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PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

The Christmas week attraction at the Grand Opera House is that popular German dialect comedian, Al. H. Wilson, and he comes in the romantic play, "The Watch on the Rhine," by Sidney R. Ellis.

A careful study of the melodrama "Why Girls Leave Home," which will be presented at the Majestic Theatre Christmas week, will assist materially in the solution, and also point out a moral that cannot go unnoticed.

KILLED BY WALL.

Eight Innocent Persons Meet Death in Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 20.—The side wall of the O. H. Peck Building on South Fifth-street, which was left standing by the great fire of last Tuesday night, toppled over in a high gale early today on to the Crocker Hotel, a three-story structure completely down this the flimsily constructed building, carrying down with it a mass of debris in the basement.

CHINESE TAUGHT BY JAPS.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 20.—The American board of foreign missions made public today a report from its oldest missionary in Japan, Rev. D. C. Grece, D.D., of Tokyo, in which Dr. Grece states that there are now 1000 Chinese students, including 500 military cadets, in Tokyo, under the auspices of the Chinese government, and 1000 more in the city dependent of the government.

GIVEN TECHNICAL INFORMATION.

The Niagara Power Commission met in the city hall yesterday, when Prof. Galbraith of S.P.S. was present to enlighten the members on certain technical points that the inquiry had brought forth, and which required special explanation.

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TRUE BILL BY GRAND JURY IN G.T.R. CROSSING WRECK

Brake Equipment Criticized—Judge Morgan Orders New Case Against John Dickin.

The sessions of the grand jury yesterday brought in a true bill on an indictment against the Toronto Railway Company on the charge of criminal negligence. The specific charge is the death of Russell Stephens on Thanksgiving Day in the collision at the East Queen-street crossing. The company is charged with running its cars, without providing proper fenders and brakes, and without using reasonable precaution and care.

The crown attorney has not yet decided whether he will bring this case at this session or not. It has been suggested that E. F. B. Johnston, K.C., be retained to prosecute the case.

Air Brakes Needed.

"That the brakes and equipment of the cars operated by the Toronto Railway Company are inefficient must be the only state of mind of any observing citizen. Your jurors have frequently noticed that street cars will very often slide half way, and frequently the whole way, across crossings, with the brakes on and the motorman throwing his whole weight against the brake handle.

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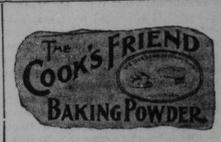
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Minto's Promotions.

London, Dec. 20.—Following on the plan of bringing representatives of various parts of the empire into conference, Earl Minto, ex-governor-general of Canada, was yesterday invited to join in the deliberations of the defence committee.

Bishop of Pittsburgh Dead.

Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—Right Rev. Richard Pheasant, bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, died at noon today.

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