zuelans for the destruction of their navy in the seizure of British ships and the arrest of German and British subjects,

practically have developed the relations between the countries into those of real

war, although technically the principal prefer to designate it as something less. In doing so, Great Britain and Germany simply are following the course taken during the war with China, when, not-

withstanding the fact that the nihed fleet battered down Taku and captured

and distributed a number of Cuinese

naval vessels, no declaration of war

was forthcoming.

London, Dec. 13.—The Foreign Of

fice officials said they had not received information to the effect

they do not consider that arbitration at this stage would be acceptable to Great Britain.

Berlin, Dec. 13 .- As the result of fresh

inquiries made regarding the reported sinking of Venezuelan vessels off La

Guaira, the correspondent of the Asso-ciated Press is informed that the orders

given to the German and British com-

any vessel has been sunk, this was

has reached here on this subject up to 6 p.m. yesterday. It was as follows:—
"Four Venezuelan vessels captured. One of them disabled. Two German vessels,

the Vineta and Panther, and one Eng-

lish, the Resolution (Retribution?) par

ticipated in the seizure."

The Foreign Office here refuses to be

lieve the vessels were sunk, and will not

credit the report until confirmatory news is received officially from the German

representatives on the spot. At any rate, it is added, if the vessels were

sunk, it was the result of joint action

of both squadrons, and meeting resis

The Foreign Office has published two

of Minister Bowen's despatches, which were communicated by the State De-

partment at Washington to Minister

Herbert and which were received ast

attack upon the German Legation at Caracas, and give Mr. Bowen's steps to

obtain the release of the 54 German and

British subjects arrested in Caracas, and the announcement that all the persona apprehended had been released.

Caracas, Venezuela, Thursday, Dec. 11.

-The Government has taken preserva

tive measures at La Guaira. All the de-

posits of coal at the navy yard and all the British cars on the La Guaira Rail-

road have been brought here, rendering

impossible the transportation of the al

lied troops by rail. General Ferrer, the

Minister of War, spent all day to-day in choosing spots in the mountains where

The Governor of Caracas has issue

the following decree: "All Venezuelans living in the Federal district between

the ages of 18 and 50 years must en-roll themselves in the militia; any such

person refusing to enroll voluntarily, as patriotism demands, will be declared a

raitor and sent before the tribunals.

It is reported that the plan of the Brit

ish and German forces to to secure the ports of La Guaira and Puerto Cabello.

The English telephone office has beer

La Guaira, Venezuela, Dec. 13.-The

defensive preparations at the strategic points on the heights back of the town

removed. Great patriotic demonstra-tions are being made, and everyone

capable of bearing arms is offering his

services. The embargo placed upon the harbor corporation has been removed.

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THE LOCAL BUDGET

O. L. Lewis, barrister, is quite i with symptoms of typhoid fever. Mins Pearl White, King street

Mrs. Wm. Davy left for Detroit to-day, where she will reside. Mr. Davy is an employee of the M. Campbell Fanning Mill Co. there. Captain Strong, of the tug "C. M.

Bowman," went to Sarnia to-day to secure the material for the remodelling of the old barge which lies at Piggott's dock. He will be here the greater part of the winter.

In the County Court yesterday Walter Doyle was fined \$2 and costs, \$6.87 in all, for trespossing on the premises of Bernard Schafer, 8th concession, Raleigh Township. James flaskell, confined in the

was released yesterday on bail. Two sureties were furnished, Joseph Haskell, of Tilbury Township, in \$400, and Samuel Hitchcock, Raleigh Town-W. E. Gundy appeared before Judge

Bell in Chambers to-day for the purpose of passing the accounts in the matter of the Crawford estate. Fred. Stone appeared for the official guar-

R. L. Gosnell was in the city to-day in connection with the passing of the accounts re the estate of the late Levina Stephenson, of Blenheim. The Trust and Guarantee Co.m Toronto, are the executors.

was tied to a post near J. Gilbert the stove, when her clothing caught fire. excited, and breaking its tie strap, and the child ran into the street. when Joseph Capman, the wholesale she was so badly burned that she died butcher, heroically happened along and stopped it before it came to Henry A. Branton, proprietor of the

Miss Abram, Miss Samson, Miss Trying, Miss Garrett, Miss Young, Miss Holmes and Miss Aylesworth, the McKeough school teaching staff, entertained their colleagues and ex-Principal Brackin to a dinner last evening at the school. After the splendid repast prepared by the entestainers had been enjoyed, an impromptu toast list was given and

time epent. Levi Dillon, an aged farm-hand, was admitted to the County House of industry to-day. The old man doesn't know his age. He was born in Tennessee and came to Wardsville with his mother and brother when he was 12 years old. He has lived in Chatham Township, Dresden and Harwich, working for farmers. The old man had \$108.50 saved up, which

he made over to the County. Yes, we intend to fill our window on Monday next with the largest as-sortment of Ebony ever shown in Chatham, says Mr. VonGunten ; and anyone wanting to get a piece and have it suitably engraved must move fast, as we have over 100 pieces now being engraved and filled with enamel, and, from appearances, by the middle of next week we will have as much as will be possible to get ready for Xmas. No extra charge for engraving and enamelling. Clothes brushes engraved complete as low as 75c.

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Re Crookshank vs. Story, a County nction, a motion was to-day before His Honor Judge Ball in Chambers, to set aside a judg-ment entered by default. Decision was reserved. R. L. Gosnell for plaintiff, R. M. Thompson contra. Dr. Edward Fisher, musical directr of the Toronto Conservatory or of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, says for evenness of scale, singing quality of tone, combined with durability and brilliancy, and for elegance of design, purity of tone, excellent touch, the Karn is a most

PASSED AWAY

the Maple City, passed away yaster-day at St. Joseph's Hospital in the 66th year of his age. Deceased is well known in the city, having eight

Deceased was a widower and leaves He has been ailing for no family. some time with various complaints articles of food and commerce very and his death was not entirely expected. The funeral will take place Montay morning from Jahnke's mor-gue to St. Joseph's church and thence to St. Anthony's cemetery.

C.P.R. SHIPBUILDING.

A BIG PLANT TO BE ESTABLISH-ED AT SANDWICH.

Windsor, Dec. 13.-The Canadian Pacific Railway is to build a large fleet of modern causiers, which will put the line on an equality with the Lehigh, Great Northern and other big lines. so far as the advantages of lake transportation are concerned, and, unless sent plans miscarry, the favored sight for the plant is Sandwich, the county town of E set. The plant, it is esti-mated, will cost over \$1,000,000 and will be a completely equipped ship, boiler and engine building plant, with drydock and all facilities and repair works. The prime object of this plant will be to build boats for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, but it is the intention of the projectors to enter the field work of all kinds in the way of building and repairing vessels

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH. St. Thomas Hotel Men Charged With Ballot-box Stuffing.

St. Thomas, Dec. 13.-Edna, the seven-year-old daughter of Samuel M. Bancroft of Mapleton, yesterday after-The fine white mare of Iris Vick noon was putting a stick of wood in & Co.'s this morning, when it became Her mother was out milking at the time, The excited animal was wind funned the flames, and before her rushing wildly down Queen street mother and a neighbor extinguished them

Balagoral Hotel, and Robert Foster, bartender at the Western Hotel, conducted by Mrs. Odish, were arrested yesterday on warrants charging them with attempted ballot-box stuffing on the day of the referendum. They had, it is harged, fac-similes of the genuine ballots, and attempted to place a number in the ballot-box with the regular ballot. Other arrests, it is said, will follow.

DARING BANK ROBBERY.

Thirty Thousand Dollars Taken in

Broad Daylight. Santa Fe, N.M., Dec. 13 .- The Bank of Hillsboro', Sierra County, was held up in broad daylight and robbed of \$30,000, according to a report received here.

Death of Dr. Nunan. Guelph, Dec. 12.— (Special.) —Dr. Denis Nunan, a highly-esteemed resident of Guelph, died this morning in his 64th year. He was born in County Kerry, Ireland, and came to Canada when a child. After a few years as Principal of the separate schools of Guelph he graduated at Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1867, and from the Toronto Medical School in 1869, since which he has practised his profession in this city. He was one of the founders of St. Patrick's Society, and was a devoted adher-ent of the Roman Catholic Church.

CONCERNING UGANDA

Thos. Scullard gave an excellent address on Uganda at the meeting of the Young People's Society of the First Presbyterian Church, last evening. Mr. Scullard dealt with the discovery and subsequent progress of the pro-tectorate of Uganda and pointed out the steps by which this fertile section of South Africa was first brought within the sphere of British influence and afterwards became a protector-ate. The eloquen: barrister described in particularly vivid language the physical characteristics of the coun-

ry, its flora and fauna. In the course of his address, Mr. Scullard read extracts from the re-ports of Sir Harry Johnson, the Government commissioner, and others, showing that Uganda is especially adapted for European immigration. The thermometer seldom goes below years ago conducted a grocery on the corner of Lorne avenue and West street. He has lately been living a retired life.

The thermometer seldom goes below 50 degrees and never above 90 degrees Fahrenheit, Europeans can live in this country in comfort, although it is in the equatorial region. The country is continuous to the country in comfort, although it is in the equatorial region. Fahrenheit, Europeans can live in this country in comfort, although it is in the equatorial region. The country is very fertile as well as healthy, and confort and other than the research of the effects of the effect and produces rubber, coffee and other

Mr. Scullard told a little about the peop's and about the important work done amongst them by A. M. McKay, who is in charge of the church mis-

who is in charge of the church missionary society in Uganda.

He showed the progress the country was making in civilization and then would up by showing how fortunate it was, not only for Uganda, but the world, that Great Britain had step-This was because it had been one of the centres of the slave trade and Great Britain was putting down this traffic in human lives as rapidly as she could. It was also the key to the head waters of the Nile and

was an important point both politi-cally and commercially. Robert Campbell, president of the Young People's Society, presided.

THE MARKETS

this morning. Doubtless the stormy weather was the cause of it. What produce was offered by farmers who anaged to brave the storm, sold it unchanged prices. Following is the price list:

IN THE SHEDS. Eggs, per dozen, 18c to 20c. ter, per pound, 18c. to 20c. Butter, per pound, 100. to 35c. Chickens, each, 20c. to 35c. Ducks, each, 30c to 35c. Turkeys, \$1.00 to \$1.25. 65c to \$1.00.

VEGETABLES AND FRUITS. Sage, per bunch, 5c. Carrots, per peck, 10c. Onions, per peck, 20c. Potatoes, per bag, \$1.00 to \$1.20. Cabbage, per head, 3c. to 5c. Celery, 10c per bunch. Cauliflower, per head, 5c. Apples, per peck, 10c, Honey per rack, 13c. Pumpkins, each, 10c to 15c. Bests, per peck, 15c.

ELECTION CARDS

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for Alderman fo 1903, and if elected, I will continue to take the same active interest in the welfare of our Maple City, as I have lone during the past.

Wighing you the season, soliciting your vote and influence, faithfully yours, E. A. MOUNTEER.

DIVISION NO. 6.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for the office o commissioner for your division and trust that my actions in the counci in the past has met with your approval, therefore I respectfully ask your vote and influence on election day, and if elected will do my ut mos to further the best interests of the County. Wishing you the compli-County. Wishing you the countries of the season, I remain,

Yours, JAMES CHINNICK.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM Ladies and Gentlemen:

You elected me to office for 1902, nd as a member of Board of Works, Parks and Cemetery, and Industrial committees, you have had the chance to judge my conduct towards civic aterests during the year, and will expect your hearty support if you be-lieve I can continue to fill the office to our mutual benefit.

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manders were to capture the vessels be-fore beginning the blockade. No orders were given to sink them. If, however, Geo. A. Young, military measure necessary in carrying out the foregoing orders. No report has yet been received from Commodore Schreder, the German commander. Only OUR GROCER, report from Herr Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi

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