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AMERICAN NEWS.

Explosion of a Gasometer.

ASHWELL, N. C., Dec. 21.—Soon after daybreak, the gasometer of the city gas works exploded with fatal effect. Last night, owing to some defect in the works, the gas was cut off, and the men were engaged all night making repairs. Water was drawn from the gasometer so that a man might get inside to stop the leak. While doing so with lanterns, the gas was ignited and an explosion followed, killing two men, named Gates and Lewis Guthrie, and slightly wounding two others. The gasometer was totally destroyed and other parts of the works were badly injured. The explosion was heard all over the city. Steps were at once taken to repair the damage, but it will be some days before the supply of gas will be renewed.

David Dillon's Fate.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Evidence has reached this port to-day which seems to settle all doubts as to the fate of the missing Battery boatman, David Dillon, who disappeared in his boat from the side of the bark Marie a number of days ago. The captain of the fishing schooner Commodore, which got in this morning, reports having picked up, ten miles south-east of the Highlands, the after part of a row boat which seemed to have been cut in two by a collision. The name "Dave Dillon" was painted in black letters on the fragments. It is just possible, however, that Dillon may have been picked up by the vessel that ran him down.

Another Brewery Syndicate.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 21.—English capitalists have purchased the Jung and Crescent breweries of this city. The transfer has been made and the two properties amalgamated. The price paid by the syndicate is said to be $1,925,000.

Business Failures.

NEW YORK, Dec, 21.—The suspension of J. O. Preble & Co., manufacturers of blank books and envelopes, and J. B. Sheffield & Son, manufacturers of paper and general stationary, is announced to-day. In addition to these two firms, the Wabash Manufacturing Co. of Chicago, is involved. The liabilities of the two companies will exceed $170,000.

Prominent Clan-na-Gael Man Dead.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Peter McGeehan, of Philadelphia, a prominent Clan-na-Gael Irishman, who was arrested here in connection with the Cronin murder, died in the county hospital.

Train Wrecked in Alabama.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 21.—The second section of the north bound freight train on the Louisville & Nashville railway, due here at four o'clock to-day, ran into an open switch at Orange Grove, 33 miles south of this city, and was wrecked. The locomotive turned over, burning engineer Pierce and killing him. The fireman, name unknown, was fatally hurt. Six cars were wrecked.

Suicided Through Despondency.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Wodleigh committed suicide to-day while suffering from puerperal mania. Her husband, a street-car employee, had been out of work lately and she had worried considerably. Two weeks ago her fifth child was born. Her despondency increased, and to-day she went to the Park for a walk, and after wandering about for some time shot herself.

A Street Explosion.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The explosion of gas in an electrical subway occurred about six this evening, at 6th avenue and 29th street, while the people, mostly ladies, were out shopping for Christmas. Tons of earth, heavy stones and general debris were thrown into the air. Scores of people were covered with dirt and struck by flying fragments, and many were knocked down, but so far as learned few were injured. The only name secured by the police was that of Dr. Leo of 105 West 55th street, who had his foot crushed. A brick fell upon the head of A. E. Voss of 330 West 30th street. The shock of the explosion was felt many blocks away and great excitement was caused.

Serious Train Accident.

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 21.—A St. Joe and Grand Island freight train crashed into a Burlington & Missouri Pacific passenger train to-day and wrecked both engines, shaking up the passengers and inflicting severe injuries upon several train men. James Martin, brakeman, was caught in the wreckage and cannot live until morning. The engineer of the freight train jumped and fractured his ankle. His fireman, Jas. Cahill, was shockingly mangled and cannot live.

Flouring Mill Burned.

ROCK ISLANDS, Ills., Dec. 21.—The Sears flouring mill, near this city, and among the largest in Western Illinois, was wiped out by fire shortly before daylight this morning. The total loss is $80,000, on which there is an insurance of $30,000.

Sad Relics of the Johnstown Flood.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec 21.—The patrol on the Connemaugh found three bodies, victims of the May floods, near Coopersdale to-day. They were all lying along the river bank, near together, and partially covered with mud. The bodies were all of females, only the trunk remained of one.

A Singular Adventure.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Professor Oldrilve, who started yesterday afternoon to walk on the water from this city to Boston light, on a wager of $100, was picked up in the lower harbor this afternoon by the revenue cutter Hamilton, and brought to the city. According to the professor's story he must have had a very narrow escape from death. He says that after passing Governor's island at four o'clock yesterday he had to struggle against the wind and tide and he wandered about vainly endeavoring to reach land until twelve o'clock this morning when almost exhausted he made a landing at Apple island. There he stayed until three o'clock with no shelter, and with the wind blowing almost a gale across the bleak island. At a later hour he made and attempt to reach Governor's Island, but one of his shoes leaked and he was forced to return to the island at 9:30 a. m. The city steamer J. Putnam Brodlee was signalled, but his signals were not answered. Finding some boards and ropes he rigged a raft and at 10 o'clock started on another attempt to reach Governor's Island. The tide was too swift, however, and he was forced to put out to sea. His guiding pole became useless and was thrown away and the professor was left to the mercy of the waves. He drifted down the channel and out past buoy No. 6, when he was picked up by the revenue cutter on her inward trip. The professor was terribly exhausted, and more dead than alive, but revived somewhat under the prompt treatment of the revenue officers. He was brought to this city and taken to his home in Chelsea.

Suicide of a Torontonian.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 21.—W. B. Chaffly, a well-known telegraph operator, and a member of the brokerage firm of Heideger & Co., who swallowed laudanum yesterday while temporarily insane, brought on by financial reverses, died this afternoon. He leaves a widow and 3 children. Chaffly is from Toronto, Canada, where his mother resides.

The St. Louis Fire.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.—At one o'clock this morning, fire was discovered in the Guernsey building, occupied by the Commercial Printing Co. It extended quickly to other buildings in the block. At half-past two the fire was under control. The principal building destroyed was the Guernsey, erected five years ago at a cost of $75,000. The basement of the building was occupied by the Guernsey Scudder Electric Co., which furnished the electric light and power to numerous stores and printing establishment in numerous parts of the city. It is thought the fire originated from a cross wire in the basement. The Commercial Printing Co. occupied the first and second floors. The third floor was occupied by F. M. Flammerger, bookbinder; Dickenson & Hans, shoe manufacturers occupied two floors in the building, and their stock is a total loss. Kahn & Co., brokers, had an office in the building, and there loss will be over $20,000. Other losses are estimated as follows: Commercial Printing Co's stock, $25,000; Gerritzen, Bowman & Co., $3,000; the Flamminger Bookbindery Co., $20,000; Dickinson & Hans, $70,000. Loss on the building, $25,000. Loss on stock in the building, $35,000.

SAANICH ITEMS.

(Correspondence of THE COLONIST.)

A very enjoyable time was spent last Friday evening at Mrs. Turgoose's residence, where a large crowd of the Saanich young people gathered for the threefold purpose of giving Mrs. Turgoose a little surprise, of having a social time and enjoying a dance. The music consisted of the violin by W. Greig, with a piano accompaniment by A. Reynard, and an "orchestron" operated by all and sundry. Mrs. Turgoose's quality as a hostess added greatly to the comfort of the party.

The Christmas examination of the South Saanich school took place on Friday with a number of the parents and friends in attendance. The scholars were examined in the various branches by the teacher, Mr. Geo. H. Sluggett, after which a short programme, consisting of recitation, and singing, was nicely rendered. Complete satisfaction was expressed by those present at the progress made by the scholars. Owing to inclement weather and sickness the attendance during this month was not as satisfactory as for the month previous.

Mr. Thompson, brother to William Thompson, arrived direct from "the land o' brown heath and shaggy wood," accompanied by his wife and family of six children. Mr. Thompson, who occupied in Scotland a position as gardner for a long term of years, has come to make his home in this province, believing that for a rising family the chances are better than in the Mother Country.

The festive bachelors of North Saanich announce their intention of giving a ball on New Year's Eve at the Mechanic's Institute.

The night school in South Saanich recently started by the teacher, is increasing in attendance. It will afford the young men in the district an opportunity of spending some of the long winter evenings profitably.

CORRIG SCHOOL.

A thorough examination of the various classes of this very successful private school has just been completed with the following result:

UPPER SCHOOL.

Rev. C. J. Brenton, M. A., head master—Spelling—McNeely, Earle, Baxter, Palmer, Macdonald, A. R. Green, Spring, F. Green, J. D. Pemberton, W. R. Wilson, Brenton, Abbott, Wright, Anderson absent.

Dictation—McNeely, Earle, Macdonald, A. R. Green, F. Green, W. R. Wilson, Baxter, Spring, Palmer, Brenton, J. D. Pemberton, Wright, Abbott, Anderson absent.

Geography—Palmer, A. R. Green, Macdonald, W. R. Wilson, McNeely, Baxter, F. Green, J. D. Pemberton, Brenton, Spring, Abbott, Wright, Earle.

Grammar—McNeely, Earle, A. R. Green, Baxter, Palmer, Wright, W. R. Wilson, F. Green, Abbott, J. D. Pemberton, Brenton, Spring, Macdonald. Anderson absent.

History—Palmer, Macdonald, A. R. Green, McNeely, J. D. Pemberton, W. R. Wilson, F. Green, Baxter, Wright, Abbott.

Sacred History—Macdonald, A. R. Green, Baxter, Brenton, F. Green, Palmer, W. R. Wilson, McNeely, Wright, Earle, J. D. Pemberton, Abbott, Spring. Anderson absent.

English Literature—McNeely, Anderson, A. R. Green, Palmer, Macdonald, Brenton, J. D., Pemberton, Wright, Earle, W. R. Wilson, Abbott, F. Green, Baxter. Spring absent.

Mental Arithmetic—Class I.—Baxter, Earle, Palmer, McNeely, A. R. Green, Wright, Macdonald, J. D. Pemberton. Class II.—F. Green, W. R. Wilson, Spring, Brenton, Abbott.

Written Arithmetic—Class I.—Baxter, Palmer, Macdonald, Anderson, Wright, A. R. Green, McNeely. Earle absent. Class II.—J. D. Pemberton, Abbott, F. Green, W. R. Wilson, Brenton.

Algebra—Class I.—Earle, J. D. Pemberton. Class II.—A. R. Green, Baxter, Palmer, Macdonald, McNeely, F. Green, Abbott, W. R. Wilson, Brenton.

Geometry—Class I.—J. D. Pemberton, Earle. Class II.—Macdonald, A. R. Green, Baxter. Class III.—G. Ward, F. Ward, Wright.

Drawing—J. D. Pemberton, Anderson, Baxter, (equal,) McNeely, A. R. Green, Abbott, Wilson, (equal,) Peters, F. Ward, G. Ward, (equal,) Brenton, Burnett, (equal.) Musgrave.

French—Class I.—Earle. Class II.—Macdonald, A. R. Green, F. Green, Abbott, J. D. Pemberton, W. R. Wilson, G. Ward, F. Ward.

Latin Grammar—Class I.—Macdonald, A. R. Green, Earle, Abbott. Class II.—Baxter, F. Green, Wilson, Pemberton.

Latin Principia—Class I.—A. R. Green, Macdonald, Earle, Brenton. Class II.—McNeely, F. Green, J. D. Pemberton, G. Ward, W. R. Wilson, F. Baxter, Abbott, F. Ward.

German—Baxter. Anderson absent.

Book-keeping—Palmer, Wright, Pembe-ton, McNeely, Abbott, Baxter, Spring.

Shorthand—Pemberton, Wilson, Earle, Macdonald, Anderson, Baxter, Abbott, Brenton.

LOWER SCHOOL.

Senior Class—(J. Sterling Floyd, first assistant).

Reading—M. Johnston, Carter, Griffith, Peters, W. Pemberton, G. Wilson, Burnett, G. Johns on, Heathorn, Hunter, M. Scurry, C. Scurry, Prevost, F. Hett, (abs), Musgrave, (abs.).

Declamation—C. Scurry, W. Pemberton, Peters, Hunter, M. Johnston, M. Scurry, G. Wilson, Heathorn, Burnett, Prevost, Griffith, Carter, G. Johnston, F. Hett, (abs), Musgrave, (abs).

Spelling—M. Johnston, M. Scurry, Freeman, Heathorn, Griffith, Hunter, Burnett, W. Pemberton, F. Hett, G. Wilson, G. Ward, C. Scurry, F. Ward, Peters, Carter, G. Johnston, Musgrave, (abs).

Reading—M. Scurry, F. Hett, Heathorn, M. Johnston, Griffith, G. Wilson, G. Ward, W. Pemberton, Burnett, G. Johnston, F. Ward, Hunter, Peters, Carter, Prevost.

Geography—M. Scurry, G. Ward, M. Johnston, Peters, C. Scurry, Heathorn, Griffith, Burnett, G. Johnston, F. Hett, Carter, F. Ward, B. Green, G. Wilson, Musgrave, W. Pemberton, S. Hett, Hunter, Gore.

Arithmetic—Burnett, M. Scurry, C. Scurry, Griffith, Pemberton, G. Johnston, M. Johnston, F. Ward, G. Ward, G. Peters, Heathorn, F. Hett, Musgrave, G. Wilson, Hunter.

Grammar—F Hett, M. Johnston, W Pemberton, Burnett, M. Scurry, Peters, Carter, Heathorn, C. Scurry, G. Ward, Griffith, G. Johnston, F. Ward, G. Wilson, Musgrave, Hunter.

History—M. Scurry, G. Ward, C. Scurry, Musgrave, Peters, Griffith, F. Hett, Burnett, M. Johnston, F. Ward, G. Johnston, W. Pemberton, G. Wilson, Carter, Prevost, Heathorn, Hunter.

Sacred Studies—W. Pemberton, Carter, G. Ward, Burnett, Peters, F. Ward, M. Scurry, Prevost, C. Scurry, B. Green, G. Johnston, Richards, Prevost, G. Wilson, Musgrave (abs.).

Mental Arithmetic—M. Scurry, C. Scurry, Carter, Burnett, Freeman, W. Pemberton, F. Ward, M. Johnston, G. Ward, Heathorn, Hunter, Peters, B. Green, G. Johnston, Richards, Prevost, G. Wilson, Musgrave (abs.).

Latin—M. Scurry, Peters, F. Hett, Musgrave, Burnett, Wilson, C. Scurry, Pemberton, S. Hett.

LOWER SCHOOL—SECOND CLASS.

Reading—B. Green, Richards, Prevost, Leneveu, Gore (abs.), S Hett (abs.)

Declamation—Richards, B. Green, Gore (abs.), S Hett (abs.), Leneveu (abs).

Spelling—Gore, B. Green, Prevost, S. Hett, Leneveu, Richards.

Dictation—Gore, S. Hett, B. Green, Richards, Leneveu.

Geography—B. Green, Prevost, Leneveu, S. Hett, Richards.

Arithmetic—B. Green, S. Hett, Richards, Gore, Leneveu, Prevost (abs.).

Grammar—Gore, Prevost, Leneveu, B. Green, Richards.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Verdict in the Candy Poisoning Case.

Prisoner Found Guilty With a Plea of Insanity.

Touching References to the Late Dr. Williams—Canada's Famous Skater Going on a Tour.

Toronto's New Catholic Church.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—St. Paul's new Roman Catholic Church was opened for divine service yesterday. The total cost of the church will amount to about $200,000, and the building is one of the handsomest in the city.

Church Renovation.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—St. Michael's Cathedral is to be renovated at a cost of $25,000.

Senator Trudel Dying.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—Senator Trudel is dying at his residence here.

Sentenced to Imprisonment for Life.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—At court, this morning, James Kew, aged 55, convicted of criminal assault on a four-year-old girl, was sentenced to the penitentiary for life. He was drunk at the time of the assault, and said it was all a blank to him. The judge, in sentencing him, said the crime of injuring girls under 12 was becoming altogether too common, and something must be done to stop it. The sentence was the utmost he could impose and the heaviest he had ever passed.

Measles Prevalent in Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, Man. Dec. 23.—Measles are prevalent in the city at present, and the city schools will probably remain closed after the holidays.

The Late Dr. Williams.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—In many of the Methodist churches of this city yesterday, touching references were made to the recent death of the late Dr. Williams, general superintendent of the Methodist church of Canada. It is not expected the vacancy caused by Dr. Williams' death will be filled before the meeting of the general conference next September. Rev. Dr. Carmey will continue to do double work.

Church Assessment in Quebec.

QUEBEC, Dec. 23.—It is said that in the recent interview between members of the provincial government and the cardinal, the principal business of the ministers was to submit a draft of a bill they propose to present to the legislature next session for compelling religious communities to pay municipal assessments. The draft, it is said, received the cardinal's signature.

Canada's Famous Fancy Skater.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—Arrangements have been completed for the trip of Louis Reubenstein, the famous fancy skater, to contest the world's championship at St. Petersburg. Reubenstein will leave on January 4th. He will visit Amsterdam, Vienna, Berlin and other places, and take part in the skating competitions.

The Candy Poisoner Found Guilty.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 23.—The jury in the case of William J. McDonald, charged with murdering Mrs. McCrae with poisoned candy, which he sent to her by mail, returned the following verdict: The jury are of the opinion that the prisoner is guilty, with a plea of insanity. The prisoner displayed no interest whatever in the proceedings. He was remanded to jail pending a motion for commitment to the insane asylum during the pleasure of the crown.

CABLE NEWS.

Emin Pasha's Condition.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 23.—The physicians attending Emin Pasha say it will not be safe to move him from Bogamoy for three weeks. He is slowly recovering from the effects of his fall.

A Party Caucus.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Parnell, and the other chiefs of the Gladstonian party, met in London before the session of Parliament to settle upon the course to be taken by the party in Parliament. This will be based on the lines of agreement made by Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Parnell during the latter's visit to Mr. Gladstone at Hawarden last week.

A Shipwrecked Crew.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The missing boat with thirteen persons from the steamer Prince Wilhelm First, sunk in collision off the French coast, has arrived at Le Troporte.

A Steamer Lost.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The steamer Wick Bay, from Baltimore for Kings Lion, which went aground in the Channel, is full of water.

Fire at Genoa.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—By a fire on the quay at Genoa, 1,500 bales of cotton from the steamers Suez and Pawnee, from Savannah, were badly damaged, and the cargoes of the steamers Annie and Litembro, from New Orleans, are believed to have been destroyed.

Sunk by Collision.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The ship Warbecke Fourth was run into and sunk by the steamer P. Callard. The steamer sustained considerable damage, but nothing definite has been learned as to its extent.

Slavin Will Challenge Sullivan.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Frank P. Slavin, the Australian pugilist, will immediately issue a challenge to fight John L. Sullivan for £500 or £1000 a side and the world's championship, the fight to take place within six months after the signing of articles, either in America or Australia.

A Portuguese Minister Interviewed.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—In an interview with a correspondent of the Daily News at Lisbon, yesterday, Senor Gomez, minister of marine, colonies, and foreign affairs, intimated his willingness to meet England with a liberal commercial policy in South-east Africa. He laid great stress upon the value of England's friendship, and emphatically denied that the English merchants complain of the Portuguese administration. On the contrary, he asserted he greatly deplored Portugal's loss of the lower Congo.

The Portuguese in Africa.

LISBON, Dec. 23.—The telegram sent by Serpa Pinto, on October 15th from the Muggurumba telegraph station on Shire river says the British flag was being hoisted at several places on Portuguese territory, in one instance the natives having raised an English flag opposite the camp of the Portuguese railway surveying party. This flag was removed by Major Dias. On November 9th the governor of Mozambique telegraphed Pinto that he request the natives to lower all foreign flags. If they refused to comply with this request, the Portuguese would haul them down with due honors and send them to Quillimane to be restored to their proper consuls.

The Late Duke of Brunswick's Fortune.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The suit brought by the children of the late Countess of Civrye against the King of Saxony and the Duke of Cumberland to recover the fortune left by the late Duke of Brunswick, has been dismissed by the Brunswick court. The Countess of Civrye was the legitimate daughter of Duke Charles of Brunswick.

Discontent Throughout Brazil.

LISBON, Dec. 23.—Private advices from Rio Janeiro state that a feeling of distrust among civilians and discontent among the soldiers prevails throughout Brazil.

A Disgraceful Exhibition.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The London morning papers are unanimous in denouncing the Slavin-Smith fight as a most disgraceful and cowardly exhibition on the part of Smith and his friends.

Unfounded Rumors.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—There was a sudden and mysterious sensation in Paris to-day over the report that the King of Greece had abdicated. Since the sudden change of government in Brazil, Europeans are ready to accept almost any report of a revolutionary change of dynasty, no matter how unheralded or inexplicable. The old notion that those governments that have not been seriously opposed are secure from immediate overthrow, received a severe shock when Dom Pedro fell. The report in regard to Greece, however, proved unfounded. Hardly had it been disproved before another sensation was caused by a rumor that the Empress of Austria had committed suicide. This, also, proved to be a canard. The Parisians are consequently in such a skeptical mood that they are now disinclined to believe any news whatever. Just who has been amusing himself by boxing them is not known. It is singular that the false reports were not current in any other capital.

Tired of Politics.

It is rumored that R. W. Ker and Sir C. E. Lewis, the Conservative members from Down and Antrim, will shortly resign their seats in Parliament.

The Czar's Physician Dying.

Dr. Botkin, the Czar's physician, is dying at Mentone.

Bishop of Derry.

Dr. O'Dohorty has been created Bishop of Derry.

Representation of the Discovery of America.

Buffalo Bill's show having had a remarkable success at Barcelona, the Spanish fancy has been caught by a new feature which has been introduced in the shape of a spectacle representing the discovery of America by Columbus and his Spanish fleet.

The Portuguese in Africa.

LISBON, Dec. 22.—Advices from Quillisme to Dec. 12th confirm the correctness of the report made by Senhor Costellos, engineer of the Portuguese railway survey party, as to the proceedings of Major Serpa Pintos. Costello's camp at Mupassa, to which he had retired after being attacked by the Makelolos, was fiercely besieged by the natives some time later. The attack was repulsed with some difficulty. There was good evidence that the natives had been urged on by the British missionaries at Blantyre. Afterward Serpa Pinto arrived, and having learned that the natives were massed on the Zambesi, and were advancing toward shore, he placed Costello's engineer, and Lieut. Contino in command of the troops who were to defend the position. Lieut. Contino also had charge of the movements of three armed boats. On October 19th, the date of the last advices from the interior, great activity was reported in Serpa Pinto's camp and immediate operations were expected. Serpa Pinto was confident he could subdue the insurgents.

The Squadron of Evolution.

LISBON, Dec. 22.—The Yorktown had not arrived up to noon to-day. She is delayed by severe weather. The Chicago exchanged salutes to-day with the land batteries. After spending ten days here the squadron will proceed to the Mediterranean.

Deaths from Influenza.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—M. Damaschius, a prominent physician, is dead. He succumbed to an attack of influenza, complicated with an old affection of the heart. Four other deaths have thus far been traced to the influenza epidemic, three at the military school and one at the polytechnic.

A FIGHT WITH BRUIN.

The Wife of a Woodman Fights an Ugly Brute.

TURNWOOD, Dec. 22.—The wife of Marcuss Sisson, a woodman living near Millbrook Mountain, on the Beaverkill, had a desperate encounter with a big male bear last Tuesday. Her husband had been away in the woods hunting bears for two days, but his fortunate arrival upon the scene while the conflict was raging between his wife and the bear probably not only saved her life, but the lives of their babe and 4-year-old son Johnny as well.

At the time of bruin's appearance Mrs. Sisson was hanging out her washing in the yard. Suddenly there was a great commotion in the house and a terrific barking from a little house dog which had been napping near the baby's cradle. Johnny ran to the door and added his cries to those from inside by yelling at the top of his lungs:

"A b'ar, momie! a big, big b'ar 's arter baby."

Mrs. Sisson dropped her work and, seizing a keen-edged axe from the wood-pile, rushed in the house shouting:

"Up the ladder, Johnny, quick! Get into the loft!"

Johnny hastily scrambled up the ladder out of harm's way, and immediately there began a desperate battle between his mother and the bear. The ferocious brute, which Mrs. Sisson saw was bleeding from its right shoulder, where it had doubtless been shot by some hunter, rose up on its hind legs and clawed at her viciously. For a few moments the heroic woman wielded her axe with good effect, inflicting a dozen wounds on the brute, but unfortunately none of them were fatal or disabling.

Finally, feeling her strength failing, Mrs. Sisson gave one long, agonizing scream for help. She was answered almost immediately by the loud baying of hounds near by. At this moment, bruin, with a blow from one of his great paws, knocked the axe from her hand and wounded her painfully on her right arm. She sunk to the floor, but before the bear could seize her two huge black hounds, which she knew to be her husband's dogs, rushed in and tackled the bear. A moment later, while the dogs were battling with the brute, her husband rushed in and blew the bear's brains out with a shot from his Winchester. When the bear's carcass was examined it was found that the brave woman had cut it in sixteen places with her axe during the battle. It weighed when dressed 240 pounds.

In Many Forms.

DYSPEPSIA assumes many phases, all disagreeable to the sufferer, yet it takes no form so irksome to others as that of a Burdock Blood Bitters will not cure. B.B.B. cures dyspepsia, tones the weak stomach, aids digestion, sharpens the appetite and renovates the entire system.

CAPITAL NOTES.

The Suspension of the Coasting Regulations

Is to Apply to the Whole of British Columbia.

Twenty-Two Thousand Immigrants to Manitoba and the Territories During the Past Year.

(From our own Correspondent).

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Mr. D. W. Gordon interviewed Hon. Mr. Bowell today and urged that any concessions granted to Victoria relative to the coasting regulations be also extended to Nanaimo. The minister said the suspension of the recent order would apply to the whole province.

The total immigration to Manitoba and the territories this year was about 22,000, about 5000 more than last year. Many of these settlers came from Ontario.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

THE DISPUTE WITH PORTUGAL.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Lord Salisbury is represented by those who are in official contact with him to be determined to seize Delagoa Bay unless Portugal immediately makes satisfactory apology for her action in Southeast Africa, and restores the status quo as it existed before the recent raid of Serpa Pinto, and makes suitable reparation for the injury inflicted upon British interests.

THE INFLUENZA IN LONDON.

The influenza is spreading rapidly in London, and it is reported that several cases have resulted fatally.

BULGARIA ARMING.

The Novoe Vremya of St. Petersburg states that Bulgaria has purchased from Austria 100,000 rifles and 100,000,000 cartriges.

THE PESTH THEATRE FIRE.

By the fire which destroyed the German theatre in Pesth, 264 persons are deprived of employment, many of whom are suffering for want of food and proper clothing. Other theatres in the city are giving performances for the benefit of the sufferers.

FRANK SLAVIN LIONIZED.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Frank Slavin, the Australian pugilist, who so thoroughly demonstrated the worthlessness of Jim Smith either as a man or a fighter at Bruges yesterday, visited the stock exchange to-day, and was received by the members with every manifestation of admiration. He seemed somewhat stiff and sore from the rough handling he was subjected to, and apparently had suffered far greater injuries from the attacks of Smith's ruffianly friends than from any of the blows that Smith dealt him. Slavin was introduced to many prominent men on change, and at the suggestion of one of those gentlemen, a hat was passed around, with the result that £110 was raised in a few minutes and given to the courageous Australian on the spot. Slavin excited immense interest on the streets, and the crowd that followed him became so great that he was obliged to take refuge in a cab, which he did amid the cheers of thousands of persons of all conditions.

PRINCESS MAUD BETROTHED.

It is stated upon what is alleged to be high authority that Princess Maud of Wales, the youngest daughter of the Prince of Wales, has been betrothed to Duke Ernest Gianther of Schleswig-Holstein, brother of the Empress of Germany.

BOULANGER'S DIVORCE.

The Paris Figaro asserts that the Pope has refused his assent to the divorce obtained by General Boulanger from his wife, which action on the part of his holiness is alleged to have placed Boulanger in a compromising position with regard to his contemplated marriage to the wealthy lady who has advanced him large sums of money.

BETTER WAGES FOR COLLIERS.

The Northumberland colliers have received an advance of 10 per cent. in wages, making a total increase which their demonstrations of discontent have netted them within the last two years of 32 per cent.

OBITUARY.

Herr Buensledt, the eminent geologist, died at Tubingen, Wurtemberg, to-day.

AN ANARCHIST PAMPHLET.

Switzerland is flooded with copies of an anarchist pamphlet of the most violent character that has yet marked the voluminous literature uttered in that country. The police have been quite active in their efforts to suppress the brochure, but have made very little headway.

COLLIERS' STRIKE.

The colliers of Charleroi, district of Belgium, have struck for raised wages.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

THE RING.

THE SMITH-SLAVIN FIGHT.

BRUGES, Dec. 23.—Jem Smith and Frank Slavin fought on private grounds three miles from here this morning. Friends of both parties squabbled from the outset. Smith's party seemed inclined to prevent a meeting and placed terrific battering from a little house dog which had been napping near the baby's cradle. Johnny ran to the door and added his cries to those from inside by yelling at the top of his lungs:

"A b'ar, momie! a big, big b'ar 's arter baby."

Mrs. Sisson dropped her work and, seizing a keen-edged axe from the wood-pile, rushed in the house shouting:

"Up the ladder, Johnny, quick! Get into the loft!"

Johnny hastily scrambled up the ladder out of harm's way, and immediately there began a desperate battle between his mother and the bear. The ferocious brute, which Mrs. Sisson saw was bleeding from its right shoulder, where it had doubtless been shot by some hunter, rose up on its hind legs and clawed at her viciously. For a few moments the heroic woman wielded her axe with good effect, inflicting a dozen wounds on the brute, but unfortunately none of them were fatal or disabling.

Finally, feeling her strength failing, Mrs. Sisson gave one long, agonizing scream for help. She was answered almost immediately by the loud baying of hounds near by. At this moment, bruin, with a blow from one of his great paws, knocked the axe from her hand and wounded her painfully on her right arm. She sunk to the floor, but before the bear could seize her two huge black hounds, which she knew to be her husband's dogs, rushed in and tackled the bear. A moment later, while the dogs were battling with the brute, her husband rushed in and blew the bear's brains out with a shot from his Winchester. When the bear's carcass was examined it was found that the brave woman had cut it in sixteen places with her axe during the battle. It weighed when dressed 240 pounds.

In Many Forms.

DYSPEPSIA assumes many phases, all disagreeable to the sufferer, yet it takes no form so irksome to others as that of a Burdock Blood Bitters will not cure. B.B.B. cures dyspepsia, tones the weak stomach, aids digestion, sharpens the appetite and renovates the entire system.

$1,000 for Slavin, and $300 of the sum was subscribed by those present within fifteen minutes.

A NEW STEAMBOAT SCHEDULE.

Important Change in the Pacific Time Card.

The Union Pacific yesterday put into operation its new time schedule on its Sound lines. The new time card involves several important changes which are fully explained in the following letter accompanying the new schedule, received by Col. O. F. Briggs, Seattle agent of the company, from Port Captain Clancy:

UNION PACIFIC COMPANY.
TACOMA, Dec. 22.

Mr. O. G. Briggs, Agent, Seattle:

DEAR SIR—I hand you herewith a memorandum of the proposed new schedule which will go into effect Monday, Dec. 23. Please give notice of the change. You will note that there will be one round trip each day except Sunday between Seattle and Des Moines, also between Tacoma and Des Moines. Victoria boats will leave for Victoria one hour later, and on arrival from Victoria will leave at once for Tacoma instead of lying over at Seattle as heretofore. I trust you will have no trouble in getting the public to understand the changes. Please see that all interested are advised. Yours truly,

C. E. CLANCY, Port Captain.

Following is the new schedule for the TACOMA-VICTORIA ROUTE:

To Victoria daily, except Sunday—Tacoma 8 a.m.; arrive Seattle, 10:15 a.m.; leave Seattle, 10:45 a.m.; arrive Port Townsend 2:15 p.m.; leave Port Townsend 3 p.m; arrive Victoria 6:30 p.m.

From Victoria, daily except Sunday Leave Victoria 6 a.m.; arrive Port Townsend, 9:15 a.m.; leave Port Townsend, 10 a.m.; arrive Seattle, 1:30 p.m.; leave Seattle 2 p.m.; arrive Tacoma, 4:15 p.m.

WESTMINSTER SPECIAL.

Four Inches of Snow in the Royal City.

Truth Sued for Libel by Collector Clute—A Prosperous Christmas Season—An Amateur Surgeon.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 24. — A German resident of Surrey fell off a wagon a week ago and broke his leg very badly. Instead of obtaining medical advice he set the limb himself. Mortification set in a few days ago and he was brought to St. Mary's hospital in this city to-day, and only just in time for the doctors to stop the blood poisoning.

Four inches of snow nearly made sleighing good, but the sun spoiled the music of the sleigh-bells.

Westminster has been livelier this week than ever before. It is the most prosperous Christmas season on record.

J. S. Clute, collector of customs, has instructed his lawyers to enter suit for $10,000 damages against Truth for defamatory articles published in that paper concerning him.

BURIED IN A MINE.

Fatal Cave-in in the Hayward and Hobart Drift.

Slow Progress of the Searching Party—The Cause of the Accident—Narrow Escapes.

SAN ANDREAS, Cal., Dec. 23.—A disastrous cave-in occurred in the Lane mine, owned by Hayward & Hobart, located on the west edge of Los Angeles, by which sixteen men were buried and are now supposed to be dead. Nineteen men were sent into the drift on the 400-foot level to repair the timbering which had become loosened. They had not worked over an hour when suddenly the supports of the upper timbers swerved to the right and the roofing of earth and rocks fell, at the same instant burying the unfortunate sixteen beneath the debris. Thomas Corwin and two Italians were working nearer the mouth of the drift and managed to escape with their lives, though Corwin was badly injured about the head. Corwin stated that the partitions were leaning badly when he went into the drift with the rest of the miners, but no one suspected there was danger of a cave. When it came they were unprepared. He and the Italians escaped as soon as they heard the timbers crack. The others also started on a run but were too far in the drift to reach a place of safety.

Immediately after the accident men were lowered down the shaft, and entering the mouth of the drift commenced digging into the debris. The effort was useless, as the timbers seem to have been woven together, as though the sides of the drifts had fallen towards each other and been covered by the roofing. By this morning the rescuing party had succeeded in getting but eight feet into the pile of earth and timbers, and none of the victims had been reached. There is no prospect of getting the men out alive.

CABLE NEWS.

Threatened Strike of Masons.

VIENNA, Dec. 24.—The journeymen masons in this city threaten to strike unless granted an increase of wages and shorter hours. If a strike occurs 25,000 men will go out.

The Influenza in Brussels.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 24.—The schools in this city have been closed on account of the prevalence of influenza. Thirty per cent. of the children in the city are suffering from the ailment. A number of government officials are also disabled. The epidemic is rapidly spreading.

The Smith-Slavin Fight.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Pelican club have resolved to send a letter of sympathy to Slavin, complimenting him on his courage in the face of the ruffianly conduct of the crowd at the recent fight. The club will recognize Slavin as the champion of England, and present him with a belt and purse. Fleming, Smith's manager, has been suspended from the club, pending an explanation of his share in the disgraceful affair. Fleming, in an interview, says the roughs who made the disturbance were strangers to him, and he could not account for their presence. They were, doubtless, friends who had been hired by Smith personally to do what they did. Fleming says he has severed all connection between himself and Smith forever.

Praise of Stanley.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The Vossiche Zeitung, referring to the hostilities exhibited by the colonial enthusiasts, says that Germany will release herself if she attempts to follow their lame attacks upon England by assailing Stanley. The Zeitung says the people of Berlin will not allow themselves to be influenced by any other feelings than admiration, and will honor him both as the guest of the Emperor and the greatest living African explorer.

SCROFULA leads to consumption. From three to six bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters will cure scrofula, salt rheum, erysipelas, boils, pimples, blotches, tetter, shingles, scald head, sore eyes, and all skin affections, by cleansing the system and removing all impure matter that causes bad blood. swf

CANADIAN NEWS.

Silcott, the Absconding Treasurer, in Montreal.

McDonald, the Candy Poisoner, Sent to an Asylum.

Ontario Claims the Right to Appoint Her Own Queen's Counsel—Christmas at Rideau Hall.

The Hero of the Lily.

HALIFAX, Dec. 24.—It is said that Barber Renan, who displayed such great heroism at the wreck of H.M.S. Lily, and has since been made a boatswain, is desirous of seeing the man who acted so nobly.

Quebec West Nomination.

QUEBEC, Dec. 24.—The nomination for Quebec West took place yesterday. Owen Murphy and Robt. H