HE WAS KING OF PERSIA.

Rev. Dr. Talmage Speaks of Ahasuerus' Miserable Life.

He Had Everything at His Command, But Was a Most Unhappy Man-The Dr. Draws a Lesson From the Life of This Man to the People of the Present Age.

Rev. Dr. Talmage preached from the that showed themselves in a ridicul-following txt:—"On that night could ous way, so that when he came back not the king sleep."—Esther vi., 1.
Three persons seated at a table in

a Persian palace. Ahasuerus, grander in stature and more beautiful in features than any man in all his army of two millions, three hundred and seventeen thousand men. Esther, the belle of the empire, the most attrac-tive woman of all the nation brought together in a group, and she selected out of the group pre-eminently attractive. Haman, who was prime minis-ter, or secretary of state, the Bismarck of the realm, standing next to the king. It is a private party in the queen's parlors. Tou may get some idea of the bill of fare when I tell you that the whole empire was tributary to that table. What rare meat of bird, and fish, and quadruped! What rare fruits of raisin and fig, and pomegranate, and apples of gold in caskets of silver. What rare wines smacking of the sunshine of Arabia and Syria! The upholstery looking as if it had been dyed in rising and setting suns. The furniture of room and lounge, and cup, and tankard, and spoon of an independent pattern, drawn out by the artists of the king. The floor, looking like a fallen rainbow. Clouds of curtains hovering amid marble statuary. The music of a full band mingling with the laugh-ter of Minnehaha, or the voices of falling waters. But now the sun strikes aslant through the queen's banquetinghall and across the rinds and peelings of the grape clusters, and the path of the spilled wine, and the intoxicated cheeks of the bleer-eyed banqueters. Ahasuerus rises to depart. The officers of the palace appear as his escort. With blundering and staggering steps he gets into the sedan, and is carried to his canopled couch, and retires for the night. Come in, O sleep! through the window hangings of Tyrian purple, and put your soft feet on the king's eyelids. Walt upon him, sweet dreams! Kiss him, breath of frankincense and rosemary! There he is, the owner of from India to Ethiopia! Let the chamberlains draw the curtain around this son of fortune. Let the light be lowered. Let the sentry outside the door stop their pacing. Let everything be silent. The officers of the guard outside give their orders in a whisper.

NIGHT IN SHUSHAN. Night in all the land. Night in the and crying, "Get up. This is the verge palace. Standing outside the sleeping of hell! No sleep! No sleep!" cough, and then a groan, then the turning over on the imperial couch, and last of all the voice of the king saying: "Let the officers of the guard Chronicles and read to me. I can't. sleep." Sleep for the scullions in the king's kitchen, and for the pages who eepers of the imperial park, and for the grooms who polish the smooth coats of the horses in the royal moves; that night could not the king sleep.

You see that sleep is a mixture mide by God's own finger. We are told hat He keeps in heaven a bottle in v. He gathers all the tears of His calldren, and after awhile those tear tre changed into pearls for crowns, and then the bottle is empty. Methinks God puts into that bottle a few drops of quiet, a few drops of forgetfu ness, and a few drops of restoration, mingles them together, then dips his finger into the mixture and bathes us into new life and invigoration. O heaven-de-scended sleep! May God give us eight hours of it out of every twenty-four Better be in a hovel with sleep than in the Tuilleries without it. But Ahasuerus cannot get one drop of that mix ture. What is the matter? "Why," you say, "it is indigestion. He has been gormandizing and now he is only paying the penalty." O. no. He had taken enough wine to counteract that. in perfect peace tonight. That would not have hindered you from hearing his drunken snore side the palace. What was the matter? He lies down uron his back, trying in sleep. He turns over on his right side, but no sleep. Then he counts the shadows on the wall, hoping to put him-"On that night could not the

There may have been three or four reasons for this fidget and restlessness.

One was the care of the kingdom. A this moment. You will go home. United States president, a British door will be closed. After a few mo-queen, a Russian czar, have no care ments of conversation about what compared with this Ahasuerus. He happened at the tabernacle, you will has one nundred and twenty-seven try to compose youself for sleep. You provinces, not bound together by tele- will get wider and wider awake. God graph wires or railroad tracks. Any, will stand by your pillow, saying: moment that empire may be disintegrated; so he cannot sleep. Besides have you been doing? No repentance. that, he is ambitious, and he is going to make a conquest. If you knew that tomorrow morning you would make say: "Who is it that so addresses twenty thousand dollars or one hundred thousand dollars, you would not Maker and thy Judge;" and the sweat sleep tonight. Three or four times you would be up in the night, striking a match to see if it were not toward morning. And here this Ahasherus cannot sleep because he is going to conquer Greece. He is going to rally

an army of FIGHTY THOUSAND HORSE and one million seven hundred thousand foot, and he is going to have four thousand two hundred ships. The queen of Mithridates had a blue band on her ferehead, showing that she was queen of the realm; but one day that band slipped from her forehead under her chin and strangled her life out. And so it is with the ambitions of thisworld; they lead a soul not so much to glory as to death. He had raging

ous way, so that when he came back from that Grecian expedition he was so mad at the river Hellespont for breaking up his bridge of boats that he ordered his servants to whip that river with three hundred lashes, compelling his servants to cry out while they were lashing the river: "Thou bitter water thy master puts upon thee these stripe ly. O, treacherous and unsavoury stream." Of course such a man as that could not sleep. Besides that, his conscience troubled him. It spurned he pillow. No chloral, no extract of poppy, no morphine can put a man to sleep when his conscience rasps him. What had Ahasuerus been doing? Do-ing? Why, when Vashti, his first wife, refused to come in and display her beauty before an obscene and adul-terous crowd of princes, he hurled her, weeping and exiled, down the palace stairs, and divorced her for nothing but her virtues. His appetite was his God, and he flung contempt in the face of heaven. He had turned his palace into a foul seraglio, and debauched the empire with his uncleanness. He had decreed the massacre of the whole Jowish nation, saying: "Wherever you find a Jew, kill him." Of course he could not sleep! Could you have slept under such circumstances? O! there is nothing like an aroused conscience to keep a man awake when he wants to sleep. There was a ruler who one morning was found with his sword cutting a nest of swallows to pieces? "Why." he replied, "those swallows keep saying that I muidered my fa-ther." The fact was, that the man had committed the crime, and his conscience, by divine ventriloquism. was speaking out of that bird's nest. more he tried to sleep

THE WIDER HE GOT AWAKE. All around about his pillow the past came. There, in the darkness, stood Vashti, wan and wasted in banishment. There stood the princes whom he had despoiled by his evil example There were the representatives of the house he had blasted by his infamous demand that the brightest be sent to his palace; broken hearted parents crying: 'Give me back my child, thou vulturous soul!' The cutrages of the past flitting along the wall, swinging from the tassels, crouching in the corner, groaning under the pillow, setting their heels on his consuming brain

occasionally passed sleepless nights? What was the reason? Was it sickness? Was it overwork? Was it be-Was it the unrepented sins of your past life that came your pillow? Was it trouble? You'remember how the clock ticked. You remember how long it was from the striking of one in the morning until the striking of two, and still longer from two to three, and when at last the day began to look through the lattice, how quickly you rose up and surrendered every attempt to sleep. There are souls in this house who will not sleep tonight. You say: "O! my Lord, how can I sleep? The house is so dreadfully still since my little one died. No one to give a drink to in the night. No one to wake me in the morning with Will not the Lord take me out of it?' O! bereaved soul, I can make up some thing you can sleep on. As sometimes they make a pillow of soothing herbs that the patient may put his head on and forget his pain, so tonight, bereaved soul, I would make up a pillow for thy head-a pillow of Divine promises-promises of reunion in a tearless realm, promises of explana-tion for things that are dark, promises of resurrection for all the dead. O! put your head on that pillow, and

HUSH ALL YOUR LOSSES. Hush all your bereavements. Hush all

let the fingers of a comforting and

sympathetic Christ close your eyelids

your complaints. "So He giveth His beloved sleep." But there are those here who will not sleep tonight, for another reason. This is the night when your unforgiven sins will cry out against you. They will come clamouring around your pil low as the sins of Ahasuerus clamour this moment. You will go home. The "Where did you come from? No tears. No pardon. No life. No hope. No heaven." And you will of a great agony will come out on you and before tomorrow morning you will get up and kneel down, and pray. That will be the history of hundreds in this house tonight. "O!" says some one, "you don't know me. I am a good sleeper, and no sooner will I put my head on the pillow than I will be unconscious." Ah! perhaps I made a mistake, then, in regard to your case. I may be mistaken in the prophecy with reference to you particularly, for you may be one of those who go to sleep on earth and wake up in hell, where they never sleep. "O!" says some one, "I'll joke off all this impression. I'll caricature the preacher. I'm good at drawing. And then I'll just say to my jeering companions, How is your poor soul? and with merriment

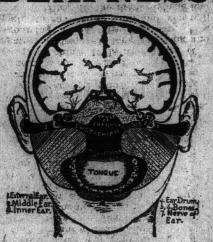
and all the thought of the future."
No, you cannot do it. Ahasuerus tried to drown the voice of his conscience with wine, with libertinism, with fame, with all kinds of indulgence, until, in his satiety, he actually offered a re-ward for somebody who would

INVENT A NEW PLEASURE; and while all the enjoyments and hon-ors and excitements came tippling up against that pillow in the Shushan pal-ace "on that night could not the king

madame; no, sir; if the Holy Spirit is in your heart tonight you cannot drown out this religious imn. It will be as it was last Sabbath night, when there were two persons sitting before me so thoroughly given up to merriment while I was eaching, that I thought I must stop in the midst of my sermon and call of the service, they came asking the way to heaven, and they are now in this house sitting in the peace of Christ, those few days of pardon giving them more joy than all the days of their worldly hilarity. Ah, my riends, you cannot with outside glee stop the inside tremor. Whirl around all the dancers, clap all the cymbals of defiance, fill the air with guffaw of ribaldry and might, and Ahaseurus cannot sleep tonight. O man immor tal, O woman immortal, how can you tal, O woman immortal, how can you sleep unforgiven? all your lifetime transgressions gathering together, each one of them enough for your eternal discomfiture, yet piling up and piling up, and spreading out and spreading out, and crowding closer and closer. O God, what will they do with their close the interest of the life. sins? the unfortunate sins of their life like hounds on their track, flashing like fiery bolts from the clouds, slipping from above like an avalanche. They might as well try to sleep in the top story of a house when all the rooms underneath are in flames, and the fire is singeing their locks: they might as well try to sleep when the foundering steamer is making its last plunge. How can you sleep at the memory of misimproved mercies? Where is your neglected Bible? Where is your father's deeth-bed, your mother's death-bed? What is that on your hands, on our forehead, on your cheek, on your chin? It is the blood of a neglected despised long-suffering and agonizing Jesus. He has come this night to cave your soul, and you will not let Him. If the devils in the lost world had one such offer of mercy they would leap for it as a shipwrecked man for the last life-boat. O, how can you sleep when you are so near last offer of pardon and mercy Do you see that excitement in heaven's The Holy Spirit is departing from hea-

A VERY SOLEMN MESSAGE. He is coming with His last offer of pardon to your soul, and the angels gather around the Holy Spirit and "Plead nard tonight. Do not give him up. Plead hard, tonight;" and the Spirit is descending, coming through the night air. He had alighted in this room. He is right before your soul. It is your immortal soul! and the Holy Ghost, O, gracious Spirit, conquer him tonight. Since heaven and hell are involved in this interview search him, rouse him, melt him, save him. "No," says the Holy Chost: "I will say no more. I will just stop now for a minute to see whether he will accept pardon or whether he will re-ject it;" and the Holy Spirit lifts one wing for departure; and if He lifts and with that one wing lifted for de-parture, I feel the last moment of waiting throbbing through the air the last moment. For some soul here both wings are lifted and He vanishes Gone, your oportunity of pardon. Gone, your hope for heaven; while a voice breaks from the throng, saying, Ephriam is joined to his idols; let him alone!" O, you unpenitent souls, how can you sleep tonight in view of death and judgment and eternity?

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HE DESERVES TT. Smith-Brown has applied for a pen

Jones-Why, he wasn't in the war. Smith-No, but he claims to have passions, this man Ahasuerus, that I'll drown out all thought of the pres-would not let him sleep—passions ent, and all the thought of the past, in the magazines.—Chicago News. lost his eyesight reading war articles

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SHIP NEWS

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived.

Nov. 14.—Str Atlas (Am), 1234, Forsett, from Philadelphia, Imperial Oil Co, oth.
Sch Lizzie B, 81, Belyea, from Thomasten, Elkiu and Hatfield, bal.
Sch Georgie D Loud (Am), 147, Sanborn, from —, J H Scammell and Co, bal.
Sch E H Foster, 124, Wilcox, from New York, R W Williams, coal.
Sch Avon, 182, McKeil, from New York, Splane and Johnston, coal.
Sch Avon, 187, McKeil, from New York, Sch Jb Vandusen, 177, Janes, from St.
John for New York (returned).
Sch Reporter, 121, Gilchrist, from New York, R C Elkin, coal. Sch Reporter, 121, Gliching, ork, R C Rikin, coal. Sch D W B, 129, Holder, from New York, Canning; sen Rusy, 10, Dean, from Rusakh
Now 16—Str Prince Edward, Lockhart
from Beston, A C Currie, mdse and pass.
Sch Melrose, 28, Black, from Eastport
master, bai.
Sch Roger Drury, 307, Dixon, from Portland, to Hillsboro.
Coastwise—Schs Nina Blanche, 20, Crocker, from Freeport; May Queen, 38, Smith
from North Head; Buda, 20, Stuart, from
Beaver, Harbor; Helen Maud, 28, MeDiarmid, from fishing; Minnie C, 18, Bailey, do;
Alph B Parker, 30, Outhouse, from Tiverth; Vesta Pearl, 40, Perry, from Westport;
J W Raymond, 35, Swain, from Yarmouth.

Cleared. Str Atlas, Forsett, for Philadelphia. Sch John Stroup, Whelpley, for Boston. Sch Quetay, Hamilton, for New York. Sch Onward, Colwell, for Greenwich Conn.
Sch Myra B, Gale, for Boston.
Sch Hunter, Kelson, for New York.
Sch Jennie C, Barton, for Westerby, R L.
Coastwise—Str LaTour, Smith, for
Compobello; schs Carrie W Benson, for
North Head; Temple Bar, Longmire, for
Bridgetown: Brisk, Johnston, for Campobello; Rise and Go, Sirls, for Campobello.
15th.—Sch J P Vandusen, Hall, for New
York—re-clearance. York—re-clearance.
Coastwise—Schs Evelyn, McDonough, for Shules; Ruby, Dean, for Musquash; Hustler, Gesner, for Bridgstown; str Beaver, Holmes, for Canning; Happy Home, Door, for Beaver Harbor; Annie, Chisholm, for Annapolis; Glide, Tufts, for Alma.

Nov. 16—Str St Croix, Pike, for Boston.
Str Prince Edward, Lockhart, for Boston.
Sch Hattie Muriel, Wasson, for Quiacy.
Sch Rebella W Huddell, for City Island fo.
Coastwise—Schs Lillie G, Benson, for An-

land f c.

Coastwise—Schs Lillie G, Benson, for Anrapolis; Yarmouth Packet, Shaw, for Yarmouth; Susie N. Merriam, for Canning;
Vesta Psarl, Perry, for Westport; Chaparral, Mills, for Advocate Harbor; Ethel,
Trahan, for Belleveau's Cove.

CANADIAN PORTS.

Arrived. At Hillsboro, Nov 14, sch Harry W Lewis.
Read, from St John.
At Canning, Nov 14, sch Keewaydin, McLellan, from St John.
At Hillsboro, Nov 15, schs Pearl Cameron, from River Hebert; Cheslie, Cochran,
from Port Greville.
At Windsor, Nov 13, sch Carrie Maud,
Winters, from Parrsboro.

At Chatham, Nov 14, bark Shakespeare, Jensen, for Londen.

At Hillsboro, Nev 11, schs Frederick Roissener, Rogers, for Newark; Wascano, Balter, for Salem, fo; Charles L Jeffrey, Theall, for Newark; Hattle A Marsh, Mehaffey, for Philadelphia.

At Hillsboro, Nov 15, schs Pearl, Harvey; Elwood Burton, Wasson, for Hoboken.

At Canning, Nov 14, sch Ethel B Kirkstrick, for Boston.

At Windsor, Nov 8th, schs Southern Cross King, for Boston; Phoenix, Newcomb, for New York; 11th, Calabria, for New York.

BRITISH PORTS.

At Falmouth, Nov 15,5 bark Austria, Pal-At Falmouth, Nov 13, bark Austria, Falmer, from Buenos Ayres.

At Cardiff, Nov 13, bark Tordenskjold, Jensen, from Shediac.

At Port Spain, Cct 17, brig W E Stowe.

Smeltzer, for Lunenburg (and sailed 24th for Turk's Island): 25th, sch Alina, Longhurst, for Lockeport.

At Hong Kong, Nov 11, bark Belmont Ladd, from Manila for Portland, O.

Sailed. From Cardiff, Nov. 14, str Mantinea, for From Turks Island, Oct 26, sch Arctic, Seaboyer, for Boston.
From Cape Town, Oct 18, bark Thoma
Faulkner, Faulkner, for Guam.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Arrived. Arrived.

At New York, Nov 12, bark Bowman B Law, Gullison, from Sligo.

At Saco, Nov 10, sch Nimrod, Barnes, from New York,

At Pascagoula, Miss., Nov 11, sch Arthur, M Gibson, Stewart, from Fort de France.

At Philadelphia, Nov. 12, ship Brynhilda, Meikle, from Iquique.

At Delaware Breakwater, Nov 12, sch Josie, Morehorise, from Port Spain.

At Norfolk, Va., Nov 13, str John J Hill, McLean, from New Bedford (and cleared to return).

return).

At Mount Dessert, Nov 10, sch Stephen Bennett, Glass, from Boston.

At New York, Nov 13, sch Goldfinch, Mc-Kay, from San Blas.

At Santa Cruz, Teneriffe, Oct. 30, brig, Chio, Grafton, from New York.

At Thompson's Point (Philadelphia), Nov 13, ship Brynhilda, Meikle, from Iquique.

At La Plata, Oct 6, ship Caldera, McQuarrie, from Buenos Ayres (to load for Channel.) Cleared.

At Philidelphia, Nov 14, brig Resultado, for Liverpool, NS.
At New York, Nov 14, schs Harold Borden, McDonald, for Wolfville, NS; Howard, Fettipas, for East Bay, CB; Lewanika, Williams, for Perth Amboy, NJ.
At Pascagoula, Miss, Nov 14, sch Anita Mclene, for St Lucia. Sailed.

From New York, Nov 12, str Veritas, for Halifax; schs Frank and Ira, for St John; Ruth Robinson, for eastern port; Rosa Mueller, for Salem; Sarah Potter, for Eastern Point.

From Galveston, Nov 12, ss Leuctra, Mulcabey, for Bremen.

From Bueaos Ayres, Oct 6, bark Hillside, Morrill, for Colestine; Oct 10, bark Altona, Cellins, for Port Natal.

In port at Turks Island, Nov 2, bark Eudora, Lewis, for New York, to sail about 7th or 3th; schs Congo, McKinnon, from Grenada, arrived Oct 26, fo sail Nov 3 for United States; Omega, Finlayson, from Demerara, arrived 1st, to sail 2nd for Prince Edward Island.

Passed Sydney Light, Nov 15, strs Rydal holms MEMORANDA. Edward Island.

Passed Sydney Light, Nov 15, strs Rydalnolme, 'Sorley, from Montreal for Barceona: Ceylon, Hausen, from Quebec for
Hull: sch Eventide, Jimeau, from Newcastle
for Glace Bay.

Passed up at Delaware Breakwater, Nov.
3, sch Josie, from Port Spain for Philaleiphia. In port at Bermuda, Nov 9, brig Union on marine slip.

Passed in at Newcastle, Del, Nov 16, ship
Centurion, Collins, from Iquique for Thompson's Point and Philadelphia.

In port at Port Spain, Oct 25, bark Angara, Rodenheisar, from Barbados (arrived 18th); Allce Read, Ford, from do. SPOKEN Bark Salina, from Ivigtut, for Philadel-phia, Nov. 11, lat. 40.56, lon. 67.87. Ship Marathon, Crossley, from Carrizal for Philadelphia, Oct 6, lat 7-S, lon 33 W. Bark Star of the East, Rogers, from New York for Auckland, Oct 7, lat 11N, lon 31 W.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

PORTLAND, Me., Oct. 21, 1893.

(Kennebec River.)

Notice is hereby given that the Pond Island Rock buoy, spar, red and black horizontal stripes, reported broken off Nov. 7, was replaced by another buoy Nov. 10.

Jan. 1, 1900, the position of Boston Lightship will be changed to a point one mile N.

oy will be placed to mark the location of Thieves ledge.
NOB3KA, Mass., Nov. 12:— The government observer reports that the bell buoy located one mile to the eastward of Nobska is out of position.
PORTLAND, Nov. 13, 1899.

Change in Color of Dripods.

Notice is hereby given that on or about November 20, 1899, the color of the tripod on Eastern Egg Rock (pags 76, List of Beacons, Buoys and Day Marks in the First List House district, corrected to May 1, 1899), now black; of the tripod on Ashind Island (page 66), now white and brown; of the tripod on Otter Island (page 71), now black; and of the mast and cask on Odoms Ledge (page 70), now black; all will be changed for white by painting.

BOSTON, Nov. 13.—The red and black horizontal striped spar buoy on Pond Island Rock, Kennebec River, which was broken off a tew days ago, has been replaced.

LEWES, Del., Nov. 13.—The gas buoy on the Elbow of the Ledge is extinguished.

REPORTS.

Ship Harvest Queen, from Metis for Riq Jameiro, Oct. 12, lat. 21, lom. 31.

In the United States 390,000 cubic feet of pine is used annually in making matches.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Nov 16—Ard, seh Sunlight, from Windsor, NS, for New York (reports 12th inst, off Nova Scotia coast, she experienced heavy northerly gale, with thick snow, during which broke foregaff, tere foresail, stove bulwarks and had stern boat washed from dayits. Vessel sailed for destination today after procuring a supply of water.)

ELLSWORTH, Me, Nov 16—Captain Eaton of seh F Russell, from Deer Isle, reports a schooner of about 250 tons, bottom up, about 35 miles southeast of Portland. He went alongside and could make out the sailing port as St John, and a few letters of pame "S C." The sails were gene and the Opars were alongside. There was nothing to indicate whether the crew had been taken off. to indicate whether the crew had been taken off.

BOST 'N, Nov 16—Captain Lawson, the steward and two sallers of the wrecked schooner affaretta S Snare, which was abandoned off Cape Cod Sunday night, while on a passage from St John, N B, to New York, arrived here today from Provincetown. Captain Lawson stated that he abandoned the wreck 60 miles E half S from Highkand Light. The Snare was valued at between \$6,600 and \$7,000, and was partially insured.

MARRIAGES.

PERRY-DURCST.—At the Free Baptist parsonage, Victoria street, on Nov. 13th by Rev. David Long, H. Allen Perry of Lake View, Queens Co., to Alice Durost of Cambridge, Queens Co., N. B. SHARPE-FAIRLEY—At Bolestown, on Nov. 14th, by the Rev. H. Montgomery, W. T. Sharpe, C. E. rallway station agent, to Josephine D. only daughter of Justus Fairley, Esq.

STEEVES-FARKIN—At the residence of the bride's parents, Little River, Elgin. M. B., Nov. 3th, 1899, by Rev. I. Newton Thorne, B. Walton Steeves of Hillsboro. Albert Co., to Laura M. Parkin, eldest daughter of Minor I. Parkin.

STENNICK-NASON—At Fredericton, on Oct. 16th, by Rev. Mr. Fredericton, on Cot. 16th, by Rev. Mr. Freeman, John R. Stennick to Miss Ethel Nason, both of French Lake, Sunbury Co.

WILLIAMS-CROTHERS—At the residence of T. H. Estabrooks, Esq., brother-inlaw of the bride, on Nov. 16th, by Rev. G. O. Gates, D. D., Russia Wilkiams and L. Maulo Crothers, all of Gagetown Queens Co., N. B.

DEATHS.

ARMSTRONG—At Penafield, Charlotte Co., Nov. 9, Florence Irene, youngest daughter of David Armstrong, aged 16 years.
DIXON.—In this city on Nov. 13th, Elizabeth, beloved wife of James Dixon, aged 18 years, leaving a husband, one son and three daughters to mourn their sad loss.—(Bosten, New York, and Philadelphia.) VASSIE—At 28 Mecklenburg street, on Mosday, Nov. 13th, William Vassie, aged 54 years.
WEBSTER.—At Boston, Mass., Nov. 11, Mrs. Mary A. Webster, aged 77 years, 6 months and 23 days.

RIVER NAVIGATION.

Navigation on the river has been seriously hampered by the present spell of cold weather, and unless a milder temperature sets in, which is very probable, a day or two more will see the river impassable for the season. The Clifton found all clear on the Kennebeccasis, but got into ice an inch or more thick near the Willows and was not able to proceed further. The David Weston got up as far as had to turn there and start back. She reached the public landing about eight o'clock and remained there all night. The ice in the river is something over an inch thick. The Victoria has been laid up for the winter near Jordan's mill. The Hampstead also met with ice on her trip. All the boats brought down large cargoes and many passengers.

P. E. ISLAND.

MT. STEWART, P. E. I., Nov. 13.-Shipping for this season is now drawing to a close, although a large quantity of cats will be taken on cars dur. ing the next month. Prices have been low and not at all encouraging to the farmer. Potatoes sold at 16c., oats at 28c. and turnips 10 to 12c. per bushel. Our oyster fishers are doing very well this fall. This industry has wonderfully developed during the last two or three years, and with proper protecion will still further incre

Sporting men are now busy duck and goose shooting. Mr. Gorman has already shot over fifty ducks, besides a number of smaller birds, not to mention gulls and cranes. Messrs. Birt and Jay have also bagged quite a large number.

Our new harness maker, Mr. McLean. doing a rushing business

A NICE MESS. The local government has created distrarship of probates in Kings coun ty. Some time ago G. O. D. Otty was dismissed, and a successor, Robert Morrison of Sussex appointed. A city lawyer, who had urgent need of searching for a will in connection with a title which he was investigating in the record office at Hampton, a few days ago, applied at Mr. Otty's office. He found that the books and papers were still there, but that there was no on who had any authority to allow him to inspect them. He was advised to telegraph for Mr. Morrison to come down from Sussex, which however, he did not do. Such is the state of affairs in one of the most important offices in the province, made so by the spite of the government in dismissing a com official and their disregard of public interest by appointing another who is not on hand to discharge the duties of the office

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ANOTHER REVERSE.

(Continued from First Page.)

DURBAN, Nov. 13.-It was rumored here today that Commandant General Joubert of the Boer forces is dead. The Times of Natal later published a telegram from Lorenzo Marques saying that General Joubert was killed in action on Thursday, Nov. 9. LONDON, Nov. 16.-Nothing is known

at the war office of the reported death of Gen. Joubert.

The driblets of news this morning bring the information that Ledysmith was still undergoing on Sunday bombardment from six 40-pounders. The British naval guns were silent. The Boers therefore have got more heavy guns into position, while either the British ammunition has given out or the British gunners were reserving

their fire, in view of the poor practice made by the besiegers.

The reports that the Boers have penetrated southward from Colenso to Chevely, where they are said to have out the railroad, shows that they are cut the railroad, shows that they are adopting proper strategical plans to impede the advance of the British relieving force. Perhaps this may turn out to be Gen. Schalkburger's force, which when last heard from was raiding Zululand. This force, it is asserted, may next be heard from south of Estoourt, which they will probably attempt to isolate before further reinforcements arrive. Indeed, it is al. ready reported that a Boer force has been seen in the neighborhood of the line north of the Mooi river.

LACK OF SUPPPLIES According to the latest advices from British sources at Estcourt, the Boers though the large stores the British left when they evacuated Newcastle and Dundee must have been of great assistance to the Boer commissary: The task of maintaining a complete investment of Ladysmith is probably proving onerous, Ladysmith is probably proving onerous, Ladysmith seems to be well provisioned, and the entrenchments are daily being strengthened.

There are signs that a forward movement for the relief of Kimberley

may be expected shortly. There is great activity at De Aar, whence the advance appears likely to be made. There is, it is said, no urgent reason for this unless food at Kim-

beriev is getting low, but the moral effect would be good for the British. The greatest enthusiasm was shown The greatest endursiasm was shown this morning at the departure from Newport of a mountain battery of the Royal Artillery, consisting of six guns. Thousands of people lined the streets, cheering and singing, and the battery thad difficulty in reaching the train through the dense crowd. This was the last mountain battery remaining in England, others being in India and the Tenth having been captured by the Boers at Nicholson's Nek.

BRAIN FOOD

Is of Little Benefit Unless it is Digested. Nearly everyone will admit that as

a hation we eat too much meat and too little of vegetables and the grains. For business men, office men and lerks, and in fact everyone engag in sedentary or indoor occupations, grains, milk and vegetables are much

Only men engaged in a severe out-door manual labor can live on a heavy meat diet and continue in health. As a general rule, meat once a day is sufficient for all classes of men, women and children, and grains, fruit and vegetables should constitute the

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