

THE "GREY DEMOISELLE."

The Romance of a Christmas Ghost.

EXPERIENCE I.

The scene of my next experience was Touraine, lovely Touraine, "the Garden of France." I was spending Christmas in a beautiful old chateau, the temporary home of my old and charming friend, Madame de Polignac...

Yvonne should wait in the carriage, as two were enough to go in and pay a first call. The old butler helped her hastily dress, and she looked at her reflection with a smile...

quence, of unworldly importance, for the time being. The ball was in full swing, when a tall, dark man entered the ballroom...

in a very unusual fashion, and does not seem to me to be a very good example of that other some one? Her sympathetic expression invited confidence...

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 Garroo—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.

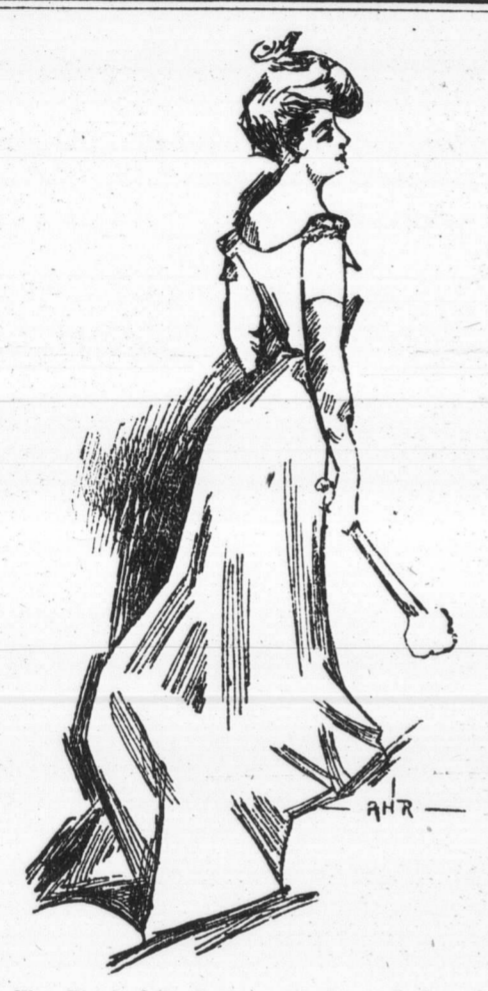
Aden, Arabia, Dec 17: Rumor has reached here of the assassination of the Mad Mullah in Samailand. The report was brought to the coast by a native runner from Garroo, via Berbera. The Mullah is said to have been killed by a spear thrust in the stomach, inflicted while he was praying.

make a statement regarding Venezuela, and the House was filled. He did not refer to international politics. He dwelt on the tariff bill and said that if the reduction of duty on agricultural machinery and implements, as provided for in the Kerdorf amendment, were adopted the federated government would take the changes into serious consideration...

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 \$100,000 by the death of an uncle in California. Mr. James MacLellan, aged 94 years, died at Belleville from injuries received by being run over by a lady cyclist.



"She Was Wonderfully Pretty, Slender and Graceful."

SETTLED THE ARGUMENT

Deputy Sheriff in Chicago Used His Revolver.

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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 license from the Crown. The quantities which are based upon the reports of the respective agencies are as follows: Ontario 1,000,000,000, New Brunswick 171,000,000, Quebec 40,000,000, Nova Scotia 50,500,000, British Columbia 150,000,000, Alberta 132,000,000, Saskatchewan 18,000,000, Manitoba 40,000,000, Ontario 100,000,000, Quebec 44,000,000, British Columbia 25,000,000, Alberta 884,500,000. Total 884,500,000. In addition to this quantity, there will be a large number of railway ties, probably 1,500,000 taken out, as well as telegraph poles and fence posts, hardwood, etc., and a considerable cut of hemlock and hard woods, the last mentioned for fuel and charcoal purposes, as well as for use in furniture making, etc. The quantity of pine cut during the winter of 1900-01 under authority of timber license was 658,000,000 feet, and during last winter 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 expense of operating are correspondingly greater. The cut during the present winter will be a heavy one, and the demand for timber is good and prices high. The only thing that will tend to keep down the cut is the difficulty in obtaining labor.

THE WOUNDED MAN MAY DIE.

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THE ASSUAN DAM OPENED

In the Presence of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught. A GREAT WORK FOR EGYPT. Cairo, Dec. 16.—The great Assuan 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 Countess Cromer, and various Consuls-General. The Khedive turned the key, which by an ingenious contrivance set in motion the electric machinery, and the gates gradually opened, and a volume of water rushed out. On the invitation of the Khedive, the Duchess of Connaught laid a stone commemorative of the event. As today was Ramadan, the great annual Mohammedan feast, the ceremony did not take place until four o'clock in the afternoon, consequently the proceedings were somewhat curtailed. This great work, which has cost £20,000,000 and will irrigate 2,500,000 acres, will increase the fertility of the Nile lands under cultivation. The annual flood, with the fertilizing silt and soil, has already passed, and the sluices of the Assuan dam are now closed for the storage of water until March 1. The sluices will then be opened gradually, and for four months there will be a good head of water in the irrigation canal, for the use of cultivators. The security of water caused by a low Nile will be a great resource to Egypt, which will be brought about.

RUMOR WAS FALSE.

No Case of Foot and Mouth Disease in the Dominion. An Ottawa dispatch says: Lord Strathcona called to the Department of Agriculture, stating that a despatch 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 found there was no case of disease in Toronto or anywhere else in Canada.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The new Spanish Cabinet was sworn in. Mr. John Dillon, the Irish leader, who was taken ill at Chicago, has fully recovered. For the month of November British exports increased \$9,074,000, and imports decreased \$8,146,000. The Assuan dam, on the Nile, completed at a cost of nearly £25,000,000, will be formally opened by the Duke of Connaught to-day. Thomas Nast, the noted cartoonist, who in May last was appointed Consul-General at Guayaquil, has died there. It is understood that Premier Balfour will appoint a royal commission to inquire into the subject of municipal trading. Hon. Arthur Eliot, M. P., states that so far as he is aware there is no foundation for the report in circulation in London that his brother, Lord Minto, is about to resign the Governor-Generalship of Canada.

books with such funny pictures, all in old French, I expect, for I know I could not read them. "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 pixie, who came down the chimney to tease people. Well! I don't know that she is so very different in her second life."

"It is the grey demoiselle, I'll take my oath on that," marched straight up to one of the ball committee, saying in an agitated voice: "Who is she—I mean that girl in white over there by the door?" "Oh, she is a foreigner," was the reply. "Her name is Mademoiselle Du Bois. I believe she hails from Paris. Anyway, she is here with the M. M's, and a Mme. de Polignac is chaperoning her, an aunt, I believe. Care for an introduction? I expect, though, her card is full up by now."

The Department of Crown Lands has made an estimate that 884,500,000 feet of pine sawlogs and square timber will be cut on licensed territory this year. Carroll and Wenig, charged with impersonation at London, are said to have jumped their bail. It is said that they have left for their alleged home in Buffalo, four loticemen went bail of \$100 each. At Sinalunga, 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 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 Thomas Shugginess and Mr. D. McNeill, will issue a circular this week notifying the employees of the rates and regulations. A Vancouver 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 Duchesneau, of St. Vincent De Paul Penitentiary, is about to ask for superannuation. He was appointed in 1875, but dismissed in 1881 for political reasons. He was reappointed in 1888, but lately was given leave of absence on account of ill-health. Archibald Cockburn, aged 20 years, son of Mr. George Cockburn, farmer, London township, while engaged chopping wood in the bush, was struck by a falling tree and pinned to the ground. He was released as quickly as possible, but the young man was quite dead. Death had been instantaneous.

PRINCESS CHIMAY ROBBED.

Paris, Dec. 16.—The Princess Chimay, who obtained considerable notoriety four years ago by eloping with a gypsy musician named Janos Rigo, has been robbed of \$200,000 worth of jewelry. The thief is Rigo's Hindu servant, Alinsky, who fled, taking the jewelry with him. The theft includes a diamond chain with ornaments of rubies and pearls.