yet impenetrable veil, I could only be silent, and think, and wonder, and try to have faith in Him who rules both worlds, "theirs" and ours. That day the Baron had gone over

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That day the Baron had gone over on his automobile to a neighboring chateau, an historic old place, in which lived the widow and daugnters of an old army friend of his. Gihey had not come across each other for many long years, in fact, the women-kind had never met. "I heard a curious thing to-day." hard a curious thing to-day." hard a curious thing to-day." the Baron. "I wonder how much truth there is in it. Madame Desputers and her daughters declare that Chateau la Reine is haunted, that the servants as well as the family have seen the fair ghost, for it seems she is a lady and both young and lovely into the bargain." Yvonne was wild with excitement. "Tell me everything you heard,"

"Tell me everything you heard," she said; "quick! quick! What is she like? When does she appear? Have other people seen her? "Well, yes; it seems that a man who was there in September for the shooting, had the pleasure of an introduction, and he was so elo-

introduction, and he was so elo-quent in his admiration that he got dreadfully chaffed for his love first sight, and his impatience to again behold the lovely spook. He was an Englishman, too, spending his long vacation over here, the Desorueres had come across him at Monte Carlo and asked him to come them some time. He continued rave over the lovely transparent I shadowy figure till the end of visit. There is nothing alarm-about her, they all declare. bowt her, they all declare. are quite fond of the 'little bemoiselle,' as they call her, hould miss her, if she should

ake her departure. ne ner departure."

ne grew more and more curland excited, asked more quesin five minutes than her uncle
id answer in fifteen. To quiet her,
Maraine suggested that she
uld go to bed and dream of the
unt," and if she were year. unt," and if she were very good should be taken to Chateau La

her.

I think we were all somewhat sceptical, thought madame and her so us out, as he was disentangling my cloak, which was on the wheel, I caught a most curious expression on his face, half alarm, half astonishment, he was staring fixedly at Yvonne, not with the admiration which could be a started to the scenario of the started to th which would have been expected—she was so pretty, in her dainty Paristan attire, but with real stupefacmoment, Yvonne, who had been gazing about her excitedly, exclaimed, with her eyes fixed on the old castle. hy, Maraine, Miss Benbow, it's my n Dream House, I know every ne of it, I have been here often often before, I can describe ev-

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at its earlier date.

It was all very curious, very inhe carriage, Rene, the only daugher at home, volunteered to go and ring her in to have coffee and syrop. From where I was sitting I tould see straight across the hall to the open door and portice. I noticed that Reue went histily forward, then paused milway, and I distinctly caught a little startled exclamation.

Mon Dieu!" She then went on, and presently the two girls entered the glost story was buried in oblivion like immediates.

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Younce the two was only too pleased to comply, and at the end of the dance they went over to the charmed client. Another partner immediately claimed Youne, and madarie in her pretty, gracious fashion asked Paul to take her out to see the gardens, with their illuminations. When they were outside Paul could no longer conceant the control of the don't know how fond I am of the french."

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Soon afterwards my friends, with their illuminations. When they were outside Paul could no longer conceant the family in spirit form. salon, Rene pale and unnerven, lear-ing Yvonne to the hostess. The lat-Vvonne's good. held out both hands with a ning gesture of welcome; then iters might be imaginative or ct to "migraine"; the servants bly followed their mistresses' rnatural visions in sheep-like

into the fine old park, with kept avenue and drove up thateau with its gleaming of all the hounted house of one's

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Yvonne should wait in the carriage Yvome should wait in the carriage, as two were enough to go in and pay a lirst call. The old butler helpshe hastily drew back, and looked startled; with difficulty she regained sufficient composure to say how glad she was to see Yvonne. The girl, however, had noticed none of this byplay, not even the enquiring glances exchanged between her godmother and myself. She was looking in a bewildered, fascinated manner round the room.

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"You don't know me," she said, in her pretty, impulsive fashion, "why, of course you don't, because you've never seen me before, but I know all about your lovely house. There is a door in that panel over there, and behind it is an old, old staircase going up to some bed-rooms in the turrets. Why, I have often been up and down those stairs. They are very dusty, you know, lots of cobwebs, and funny little twists and turns. Then, that door leads into an old library, hung with tapestry, one panel has a piece cut out of it, and it rather spoils the picture; the stitches look ragged, of course. There are wonderful books, too, old, old

quence, of unwonted importance, for the time being.

The ball was in full swing, when a tall, dark man entered the ballroom during a pause between the dances. He was a good specimen of Englishman, clean limbed, with spare, athletic figure, and honest dark eyes. He looked a "good all-round" man, and so he was. He rowed in his college boat, was good at cricket and "footer," and a crack shot. There were many lamentations at Christ. Church because he was about to take his degree and go down. He was looking about him now for a chance of partners, when his eyes were absolutely rivetted on a girl who was standing by the door leading into the illuminated quad. She was wonderfully pretty, slender and graceful, with pretty foreign gestures, and a bewitching French ball gown of satin and chiffon, bedecked with pearl embroideries, all white, ont a gesture of color, except in her her sunny chestnut hair and rose-leaf complexion.

Paul Lonsdale (did I teli you his pared of colors)



"She Was Wonderfully Pretty, Slender and Graceful,"

books with such funny pictures, all in old French, I expect, for I know I could not read them."

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"Yvonne is a quaint mortal," said my old friend; "forgive her for rattling on. I think in a former world she must have been a pixle, who came down the chimney to tease people. Well! I don't know that she is so very different in her second life."

"Will you come and see my giasshouses?" said Madame Desbrueres in an agitated tone. "Rene, take Mile. Yvonne to the tennis-law; perhaps she would like to have a game with you."

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"You said, when you came in, that the Baron had told you of our ghost; that is she! Your little Yvonne is

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found the ladies as charming friendly as the Baron had detailed them. In a short time they to be staying with the De Poiss. On hearing that she was in the made, and the description given was of the room at its earlier date.

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The strange part is that leaving seen their little grey Demoiscille in the flesh, she never again appeared to the family in spirit form. Soon afterwards my friends, with their illuminations. When they were the ghost story was buried in oblivion as we had arranged it should be for Yvonne's good.

Now comes the sequel, the happy sequel, for if you have thought my little story weird and fantastic, I think you will approve of its good old-fashioned ending, romantic, its

supernatural visions in sheep-like fashion. The sporting man's experience? Well! that was more of a poser certainly, "a touch of liver, perhaps; from a chill caught while shooting," was the Baron's unromantic sontion of the problem.

Next morning Yvonne began again, to pacify her, Madame said we drive over after dejeuner and ir respects to the famille Desserved and poligrims of all nationalities. Yvonne and especial pet of his, had a very special pet of his were the guests of a learned but genial (the two opening periods, very special pet of his had a very special pet of his kindly way of opening his hospitable doors to strangers and policy special pet of his kindly way of opening his hospitable doors to strangers and policy special pet of his kindly way of opening his hospitable doors to strangers and policy special pet of his kindly way of opening his hospitable doors to strangers and policy special pet of his kindly way of opening his hospitable doors to strangers and policy special pet of his kindly way of opening his hospitable doors to strangers and policy special pet of his kindly way of opening his hospitable doors to strangers and policy special pet of his kindly way of opening his hospitable doors to strangers an especial pet of his, had a very good time, her easy mainer and bright nature made her a great fa-vorite.

She was full of engagements of terraces bathed in sunshine, all sorts and thoroughly enjoyed ers everywhere, it did not everything which came in her way. al-

though dancing was perhaps to her the greatest pleasure of all.

One of the first balls she went to tion. The lawn was still the greatest pleasure of all.

Ven at this season, and an at one of the windows was at Christ Church. It was a beauconcert hall, the birdlings are us with all their little advoices as we drove up to the windows was at Christ Church. It was a beauconcert hall, the birdlings it was keen on getting an invitation to it. The lucky men of the "house" who had tickets to give away received an unusual amount of attention, and felt themselves, in consection.

"It is the grey demoiselle, I'll take my oath on that," marched straight up to one of the ball com-

left, and that one was coming off

immediately.
Yvonne spoke English fairly well and Paul, French—a little, but never-theless the conversation was some-what commonplace; that is to say, Dream House, I know of the proof of the ghost, there is no mistake; but the before, I can describe eving to you; yes! everything. I not understand it at first, but know why it is all so familiate an imaginative child it is,"

She went on to say that Yvonne's described all others from his mind. Suddenly a brilliant thought struck had wandered on more volubly and at greater length than I have told you) was accurate in every particular; was accurate in every particular; was accurate in every particular; but the less the conversation what commonplace; that is to say. Paul felt utterly at a loss as to how he should broach the subject which barished all others from his mind. Suddenly a brilliant thought struck him. Yvonne had mentioned her god-mother, in fact had pointed her out to Paul as she sat on a sort of dais with a circle of select and learned

"Will you not introduce me to Madame Poliniere?" he asked. "You don't know how fond I am of the

"I have seen mademoiselle before," he cried, "that is I can't tell you where exactly, of course I know where it was, but I don't know how to tell you; you would think me a Then he went on jerkily: "You live

in France. Do you know Touraine at all?" "Yes." madame answered, wonder-ingly. "I was there about eighteen months ago;" we took a chateau there for three months, et vous, you

know the country?" "Ah! now we're getting to it," thought 'Paal', "Why, I was there "Ah! now we're getting to it," completed at a cost of nearly £25,-thought 'Paal', "Why, I was there 000,000, will be formally opened by a month or two earlier." he exclaim-the Duke of Connaught to-day. ed. "I went to the Desbrueres for the shooting. Charming people. Did

well! I really hardly know how to municipal trading. face a light had been creeping, "per-haps I can tell you!" laying a slim white hand with a caressing little gosture on the young man's arm— sign the "Did you not come across some one Canada. gosture on the young man's arm-

in a very unusual fashion, and does not some one here remind you of that other some one?"

Her sympathetic expression invited confidence, and then it all came out.

"Msile. Du Bois, was she the grey demoiselle? Oh! what does it all mean?"

"Ah! that I cannot tell you, monsieur, it is too deep for a mere mar-

"Ah! that I cannot tell you, monsieur, it is too deep for a mere montal to explain away; but I will tead you all that happened after you left, and when we visited Chateau La Reine, only—promise faithfully, surely you will never mention 'ia demoiselle' to my god-daughter. She knows nothing of it."

He readily agreed, and when he said good-night to the French ladies he had secured an invitation to the house of the professor, their host. They met often during that festive commemoration week, and the end of it all was that Paul proposed, and was accepted.

was accepted. He assured himself that he had really been in love with her for many long months, but this he kept a secret in his own heart. When he went out to take up his appointment in the Indian Civil Service, he with him not his little "grey" took with him—not his little "grey demoiselle" but her far more satisfactory human counterpart.

# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

CANADIAN.

The Archbishop of Toronto conducted the service of blessing the new Parkdale Catholic Church. Wm. Priest, a Brandon bootblack, has inherited a fortune of \$1,000,000 by the death of an uncle in Cali-fornia

Mr. James Maitland, aged 91 years, died at Belleville from injuries re-ceived by being run over by a lady

It is reported at Ottawa that Lord Milner, Governor of the Transvaal. Milner, Governor of the Transvaal, will be the next Governor-General of

William Reburn, of Woodstock, was fined \$10 and costs for shooting within the corporation. His gun will be destroyed. A memorial to the late Walter

Massey has been presented by Mrs. Massey to the Central Methodist Massey to the Church, Toronto. The Canadian Freight Agents' Association is expected to raise the rate on Ontario flour from interior

pints to the seaboard, 2% cents per 100 pounds. Edward Murphy and William Burton, accused of attempting to personate voters at kingston, were fined \$50 and costs each or six months in Jail.

A plan has been proposed to the A plan has been proposed to the Minister of Education for a School of Forestry in connection with the University of Toronto and the Ontario Agricultural College.

During ten months of the current fiscal year 64,035 immigrants have registered at Winnipeg, and, according to reports issued by the Dominion Immigration Burcau, the population of the West will be increased by about 100,000 during the year.

The Manitoba Department of Agritotal yield of grain for the crop year of 1902. The total yield in Manitoba of all grains is put at 100,052,343 bushels, 53,077,267 of this amount being wheat, against 50,502,085 bushels for the previous year.

The Department of Crown Lands de an estimate that 884,500,has made an estimate that 652,000,000 feet of pine sawings and square timber will be cut on licensed terri-

Carroll and Wenig, charged with impersonation at London, are said to have jemped their ball. It is said that they have left for their alleged

be taken to the Supreme Court.

The C. P. R. new pension fund, it is announced, will go into force on Jan. 1. The trustees of the fund, Sir Thes Shoughnessy and Mr. D. A.c. deoli, will issue a circular this week notifying the employees of the rules and regulations.

A Vencouver despatch to a Winnipeg paper says: "The rumor is current in the city that Premier Prior intends to request the Lieut.-Governor to grant him a dissolution and an appeal to the country on party lines."

Warden Duscheneau, of St. Vincent Warden Durcheneau, of St. Vincent De Paul Penitentiary, is about to ask for superannuation. He was ap-pointed by the Mackenzie Government in 1875, but dismissed in 1881 for political reasons. He was reappointed in 1838, but lately was given leave of absence on account of ill-health. Archibald Cockburn, aged 20 years,

son of Mr. George Cockbarn, far-mer, London township, while en-gaged chopping wood in the bush, was struck by a falling tree and pinned to the ground. He was re-leased as quickly as possible, but the young min was quite dead. Death had been instantaneous.

#### BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The new Spanish Cabinet was

fully recovered.

Thomas Nast, the noted cortoonist, who in May last was appointed Consul-General at Guayaquil, has died there.

## MAD MULLAH DEAD! SLAIN BY SPEAR THRUST.

### Assassin Killed Him While He Was in Act of Prayer.

News Brought to Aden by a Runner From Carroro-Dead Man Had a Great Influence-Von Buelow on the German Tariff-Says Government Will Not Consent to Fixing Minimum Duties on Meats- Greeted With Applause and Laughter by the House.

malliand. He was in the prime of life and only recently became a dominant factor in the military and political situation of the protectorate of Somailiand, by forcing the neighboring tribes into allegiance.

Von Buelow on the Tarriff.

Berlin de patch: Chancellor Von
Buelow's presence in the Reichstag
caused expectation that he would

Aden, Arabia, de put h: Rumor has make a statement regarding Ven-Aden, Arabia, de pit h: Rumor has make a statement regarding Venreached here of the assassination of the Mad Mullah in Samailiand. The report was brought to the coast by a native runner from Garroro, via Berbera. The Mullah is said to have been killed by a spear thrust in the stomach, inflicted while he was praying.

Haji Muhammed Abdullah, the Mad Mullah scenalid belowed to the changes into serious consideration. They would not consent, however, to fixing minimum duties on meats. The Government, in making Mullah, so-called, belonged to the Habi Sulieman Ogaden tribe, of So-guarantee to the domestic animal industry protection enough to ensure its prosperous development, and would accept no provisions in trea-ties which would render it impossible the which would render it impossible to adopt the necessary veterinary measures to prevent animal disease coming into Germany from abroad. The Chancellor's statement was greeted with applause from the right party with derisive laughter from members of the left party.

## SETTLED THE ARGUMENT

Deputy Sheriff in Chicago Used His Revolver.

THE WOUNDED MAN MAY DIE.

Chicago, despatch: Deputy Sheriff Chicago, despatch: Deputy Sheriff Samuei O'Neili, who aiready had "kiled his man," emphaszed a political" argument yesterday afternoon by shooting and probably fatally wounding Charles Slater, a Criminal Court balliff. The "debate" took place in the vestibule of M. J. Quirk's saloon, 120 Clark street, half a block from the county Court-house. Before O'Neill became a deputy sheriff he had been a detective sergeant at the central station. His earlier escapade, for which he escaped punishment. for which he escaped punishment, was the killing of M.chael McNamara at Jefferson and Forquer streets in 1892. At that tmie he was exonerat-ed by a Coroners jary, on the plea that he thougat McNamara was robsing a man at the time he shot him. Slater and O'Neill, with Joseph Coffey, a clerk in the county building, and Charles Ahearn, another bailiff, had been in the saloon for some time. The conversation turned to the recent instaiment of Sheriff Barret, and the probable discharge of a numerical statement of the saloon of a numerical statement of the saloon of the sal and the probable discharge of a number of the depaties now in that off.ce who had served under ex-Sheriff Magerstadt. "You people won't last as long as the snow," laughed Slater. O'Neili insisted that he would be in his positoin long after all the bailiffs were gone. One word followed another, until both the men became angry. They were separated, however, and O'Neili was forced out into the elley at the side entrance. Slater was led to the front vestibule and seated behind the eigar case. In a and the probable discharge of a numthey have left for their alleged homes in B. Ifalo. Four hote men went bail of \$400 each.

At Sintaluta, Assa., C. P. R. Agent Benoit was convicted of a charge of discriminating against a farmer in the distribution of cars and was fined \$50 and costs. An appeal will be taken to the Surseme Court

The report of the shot attracted the attention of the crowd in the saloon, while many men rushed in from the street. As they thronged through the door O'Neill took advantage of the systement tage of the excitement and escaped When the crossing patromen at Washington and Clark streets reached the saloon the fugitive had disap-

Both O'Neill and Slater are members of the Nineteenth Ward Republican organization. It was through this club that O'Neill secured the backing that landed him in the Sher-iff's office. He is a powerful man, six feet tall. Slater is much smaller and about the same age, 42. O'Neill drinks heavily at times heavily at times.

### RUMOR WAS FALSE.

No Case of Foot and Mouth Disease in the Dominion.

An Ottawa de patch says: Lord Stratheona cabled to the Department of Agriculture, stating that a des-patch from Boston said that a case of foot and mouth disease had been discovered near Toronto, it being carried there by an empty car from the affected district. Hon. Sydney Fisher was in Toronto when the despatch was received, and the information was conveyed to him there. The Minister of Agriculture had the matter inquired into, and

Mr. John Dillon, the Irish leader, who was taken ill at Chicago, has Canada.

The story a ose over a telegram Dr. Salmon, the head of the Canada. For the month of November British exports increased \$9,074,000, and imports decreased \$8,146,500.

The Assouan dam, on the Nile, completed at a cost of nearly £25, 1000,000, will be formally opened by the Duke of Connaught to-day.

Thomas Nast, the noted cortoonist, located and disinfected. This is the who come across them by chance?
Lovely old chateau, you know, haunted, and all that sort of thing.

By the way, an awfully funny thing happened to me. I saw—I mean—
well! I really hardly know how to who municipal trading.

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#### LUMBER CUT OF SEASON.

Nearly Nine Hundred Million Feet to be Taken Out.

The Department of Crown Lands has made an estimate of the probable cut of pine sawlogs and square timber during the present season on territory held under timber license from the Crown. The quantities which are based upon the reports of the respective agencies are as follows, in feet, board measure:
Sudbury 121,000,000
Parry Sound 171,000,000
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Pairy Sound 150,000,000
Withey 50,500,000
Webbwood 150,000,000
Sault Ste. Marle 130,000,000
Port Arthur 130,000,000
Pembroke 100,000,000
Pembroke 100,000,000
Peterboro 44,000,000
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and charcoal purposes, as well as for use in furniture making, etc.
The quantity of pine cut during the winter of 1900-01 under author-

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ity of timber license was 658,000,-000 feet, and during last winter 850,000,000 feet. 850,000,000 feet.
From the reports of the timber agents it is apparent that the chief difficulty the lumbering firms are experiencing is scarcity of labor, men being hard to get and wages high. Provisions and other supplies are also dear, and the expenses of operating are correspondingly greater. The cut during the present winter will be a heavy one as the de-

ter will be a heavy one, as the demand for timber is good and prices rule high. The only thing that will tend to keep down the out is the difficulty in obtaining labor.

## THE ASSUUAN VAM OPENED

In the Presence of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught.

A GREAT WORK FOR EGYPT.

Calco, Dec. 16 .- The great A souan dam was opened to-day in the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Khedive, Earl Cromer, the British Agent in Egypt, and Counthe British Agent in Egypt, and Countess Cromer, and various Coasuls-General. The Khedive turned the key, which by an ingenious contrivance set in motion the electric macainery. Several sluce gates gradually opened, and a volume of water rushed out. On the fivitation of the Khedive, the Duchess of Connaught haid a stone commemorative of the event. As to-dry was kamalan, the great annual Mohammedan feast, the ceremony did not take place until four oclock in the afternoon, consequently the proceedings were somewhat curtailed.

This great work, which has cost

This great work, which has cost COJ, will system it ze irrigation, impart security to crops, and stability to harvests, and which the area of the MID lands under cultivation. The annual flood, with the fertil 2nd silt and sol, has already pas ed, and the suices of the Assourn dam are now suices of the Assouan dam are now closed for the storage of water until March I. The sluices will then be op-ened gradually, and for four months there will be a good head of water in the irrigati g canal, for the use in the irrigati g canal, for the use of cultivators. The scarcity of water caused by a low lie will be avoided and a great increase in the agricultural resources, of Egypt will be brought about.

Princess Chimay Robbed.

Parls, Dec. 16 .- The Princess Chimay, who obtained considerable notoricty four years ago by cloping with a gypsy musician named Janes Rigo, has been robbed of \$2,000 worth of jewelry. The thief is Rigo's Hindoo servant fled, taking the jewelry with him. The theft includes a diamond chain with ornaments of rubies and pearls.