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Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir.—In your issue of Friday appears the following:—"Real Meaning of \$4.86%." Much interest has been centered in Sterling of late, but few people know the real meaning of \$4.86% as the value of a Sovereign. In defining coinage of to-day the Financial Post says that a Sovereign means 123.27447 grains Troy of English Standard or Crown gold, that is gold 22 Carats, 11-13 fine. Thus a Sovereign contains .113,0016 grams of pure gold. One dollar (Canada or United States alike), contains 25.8 grains Troy of United Standard gold 9-10 fine, hence one dollar contains 23.22 grains of pure gold and a Sovereign is equal to \$4.86% as much gold in a Sovereign as in a gold dollar, that is all this means."
The above simply means the Minting of the gold ingots to assimilate with the Standard gold of the United States and Canada—or vice versa—but has nothing whatever to do with why a Sovereign was fixed as the New York Standard of Exchange, viz \$4.86 2-3.

Import Business—Export Business—Sterling Exchange.

I am not going into the question of either imports or exports of the country, but simply to point out, that in buying Sterling exchange from any of our Banks—or the payment of a draft, for £100 Stg. at Par \$4.52 2-3, equalling \$456.56, this draft is converted into dollars and cents, the rate of exchange varying from time to time. But the "par," or exact equivalent of the Sovereign or pound Sterling is \$4.86%, the expression among Bankers being "9 1/2." This term "9 1/2" is a constant puzzle to young bank officers very few of whom have given it any study or can figure quickly on it without a conversion table. It requires a great many years of banking experience in the Sterling and Foreign Exchange business to do this. The most expert Canadian bankers can never make a rapid men-

tal calculation on the Canadian par of Exchange, and always have to go back to the New York method based on the more sensible term of \$4.86% to the pound Sterling.
The Canadian term arose as follows:—In 1789 the United States Congress fixed the value of the English pound at \$4.84, the value of the "Doc" Power in gold, and Joe Murphy playing centre instead of Eagan, who is not quite fit yet.
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Higgins H. Rendell
Muir Tait
Murphy Parn
Cahill Winter
Callahan Ewing
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Feldians—Alderice, Rendell, Bugden.
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Reply to Aviator.

The reply of Mr. A. B. Morine, K.C., to Aviator in Saturday's Advocate, will be published in Telegram to-morrow.

Dangerous Walking.

The streets are in a terrible condition to-day, the pavements for the most part being covered with ice and making it very dangerous for the pedestrians. Several people fell to-day, some of them being pretty badly shaken, and it is to be hoped that the Civic Commission will be able to get the ice removed during the day before any serious accidents occur.

Hockey Notes.

The Feldians and St. Bon's clash to-night in what will probably be a most exciting game.

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Here and There.

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FALLS THROUGH ICE.—Yesterday morning a horse, attached to a sleigh, fell through the ice on Quidi Vidé Lake. After some time the animal was rescued without seeming much the worse for its unexpected bath.

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The Polite President.

SOME STRONG LANGUAGE.
The latest messages received from Mr. Coaker indicate that the gentleman is very wrathful, and in a message covering some 10 sheets of Anglo forms received yesterday the word "dam" occurs frequently. The Board of Trade for not acting on his instructions are practically annihilated while the now a citizen president of the Advisory Board also had an epithet hurled at him. The latter it appears cabled the ten Oporto to merchants in reference to a message from them delivered during the past week and its tone did not evidently suit Mr. Coaker. The reply received from the merchants it appears has put Mr. Coaker's scheme in the air. They say that if Mr. Smith, the Government Commissioner, insists on seeing their books that they will throw over all fish now held on consignment in their stores. Mr. Coaker, on the other hand, insists that all fish for Oporto, either out right sales or consignments, must be controlled by him. A disagreement between Hawes' firm and Coaker is also reported, one of the former's agents incurring Mr. Coaker's displeasure. The Board of Trade has called a meeting of fish exporters for to-morrow morning to consider the latest cables which are considered serious. It may be added that Mr. Coaker has threatened to jump the "business" if the Trade does not fall in line with his suggestions, to-morrow.

No Show at Kelligrews.

The special train which left here on Saturday evening with Dr. Campbell, stopped for a few minutes at Kelligrews. Here the Doctor was met by a well-known resident by appointment. The latter advised the Doctor that it was better to proceed further as the people at Kelligrews were hostile, and would likely show it in no uncertain manner if they were aware that members of the Coaker-Squires outfit were present. Picks and shovels were taken on board, and the train proceeded to Holyrood.

Fish Carrier Lost.

The Marine and Fisheries Department has received a message from Commissioner Kennedy at Malaga, saying that the schr. Marjorie McGlashan was ashore with her decks under water and probably a total wreck. The wind was high with heavy sea and the cargo was entirely lost. The Marjorie McGlashan was owned by Hickman & Co., and had 4,057 qtls. of No. 1 fish on board loaded by Earle & Sons, at Fogo. She arrived at Malaga on Jan. 12th. It was a while beating out of Malaga bound to Genoa, that the shipwreck occurred.

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PUBLIC MEETING.—A number of citizens are negotiating in order to hold a public meeting of protest against the continuance of the Sugar Regulations.

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FREIGHT REDUCTION.—Outward fish freight by steamer to New York shows some reduction on 3 qt. casks. The freight on these packages is now quoted at \$3.50 instead of \$3.85 as heretofore. There is no reduction so far on 4 qt. casks or barrelled herring.

Princess Anastasia, formerly Mrs. William B. Leeds, wife of Prince Christopher of Greece, the brother of the king, spent a small fortune to defeat Euterichos Venizelos and put Constantine back on the throne. The king expects an American loan to Greece.

Voodooism in Cuba.

The disappearance of young white girls, who are believed to have been carried off by negroes, and sacrificed in Voodoo rites, has greatly excited public opinion in Cuba, and for the first time since the cessation of Spanish rule, cases of lynching have occurred, writes a correspondent from Havana.

Voodooism has been practiced in Cuba under the name of "Brujeria" ever since the first African negro slaves were imported as laborers on the sugar plantations, about 400 years ago. It persists wherever any remnant of these people is found.

Brujeria is based on the belief in the power of certain idols to effect cures for physical and mental ailments and to grant requests concerning love affairs and cures etc., the believer having to make certain sacrifices.

It is noteworthy that in Cuba, the negro utilizes images of Roman Catholic saints and assigns to them the powers supposed to belong to their idols. Where visits have been found somewhat resembling altars, the images of the saints being dressed in special colors corresponding to the idols they are supposed to represent, and around are fruits and vegetables, calabashes, strings of colored beads, and the ever present tom-tom, with out which the seances are never held.

Carried on Fetish Worship.

To comply with the law many colored societies have been formed, such as institutions for mutual succor, instruction, and recreation, and under this cover negroes in many cases have carried on their fetish worship. In modern times the "Brujos" apparently satisfied the demands of their deities by the sacrifice of animals, either white or black fowls, goats, or cats, etc., although cases had been known where they had taken away the bodies from cemeteries.

But about 11 years ago cases were registered where it was demonstrated that the Brujos were trying to obtain young white children for their sacrifices. Since then a number of young white children have disappeared and it is the general belief that these children have been murdered with the object of taking their blood and entrails for the Brujos' witch doctors, these being considered strong fetishes for the cure of ailments.

Though it has been difficult to prove the charges against any individual—the sacrifices being carried out in remote regions—several negroes have been convicted and have received heavy sentences.

In several cases no trace has been obtained of very young girls who have disappeared from their homes, but where the bodies have been discovered it has usually been found that the viscera have been removed.

Public Opinion Excited.

These outrages growing in number greatly excited public opinion, and in June of this year the first case of lynching occurred, the place being the Guanabacoa suburb of Havana. In this case a young white girl had been sent on an errand, but failed to return. She was eventually found in the company of a negro. By this time the indignation of the crowd had been aroused, one end of a rope was tied round the neck of the negro, and the other end to the tail of a bareback mule, and the mule flogged to a gallop.

Soon after this occurrence, another case again excited public indignation. At Matanzas a white girl disappeared, and after some time information was obtained that the body had been buried in the cemetery, under cover of night, and upon this being exhumed it was found to lack the brain, heart, tongue and blood.

Five negroes known to be Brujos were detained on suspicion of having been implicated in this sacrifice. The crowd attacked the prison, but were beaten off by soldiers. However, the negroes' list their lives. It appears that they tried to escape and were shot down and killed by the soldiers. Since those happenings other negroes have been arrested on charges of a similar character, and raids have



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M. Linoroff, a Russian noble, has carried the German Socialists their feet by his eloquence and his remarkable ability to make words count. He has captured the sentiment of the Independent and Socialist parties and awakened the suspicions of the Socialist government by his power of speech. He wants the plan adopted in Germany and converting numbers to his way, thinking every time he makes a dress.

Robert Haven Schuller, the preacher, got a real idea of the sea when he sailed from Brooklyn on the Baltimore freight steamer. During the 10 days' trip he got a cushion, a bottle of India hurricane, the dissolving of the boilers, missing a shoal and getting one post anchor from the Atlantic cable.

Colonel Cedric E. Fauntleroy has flown half the distance to the moon. Oh, no, he wasn't trying to reach the moon. The colonel was a flyer in the Lafayette Escadrille, flew in the American army in France and then organized the Kosciuszko Squadron to fight in Poland. He has piloted planes between 130,000 and 140,000 miles, or half the distance to the moon in 1100 hours in the air. Herbert Hoover asked him to return to

Judge Kenshaw Mountain Landis, the benevolent despot of baseball, is a great "fan," but a silent one. All the magnates know him and all the players know him. During a court session a bomb exploded under the door. "There seems to be some noise outside," he said, "See what it is." He believes in the game and has absolute faith in its future.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell, the actress, is very devious, very strong and a dead shot, as Beeftooth Tree has reason to know, for on the occasion of the throwing the slipper, episode in "Pygmalion" when the heroine, in a rage, throws her slipper in the hero's face. She was so accurate that the Tree collapsed into the nearest chair and the performance had an unexpected interruption.

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