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ent, he said, not only duty of the Government, he said, not only to relieve distress, but to prevent its re-currence by improving the communica-tions. Of the 400,000 inhabitants in the famine-threatened territory in Silesia, 85,-000 are destitute. INTERNATIONAL TOTAL ABSTINENCE CON-FERENCE. The proposed international conference against the use of intoricants will meet at Brussels. It will be attended by many of the leading total abstainers of England. RELIEF FOR THE DISTRESSED. A Dublin despatch says the Bishop of Cleveland, Ohio, has forwarded to the Bishop of Ress, \$1,000 for the poor of Ire-land. Lord Beaconsfield has subscribed \$500 to the Irish Distress Fund. LONDON, Dec. 21. RETURN OF THE PRINCESS LOUISE. Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise sails for Canada in the Sarmatian on January 22nd. SUDDEN DEATH OF & BISHOP. The Bishop Suffragan of Guilford, died suddemly to-day, during service in the church at Ryde. The scene was a very painful one. DR. KENEALY. DR. KENFALT. It is understood that the steps for a writ of error in the Tichborne case were taken under the advice of Dr. Kenealy. It is stated the case will be taken to the House of Lords for final decision, and that Kenealy will exercise his right as a mem-ber of the Irish bar to appear for Orton before that tribunal CANADIAN CATTLE ON EXHIBITION IN LON-DON. A consignment of five hundred American and Canadian cattle were lately exhibited in London, which attracted great atten-tion and admiration on account of their superior size and superb condition. THE CAPTURE OF SECOCOENI'S STRONGHOLD. A Capetown despatch of the 2nd inst. asys Secceemi's town was captured by the British on November 28th. Two of Seco-coemi's captains were killed, and two cap-tains and two lieutenants were wonnded. Secocoemi's loss was heavy. The British lost twenty-five men. LONDON, Dec. 22. Mr. Parmell, previous to his departure for New York yesterday, said he hoped that one of the results of his visit to the United States would be to show that the heart of Americans would beat warmly towards Ireland. He said if Davitt was unt on tight of the said if Davitt was put on trial, or if repressive measures were introduced in the House of Commons before the 1st of March next, when he in-tended to return, he would return imme-diately. SEVERE WEATHER AT THE GAY CAPITAL." The fund started by the Figaro for the lief of the poor in Paris reached \$200,000. The severe weather in Paris reached \$200,000. The severe weather in Paris continues. Several deaths in the street from cold and privation are reported. The Seine is pas-able afoot at several points within the city. SOUTH AFRICA'S TROUBLES AT AN END. A Capetown telegram say the capture of the stronghold of the chieftain Secocoeni has given the finishing stroke to native dis-turbances in South Africa. NORDENSKJOLD'S RECOMMENDATION.

Nordenskield & RECOMMENDATION. Nordenskield, the Arctic explorer, advo-cates the establishment of a regular navi-gation line to the mouth of the river Yeni-sei, Siberia. He believes the mouth of the river Lena may be regularly reached from Russia and America. He preposes the establishment of a life boat and hospital stations on the Siberian shore. MR. BRIGHT'S IDEAL NATION. The Paris Le Temps, discussing Mr. John Bright's speech at Rochale, says Bright's ideal is a State without an army, and the American Republic with 25,000

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graphs that Gen. laft to the jury. The judgment held with ment of reinforce. Mr. Justice Monk that there could be willeft to the jury. The judgment and win Mr. Justice Monk that there could be wil-fully false and deceptive statements in mis-classification, but upon the formor point the verdict was quashed. No new trial was ordered, the parties being left to whatever remedies they might have.

of the anti-featers." THE AGITATION STILL VIGEBOUS. The land sgitation still continues with almost as much vigour as ever and meet-ings have been held in Balls district, num-ber 26 and 28. Dempsey, the head of the family recently evicted at Loonamoor, still haunts the neighbourhood of his old heme, but without any apparent designs in so doing EDISON'S INDUSTRY.

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VIEWS OF THE KNOWING ONES AT CALCUTTA. It is expected that the knowledge on the part of the Afghan leaders of the efforts of the Colonial Government to hasten the oncentration of reinforcements in Peaha-wur, to be forwarded as rapidly as possible through the Khyber Pass, will induce them to take aggressive action before the army at Shirpur can be materially increased. The contrast new of the situation set forth in the official despatches and the Govern-ment organs is far from being abared by many prominent English residents at Cal-cutta, who have personal knowledge of the country and the perils of winter warfare among the mountain passes. The condi-tion of matters they hold to be extremely oritical, and declare that the Home Gov-ment must soon win an emphatic ad-vantage, or submit to a compromise equiva-lent to the abandonment of the military co-tor cupation.
RUSSIAN CHABGES OF CRUELTY. The St. Petersburg Gazette says the Afghan revolt is due to the cruelty of the Rugsia victors. It charges General Roberts with grose cruelty towards the Afghans.

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