and it was small

GOT A WARM WELCOME

"We made the journey without incident, however, and upon our arrival stood the same in 1853 when I first saw in London we were met by a large London, as it stands now. growd of people, who had awaited ou coming. There was a great cheer from hose present, and then we were met by Mr. Edward Adams, who was opened up for business, and the line mayor of London at that time, and a to Detroit was pushed through.

HIS week saw the number of councilors and prominent, "I was also on the first train that

the outside world was by stage coach, they were they did not show it. The and these coaches were principally trip to Detroit was made without any ton Garden is assembling from a mil
—they all demand that because it e r n Railway owned by a Mr. Kiely, who afterward



city, there was no bridge at Niagara Falls, the trains from New York State Any Australian will tell you that. all crossing at Lewiston. When the There was one turned up in Frisco give Hamilton the go-by in order to avoid the steep descent into the city, East. and the tremendous grade leaving it. So ail the way across the Pacific he rest. The road was to run over the heights, and was to pass through Brantford, made in it where he had come from. but a Hamilton politician brought a "I'm not myself just now," he told pull to bear, and the route was the group in the smoking room. "I've changed so as to include Hamilton. changed so as to include Hamilton.

This change, Mr. Bowman says, has yet got over wondering at my still becost the old G. W. R. and the G. T. R. hundreds of thousands of dollars in expenditures for broken wheels caused by the steep grade and in the extra the first G. W. R. train to reach train run through from London to

year that that city succeeded in Mr. Bowman left the G. W. R. and frame building, which was shortly afbecame president of the London and The roundhouse, however, Port Stanley Railway in 1855.

The driver of the first engine to enter London was one John Hall, who was killed in an accident at Bothwell in 1862, and the first fireman was Mr. "The next year, 1854, the road was Brock, who at one time conducted a fish business on the market here, and who died ten or twelve years ago.

BROOME CITY LAWLESS TREASURE TOWN OF EAST

Wilder Than the Frontier Towns of the American West-Perils of the Divers From Sharks.

New York, Dec. 19.—in the little har- half a dozen men-usually, one whit citizens, and escorted to Mr. Adams' ran over this section of the Great Wesresidence, where a banquet was tendered the railway officials.

The was also of the first train that
ran over this section of the Great Western Railway, and I must say that it
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and the gray of the great Australian were to have railway connection with to see the train, and as the locomotive ed cities of civilization are so far said the pearl fisher. Twe known in Great Western Railway into London, stolid silence. We all expected they would be somewhat astonished, but if pearl fishing fleet which supplies half stock her with a

> trouble whatever, crowds greeting us lion islands to wait till the bad seaalong the line, though, of course, they son has passed and, with the coming the agent and start, were small crowds. "Coming back, however, we had a It brings in a load of treasure and narrow escape from a bad accident.
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> Near Bothwell I saw a man wildly men; and in all the Commonwealth of of reckless, thirsty Jap all the time. waving his hands to us to stop. Look- Australia, from early December to ing ahead we saw a very tall and late in March, there is no commun- down below gathering in your harward the track and threatening to fall. other times the town, such as it is, A man was cutting at it with an axe languishes, waiting till the sail of the he brings up. in an endeavor to make it fall the first ill-smelling lugger breaks the line other way, but his efforts appeared of horizon signaling the return of the

> futile. I was on the locomotive at the pearling fieet. time, and seeing the danger, ordered | Creede was wicked and Tombstone assed by just as the big tree fell across in the days when the West was wild and woolly. But life was held dear in Tombstone and Creede, and their had to go back empty and the owner degrees of badness were mild in com- my chum, was out \$750 advance Mr. Bowman also said that when the parison with the sordid wickedness of money. That's high for a Jap. G. W. R. was opened through to this this community on the edge of civilization into which the wealth of the though not so much as you'd think. Indian Ocean is now being

> road was surveyed it was intended to a week or so ago, and he was fresh from Broome and full of stories about the Malays pulled up the line, they it and the peurl fishing of the Far had only the diver's clothes and a

talked with the rest in the smoking room of the wild life and the fortunes been down with fever and I've not to get rid of you

don't offend if your gun isn't handy pearling lugger. up in Broome. And you don't wait for corkscrews. Knock the tops off on deck when we had a dispute. the bottles and pour down the lizz. got him through the shoulder. We "The pearls are the tit-bits. The were short handed and I daren't kill oyster shells alone pay. But a bit of him."
luck will make you rich, It's all luck. "Any questions asked about such
"I was lucky and made the find of deaths?" asked a listener. the year. But I know a man who went for six years without finding a stone. ger attacked you?" replied the pearl Then he struck one worth \$5,000. "Your divers steal them if you don't keep your eyes open. There's a Ma- differently?" Broome today who has a stone worth thousands. There's no other prise. such pearl in the world, but no one and "You're quite a new chum," he can get at it, for he got it on the said, "nobody needs to swear anycross and is afraid to show or sell it. ments are made are the staple.

there are about 400. The rest are indi-

to start with less, but you need the -they all demand that because it risky work - hire three Malays from

"Some of the divers are Malays and some are Japs.

"The diver's the important man, for you remain above water while he's ponderous oak tree sagging out to- ity so wild and lawless as Broome. At vest. Besdes his advance money you pay him \$100 on every ton of shells

"The diver's life is short at best. Sometimes the first plunge ends him. "He has to work at great depths and the water pressure may kill him the engineer to put on all the steam was lawless, and a hundred other at any time, I knew a man whose divpossible. He did so, and the train mining camps in our West were bad er was done the first time he went below-burst a blood vessel in his head under the pressure. The lugger "Then there's danger from sharks

The divers take their knives down with them. "But once when I first went out. the diver's signal ceased and when

part of him. A shark had got the "The Malays pull the lines and pump for your diver and do general work. You have to watch 'em. There

you are cooped up wth plent board to make it worth their while

power required to haul trains up the Broome to look after things and I'm "A stroke with a kris or a little push hill. Brantford got the worst of the going to find my folks, and then I and the debt is settled, I never went deal at the time, and it was not until go back to Melbourne to have the time to sleep aboard my boat without look-this year that that city succeeded in of my life. my life. ing to my gun and seeing it was "You can't refuse to drink with a shape and handy for business." man without offending him, and you train yourself to sleep light aboard a "Once a Malay did try to

> "Couldn't you swear that the nigfisher.

"But if the other men aboard swore The pearl hunter stared in

thing. Explanations are unnecessary; He was asked about the treasure but if they were you ought to know mines in the sea and told about them. that no white jury in Australia ever oyster shells from which pearl orna- gers against a white man." The great pearl oyster shells of the One or two large firms of London Indian Ocean sell for \$1,200 a ton at jewelers own most of the fishing Broome. In the English markets they boats, which are luggers manned by demand from \$1,350 to \$1,500 a ten

inhabitants have cut a groove into the public situated among the eastern SQUIRRELS SAVED face of the rock, and the coffin is made spurs of the Apennines, is somewhat fast to a rope and allowed to slide down states. This republic has an area of larger than any of the aforementioned to the cemetery in Ossan Valley be- 33 square miles and a population of LIFE OF CHOPPER low, where all baptisms and marriages nearly 8,000 people. San Marino is are performed. The president of St. governed by a grand council of 60 life members, self-elected, of whom one-Goust, who is also tax collector, asses- third are nobles. From this number

Kept Alive on Store of Nuts.

GIVEN TO CLEVER PUPILS his life to a family of gray squirrels. moments to crawl across the room and Denslow is a chopper, and a couple of weeks ago went to a wood lot five miles slow's hand. One more moment and protest against the production in Chifrom the village to cut stovewood. He the morsel was down his throat. Fred. A. Chapman, Miss Grace Gilbert and Miss Jean Merchant

to spend Sunday here.

on the floor and another on a rafter over his heal. They were observing him uriously and chattering. Denslow's heart thumped rapidly and he shivered from excitement. Here, indeed, was food that had fallen upon him like manna on the desert. A loose stone lay near his hand, and with a

Photo by Frank Cooper.

Mr. Wm. Bowman.

Who was one of the officials on board

terwards replaced by the present

THE LINE TO DETROIT

London, and was also on the first

the missile at the squirrel. The stone hit the floor at the animal's feet, caromed to the wall and struck a loose board. There was a rattling in the partition and from a hole at the top of the baseboard rolled a well-dried butternut. The squirrel had disappeared like a Denslow recovers from a recent ex- shot, leaving the chopper's eyes riveted pecially in connection with scenes perience on Pico Mountain he will owe on the nut. It required but a few which depict Jesus Christ subjected to

took provisions enough to last him a Squirrels don't hide single nuts and, week, and on Saturday noon left camp trembling with anticipation, the chopper tore out a board in the wall, and out tumbled at least a bushel of the libretto of the opera referring to He had gone about a mile and a half nuts. There were more back of anthe Lord's Supper and the temptation when he slipped, fell and wrenched his other board, and Denslow made a of Christ he introduced a resolution right hip so badly that he could not bear his weight on his leg. After lying bear his weight on his leg. After lying drink and replenished the fire.

Of Christ he introduced a resolution, which was passed, though a few of the ministers voted against it.

Mr. Bryan said last night at his in the snow until dusk, with his leg! There was no use trying to move

SHOCKING TO SEE

cat-like movement he secured it. Then, Chicago Presbytery Strongly The pearls are really a side issue. The takes the word of any number of nig-Condemn the Play-From the Libretto.

> Chicago, Dec. 17.-The presentation on the stage of the Lord's supper, estemptation by women has called forth

cago of "Parsifal." The matter was brought up before the Presbytery by the Rev. W. S. P. Bryan. After reading selections from

Mr. Bryan said last night at his nome, 13 Chalmers place: "When a piece like 'Parsifal' is to be produced, a play in which the most sacred ceremony of the Christ'an Church is acted by hired players, in which also, in connection with this sacrament, there are portrayed scenes of sensual passion, it is time for us to make an earnest protest. I should like to ask how Herr Conried, a Jew, would look upon the staging of the Passover r any of the sacred Jewish rites." Mr. Bryan made no argument for his esolution before the Presbytery. rested his case on the quotations he Lord's Supper was the scene of the supper of the knights of the Grail:

Take and drink my blood; Thus be our love remembered; Take my body and eat. Do this and think of me.

But, looking whence the other voice And on a flowery couch a maiden lay, More beautiful than heart could ever

As if the destiny of all the world

Then Parsifal, as if the kiss had stung holly (ilex opaca), was formerly sup-

"a white man's country" a government bounty is paid for sugar grown by white labor. Of the last year's sugar crop of 100,000 tons seven-tenths was produced by Kanaka black labor.

According to a Paris physician, who has noted the hour of death of 2,880 persons, his observation covering a period of several years, the maximum ton, thanked the donor and was heartily applauded.

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According to a Paris physician, who take place until Tuesday, and Secretary McEheran is authority for the statement that the enthusiasm this propping himself up in front of the bunter, but he will never take another shot at the animals, he says.

Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, will exhibit some of his latest inventions at the World's Fair, St. Louis.

LONDONERS BUY FREELY OF HOLLY AT CHRISTMAS TIME

From One to Two Carloads Sold Here-Demand Has Grown During Late Years, but the Price Has Practically Remained Unchanged—Where the Supply Is Obtained.



will perhaps surprise some people. All foliage from the very bottom, Among those referring to the week the dealers have been offering it will have been sold.

city is authority for the statement handles, for inlaid work and for var that between one and two carloads of fine-grained wood. It receives dy a holly are used in the city, half as very readily, and much of what passes much again being sold here and sent for ebony however, Dr. Bryan contended, was to adjacent places. For some years dyed black. The berries are purgation enough to condemn the whole play. In past the sale has been about the and emetic, and a decoction of the best condemn to the sale has been about the land emetic. this act Parsifal is represented as same, but it is not very many years bark is sometimes used as a demultempted by the beautiful but wicked ago that scarcely a case of it could be cent. Kundry. Some of the passages read disposed of, though it is by no means

Every person knows, of course, what holly is, but perhaps many do not know just where it is obtained. It is found along the Atlantic Coast from Maine southward, it being especially abundant in Virginia, and the States south of it. As seen at the north, it Clad in some light gown of Arabian is a low tree, but in favorable climates it attains a height of 30 or 40 spread horizontally; the short-petioled tered, spiny teeth, very thick and lowish green beneath. This American posed to be identical with European Dr. Bryan quoted at length from re- aquifolium) has more glossy leaves Londoners have paid the same each

> A FAVORITE HEDGE PLANT. The European holly has long been a at least.

evergreen, the ex-

One of the largest importers in the and turned articles, for whip and other a new custom—this use of holly on which the bright scarlet berries show

OLLY will find its favorite in Great Britain as a hedge way into almost plant, and for the ornamental char every house in acter of single speciality abundant in the south acter of single specimens. It is esthe city of Lon- Europe, but it was not found in the don by next Fri- northern portions. It is a very longday. With the lived tree, some specimens having been estimated to be 800 to 1,200 years coming of Christ- old. There are numerous varieties. It mas, comes a forms an impenetrable barrier, but it supply of this is of too slow growth for a mere protecting hedge. There are in England many fine specimens of holly screens tent of which twenty feet high and filled with dense The wood of the holly is remarkably

it, and in another week the most of luster that well adapt it to ornamentwhite. It has a fine grain and sating al work. It is used for small carved

> in fine contrast, make the holly a favorite plant of Christmas in Rome and is in Europe still the plant chiefly used in churches.

USED FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATION Large quantities of the American

holly are brought each year from Long Island and southern New Jer-Then there was silence, deep and terfeet. The erect trunk is clothed with same use. In Canada as well as in the United States holly Hung in the balance of that fervent leaves are oval in outline, with scat- used for church decorations and or home decorations at Christmas tide. leathery, deep green above and yel- The most of that which reaches Western Ontario comes from Virginia and Delaware. For some years the price has not

ports of the crusade against "Parsifal" with much more conspicuous spin s, year for their holly. This year an inbrighter scarlet berries and the nut- crease, so slight that it is hardly no-lets more strongly veined. It is much ticeable, is accounted for by the fact more hardy than the European, which that lumber, being scarce, something will not endure the climate of New extra has to be paid for shipping York City with certainty, but it is cases. The cases, by the way, are hence it is that Londoners get their car and a half or more of this favor-ite plant, for the present Christmas



through giate Institute at rewards

MEDAL AND RINGS WERE

Received Well-Earned Rewards at the Collegiate Institute

-Closing in Public Schools on Tuesday.

for proficiency in work during the past term. It was a short session, but during the twenty minutes some history it.

however, more than a mere metal to and the meeting closed with hearty the medal. There was the fact that cheers for the mayor and Mr. Gillean. the winner had taken a place that he must follow all his life. If he continued his course he must become great man. A man wanted to work if he wanted to succeed. It was the only In addition to the medal, he had a tablet made, on which the names of winners would be inscribed. It would stand as something to bring out ambition, and to get there perseverance would be needed. After speaking of Principal Radcliffe as a thoroughly able and conscientious teacher, the mayor presented the medal, compli-menting the recipient and wishing him

The medal was a beautiful piece of old work, in the form of a shield, which was engraved the coat of arms ool, and on the back: "Senior leaving: Presented by Adam Beck, the teachers, who find it a pleasant leaving: Presented by Adam Beck, the teachers, who find it a pleasant leaving ing his way over fallen logs, around swelling began to go down. It was man, for highest standing of pupils of the limit of the lim man, for highest standing of pupils of These entertainments are highly the L. C. I., Senior leaving examinabeneficial to the little ones, as well as tions. Mr. Chapman, who is now a entertaining, for the children are student at the Normal School, Hamiltaught the art of self-posseston, thanked the donor and was sion in public, some of them re-

comes | The principal expressed the thanks work, of the institute. On behalf of Mr. Thomas Gillean, who was unable to be present, City Mayor Beck gave Clerk C. B. Edwards called Miss Grace to the students of Gilbert forward and presented her the London Colle- with the handsome diamond ring

which she won in the recent essay the gathering on pupil in Form I. had won the prize, Friday afternoon, and it was the fifth ring Mr. Gillean had been so generous as to donate. Mr. Edwards intimated that Mr. Gillean would continue his practice. He then congratulated the young lady,

who was loudly cheered on receiving in connection with the institute was ing a surprise. He asked permission to speak to Miss Jean Merchant. This

PUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Saturday Nicht

In the first place Mayor Beck was young lady, as surprised as everyone called upon by Principal Radcliffe to else, came forward, and was informed make the first presentation in the that Mr. Edwards had been charged presence of the whole school, which by Mr. Gillean to compliment her on was convened in the upper assembly- the excellent showing she had made His worship in presenting his in the same contest. And to remind medal said that a course such as the her that she had won second prize, he recipient of the medal, Mr. Fred A. gave her a beautiful gold ring, set Chapman, had gone through, was with a pearl. The students showed worthy of a scholarship. There was, their appreciation in this case, too.

the public schools of the city held their annual Christmas closing entertainments. The rooms of the little ones were in most instances beautifully decorated with flowers, holly and other evergreens, and teachers and pupils put in a very pleasant day. Some of the entertainments were held in the morning, and others in the afternoon. The programmes carried out were of an especially worthy character, and



WAITING FOR THE ELECTION DATE.

R. L. Borden (impatiently)-Confo und it, why don't he say "when"? becoming more painful every moment, much, so the man remained quiet, bathincluded some excellent choruses, appropriate songs, recitations, dialogues he became desperate. There was not a ing his leg in snow-water and keeping human being within miles, and to spend as warm as he could. During the day a night in the forest in his condition he discovered an old discarded over-The children's hearts are wrapped up in their entertainments, and for weeks they are drilled and coached by

lacerated his hands and face. the morning and built a fire in an old

lacerated his hands and face.

When he did reach here he reached the cabin at 1 o'clock in was in a bad condition and was a trifle weak mentally, but it is believed