I wish to return my sinceres thanks to the people of Athens and vicinity, and to all those readers of the Reporter who patronized me so liberally during the Christmas season. Their trade was a very imhas materially increased the o'clock. Admission 25 ; children 15c. volume of my output.

those of them who may favor me with their patronage by giving them the best value they can get anywhere and treating them with proper business the Reverse house. I shall always do my best to serve

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LOCAL ITEMS.

The annual meeting of Rear Leeds & Lansdowne Agricultural Society will be held at Lyndhurst at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 10.

\$10,000 private money to foan on real estate security Apply to John Cawley, opp. Reporter office, Athens. The Ladies' Church Fund Society will give a Conundrum social in St. Paul's Presb terian church in Wednes portant part of my holiday bus-iness and throughout the year the church. An interesting program

A ve y pleasant event took place at the reside ce of Mr. Alex. Thomson, Escott, on Monday ev ning, Dec. 17th, the occa ion being the narriage of his neice Miss Josie Stunden. to Mr. J. M. Wiltsie. The bride was very tastefully arraved in a costume of old rose, and was assisted throughout by Miss M. Wiltsie, while Mr. Thomson acted as best man. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and co-tly presents. After a plasant evening sperif, the young people left for their as best man. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and co-tly presents. After a plasant evening sperift, the young people left for their own home, which had been prepared for their cabin this week. It is supposed the mother had been confined to her bed by sickness, and she and her two children were found flead in their cabin this week. It is supposed the mother had been confined to her bed by sickness, and she and her two children were found flead in their cabin this week. It is supposed the mother had been confined to her bed by sickness, and she and her two children were found.

for their reception. Kitley S. S. No. 18. Fo lowing is the result of the Christthas examinations held at Leehy's school. Names appear in order of

Fourth Class .- Everett Leehy, Carrie Leel v. Bruce Holmes, John Howie. Stella Kilborn, Bruce Ire and, Frank Levingston.

Third Class.—Edna Leehy, Susie Ireland, Mary Levingston.
S cond Class—Roy Kilborn, Blanche

Part I .- Victoria Johnston. TELLA BEACH, Teacher.

Village Council. The village council met on Saturday evening to finish up the business of the year, all the members being present. B. Loverin, in whose hands the sum of 200 was placed last May to be applied purchase of fire engine, hose reel and repairing and putting the engine

in order, presented a detailed statement, showing that he had paid out \$194.05, leaving a balance of \$5.95 in | \$194.05, leaving a balance of \$5.95 in his rands. On motion, the report was accepted and he was instructed to hold the balance to be applied on further repairs when necessary. The collector of taxes was present and asked until Tuesday evering to make a final return of his to 1. The council then adjourned until We nesdays evening next. 3rd in the latter of the council then adjourned the final return of his to 1. The council then adjourned until We nesdays evening next. 3rd in the first problem of the first inst , to live c lector time to collect

balan e of taxes Resolution of Condolence

At a special meeting of L O, L. No. 14. hel Dec 22nd, the ollowin resolution was adopted: That "Whereas it hath pea ed. Almig ty God to re Who Lan thereby so ring another n in our traceraity a d filling our

Rear of Yonge & Escott.

The council net at the towes ip hall on the 15te inst at one o'c eck. Memers all present. Minu es of last regu-

1895 received thre readings and pass-

ery 55 cts; G. W. Beace, for nails, \$1 67; H. C. Peilips, as caretaker of town hall \$15; B. J. Saund rs, for Farmer and Builder wm Harpe et al, \$126.85; H. H.

they have the best Assortmen of Hardware, Finware, Baints, Oils, W. Kelly, seeting Jury, \$3; Jas. B. Anold, salay as treasure. So we had from one of the action may be had from \$87.68

10 o'clock.

R. E. Cornell Clerk

This is Concentration.

One pill a dose, one bex 25 cents.
One pill relieves conseipation One box cures an odimary case. One pill taken weekly neutrelizes formation of urice acid in the blood and prevents Brigh's Kidney disease and Daviete. True only of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

Hands and Ankles Raw.

For years I have been a great sufferer from itely skin trouble and saft rheum. My hands and ankles were iterally raw. The first application of Pr. Chase's Ointment allayed the burning, itching sensation. One box and a half entirely cured me. I is also instant relief for chilblains.

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In Jan., 1892, my son was taken with Kidney disease. Though at tended by three physicians, and change of climate he grew worse and by '93 of climate worse in the woods Milling Company, is of the woods Milling Compa

FAMINE IN NEBRASK

Many of the Settlers in That State in a Woeful Plight.

APPEALING FOR ASSISTANCE

Bad Crops, the Severe Drought, Bring the Farmers
to the Verge of Starvation—
Five Counties in a State of Destitu

will be prepared. Tea served from 8 o'clock. Admission 25; children 15c.

Cash — \$8000 00 worth of crockery china and glassware at Bankrup prices Sale continues for a stort time only — T. W. Dennis. Tea Store and China Ha!], Brockville, Ont., nearly opposite the Revere house.

Wedding Chimes.

A very pleasant event took place at the residence of Mr. Alex. Thomson, of life.

NIOBRARA, Neb., Dec. 24.—The suffering mong the inhabitants of the drought-blighted part of Nebraska including three fourths of the residents of five counties is seconing more intense daily and immediate steps alone can prevent many deaths by starvation. Three years ago the farmers of these drought-blighted part of Nebraska including three fourths of the residents of five counties is seconing more intense daily and immediate steps alone can prevent many deaths by starvation. Three years ago the farmers of these drought-blighted part of Nebraska including three fourths of the residents of five counties is seconing more intense daily and immediate steps alone can prevent many deaths by starvation. Three years ago the farmers of these drought-blighted part of Nebraska including three fourths of the residents of five counties is seconing more intense daily and immediate steps alone can prevent many deaths by starvation. Three years ago the farmers of these drought-blighted part of Nebraska including three fourths of the residents of five counties is seconing more intense daily and immediate steps alone can prevent many deaths by starvation. Three years ago the farmers of these drought-blighted part of Nebraska including three fourths of the residents of five counties is seconing more intense ago the farmers of these drought-blighted part of Nebraska including three fourths of the residents of five counties is seconing more intense ago the farmers of the drought-blighted part of Nebraska including three fourths of the residents of the drought-blighted part of Nebraska including three fourths of the drought-blighted part of Nebraska including thre

her bed by sickness, and she and her two little ones starved to death. The stomachs of the children were opened and not a trace of food could be discovered.

There is not a stream of water in Perkins county nor a living spring. The soil if watered raises good crops; if not, it bakes into a solid mass. The roads and much of the prairie resemble asphalt so hard packed and smooth are they. Well diggers say that the soil is a solid mass 150 feet, down so hard that picks have to be used to loosen it.

Over this smooth surface the winds blow filled with minute particles and are almost resistless.

S cond Class—Roy Kilborn, Blanche
Eaton, Thorton Levingston and Elmo

GRANT, Neb., Dec. 24.—President Nason,
of the Nebraska State Relief Commission, has been forwarded a carefully prepared report of the number of destitute families report of the number of destitute families in the different counties in this State which there was a crop failure. The list is a large one, and it will require all the assistance that can be procured to keep the people in the most urgent of necessities during the winter months. The report is as follows:—Custer County, 230 families; Perkins, 200; Chase 225; Dundy, 120; Hirchcock, 250; Red Willow, 100; Hayes, 200; Frontier, 40; Furenas, 100; Lincoln, 700; Dawson, 45; Keith, 200 Deucl, 40; Cherry, 40; McPherson, 40; Baine, 20; Boyd, 230; Holt, 30; Antelope, 30; Keyapha, 26; Knox, 25.

In many instances people in districts remote from railroad facilities are said to be gearing prairie dogs.

MARKS OF A MURDEROUS HAND.

Tell-val Blood Stairs Around the Scene ST. THOMAS, Dec. 21.—The interest i In in our tra craity a d ciding our hear s with sorrow (or t e los we have sustained, be it recolved hat we tre ner to his tereaved far its our heartfelt sympathy, for one who in life war a kinnt husband and a loving firer, and truss that G d in His minit wisdom may gu de and ead them to that goad universe above where there is no more parring with oved ones; and but first the recolved, that opies of this resolution busent to the sorrow stricken family and te local papers."

J. L. Latimer.

Rear of Yonge & Escott.

St. Thomas, Dec. 21.—The interest in the Headershott case grows more intense as the goese on. Decetive Murray considered that corroborative medical testimony would be necessary and the body of Wm. Hendershott was examined Wednessian to held by Dr. Lawrence together with Drs. McLarry, Smith and Fulton. The skull of the deceased was unusually thick and was fractured in two places on the right temple and the back of the head. It is understood that the physicians are unianimized in the opinion that the wounds papers."

J. L. Latimer.

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tragedy and have discovered several more bloody stains, one upon the tree some distance from where the body lay and one as of bloody finger marks upon a sapling near the stump of the tree.

At the inquest Jno. Hendershott swore ar and special meeting were read and onlineed.

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the house.

Eight day's stature 1 door tax was remitted Wm. Hillis, he having done the work.

The adjourned inquest will be resumed to days.

St. Thomas, Dec. 24.—The case for the frown in the Hendershott tragedy was still further strengthened Saturday by the distortion of taxes were given on the treasurer as follows: Albert Wiltse, repairing culvert in road Div. 6, \$2.50; Benn the Barri gton, fire plank in road Div. 2, \$2.23; W. G. Parish, plans for road Div. 6, \$8.70; B. Loven, printing, i.e., \$35; Brock ville. Times, for blanks. 86 to ; Jas. B. Saunders, as commission for repairing Trickey bridge, \$11.25; R. D. Judson, stationary by the fire house.

The adjourned inquest will be resumed occurred some days ago to Sergeant Red occurred some days ag

Stevenson's Death Confirmed. Stevenson's Death Confirmed.

Council adjourned antil 31st inst at Edinburgh, Dec. 24.—Dr. Balfour, Robert Louis Stevenson's uncle, has received a despatch from San Francisco saying that Stevenson and Stevenson's uncle, has received a despatch from San Francisco saying that Stevenson died suddenly on the 8rd.

is also instant relief for chilblains.

Henry A. Parmenter, St. Catherines,
Ont.

Kidney Facts.

In Jan., 1892, my s n was taken
with Kidney disease. Though at-

TOOK HIS SISTER'S LIFE

Mr. Dickey Secretary of State— Little Change in Other

LUCKNOW, Ont. Dec. 22.—On Tuesday, December 18, Mrs. Robert Elder who lives in the south-west part of the town died ander suspicious circumstances. She was an elderly widow woman and lived with her brother, Alex Fraser, neither of whom bear very good characters. Tohe house has also been the resort of certain parties who do not carry a very good reputation and for some months past the house has been the scene of some noisy quarrels at night, much to the annoyance of the neighbors, Fraser is said to have been in the habit of ill-treating his sister in their drunken sprees by beating her.

Coroner Dr. Gordon was notified of the death and on visiting the place decided to hold an inquest. A jury was summoned and sworn in and after viewing the remains adjourned. Drs. Tennant and Garnier made a post-mortem examination of the body and found the right arm broken and terribly braised from the wrist to the shoulder and also some marks on the head. The inquest was continued when a large number of witnesses were examined. The taking of evidence was finished at 10 o'clock, and the jury rendered a verdict that Mrs. Elder's death was caused by Alex. Farser.

Fraser was brought before Magistrates Lyons and Lawrence yesterday and committed for trial at Walkerton.

INDEMNITY FOR OUR SEALERS.

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Congress Would Do Well to Recognise Secretary Gresham's Promise.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Secretary Gresham has furnished the House of Representatives full information touching the payment by the United States to Great Britain of \$425,000 growing out of the Behring Sea controversy in compliance with a resolution of the House. In transmitting the papers to the Speaker, Secretary Gresham makes a lengthy explanation of the matter, saying in part: "It will appear from the submitted correspondence that the agreement to pay a lump sum of \$425,000, in full settlement of all demands authorized to be made under the treaty and award was proposed by this Congress Would Do Well to Recogn all demands authorized to be made under the treaty and award was proposed by this government. The amount is considerably below the damages claimed by Great Bri-tain, exclusive of interest for a number of years. If this agreement does not receive the approval of Congress, and the disput-ed questions are submitted to an inter-national commission, it is believed that ed questions are submitted to an inter-national commission, it is believed that the amounts allowed and the expense of the tribunal will largely exceed \$425,000."

DR SMYTHE RESIGNS New Election to be Held in Kingsto

Next Month.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 20.—In the election trial yesterday the first witness, W. M. Langdon, chairman of Smythe's election committee for Ridean ward, admitted having paid a voter's fare to come to Kingston.

Dr. Walkem, counsel for the respondent, then rose and said that in view of Langdon's testimony, which was a surprise of all, Dr. Smythe would vacate his seat. Counsel then withdrew for a conference as to costs. On returning to court Dr Walkem announced that the counter petition against Mr. Harty would be withdrawn and that an understending has been Halfax on the morning of Monday, the arrived at as to costs.

It is generally thought a new election will take place in January.

Captured a Detroit Forger.

TORONTO, Dec. 21—Yesterday the detective department received a letter from the Detroit authorities stating that a man named Frank Bradley, alias Franklin Burton, was wanted there for forgery. The prisoner was arrested at the Queen's hotel here. He has been in the city for a week, with his son, and in appearance is a veritable Ward McAllister. He was formerly superintendent of the Pullman works in Detroit. Bradley has consenied to go back to Detroit without extradition proceedings. He says that the case involves \$278 and he had \$144 in his pocket when ar rested.

Killed on the Track.

Owen Sound, Dec. 21.—While a yard engine with one car attached was slunt on the C. P. R., about half a mile from the station, it ran over a man sleeping on the track. His head was completely smashed to pieces. The body was recognized by his uniformed trousers and other articles of the privy Council, accompanied the election will take place at once. Mr. Montague and Senator Ferguson will merely require to take the oath of a Privy Council accompanied them as well as J. L. Payne, Private Secretary to Mr. Bowell.

The only one who needs re-election is Mr. Bowell.

The BLENHEIM SAILS. Captured a Detroit Forger.

OWEN SOUND, Dec. 21.—While a yard engine with one car attached was shunton the C. P. R., about half a mile from the station, it ran over a man sleeping on the track. His head was completely smashed to pieces. The body was recognized by his uniformed trousers and other articles of dress as that of Charles Connolly, a fireman characteristic statemer. Petrol. In dress as that of Charles Connolly, a fireman on the Government steamer, Petrel. In the pockets of deceased were forty cents in money, a flask of whiskey, and pipe and tobacco. Connolly was a resident of this town and leaves a wife and family.

the 18th inst, with her cargo on fire. It was thought at the time of coming into port that the flames could be gotten under control, but the outlook is now far from encouraging. The Oakfield is bound for Liverpool from Galveston.

with the accident theory and to confirm the assumption that one of the most coldino accident mirders in the criminal annals of this country has been committed. It is recommended that the prisoner, Welter, is very acceptance and it is not unlikely that a came ion may be had from one of the accidence of the cone ion may be had from one of the accidence of the cone ion may be had from one of the cone ion may be had from one of the accidence of the cleverest lawyers in Canada.

Brakeman Badly Injured. Brakeman Badly Injured.

BELLEVILLE, Dec. 21.—John Stinson, a
G. T. R. brakeman, had one of his legs
badly crushed at Newtonville last night,
ile was brought here and had his right
foot augustated.

A Petition for Howers' Release.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A petition is in circulation and is being largely signed asking that Edward Bowers, now in Kingston penitentiary serving a five years' term for manslaughter, be released. The petition will be presented to the Minister of Justice in a short time. Bowers' wife and family are living on York street, and are in poor cumstances. in poor cumstances.

LISTOWEL, Dec. 22,—William Bamford, sontractor, formerly of Streetsville, met with a fatal accident here. He was workwith a fatal accident here. He was working a circular saw when a board, getting
jaismed, was thrown against him with
such force as to cause internal injuries
that resulted in his death. He was one of
Listowel's most prominent citizens.

Montreal's Unemployed. MONTREAL, Dec. 21.-Thr calling for bread bes laborers calling for bread besieged the City Hall again yesterday. A strong cor-don of police guarded the building and no violence was attempted. The alder made speeches promising aid.

Springhill Mines Again Devastated.
SPRINGHILL MINES, N. S., Dec. 21.—
About one o'clock this morning fire-broke out in Gilmour's store under the News office and it spread rapidly. A large number of buildings were consumed.

Canadian Treaty Passed. PARIS, Dec. 21.-The French Senate has

onnel of the New Ministry Finally Decided Upon.

TUPPER MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Cabinet, but Without a Portfolio-

aron.
Minister of Marine and Fisheries—Hon. ohn Costigan.
Minister of Finance—Hon, George Eules Poster.
Minister of Justice—Sir Charles Hibbert

Supper.
Minister of Railways and Canals—Hon. Minister of Railways and Canals—Hon.
John Graham Haggart.
Minister of Public Works—Hon. Joseph
Aldrie Ouimet.
Minister of Militia and Defence—Hon.
James Colbrooke Patterson.
Minister of the Interior—Hon. Thomas
Mayne Dally,
Minister of Trade and Commerce—Hon.
William Eullock Ives.

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Minister o. Agriculture—Hon. Auguste
Real Angers.
Secretary of State—Hon. Arthur R.
Dickey.
Without portfolios—Sir Frank Smith,
Hon. D Fe guson end Dr. Montague.
Not in the Cabinet—Solicitor General of
Canada—Hon. John Joseph Curran. Q.C.
Controller of Customs—H. a. Nathenie'

Hon. Mackenz'e Bowell has received the Tupper: "The Blenheim will sail on Saturday evening, and may be expected at Halifax on the morning of Monday, the 31st inst. A special train will convey the body to Port-mouth on Saturday moning. It will be received by a guard of honor. The band will play a funeral march and twenty minute-guns will be fired. The captain's large abin will be converted into a temporary mortuary chamber. Senator Santord accompanies me." It is therefore probable that the state funeral will take place at Halifax the following Wednesday.

Ottawa. Dec. 21.—Hon. Mackenzie

Departure of the Funeral Ship With the the pockets of deceased were forty cents in money, a flask of whiskey, and pips and tobacco. Connolly was a resident of this town and leaves a wife and family.

A Cotton Cargo Buined by Fire.

St. Johns, Nfid., Dec. 21.—The cargo of cotton on board the steamer, Oakfield, is still burning fierceity and all efforts to subdue the flames have proved fruitless. The cargo fire from its stern to the catalogue the Bishop of Portsmouth.

After the coim had been placed upon the catafalque the Bishop of Portsmouth and the clergymen attending him said a few prayers, lasting about five minutes, and then withdrew. When the prayers were over, the people who thronged the dock were admitted to the cabin.

A number of sailors, under the direction of an officer, secured the casket to the dealer with a prayer of the casket of the casket to the caske

Liverpool from Galveston.

How the Illieit Still Exploded.

QUEBEC, Dec. 21.—It is now known that the cause of the terrible accident which occurred some days ago to Sergeant Red.

A number of sailors, under the direction of an officer, secured the casket to the impossible for it to be thrown out of place during the voyage.

The Bleinheim sailed from Portsmouth at 8.45 o'clock vesterday norming the properties.

Mynsgon, Ont. Dec. 21.—Yesterday about 3 o'clock the general store, post office and residence of Geo. Mitchell, Battmore, were totally lestroyed by fire Boyd's carriage vererooms were also destroyed. Mitchell's loss about \$8,000 partity covered by insurance. Cause of fire thought to be incendiary.

Son of Judge Robertson Dead. Winsgon, Ont., Dec. 21.—Festerlay fire of the trovered by insurance. Cause of fire thought to be incendiary.

Son of Judge Robertson Dead. Winsgon, Ont., Dec. 21.—Mayor Kennedy has instructed City Clerk Bearing Fruit.

The Boodle Inquiry Bearing F

night a new started in a transic detailing a mile out from the town, owned by D. Wildfung and occupied by Mr. Moore, totally destroying the building and contents. The seven-year-old son of Mr. Moore, who slept upstairs, was burnt to a crisp, and a younger child very badly burnt, but not fatally.

Severe Storms in California SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.-A severe snow

Naturalist Kennedy Dead, Naturalist Kennedy Dead,
LONDON, Dec. 24.—Captain Kennedy. the
naturalist, died here on Friday. Captain
Kennedy was born at Rochester, England,
in 1851, and published his first book in his
16th year while a student at Eaton. Besides his work on ornithology and travel
he wrote numerous articles for The Field,
Land and Water, Ibis, and Zoologist.

Killed by a Boiler Explosion.
GLASCOW, Ky., Dec. 24.—By the explosion of a boiler in the mill near Bonayr about eight miles from this place, Robert Bird and a man named Spann were killed and a son of Spann, a young man named Claude Dearing, son of the owner of the mill, and another whose name could not be learned, were fatally injured. Dreyfus Sentenced for Treason. PARIS, Dec. 24.—Captain Albert Dreyfus

read the judgment of the court. Fortress confinement and degradation for life is the maximum penalty. There is an unconfirmed report that Captain Dreyfus has killed himself in his cell.

TIME FOR WAR TO CEASE

Have Had Enough of R.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Important despatches have been received here from Tokio indicating clearly that the war between China and Japan has practically ended.

Whatever instructions have been conveyed to the commanders of the respective military and naval forces from the governing powers of the two empires is not told in the advices; but assurances are given in quarters known to be thoroughly one mizant of diplomatic affairs that the Emperor of China has been prevailed upon to hasten commissioners to Japan and that these envoys have such power of concession as will without doubt enable them to bring about an immediate and thorough to bring about an immediate and thorough and of hostilities. The details of their authority are not given but the presump-tion in diplomatic quarters is that the con-cessions asked by the Japanese Govern-ment have met with the acquiescence of

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Attempted Train Wrecking.
NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 20.—The lad

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 20.—The lad Thomas Slater, who was arrested for placing the ties on the G. T. R. track last Wednesday, had a hearing yesterday before Police Magistrate Logan. Lawyer Arthur Crow was present defending him and much to the surprise of those present pleaded not guilty for the boy.

Several witnesses for the prosecution gave evidence, the most important bearing on the guilt of the grisoner being that of Detective Bradley of the G. T. R., wherein he stated he had heard the prisoner confess to placing the ties on the track to Chief Young and Detective Day in the presence Young and Detective Day in the presence of himself and Officer Mains of the Ontario Police and that the prisoner had been cautioned before that what he would say might be used in evidence against him. Police Magistrate Logan committed him for trial at the next assizes.

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—Sales of staples at Toronto are slow and the holiday trade is fair only. L ading wholesale lines here report business practically at a standstill and the holiday trade not as good as expected. Telegrams from Halifax state that the movement of clothing and holiday goods has been better than expected. Advices from St. Johns, Nfid., are that cargoes of perishable Christmas goods in that harbor cause great lose to consigness because of inability of the latter to enter or pay duties. Bank clearings at Winnipeg, Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax aggregate \$21,171,000 this week as compared with \$20,067,000 last week and \$17,533,000 in the third week of December, 1893. There are 24 failures reported from the Trade in the Dominion There are 24 failures reported from the Dominion of Canada this week. Last week the total was 34, one year ago it was 35, two years ago 30 and 3 years ago 23.

The Laces Discharged. TORONTO, Dec. 22.—The case of Mr. and Mrs. Lace, the baby farmers, was up before Judge McDougall yesterday for trial. They were charged with receiving a child They were charged with receiving a child in their home for care, and ill-treating it to such an extent that it died. The judge in his charge to the jury dwelt especially upon the question of liability and directed that if they found the woman received the child, knowing it to be in a bad condition,

Caught the Burglars Red-Handed. TORONTO, Dec. 21.—Policeman Johnston toticed two men enter Edward Pearce's sutcher shop, 63 Queen street, through a window, and following he saw them packing up a quantity of meat. Drawing his revolver, he told them to throw up their hands, but instead of doing so Thomas Spearman, one of the men, seized a huge butcher knife and advanced towards him. It was only when the revolver was placed under his nose that he finally surrender. Spearman, one er the men, seized a nuge butcher knife and advanced towards him. It was only when the revolver was placed under his nose that he finally surrender-ed. Both men were brought to Police headquarters and then it was found that Spearman's friend was Richard Rowe, who is well known to the police. Both prisoners were sent to the Central for four months.

A Critical Surgical Operation Essex, Ont., Dec. 22,-One of the most ESSEX, Ont., Dec. 22.—One of the most-critical surgical operations ever perform-ed in the county of Essex was performed upon Joseph Major, of Anderdon town-ship by Dr. J. Brien, of Essex, and Dr. J. W. Brien, of Newark, N.J., for the relief of a strangulated hernia. After cutting down and relieving the stricture the bowel was found so badly diseased that it was found necessary to remove a portion of it, which was done to the extent of two and a half inches and the cut ends united. The patient is doing well.

Cattle and Crops Bur UNDERWOOD, Ont., Dec. 22.—The barn of containing nearly all last season's crop, with nineteen head of cattle, nine pigs and all his farming implements, was burned

to have left 500 men on the battlefield.

A Big Lumber Fire in Tonawanda.
BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 24.—A fire at North
Tonawanda destroyed between 8,000,000
and 10,000,000 feet of lumber, valued at
\$175,000, and which was insured for about
\$140,000. The lumber was the property of
A. Weston & Son. The fire is believed to
have been caused by incendiaries. The
senior member of the firm of Weston &
Son is connected with many large lumbering concerns, amongst others being a
partner of Mr. Bronson, M.P.P., of Ottawa,
in the Bronson & Weston Lumbering
Company of Ottawa. For a time 15,
000,000 feet additional dry pine was in
imminent danger and had the fire got control of this stock Gratwick, Smith &
Fryers and other yards would probably
have been destroyed. The New York
Central tracks were ruined for some distance and Niagara Falls trains for Buffalo
had to return and make their way to their
destination around Lockport.

WholesalesSlaughter of Negroes.

Wholesale, Slaughter of Negroes.

QUITMAN, Ga., Dec. 24. — A posse in pursuit of Waverly Pike, the murderer of Joe Isom, killed a number of negroes yesterday. Reliable information is that the total number of victims is seven. The report is that a second posse killed four other negroes. The people of the community assert that they have had much protocation for this swholesale slaughter of negroes. Hardly three weeks ago Tip Mauldin, a respectable white man was brutally murdered on the public road in the same neighborhood by two negroes. The people were greatly incensed over the murder, and when Isom, one of the best known citizens in the community, was known citizens in the community, was murdered by one of the same gang the pent-up flood of vengeance was turned loose. was sentenced on Saturday for treason. General Mauriel in the name of the nation

Doubt as to Stevenson's Death.

EDINBURGH, Dec. 21.—Doctor Balfour, uncle of Robert Louis Stevenson, has writ-

Tuberculosis in Western New Yor BUFFALO, Dec. 24.—Tuberculosis in burralo, Dec. 24.—Tuberculosis in captle prevalent generally throughout western New York is creating a great sensation amongst the farming community. Well developed cases have been found in Cataraguas and Chautauqua counties and in Niagara county the disease has appeared in the vicinity of Lockport and of Tonswands. Millmen are finding the product from these sections masslashle. from these sections unsaleable, and pare turning to the use of condensed. The last case reported is within the vilmits of North Tonawanda.

Tried to Kill His Wife. NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 24.—John Para, an Italian laborer, is under arrest NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 24—John Para, an Italian laborer, is under arress for attempting to murder his wife last uight. He first attempted to drown her and afterwards beat her severely with a club. She is in a delicate condition and it is doubtful if she can recover.

Fined for Killing a Moose.

BRACEBRIDGE, Ont., Dec. 22.—Game
Wardens Willmott and Smith have fined
Wm. McClellan, foreman for Messrs. Anderson & Doolittle, \$50 for killing a moose in the township of Burton and P Sound and the firm \$25 for having

A Bootblack's Great Luck, CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.— James, Beaven, bootblack at the Gibson House, received word that he had fallen heir to \$65,000 through the death of a cousin in Chicago. Thirteen Killed in a Collision.

London, Dec. 24.—Thirteen persons were killed and many injured by a collision Sa-turday between the Manchester express rain and a goods train. TOPICS OF A WEEK. The Important Events in a Few Words

For Busy Readers.

Lord Randolph Churchill is seriously Learnington is now the possessor of the 'specialty. biggest natural gas well.

The French Senate has adopted the Franco-Canadian commercial treaty.

Mr. William Bamford was killed at Listowel by an accident in his planing mill.

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mill.

A disastrous fire at the Springhill, N.S., mines on Wednesday throws 400 men out of work.

A section of the new Siberian railroad 235 miles long, was opened for traffic on Thursday.

Mr. Miller, of Belleville, has this week shipped eight tons of poultry to the English market.

John Lord, the defaulting tax collector for the Village of London West, was are rested in Detroit.

The new Cabinet members and those who hold new portfolios were sworn in at Montreal on Friday.

Chas. Connelly was run over by a C.P.R.

Chas. Connelly was run over by a C.P.R. yard engine at Owen Sound and crushed o death on Wednesday. Hon. David McLellan, Registrar of St. Hon. David McLellan, Registrar of St. John, N.B., formerly Provincial Secretary, died on Wednesday, aged 56 years.

Another demonstration by unemployed men took place at Montreal on Thursday.

About 5,000 men took part in the affair.

At St. Louis, John Burns, M. P., made a speech advocating Socialism last night. He will leave for Indianapolis to-day.

An extension of the Brantford Street Railway to Lovejoy's Park, near Cairns-ville, was formerly opened on Wednesday.

Manager Powers of the Star Theatre, Buffalo, dropped dead on Wednesday afternoon. Apoplexy is supposed to be the Two young men calling themselves Lloyd have victimized a number of Hamil-ton men by means of an advertising dodge. Gold withdrawals at New York for

export to Europe to-day reduced the United Salar .. "reasury gold reserve to It is announced that the old suspens bridge at Niagara Falls is to be taken away shortly, and a new cantilever bridge will replace it. statues of General Stark and The

Daniel Webster were presented to the United States Congress by the State of New Hampshire. A mad dog held full possession of the streets of Salem, N.J., for two hours and bit sixteen persons, seven horses and score of dogs before it was killed. The New York Yacht Club has agreed to Lord Dunraven's conditions, and it is to Lord Dunraven's conditions, and it now very probable that there will be race for the America Cup next year. Mrs. Elder, a widow, died under sus

picious circumstances at Lucknow, and her brother, Alex. Fraser, is in gaol under Newfoundland amount to \$1,989,000.

The shareholders have instructed the trus-tees lately appointed to wind up the bank's affairs. At Washington a bill was introduced in of the United States at the head of Four-The trial of the Laces for manslaughter

male prisoner was acquitted, and the womendation to mercy.

An excursion train on the Chicago and Grand Trunk, loaded with Canadians bound for Winnipeg, was wrecked at Schoolcraft, Mich., on Thursday, but no engers were hurt. At Sydney, N. S. W., on Thursday was concluded the greatest game of cricket on secord. Stoddart's All England team

cluded Friday at the Sessions. The

concluded the great record. Stoddart's All England team record. Stoddart's All England team made 762 runs in their two innings, while All Australia made 752 runs.
The Hendershott inquest was continued resterday at Middlemarch. John Hendershott and William David Welter were arrested by Detective Mitrray, on a charge of murdering William Henry Hendershott, who was reported to have been killed by a falling tree on Dec. 14.

His Honor Judge McDougal, sitting in His Honor Judge McDougali, sixting in Coronto on Thursday as local Judge in Admiralty, gave judgment in the case against the American fishing tug Grace, declaring it confiscated with its cargo and all its belongings for illegally fishing in waters within Canadian territory.



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