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investigation.

will be made.

der charge.

died ?

McDonald was the motive.

Mr. McDonald denied that such a question was ever put to him.

tion that Perkin's death was the result

of ulcer of the stomach, and that for some time previous to his death he was subject to fits of violent vomiting.

It is not likely that the preliminary hearing will take place next Wednes-day, but that an adjournment for a

day, but that an adjournment for a week will be asked by the Crown. Two

wrote to his sister, Mrs.

The defence is based on the assump-

ing in the Canfield case will be

does not make a quiet prisoner. She desired to furnish her cell from the



When Mrs. Evelyn Thaw Will Again be Under the Fire of the District Attorney.

The Terrible Ordeal Not Nearly Over-The Story Being Wrung From Her.

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Cost of Thaw's Defence.

Harry Thaw ... ost of obtaining and holding witnesses. examinations, affi-

davits, travelling expenses, special fees to outside lawyers, transcripts and money paid to witnesses not otherwise speci-

Fee and expenses of Hartridge

& Peabody ...... Services of Lawyer Gleason .... Services of Daniel O'Reilly, legal

Cost of Prosecution.

Expenses of securing jury ....

employed by prosecution to watch court officers in charge

of jury ..... Expense of bringing witnesses

cluding a sergeant, two

roundsmen and an inspector. Salaries of District Attorney Jerome and Garvin, his as-

alaries and expenses of county

detectives and outside detec-

ay to juhy (estimated) .....

Total ......\$121,675

**RUSSIAN ELECTIONS.** 

detectives assigned to

See to Lawyer Delmas

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New York despatch: Evelyn Nesbitt considered as nearly accurate as the Thaw has three days to rest and pre- public pare for a continuation of the ordeal

pare for a continuation of the hands of bistrict Attorney Jerome. The Thaw trial was adjourned last night until Monday morning after Mrs. Thaw hat spent the entire day on the stand under a searching, flaying cross-examination at the hands of the District Attorney. On Monday morning she will again take the stand and there is considerable question whether even then the District

Attorney will be through with her. Her associations with both White and Thaw after her return from Europe in 1903; the interviews with Abe Hummel, when was drawn the famous affidavit which she has denied she had any part in framing; the European trip of 1904; the incident of the Cumberland hotel, and other incidents with Thaw, following her return; her marriage and the subsequent events up to the fatal night on the Madison Square Garden. None of these have been inquired into on cross-examination. It would seem that

climax of sensationalism had been reached yesterday, but it is said the District-Atorney expects to bring out on Monday incidents of at least as sensa-Salary of Justice Fitzgerald (six weeks) ......B ... Preparation of the case by protional character as those of yesterday. No woman ever before faced a more terrible ordeal on the witness stand than Evelyn Nesbit Thaw—an ordeal Fees of State's three alienists.

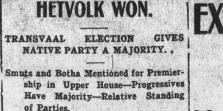
that is not yet half over. Although it was evident that the slen-Hotel expenses of jury ... Expenses of court officers der, frail, childish wite of Harry K. Thaw was under a great strain yester-Salaries of court officers ... Travelling expenses of jury and day only once did she give way to tears. That was when, after fencing with the District-Atterney for an hour she was Salaries of county detectives finally driven into a corner by his al-most brutal questioning and took refuge in tears. But even then the tears did not seem to be caused so much by the details she was obliged to tell as by the fact that with all her fencing she had not been able to keep to herself the Forty policemen on duty about building and trial room, insecrets which she knew must injure her husband's chances.

Throughout the day Harry Thaw sat in his accustomed place at the end of the table flanked on both sides by his lawyers. When his wife wept he buried his face in his hands for a moment but during most of the day he made notes on a pad of paper or conversed excited whispers with those of his coun-ho sat nearest him. When court sel who sat nearest him. When court adjourned he hurried back to the cells with a smile on his face. The details of the European trip of 1904 are still to be gone into. The return to Amerand the false anouncement of Thaw that a marriage to Evelyn Nesbit when the first scandal arose is still to be told of. The facts of the pursuit of the young woman by Stanford White after her marriage, which the defense told of in the opening address must be brought out. The relations of the two before

the marriage must be detailed. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw's ordeal is by no means over.

#### She May Be Indicted.

The most important incident in connection with the thaw trial yesterday was the hint given in open court that the the State may take proceedings against Mrs. Nesuit inaw as an accomplice



London, Feb. 25 .- Though all the results are not yet to hand, it is beyond doubt, according to the Chronicle, that the Transvaal elections have resulted

in a majority of twenty-five for Hetvolk. the Nationalist-Labor combination. The House will probably be constituted as follows: Hetvolk, 36; Nationalists, 7; Labor, 3; Independents, 2; Progressives,

21. Sir Richard Solomon, leader of Nationalists, who was popularly men-tioned for the Premiership, has been defeated in Pretoria by Sir Percy Fitz-patrick (Progressive). This is the only 21. Sir Richard Solomon, leader of the \$15.000 surprise in the elections. Smuts and Botha are now mentioned for the Pre-miership. Of 15 members in the upper 1,000

House there are nine Progressives and 5.000 wo Hetvolk. The result of the Transvaal elections has been received with a certain amount of disappointment by the Liberal M. P's. On the whole the appointments 10,000 to the second chamber are regarded with satisfaction. Hamar Greenwood states to the Chronicle that as the application the of self-government will solve all troubles of the Transvaal, therefore he is not concerned which way the elections vent

The Daily Graphic, representing Con servative opinion, attributes the defeat of the Progressives to trimming tactics. 50.000 10,00 but be disappointed at the cannot 10,000 result of the elections, but takes com fort in the strength and ability of the

Progressive minoriy.

## **ONTARIO ALLIANCE.**

. . \$ 2,175 HOW PROHIBITION BENEFITS PLACE. 35.000

> Review of the Recent Successes and De feats-President Marter Protests Against Unfair Three-fifths Clause -Inspector Ayearst on Law Enforce ment.

200 A Toronto despatch: That prohibition nakes it more difficult to obtain liquor. that it does, in fact, prohibit, and that 4.000 the liquor dealers do all they can to make it hard for temperance people, was

the emphatic declaration of Rev. J. B. 3,000 leox in the course of a vigorous address before a largely-attended public meet-ing last night in conection with the annual meeting of the Ontario branch 11.800

of the Dominion Alliance, which open-ed in Bond Street Congregational Church vesterday morning. Rev. R. J. McAlpine, Presbyterian minister cf Owen Sound, said he felt the temperance cause was making pro-gress rapidly. He felt that the peo-3.000

ple of the Province were looking to Owen Sound, as they have been looking law is enforced now it is carried. Drink-ing had not, of course, ceased in Owen Sound. There had been much business

done by a brewery there, but they were seeking legislation to prevent retailing in wholesale quantities in local option COMPOSITION OF THE NEW PARLIA MENT BY RETURNS. The imarcial report was read by the Treasurer, Mr. Robert - J. Fleming, St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.-Yesterday's

returns from the national elections show howing the detailed receipts and ex no change in the already established enditures of account of The Pionee proportion of returned delegates. The and in the general alliance fund. Right party continued to make fraction-The Executive Committee's report consisted mainly of a review of the past rear's work. The recommendation of al gains at the expense of the Constitutional Democrats.

he Executive that immediate steps be The 12 peasants returned from the aken to secure a repeal of the three Province of Podolia are mostly illiterate fifths clause was noted in the report. and swell the number of indefinites. At 2 o'clock this morning the returns showed that 305 members of Parliament The President, Mr. George F. Marter, n his annual address, speaking of the voting, remarked



### Mrs. Perkins More Calm But Shows The Result of the Terrible Strain She is Under.

## After Conference With Their Lawyer She and Her Relatives Seemed Quite Cheerful.

Cayuga, Ont., special despatch: Mrs. him to the effect that Henry had com-Cayuga, Ont., special despatch: Mrs. Perkins passed a much better night. She is more cheerful this morning, but her eyes show her terrible suspense. There is no doubt that the preliminary investione hundred-acre farm about a mile gation will be postponed on Wednesday and a quarter northwest of Canfield, and next.. The Crown is working hard on some hundreds of dollars in cash. John the case, assisted by the local officers.

Darrah is in possession of the farm, and his lease does not expire for two years. They famy reanze that they must have their case carefully and well prepared when the prisoner has such an able coun-sel as Mr. E. F. B. Jonnston. No sum-Mr. Perkins decimed to say anything about the relationship existing between the wife of the dead man and Thomas monses have yet been issued, and so far McDonald, of Canfield, the public have no definite idea of who the witnesses will be at the preliminary

"I had nothing whatever to do with the murder of Henry Perkins," said Mr. McDonald. "I shall be a witness. Detective Greer and I had a long talk in the mer Commbell Henry Course last When the authorities were asked if any further arrest would he made they would neither deny nor confirm, but it looks as if further arrests in the new Campbell House, Cayuga, last week; but what transpired I cannot say. I have had more than my share of no-toriety in the case, and it does not do Summonses for the preliminary hearmy business any good. When the proper time comes I shall tell my story." served on Monday, and, in the meantime inter-

est keeps up to the highest pitch. Those who will be required to attend include Mrs. Perkins and her relatives were very much more cheerful. After their long conference with Mr. Gideon Grant, of the law firm of which Mr. E. F. B. Thos. McDonald, the star Crown witness and the G. T. R. roreman at Weiland, under whom Perkins worked for three months before he died, and to whom he Johnston is the head, and which will conduct the defence. At the conference a strong line of defence was planned, and sent a telegram while on his death bed the party left Mrs. Perkins in a more cheerful mood than has been hers since asking him to come at once. Mr. and Mrs. John Darrah, tenants of the dead man's farm; Mrs. Hysiop and Kauph the charge was laid. In fact, her bear-Curry, sister and bronner, respectively, of the accused woman, are regarded as ing was most optimistic, and she cor dially shook hands with Mr. Grant when he left her. Mr. and Mrs. Hyslop ac-companied Mr. Grant to the Campbell House on their way back from the jail. among the most important willnesses. "I don't know what they can have against me," is the repeated statement or Mrs. Perkins to those who attend her in her cell. "I am as innocent as At the steps of the hotel a round of handshakes was indulged in, and Mrs. Hyslop laughed gently, when she and her husband said good night to the lawcan be, and I should not be in nere." Mrs. Perkins, whose temperament is intense, and who is highly sensitive,

yer. Wish for Acquittal.

The Cayuga Advocate, referring to the

desired to furnish her cell from the Curry home, asking especially for a favorite rocking chair. Major William son procured a chair from his own home, and Mrs. Perkins, who was a dressmaker before she was married, spends a part of the time in looking through current fashion periodicats. She was cautioned by her counsel to think as little as she could of the case, and quantities of reading matter have been supplied her in the hope that her ing that she may now be able to assert and prove her innocence, and be soon rebeen supplied her in the hope that her mind would be diverted from the murstored to liberty. Every person inti-mately acquainted with Mrs. Perkins and her late husband speak of them in terms der charge. The prisoner's cell opens into a large corridor, and during tae daytime sne is granted its use. Owing to her rest-less and nervous disposition, she is compelled to pace up and down until the monotony of the trip leads her to the barred window which overlooks the Grand Birren er to her meavings of highest praise. It is, therefore, earn-estly hoped that the apparently dark of inguese particular the apparently dark estly hoped that the apparently dark chain of evidence in the possession of the crown may prove to be faulty and that the accused may in the near future be beyond from custody without one stain Grand River or to her magazines. It is stated that the Crown claims to

against her. While circumstantial eviagainst her, while circumstantial eri-dence can be very black it can be all wrong, but whether the knowledge of the case in the possession of the crown be altogether circumstantial or partially positive will probably not be divulged will the archive membrane beauting. That it have a perfect chain of circumstantial evidence. It will attempt to show that Mrs. Perkins's infatuation for Thomas "Would you marry me' if Henry died?" is the question she is alleged to have put to McDonald. till the preliminary hearing. That it may then be proven that Henry Perkins

came to his death in some, so far unex plained, manner, is the desire of the pub lic at large. In the meantime the friends of the unfortunately placed woman have the sympathy of everyone in the dark cloud which, in the minds of every true-hearted man and woman, cannot be too quickly dissolved.



# ATE POISONED GRAIN.

ONE RESULT OF THE TERRIBLE FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

Thousands of People Permanently Injured-The Government Has Now Taken Action to Lessen the Horrors of the Famine.

Kazan, Russia, Feb. 25.-A correspondent of the Associated Press has reiturned here after a twenty-five days' trip through Kazan, Samara and Ufa, three sample provinces of the twenty affected by famine. The cor respondent investigated the situation in all directions, travelling 500 miles by sleigh in districts remote from the distress railroads, where the rannoads, where the distress is most acute. He reports sporadic cases of scurvy in all three provinces. Aside from the distribution of Government rations, the Red Cross and local muni-cinal organizations are fooding in Life cipal organizations are feeding in Ufa

210.000 persons, in Kazan 230.000, and in Samara 100.000. A trip by sleigh into the northern part of Kazan province took the cor-respondent into one of the worst sec-tions of the famine region. In the handlet of Alonžinghaded many nerhamlet of Alanzhipshack, many persons suffering from ergotism were found in seventy-four out of seventy eight houses visited. The symptoms of this malady are a burning sensation in the liver, followed by chills, spasms and a permanent contraction of the limbs, and finally blindness and idiocy. A total of one-tenth of the population has been permanently disabled. Al-most every house visited presented var-iations of this disease. Four-fifths of the cattle in this dis-

trict have been killed by the same poison, and fully five per cent. of the crop is ergotic. The peasants are fully aware of the unwholesomeness of this grain, but they have no alterna tive and must eat what they can get Thousands of cases of ergotism occur red before the Gevornment was stirre to action. The malady is now dimin was stirred

ROYAL TEMPLARS' NEW OFFICERS.

Grand Council is Opposed to the Threefifths Clause in Local Option Law.

ishing.

Toronto despatch: Opposition to the three-fifths clause of the local option law was decided upon at the Ontario

Grand Council Royal Templars of Temperance at its closing sessions here yesterday, and a committee was appointed to wait upon Premier Whitney to express the organization's views. Strict adherence to the policy of granting no fresh licenses in New Ontario was fav-

The election of officers resulted as follows: Grand Councillor, W. J. Arm-strong, Toronto Junction; Grand Past Councillor, J. A. Austin, Toronto; Grand vice-Councillor, Miss Lou Parks, Trenton; Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. W. Stewart, North Bay; Grand Secretary, W. M. McMillan, Hamilton; Grand Herald, A. R. Hewitt, Blenheim; Grand Trustee for three years, Rev. W. P. Fletcher, Drayton; Grand Auditor, L. . Peake, 'loronto; Grand Medica Referee, Dr. W. Crawford, Hamilton; additional members of Executive Com mittee, A. B. Spencer, Collingwood; W. McBride, Alliston, and J. A. Copland, Harriston; Grand Deputy Herald, Mrs. Laura E. Evans, Fort William; Grand Guard, F. T. Grafton, Barrie; Grand Sentinel, George Brown, Cobourg.

NO PREFERENCE.

British House Defeats Amendment by 255 Majority.

, Feb. 25.-The House of Commons yesterday, after a debate lasting two days, rejected by a majority of 255 an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne,

before the fact in the mu ford White. The news had been elected, namel 13 Monural from Mr. Jerome, but from Mr. Del-ists, 32 Octoberists and Moderates; 21 mas, who said he had heard rumors of it. The District Attorney did not contiguing and the same sector of the Left party, 40 they Nationalists and 23 Indefinites. Mr. confirm nor deny the report. The small number of former members had been questio Mrs. ing about the money which White of Parliament re-elected is attracting the attention. Out of 300 former delegates, who were perfectly eligible, barely 25 up had deposited to her credit with Mercantile Trust Company.

#### A Horrible Thing.

to the present time have been chosen. Prominent leaders of the left party deny that they intend to hasten the wrecking of Parliament. Whithersoever Evelyn Nesbit Thaw's

MORE DOUKOBORS COMING.

-Railway Laborers.

transgressions may have led her, to day sue paid the full toll. CHICAGO ART DEALER SHOT.

Her frame racked with sobs, tears streaming down her leaden cheeks, her keyed to hysterical . pitch, Millionaire's Wife Placed Under Arrest voice made verbal payment to the hast fankling—cast into the balancing scales of justice, down to the last meagre detail, all that her passion-

on Suspicion. Chicage Feb. 25 .- Louis Fisher, 38

years of age, an art dealer, was shot ed life contained. Harry Thaw may go free, or may to death in his office to-day. A fashsuffer the ultimate punishment for the crime that is charged against him, but ionabiy dressed woman was arrested. The woman and Fisher are said to those who witnessed his wife upon the witness stand to-day carried out into have quarrelied and later a shot the free air the conviction that his fate was heard. She is declared to have must be decided without this tragge chapter. It was a thing separate and apart—a hideous, frighttul thing—jus-tice, not tempered with mercy, but merged with torture—a thing that strong men sought instantly to forget and which can only be recalled in the jury room to distract and make calm indemont immossible. ust be decided without this tragic been found standing over Fisher holding manter. It was a thing separate and a revolver in her hand, while blood pourjudgment impossible. He has shot himself: The woman was later identified as Mrs. Flora McDonald, the wife of Michael C. McDonald, a former pro-

COMES HIGH.

minent Democratic politician and a millionaire. When she appeared at Harry K. Thaw Trial Will Cost Over millionaire. When she appeared at the office Fisher is asserted to have ordered his office boy to go away for \$500,000.

The trial of Harry K. Thaw will have a while. cost more than half a million of dollars

before it is ended. Of this vast sum the Thaw family will have paid nearly \$400,000, while the burden of the taxpayers will be in ex-

cess of \$121,000.

The accompanying itemized expense account is based on the assumption that the trial will a set Montreal Feb. 25 .- Peter Verigin i months to Russia, where he was visiting the Doukhobor settlements, and was also account is based on the assumption that the trial will last only six weeks. If it continues beyond the period, which now seems propable, the expenses will be relatively greater. The trial has now engaged in trying to get men for a struction work on the Grand Trunk been in progress since Jan. 23, or more than three weeks. The defence will not cific. He was successful in obtaining per mission from the Russian authorities t finish its direct examination for several bring them out. He stated in an inter days, and the prosecution has subpoenaed 300 witnesses to testify in rebuttal. view that about a thousand more Douk-hobors would come out in the spring.

saes to testify in rebuttal. nounts given in these tables plied by persons prominently with both siles, and may be The amounts given in these tables supplied by

that th analyses have party had brought on repeal contests in only eight places out of thirty-two which they might have brought on; hey chose the places they were nost likely to win, but in seven of v-law was sustained, and in ese the all but one the majority for it was in om the jailer's house, thus granting reased

he accused Mr. J. A. Ayearst, Provincial Licens prison fare. Mr. Murphy has arranged with Gideon Grant of Toronto, the defence lawyer, to telephone him if the Mr. J. A. Ayearst, ITOVINCIAL LICENSE Inspector, gave an adress on "Law En-forcement," in which he pointed out some which he had been simply instructed by the Government to "go ahead and enpreliminary

force. The Finance Committee's report that, though there had showed subscriptions and advertisements to The Pioneer of almost \$4,000, and other cor nan, who came from Winnipeg, to take up the case, states that at the time the

tributions to Alliance funds amountin to a little over \$8,000, yet there ha tomach of the late Henry Perkins was n deficits in the beginning of last year totalling \$1,267. and there now a total deficit of \$1,937.12.

stomach of the late Henry Perkins was being examined by Prof. Ellis, Mrs. Henry Perkins had made no mention to him of an inquest being held. The first intimation that foul play was sus-pected was made to Mr. Perkins by a Winnipeg paper on January 27. He The convention showed that it mea responding to the appeal of Gibson, of Ingersoll, to the Mr Joseph Winnipeg paper on January 27. extent of \$2,300 in subscriptions and nediately immediately wrote to his sister, Mrs. William Edwards, of Brantford, asking if there was ground for the suspicion of foul play. To this letter he received no reply. He wrote again to Mrs. Edwards, who replied to the effect that an inquest had been held, and that the verdict of the coroner's jury was that, death was caused by strychnine poison-ing administered by persons unknown collection Rev. J. H. Hazlewood, of Toronto,

Junction, told how the repeal was feated there. TWO MEN KILLED.

Dynamite Explosion on the Transcontin ental North of Dryden.

ing, administered by persons unknown to them. She asked him to come home Wabigoon. Feb. 25 .- The bodies at once. wo men were brought into Dryden yes-In the meantime he received a letter from Mrs. Perkins, to whom he had written making reference that Henry's erday. They were killed by a premature xplosion of dynamite on the Transcondeath was rather sudden, and asking it inental Railway construction twenty miles north of Dryden. Their names were there was any insurance, or if Henry had left a will. Mrs. Perkins' reply ex-Eric Jensen, a Swede, aged 32 years, and Michaeldi Conan, aged 27 years. The coroner held an investigation, and de-cided an inquest was not necessary. pressed surprise at the remark about sud-den death. She said that Henry was al-The den death. She said that Henry was al-ways ailing, and there was no insurance, and that he had left no will. She fur-

#### Result of Peter Verigin's Visit to Russia KINGSTON'S PLEA FOR HELP.

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Gov. Swettenham and Council Ask Eng. land for Subsidy and Loan.

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 25.-Gover-or Swettenham and the Legislative council anounced to-day that they ad urged upon the Imperial Govern ment the necessity of granting \$750,000 and loaning \$5,000,000 at 6 per cent. to help build the commercial part

Henry did not come home on Friday, but There was another earthquake shock on Saturday.' Miss Forkins had written Askel

fessor Ellis of Toronto, and two pieces EVIDENCE AGAINST STRIKERS IN of evidence required by the Crown are not perfected. Mr. Murphy declined to say what the nature of the evidence is. HULL MANSLAUGHTER TRIAL. say what the nature of the transmission of the Two or Three Witnesses Swear to Shoot-Perkin's meals sent

ing on the Part of the Strikers-Guns in the Meeting Room of the woman freedom from Union. Hull, Que., Feb. 25 .- With the hearing

preliminary investigation results in a nerely formal remand. If the latter is afternoon the proscaution was alcost in the case, it will not be necessary for Mr. Grant to appear with Mrs. Perkins before Magistrate Cline. John Perkins, brother of the dead one witness, Hugh McGuire, who never testified in this case before, was damag-ing to the defence. He swore that Kier-nan told him he fired two shots before

the mob forced the police to retreat. Ex-Mayor Vallillee and Mr. C. W. Pearson J. P., who were both elsewhere when th in of special constables. Mr. Vallillee was Manager for the Maclaren Company, and he swore that the concern was of

liged to protect the property owing to threatening trouble, as people insisted on it. Mr. Albert Maclaren was on the stand

for an hour in the morning, and he told of the danger the company felt was imminent to the mills and houses and of the threats of trouble he had heard. D. Bourassa told of seeing guns in the union's meeting holl before the riot.

STREET CAR TOWNED TURTLE.

Passengers Had Narrow Escape on Toronto Suburban Line.

Toronto. Feb. 25.- A car on the Wes-tern branch of the Toronto Suburban

Railway jumped the track near the bi-cycle works at Toronto Junction yes-terday and about 16 passengers narrow-ly escaped serious injury. The car left the track just where there was a deep cut in the side of the road and into this out went the car. After ploying along ther stated that Henry came home from Welland, where he had been working, on the Friday before Christmas. He went out to his farm, tenanted by John Arrah, on Sunday morning, and was taken

cut in the side of the road and into this cut went the car. After plowing along on the ground for several lengths it tarned over and came to a standstill, resting on the front end. The passengers were all huddled in a heap. in the front end of the car, and probably it was on account of their be-ing so huddled to gether that they es-are dividual for a standard the set of seriously ill. He was very sick on Mon-day, and on Tuesday. Mrs. Perkins tele-graphed Dr. Kerr of Dunnville. When the doctor arrived Henry was dead. "There was no statement referring to the inquest in Mrs. Perkins' letter." caped injury. Several received scratches and bruises, but not of a serious nature.

said Mr. Perkins. "As a matter of fact.

quarantine.

in favor of a preferential tariff with the colonies. The address in reply to the speed from the throne was adopted unani

mously. Remarking that an Imperial Council and an Imperial zollverein as methods of union between the colonies and the mother country were barred, Mr. Balfour

said we could only turn to mutual ser-vices, and be profoundly dissatisfied with the Government's refusal to discuss the question with the colonial Premiers. He acclared the time would come when the basis of taxation must be broadened for the purpose of increasing command of foreign markets and closer commencial

relations with the colonies. Sir Gilbert Parker asked the House Sir Gibert Farker asked the House to consider whether a small prefer-ence could not be given to the col-onies. A shilling preference on corn would satisfy Canada and Australia.

Mr. Lloyd-George, referring to Balfour's desire to meet the colo colonies' views by a readjustment of the present basis of taxation, said Mr. Balfour had not committed himself to the question of taxing wheat and meat. The Canadian farmers did not want a preference

m wheat. Mr' Austen Chamberlain deciared Mr.

Mr Austen Chamberhain declared and Lloyd-George had shown a want of knowledge of Canadian opinion. The division resulted as follows: for the amendment, 98; against, 353; majority against, 255.

FOUR TRAINMEN KILLED.

Michigan Central Passenger Train Collided With Freight.

Detroit, Feb. 25 .- Four trainmen were betroit Feb. 25.—Four trainment were killed and two others injured to-day when the fast American express train on the Michigan Central Railroad, west-bound, which left Detroit for Chicago at 2.57 p.m., collided with an ice train two miles west of Ypsilanti. The express train was composed of express and mail cars only. The dead:-Engineer John Scanlen,

Detroit, Brakeman Thomas Little, De troit; Fireman C. Miller, Jackson; Mall Clerk Silar McIlvain, Detroit.

All of the killed and injured except Miller were on the express train. The accident, it was stated at the

A case of smallpox was discovered on Michigan Central office here, was caused te steamer Pomeranian by the engineer of the express train Havre and all on board were detained in running past a semaphore which was

net him. set aga