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HOLIDAYS.

New York, Dec. 15.—The stock ex-change will be closed on the Saturdays preceding Christmas and New Year's

APPLES IN MANCHESTER. Mr. A. J. King, 8 Em street, received the following cable today from the North of England Fruit Brokers, Manchester: "Baldwins, 17s to 21s 6d; Spies, 17s to 20s; Greenings, 16s to 22s; Russets, 15s to 19s; Ben Davis, Seeks, Spitz, 16s to 19s 6d. The market opened steady and closed the same; demand

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO. Dec	. 15.
Ask.	Off.
Montreal 251	246
Ontario	115
Toronto	243
Merchants179	176
Commerce	1443/4
Imperial	211
Dominion	2553/8
Standard	188
Hamilton	1861/2
British America	1353/4
Western Assurance	174%
Congumera' Gas	225
Consumers' Gas	206
Dominion Telegraph	1331/2
Northwest Land Company, pref. 551/2	55
Canada Pacific Railway Stock 851/2	853/8
Commercial Cable Company1851/2	1853/8
Commercial Coupon Bonds1051/2	105
Com. Registered Bonds1051/4	105
Beil Telephone Company	171
Bell Telephone, new	
Richelieu and Ontario1001/2	99%
Montreal Street Railway	
Toronto Street Railway 106%	10634
London Street Railway180	175
London Electric	12354
Dominion Savings and Invest 78	75
Huron and Erie L. and S	165
Huron and Erie, 20 per cent, xd152	
London and Canada L. and A 70	
London Loan	1111/2
London and Ontario, xd 85	
Ontario Loan and Debenture	124
Mantreal Stools Market	

Montreal Stock Market.

MONTRE	CAL, I	Dec.	15.
	Ask.		Off.
Canadian Pacific	851/4		853/8
Duluth. common			2
Duluth, preferred			61/2
Commercial Cable	186		185
Com. Cable Coupon Bonds			1031/2
Commercial Registered Bonds			1031/2
Montreal Telegraph			176
Richelieu and Ontario	101		100
Montreal Street Railway			28334
Montreal St. Railway, new	281		2801/4
Toronto Railway	1063/		1061/4
Montreal Gas Company	2065		2061/2
Bell Telephone	175		170%
Royal Electric	16234		1621/
Bank of Montreal	.255		246
Ontario Bank			114
Moleona Rank			
Bank of Toronto	255		243
Merchante' Bank	.178		175
Merchants Bank of Halifax			180
Quebec Bank			1221/2
Union Bank	.125		110
Bank of Commerce	.146		140
Northwest Land, pref	. 55		5434
Montreal Cotton Co	.160		1531/
Canada Colored Cotton	. 75		65
Dominion Cotton	.108		107
Dominion Contention			

Ry. 25 at 283%, 60 at 284: do. new, 1 at 281%;
Toronto Ry. 125 at 1963%; Mont. Gas 300 at 296%.
1,750 at 293%, 325 at 1963%; Mont. Gas 300 at 296%.
1,750 at 293%, 325 at 1963%; The largest and best assort Electric, 25 at 162%, 25 at 162%; 12 at 162%; Merchants' Bank, 90 at 177%, 8 at 177; Northwest
Land, pref., 25 at 54%, 100 at 55.

Mining Stocks. Toronto, Dec. 14. - Following are today's closing quotations on the Toronto Mining and

Industrial Exchange:	Asked.	Bio 23
Decca		
Foley	100	
Hammond Reef	16	7
Superior G. and C. Co	8	
Olive	90	89
Sawbill		18
Cariboo	22	18
Old Ironsides	75	17
Smuggler		17
Golden Cache	6	5
Dundee	35	41
Athabasca		9
Dardanelles		9
Salmo Con		15
Noble Five		
Van Anda		15
Big Three		
Commander		19
Deer Park		4
Homestake		4
Evening Star		3
Giant		-
Good Hope		
Grand Prize		
Iron Horse		
Iron Colt		80
Iron Mask	83	46
Jumbo Montreal Red Mountain	18	1
Montreal Red Mountain	101/2	
Monte Cristo		
Mascot		
R. E. Lee		1
Novelty		
St. Paul		
Silver Bell Con	51/4	
St. Elmo	5	
Virginia		
Victory-Triumph	9	29
War Eagle Con	294	20
White Bear	7	
Can. G. F. S	736	
B. C. Gold Fields	6	

SALES—Smuggler, 500 at 17¼, 1,000, 2,000, 500 1,000 at 19½, 2,500 at 19½; Novelty, 1,000 at 4; Silver Bell Con., 500 at 5; Sup. G. and C. Co., 500 at 7; Can. G. F. S., 1,000, 1,000, 1,000, 1,000 at 6; Deer Park, 500, 250 at 19½; Athabasca, 1,000 at 42; Minnehaha, 500 at 19.

New York Stocks. Reported by F. H. Butler, 15 and 16 Masonic Temple, for The Advertiser. New York, Dec. 15.

Yesterday's				
	Open.	High.	Low.	2:30.
Atcheson 19	19	191/3		187%
Atcheson Pfd 511/2	511/2	513/4	51	511/4
C., B. & Q1211/2	1211/2			122
C. & N. W14234	14234		14134	142
Bay State Gas 53%	53/8	53/8	514	51/4
Chicago Gas 10914	10914	1091/	1085%	1087/8
Gen. Klectric 93	93	931/2	9234	931/2
L. & N 641/2	641/2	6434	611/8	641/4
Man 99%	991/8	995%		991/8
Mo. P 451/2	411/2	45 7/8	441/8	44 1/2
Omaha 901/2	901/2	9334	911/2	
P. M 431/4	4314	431/4	43	43
B. I169¾	10978		1091/2	110
Reading 19%	20	20	1934	20
N. Y. Central12114	122	123%	1215%	
8t. P1161/3	11614	117	11616	11853
T. C. I 341/8	3436		335%	345%
Wabash 231/2	2334	2334		
W. U 951/6	9536	9538	941/2	941/2
Brooklyn Transit 72%	73	78	72¼ 69¾	7298
U. Pacific 7034	7034	711/8	6934	71
Leather Trust 70%	6934	7034	6914	6914
Lead 371/4	371/2	3714	37	371/4
Bugar126	123	1251/8		124
Tobacco141	14114	143	141	1414
Southern Ry, Pfd 42%	42%	423/4	421/4	4236
Jersey Central 95		::	á	
K. & T., Pfd 37 1/4	37 1/2		371/4	
N. P., Pfd 76%	76%	76%	7678	76%

Chicago Exchange

CHICAGO, Dec. 15. Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, broker, Masonic Temple. Phone 1,278. Temple. Phone 1,278.

Open. High. Low. Close.
64¼ 66¼ 65¼ 65¾
65 66%
33¼ 33¾ 33¾ 33¾
26¾ 26¾ 26¾ 26¾ 26¾
26¾ 26¾ 26¾ 26¾
32 9 37 9 27 9 35
60 9 65 9 52 9 65
15 5 17 5 12 5 17
37 5 37 5 32 5 37
62 4 67 4 62 4 87
4 88 4 85 4 80 Wheat—Dec... 64%
May... 65
Corn—Dec... 33%
May... 34%
Oats—Dec... 26%
May... 26%
Pork—Jan... 9 32
May... 9 60
Lard—Jan... 5 15
May... 5 37
Ribs—Jan... 4 62

Toronto Produce Market. Toronto, Dec. 15.—Wheat—Easier, at 66c to 67c for red and white west; Manitoba wheat is steadler, at 75c for No. 1 hard on the Midland, and 78c at Toronto and west. Flour-Dull, at \$3 15 for cars of straight roller west. Mill-

feed-Very scarce and firm, at \$14 to \$16 for shorts, and \$12 50 for bran west. Barley-Dull, at 46c to 47c for No. 1 west. Buckwheat-Quiet, at 46c west. Rye—Firm, at 51c west. Corn—Steady, at 33½c to 34c for Canada yellow west, and 42c for American at Toronto. Oats -Steady, at 27c for white west. Peas-Firm, at 63c west. Eggs-Firmer, at 22c for new-laid, which are very scarce and wanted; 17c for held fresh, and 14c to 15c for limed. Butter—Steady, at 14c to 15c for large rolls; 11c to 14c for dairy tubs; creamery firm, at 21c for prints, and 19c to 20c for packed. Dressed hogs—Lower on the local street market, at \$5 25; cars of mixed weights

here, \$5 25 asked, and \$5 15 bid. American Markets. CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Opening—Wheat, May. 66½c; Dec., 64¼; July, 64½ to 64¼. Corn—July, 34½; May, 34½c to 34½c. Oats, May, 26½c to 26½c. Pork, Jan., \$9 32½; May, \$9 60. Lard, Jan., \$5 15; May, \$5 37. Ribs, May, \$4 82½. BUFFALO, Dec. 15 .- Spring wheat-

No. 1 hard, 761/4c; No. 1 northern, 72%c. Winter wheat, 701/2c. Corn-No. 3 yellow, 36%c; Nov., do, 351/2c. Oats-No. 2

DETROIT, Dec. 15.—Wheat—No. 1 white, cash, 67%c; No. 2 red, cash and Dec., 67%c; May, 69c. TOLEDO, Dec. 15 .- Wheat-Cash, 69c; Dec., 691/2c; May, 69%c. Corn-Cash and Dec., 34½c; May, 34¾c. Oats—Cash, 27c; May, 27¼c.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 15 .- Wheat-Cash, 65% c. English Markets.

Liverpool, Dec. 15—Closing.
Wheat—Spot, No. 1 red northern spring, steady, 5s 1½d; No. 2 red western winter, steady, 6s id; No. 1 Cal., 6s 10d to 6s 10½d; No. 1 cash, firm 8s 2½d

firm, 8s 2%d.

Corn—American mixed, spot old, firm, 9s
9%d; Dec., steady, 3s 9%d; Jan., new crop,
steady, 3s 8%d; March, steady, 3s 7%d.

Flour-St. Louis fancy winter, steady, 8s.
Peas—Canadian, 5s 11d.

Pork—Prime mess, fine western, dull 50s; do, medium, western, firm, 47s 6d.

Beef—Prime mess. dull, 60s; extra India mess, steady, 67s 6d; do, medium, western, dull 47s 6d.

mess, steady, 67s 6d; do, medium, western. dull, 47s 6d.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., dull, 34s 6d.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., dull, 32s 6d; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs. dull, 33; long clear middles, light, 35 to 38 lbs. easy, 29; long clear middles, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs. easy; 28s; short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs, dull, 29s clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, steady, 34s.

Shoulders—Square, 12 to 14 lbs, dull, 27s 6d., Lard—Prime western, dull, 28s.

Butter—Finest American, 88s; good, 65s.

Rosin—Common, steady, 4s 3d.

Cheese—American finest white, firm, 47s;

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Colored, firm, 48s.

Tallow—Prime city, steady, 19s 9d.

Octtonseed oil—Liverpool refined, dull, 14s 9d.

Turpentine spirits—Firm, 29s 6d,

Hops—At London (Pacific coast), dull, 44 15s
to £5 15s.

Petroloum—Refined, 65d Petroleum—Refined, 6%d. Linseed oil—17 6d.

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Being Opened Up, Which Promise To-Be as Rich as the Klondike-Interesting Letter From an Ex-Londoner Now in Skaguay.

A former well-known young Londoner, now a member of the Mounted Police force on their way to the Klondike, writes to a friend in this city from Skaguay, as follows:

"We are going to Tagish at present, and from there some of us will go to the Atlan gold fields, which are just being opened up, and promise to be as rich as the Klondike itself. We have had a beautiful trip up so far, but are just coming to the rougnest of tt. The trip through the Rockies is grand, and is worth going through hardships of the severest kind to see. The scenery is startling and beyond description, especially the Fraser River canyon. The trip on the boat from Vancouver to Skaguay, was great. The scenery is fine all the way up. You hardly get a glimpse of the open sea

Charlotte Sound is one of the "Queen rougnest through. boat was covered with ice. The last day the wind was against us, and we only made one mile an hour. Nearly everyone was sick. It was bitterly cold in Skaguay when we arrived. It is very seldom like this, being generally mild and rainy in the winter season. In the White Pass, some twelve miles from here, the wind is terrible, and it is always bitterly cold, in fact you have to be abundantly clothed or you would freeze to death. Fifteen of us went over this pass recently, and some of the force were played out, and had to be carried back to camp. The snow is about ten feet deep, and if you got aff the trail it would go over your head. The summit of the White Pass is about 2,600 feet above the sea level."

Steamship Arrivals. At.

Dec. 15. ....Queenstown.....New York Britannie. Baby Eczema and Scald Head.

Infants and young children are peculiarly subject to this terrible dis-order, and if not promptly arrested it will eventually become chronic. Chase made a special study of Eczema and disease of the skin, and we can confidently recommend Dr. Chase's Ointment to cure all forms of Eczema. The first application soothes the irritation and puts the little sufferer to

Mr. Robert Balmer, poetmaster, of Oakville, who died on Sunday, in his 78th year, was clerk of the town for 45 years, and was postmaster for 41

Give Holloway's Corn Cure a trial. It removed ten corns from one pair of feet without any pain. What it has

done once it will do again. It takes 37 specially constructed and equipped steamers to keep the submarine cables of the world in repair.

### LATEST "PROBS"

Toronto, Dec. 15-11 a.m.-Probabilities for the lower lakes region for the next twenty-four hours: ↑ Moderate to fresh south to west ↑
 ↑ winds; fair, with somewhat higher ↑

temperature today. Still higher temperature to mor-

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-This is the crowing time for Liberals as well as the growing time for

-Among the valuable prizes given at the Oregon carnival tomorrow night will be a silver tea service valued at \$15.

-Dr. Hodge's horse took fright at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets this morning. The animal bolted, upsetting the cutter, and precipi-tating the doctor and contents of the cutter out into the snow. P. C. Darville through great presence of mind prevented a runaway by stopping the fractious animal near the bank steps.

-The cantata which the Talbot Street Baptist Sunday school intend giving on Friday evening promises to be a huge success. For over two months the scholars have been practically and the scholars have been ticing for it, so that every part will be well taken. For several days the teachers have been busily engaged in decorating the church. It is hoped they will be rewarded with a full house. CONCERT AT THE ASYLUM.

The Y. M. C. A. Mandolin, Guitar and Banjo Club, under the leadership and Banjo Club, under the leadership ston, clerk of the municipality of the of Mr. B. E. Chadwick, gave a highly city of London; and clerk of the said appreciated concert at the Asylum last | court. evening. The selections given by the club were well rendered, and the singing of Messrs. Brown, Tambling and Lombardo much enjoyed. Mr. John Williams, in his songs and recitations, was the principal attraction of the evening, every one of his numbers being heartily encored. The Idlewild Quartet-Messrs. Trick brothers, Bowman and Ashplant—also made a very favorable impression. The following is the programme: Overture, the club; cong, Mr. Wm. Tambling; duet, Messrs. Brown and Lombardo; song, Mr. John Williams; quartet, the Idlewild Club; selection, "The Geisha," the club; reciselection, "The Geisha," the club; reci-tation, Mr. John Williams; song, Mr. Lombardo; quartet, Idlewild Club; song, Mr. John Williams; waltz concert, the club.

### **COUNTY COURT**

Two Indians Plead Guilty of Assault-Verdict for Plaintiff in McGugan Vs. Brown.

WEDNESDAY.

Elijah Beaver and Walter Seth, two Indians, were arraigned on a charge of assaulting and wounding John Cory, near Muncey postoffice on the evening of Nov. 23. They pleaded guilty, and were remanded for sentence. The crime of which these men are guilty was a brutal one. Mr. Cory is employed by Mr. White on a farm about ix miles from Muncey, and on the day in question the two met him at the Muncey postoffice, where he had gone to secure Mr. White's mail. Here the men endeavored to pick a quarrel with Mr. Cory, and being unsuccessful followed him down the road. When the two overtook Cory on the road they pounced upon him and kicked him into insensibility. Cory lay at the roadside for some hours, and when he again recovered his senses he was walking aimlessly along the road, where he was met by a friend who

took him home. borough, and David Hunter, was concluded last night. The action was brought to recover damages for fraudulent misrepresentation and breach of warranty of a horse. Mr. McGugan bought the horse for a "good work horse," but a test proved the animal to be a "beautiful balker." The plaintiff could not induce defendants to take the horse back, hence the suit. The jury returned the following verdict: "Plaintiff to return the horse to defendants, the two defendants to pay all costs." The judge reserved decision as to whether the costs should be division court of county court costs. Stuart & Stuart for plaintiff; J. D. Shaw and H. F. Jell (Rodney) for de-

True bills were returned by the grand jury against George Woolcox, of Komoka, who is charged with misappropriating moneys belonging to C. W. Smith, of East London.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON. The cases at the general session of places we had to pass from the list; but there is every pros-When we reached Skaguay pect of a week's work yet before the

> George Manufacturing Company, was an action brought under the employers' liability act, to recover \$200 for damages for the loss of the little finger of the left hand. Plaintiff was in defendants' employ, and on Oct. 2 last injured his finger in the elevator, which, he claims, was improperly started by Turcotte's fellow-workman. Plaintiff non-suited on his own evidence. Bartlett & Perrin for plaintiff; Gunn and Hellmuth for defendants. John Danger vs. London Street Railway Company. This is an action to recover \$200 for personal injury alleged to have been received by plaintiff as a result of a collision between his rig and a trolley at the corner of Dundas and Colborne streets, on Oct. 20, and which collision is alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the company. Case in progress.

> LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believe it saved my life. was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me good.

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Citizens Must Be On the Alert to Guard Their Rights.

A Trap Sprung-Situation of the Municipal Campaign-City

There is much comment on the sudden issue of a very large number of notices to strike the names of Liberals, off the municipal and parliamentary voters lists of London. It looks very like a midnight conspiracy. The following is the form of notice:

"The Ontario Voters' List Act: "You are hereby notified that, pursuant to the statute in that behalf, a court of revision of the voters' list, 1899. for the municipality of the city of London, will be held by the judge of the county court of the county of Middle-sex, at the court house, in the city of London, on Monday, the 19th day of December, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and you are required to appear at the said court, for that George E. Sampey has complained that your name is wrongfully inserted in said voters' list, because you are not a tenant. A list of all complaints lodged is posted up in my office in the city hall, in the said city; and, take notice that the judge may proceed to hear and determine the said complaint whether you appear or not. By order of his honor the judge of the county court of the county of Middlesex, C. A. King-

The municipal campaign has not yet begun in earnest. A few of the aldermanic candidates are looking after their Interests with a degree of energy, but the interest of the public generally has not yet been aroused, owing, no doubt, to the uncertainty as to who will be the candidates.

No new candidates for mayor have been announced. For aldermen, the following slate is as complete as the position of affairs will warrant:

In No. 1 ward—Ald. McPhillips, Ald. Taylor and ex-Ald. John Pritchard. In No. 2 ward-Ald. O'Meara, Ald. Douglass, Ald. Jolly and Mr. A. B.

In No. 3 ward—Ald. Stevely, Ald. Winnett, Ald. Carrothers and Mr. David Ross. In No. 4 ward—Ald. Cooper, Ald. Graham and Mr. James Farrar. In No. 5 ward—Ald. Dreaney, Ald.

Wilkey, Mr. Frank Plant, Mr. John Hayman, and Mr. F. J. Appleton. In No. 6 ward—Ald. Greenlees, Mr. J. G. Pritchett and Mr. E. M. Westland. The retiring public school trustees this year are Messrs. Macpherson, Hamilton, Strong, McCormick, Bridle

and Dr. English. Ex-Ald. Joshua Garret, whose name has been spoken of as a candidate in ward four, will leave on a trip to the old country next week.

Czar's Army and Navy at the Disposal of Chinese.

Sir Charles Beresford Organizing a Disciplined Chinese Army.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 15.-Chinese papers received by the Empress of India declare that 2,000 men are to be The case of Angus McGugan, of handed over to Lord Charles Beresford Ekfrid, vs. James Brown, of Ald- to organize as the nucleus of the Chinese disciplined army of the future. Dispatches have been received from Nanking and Wu Chang to the effect that the grand court has notified the viceroys of those cities to select 1,000 men each from Manchu garrisons of Kiang Ning (Nanking) and Ching Chow, near Shasi, and have them ready to be turned over to the sole command of Lord Charles, "to be drilled according to the system of the British army." has not yet been determined where the future camp is to be, but probably

near Nanking or Chin Kiang. Hong Kong papers declare that the reports published of the existence of a secret treaty between the Russian and Chinese Governments are perfectly

It is stated that a large force, under Russian officers, is ordered to Shan-

The secret treaty existing between Russia and China is reported to be as follows: Until the reorganization of the the peace are gradually disappearing Chinese army and navy is completed, China shall have the assistance of the Russian army and navy for defense in case of emergency. In such cases, command of the army and navy shall re-Turcotte vs. McCormick main in the hands of Russian officers. The Chinese Government shall make proper pecuniary compensation to the Russian army and navy when their

services are required. The commander of the Russian army at Liaoturg and Port Arthur shall hold himself at the orders of the Chinese Government, and may be called upon to render assistance at any time.

President McKinley was well received at the peace jubilee in Atlanta, Ga. The president addressed the members of the Georgia Legislature, now in session. In the course of his speech the president said: "Sectional lines no longer mar the map of the United States. Fraternity is the national anthem, sung by a chorus of 45 states and our territories at home and beyond the

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## HEIRS TO AN ESTATE

London Claimants to Rich Philadelphia Property-Bogus Story About a Check.

A rumor that a certain young lady in London had received a check for a fabulous sum, as her share of an estate somewhere, was given currency a few days ago. The young lady refer-red to was Miss Duncan, employed as a milliner at Chapman & Co.'s store Mies Duncan says there is no truth whatever in the report, and that it probably arose from the fact that she one of the claimants to about 100 acres of land in the business portion of the city of Philadelphia. It was originally owned by an ancestor of Miss Duncan's, named Baker, who received it as a crown grant in the colonial days. It was subsequently leased for 99 years, and the lease expires year. There are in all about fourteen claimants in this city, including James F. Baker, a direct heir, the Fortner family, and Miss Duncan. Some of these heirs have placed their claims in the hands of Attorney Scandrett, and they are sanguine of getting a slice of this property, the value of which cannot be estimated.

### THE FILIPINOS

Place Little Stock in the Spanish-American Peace Treaty.

London, Dec. 15 .- Agoncillo, the representative of Aguinaldo, the insurgent leader in the Philippine Islands, sails for New York on Saturday. In an interview he said: "The only portion of the Spanish-American treaty which we are concerned in is the cession of the Philippines, which is illegal, as the Spaniards lost their sovereignty over the islands, and the Americans cannot dispose of the future of the archipelago without consulting the Filipinos. Their consent by popular vote is necessary. As universal suffrage forms the basis of the American constitution, the United States cannot but carry out this

measure. "The result of the peace commission's deliberations is only satisfactory to us inasmuch as Spain is turned out of the

Philippine Islands. "I do not know officially why the Filipinos have not released the Spanish prisoners. I telegraphed to Aguinaldo on the subject, and I hereby declare it to be untrue that they are held for ran-

"I can only regard the possible eventual sale of the islands as being nonsensical. My countrymen will resist to the bitter end any attempt to sell the Philippines to a foreign power. We are anxious to be united and allied to our good friends the Americans, but beyond this we are determined at all hazards to remain independent."

WELL-KNOWN MINSTREL DEAD. Philadelphia, Dec. 15.-Frank Moran, one of the most widely-known minstrels in the country, died yesterday at German hospital, aged 73. His death was due primarily to an attack of la grippe. A widow, formerly Miss Jessie Miller, the burlesque actress, survives

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