

OM THE PEOPLE. Hickman Contradicts World Statements.

Sq., London, S. W.,

the Daily Sun, St. nswick: of April 15 you pubheaded "Mr. Hickwhich was more or copied. I hope I am too much on your you to publish this ore. Here it is:

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irs sincerely, LBERT HICKMAN.

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THE VICTORIA CROSS

The First One Presented by King Edward.

It is Worn by Sergt Richardson. Gallant Member of the Strathcona Horse, Who Has Reached Montreal After Being Quarantined at Grosse

(Montreal Star.) The first Victoria Cross to be pre sented to a member of the British imperial army, by His Majesty the King, is at present in the city.

It is worn by Sergt. Richardson the Strathcona Horse, who reached Montreal today after an eventful transatlantic voyage, at the end o which he and his fellow passengers were detained at Grosse Isle by the dominion health authorities for a per-lod of three weeks, owing to an out-break of smallpox on board the

Sergt. Richardson is staying at the Queen's hotel, and will leave for his home in the Canadian Northwest tomorrow. He accompanied the Strathcona Horse to England on its return from South Africa, but was prevented from continuing the journey to Can-ada with the rest of the regiment by the express command of the King who wanted to present the Cross in person to the gallant trooper.

THE PRESENTATION.

The presentation took place at St. James' Palace, London, about eight ago, and was the first ceremony of its kind that has occurred since the King's accession. His Majesty was accompanied on that occasion by a brilliant staff, including Lord Roberts V. C., commander-in-chief of the British army, and a number of officers who had taken prominent parts in the war. The occasion was also graced by the presence of Her Majesty the Queen, Lady Roberts, Lord Strath-cona, and certain of the ladies connected with the royal family.

In presenting the cross to Sergt. Richardson, the King laid especial emphasis on the good work done in South Africa by all the sections of his army from over the seas, and especially in the Strathcona Horse. He congratulated Sergt. Richardson on his success. his success in winning a much covet-ed distinction as the cross, and praised

At the conclusion of the ceremony Lord Roberts offered Sergt. Richardson a commission in the imperial army, but the latter declined the honor, as he preferred returning home.

HIS DEED OF BRAVERY. HIS DEED OF BRAVERY.
In a conversation with a Star reporter this afternoon, Sergt. Richardson gave a brief and unwilling description of the deed for which the cross was given. The incident, he said, happened at Wolverspruit on the 5th of July last year. On that occasion he was engaged with his regiment in an attack on the Boers, who were then occupying an ambushed position. When they opened fire at close range the order was given to retire, but the order was given to retire, but Sergt. Richardson wished to unload his magazine before con the order, and continued to pepper away. When the magazine was empty he turned to rejoin the rest of his troop, who were making for a kopje in the distance. On rising from the ground he noticed a fellow-trooper claimed to do." named MacArthur lying on the veldt near by, and on going over to him found that he had been wounded in the shoulder and hip, and that his injuries were such as to make it impos-sible for him to move. Although the fire from the Boer ambush was pretty hot and deadly at the time, Sergt. Richardson picked the injured man up and carried him across the fire zone to p place of safety.

WITNESSED BY COL. BIGGAR. Meanwhile his troop had reached the kepje, from which position his action was witnessed by Col. Biggar, of the imperial army, who at once reported the incident to Lord Roberts, with a mmendation that he be awarded

the Victoria Cross.

Sergt. Richardson is justly proud of the Cross, although he is modest in speaking about the manner in which it was won. "Hundreds of Crosses," he it was won. "Hundreds of Crosses, he said, "have been won in South Africa that will never be awarded, simply because the incidents have escaped the notice of the officers. Through pure luck, I suppose, somebody noticed me, kept his eye on me as I carried Mc-Arthur across the veldt, and then used his efforts to obtain for me the Cross But I can assure you, anybody placed in the position I was in at the time would have done the same thing. It was simply a duty that I felt had to be performed regardless of cost. There have been many such incidents during the war, and my action was nothin



out of the ordinary. Any Tommy

THE COWARDLY BOERS. Sergt. Richardson, in speaking of the Boers, said they were downright cow-ards as a rule, and could easily have captured him on the occasion referred to if they had been a little braver.

The interview with Sergt. Richardson brought out the interesting fact that by special permission of the King, Lady Roberts is permitted to wear the Victoria Cross won by Lieut. Roberts her son, at the battle of Colenso, dur-ing which action he lost his life.

Among Sergt. Richardson's fellow passengers were the following: Sergt. Brigham, in charge of party; Troopers Clarke, Common, Cosens, Garner, Gil-mour, Gordon, Gowler, Griffin, Nash, Robson, Skene, Swinburne, Wilson, all of Strathcona's Horse; Troopers Healy, Miles and Pointon, C. M. R.; Troopers Brick and Staff, Brabant's Horse; Corp. Dupre, Trooper Spicer, R. C. D., late of Brabant's Horse; Trooper Pur-vis, Kitchener's Horse, and Trooper Curran, Army Service Corps

# STAGE DRIVER

STATES HIS CASE

Experience of Both His Wife and Himself.

ch Has Tested the Power of Dodd's Kidney Pills-Bach Has Achieved the Same Result - Dodd's Kidney Pills Have Cured Them Both.

DROMORE, Ont., May 31 (Special) -Mr. George Sackett drives the stage between Dromore and Holstein. That he is known throughout the country side goes without saying. When he was in trouble a short while ago he had the sympathy therefore of more than the few immediate friends and neighbors a man in another walk

Mr. Sackett thought at one time he would have to give up the stage. Sitday out, rain or shine, hot or cold, he contracted a serious disorder. His idneys became weakened from the ual exposure. They gradually gave him more and more trouble. He felt that he couldn't keep up much

It is nine miles from Dromore Holstein. That means a round trip of would make thirty-six miles of driv ing. Imagine this in a wet driving snow storm of March or February to

Mr. Sackett did not give up driving the stage. Instead he sought the help of Dodd's Kidney Pills. Did he find help? Read his own letter, a letter which tells also that his wife proved the truth of the saying "Dodd's Kidney Pills are woman's best friend."

"Having used other largely adver-tised remedies and all the medicines recommended to me by my friends for Kidney Trouble and excruciating Backache without the slightest relief, I was in despair. In the nick of time induced to try Dodd's Kidne Pills and can never be too thankful for the advice which prompted me to do so. They simply took hold of my trouble and lifted it off me. I never heard of anything which gives such

"My wife owes even more to Dodd's Kidney Pills than I do. Her case was worse than mine. Mrs. Sackett would not be alive today only for Dodd's Kidney Pills. Both my wife and my-self can truly recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills, for they do what they are

# THE SYDNEY STRIKE.

SYDNEY, June 2.—There have be few developments since Saturday in the strike of bricklayers and masons here. All day Saturday groups of strikers were to be seen discussing the situation along the streets The strike of the Riter, Conley nen is merely a sympathetic one There is no grievance against the concern. The men have had the nine hour system there for some time, and good wages, from forty-seven to fifty cents an hour for brickayers, and masons thirty-six to forty cents. The main point at issue is whether the steel company will recog-nize the union, that is, grant the nine hour system or not. The present in-dications are that they will not. Preover eight hundred men at least will be affected. Supt. McCreary, speaking for the company, declared his objections to granting the demands of

# D. A. R. AND YARMOUTH S. S. CO.

YARMOUTH, June 2.-Manager Gifns of the D. A. R. met a committee of the Yarmouth Steamship Company, Secretary Chase, Jacob Bingay and others, last night. On the strength of this it is reported today the cale of the Yarmouth Steamship Company effected at \$260,000 to \$265,000, to take effect Saturday next. The offi-clais refuse to confirm or deny the statement, but the stockholders state hat the sale has been effected.

MONTEZUMA AT SYDNEY. HALIFAX, June 2.—Str. Montezuma arrived at Sydney Saturday to bunk-er for New Orleans, from where she er for New Orleans, from where she takes a consignment of horses for the British army to South Africa. The Montezuma received her orders at Father Point, and Sydney and Newport News were telegraphed to with respect to the price of coal and the facilities of shipping. It was found the steamer could bunker at Sydney worlders and that the price of coal was licker and that the price of coal was

Christians have a text about turning the other when struck on one cheek Second Chinaman-I don't doubt a Anything to increase the indemnity!

eaper than at Newport News.

Children Cry for

# WOLFVILLE

Very Long Chapter of Recal

The Commencement Exercises of the Acadia Institutions.

W. L. Wright, of Stoney Creek, N. B., the First Male Graduate in Music from the Seminary.

List of Students Who Expect to Receive the B. A. Degree on Wednesday-The Baccalaureate Sermon.

WOLFVILLE, June 2.-The Baptists of the maritime provinces made no mistake when they chose the beautiful town of Wolfville as the site of their educational institutions. The historic and picturesque surroundings are a continued source of inspiration and help to the young people who annually attend Acadia University, Acadia Seminary and Horton Collegiate

The commencement exercises these schools began on Saturday, June 1st, and will be continued during this week. Old graduates and friends are crowding in on every train, and the town is taxed to its utmost to enter-

The musical course at Acadia Seminary is both thorough and difficult, and based upon the best systems now in use. The complete course occupies four years and it requires a large amount of diligence and perseverance to satisfactorily complete the necessary work. Students who accomp all the work given in the course are required to give a public recital before receiving a diploma. The last of these performances was given on Friday ovening in Alumnae Hall, Acadia Seminary, by Miss Emily Portia Starr, daughter of C. R. Starr of Wolfville, and William Lewis Wright of Stony Creek, N. B. The select audience which was present by invitation, en-joyed the spirited playing and correct interpretation of most difficult selec-tions from Beethoven, Henselt, Lasch-etyky, Wagner, Liszt, Chopin and

Schubert-Liszt.

Miss Starr is considered a very talented young musician and a bright future is predicted for her. She was presented with an exquisite bunch of

presented with an exquisite bunch of roses at the close.

Mr. Wright is the first male graduate in music from Acadia Seminary, and is to be congratulated on his preficiency and touch. His admiring class mates of the sophomore class presented him with a valuable cane, at the close of the recital.

Miss Cole, Miss Lounsbury, Miss Starr and Mr. Wright then presented the director of plano, Miss Lita Gilmore, with a suitable address.

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On Saturday evening an interesting entertainment was given in College Hall by Rev. Austen Kempton, Acadia, '91, pastor of the Baptist church, Fitchburg, Mass. This was a picture story of Evangeline. The poem was read and illustrated by over 100 stereoscopic views. All the prominent points in Longfellow's pathetic story were pictured, but special interest centered in Evangeline, the original being a native of Wolfville, and a grada native of Wolfville, and a gr uate of Acadia Seminary, and will be remembered by visitors last year as the author of the peom on the Aca-dians read at the Alumnae reunion. On Sunday morning the Baptist

city with visitors and friends to liste to the annual sermon delivered to the undergraduates of Acadia University. It is an impressive sight to witness the long line of students in cap and gown, headed by the president, march with stately tread up the centre aisle with stately tread up the centre aisle of the church to the seats assigned to them, at the front. Those who took part in the procession and expect to receive the B. A. degree on Wednesday, are: Chas. E. Atherton, Woodstock, N. B.; Wm. L. Baker, Fairville, N. B.; Mildred K. Bently, Upper N. B.; Mildred K. Bently, Upper Stewiacke; H. L. Bustin, Melvern Square; Avard L. Bishop, Lawrencetown; Geo. A. Blackadar, Pleasant Valley; Josephine O. Bostwick, St. John, N. B.; Eduard V. Buchanan, Sussex, N. B.; Burpee A. Colwell, Gaspereaux; Robert J. Colpitts, Elgin, N. B.; Frederick R. Faulkner, Truro; Georgie F. Beeles Town Plot: Albert B.; Frederick R. Faulkner, Truro; Georgie E. Heales, Town Plot; Albert C. Horsman, Elgin, N. B.; Wallace I. Hutchinson, Wolfville; Arthur S. Lewis, Sackville, N. B.; Laura R. Logan, Amherst; Wm. H. Longley, Paradise; Wylie Manning, St. John, N. B.; Redford L. Martin, Gaspereaux. Edgar H. McCurdy, Clinton, Mass.; Colin A. McLeod, Springhill; Adele McLeod, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Alberta Pearson, Canning; Grace A. Perkins, Hatfield, N.B.; Aaron Perry, Lake View, N. B.; Ralph W. Jones, Wolf-

kins, Hatfield, N.B.; Aaron Perry, Lake View, N. B.; Ralph W. Jones, Wolfville; B. S. Freeman, Milton; Perry H. Judson, Johnston, N. B.; Temple O. Piers, Wolfville: Marshall D. Richardson, West Jeddore; John W. Roland, Factory Dale; Miles G. White, Sussex, N. B.; Herbert H. Currie, Wolfville.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Pattison of Rochester, who was introduced to the audience by President Trotter in a few audience by President Trotter in a few entary and appropriate words. Dr. Patterson is a man of fine presence and an intellectually active and ori-ginal and incisive thinker, and his ginal and incisive thinker, and his words were listened to with profound attention by his appreciative audience. His sermon was based on the first and last words in the Bible: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis i. 1), and "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation xxii., 20). Between these texts, said the preacher, there is this marked contrast; the first deals with the begin-

have never seen finished human life. Apart from the social wreckage, and the evident failures, even the most suc-cessful life and even that of the Christian, remains incomplete. The third illustration of incompleteness is found in the early life of Jesus. His actions, His parables, His whole teaching. constitute a promise of the future. His life led to His death, His death to His esurrection, His resurrection to His scension, and that to His throne in glory and His second coming. The gospel, with its mission still unaccom-plished, is our final illustration of the thought. In the world, in the church, in the soul of each believer, the gospel sees not all things put under it. So we live among unfinished things. This is inspiring, for unlike the dwellers among the ruins of the Orient, we live in the midst of unfulfilled proles. Nor shall they over be fulfilled here. Other conditions and circumstances are needed. So from our very incompleteness we gather an argument for immortality. This is indeed in accordance with God's purpose and points to a fulfilment hereafter This earth shall be replaced by a new earth wherein dwells righteousness This Christian life shall open out into a redeemed life with Christ. He himself shall be satisfied. And in our world, in redemption, in the spiritual life made immortal, Christ shall finally

Special music was furnished by a large choir, and the closing prayer was made by Rev. H. R. Hatch.

# E. SINGLAIR DEAD.

The Well Known Lumberman Passed Away Thursday Evening,

MONCTON, May 31.-Edward Sinlair, the well known Miramichi lumberman, whose serious illness during the past ten weeks had caused his riends to despair of his recovery, passed away about eight o'clock last even ing at his home, Bridgetown. North-umberland county. Mr. Sinclair paid visit to Moncton on the eve of Good Friday, about ten weeks ago. At that time he complained of slight pain in his head. He was taken ill shortly after returning home, and has been gradually failing ever since. He was taken to Montreal by his son-in-law. Dr. Ferguson of this city, some weeks ago, and a consultation held by the most eminent medical authority there in regard to his condition, but no im-provement resulted. Members of the family were summoned and have been nome for the past few weeks.

Mr. Sinclair was one of the known men in New Brunswick and very popular with all classes. He was one of the largest lumber merchants on the north shore. His home was at Bridgetown, three miles above Newcastle, where he spent the greater part of his life. He was borne in Douglastown, and spent some years in Newfoundland. He was in the 60th year of his age. Mrs. Sinclair, three sons and three daughters survive. The sons are William, engaged in lumbering in California, but who has been at home since last fall: Edward Hubert, who since last fall; Edward Hubert, who served with the Royal Canadian Artillery in South Africa, now also at home; and Dr. Oliver Williard Sinclair of Eureka, California, who arrived home two weeks ago. The daughters are Mrs. (Dr.) Ferguson, Moncton, and Misses Flossie and Helen, unmarried. Up to the time of his illness Mr. Sinclair had been a man of robust constitution, and the rather sudden collapse since last fall: Edward Hubert, who was a painful shock to his friends was due to brain trouble, and he had been unconscious for the last two days.

"There are few Sinclairs," said Newcastle man a few days ago.
The late Edward Sinclair was one of the most popular men on the north shore. His home at Bridgetown, a short distance above Newcastle, was a home of great hospitality, and Mr. Sinclair gave generously and without ostentation to deserving objects, not only on the Miramichi but elsewhere. He carried on a large lumbering business, loading vessels at his mills at Bridgetown. He had a large lumbering trade with P. E. Island and parts of Nova Scotia, as well as with the old of Nova Scotia, as well as with the old country. He owned probably two hundred miles or more of timber limits on crown lands and was the owner in fee simple of Beaubier's Island, about a mile long and half a mile wide, in the Miramichi, near his home. This island is covered with a fine growth of spruce. His death is a distinct loss to the Miramichi, and he will be sincere. he Miramichi, and he will be sind ly mourned wherever he was known.

THE LATE "GAT" HOWARD. Interesting Description of How He Met His Death.

The following statement of how ga lant "Gat" Howard came by his death is taken from a letter written by Sergt.-Major Glenister, now serving with "Gét" Howard's Scouts in South Africa, to Chas. Fennell, late of D Battery, R. C. A., and published in

the Guelph Mercury;
"We left Pretoria on Jan. 23,
marched to Erste Fabricken, halted here for one day, then started out again, when we came in contact with the enemy at Diamond Hill, having a heavy fight. This is where we lost our Colt gun, had Gordon wounded, Sergt.-Major McGregor and Hammond killed. Then we had sniping all the way until we came to the Crocodile River. Here we were heavily engaged River. Here we were heavily engaged again, firing our pom-pom for the first time; fired four hundred rounds on Feb. 14. It was here Sergt, Major Patterson of the Scouts was killed, words were listened to with profound attention by his appreciative audience. His sermon was based on the first and last words in the Bible: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis i. 1), and "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation XXII, 20). Between these texts, said the preacher, there is this marked contrast; the first deals with the second closes the Bible with a note of incomplete ness. For this there must be some got answer that question by best answer that question by best answer that question by best and withough the bour earth still subject to the command given to Abram: "He fruitful and multiply," and still illustrating Paul's words, "The whole creation groaneth and travalleth in pain to gether." The second is our life. We called the pain and attained the pain to gether." The second is our life. We called the pain of the Back and through the major at the time—he was shot in two different grantlers. The first of the second is our life. We call the pain to gether." The second is our life. We called the pain of the Back and through t

# BOSTON LETTER.

Wet Weather Delays Planting in Country Districts.

Labor Disturbances Throughout New England and Many Mechanics Are Idle.

Recent Deaths of Former Provincial ists-Fined for Illegal Fishing in Nova Scotia -A Missing Man -The Lumber and Fish Markets.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

BOSTON, June 1.-This city has had

another cheerless week. Of rain, cloudy weather and east winds there has been an abundance. The sun has not been seen for several days. Probably the greatest complaints com from the farming districts, wher lanting is at least two weeks behin planting is at least two weeks behind schedule time. Many farmers have not planted their corn, and in some sections seed potatoes have rotted in the ground. Considerable corn was planted early in May, but the ground has been so heavy and soggy that a large acreage had to be entirely replanted. Just now it looks like a corn and potato famine in this state. The owners of very dry land are the forowners of very dry land are the fortunate ones this year, and will probably lost nothing because of the cold and wet spring. Those crops which are above ground are making no pro gress, while many farmers report almost total losses of early planting. The wet weather has one redeeming feature. It ensures one of the finest grass crops Massachusetts has seen in years. Last year at this time there was a severe drought, which continued until the hay crop was a failure and the big modern schooners. the predicted, hay will be abundant and in prime condition. Farmers and in prime condition. Farmers find lying in South street a ship whose agree that they have seldom, if ever, master carried his wife with him on seen grass heavier and better at this cover likely a plane. Here with time of year.

The officials of the Intercolonia

opper mine at Dorchester, N. B., state that they are now installing a battery of roasters, built at the Phoenix foundry, St. John, under the Carmichael patents. The roasters are 15 in number and are said to have a capacity of 12 to 15 tons each every 24 hours. The principal officers of the company reside in Rhode Island. Chief of Police S. E. Day of Pines,

Me., is sending out circulars request-ing information concerning Jeremiah Driscoll, late of Weoley, Me., who left heard of since by his family. Driscoll was about 55 years of age, a native of New Brunswick and spoke with a strong provincial accent. His family fear he has committed suicide.

John Landers, the well known Bos-

ton restaurant proprietor, a native of Yarmouth, and two friends, have returned from a fishing trip in Southern Nova Scotia. Mr. Landers says they spent considerable money there, but

vincialists in this vicinity are announced: In Dorchester, May 28, Dr. Walter Scot Provan, once a resident of St. John; in Roxbury, May 26, James Kincaid, aged 81 years, formerly of St. John; in Watertown, May 30, Mrs. Anjohn; nie E. Vradenburgh, wife of Albert W. Vradenburgh, aged 33 years, formerly of St. John; in Arlington Heights, May 28, Mrs. Sarah Davis, wife of Lockwood Davis, aged 45 years, for-merly of St. John; in Roxbury, May 22, Edward D., five years old son of Edward D. Opren, latter formerly of Summerside, P. E. I.; in Roxbury, May 23, Henry J., 3 years old son of Mr. Orphen (double funeral was held May 24 from residence of children's grandmother, Mrs. J. L. Weatherbo 2604 Washington street.) The cotton mill business does in

mprove rapidly. Prices on finish goods are still tending downward and a number of mills have stopped their machinery. A general strike in the paper mills at Holyoke is threatened next week. There are several other labor disturbances in New England, and quite a number of mechanics idle in consequence.

L. R. Thompson, Mrs. Thompson, S. I. Flood and Mrs. Flood of St. John, W. R. Dunn, a Halifax newspaper man, and I. P. Richardson of Yarnouth were in the city this week. Another reception was tendered Rev. Dr. James Morrison, rector of St. Dun-stan's Roman Catholic cathedral, Charlottetown, and Rev. Fr. A. Mac-Charlottetown, and Rev. Fr. A. Mac-Aulay, pastor of St. Joseph's church, Morrell, P. E. I., here last night. The second event was held at the residence of Mrs. Christina Campbell in Rox-bury. A large number of former re-sidents of P. E. Island were present. Yesterday the visitors were entertained by the Prince Edward Island club. Miss Clara C. Campbell, niece of Arch-bishop O'Brien of Halifax, assisted.

The following is from an article on the doings of the Canadian parliament in Friday's New York Tribune : "Som old-time liberals view the large expenditures of the Laurier government with some alarm. A little over \$40,000,-000 in 1896, it has grown to over \$60,000,000, which is the amount a for in 1902. Much of this expenditure

still asked, and for 1 1-2 in., \$2.65 to 2.75. Spruce dimensions, 10 to 12 in., are quoted at \$18 to 19.50; 9 in. and under, \$17 to 18; 10 to 12 in. random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$17.50 to 18.50; 2x3, 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7, and 3x4, 10 feet and up, \$15 to 16; all other randoms, 9 in. and under, 10 feet and up, \$15.50 to 17; 5 in. and up. merchantable boards, \$15 to 16; matched boards, \$17 to 18; out boards, \$12.50; extra clapboards, \$30; clear, \$28; second clear, \$25 to 26. Hemlock lumber is in small supply, with prices well maintained. Eastern boards are worth \$15 to 16. Shingles are firm and in fair supply. Extra cedar shingles are held at \$2.85 to 2.95; clear, \$2.60 to 2.65; second clear, \$2.15 to 2.25; clear white, \$2, and extra No.

In the fish market this week, mackerel are lower, new salt sea-packed fish bringing only \$7.75 to 8 per bbl. Mackerel have been reported in large numbers off the Nova Scotia coast, The outlook from a fisherman's standpoint is considered bright. Codfish are yet scaree and prices are firm. There is little offering except large and medium Georges and shore fish. Bank fish are out of the market. For large shore and Georges, \$6.50 to 7 is asked, and for medium, \$5.25 to 5.50. Pickled herring are quiet and unchanged. Nova Scotia large split are selling at \$6 to 6.50 per lobsters are quiet and steady at \$3 to 3.25 for talls and \$3.25 to 3.50 for flats. Live lobsters are plentiful at 10 cents, with boiled quoted at 12c.

#### PIANOS AT SEA.

Thousands of Them Affoat in One Part of the World and Another.

"Take them the world around," said a plano manufacturer, "and I guess you would find in use thousands of pianos afloat. You will find them on ocean steamers in the passenger trade everywhere, and on steamhoats in inland waters. You will find them on merchant sailing vessels, ships and barks, and in the spacious cabins of

"If, for instance, you happened to find lying in South street a ship whose cabin, very likely, a piano. Here, with the vessel tied up and on still water, a vase of flowers. You would scarce-ly see the flowers there when the vessel was rolling in a seaway; but you might, if you were aboard, hear the plane played under the equator or off Cape Horn, and the vase of flowers would reappear when the vessel was once more lying securely in port, say in San Francisco or Hong Kong. "And then there are lots of planos

in these days on yachts, both steam and sail; the greater number, natur-

ally, on steam yachts. "The planos carried at sea are con monly uprights, and most commonly small uprights, space being taken into consideration on almost any vessel, however large. Pianos for yachts are often built to order, to fit into some

jog or space in the vessel's cabin.

"Oak is perhaps the wood most commonly selected for pianos for use on yachts, but yacht pianos are, of course, made and finished in keeping with the style and finish of the cabin in which spent considerable money there, but just before they left they were called style and finished in keeping with the style and finish of the cabin in which they are to be used; just as a plano for fishing without a license.

The following deaths of former prostyle of finish might be called for.

be anywhere else. It is subjected con-stantly to the influence of dampness and to changes of climate and tem-

"Planos may be bought for sea use "Planos may be bought for sea use out of the regular stock. Those made to order for sea use are made with details of their construction, especially adapted to that use. The steel pins, for instance, that the wires are stretched on, are nickel plated to prevent them from rusting; and with the same purpoe brass screws are used where they can be in place of steel screws. Sometimes we rivet the ivory tops of the keys and the ivory tips on the ends to the body of the key. Even with the best and most faithful con-struction, these ivory coverings on the keys are liable to curl up at sea."

# STRIKE AT HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 2.-With the HALIFAX, N. S., June 2.—With the exception of the carpenters employed by only one or two firms in this city, who agreed to the advance demanded by the men, the carpenters of Halifax are on strike. They went out Saturday morning because they had received no reply to their verbal demand for a 35 per cent. increase. The present wages are 18 cents an hour. The men wages are 18 cents an nour, the men ask that they be paid 25 cents. The employers claim that some years ago the men agreed to settle such dis-putes by arbitration and they say they will pay any wages a board of arbi-tration may order, but that till then they refuse to pay more than they

have been paying.

The men hold that the arbitration greement, made years ago, does not ind them. Now a conference will be held between masters and men on Tuesday.

# AGNOSTIC MARRIAGE. "

CINCINNATI, O., June 2.—The first "Agnostic" marriage in this country occurred here today at the Agnostic Sunday school. The contracting parties were Frederick Federle and Miss Martha Seaman. Justice Alexander Robling performed the legal part of the ceremony, after which both parties made their pledges; including one not to resist divorce proceedings. The bride also repeated the words: "Should I discover that we are uncongenial or mismated, I hereby pledge that I will not bear children that are not born of affection."