and have pronounced him out will soon be taken to

last night a thief paid steamer Sadie, lying at and stole three pairs of ptain Barry reported the ief Sheppard this morning. wor will be made to catch

on, alias Jim Anderson, ail charged with the theft ocket and chain from Mr. las street. Chief Shep-The case will come court Friday morning. ge of George C. McKiel e E. & N. railway, and Four Mile House, Craig-Jorbin and G. M. Calvert groom and bride. e was performed by Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McKiel it's steamer for Portland ling trip.

lickford, of the Dominion a, and Miss Ada E. Uned in marriage yesterday 's church, Rev. Canon ning the ceremony. The d Nellie nwin, sisters of: aded her, and they as well vere prettily gowned. Mr. supported by C. Bloomouple will make Victoria

of Central Presbyterian Bay, took place in the ning in the presence of a. ed the place to the doors .. sisted in the induction H. Rogers of Wellington. upbell and Rev. D. Macdress delivered were all: rvices closed with the doxology and benediction. by Rev. Rogers. varied collection of

United States and Canalarly of the province of bia, is on exhibition. at trade building. The exs to Mr. H. Rutland, and f years of patient labor. specimens would be a udy of geology, and they equally interesting to the

the Chinaman. charged. er a hearing in the police ning, committed for trial. ron gave evidence as to the prisoner, whom he ng the goods from an old he store which was robbed. ully identified the stolen a pretty complete case was inst the accused. About what was stolen was recov-

emen's sale of work at Bantist church on Tuesday large crowd on account of comical features. efreshment table and ies's fancy work on it, but attraction was the departover by A. B. McNeill. manner of articles made tripe supper served by and Walker was a feature. vening the glee club, led son sang, E. Clarke gave Mr. Firth sang and Mr.

er Woods, S.J., is a guest mens at the palace, on During his stay in the St. Andrew's Roman edral: Friday, December a., subject: "Faith and Its turday, 22nd, at 7:30 p.m., e Obligations of Faith;", morning, at 10:30, subxercise of Faith; evening. subject: "The Enemies of istmas midnight, subject:
of Faith in the World," :30, subject: "The Church, of Faith;" Sunday, De-0:30 a.m., subject: "The Faith;" 7 p.m., subject: the Year."

ship Mayor Teague, Adjud and Thomas J. Burnes, kindly serving as the agement on the charitable arted by the Times, have of the market building, day will be there from 11 to receive donations. They any needy persons, and serand clothing and food of be most welcome. They indly volunteered to take it and see to its distribut every house are different properly clothed poor peoant Archibald and Mayor a most worthy plan in nd the Salvation Army proas far as that is possible. absolutely impoverished.

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DRINKS' AWFUL WORK.

ally Murders His Wife

and Child.

he Then Makes an Unsuccessful

Own Life.

his head on the left side and immediate-

way in Sergeant Haywood boarded the

committing the most brutal and inhu-

man crime every perpetrated in this

eity. 'It was one of dual if not triple

At six o'clock the same morning the

mother and her three-year-old little Vio-

let were sleeping side by side when the

father strode into their room and wak-

about to kill her covered her half-open

The second girl shot, Mildred, on be-

in at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

saw him then. Be had some parcels.

out of the city.

Attempt to End His

VICTORIA, B. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1894.

I let him go, but I will wait for him and settle matters hereafter. I can't write any more.

Ask Adam if he has stolen a pipe itely, G. A. F. George Ashford of Vancouver Brutlately, The other letters were as follows: Vancouver, Dec. 22, 1894. To Fleming Robinson, Esq.:

Dear Sir:-You may recollect that a couple of years ago a shipment was made of some wood work from the wreck of the Beaver to New Westminster, and that a copper bolt was found missing on same on its arrival at its terday morning at about 8 o'clock destination. Devlin, who was the C. a man was seen on the Westminster and P. R. detective, had charge of the case conver tramway track just beyond and it was never found out who took ity limits, says the Vancouver the bolt. I write this to say that Adam Vancouver tramway track just beyond News-Advertiser of Sunday. As the Lougheed was the person who abstracted the article from the timber. Jack early tram approached on its way to the Munro, Ted Dering, Joe Cope and othcity he was noticed to pull a pistol and ers saw him do it. discharge the contents into the back of GEO. FRED. ASHFORD.

ly throw himself in front of the ap- To J. D. Turnbull: I will call for you on New Year's eve proaching car. It was stopped in time, however, the wounded man taken on are one minute late. You know what board and brought to town. On the I mean.

GEO. FRED. ASHFORD. Between waiting there and drinking he passed the night and with the apcar and arrested him on the charge of proach of dawn effected his horrible and

premeditated plan.

Little Mildred (now in the hospital), murder, and had for its sad victims the Willie, aged 10, and his brother Fred wife and two little children of its fiend- had all been at the singing practice at St. James' church the previous evening. The former two had been aroused by the shot. Willie ran to the neighbors who sent him down to Officer Thomas Crawford's. The officer was met on the street just going off night duty. ing them with the warning that he was Sending the boy further on to catch Officer Butler, Crawford hurried to the scene and met Mildred at the gate in eyes with a revolver and with the lead- her night dress. To a hurried question en missive pierced the left side of her the little one moaned "Oh, please, sir, head just below the ear. Reaching over I'm shot too." Entering the house he then shot Violet the ball entering be- the officer was just in time to prevent tween the eyes. He then shot at the other little one and ran out of the house whence he followed the tram line and in haste ran to a telephone and called up Dr. Bell-Irving. Returning he The second girl shot, Mildred, on being taken to the hospital was examined by Police Magistrate Jordan as she lay was then dressed and she was taken to en allittle cot in one of the wards. She the hospital where with Dr. Thomas an mildred Ashford is my name. I am found that she had been shot but once nine years old. My mother's name is above the left temple. The bullet had Ruth. My father's name is George. fortunately glanced off, not penetrating suffered a most severe shock, and although cheerful and patient as well as very brave while under the surgeon's hands, for some the condition was hex. He would not show ver

till he did some writing, and when he had a sleep he would show it. He opened one of the parcels. It was a bottle tended the prisoner. He was found to of whiskey. The same bottle was on the | be shot in the back of the head on the table this morning. When I came back from practice he was in bed. Father off inflicting a scalp wound a couple of slept in a bed with my little sister. I inches long. He had also a deep cut in was sleeping with mother. Father came into our room. I heard a bang. I was half asleep. I woke up. I heard mother scream. My father had shot her. She got the covers off heral highly excited condition and kept callshot her. She got the covers of her self. I saw blood come out of her mouth. She then put her head under oughly saturated with liquor though not day.

the blankets. He shot her again. He shot through the covering. He then shot at Violet. Then he shot at me. sufficiently so to produce delirium.

Ashford is a man of medium height and weight, who draws the pension of a He shot me in the head. I could hear sergeant-major. His thin haggard face Fred and Willie running down stairs. is worn and half-starved and carries I heard them crying. Father was load- but little expression with it, except the ing the gun at the light. Papa then ran away. I have not seen him since.

After I was shot I got up and lifted ago lost his position in the freight sheds mamma's head. She could not speak. of the C. P. R. because of his unsteady After I was shot I ran down stairs to habits.

The deceased wife is a daughter of shut the back door with Fred. My head was bleeding. I went over to Mr. Mr. Nelmes, a well known settler on the Thomas' house. Mr. Thomas said, "I Capilano. She was evidently a careful don't want to interfere in a dangerous and thrifty wife, and her home and ease like that." I then saw Officer children betokened no little taste and Crawford at the gate. (The boys had been down for him in the meantime.) work. In the former all the usual pre-parations for the approaching festival Mr. Crawford went upstairs. He came were on, even to the buying of the childdown and asked if there were any wo- ren's presents, while the neat clothes of the children, of whom five were at home, At this period the surgeons stepped in and their respectful hearing and lanand refused to allow the examination to guage speaks volumes for the worth of

It seems almost in-child could have such Amongst the neighbors and his felcredible that a child could have such low workmen the prisoner appears to A visit was made to the shattered home near the corner of Campbell ave-aue and Keefer street in the east end. have been always a weak and peculiar man, but of the rest of the family sentiment was quite the reverse. Nothing as yet had been disturbed. Up-en the fatal bed the bodies of mother and baby girl yet lay side by side welter-

The bodies were yesterday removed to the morgue where a post mortem examination will be held to-morrow, when the

NICARAGUA CANAL.

Will be Built with or Without Assistance from Congress.

did not go to bed but probably lay down tates congress has become a certainty.

OUR OWN COUNTRY. Dickey's Price for Entering the Cabinet - The Chignecto Ship Railway.

The Contest in Kingston-A Miller Drops Dead A Defaulter Arrested.

Halifax, Dec. 24.-It is reported here and generally credited, that Dickey, of Cumberland, before accepting the portfolio of Secretary of State, exacted a promise from Bowell that the time for the completion of the Chignecto ship railway, as demanded by the company, be extended to enable them to complete the work. If this scheme is carried through it means that three and a half millions of public money will be thrown away on an undertaking which nine-tenths of the people in the Maritime Provinces believe will be useless.

Orangeville, Ont., Dec. 24,-J. W. Fish, a laborer living at Hockley, a small village from here, has been arrested on a charge of incest laid against him by his own son and a few of the neighbors a short time ago

Kingston, Dec. 24.-Though the date for polling in the contest to fill the va-cancy in the legislature caused by the unseating of Dr. Smythe, has not yet been named, candidates are canvassing hard. At the market on Saturday the Conservative candidate met a large number of electors and was given much encouragement. Hon. William Harty arrived from Toronto on Saturday afternoon and immediately went on with his canvass.

London, Ont., Dec. 24.—John M. Lord, formerly collector for London West, was arrested at Detroit on Friday night. He is charged with having embezzled \$2000. Officers have been searching for him since June last. He has decided to cross the river without extradition papers.

Amherst, Dec. 24.-Hon. A. R. Dickey, the new secretary of state, has returned from Montreal where he was sworn He was given a reception and delivered a speech in reply to the ovation.

Toronto, Dec. 24,—John Musgrave,
aged 57, a miller in Queen City mill, Toronto Junction, dropped dead while at work last evening. His son and daughter were to have been married on

Christmas day.

Port Elgin, Ont., Dec. 24.—The residence of Mr. Moore, near this town, was burned last night and his seven-

shott in quest resulted in John Hendershott in quest resulted in John Hender-shott and William D. Weller being ar-rested about noon, charged with the murder of Hendershott on or about December 14. They took the arrest very coolly. It is alleged they commit-ted the murder for young Hendershott's life insurance, which is payable to the uncle. Hendershott and Weller went into the woods a week ago to fell trees, and Weller reported that his companion had been killed by a tree falling on him. Suspicion was aroused, and an investigation was followed by the arrest to-

Quebec, Dec. 21.—The Montreal bill was up before the private bills committee to-day, when the clause to tax telegraph companies \$1 on each pole and \$10 per mile length of wire was carried. Lucknow, Dec. 21.-Alexander Fraser was committed by the magistrates' court to-day for trial, charged with murdering his sister, Mrs. Robert Elder of this town, with whom he lived unhappily. Last Wednesday Mrs. Elder was found dead under suspicious circumstances. The woman's right arm was broken and there were many bruises on her head. A coroner's inquest was held and subsequently a warrant was sworn out against Fraser, who bears an unsavory reputation. He will be taken to the county jail to await trial at the spring

Toronto, Dec. 21.-Dr. Pickering, coroner of Toronto, said to-day that he would take proceedings against his wife for divorce. Two years ago he got injured by a street car and went to Europe for treatment. While away his wife, Dr. Annie Pickering, met G. M. Inglis, a fine looking American agent here for the Blake Engine company, of Boston, and the coroner says she has had illicit relations with him ever since.

THE POPE'S ENCYCLICAL. Deals at Length with the Religious Sit-

uation in America. Paris, Dec. 22.-According to the Correspondente Politique, whose vatican attaches are usually well informed, the pope has finished the encyclical intended for the United States. It is most probable that the document will be published at the end of the year. It deals at length with the religious situation in the United States, and especially with those two important questions, the Catholic university at Washington and the apostolic legation. The pope en courages the clergy and the Catholics of the United States to support the Washington university. It is said that in dealing with the legation the pope in tends to extend the competency, raising t to a sort of ecclesiastical supreme tribunal, to which all religious questions now under the jurisdiction of the propaganda will be referred. The pope also intends addressing an apostolic letter opposite the iron church, Douglas street. to the bishops of the different South Every lady welcome whether purchasing

of all the Hispano-American bishops Diplomatic relations will probably be resumed shortly between the vatican and Nicaragua, Chili and the Argentine Re-

ALL WILL ENJOY IT. How Christmas Will Be Observed in the Various Institutions.

The aged and infirm and the orphans will not be forgotten in the Christmas festival, and the prisoners at the jail will also have reason to feel pleased. At the Protestant Orphans' home there will be a Christmas dinner. Kind friends have donated turkeys, geese and plum puddings. Next Friday the parentless babes will be given a Christmas tree entertainment. The old men of St. Joseph's hospital, whom the sisters are their minds cleared if they spent an hour keeping, will be kindly treated. Plum with the Times Christmas fund commitpudding and roast beef and mince pies will be on the bill of fare. Caretaker Sutherland will look after the old men at the home; they will fare very well Christmas day. There will be a Christmas dinner at the Jubilee hospital, and in the afternoon the Arion club will give a concert, at which the patients will be

JAPANESE ARE AMBITIOUS.

Having Defeated the Chinese They Times. Waat to Take Charge of the Country.

Their Cherished Aspirations Are attention of the committee since they Fulfilled Regarding Foreign Treaties.

was read by the premier. The emperor

are steadily pressing forward. The saries of life. We who have meat at neutral powers are more friendly than each meal, or whenever we desire it, ever. Our long cherished aspirations may think it an easy matter to go with for a revision of our treaties have alout meat for three months; but just try ready been fulfilled with several countries, and with others negotiations are hard work or, harder still, walking the progressing favorably.'

from an article in the Shanghai Mercury which says: "One of the conditions of peace which the Japanese want is to Another sad case was that of a little

A Cheefoo dispatch says the mutiny other cases of Chinese troops at Weihaiwei is ended, the soldiers having been paid. A disatch from Shanghai states that the third Japanese army is reported to have landed west of Chee Foo and cap-

province of Chan Lung, on the south shore of the Gulf of Pechili. since the war began. One hundred miles north of the Yalu river, where the hattle of Husan was fought on the 5th of October, the high road to Moukden climbs over a gorge between precipitous hills. The place is called Motienling, or "Heaven-touching pass," and was esvember 15 a Japanese scouting party attempted to force this pass, but concluding, after the loss of four men that the place could not be assailed from the front without great bloodshed, they

fell back, and having obtained reinforcements divided into two bodies, of which agaist the southern advance of the enemy from Motien, and the other, under Major-General Tachimi, entered by a road leading, after many windings, through the mountains past the eastern flank of Motien until it strikes the main by the enemy in great strength, but sucvere skirmish, in which the Japanese lost forty men. Meanwhile scouting detachments had been sent forward to clear subscriptions received since Saturday the rear of Tachimi's flanking column, and on December 20 one of these detachments was completely outnumbered and forced back by Manchu soldiers, A. McG. losing several men. Thus the Chinese scored for once. The Japanese, however, soon threw forward fresh troops and drove the enemy into the mountains leastward while Tabling continued in J. T. Shann eastward, while Tachimi continued his difficult march until on November 20th he found himself confronted with Chinese forces at a considerable distance north of the heaven-touching pass. An engagement ensued, in which the Chinese were completely routed. They retired precipitately, leaving 25 of their number dead on the field and abandoning a considerable quantity of small arms and ammunition. There is little doubt that the Tachima brigade have

Doll and Toy Exhibition.

PART 1.

Many Victoria Homes Have Been Brightened by the Times

Christmas Fund.

HELPING THE NEEDY

It Will be Kept Open as More Than Temporary Help is Required.

A great deal of assistance has been extended to the poor of the city during the past few weeks, but there are still many homes the inmates of which are having a life and death struggle to make both ends meet. There are many people who may think this an exaggeration tee at the market hall, where they have been busy again to-day distributing clothing and provisions to the needy ones. Several hundred men, women and children have already been provided, for, and the good work is still going on. Mayor Teague, Adjutant Archibald and President Burnes, of the B. C. Benevolent society; are used to being among the poor of the city, but even they were not aware that there was as much des titution in the city as has been brought to light since they opened the room at the market hall at the request of the

"It is simply incredible," said Adjutant Archibald, and he commenced to tell the Times representative of some of the cases that had been brought to the commenced their labors, and all are deserving, as the members of the com-mittee are too well acquainted to be taken in by unworthy people. One family London, Dec. 24.-A Tokio dispatch had not had meat on their table for says the Japanese diet was opened to- three months. The father, a hard workday in a speech from the throne, which ing man, had been able to get but a few days' work during each "Our forces have been victorious and and keep his family in the bare necesstreet from morning till night looking for A Shanghai dispatch gives an extract something to do. The unfortunate

Besides the regular fund, which has been materially increased since Saturday evening, many contributions of provis-ions and clothing have been received and placed where they can do the most good. tured Lai Chow, a seaport town in the Realizing that more than temporary Tokio, Dec. 8.—(Per steamer City of assistance is required, the Times has Pekin to San Francisco.)—The Chinese decided to keep the fund open for one assistance is required, the Times has have won their first military success or two weeks at least, and as far as possible help the needy to tide over the winter months.

The committee in giving orders have distributed patronage among the different dealers. Late this afternoon the street in front

or "Heaven-touching pass," and was esteemed absolutely impregnable. On No- and children in need of aid. Not one asked for money; all they wanted was

"Gentlemen, we are forwarding by bearer, with our compliments, eight one remained to hold the trunk roads sacks of flour from ourselves; two bales rolled oats from C. E. Renouf, for distribution as you think most fit. truly, The Brackman & Ker Milling Co., D. R. Ker, manager." Any person whose wants have not yet

been attended to, may, by applying at route a good deal north of that place. The former of these forces was attacked at 11 o'clock, obtain the needed relief, the market hall on Wednesday morning there being still a lot of clothing and ceeded in beating him back after a se- provisions on hand from both the Times and Benevolent Society funds. The fund now stands as follows, the

> evening being as follows: Amount previously acknowledged ... \$179 00 A Friend ..... A. H. H.

BISHOP ATLAY DEAD.

A Prominent Divine Passes Away after a Useful Career.

London, Dec. 24.-The Right Rev. J. Atlay, D.D., bishop of Hereford, is dead. He was born at Wakerley, Northampemergeu on the main road and that the celebrated heaven-touching pass is turned. If so, Moukden lies virtually at bridge, where he obtained a fellowthe mercy of the Japanese, supposing they care to push on, but the hardships endured by the troops in marching over the Chapel Royal, Whitehall, from 1856 to 1858. After occupying the position of senior tutor in his college he was in 1859 elected to the vicarage of Leeds. In 1861 he was appointed a canon of Ripon and in 1868 was nominated by the crown to the see of Hereford in succession to Dr. Hampden.

thing of no further use toout they would prove wery to start a sort of restaurant ngry may be fed. There of available rooms in the can be fitted up for little hold of the matter. It is un it on lines of the strictand yet make it self-sup-

served at cost to the hunave any money at all and e a wood sawing depart-

The idea will very

an able bodied man can in effect in a few days.

> One addressed on the outside to "Jordan, Esq., police magistrate," was on the inside directed "To the World at It read: To the World at Large: I have been the cause of having six young children, and I do not think it

n the sitting room

pluck and endurance.

right to leave them on the earth without support, so I take them with me. The little girls will never have to go on the streets for a living, and their poor mother will be an angel.

in their gore and with faces bestain-

ed with the streams that had oozed from

the pierced brains.

As far as could be learned the history

George Frederick Ashford, the unhap-

eding evening after a day spent like

many previous ones in drinking. It

night have been about nine o'clock. He

in his clothes for a few hours, after

which he arose and wrote the following

etters; which were found on the table

py father, had returned home the pre-

the crime ran as follows:

I intended to have revenge upon Adam, the scab, but if I had tried it I

inquest will also be opened.

London, Dec. 21.—Chairman Bartlett of the stockholders re-organization committee of the Nicaragua Canal in an interview to-day said the whole of the Nicaragua shares at his disposal had been taken in England. He could have sold many times the amount of shares he possessed had they been available. He will sail for New York next week for organization of a new construction company and complete arrangements to place securities of the company in the United States and Europe. Active work upon the canal will be begun soon. Among the members of the re-organization committee are some of the leading | English politicians and scientists. Bartlett says the building of the canal with or without the assistance of the United

Dick's Liniment cures would have had to leave my little ones to the cold mercy of the world. But All Lameness and Sprains this precedes a grand national council little ones to see it.