NEWS ITEMS

It is officially announced that every telegrapher on the Burlington system will receive an advance of \$10 a month

The Chicago machinists' strike, which involved more than 1,200 men, has been brought to a close. During the eighteen mouths of the strike but twenty-five en deserted.

The re-election of Eugene E. Schmitz the Union Labor candidate for mayor of San Francisco, was a great triumph for organized labor. The result exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the Union Labor party, for every candidate on its ticket was elected.

Bakers' International Convention de-cided that no union baker can join the

FIGHT WITH A MADMAN AT SEA.

One of the six survivors of the crew of the British steamer Bavaria, which foundered on November 13 on the voy-age from Barry to Bordeaux, told a thrilling story when he arrived at Car-

When off Belle Isle the captain, see g that his ship was about to founder, dered the lifeboat to be launched, and. knowing she could not take the whole crow, stayed on deck himself and com-manded his mates also to remain.

The lifeboat being unable to make the French shore, several of her crew died of exposure, and a freman, on the second day, became raving mad and attacked his comrades with an axe. Howas overpowered and rolled into the bottom of the heat, where he was discovered trying to pull the bung out of the boat.

EDINBURGH.

New Type of Railway Coach.—There has recently been completed for the East Coast Scotch express service a new type of railway coach. The carriage, which is a brake composite, has straight sides, and instead of the elerestory type of roof, the new carriages are built with elliptical roofs, and as they have been carried to the extreme height allowed by the British loading gauge, there is a greatly-increased air space in the pasgreatly-increased air space in the passenger compartments. The passenger compartments are luxuriously furnished and are brilliantly illuminated by means of inverted incandescent lights.

THE QUEEN'S FUND.

The Lord Mayor received a letter from Lord Mount Stephen on Saturday, enclosing a donation of £10,000 towards

the Queen's Unemployed Fund.

'Though charity is far from being a remedy for that existing state of our working classes," Lord Mount Stephen wrote, "I am much afraid that the magnitude and urgency of the present dis-tress are not yet fully understood."

Her Maesty's fund now amounts to upwards of £70,000.

A dirty tramp sent to prison at Tot-tenham for beirng "found wandering," pointed out that he was found asleen. "Technically that is the same thing," said the court.

20,000 TON BATTLESHIP.

Orders have been received for the building slip at Portsmouth to be length-ened and the two largest dry docks in the dockyard to be extended.

It is understood that these measures are preliminary to the laying down of a battleship of at least 20,000 tons displacement, in reply to the new German

STREET WAIF AND CLARA BUTT.

Mme. Clara Butt sang at Huddersfield on Tuesday evening, and Julia, who is a mite of six, daughter of an Irish la-borer named Mullius, determined to hear

the famous singer.

Julia, who has a weakness for music, fortified herself with a halfpenny, which she had probably beggged in the street. She made her way to the Town Hall and was nothing daunted by the refusal of those at the receipt of custom at one door to accept her patronage. She tried another, and while the doorkeeper's back

was turned, slipped in.

Vigorous clapping emphasised her approval of Mme. Butt's singing, but an attendant pounced upon her and carried her from the glittering throng, she the while shouting, "I want my ha penny."

One of the oldest of the English trade unions—the Steam Engine Makers' So-ciety—has just celebrated its eightieth

SEDDON SWEEPS NEW ZEALAND. Election an Overwhelming Victory-Prohibitionists Beaten.

London, Dec. 6 .- A Wellington, New London, Dec. 5.—A Wellington, New Zealand, despatch states that Premier Seddon's government has swept the New Zealand polls, only thirteen members of the opposition being returned against 59 for the government.

Several prominent prohibitionists were defeated, indicating a serious setback to the prohibitionist movement.

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CUNARD TURBINE'S SUCCESS.

The new Cunard turbine liner Carmania, which was built at Clydebank and has been carrying out her speed trials on the Firth of Clyde this week, reached a speed of twenty-one knots, or a knot more than her sister ship, the Caronia, which is fitted with reciprocat-The Carmania will couplete her trials on the Clyde before pro eeding to Liverpool.

AUSTRALIA AND ITS CRITICS.

(By the Hon. B. R. Wise, K.C.) It is an error to suppose that the Democratic party in Australia is op posed to immigration. The Comm wealth law upon this subject is almost textually the same as that of Canada Natal and the United States; while it is administered with so much more con-sideration to interests that no white British subject has ever been excluded from Australia under its provisions. The same cannot be said of either the Do-minion or South Africa. Yet both these countries are praised for their activity in attracting immigrants, while Austra-lia, under the odium of the "Six Hat-" is blamed for excluding them! As atter of fact, the first excess of ar rivals over departures since the banking erisis of 1892 has occurred since the advent to power of the Labor Party. The excess, it is true, is small (1,389). it marks the turn of the tide and holds out promise for the future, when the Labor Party is sufficiently strong to overcome the State jealousy of Commonwealth action and arrange an active immigration policy.

NEW ZEALAND TO-DAY.

(By the Hon, W. P. Reeves.) They are islanders, and, like all islanders, they have an especial objection to interference by outsiders in their own affairs, an absorption in these, an en-tire indifference to the internal politics of other countries, and an excellent conceit of themselves. Nine-tenths of them know almost as little about Australian politics as do Englishmen. They have no animosity towards, or jealousy of, the big island continent. But their interest, their pride, their hopes are centred in their own islands. Within their boundaries there is ample score and verge enough for the statesmanship and industry of the New Zealanders of to-day. Australia's future may be greater—so be it! New Zealand's, at any rate, will be bright and great enough for them, so they think. Were you to ask one of them 'how wide the limits stand between a splendid and a happy land.'' he might reply, 'As wide as the breadth of the Tasman Sea."

STRIKERS CAPTURED TRAM-CARS.

Disorderly scenes were witnessed in Newcastle streets on Saturday as the re-sult of a strike of the whole of the employees of the Corporation Tramways
Committee, owing to an intimation posteu by the general manager that about
fifty men would be liable to be put on
short time eleven days per fortnight.

A valiant effort was made to maintain

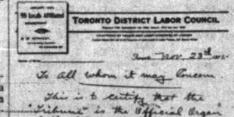
ne sort of a service of cars. The higher officials on the tramways' staff acted as motormen, and clerks from the offices took the places of the conductors.

An effort to run the usual service of cars which convey the thousands of Elswick workmen to their employment was a failure. A car was sent out soon after five on the East End route, but was riddled with stones and had to return to

On some routes the strikers forcibly boarded the cars, ejected their supplant-ers, and drove the vehicles back to the sheds. In one instance the passengers from whom fares had just been colle were requested to leave a car which was wending its way through Newcastle's most fashionable suburb. The car was then returned to the sheds. A city alderman who saw one of the now motor men being subjected to rough usage, in-terfered, and had his/overcoat almost torn from his back in consequence.

The strike was settled at night, the

management having agreed to suspend the regulation which caused the strike, sine die. The men returned to work.



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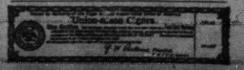
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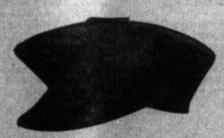
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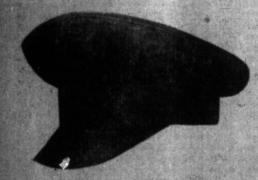






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