LONDON. ONTARIO, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1902.

WHOLE NO. 16771.

96 Dundas St.

# Christmas

some present that will be appreciated is the wish of every person. What would be more suitable than a set of handsome Furs?

ALASKA SABLE RUFFS, \$9 50, \$10, \$11 50 and \$15. ALASKA SABLE MUFFS, \$10, 811

and \$12. BEAUTIFUL FOX SETS, from \$20

COLUMBIA SABLE RUFFS, \$6 and \$7. COLUMBIA SABLE MUFFS, \$4

\$5 and \$6 50. Birens, Marriages, Deaths.

NICHOLLS-On Dec. 18, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Nicholls, of this city, a daughter. DIED.

POWELL-At London, on Dec. 19, 1902, Thomas Powell, in his 97th year. Service at his late residence at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 20; interment at Mel-

rose Cemetery. EMIGH-On Dec. 18, 1902, Nancy, the beloved wife of Nelson Emigh, in her 45th Funeral from her late residence, 576

Maitland street, on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 1:30 p.m.; service at 1 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances please accept this LOST, intimation. Ingersoll papers please copy.

CRAIG-In this city, on Dec. 18, 1902, Lettie Elizabeth, beloved wife of W. J. Craig.

Funeral notice later. ELLIOTT-On Dec. 19, 1902, Robert Elliott, youngest son of late John Elliott, aged 44 years and 5 months.

Funeral from the family residence, lot 1 con. 12. London Township, on Monday, Dec. 22, at 10:30 a.m.; service at 10 a.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. Interment at 71u St. John's Cemetery.

ANDERSON-In this city, on Dec. 18, 1902, James Anderson, aged 87 years, brother of the late David Anderson. Funeral from the residence of his nephew, Mr. John Anderson, con. 3, London Township, on Suncey, Dec. 21, at 2:30; service at 2 p.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this inti-

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC. LONDON --- Two Weeks.

#### COMMENCING MONDAY. Marks Bros.

IN NEW PLAYS.

20 PEOPLE-10 SPECIALTIES.

Monday: "The Mormon's Daughter."

Prices: 10c, 15c 25c. Special Christmas

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THE GORGEOUS SPECTACULAR
MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA.

The Wizard of Oz. SEATS NOW SELLING.
Matinee, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1. Evening, 25c,
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AUDITORUM - REPEATED MR. LEONARD GARVER DRAMATIC LECTURER. "Joan Vallean" From

Les Miserables." DANCING, PALACE ACADEMY-WEEK Dec. 15: Classes will meet, gentlemen, Monday; ladies, Tucsday; advanced, ladies and gentlemen, Wednesday even-ing, \$ o'clock. Thursday and Friday evenings, private. Dayton & McCormick. ORIGINAL LONDON HARTERS-

Music furnished for all occasions. Tony Cortese, 380 Richmond street. 'Phone 1:579. WESTMINSTER RINK-SKATING TO-

NIGHT. Ice in good condition. Contese's Orchestra Saturday night. b PRINCESS ICE PALACE-CLOSED UN-

TIL further notice. F. B. CLARKE, AGENT ALLAN LINE, Richmond street, next Advertiser-Parislan sails Monday, Dec. 28; Bava-rian, Monday, Jan. 5. Very low fares to or from the Old Country.

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

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

FEMALE HELP WANTED. YOUNG GIRL TO ASSIST IN GENERAL

housework; family of three; no washing. Apply 302 Central avenue. 71c WANTED-A CHAMBERMAID AND pastry cook. Apply City Hotel. 69i GIRLS WANTED. APPLY PARISIAN CHAMBERMAID WANTED. APPLY

Hodgins House. GOOD GENERAL SERVANT WANTED at ence. Apply Mrs. Thompson, 28 Wolfe street, 65tf

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

MANTED - COMPETENT GENERAL servant. Apply Mrs. T. P. McCormick, 234 Wolfe street. 48tf GIRLS WANTED FOR FACTORY Apply D. S. Perrin & Co., Limited. 48tf

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WANTED.

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

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GUITARS, MANDOLINS. BANJOS, VIOLINS, MOUTH ORGANS. MUSIC STANDS. MUSIC HOLDERS.

New Christmas. Songs

and beautifully bound books of Both Vocal and Instrumental Music.

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188 Dundas St. 62 Years Established.

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MAN WANTED FOR STABLE AND porter work. Western Hotel, city. 71c A GOOD GENERAL BLACKSMITH wanted at once for country shop. Apply C. Dresser, Scottsville. 71c

BUTCHER-AT ONCE; GOOD WAGES, right man. Box 68, Advertiser. 70c WANTED-ENERGETIC MAN, ALSO lady, to take orders; \$50 per month. Call at once. Office over McCallum's drug store. A. Wilkins. 69c

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

LOST AND FOUND. DEC. 10-WIDE BAND GOLD belonging to the late J. B. David-Kindly return to 222 Maitland 71u street.

UMBRELLA LOST-NEAR YEO'S GROCERY. Finder kindly leave at this office.

LOST, SATURDAY NIGHT-BUNCH OF keys. Finder kindly return to Advertiser office.

### AGENTS WANTED.

AGENTS WANTED BY THE LARGEST direct importer and wholesale manufac-turer of agents' household supplies in Canada. Low prices and liberal terms. Cooper, 332-6 Clarence street, London. AGENTS WANTED, TO MAKE \$10 A day; free canvassing outfit sent prepaid to reliable parties. Write for form of proposal. Cooper, 332-6 Clarence street, London.

#### ARTICLES FOR SALE.

SEND YOUR CHRISTMAS PICTURES away in good, strong mailing tubes. For sale at Advertiser office. 70n

FOR SALE—THREE GOOD PRACTICE pianos, \$35, \$45 and \$50, payable \$2 per month, guaranteed. Organs for \$10 and \$20, payable \$2 per month. Heintzman & Co., 217 Dundas, corner Clarence.

SKATES HOLLOW-GROUND AT 10c A pair. D. McKenzie & Co., 238 Richmond street.

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

CORUNTO CHRISTMAS GLOBE FOR sale at Red Star News Company, Mar-

FOR SALE—ONE 16-FOOT LATHE, one 6-foot lathe, one 8-foot planer. Apply Thomas B. McGregor, Windsor, GOICE LARGE ROLL AND CROCK

butter, 19c to 20c ib; second quality, 17c lb; best 1-lb prints, 21c to 22c; creamery, 23c lb. Fresh eggs, 22c dozen. T. A. Faulds, 13 Market House. 'Phone 151.

GREEN & CO. HAVE RECEIVED A supply of West Virginia smokeless coal; will burn well in furnace or range. Massillo, 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.

ALL KINDS OF WOOD AND SOFT cosl. Wm. Buchanan, 633 Colbeine

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

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

TO LET-UNION FURNITURE VAN— Furniture carefully handled. John Biggs, Cathcart and Bruce, South Lon-don, late of London Furniture Com-pany. 'Phone 210.

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

#### REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE - FIRST - CLASS CITY property, situated 541 to 555 Hamilton road, London, consisting of store doing prosperous business, good brick bakery (two ovens), three dwellings, stables, etc.; five minutes walk to new industries. Apply F. W. J. Ball, 168 Adelaide street, London. 70n bw

NOTICE-LOTS ON THE OLIVER SUR-VEY will be advanced in price on the 15th of January, 1903. Get your choice now, as there are only a few left. Easy terms. J. F. Sangster, 112 Masonic Temple

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ARCHITECTS, LAND SURVEYORS,
CIVIL ENGINEERS.
John M. Moore. Frederick Henry.

UNITED STATES CONSULATE AT PUERTO CABELLO, VENEZUELA.

LAST SATURDAY THE BRITISH AND GERMAN GUNBOATS BOMBARDED THE PORTS AT PUERTO CABELLO BECAUSE THE BRITISH FLAG HAD BEEN RUN DOWN FROM AN ENGLISH STEAMER CAPTURED BY A VENEZUELAN MOB. [From photo by the Detroit Photographic Company.]

## BRITAIN'S REPLY WILL TEND TO STRAIGHTEN MATTERS OUT

Answer Re Arbitration Sent adds: "The statements issuing from Caracas to the effect that President Castro has empowered Minister Bowen

GERMANY'S SENT

Secretary is Favorable to Settlement of Controversy Through U. S. Minister Bowen.

Rome, Italy, Dec. 19.-United States Minister Prinetti at the foreign Ambassador Meyer visited Foreign office today and communicated to him a cable message from Secretary Hay saying the secretary was disposed to Bowen with full powers to settle the Venezuelan controversy if agreeable to Germany, Great Britain and Italy.

BRITAIN'S REPLY. London, Dec. 19.-Great Britain has sent a reply to the United States in regard to the suggestion that the Venezuelan question should be submitted to arbitration. The tenor of the reply, it is expected here, will tend to bring about some arrangement for a satisfactory solution, while thoroughly safeguarding the interests of the

powers concerned. GERMANY'S ANSWER READY. Berlin, Dec. 19.-Germany's answer to Venezuela's proposition for arbitration is ready, and will be sent to the United States Government in a day or two. The officials here maintain abso lute silence regarding the character of

the answer. The foreign office has no information to the effect that President Castro has bestowed on Minister Bowen full power to represent Venezuela in the settlement of the existing difficulties; but

such a step toward a solution would be received with pleasure. NO OBJECTIONS HEARD.

London, Dec. 19.—In a printed reply, made public today, to the recent question in Parliament of Gibson Bowles, M. P., Conservative, Premier Balfour says no intimation has been received from the Government of the United States that it will object to American shipping being interfered with in the event of a blockade of the Venezuelan coast. The objections to the blockade which it is proposed to establish have been carefully considered. They cannot, however, be altogether removed, as some of them are inherent to that particular class of naval operations.

Mr. Bowles also asked "whether in view of the destruction by the Germans of two gunboats and the consequent impossibility of holding them as pledges, the Government proposes to continue joint action with Germany." The Premier replied in the affirmative.

OPEN TO QUESTION. The note to Reuter's Telegram Company announcing that Great Britain The national honor is saved, although had sent a reply to the United States,

MAGISTRATE AT FAULT

to act as the representative of Venezuela are regarded in London as open to question. And such action on the part of President Castro would be considered wholly beside the mark. The powers concerned will deal solely with the United States in the matter of arbitration. The Government of President Castro will not be consulted in any form, not even as to the terms on which arbitration might be acceptable to the powers."

THE POWERS' ATTITUDES. Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary Hay has received partial responses from the Governments of Great Britain, Germany and Italy, respecting the pro-posal to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulties. Great Britain is favorable to arbitration with proper safeguards. Germany accepts arbitration in principle, but finds a multitude of small adjustments to be made before entering into the agreement. Italy, as the junior partner of the allies, declares that she is favorable to arbitration, but probably will be bound by the action of the senior partners.

U. S. WON'T-GUARANTEE. Washington, Dec. 19 .- As far as England is concerned, the safeguards referred to are believed to deal with the question of guarantee which is full of difficulties. In this connection some consideration is again being given to the feasibility of the assumption of responsibility for any award assessed against Venezuela by responsible private agencies, but the United States Government is determined not to allow itself to be drawn into the position of a guarantor. However, if private concerns can be induced to enter the field. the United States Government will do what it can to reduce their risks. Secretary Hay, Sir Michael Herbert, the British ambassador, and Senator Depew were in conference today, and it is supposed this part of the case will be touched upon although no confirmation can be had at this time. The German position presents the greatest difficulties. Weeks may elapse before their adjustment can be affected and

prepared for arbitration. Lima, Peru, Dec. 19.-A number of army officers here propose cabling their names to the president of Venezuela, offering their services in the case of

the situation becoming more complicated. Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 19.-There was a large parade in the streets of Quito last night, as a manifestation of sympathy with Venezuela. President Plaza sent the following message to President Castro: "The Government and people of Ecuador express sympathy with the Government and people of Venezuela in the international conflict and hope that the difficulties will be pacifically and honorably settled."

President Castro has replied as follows to President Plaza's message: "Profound gratitude towards the Government and noble people of Eucador. the right of force reigns."

#### TANNERS PROSPER

Japanese Should Not Have Been Imprisoned at Vancouver

Ottawa, Dec. 19.-The Secretary of State, Hon. R. W. Scott, has telegraphed to Sir Henri Joly, drawing attention to the press report that George E. Corbould, police magistrate at Vancouver, had ordered the imprisonment of nineteen Japanese who entered the province from the United States, and asking for an explanation. The Asiatics arrested under the act passed by the British Columbia Legislature last summer, which forbids the entrance of immigrants who cannot write and read a European language. The act is, however, of no effect, because it was disallowed by the Federal Government, on Dec. 5. Of this fact, Magistrate Corbould was aware, because the neve was not only reported in the press at the time, but the solicitors for the Japanese prisoners wired to Ottawa, told by the justice department that the provincial act had been vetoed. Notwithstanding these facts, however, Magistrate Corbould ordered the imprisonment of the Japanese for violating a law which did not exist.

Petroleum has been discovered about

Conditions in Their Trade Unusually Satisfactory

Toronto, Dec. 19.-The conditions that have prevailed in the tanning trade in the province were explained at the annual meeting of the tanners' section of the board of trade yesterday afternoon by Mr. C. G. Marlatt, the chairman of the section. In his annual address Mr. Marlatt reported a steady business during the year 1902, with no great change in values in either hides or leather. Hide values ruled extremely high, and the present prices were about the same as those current at the beginning of the year. The general trade of the country was good, and tanners of all classes of leather have felt the benefit of the prevailing prosperity. Boot and shoe manufacturers as well as others en-gaged in the manufacture of articles largely composed of leather, such as harness, trunks. bags, etc., report a satisfactory season.

The officers were elected as follows: F. T. Davile, Aurora, chairman: John Breithauph, Berlin, vice-president; executive committee. A. O. Beardmore, Toronto: George C. H. Lang, Berlin; A. R. Clarke, Toronto: John Weish. Hastings; George P. Beal, Toronto: inspection and arbitration committee, C. J. Miller, Orillia; L. J. Breithaust

Berlin; S. R. Wickett, Toronto; W. D. Beardmore, Toronto, and George McQuay, Owen Sound.

SENT UP FOR LIFE

Quick Justice. Hastings, Mich., Dec. 18. - Perhaps the only thing new brought out in the examination of Brantliner, the murderer, of Mrs. Garrison, which was held yesterday, was the opinion that the muzzle of the gun was scarcely

The Murderer of Mrs. Garrison Gets

six inches from the face of Mrs. Garrison when discharged. The prisoner was nearly in a state of collapse. He came into the court room in a halting and nervous state, and during the whole of the trial never raised his looked more like an He idiot than otherwise. When asked to stand up for sentence he staggered and would have fallen had not the deputy sheriff beside him steadied him. When asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed, he shook his head, and during the remarks of Judge Smith his head hung limp upon his shoulders. The a few words, and then the sentence of confinement at hard labor for life was

## IT'S NOT AT ALL **EXTRAORDINARY**

"Harry" Gorman Knows Ten Women Who Dress and Work as Men.

Buffalo, Dec. 18 .- "Why I know ten wemen right here in Buffalo who wear men's clothing and who held men's positions," said "Harry" Gorman at the Sisters' Hospital today. "Harry" Gorman is the woman who for 20 years has masqueraded as a man and whose sex was revealed when she was placed on LYNCH TO STAND TRIAL an operating table at the Emergency Hospital on Sunday night after slipping on an icy sidewalk and fracturing

"Four of these women are employed by the New York Central Railroad. said "Harry." "Two of them are engaged in the most laborious kind of work-they are baggagemen who load big trunks into cars. They are as muscular as the ordinary men and hard work has no terrors for them. I

know these women well. THEY ALL KNEW EACH OTHER "Did we have an organization? No, hardly an organization, but we ran across each other once in a while and. over our beer and cigars in saloons, we have had many a good laugh at the expense of the men. You know men consider themselves smart. Well, sometimes a woman can fool them. I fooled them, and other women are fooling them right here in Buffalo every

"I passed for a man more than 20 years. When I get out of the hospital I intend to be a man again. I couldn't be hired to wear women's clothes. I'd

"I hear that they're going to arrest me as soon as I get out of the hos-pital. Well, let them. But just as soon as I get my liberty I'll be a man again. I couldn't be like a woman if The Rev. Thomas B. Berry, rector of

the Church of the Good Shepherd, in

Jewett avenue, called at the hospital to see "Harry" Gorman this morning, but she refused to receive him. The clergyman wanted to persuade her if leaving the hospital. "Tell the clergyman for me," said "Harry," "that there is not a woman in the world who some time or other has not wished that she was a man.

Ask him if he ever heard of a man who wished he had been born a woman? LIKED BEER AND CIGARS. It was learned today that "Harry" was for several years a regular customer at a Seneca street salcon, and that she dropped in almost every evening after work and drank three or four

glasses of beer. She generally smoked two or three cigars in an evening.
"The day I didn't smoke a half dozen cigars and drink two or three beers or highballs, I was out of sorts," said she. "I could have gone to work as a bartender on three or four occasions,

he woman. There is little doubt that "Harry" Gorman will be brought into court to answer to charges of illegal

## DEATH OF TWO CENTENARIANS

Woman Dies at Montreal at the Age of One Hundred and Five Years.

Montreal. Dec. 19 .- A remarkable woman passed away at her home in Point St. Charles this afternoon in the person of Mrs. Esther Dunn Jones, at the age of 105 years. Mrs. Jones, who was a native of Kildare, Que., had been a resident of the Point for 54 years, and enjoyed remarkably good health until a few days ago, when she con-tracted pneumonia, to which she suc-cumbed. Mrs. Jones leaves lineal descendants to the number of 104 people including sons, grandchildren and great-granchildren.

DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN. Brockville, Ont., Dec. 19.-The death took place in Brockville Hospital to-day of Sally Barnett, relict of the late Jacob Barnett, a widely-known farmer of Wilford Township. Mrs. Barnett had attained the age of 100 years, spent entirely in this section. Born in the Township of Wilford, she lived principally near Easton's Corners on a farm, where her health failed, and she was brought here for treatment. Mrs. Barnett had a distinct recollection of happenings nearly a century ago. No family survive. The body of the deceased was removed to Athens.

### ONLY 9,000 TONS FOR ALL CANADA

Distribution of Daily Output of Mines as Shown by Operators' Statement.

New York, Dec. 18 .- More coal came to the city yesterday than on any day since the ending of the strike. The rainstorm had cleared the roads of snow and cleared the way for the coal-laden trains. It was estimated that 45,000 tons of anthracite arrived at tidewater.

One of the operators said: "If we have clear weather for two weeks and everyone who has a ton of coal in his cellar remarks of the judge were limited to will wait until his neighbors have been fore they had gained sufficient headserved before filling his bin for the win-ter, there will be enough coal for the ises. poor at 10 cents a pail, and by the ton for domestic use."

WHERE THE COAL GOES. The following statement was also given, showing where the 215,759 tons mined daily is now going: Philadelphia.....

Boston. 10,000 other New England ports. 13,750 New Jersey..... Buffalo.... 
 Buffalo
 5,000

 Western States
 28,000

 Southern States
 15,000
 To Canada.... To New York State and Pennsyl-

As a result of the coal receipts here yesterday, Barber's Sons, No. 377 Water street, sold 10,000 pails at 10 cents a pail. Booth-Tucker opened his Salvation Army and distribution at Chatham fuel distribution station at Chathan Square and East Broadway, where 3,000 pails of coal were also sold at 10 cents...

True Bill Found Against Leader of Irish Brigade.

Jury Deals With High Treason Charge First Time in 62 Years.

London, Dec. 19.—The grand jury summoned to consider the indictment of Colonel Arthur Lynch, member of Parliament for Galway, who was arrested June 11 on landing in England from the continent, on the charge of high treason in connection with part he took in the South African war. where he is alleged to have commanded the Irish Brigade, returned a true bill today against the defendant. The lord chief justice, Baron Alverstone, in charging the jury remarked that it was 62 years since a grand jury had to deal with such a charge, which was the highest crime known in law. Col. Lynch's trial at the bar is ex-

#### pected to begin Jan. 20. E. A. MACDONALD DEAD

End of Unique Career in History of Toronto.

Toronto, Dec. 19. - After an illness lasting nearly six months, Ernest Albert Macdonald, ex-mayor of Toronto, died last night at his home, 35 Grenville street. Deceased had been suffer-Iv a year, and on July 10 was confined to his bed, gradually growing weaker until the end came shortly after 10

o'clock. PROMINENT AS A PROMOTER. The late E. A. Macdonald was one of the best known men in Toronto, as He made and lost a fortune in promoting the real estate and other schemes, and was practically responsible for the building up of the property northeast of the Don.

CAREER IN CITY COUNCIL. His first big deal was the creating of St. Matthew's ward, which is now part of ward 1. This was followed by booming the place now known as Chester. Mr. Macdonald was the means of opening many streets in this locality and securing the car service on but I could get more money as a cook." Broadview avenue, where he lived for District Attorney Thomas Penney many years. He next turned his attensays he is in no hurry to express an tion to establishing a suburb ten miles nion as to what can he done with east of Toronto en the Grand Trunk

#### **MANNERSCHENNINGEN NEUTRIE** Suggestions for Gift Buyers.

ADIES always welcome pleasant remembrances of delicate perfumes, toilet articles, etc. An inspection of our Christmas display will help you solve the question concerning gifts for the fair sex.

GIFTS FOR MEN, TOO. In periumes we have all the leading odors of Piver, Roger & Gallet, Atkinson, Pinaud, Le Grand, Gwelin, Woodworth, etc.

Cairncross & Lawrence, Chemists and Druggists, 216 Dundas Street.

This place was known as Bellamy, which consisted of many hundreds of acres of land on the lake front. Mr. Macdonald formed a company to carry this project out, but it was afterwards

THE AQUEDUCT SCHEME. His largest and pet scheme was the Georgian Bay aqueduct, on which he worked for years without success, as he could get no one to father it. On one occasion he started a weekly journal known as the Factor, for the purpose of promoting the aqueduct, and many other projects in which he interested himself. He then started the annexation paper, the Sun, which was in existence for about two weeks only.

#### RICH RECLUSE DEAD

Owen McCarten Stayed in House for Forty Years.

New York, Dec. 19. - Owen McCarton, a rich recluse, of Oceanic, N. J., is dead. Though he had spent forty years at Oceanic he was scarcely known to

anyone except the members of his own For thirty years he had not crossed the threshold of his dwelling between sunrise and sunset, because of an elec-tion bet. During the presidential campaign of 1872 between Grant and Greeley, McCarton was one of the latter's most enthusiastic supporters. He made a bet with a friend that if Grant was elected he would not leave his house

except during the night as long as he McCarton lived up to his wager About five years ago his house caught fire, and for a time it looked as if he would have to break his agreement, but the flames were extinguished be-

### NOW FRANCE IS INTERESTED

Anxious Lest Other Powers Should Get Ahead of Her-Presents Her Claims.

Paris, Dec. 19.-The foreign office here desires to have it understood that the notice sent to the French charge d' affaires at Caracas does not ask Venezuela to give preferential treatten-cent coal depots, for there was coal ment to French claims, but only treatment equal to that which the other powers may receive through their recourse to force. This applies only to its claims which have arisen since 1899, previous claims being submitted to arbitration. Concerning recent claims, France first offered to permit the Venezuelan courts to pass upon them, but since Germany and Great Britain expect to secure preference by the adoption of forcible collection the French charge d' affaires has now been ordered to inform Venezuela that France expects the same advantages in the adjustment of claims as Venezuela grants to Germany and Great Britain. This is not intended as a coercive measure, but only to secure for France equal treatment with the other powers.

COAL STRIKE COMMISSION. Scranton, Pa., Dec. 19.-Chairman Gray, when the anthracite strike commission opened its session today, recalled the incident of Wednesday when the accuracy of the wage statements of two men employed by the Pennsylvania Coal Company was questioned. The lawyers for the miners challenged the good faith of the gen-eral manager of the company, and Chairman Gray said if the company could not show how many men figured in the wages handed to the commission, it might shake the faith of the commission in the wage statement. Chairman Gray said that he has since been informed that the auditor of the company notified one of the assistant recorders when the figures were handed in, that the company was unable to give in all cases the exact number of men sharing in the earnings. The chairman said he did not wish to convey the impression that the commission impugned the good faith of the company.

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good.

LONDON. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*