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LONDON, THURSDAY, DEC. 23.

THE NAVAL QUESTION AT OT-TAWA.

tawa, City Treasurer Ellis, will make the naval question an issue in the comnought and its auxiliaries.

Government is in the degree, of ex- to permanent appointment. penditure. Mr. Ellis' fleet would cost | One year is hardly sufficient time to building plants, which could not be system to the outside service. erected without grants of public money. The annual cost of officers and men for the fleet unit would be \$3,-000,000, but the admiralty points out that there would be other charges, ging superfluous on the stage. such as "the pay of persons employed in the subsidiary service, and those un-Mr. Ellis is also under the impression advantages of shorping early. that the admiralty asked for a Dreadnought, whereas the admiralty merely Dreadnought.

Admiralty to formulate a plan which the calling list of the London Free would involve an expenditure of \$2,- Press. 000,000 a year. The Admiralty accord- It is to be hoped Messrs. McMahen, ingly submitted a scheme, which did Pocock and Wyatt will not drop out There was an ocean pilot, and his eldest not include a Dreadnought, but. in- if Mr. Beck declines to head the ticket.

stead, a fleet of three eruisers of the They ought to be prefared to make

stead, a fleet of three eruisers of the They ought to be prefared to make wise vacant in his mind:

Mr. Ellis' demand for a fleet unit is at leaast intelligible, which is more than can be said of the attitude of some of his party associates. He would into a programme cost-The Government extravagant be-There is no present crisis: supremacy of the British Empire cannot by any possibility be challenged for many years, even conformist multi-millionaire, was one though the British naval programme of the strongest opponents of the Bal- He'd came to a standstill. Canada's policy four educational bill, and an aggresis to lay the foundation of an effective sive supporter of the present Governnaval service during a time of secur- ment until the budget touched his ity, and then develop it according to pocket-nerve. The budget was made There was a judge who ordered wicked circumstances. A few years hence the fer the millions and not the million-Canada will be governed by condi- the manifesto of the Free Church may be very different from today.

THE ELDEST SONS.

this great home journal of "Socialistic billboards, in city, town and country: hysteria" because of some comments in these columns upon its dear friends and college chums, the hereditary peers. The word "Socialistic" hurts nobody; it is becoming a bouquet since it is being hurled at every British statesman who dares to attack the land monopoly and stand up for the people.

Our local contemporary is in an unenviable position, and a lonesome one to boot. Even those copper-bottomed Conservative papers, the Toronto Mail and the Toronto News, which imagine they have a special mission to proclaim the virtues of the House of Lords. confess that that august chamber needs to be purged of the hereditary principle. When this great home journal ventured to express a similar opinion, the London Free Press flew to the defence of its titled favorites, in the spirit of a loyal retainer. It argued daughter of an earl, the sister of a countthat the men who sit in the House of ess, and the wife of a baronet, has been Lords because they are eldest sons. compare in personal distinction and dances. I have often heard of classic weight of influence with the men who actors, amateur and otherwise, but this have been appointed lords because of is the first time that a lady so closely their individual eminence or public service. We denied the assertion flatly and Lady Constance is well known for her challenged the Free Press to prove it. travels in the Himalayas, in America and It is no defence of the hereditary prin- in Somaliland with her husband. She has cirle to cite half a dozen distinguished made a name for herself as a player of names among 450. The fact remains the bagpipes, and a dead shot, a plucky that it was the undistinguished rabble rider (always astride), and a daring of eldest sons that turned the scale against the budget.

Will the Free Press answer a simple question? Does it believe that the accident of birth should alone qualify any man to be a member of a legislative chamber? If it does not, there delssohn and Rubinstein. A charge for is no room for dispute. No respons- admission was made to get funds for the ible public man or newspaper is clamoring for the destruction of the might be put into practice. The Palace House of Lords. Its candid friends engagement is a short way to the getting are calling on it to reform itself. That of these funds. a Canadian paper should take the opposite view shows a degree of flunkeyism both amazing and amusing.

THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. I sciousness, The Dominion civil service act has been in operation since Sept. 1 last year. The first report of the commissioners indicates that they have their was deputizing for his father. work well in hand. They have met

has been noticeable, but there is much with an Eton collar. In the tabernacle in the report that gives promise of were 1,200 children, and as he came on An important feature of the new law is that it gives applicants who at the send my Christian love, and I hope they civil service examinations show greatest capacity a reasonable certainty of Lloyd-George declared the bazaar open. appointment. Once appointed and hav- "At a minute's notice I promised my ing passed the probationary period of after I would take his place," he said, after explaining that the chancellor had

approval of their official superiors, Miss Muriel Marnham, he received purses they will have permanent employment from the children. At the conclusion the at reasonable remuneration with the boy was again heartily cheered. prospect of promotion when merited.

The commissioners appear inclined to regard the rates of pay as hardly scriptions may be left:
Buffalo, N. Y.-R. J. Seidenburg, Ellicott Square News Stand.
Chicago III.-Chicago Newspaper Agenwho pass a very ordinary examination receive from \$500 to \$800, or from \$900 cy, 170 Madison street.

Louisville, Ky.—Kentucky International to \$1,200, according to their subdivision, while second division clerks are paid from \$800 to \$1.600, or \$1.600 to \$2.100, in like manner, and first division clerks from \$2,100 to \$2,800, or from \$2,800 to \$4,000. As a rule, the sion men is of a moderate character, the room. their positions being neither adminis-The Conservative candidate in Ot- trative nor executive. It is the secretaries and heads of branches, whose pay increases with their responsibilities, who draw the big salaries.

ing by-election. He is not in favor of Up to date of the report-Aug. 31 a money contribution to Great Britain, last-over one hundred appointments but helds that Canada should furnish and promotions had been made, of a fleet unit, consisting of a Dread- which 57 were appointments to the George Bentinck, the leader of the food third division. In addition to this taxers of those days. With that cour-Assuming that Mr. Ellis, like his there have been a number of assignleader, wants these ships built in Can- ments for temporary employment in adian yards, the only difference be- the same division, but the temporary tween his position and that of the employment does not constitute a claim

\$18,500,000 to build and arm, according fully test the efficiency of the act, but to British estimates. The cost might the report suggests that the day is ine fraught with deep injury, if not ruin, be greater in Canada. In addition not far distant when the Government there must be deckyard and ship- will feel justified in extending the new

Christmas dinner.

Some of the civic veterans are lag-

Citizens who bought their Christmas turkeys at 22- and 24 cents a dergoing training, sick in reserve, etc." pound, are now skeptical about the

suggested that if a fleet unit were con- of the House of Lords, and says he position deserves to be drained. structed it should begin with a would not even object to the introduction of the elective idea. The first The Canadian Government asked the thing he knows he will be struck off

Bristol class and four destroyers. The some sacrifice. There cannot be too But of course be was a pilot when initial co,st of these would be \$7,300,- many good candidates in the field at the present time.

The Ontario Government has purchased 600 acres in Wellington Coun-Central Prison. The scheme will solve the problem of prison labor, and the operation done, work will be morally and physically But succeeded to the practice as his old-age pensions."

ever it may be, will continue to pay terious airship tonight appeared over Worcester, hovered over the city for helpful to the prisoners. It is an excellent idea.

Sir Robert Perks, noted as the Nonrivalry of naval armaments in Europe aire, so Sir Robert renounced his Libmay have yielded to wiser counsels. eral allegiance. His protest against When that judge above was summone tions; and conditions five years hence council is merely an indication that he thinks more of his pocket than of his trinciples.

It is pretty hard for British tariff Our lecal contemporary is trying to reformers to answer the following What mattered lack of knowledge or the make a noise like a duke. It accuses series of questions facing them on the

IF THE FOREIGNER PAYS THE TAX

Why is the proposed corn tax only two shillings per quarter? Why is a rebate always allowed on

goods re-exported? Why did Mr. Chamberlain promise to equalize matters by taking taxes off other articles?

Why did Mr. Chamberlain exempt maize and bacon?

Why do all tariff reformers propose

to exempt raw material? Why does the foreigner pay present tobacco duty?

Why did Mr. Balfour say "the object and effect of tariff reform is to broaden the basis of taxation?"

A TITLED DANCER

[London Daily News.] Constance Stewart-Richardson, Lady the granddaughter of a duchess, the engaged to appear for one month at the Palace Theatre in a series of classic ed to perform as a music-hall dancer sportswoman - especially at polo. She holds a number of swimming championships, and she is reckoned one of the best amateur dancers in the new mode in-

vented by Isadore Duncan. Last winter Lady Constance made rooms with her interpretations of Men establishment of a small school for boys where her theories of physical training

THE SON OF HIS FATHER.
[London Daily News.] Betraying few symptoms of self-con-

sciousness, Master Gwilliam Lloyd- WHAT CAUSES chequer, opened a bazaar at the Poplar and Bromley Tabernacle, in the East End of London, on Saturday afternoon. He The lad arrived at Poplar in a third

class compartment on the District Railwith some difficulties and some friction way, and wore his school cap and suit lowing message from the chancellor: "I will have a good time together. With simple, boyish directness, Master

UNPARDONABLE OMISSION.

Deacon Beegosh (to country editor)-'ve a great notion to tell ye to stop my Here, in this week's paper, ye give two columns to the Baptist fair and never once say that the church was transformed into a veritable fairyland!

JUSTLY HAPPY.

"Father," said little Rollo, "what is a appy medium?" "I suppose, my son, that it is one who responsibility of second and third divi- by making tables and chairs move around

THE SAME OLD TALE.

It is not unprofitable to recall that the Prince Consort, who privately shared commons to hear the premier's speech when the repeal of the Corn Laws was moved, 65 years ago. Though he gave expression to no views, he was fiercely assailed because of this action by Lord esy which is so characteristic of the "Gentlemanly Party," Lord George alleged that the prince had come down to "At last," he said "they bluming." the House solely with the idea of giving We are sick of this garotting of Libthe flouse solely with the land sanction eral bills. I am very glad the Premier it for good or for evil, a great majority leged war scares," he jested. "It was at least of the landed aristocracy of not the House of Peers, but the House England, Scotland and of Ireland imag- of Fears.' mattered it if the people were starving; are there to defend the monopoly which plunders industry. They are not there as guardians of liberty; they are hunger—well, those were consequences there as the garrison of privileges. We

SAVED IN TIME.

(Fliegende Blatter.) Clark (run into somebody in the dark) -Stupid ass-(perceiving it is his employer)-that I am.

ERRATIC ERIE.

[Hamilton Spectator.] Lake Erie has swallowed up another Lord Curzon is out for the reform beat. A lake with such a cussed dis-

[Ottawa Journal.]
The old hymn could be amended to read, "To Those in Peril on the Lakes,

daddy's course was run.

And he navigated vessels as his father's

eldest son. There was a clever surgeon, who could cut off legs and arms. ty to be worked by the inmates of the And invest an operation in a thousand

nameless charms: He'd an eldest son who'd never seen an father's eldest son.

There was a pious parson who, when folks to danger strolled. Would perform the part of shepherd and restore them to the fold:

son, an unbeliever, but Heaven that parson won.

eldest son. criminals to jail:

He'd an eldest son-a forger-who ab

onded from his bail; through a tintack in a bun. His vacant place was taken by his out lawed eldest son.

The pilot and the parson and the surgeor and the judge Were all declared imposters, but they

evil they had done, While each claimed his proud position a

his father's eldest son? God preserve the fine old fetish, full of sweetness and of light.

That big bulwark of our freedom called Insists That Peary Submit His 5:40 p.m. The sixteen miles between which they had been accustomed, this city and Mariborough it covered mother yesterday advertised that for the sixteen miles between which they had been accustomed, this city and Mariborough it covered mother yesterday advertised that for the sixteen miles between which they had been accustomed, this city and Mariborough it covered mother yesterday advertised that for the sixteen miles between which they had been accustomed, this city and Mariborough it covered mother yesterday advertised that for the sixteen miles between which they had been accustomed. "Hereditary Right"!

Which, to driveller and drunkard and the dastard virtue shuns. Means the right to govern Britain in the House of eldest sons.

JAUNTING ALONG. [Walt Mason.]

little plain; we're reaching for the things we want and often reach in vain. The things we want are sordid things, and made of sounding brass; we do not hear the bird that sings, nor mark the growing grass; we miss the splendor of the night, the glory of the dawn; for we are dreaming of the fight that every day brings on. The useless fight for useless dross, the war of hands and brains: and Oh, how heavy is our loss-how futile are our gains! This life is but a little jaunt across a little sphere; there's nothing in the path to daunt, or bring a sigh or tear: there's nothing there to blanch the would only cease to seek our trouble in its lair. If we would only look around upon the good in life! But evermore, with hawk and hound, we search the

JOHN BRIGHT'S OPINION.

[The Late John Bright.] Some people tell us that the House of Lords has done great things for freedom. It may be so, though I am not so successful as some people in finding out how or when. At least, since 1690, or thereabouts, when the peers became the dominant power in the kingdom. I am scarcely able to discover one single measure important to human or English freedom which has come from the voluntary consent and good-will of their House.

NOT A SMUGGLER.

Detroit, Dec. 22.-John A. Smith, of Toronto, who was on trial for smuggling has been discharged. Smith was recently bequeathed large sum of money and was told that jewelry was a safe investment. invested a large part of the money left him in jewelry and carried it around

He was staying in Sarnia, but was arrested while on a visit one evening miral Schley's suggestions.

THE BLUES

London, Eng., Dec. 22.—Doctors have discovered that the "blues" or "men-tal depression and irritability" is really a disease caused by defective cir-culation in the cells of the brain. The British Health Review says "by

improving the circulation, there is an immediate improvement in the mental If this is the case, we Canadians do not have to wait for the foreign scientists to pursue their investigations any farther. We have the cure for the

"blues" in those wonderful fruit liver tablets called "Fruit-a-tives." It is doubtful if the greatest physicians abroad will ever discover anything to equal "Fruit-a-tives" to purify and enrich the blood and improve the circulation.

They go straight to the root of the trouble, stimulating the torpid liver and kidneys and regulating the bowels. Thus they cleanse the whole system and renew vitality, mental as well as

50c a box, 6 for \$2 50, or trial size 25. At dealers, or from Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa, Ont.

in Port Huron. The testimony showed he was attempting to sell a ring for less money than it cost, and was arrested on the charge of smuggling. The jury in the United States court here found him not guilty.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS A "HOUSE OF FEARS"

No More Alleged War Scares Says Premier Asquith and Mr. Lloyd-George.

London, Dec. 23.-Mr. Lloyd-Georga at enthusiastic meetings at Cardiff and "At last," he said, "they blundered. he seminance of the personal has said, 'never again,' respecting al-

"They are not there to protect honest industry against confiscation; they mattered it if the people were starving? are there to defend the monopoly Lieutenant Peary ought to enjoy his which could be most aristocratically have found them out, and Britain will strip them of their pretensions (Cheers.) He could hear nothing but the ring of victory from one end of the

country to the other. Lord Cawdor was so interrupted at Rochdale that he had to appeal for a nearing. He asked that the coming fight should be clean. He regretted they had not got the clear issue, fearing that a combination and confusion of issues might land the country trouble, which would be dangerous the Empire.

Lord Curzon was enthusiastically rereived at Burnley, where he replied to Winston Churchill.

Some Points.

Here are some points from recent election speeches:
The Duke of Norfolk—When the electors record—their votes let—them remember that it was the Lords who

gave their their opportunity.

Lord Desborough—The House of Commons is becoming more and more under the rule of a small committee Lord Donoughmore-They could no say they were going to rob the henroosts without frightening the hens." Mr. Wyndham-The Government have tried to revive home rule, which

is dead, in order to kill tariff reform. which is alive. Mr. Buxton-Any Government, what-

May Change the Date.

been officially announced. It is certain that it will be the 8th of Jan-Government being urged to defer dissolution until Jan. 16, so that the first election will take place on Jan. 15. Libsurged to watch the mysterious eloped and whom she married at Pitts-panel. eral candidates are of the opinion that visitor.

lead to the abandonment of several Labor candidates.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY

Papers to Copenhagen University.

Washington, Dec. 22 .- Declaring that it was but justice to Dr. Cook, in whom This life is just a little jaunt across a he affirms his utmost confidence, Rear her home on Wyatt street, suffering Admiral W. S. Schley today demand- from an attack of bronchitis. ed that Commander Peary submit his proofs that he reached the North Pole o some scientific body other than the National Geographical Society.

The admiral believes that the same body which repudiated Cook's data should be permitted to pass upon the data submitted by Peary to the Geographical Society. "The Danes are the best posted body

spite whatever the National Geographical Society's attitude may be. It was suggested to the officer that the society some time ago officially declared its intention to let scientific bodies exim West London if the Christmas puramine the Peary proofs when they chases are any criterion. Several of

believed that Peary, too, had gained suburb. the top of the earth.

The admiral has had wide experience in the far north. In 1884 he was Percy Peacock, 52 Wilson avenue, was in command of the Thetis expedition, the scene of a very pleasant party. which resulted in the rescue of Lieut. when Mrs. Peacock entertained her

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AIRSHIPS OF THE NIGHT

Mysterious Aeroplane Hovers Over the City of Worcester.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 22.—Flying through the night, at an average speed of 30 to 40 miles an hour, a mys-Worcester, hovered over the city for Ohio Pastor's Daughter Alleges Port missioner of Mines Donkin, who was a few minutes, disappeared for about two hours, and then returned to cut four circles above the gaping city, meanwhile sweeping the heavens with Jacob, of Massillon, filed sait in complete during the past season. Since a few minutes, disappeared for about The date of dissolution has not yet two hours, and then returned to cut uary, the day originally selected, the a searchlight of tremendous power mon pleas court today for a divorce The news of its presence spread like from Herbert E. McIlwain, of New

The airship remained over the city Keir Hardie says that the Labor about 2,000 feet, too far to enable even divorced. Keir Hardie says that the Labor about 2,000 teet, too lat to chart to that to chart the Keir Hardie says that the Labor its precise shape to be seen. The party expected the decision of the glaring rays of its searchlight, how-the local probate court as Stuart Allen the local probate co on the payment of members of Parlia- ever, were sharply defined by reflecon the payment of members of Parlia-ment was illegal. Mr. Hardle has grave doubts of the Labor party's posi-dark mass of the shin could be diput tion, if they pursue the candidatures dark mass of the ship could be dimly tion, if they pursue the candidatures seen behind the light. After a time and divorce here, which they had arranged. There is no it disappeared in the direction of Maridoubt the decision of the Lords will it disappeared in the direction of Mari-At the time of the airship's visit, Wallace E Tillinghast, the Worcester man who recently claimed to have invented a marvellous aeroplane in which

he said he had journeyed to New York CHAMPIONS COOK and return by way of Boston, was absent from his home and could not be The visitor from the clouds found. was first sighted over Marlborough at be

in 30 minutes. WEST LONDON

Mrs. Arthur Sanham is very ill at

Mrs. Michael Reedy, Wyatt street, West London, is slowly from the effects of a touch of la grippe.

visiting at the home of his daughter, get it. Mrs. David Gilmore, at 51 Blackfriars of lightness or carelessness. The idea up to closing exercises, prize-giving of lightness or carelessness. The idea up to closing exercises, prize-giving street, West London.

Admiral Schley believes that submission of the proofs to Copenhagen other part still attached to the sleigh. should be insisted upon by Peary, de- Luckily a small boy caught the animal or more damage might have resulted.

had been passed upon by the society. the businessmen of that section were "But the organization has not done spoken to regarding trade conditions he retorted. "So far there has and they all stated that this year's been shown no disposition to carry sales would nearly double those of out his avowed intentions, has there?" former years. "If the weather remains Admiral Schley declined to say on seasonable," said one merchant, "my what grounds he took exception to receipts will be about \$200 in excess the findings of the University of Cop- of the same week's business of 1908." He merely reaffirmed his be- Signs of increasing good times are lief in the explorer, adding that he noticeable throughout the growing

Good times are much in evidence

Last Tuesday night the home of Mrs.

in games and music. which refreshments were served and the guests left for home, having spent

M'ILWAIN IS NOW SUED FOR DIVORCE

Huron Man Has an Earlier Wife.

burg on Oct. 17.

She says that since the marriage tons less. Last year more American tons less. Last year more American tons less. Last year more American tons less and Cumbertana constant tons less. Last year more American tons less and Cumbertana tons. if the first elections took place on Satif the first elections took place on Saturday, Jan. 10, it would be of great

The airsup remained over the says that since the for about 15 minutes, all the time at she has learned that McIlwain had ancoa
on

WOULD SELL HER BODY

Willing To Be Dissected After Death to Make Children's Christmas

Нарру. the thought that her children would deprived of Christmas joys to this city and Marlborough it covered mother yesterday advertised that for in 30 minutes.

livered after her death to the pur-Christmas always has been a time of joy for this woman, who is the becca school concert, and report a mother of four children. This year, good time. owing to an accident which has in- The Presbyterian Sunday school capacitated the husband, the little concert on Tuesday evening was a family has been eking out an exist- great success. The children rendered

oldest girl, who is 14. "It's a simple business proposition," The English Church Sunday said the woman. "I need some money are preparing plans for a Christmas to make the little ones happy, and I tree and entertainment.

"The Danes are the best posted body of men in the world on Arctic matters," be said. "The consistory of the University of Copenhagen should be given the opportunity to examine the Peary proofs, for in that way they would be submitted to the same test would be submitted to the same test a post and as a result when the driver was making a delivery at the house of a customer, and started homeward. On the way one of the shafts came in contact with a post and as a result when the driver was making a delivery at the house of a customer, and started homeward. On the way one of the shafts came in contact with a post and as a result when the driver was appriled to those of Cook."

A horse owned by a west side grocer became restless yesterday afternoon of my children."

Asked what she would buy with the first prize was won by Nellie Methods and the none. The older ones expect nothing, leather wallet. but for the little ones who still be- address, while Ida Bell made the pre-

doll for each." TWENTY SEATS IN LONDON

All Conservatives Hope For, Says Freeman's Journal. London, Dec. 23:-The Conservative

anticipation of John Redmond in command of a German fleet at Belfast, and Grade II. — *Florence Lumsder Lumsder Lord Curzon's dictum that the House of Commons "is not fit to be left alone," are the subject of much humor in the Radical press and on the Radical Agnes Robins Chester Parkinson in the Radical press and on the Radical platform. The Radicals profess exceeding gladness that it is so clearly indicated that every vote for a Unionist is a vote against the popular House.

I van Parkinson (honors), while Toole and Too The London correspondent of the Grade IV.-Charlie Kemp (honors Freeman's Journal is responsible for Elgin Emigh (honors), May Parkit Greely and six men who had been cast Sunday school class, together with some young friends. During the even-expect to get only twenty seats in Particular to the Conservatives som.

MORE WITNESSES IN **COAL RING INQUIRY**

Deputy Commissioner of Mines on the Stand-Falling-Off in Production

of Nova Scotia. Halifax, N.S., Dec. 23.—Deputy Coma witness in the alleged coal operathe strike there has been a falling-off in the production of 910,000 tons up to The Dominion Coal Company's production was 700,000 tons less and Cumberland collieries 210,900

miners was about 30 per cent. The cost bigamy in Pittsburg and for perjury of the up-keep of the mines also increased greatly in recent years. The only witness this morning J. McLennan, a member of the U.M.W board of Nova Scotia, and a salaried officer of the association. He thought

ever being discussed by the board or the executive. CRUMLIN'S CHRISTMASTIME

the funds for maintaining the strike

came from the mine workers, but he

denied the prosecution of the case

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Crumlin, Dec. 23.—A number from this neighborhood attended the Re-The Presbyterian Sunday ence on the \$3 a week earned by the a fine programme and the large audience was thoroughly entertained.

Mr. Henry Ray, of Cedar Bay, is don't know of any other way to The December examinations of the Crumlin school concluded Tuesday "I don't regard this thing in a spirit noon, and the afternoon was given ing to undertake it only for the sake The prize for English composition

> lieve in Santa Claus there is to be a sentation. Following is the school report for the fall term, 1909, inclusive of both term work and final examinations Stars denote absences, which in some cases affected the standing: Class V .- * Charles Fredin, * Willian. Quinn, *Eddison Bell.

Grade VIII.-Beatrice Clark (honors) Lillian DeHart (honors), Jennie Carrol (honors), Annie McLennan (honors)

Part II.-Lily Cox (honors).

ical Society declined to discuss Ad-class with a handsome gold brooch miral Schley's suggestions.

In Mrs. Peacock was presented by the London, whereas last year it was com-monly agred that the Radicals would and an address. The evening was get only ten.