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Amblerburg, Ont., Feb. 2.—James R. Gillean, proprietor of the Lakewey Hotel, here, is one of the happiest men in town.

One Tortured With Hot Irons By Masked Robbers.

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A Practical Mind.—Those opposition fellows at Columbus received a decided check.

Place for physicians to emigrate to is the city of Hamah, south of Aleppo.

Canadians are being advised to erect a new \$50,000 building.

THE MONEY FOUND ON THEM.

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WHAT IS GREAT BRITAIN'S GAME?

The London Press Comment in Severe Terms Upon Her Alleged Back-down in China.

The Globe's Caustic Criticism—An Official Statement Regarding the Negotiations.

FROM THE CAPITAL

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Montreal, Feb. 2.—Lieut.-Col. Domville, M.P., has come out strongly against the government bargain for the Yukon railway.

Col. Domville adds that if he were not Canadian he would favor the White Pass, as it is only thirty-six miles from Skagway, which is an open point to Lake Bennett and just to the west of Dawson City and Klondike at the end of the 150 mile portage at Teslin lake.

Col. Domville added that if the Canadian route is necessary, he favors the Edmonton route. A railway should be built from Edmonton to Athabasca landing, a distance of about 70 miles.

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WILL KNOCK OUT BOXING. Milwaukee, Jan. 31.—Chief of Police Jensen has decided to put a stop to all boxing contests in this city in the future.

President of Nicaragua Talks Freely—He Believes the Concessions Have Expired.

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New York, Feb. 1.—The Herald to-day prints an interview with President Zelaya of Nicaragua, obtained by its correspondent in Managua.

"Nicaragua would prefer dealing directly with the United States," said Zelaya, "in the matter of a canal across our country. The canal company has not lived up to its obligations—those included in the concession, and we consider that it has defaulted with it—only resort in further deference for this reason, we would prefer dealing directly with the United States."

"We consider that the concessions which are now held by the canal company expired some time ago and that they are therefore void, although the canal company thinks differently. The Tiptaps canalization is one of the most important features of failure of the company to keep its agreement and of the chief features of the arrangement made with Mr. Baker, the retired United States minister.

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