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Severe Storm

Prevailing on the West Coast of Great Britain.

Great Amount of Damage Done Both Afloat and Ashore.

Death of Hon. R. P. Bruce, Brother of the Earl of Elgin—Important Discovery of Anarchist Documents in Spain.

A "Loyal" Sentence.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—The Social Democrat agitator, Moeller, has been sentenced to six months imprisonment for les majeste. His special offense was that when a cheer was raised at an election meeting for the Emperor he called for a counter cheer for the Social Democracy.

Maneuvers on Ice.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—The entire corps of Guards stationed at Spandau, Potsdam, Berlin and Lichtenfelds will shortly engage in winter maneuvers. Pioneers and engineers will test the ice in the Havel at Brandenburg to ascertain its strength, etc. Iceboats, skates and Esquimaux dogs will be used in the maneuvers.

Russian Justice.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A St. Petersburg (Russia) banker and his niece, who are members of a religious sect called the Skoptzi or Self-mutilators, were sentenced recently to sixteen and ten years imprisonment respectively. The banker tatooed a cross on his niece's breast and mutilated himself. Mutilation is a penal offense in Russia only when it is prompted by religious motives.

Shot by a Woman.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—Dr. Tourette, a well-known pupil of the late Dr. Charcot, was seated at his desk yesterday evening, reading a book, when the door of his consulting room was opened and a pretty young woman entered. The doctor, upon hearing the rustle of the woman's dress and the sound of her footsteps, turned his head and must have sprung to his feet and attempted to escape from the room. The woman fired three shots at him with a revolver, one of the shots taking effect behind Dr. Tourette's right ear.

The noise caused by the revolver shots attracted the doctor's servant and other people, and the woman, who still held the smoking revolver in her hands, was seized and disarmed.

When arrested she said her name was Camper and excitedly declared that she was justified in shooting Dr. Tourette, as he placed her under his hypnotic influence and that it was impossible for her to regain possession of her own will unless she killed him. Dr. Tourette is not dangerously wounded.

Death of Earl Elgin's Brother.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The Hon. Robert Preston Bruce, a brother of the Earl of Elgin, the newly-appointed viceroy of India, died at Edinburgh from influenza.

Coming Elections in Spain.

LISBON, Dec. 8.—It having been decided to dissolve the Cortes, the elections have been fixed for Jan. 14. The new House will meet on March 5. It is uncertain whether the Ministry will be changed before or after the elections.

Salisbury Would Spend $60,000,000 on the Navy.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Mr. Forwood, Secretary of the Admiralty under Lord Salisbury, said in a speech that the late Government would have inaugurated a new naval programme had it remained in office, and that England sought to spend in the next four years £12,000,000 ($60,000,000) to maintain supremacy on the seas.

Bogus Reports of Mr. Gladstone's Illness.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Considerable anxiety was caused to-day by a report that Mr. Gladstone was so seriously ill that he had been compelled to give up a trip he proposed to make to Brighton. It was stated that he showed the premonitory symptoms of influenza. A call at Mr. Gladstone's residence in Downing street, after the report was made public, revealed the fact that he was merely suffering from a bilious attack. Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone will go to Brighton to-morrow.

An Actress Gets Damages.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Miss Florence O'Keefe, late a member of the Gaiety Company, has obtained £150 damages from H. Frith, son of Wm. Powell Frith, a member of the Royal Academy, for breach of promise of marriage and seduction. The evidence showed that when Miss O'Keefe was 17 years old she and Frith were both members of the same theatrical company in Newcastle. Frith was apparently devoted to her, and while promising to marry her induced her to live with him as his wife. Their relations were continued for years though Miss O'Keefe repeatedly begged him to marry her. Finally on last Christmas day Frith abandoned her, and soon she instituted proceedings that have ended in judgment for £150 being entered in her favor.

Severe Storm on the British Coast.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A severe storm is prevailing on the west coast of Great Britain. At Greenock the quays are submerged by the extraordinarily high tide. Several of the Highland mail steamers have been compelled to return to Greenock. All vessels arriving in the Clyde report having experienced terrible weather.

A vessel was seen in distress off the coast of Anglesea, early this morning, and before a lifeboat could be made ready to start to her assistance she went down, and it is feared she went down with all on board. Dispatches from Dublin state that a gale blew there all night. Roofs were damaged and chimneys and signs blown down into the streets.

This morning the gale increased in severity.

The schooner Enterprise, of Folkestone, was wrecked while trying to enter the harbor at West Hartlepool. Her crew were taken off by means of rocket apparatus.

The sea is washing over the railway between Helensburg on the Firth of Clyde and Cardross. Passengers are transferred by means of wagons. The streets in the lower part of Glasgow are flooded, and much damage has been done.

The brigantine Scotsman sunk in the English Channel, off Selsey Hill, Sussex, this morning. Her crew were saved.

The small Belgian steamer Princess Louise, bound from Bilbao for Antwerp, is ashore at Fort Bath, Belgium. She will probably be a total wreck.

Important Discovery of Anarchist Documents.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A dispatch from Madrid says the police have made a raid upon houses suspected of being occupied by Anarchists at Messina de Rio Seco, a town sixteen miles northwest of Valladolid, and secured a number of important documents. The town of Messina de Seco is off the line of travel, and it appears now that, taking advantage of its comparatively isolated position, the Anarchists sought refuge there, and thence directed the movements of members of the gang in other places in Spain. The discovery of the documents shows there is a widespread movement to spread the Anarchist propaganda by means of dynamite and other outrages. The society at Messino de Seco had over 80 members, all of whom are sworn to secrecy by the most solemn oaths. Even the ritual employed in the initiation of members is in the hands of the authorities. The names of the members have been secured, and their early arrest is probable.

The leaflets seized establish the fact that Anarchists in Valladolid and Barcelona assisted to incite the recent explosion in theaters, and the strikes which have caused such great inconvenience to the Government and commercial interests. This is the first knowledge that the strike was caused by anything but dissatisfaction among the telegraph operators in respect of their wages. The document also shows the Anarchists have sought to cause trouble in all branches of the Government service, even going so far as to approach clerks and others holding important positions. The police are jubilant, and declare that they have at last discovered the leading spirits in the Anarchist conspiracy in Spain. They believe they have now captured complete information, and will have the leaders safely lodged in prison.

A COOL THIEF

Enters a House in Broad Daylight and Forces the Women to Give Up Diamonds and Money.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A young man rang the doorbell at the house of ex-Assemblyman Isaac Dayton, 344 West Twenty-third street, yesterday afternoon. The servant, Ann Early, opened the door and the young man pushed past her into the hallway, closed the door, pointed a revolver at her and said:

"Show me where the diamonds are. Be quick about it, and don't make an outcry or I'll shoot you!"

The servant led the young robber to the third floor and into a room where Mrs. Dayton was knitting. Seeing the look of fright on the girl's face, Mrs. Dayton anxiously inquired, "Has anything happened down town?"

"No, but something will happen here pretty soon if you don't give me your diamond earrings," said the robber, stepping into the room and pointing his revolver at Mrs. Dayton.

Mrs. Dayton's hands instinctively rose to her ears, and then she glanced toward the closet, in the corner of the room where she remembered leaving the earrings. The robber opened the closet door and took out a jewel case which contained the earrings. Then he opened a box in the closet from which he took $50 in bills and three pocketbooks.

"Have you anything else?" he coolly asked, turning to Mrs. Dayton, and she was about to tell him that in the next closet was a valuable diamond bracelet and necklace, when the fellow heard Mr. Dayton moving about on the floor above. "I've been here long enough, and had better get out," the thief said, as he once more covered the women with his revolver. He then fled from the room and downstairs.

When the women recovered from the shock they ran out and a policeman pursued the flying thief. He was captured and at the police court gave his name as James Davis, a lawyer.

Conn Committed.

SARNIA, Dec. 8.—The trial of John Conn, of Alvinston, was continued to-day, when the evidence of A. Gibroy and others was taken. The prisoner was committed for trial.

Satisfied "Honor."

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 8.—At a wedding at Arlington, Neb., Monday night Herman Echtamkamp and Frank Olesman settled an old grudge by fighting a duel with pistols. The latter was fatally wounded.

Girls Played at Burglary.

BARBOURSVILLE, W. Va., Dec. 8.—The pupils of the young ladies' seminary here, will not attempt practical jokes along certain lines again. A half dozen girls dressed in men's attire attacked the rooms of several male students, pretending to be burglars. One of the boys caught a girl named Lillie Dright in his room, and, taking her for a real thief, beat her almost to death. The other girls were also roughly handled.

Knifed in the Face.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Lazard Cahn, a mineralogist, 29 years old, living at 1045 Fifth avenue, was stabbed by an unknown man at his own door, a little before 6 o'clock last evening.

The weapon used was a heavy iron-handled dagger, weighing at least two pounds, and the blade was seven inches long. The blow struck Mr. Cahn on the left side of the face, and passed entirely through, knocking out several teeth. The miscreant fled, leaving the weapon sticking through the face of his victim.

Mr. Cahn was able to ring the bell, and his brother let him in. When the weapon was withdrawn he nearly bled to death. His condition is precarious.

Steamship Arrivals.

Dec. 8.	At	From
Normanic	New York	Hamburg
Siberian	New York	Glasgow
Werkendam	New York	Rotterdam
Kaiser Wilhelm	Genoa	New York
Britannic	New York	Liverpool
Obdam	Rotterdam	New York
Hibernian	Boston	Glasgow

COLLECTORS of rare stamps are very much interested in the Afghanistan stamps. The Ameer Abdur Rahman has only had three issues of stamps since he came to the throne. The first was a round red stamp, the second an oblong black one, and the last a red oblong stamp bearing the figure of a mosque.

ONTARIO FRUIT GROWERS.

Interesting Figures Regarding Fruit—Election of Officers.

PETERBORO, Dec. 7.—At the 34th annual meeting of the Ontario Fruit-Growers' Association held here, there was a good attendance of delegates and of the general public interested in fruit culture.

Prof. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, dealt concisely with the fruit statistics collected by the Agricultural Department of the Ontario Government. There were 7,000,000 bearing apple trees in Ontario, 2,000,000 grape vines, 700,000 plums, and 500,000 each of cherries, pears and peaches, and the value of the products of these trees was approximately placed at $20,000,000, while the value of last year's wheat crop was $15,000,000, and of the cheese product between $9,000,000 and $10,000,000. This estimate at moderate prices shows the importance of the fruit industry of Ontario. As compared with previous returns there was an increase of fruit culture in the Province in all departments.

Mr. Dumble said the Ontario Government had taken the best steps for encouraging fruit culture by its system of collecting information and statistics, and he urged upon Deputy Minister James to give special attention to the widening of the scope of statistics in the direction under discussion.

Prof. Fletcher, of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, gave an address on "Grasshoppers and How to Evade Them." He believed drought was the real cause of thees pests. He recommended farmers to plow the stubbles in the autumn, and thus destroy the grasshopper eggs.

Following is the result of the election of officers: President, Mr. T. H. Race, Mitchell; vice-president, Mr. F. M. Pettit, Winona; directors, district No. 1, Mr. N. S. Turner, Cornwall; district No. 2, Mr. R. B. Whyte, Ottawa; district No. 3, Mr. D. Nichol, Cataraqui; district No. 4, Mr. Wellington Boulter, Picton; district No. 5, Mr. E. B. Edwards, Peterboro; district No. 6, Mr. W. E. Wellington, Toronto; district No. 7, Mr. W. M. Orr, Stoney Creek; district No. 8, Mr. A. M. Smith, St. Catharines; district No. 9, Mr. J. R. Howell, Brantford; district No. 10, Mr. J. A. Morton, Wingham; district No. 11, Mr. J. R. Stewart, Russelldale; district No. 12, Mr. Alex. McNeil, Windsor; district No. 13, Mr. G. Caston, Craighurst; auditors, Messrs. A. H. Pettit, Grimsby, and W. W. Hilborn, Leamington.

THE POLITICAL SLATE.

West Middlesex Patrons Write Down William Murdock's Name.

MOUNT BRYDGES, Ont., Dec. 8.—A convention of West Middlesex Patrons was held to-day in Mount Brydges, about 60 delegates being present, Wm. Brock, Adelaide, acting as chairman. It was resolved to nominate a candidate for the Provincial Legislature, and the choice rested unanimously upon William Murdock, of Adelaide, a popular farmer and drover, who had served as a councilor about twenty years.

This meeting being held outside of the riding of West Middlesex for Dominion purposes, it was resolved to hold an adjourned convention in Glencoe on Jan. 16 to nominate a candidate.

The convention was addressed by T. O. Currie and L. A. Welch, grand officers, George Wrigley, London, and others.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND NOMINATIONS.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 8.—Nomination day found the Liberals with candidates in every district. In the second district, Prince county, Hon. Jas. Richards (Government) is elected by acclamation. The elections Wednesday promise to be lively.

FAIR TO CLOUDY—MILDER.

TORONTO, Dec. 8.—11 p.m.—To-night there is a shallow depression over the upper lake regions and Northwestern States and higher pressure over the Canadian Northwest Territories and along the Atlantic seaboard. Light snow has fallen to-day in parts of Ontario and the Northwest. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Esquimalt, 46°—50°; Edmonton, 4°—14°; Calgary, 24°—34°; Prince Albert, 16° below—2° below; Qu'Appelle, 4° below—2°; Winnipeg, 18° below—zero; Toronto, 6°—37°; Montreal, 12°—22°; Quebec, 6°—18°; Halifax, 28°—34°.

TO-DAY'S PROBABILITIES.

TORONTO, Dec. 9—1 a.m.—Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the lower lakes region (covering the peninsula and as far east as Belleville) are: Moderate to fresh southerly to easterly winds; fair to cloudy and milder, with a little sleet or rain at some places.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

At Highlands Light, N. J., several more bodies have been washed ashore from the wrecked British ship Jason, making twelve in all that have been recovered.

Edward F. Terry, motorman of the electric car which plunged through a drawbridge in Portland, Ore., on Nov. 1, when seven persons were drowned, has been indicted for manslaughter.

IN LABOR'S FIELD.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 8.—It is reported President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, has decided to annul the charter of the Trades and Labor Union of this city and bring the matter before the National Confederation of Labor in Chicago next week for ratification. The ground is said to be the radial socialism of the union.

The Air is Full of the Hum.

The greatest stir ever created on the eve of the Christmas Holidays is being created by the publication of the Christmas number of the Montreal STAR. All kinds of people are wild over it, and no wonder, for it is sweetly beautiful, leaving nothing to be desired, leaving no room for suggestion of improvement, and appealing at once to the sentiments of the heart of old and young alike. Mothers are in a frenzy of delight over the Christmas STAR, and the idea of being able to send such a marvelous production to friends for such a paltry sum as 50 cents has just awakened a feeling of genuine amazement all over the continent. It is no wonder there is a tremendous demand for the Christmas STAR, and it is no wonder that a big part of the demand comes from the United States, for in the enterprising republic they have nothing at all to compare with the Christmas STAR.

Late Canadian News.

A Hamilton Lady Killed by Falling on the Icy Pavement.

Rev. Dr. Burwash, chancellor of Victoria University, is among those laid up with the grip.

Rev. John Pickering, a popular Methodist minister, now at Milton, has been invited to Dundas next year.

About 1,250,000 trout fry were sent to the Ottawa hatchery from the Newcastle hatchery on Thursday last.

Hon. G. W. Ross and Lieut.-Col. Gibson will represent the Ontario Government at the Toronto Board of Trade annual dinner.

Farmers began crossing the ice on the Bay of Quinte, near Belleville, with teams and loads on the 6th—the earliest in many years.

The latest gossip regarding the Toronto mayoralty is that Mayor Fleming will not run, and that J. Ross Robertson will be a candidate.

Reginald Smith, a bright 8-year-old boy, had his thigh bone broken in the streets of Hamilton on Wednesday in trying to jump on a passing sleigh.

On Wednesday evening at Knox Church, Harriston, Mr. John A. Croil, B.A., was married to Miss Maggie, daughter of Mr. John Robertson, ex-warden of Wellington county.

The Minister of Education has issued a circular to public school teachers directing their attention to the clause in Ontario Statutes re sale of tobacco, cigars and cigarettes to minors.

A movement is being made to establish a museum of mineral specimens in connection with the Mechanics' Institute and Library at Belleville. North Hastings abounds in mineral wealth.

A London dispatch of the 7th says: The Canadian cattle trade has closed for the season. The total shipments have been 80,047 head, a reduction of 14,248 from last year's figure. The decrease is attributed to the embargo enforced by the British Board of Agriculture against Canadian cattle.

Editor Braden, of the Calgary Tribune, and J. G. Fitzgerald, real estate agent, had a dispute at Calgary over a letter on immigration matters which appeared in a late issue of the Tribune. The disagreement ended in the latter striking the former, cutting his eye badly. Fitzgerald was arrested.

Miss Keating, aged 32, who resided with her mother on McAuley street, Hamilton, while on her way to visit a sick brother Friday morning slipped on the icy pavement and fell on her back. She was unconscious and was carried to her brother's house, but died before a doctor could arrive. No bones were broken and deceased evidently died from severe shock.

INTEMPERANCE VERY EFFECTIVE

In Sending Inmates to the Middlesex Poorhouse.

The inspector of the Strathroy House of Refuge this afternoon presented his annual report for the year ending Nov. 15, 1893, to the Middlesex County Council. From it are gleaned many interesting statistics. Of the various townships in this county Biddulph contributes the largest number of inmates, sending 15, while Adelaide follows close with 14, some of the remaining places sending as few as one. At present there are 111 persons confined in the institution, of whom 31 were admitted during the year. The causes of the pauperism of the inmates are numerous, some being the results of sickness; but, as is the case very often, liquor sends the largest contingent. The causes are as follows: Intemperance, 32; homeless, 26; old age, 11; weak intellect, 11; loss of property, 5; cripples, 4; sickness, 10; loss of sight, 2; born in the refuge, 1; other causes, 6.

In the maintenance account, the labor item runs up to $589 65, salaries of keeper and matron, $525 04; physician and medicine, $393 33; light and fuel, $1,035 95, and provisions $1,805 86, which with other amounts totals up $10,213 43. The average cost of each inmate per day has been very low, only reaching 20 1-100 cents, with interest on capital added of 26 7-10 cents per day.

To the credit of the home at the beginning, of the year was real estate valued at $33,629 87, since which time, however, has been added to the institution furniture and improvements of all kinds made, which will swell the amount to nearly $40,000.

The large farm has been kept in good condition, the principal articles grown being oats, corn, potatoes, corrots, beets and all kinds of farm produce, from the sale of which is derived quite a revenue. Altogether everything is reported as being in a satisfactory condition.

The rest of the afternoon was taken up with a few accounts, all of which were referred to the finance committee.

It was moved by Mr. W. Scarrow that the books in the crown attorney's office, be allowed to remain, it being understood that the members of the County Council and officers of the county, shall at all times have access to them. Carried.

MRS. Randall, of Ekfrid township, insane and destitute, was given $100.

Friday Morning.

Committee work occupied the attention of the council at the session this morning, and nothing of importance was transacted.

A Miser's Bequest.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 8.—Joseph Deitch, an aged Hebrew, died in miserable quarters on South Alabama street to-day. His room was searched and his will found. The searchers also found packages of gold coin and packages of paper money amounting to $94,000. The dead man leaves most of his property to his wife and other relatives, but there are bequests ranging from $2,000 to $5,000 to various benevolent institutions.

An Anti-Cigarette League.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Commissioner Hubbell, of the Board of Education, has begun a crusade in the public schools against the cigarette habit, and yesterday the Board of Education approved of the crusade. Commissioner Hubbell has been investigating this subject for several week. At the meeting of the commissioners yesterday in moving a resolution to that effect he said: "This is not a crank movement nor is it a fad on my part. I use and enjoy tobacco myself, as do most of my colleagues on this board. I claim, however, that the cigarette has a specific injury on those of immature years." Schoolboys may become members of this league by signing a pledge to abstain from smoking cigarettes until they are 21 years old, and to use their influence to pursuade other boys to abstain.

THE GRAND JURY

Bring in Their Presentment at the Middlesex County Court.

The Jail and Asylum in Good Condition—The Cases in the Former Chiefly Due to Intemperance—The Late Judge Davis.

At 10 o'clock yesterday the concluding session of the Middlesex County Court begun. No cases remained on the docket, but the grand jury had prepared a lengthy presentment, which was read by Mr. Robinson Armitage, the foreman, to his Honor Judge E. Elliott. It dealt in detail with the various matters which had come before the members since the opening of the court, and stated that it was highly satisfactory to find such a small criminal docket, which must indicate at least the high moral standard of the general public throughout this large and prosperous county. The jail had been visited and every department was found clean and in good order, which spoke well for the careful supervision of those in charge. There are at present confined therein 26 males and 8 females, and the immediate cause of a large majority being incarcerated is traceable to intemperance in intoxicating liquors. The number was small, when all things were taken into consideration, especially the recent disturbance in the monetary institutions of the neighboring republic. This had caused a number to cross to Canada and commit unlawful practices.

The asylum had also been visited and the different wards found in a neat and comfortable condition, the attendants paying every attention to the unfortunates confined therein, the number of inmates being 1,019—486 males and 533 females. Too much could not be said of the courtesy extended to the jury by the officials.

In conclusion the presentment said: "We now feel it a duty incumbent upon us to refer to a matter which we very deeply regret, the death of Frederick Davis, our late and lamented judge. As a citizen while here in the flesh he always conducted himself in a manner that bore the stamp of Christian love and emulation, and an example was left by him which those who remain will do well to follow. His example was of the highest character and his whole life throughout one continued series of works both noble and commendable. But while we exceedingly regret his removal from us by the hand of death, we rejoice to know that in his successor we have the utmost confidence that justice will still prevail and we take this, our first opportunity, of congratulating your honor upon the appointment to a position so worthy and deserving, and we also feel sure that this promotion was not obtained without any meritorious acts having been exemplified in your past career."

In reply to the presentment Judge Edward Elliott congratulated the members of the jury for the thorough report presented. He said that some of the jails were lacking in many respects, but all were kept clean and in a thoroughly healthy condition. The judge heartily agreed with them in their opinion of the late Judge Davis, although he had not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with him.

The court was then closed.

LONDON AND ENVIRONS

—Hector, the Black Knight, addressed nearly 200 boys at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon. C. R. Sayer was in the chair and F. Ilbernight presided at the organ.

—Dr. Donald Maclean stated emphatically last night that there was absolutely no truth in the report that Capt. Grummond's ailment was blood-poisoning resulting from an operation performed by a chiropodist. Gangrene is the trouble. The doctor reported his patient's condition unchanged.—[Detroit Free Press. Many Londoners are familiar with the Grummond line of steamers, one of which plied between Port Stanley and Cleveland last summer.

Charged With Fraud.

High Constable Schram arrived home from Toronto yesterday afternoon with two prisoners in custody named Kieran and Stewart. They are now resident with Governor Kelley. There men, it is alleged, secured $485 under false pretenses from a Mr. Stalker, of Glencoe. It is alleged that the two prisoners obtained the loan of a sum of money from a bank, giving as security a quantity of wood. Then (if the charge is correct) they sold the wood to Stalker at the price mentioned and received the purchase money. When, however, Stalker went to take the wood he was intercepted by the bank authorities. Stalker swore out a warrant against the two prisoners, and this was executed with the result indicated.

"The Black Crook."

"The Black Crook" was presented at the Grand last night before a big and well-pleased audience. The show itself exceeded expectations and was not objectionable to the ladies present. The troupe is large, the scenery picturesque and diversified, and the costumes gorgeous. Mr. Frank Melville, as the Black Crook, is a clever actor, and his performance of this most difficult part was very fine. Mr. Chas. O'Brien as Greppo, was enthusiastically received and repeatedly encored. The specialty feature of the performance was the acrobatic turn of the brothers Rixford, the dance of the little Armstrong sisters being particularly good. There is a great deal of terpsichorean ability in the company. The plot, which is naturally colorless against the lurid melodramatic background, is very properly subordinated to spectacular effect, though the principals played their parts well.

Osgoode Hall Echoes.

Rightly vs. London Mutual Insurance Company.—Masten, for the defendant, McMillan, appealed from an order of Winchester, master, directing him to pay all the costs of an action to recover $325, the proceeds of a fire insurance policy on the premises in question, which were claimed by the plaintiff as owner, and by the defendant McMillan as mortgagee of the premises, in pursuance of his right to have them applied in rebuilding. The Master dealt by consent with the whole matter, and directed that the moneys be paid into the hands of an independent party, and applied in rebuilding, and, on completion of the repairs made, the order as to costs now appealed from. W. R. Riddell, for the plaintiff, opposed the appeal. Reserved.

Letter Carriers at Christmas Time.

Last week the Free Press published the following: "It has from time immemorial almost been the custom of the letter carriers to present around Christmas or New Year's cards to the patrons along their various routes. Householders were expected to give a small donation for these cards, generally a quarter. The sum gathered in by this means made quite an item to the carriers, and was looked forward to as confidently as salary day. Last year, however, the postoffice authorities issued a general order forbidding the carriers to issue these cards, and warning the public against paying them anything. The department is to issue similar orders this year, and the carriers do not like it at all. These Christmas douceurs ranged from $10 and $15 to $40 per carrier, so the reason for their dissatisfaction is easily seen." With regard to this statement the letter carriers feel that the Free Press has gone out of its way to give them "a cut," and some of them feel much aggrieved. They say that while they were forbidden to issue these cards, there was no "warning to the public against paying them anything," the Postmaster-General having no objection to their receiving Christmas presents. The carriers also state that they have received no official notification that they must not accept gifts as formerly at Christmas time.

A Church Law Suit Decided.

A last night's dispatch from Toronto says: To-day judgment was given in the action brought by the wardens of Christ Church, Amherstburg, to restrain the proceedings of a commission of inquiry directed by the defendant, the Rev. G. W. Innes, acting as commissary of the Bishop of Huron, into the affairs of the church. The defendants having notified the plaintiffs that the investigation would not be proceeded with. The only question remaining for adjudication was that of costs. The action was therefore dismissed without costs. G. W. Marsh, London, and W. L. Marsh, for the plaintiffs; S. H. Blake, Q.C., for the defendant, Innes; Betts, London, for defendant, Brown.

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Trade of all kinds is waiting. There is no visible improvement, and on the whole the indications are a little less satisfactory than they were a week ago. The failures for the week number 386, against 2,771 for the corresponding week last year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Bradstreet's says: To those who looked for improving volumes of sales in staple, commercial or manufacturing lines the week is disappointing. There are 28 failures in Canada, against 50 last week and 31 a year ago.

"Binkins says his trainer won't let him smoke cigarettes when he is getting ready for a foot-ball game." "That's only right. He wants to leave the man some chance for his life, doesn't he?"

Mme. Nuflye (whispering to her father, from the country, who is dining with her and a party of city guests)—"Father, you musn't tuck your napkin under your chin." Her father (in robust tones)—"I know it, Emily. But I ain't got no safety pin fer t' fix it."

A NEW process of rain-making was recently brought before the Academie des Sciences, Paris, by M. Baudoin. His theory is that electricity maintains the water in clouds in a state of small drops, and that if the electricity be discharged the water will come down.

THE Princess of Wales is exceedingly clever in matters of dress. The Queen had ordered a bonnet for a certain occasion. When it arrived it was found to be heavy, ugly and entirely devoid of taste. Nobody dared return it to the milliner. The Queen did not appreciate that she would look like a fright in it, so the Princess of Wales quietly took the bonnet, pulled and twisted it into shape until it became a tasteful head-dress.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cures coughs, colds, asthma, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles.

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For Christmas

We have just received some very choice souvenirs suitable for Christmas gifts. These goods are all new stock, and were selected with care. Every article is reasonable in price. The stock at present comprises some very elegant Manicure Sets, Odor Cases, Fancy Perfume Atomizers, Hair Brushes, Venetian Vases and Sachet Bottles, Toilet Waters, etc. We were always headquarters for Choice Perfumes, and this year we have some delightful odors from the best English and French makers. Orders by mail will receive our usual prompt attention.

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