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IN PARIS STREETS

Now it is Unsafe for People to

Footpads and Gangs of Crimina Rampant-The Exhibition

P Paris, Dec. 15.—The close of the Ex P Paris, Dec. 15.—The close of the Exposition, throwing thousands who were dependent upon it for a living in the streets, his created abnormal criminal conditions in Paris, and has directed attention to the dangerous state of affairs. The outlying quarters are infested by bands of footpads and hoodlums, who terrorize the residents. The papers are filled with accounts of their exploits. Two respectable workmen were attacked a few nights ago by four prowlers, who, after picking a quarrel, almost decapitated one of the workmen and stabbed the other in the abdomen. None of the murderers have abdomen. None of the murderers have yet been traced.

A feature of these nocturnal attacks

A feature of these nocturnal attacks is that they are very often not accompanied by robbery, but are perpetrated by bloodthirsty criminals, frequently boys in their teens. Four boys, the oldest of whom is 17 years of age, gagged and outraged a young girl at La Vilette recently and then dragged her to the canal side with the view of drowning her, when passers-by rescued the girl.

The bands frequenting Belleville and Menilmontant style themselves "Apaches." They have committed a number of atrocious and cowardly attacks. Another and similar band is called the "Amandiers." The police up to the present seem powerless to cope with the situation.

DANGER ON STREET CARS.

DANGER ON STREET CARS. A gang of thieves recently held up a street car in a populous southern district and robbed the passengers, while an important electric car line, serving the suburb of St. Denis and St. Quen, has refused to run its cars later than 8 30 in the exempt on a st. Quen, has refused to run its cars later than 8.30 in the evening on account of the danger, and it was announced to-day that the prefect of police had decided to place a couple of policemen on each street car running in the suburbs after 8.30 p.m., and that he had also decided to greate a special the had also decided to create a special corps of picked men to be stationed in the dangerous wards, such as the ward where the severed body was recently discovered.

Moreover, in order to secure murder than the relies of the reversal nights.

clues, the police, for several nights, have raided the disorderly districts and have made large hauls of criminals wanted on other charges. A raid yesterday evening led to 347 arrests. In fairness it must be said that the present condition of crime is largely due to the numbers of workmen, street hawkers, and others who came to Par-is attracted by the Exposition, and is attracted by the Exposition, and who are now walking the streets out of work. It is estimated by the statistician of the central labor bureau that in 25 trades 212,000 out of 510,000 are out of work. The officials of the prefecture of police calculate that 2,000 sufferers from the close of the Exposition have joined the criminal Exposition have joined the criminal

RAVAGES OF TYPHOID.

313 Deaths in the Province Dur ing November.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Typhoid lever resulted in more deaths in the Province of Ontario in November than for any fatal cases numbered 133, but of thes Toronto only produced three, while many smaller towns had as many or even more. The cause of the large increase is thought to have been the long day full resulting in less and long, dry fall, resulting in low and long, dry fall, resulting in low and consequently impure water in the wells. The total number of deaths from all causes during November were 1,960, compared with 1,501 in the corresponding month last year, 93 per cent. of the population being represented in the returns.

CHURCH CENSUS.

Members of Brantford's Various Denominations Now Tabulated.

Brantford, Dec. 15 .- The Ministerial alliance recently took a church census of the city, and the returns in the main have now been tabulated. They show: Methodists, 3,525; Baptists, 2,734; Presbyterians, 2,028; Church of England, 1,685; Roman Catholic, 1,504; Congregationalists 400 Salvation Armists 114; colored Methodists, 101; Farring donists, 160; and miscellaneous, 237. The latter include one family of Mor-mons. There is not a Hebrew in the

MUSKETRY SCHOOL

Government Propose Establish One at Ottawa.

Ottawa, December 15. — The minister of militia has practically decided to establish a school of musicitry at Ottawa, and it is as good as settled that a vote will be asked from parliament at the coming session for the purpose. A school will be located at Rockliffe, the school will be located at Rockliffe, the splendid new rifle range, where marksmen from all parts of the Dominion yearly gather, and will be modeled on the plan of the musketry school for the English troops at Hythe. Lieut.-Col. Cartwright, at present assistant adjutant-general, will probably be placed in charge, with the title of inspector. He will have under him as instructors a captain and non-commissioned officer from the imperial service. Probably both these officers will be chosen from the staff connected with the Hythe school. 'According to present plans, 30 officers and 54 non-commissioned officers will be trained at one time. Each shooting season will be divided into three periods—May and June, July and August, September and October. The expectation is to have the school organized early next year, providing parliament grants the necessary supplies.

Mrs. Gadabout—That Mrs. Hardhead next door, doesn't seem to have many friends.

Hostess (wearily)—No; I wonder how she manages it!

The Priendly Young Man Met With

She was a bright, vivacious suburban girl about 18 years old. She was almost viciously opposed to young men who try to begin flirtations with young women. In short, she was from Kenwood. He lived on the South Side and found his way home evenings, as also did the young woman, by way of the Illinois Central. He was only 20 and not a habitual firt, but he was taking his first toddling steps into the dangerous and unknown.

The youth had seen the young woman several times on the train, and once he cleared his throat and raised his hat as she passed him on the way out of the train at her station. He wondered whether it was the slackening speed of the cars or a desire to get a better view of his face which made her half pause almost in front of him. After that day he long-

face which made her half pause almost in front of him. After that day he longed for another opportunity to make further explorations and advance his picket lines. At last the blessed opportunity arrived. One evening he found the young woman sitting by herself on the train, which was just about to pull out of the Randolph street station. He made for the vacant place beside her with the speed of a trolley car as the train started southward.

"I beg pardon, is that seat taken?" he

"I beg pardon, is that seat taken?" he asked tremblingly as the blood rushed to his face.

"It is not," courteously responded the young woman as she moved slightly toward the window to make room for him. "Heavens, how delightfully easy!" he thought to himself. His head fairly spun at this encouragement. He must go in now to win. He must strike while the iron was hot. But in his delirium of joy he could not think of anything to say. But he must say something, or the young woman would think she had wasted her encouragement on unproductive soil. She encouragement on unproductive soil. She would be disgusted with her lack of judgment in giving such a weakling a chance Perspiration was standing out on the young man's brow when, grasping at a straw like a drowning man, he turned to the young woman and exclaimed in halt-ing tones:
"It's a pleasant evening."

The young woman turned upon him with a peculiar kind of smile that nearly froze him to the seat and said, "Does oo like to wide on the choo-choo cars? Isn't oo afwaid to wide all by ooself?"

The next second the seat at the side of the young woman was vacant, and the young man was disaprearing through the ear door of the car.

LONELY AMONG CROWDS.

Traveling Men Are Overcome In City of Strange Faces.

"There are many degrees of loneliness," reflectively remarked a grizzled commercial traveler to a correspondent s one that, when I used to experience it, hit me worst of all, I tell you," continued the man of mileage books and sample trunks. "It is the sensation that comes over a man, especially a young man, when he is on a train carrying him into a great city for the first time. It generally strikes him as the outskirts of the city are reached and the twinkling electric lamps begin to come into view. As the train gets nearer the center of the city and the lights multiply tenfold the sensation increases almost in like pro-portion, but it doesn't get in its best licks until the train stops in the center of the big station and the passengers begin to

"Here is where the newcomer feels, in-deed, he is a stranger in a strange land. Say the trainload numbers 300 or 15th passengers. It seems to him that or relative to meet him or else knows exactly where to go to meet friends and ac quaintances, and how to get there quick name of the hotel at which he intends to stop, but he has never seen it and hasn't the slightest idea in what direction to go to reach it. He has to turn to a police man for directions as to its location or to man ever thinks of his home town, where ne knows everybody and everybody know him, where he can go about blindfolded almost as well as with his eyes wide open, he thinks of it then. And in nine times out of ten he wishes himself back

"With a second trip to a city the lonely feeling begins to wear off, and after while the victim grows to looking for ward to getting back there again. But it hits the most of us hard the first time, just as I have described, and it's a mighty depressing sensation, you may well be

"It was a mean trick," said Jones, with a smile, "but I wanted my wife to come home, and it was the only way that I could think of to get her back. She went away about five weeks ago on a va-cation and left me alone to get along as best I could. It wasn't long before I grew tired of the arrangement, tired of getting my meals down town, tired of sending checks in reply to her demands for more money. Three days ago I re-ceived a letter asking me to send her \$25 at once. It was then that my plan sug-gested itself. By return mail I sent her a check for double the amount that she had asked for and inclosed it with a note that read, 'Don't hurry back.'
"It worked as I thought it would. My

wife returned by the first train, with a strange gleam in her eyes and a set about her lips that bodes trouble for me if she confirms the horrible suspicions that she is laboring under. However, I have her at home, and I am not losing any sleep over what she may suspect."

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The First Quarrel,

The Bride (from Chicago)—This is my fourth bridal tour.

The Bridegroom—Well, I hope it will be your last one.

The Bride (bursting into tears)—You selfish thing!—Town Topics.

A canal connecting the Mediterranean with the Red sea existed as early as 600 years before the Christian era. Its length was 92 miles.

Only There is Not a Word of Tru b in it

Though New Yorkers May Galp It Dowa-Probably an Advertising

N. Y. Telegraphi
Charles M. Murray, who forsook newspaper work to go out; as press agent and advance man for Robert Fitzsimmons' ['The Honest Blacksmith' company, has returned to this city from Canada with his idea of his work somewhat changed.

Mr. Murray's experience in the Dominion has convinced him that there are limits even in his new business. Being his first experience in the business he was naturally eagen ardent and laid awake nights last fall thinking up plats for stories which should at the same time possess an air or reality and advertise his star. He was successful throughout New York State, but at foronto, Canada, had a nerve trying setback. The tale has just leaked out because all metanion of it was forbidden the newspapers.

Thinking to advertise the carrot baired pugilist, Murray procured a long streamer in Toronto and on this painted the name of the fighter. Then painted the name of the lighter. Then he stolle to the parliament buildings and coolly bauled down the British flag which flies from the lofty pole in front. In its place he substituted the streamer, and had triumphantly raised to the masthead when he heard the unmistakable metallic click which tells that a gun is getting

click which tells that a gun is getting ready for action.
Murray turned to find himself looking down the barrel of a rifle in the ahmds of a uniformed sentry. The sentry was serious, and he commanded the frightened man to start for the guard house. Murray went.

After several hours' confinement three more sentries accepted and compared to the confinement of the confinemen

After several hours' confinement three more sentries appeared and commanded the young man to get ready for his appearance before the Governor-General.

Trembling and fearing everything from death to life imprisonment, Murray appeared before the functionary and told his name and the reasons for the commission of his very grave offense.

The governor thought for a time and then turned to him. "Young man," he said, sternly, "I see you have lowered the British flag in the hope of getting some advertisement out of it.; Now, I could send you to prison for a long term, or leaded send you for a short term, but have made up my mind to release

Murray brightened up and began to picture the headsines in the papers— "but" the governor continued, "I am

going to arrange it so you can get no advertising out of this.

You may not know it, but we have some control over our newspapers up here, and as a consequence I will forbid newspapers from publishing any mention of this incident, and I shall also direct that no telegraph company transmits it to any other country. You may go, young man."

Murray went, and not one line of the affair has ever been published before

IN PRISON OF ICE.

Englishman Held Captive Five at Cape Breton. Years by Eskimos.

yrrel, the Canadian Explorer, Rescue Him and Brought Him to

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 15. - Prof. J. D. Tyrrel, the Government explorer, has returned from an exploration through the barren lands of Northern Canada. He travelled over 5.000 miles

and met with many perils.

Prof. Tyrrel discovered that the bar ren lands, generally supposed to be treeless prairie, were covered in many places with rich forests, and there were, stretches of timber land 200

niles in extent.

In August, Prof. W. J. Bell, of the geological survey, who was second in command of the expedition, went on a side tour of 500 miles up one of the branches of the Thelon, where he rescued as Facility is the state of the state of the translation. branches of the Thelon, where he rescued an Englishman named Charles Bunn, who had been held in captivity by the Eskimos for five years. Prof. Bell was in the lead of the party when they entered the village just before nightfall, and was amazed to see a tall, well-built man, dressed like an Eskimo, come up and address him in English. Bunn told a marvellous story. He said that he had gone out from Edmonton in 1896, and had wandered far into the interior, shooting and trapping. He ran short of wandered far into the interior, shooting and trapping. He ran short of provisions, and applied to an Eskimo family. They took him to their village, where he was compelled to remain, living as one of them. He had several thousand dollars' worth of fur. He joined Bell's party, and came out to Edmonton with the explorers.

POULTRY POINTERS.

Late hatched chickens 1 1st be kept

Keeping fowls on a hard floor often A good feed of whole corn given to the turkeys every night will aid materially in securing a better growth.

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It seldom ever pays to hatch chickens this late in the season. The larger breeds never feather so rapidly as earlier in the season, and if cold weather sets in before they are fully feathered they are almost certain to become stanted.—St. Louis Herrari to become stanted.—St. Louis Herrari to become stanted.—St. Louis Herrari

of his mother's letter, given below. There is no room for the whole letter, which recounts a story of fifteen years of suffering years of suffering and a perfect cure by the use of "three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favor-ite Prescription, two bottles of 'Golden Medical

In many instances childlessness is the result of conditions which are curable. It has often happened that when "Favorite Prescription" has

and the nervous condition attending it, her return to health is signalized by the birth of her first child. "Favorite Prescription" makes weak women strong, sick women well. "I cannot tell haif that Dr. Pierce's medicine has done for me," writes Mrs. T. A. Ragan, of Norris, Watsum Co., N. C. "It will do all that is claimed for it—prevent miscarriage and resider childbirth easy. It has given me a bright little boy, and I would not have had him had it not been for your wonderful medicine. I cannot say too much in praise of it; I think it is worth its weight in gold. I thank God for my life, and Dr. Pierce for my health."

"Pleasant Pellets" clear the com-

SLAYER OF A BOY

El'z b th Flagl r is to be Married Soon in Badeck, Cape

She is the Ex-Washington Society Be'ls Who Involuntarily Killed a Little Boy.

Washington, Dec. 15. — The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Moore Flager to Dr. G. W. McKeen, of Badeck, Cape Becton, is announced by her mother. The marriage will take place in June.

miss Flager is a daughter of Brig.Gen. Daniel W. Flager, at one time
ch ef ef ordinance of the army. In August, 1895, Miss Flagler shot a negro
boy, Ernest Green, killing him instantly. Green had been breaking the
branches of pear trees in the grounds
surrounding the Flagler residence in
Washington. Miss Flagler warned the
lad to desist, but he did not heeed her,
whereupon she fired a revolver, simply with the intention, her friends say,
of frightening him away.

Miss Flagler was exonerated by the
coroner's jury. She was subsequently
indicted and tried the following February. She was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to

tary manslaughter and sentenced to three hours' imprisonment and \$500 fine. This sentence was carried out.

THE CHOSEN FRIENDS

The Canadians not Affected by the

Collapse in the U. S.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—At the local head-quarters of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends it is stated that the collapse of the United States Order of Chosen Friends will in no way affect the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends, which is in a sound financial condition. The Canadian Order hid its origin as a branch of the American institution, but thirteen years ago it seeded from the parent organization. A lawsuit arose over the action of the Canadian members, which was won by them, and since which was won by them, and since that time the two bodies have been separate and distinct. The last state-ment of the Canadian Order showed a surplus of \$236,309, and the association has 20,000 members in this country. Rev. H. I. Allan, of Napanee, Ont., is the Grand Chief Counsellor.

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