The Wisconsin Central Railway has prohibited its sleeping car porters The Wisconsin Central Rankway has promoted its sleeping an personal from receiving any tip from passengers, except ten cents for blacking shoes, which is not to be done unless ordered. The salaries of the porters were Men's & Boys' Clothing, Wholesale. at the same time raised. Now let us have light and heat in the sleepers that will not cremate the passengers, and the public will travel freer of anxiety.

Mr. Arthur's last words, spoken in scarcely audible tones and addressed to no one in particular, were as simply beautiful as his life had been. They were uttered while the dying man's eyes were closed and while he still suffered severe physical pain: "Good night," he said, and was quiet for a moment, and then "good night" in still lower tones. When the watchers looked again he had fallen asleep:

A terrible collision of an express train bound west, running at the rate of sixty miles per hour, and a heavily ladened freight train coming cast, took place on Wednesday morning last at Tiffin, Ohio, on the B. & O. Railroad. The passenger cars and sleepers in the express train were wrecked, the ruins at once taking fine. Nineteen bodies have been recovered, but it is supposed that many more yet remain in the debtis.

Fort North, Texas, January ... The official report of the convention of county judges from counties in the drought district of Texas, has been published. Twenty one counties were represented in the convention. The total number of people in these counties now in need of food, clothing and fuel is placed at 30,000, while thousands more are without seed to plant during the coming year. An appeal is made to the state and national legislature, and to the country at large, to furnish at once \$500,000 to relieve their immediate wants.

The latest thing in cycling in Lugland is the performance of a Chinaman, who rides a hieyele down an inclined wire.

The Royal Thames Vacht Ulub announces an ocean yacht race for one c thousand guineas, to be held during the Queen's jubilee.

During the recent heavy snow storms in Germany nearly 200 persons lost their lives. The snow fall was greater than has been known for years.

In the trial of the cadets and officers of the Bulgarian army for conspiracy evidence has been adduced showing that the defendants were in communication with the Russian Consul.

Spain is becoming jealous of the manner in which the United States is coquetting with Cuba and Porte Rico. Should the congress reject the new treaty, Spain will immediately impose a differential duty of 25 per cent. upon American imports. If this comes to pass there will be a business boom in Nova Scotia.

Soup kitchens in Birmingham have reduced the price of a child's meal. consisting of three-quarters of a pint of soup and two slices of bread, one of which is spread with jam, to one half-penny. This is nearly as great a triumph of economy as that of providing a large and live newspaper for the same amount. The soup facilities expect to reduce the price of their meals still further to one farthing.

Mr. Gosehen has consented to take the position in Lord Salisbury's Cabinet vacated by Lord Randolph Churchill, upon the condition that two other seats in the ministry be given to the Liberal-Unionists. The out-andout Conservatives strongly oppose the idea of the coalition government, but under existing circumstances their opposition is futile. Lord Salisbury must bow to the inevitable and seek the cooperation of his old enemies or resign the premiership. Lord Randolph Churchill has not yet given any satisfactory reason for his resignation, and although he has announced that he will give the Conservative government a general support, it is feared by many Tories that he, following the example of the Grand Old Man, will leave his first political loop and units with the Conservative for the Grand Old Man. leave his first political love and unite with the Liberals.

The London school board is true to British traditions; it refuses, by a vote of thirty to lifteen, to abolish flogging in the schools, but it decides that the power shall be restricted to the head-masters, who are told, in addition, that the more thoroughly qualified and skillful a teacher is, the less necessary will it be for him to resort to corporal punishment. The idea that flogging breaks the average boy's spirit, or humiliates him in such a degree as to injure him, is a modern American namby-pamby notion. Boys, as a general rule, take a flogging as they take any other punishment brought upon them by their sins, as a sort of purgation, the pain of which they should bear manfully. They take their licking as they would pay a debt, without a sense of shame or disgrace except that which is caused by the state of the st

A terrible encounter with a lion is reported from Verviers, in Belgium. One night an untrained lion, called Brutus, was let into a cage before an attendant, named Gremier, had had time to leave. The lion showed signs of treat a city was taking and time to leave. attendant, named Gremier, had had time to leave. The lion showed signs of great excitement, taking prodigious leaps all about the cage, and uttering appalling roars. Seeing the man in danger, the "lion queen," Mdme. Soumet, entered the cage to enable Gremier to withdraw, when the lion rushed at her, and fastened his teeth in the lower part of her face. A professional tamer, named Bonvillant, went to the rescue, and by main force opened the lion's jaws, thus enabling the unfortunate woman to leave the cage. A portion of her lower jaw, with some of the teeth, had been bitten away. The savage beast then turned upon Bonvillant, and he and the lion actually wrestled together for two or three minutes, the lion savagely biting the man about the chest and shoulders. Finally, one of the attendants, by the man about the chest and shoulders. Finally, one of the attendants, by attacking the lion with a pitchfork from outside the cage, made him let go his hold, and Bonvillant rushed out of the cage and fainted away. Mdme. Soumet's life is despaired of; but Bonvillant is expected to recover.

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