CUSHING'S ISLAND.

THIRTY ACRES OF LAND

States Government the Purchasers-Fortifications to be Erected - Suspected Customs Rascality at Barrie Murder at the Soo.

Montreal, Dec. 30. For some time past negotiations have been in progress be not show even a scratch. tween the United States government and the Cushing family, of Montreal, and others interested, for the purchase of a block of land on Cushing's Island, in the block of land on Cushing's Island, in the duran invaders, has issued a proclamaharbor of Portland, Me., on which to tion and is marching towards Cholutierect fortifications. Yesterday a jury, ca. Numerous desertions are reported ter a while he was taken back to the 1843. In 1847 he established the famous from President Vasquez ranks to those cell in the jail, and the tension which had agricultural settlement and sanitorium ation for a month past, awarded the sum at the report that Vasquez is engaging is one of the most popular summer resorts on the Maine coast, and the addition of a fort to the many other interesting attractions will be another reason for the tourist's visit.

Eastern Canada.

Barrie, Ont., Dec. 30.-For the past few days an inspection of the books of the local customs officials has been in progress, and importers have also been summoned to testify to amounts of duties paid in specific instances. Irregularities have been discovered and Collector Grant has been suspended.

Montreal, Dec. 30.-Rev. H. Irwin has arrived at the Windsor from New Westminster, B. C., on his way to England. Toronto, Dec. 30.-Great interest cen-

tres in the result of the civic election for mayor here on Monday. Two great meetings were held here last night in the interests of Fleming and Kennedy respectively. Mr. Kennedy is ill in bed

Mrs. Peter P. Colloni, mother of Mrs. W. Robinson of this place, has been murder ed. Mrs. Colloni has been missing since 6th, and yesterday her body was found buried in the chicken house. When dug up the body presented a ghastly p-pearance; sand adhered to the face, head and feet, the dress was missing; over the right eye was a contusion as if made by a blunt instrument; not two feet away om the burial place of Mrs. Colloni, lay the frozen carcass of a hog. Her husband has been arrested charged with the

St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.-A dispatch from Nizni Novgorod states that during charity carnival that was being held Volga, the ice broke and a large people fell into the water. Twenty-eight were drowned.

American Suicide Club.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 30.-It is believed a suicide club exists in the northwest, with at least two living members in St. Paul. A third member in this city committed suicide yesterday by drinking carbolic acid, a fourth member committed suicide one day before Christmas, employing the same means, Other leaths can be traced to the same source. the daughter of Herman Nunnemacher ed to look further into the matter. and her lover. On Christmas day were buried here Miss Maggie O'Rourke, of Duluth, who committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. Yesterday Ella O'Rourke her sister, who has been living at the home of another sister, Mrs. J. N. Dougherty, also took carbolic acid. The daughter of Herman Nunnemacher and her lover committed suicide in the same way. Now Mrs. Dougherty is being watched carefully to see that she does not commit suicide, and her husband admits that she wishes to. The clue to the mysterious deaths, which occurred from no known cause, as all the victims were apparently happy and free from care, is given in a statement from West Superior, Wisconsin. This says the suicides are the fulfilment of an agreement between the families that each one is to die at a certain time. Friends in West Superior wouch for the truth of this statement.

Charged With Murder. heighbors on Thursday night by announcing that her husband had come home drunk and had fallen upon the floor, fracturing his skull. The cor- serters from their ships. oner of the county summoned a jury yesing Mrs. Seale with the crime. Examination showed that the man's head had been cut open by a hatchet or some other edged instrument. Mrs. now says her husband received his injuries before he reached home.

on a sealing erulse. She ran into some drift logs, which punched a hole through her bows. She sank immediately. The Murderer of Mayor Barrison to Die vessel was owned by Washington Irving

Evans Still Free. this afternoon adjudged him guilty and Fresno, Cal., Dec. 30.—No tidings has responsible for his cowadly deed on the been received of Evans or from the sher-

test, gun v. armor, was made to-day, that the miserable were Four twelve-inch Wheeler-Sterling deckplercing shells were fixed from a twelveinch mertar, with a charge of 45 pounds
and 7 cunces of powder, against four
and one-half inch of plates. Every shell
want through the plates and the strong
bucking which held it. The shells did text of an the strong against

which has had the affair under consider- of Bonilla. Central America is alarmed i kept the men and women subdued was re- at Newcra Ellia, in the mountains of Carlon at a litting of 6200 fact above. of \$103,000 for the 33 acres which the American filibusters, and the press is government requires. Cushing's Island recalling the Walker expedition in this The Winter Carnival.

Quebec, Dec. 30.-Lord Aberdeen informed Mr. Dorion, the secretary of the Quebec committee, that he would arrive here on Tuesday, January 30th, to attend the carnival. Work was begun today by Messrs. Cummings & Sharp on the ice fort and tower on the fortification wall opposite the parliament buildings, permission having previously been given to that effect by the military au-

Central and Southern Compact.

New York, Dec. 30.-C. P. Huntington announces to-day that the lease of the Central Pacific to the Southern Pacific chamber. From the door came a procompany had been modified, so that in cession of stern-faced men. Judge Brenfuture the Central Pacific would receive all its net earnings up to six per cent. upon its stock, and that any excess of patched across the "bridge of sighs" to net earnings above that amount would the jail, with orders to bring in the prister the capital stock of the Central Pacific was increased to \$68,000,000 to complete the Oregon and California exttension, and the minimum rental was advanced to \$1,360,000 and the maximum to \$4,080,000. Stockholders were notified, however, in the annual report of the preceding year of the agreement under which the modification was proposed to be made, while no notice has been given them of a change in the terms of the lease that is expected to

materially reduce the rental. Important Indian Decision. Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Smith has directed that all action be suspended for 30 days under a recent decision in the case of Black Tomahawk against Jane Waldron. This decision held that the daughter of a white man, a citizen of the United States, and an Indian woman, his wife, is a citizen of the United States and not an Indian, and is not entitled to all the privileges accorded to Indians. The decision involves many important results, among them being the validity of the great Sioux agreement, as well as the integrity of the annual rolls and rights under appropriations for support of the Indian schools. Owing to these vast They occurred in Milwaukee and were interests Secretary Smith has determin-

Train Robers Captured.

Independence, Kas., Dec. 30.-C. R. Redeger, state organizer of the Modern Woodmen, came from Nowatak yester day and reports that Tom Pratner and Jim Hall have been captured and are now nuder arrest, charged with being members of the gang that robbed the Missouri Pacific passenger train a few miles south of Coffeyville on Sunday. Prather and Hall are notorious desperadoes and have been implicated in many crimes committed in the territory and surrounding states. The remaining three robbers will undoubtedly soon be

New York, Dec. 3\$.-The steamer Muriel arrived this morning from Barbain tow the Brazilian gunboat Destroyer, Muriel says his ship was boarded officers of the America in search of deof such a serious nature as to necessitate her going on the dry-dock at Fort de France, in Martinique.

Peru and Eucador Lima, Peru, Dec. 30.-'The govern-

THE FELON'S DEATH. by Hanging.

Large Sum Awarded a Well-Known Montreal Family,

of Neah Bay, an Indian, and carried a native crew. She was built in 1876 in Utsalady, and was valued at \$1,200; fully insured.

Cincago, Dec. 29.—Diffess the law in terferes, Patrick Joseph Prendergast, murderer of Mayor Carter Henry Harrison, will die on the gallows. Twelve representative citizens of Cook country. night of October 28th, and the de-For the Famous Island in Portland
Harbor, Maine,

An Armor Fest.

Sandy Hook, N.Y., Dec. 30.—Another

States Government the Purchasers—

Justice Austin for \$3,000 for complicity in Evans' release. Her brother is expected from Visalia to-day with the bondsmen:

An Armor Fest.

Sandy Hook, N.Y., Dec. 30.—Another to convince the twelve men before him the county sail. The verdict of the last day in the trial was alloted to Alfred S. Trude who pleaded cloquently for justice and armor to convince the twelve men before him the safety of the safety of the safety of the safety of the county sail. The verdict of the last day in the trial was alloted to Alfred S. Trude who pleaded to allow the safety of the last day in the trial was alloted to convince the twelve men before him the safety of the safety of the last day in the trial was alloted to convince the twelve men before him the county sail.

> this last scene but one in the trial. Aflaxed.

The silence only broken by quiet conbrother were in the court room during the closing scene. Nobody was expecting the return of the jury for a few hours, Suddenly, at 2.30 o'clock, in the midst of general conversation and laughter, came a bailiff's shrill voice calling, "Take seats now, gentlemen." The meaning of the order was well understood. It entertaining writer. His works attained had the effect of an electric shock, world-wide popularity and several of them

"That means guilty, sure." "It's a hanging," were the words which passed from mouth to mouth. Every eye was and hum of conversation died away. Instead a solemn silence pervaded the

were medified on January 1st, 1888, af. over him. His protruding lower jaw became limp, so that his lips hung wide apart, imbecile fashion. A pallor spread over his face and he stared vacantly in and excited. The silence was extremely ed Colonel Valentine Baker (Baker intense. It was broken by the voice of Pasha) was also a brother of Sir Samuel. intense. It was broken by the voice of Judge Brentana saying: "Gentlemen, have you agreed upon a verdict?" "We have, your honor, replied Foreman J. Sutter, handing the fatal document to the judge, who transmitted it to the clerk. That officer quietly opened it in the midst of the breathless suspense and read as follows: "We, the jury, find the prisoner, Patrick Eugene Prendergast, guilty of murder in the manner and

form as charged in the indictment, and we fix his sentence at death." When the clerk attered the word "Death!" Prendergast made the sign of the cross over his breast with the right hand. His demeanor was pitiful. Not a word escaped his lips. The effect of the death verdict rendered the spectators silent. No one rose to go. Quickly the guards took hold of the trembling prisoner and were hurrying him back to the jail, when the voice of the judge was heard again. "Bring the prisoner back," he commanaded, and the condemned creature was led back to his seat. The formality of polling the jury had not been complied with. It was soon over, each juror answering "yes" to the question. "And this is now your verdict?" Prendergast did not sit down the second time. He stood pale and terror-stricken close to his chair, stretching his hand for support against the wall. while the guard held the other. After the removal of the guilty wretch Attor ney Wade entered a formal motion for a new trial, which will be argued next week. Then the crowd quickly dispersed.

ALWAYS FATAL BEFORE.

Blood Poisoning in the Last Stages of Diabetes Cured for the First Time in the Case of Dr. E. A. Rose-Dodd's Kidney Pills Dit It.

Toronto, Dec. 25th, 1893.-The case spread attention; but second thoughts When she left Martinique on bring out a more remarkable phase of Dec. 20th the steamer Santuite, having the matter. Blood poisoning, as a de-Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Al-bert Seale, of Shelby, Ala., alarmed her and the Brazilian cruiser America, were ered fatal. When it sets in the attendat that port. Capt. McKenzie, of the ing physician always gives up any lingering hope he may have had. In Dr. Rose's case blood poisoning had set in, They did not | yet he was cured. His is the only inhay how many men had deserted. The stance of a cure having been effected terday, and after a short inquest it damage to the Destroyer, according to after blood poisoning had appeared. This brought in a verdict of murder, charge what McKenzie was able to learn, was fact, and the reports of other cures of kidney disease from the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills, must convince every one that these possess extraordinary virtues in cases of kidney and blood disorders.

How to Get a "Sunlight" Picture. Schooner Lost, Crew Saved.

Port Townsend, Wn., ec. 30.—The schooner Mary Parker, Captain F. I. Bangs, was wrecked three miles off Race Rocks last night. All hands were saved. They put off in small boats and reached Port Angeles this morning. The schooner sailed on the 27th for Alaska

Explorer To-Day.

AT HOME IN DEVONSHIRE, ENGLAND

A Wonderful Life-Work Which Won Him Great Honors.

African explorer, died this afternoon at his home, Newton Abbot, Devon. Sir Samuel was born in London June

Sth. 1821, was educated at a private school and in Germany and married in 1843. In 1847 he established the famous Ceylon, at an altitude of 6200 feet above the level of the sea. In 1854 he retired versation gave place to light-hearted talk in every portion of the court room. The Harrison family was represented by Preston Harrison, son of the murdered man. Neither Prendergast's mother nor of the expedition is well known to all readers of African history. For his ser-vices in this field the Sultan of Turkey conferred upon him the Order of the Medjidie and the rank of pasha and Major-general.

Sir Samuel was a voluminous and most entertaining writer. His works attained are among the most valuable contributions to the literature of African explora-tion and adventure. Among his better known books are: "The Rifle and the turned towards the door, and the buzz known books are: "The Rifle and the and hum of conversation died away! Hound in Ceylon," "Eight Years' Wan-Instead a solemn silence pervaded the derings in Ceylon," "The Albert Nyanza, great basin of the Nile and explorations of the Nile's sources," "The Nile Tributaries of Abyssinia and the Sword Hunters of the Hamram Arabs," "Cast I'p by the Sea," a novel, translated into French by Mme. Fernand under the title of "L'Enfant du Naufrage;" Ismailia; a narrative of the expedition to Central Africa for the suppression of the Slave

The provincial secretary and minister of education for British Columbia, Hon. Lieut.-Col. James Baker, is a brother front of him. He sat there friendless of the deceased explorer. The celebrat-

> Atlantic Shipping. New York, Dec. 30.-Arrived on the 29th: Ems, Southampton; Rugia, Hamburg; Veendam, Rotterdam; Germanic, Queenstown.

A Revengeful Domestic. Toronto, Dec. 30:-It has just been learned that recently the family of W. Cook, M. A., of the legal firm of Fullerton, Cook & Wallace, had a narrow escape from death by poisoning at the hands of a revengeful servant. A few Mrs. Cook. She entered upon her duties with apparent docility, but before long she developed an unpleasant disposition and finally Mrs. Cook gave her notice of discharge. One morning Mrs. Cook discovered that the victuals which were to be eaten at breakfast had been timpered with. Investigation proved that the girl had made a deliberate attempt to murder the whole family placing Paris green in the food. Cook induced her husband not to take proceedings against the girl.

NORTHFIELD MINERS. An Earnest Discussion of the Wages

Reduction Grievance. Nanaimo, Dec. 29.-The question of the reduction of the Northfield miners' wages was brought before a mass meeting yesterday in the opera house. Mr.

McCuish presided. the corespondence between the delegate board and Mr. Robins. He also said the Northfield miners had submitted the ease to the delegate board for settleof Dr. E. A. Rose, who was cured of diabetes by Dodd's Kidney Pills, was with Mr. Robins, who told them it was with Mr. Robins, who told them it was not paying the company to operate the mine, so it was either a question of accepting the company's proposition or

> J. Horribin-Before the present reduction took place the Northfield scale was \$1.40 per ton for two feet coal and the moving of dirt two cents an inch, brushing \$2.50 a yard (two feet of brushing). Now the company ask a further reduction of 15 per cent. It does not pay men to work under these prices, as the men who are making so little will make still less. A great many in this meeting will think they have no interest in this matter, and that the Northfield men should stand it alone, but this reduction affects where you come to be interested.

closing the mine.

the day men of the district. That is T. Dawson urged those present not to have heard on the street; it might misthe Northfield men settle their own ques-tion alone. He drew their attention to

the prisoner which could be rendered Baker, F.R.S., M.A., the distinguished with cheaper labor. If Northfield had system, and that he considered was the to go out they would have to go out only solution, to strike at the root of too, that is, if they decided to settle this the evil.

> needed a great deal of study. It was cheap labor they had to fight against; they could not be continually brought down or they would have to fight against it. He claimed on principle the Nanai-mo men could not vote for the acceptance of this reduction, neither could they afford to support them if they came out, The government should be urged to stop the Chinese from working in the mine that was the element that was causing the present trouble. (Applause.) D. McNellan (East Wellington) in

speaking of the company's proposition, said he had heard that if the meeting decided the Northfield men should accept the reduction they could not support them, and it was plain there can be no strike. They want to say to Mr. Robins, "If you close Northfield we will close Nanaimo.". He claimed Mr. Robins ought to show to the committee whether Northfield was paying or not, but if the reduction had to take place it was the duty of the Nanaimo men to bear part

of the burden. (Applause.)

Tully Boyce-The Northfield men will perhaps think it strange that the Nanainet earnings above that amount would be divided equally between the two companies. Mr. Huntington explained that amount would be divided equally between the two companies. Mr. Huntington explained that are class of the long result of the mass of the long parts of the long result of the mass of the long parts of the l a day, and asked if the V. C. Co. could

support the Northfield men.
J. McLean spoke in favor of appointing another committee to wait on Mr.

J. Keith asked the committee if they thought it would be of any use to go back on such an errand. The president stated that Mr. Robins

proposition was final. A. Wilson said it would be useless unless some other proposition was laid before him. It would be impossible to send a stronger committee than was appointed on the delegate board. J. Hampson suggested that the committee go back to Mr. Robins and inmonths ago a domestic was engaged by form him that Nanaimo will stand or fall with Northfield. (Applause.) J. Collishaw did not think it would

be wise for the Nanaimo men to accept any further reduction, but they should hold on to what they have got. He moved the committee go back to Mr. Robins and see if they cannot arrive at a better understanding. R. Duggan, in seconding the motion,

expressed the opinion that it would be far better to close the mine. Further he thought Mr. Robins should be asked not to open it except upon the present wages. (Applause.) W. Edmunds was in favor of stopping work for a week to arrive at a satisfac

tory conclusion. J. Collishaw explained that he was n favor of putting more men in the Nanaimo mines, and if they worked only a day they could all have a share. Dan McGuigan thought it was hard

for the Nanaimo men to undergo any futher reduction, but it would be better for them to do so than to call the North A. Wilson, district, secretary, explained why the meeting was called, and read coal at Northfield have offered to work under the reduction, providing the company will let the other men alone. J. Horribin denied that there was any high coal in Northfield. In answer to a question it was stated that the men in the highest coal in Northfield during the last month only averaged \$1.20 a day. There is no big money made at Northfield, as the average wages under the present rate was \$3.07 a day. Mr. Horribin explained that this wage was made by the men exerting themselves to their atmost, and it only lasted a few days.

D. McNellon asked the men of Na-naimo to join hands with the Northfield men, otherwise the company could do nothing at the present time. T. Dawson-I said when you accepted.

he 20 per cent, reduction that you would never get it back, and so far it is right. Now shall we go to Mr. Robins and say we will give you another 2 or 3 per cent? If the Nanaimo men have to help them I will give it out of my own pocket. Mr. Gladstone's birthda. I have only earned \$30 a month for the ter Sir William says: take any notice of the gassin they may cannot get work. We should be deter- ous labors of the day, with resolute de-have heard on the street; it might mis- mined to stand by them. He was of votion to the people's cause, are stimulat-He had heard some say let opinion that they would eventually have ed to fresh exertions, inspired by his exto face a strike, and why not do it now? the fact that they were amalgamated in field men were asked to accept a further ward. I feel sure that the Liberals

SIR SAMUEL BAKER the Northfield men worked under the 20 per cent, reduction proposed by the company eventually be Nanaimo miners would be expected to accept the same.

Mr. Flynn spoke of the endeavor of the men to get Mr. Robins to make some conditions were given the Northfield men. The whole trouble they were laboring the special part of the conditions were given the Northfield men. concession, but failed to do so. The speaker said it had been claimed that because the Northfield men had accepted previous reductions they were the cause of the present reduction affecting the digging. He thought they should strike Nanalmo men. He quoted figures extensively to show that under the proposed reduction it would be impossible for men to make wages. If Mr. Robins closed Northfield he ought to give employ-Won Him Great Honors.

ed Northfield he ought to give employment to the men in the same way as he has to Protection men, and this meeting should determine that they have work before any new men are taken on. But Mr. Robins knows the proposed reduction cannot be accepted, and the speaker claimed it was a mere pretence so that he could close the mine. he could close the mine.

Another speaker said Mr. Robins had informed him Northfield would not be abandoned if that scale was rejected, but he intimated that he would run it with charges the first seal of the ballof hex.

> Mr. Smith moved in amendment, sec-J. Herribin said it was a question that onded by Mr. Keith, that the same committee be re-appointed and gather up the suggestions that have been made at this meeting and submit them to Mr. Robins. The motion was withdrawn and R. Smith's motion carried.

J. Lago stated that Mr. Robins has always refused to arbitrate, although it has been suggested to him by the Northfield men.

T. Keith-Mr. Robins has offered to submit his books to a confidential com-mittee. I can well understand why he refuses to arbitrate the question, cause he does not want the world to know how Northfield is working. J. Laga-Mr. Robins is quite capable

of conducting the affairs of the New V. C. Co. He could conduct the business of the British empire, but he only smiles when he sees a workingman advocate arbitration in the business he is so well able to manage. If Northfield is losing or gaining the world will know it. The meeting adjourned until 10 o'clock

on Saturday morning.

Foreign News. Pernambuco, Dec. 29.—The dynamite mo men have not taken more part in gun of the government cruiser Nitherohi this discussion. Now I don't think they any more than I can conscientiously undertake to settle this question. I could tests made on the voyage from Newnot vote on it, and I don't think there York to this port. Both officers and

would ask the premier to-day a certain be expected to pay larger wages than by him to draw from Mr. Gladstone a the other companies were doing. It promise to use drastic measures, if need would take at least \$3,000 a month to be, to pass the Unionist Parish Councils be, to pass the Unionist Parish Councils bills. In response to a private request, however, Mr. McFarlane agreed to post-Robins and ask him if he will reconsider Central News says; "Negotiations are passing between the government and the opposition on the basis of mutual concession, with a view to passing the Parish Councils bill on a given day, atthough whatever compromise is effected, the measure cannot be passed before the end of January. The discontent of the Radicals and many Liberals with the government's hesitation to take decisive steps against the obstructionists, has in no wise abated. Should the government fail to give a satisfactory answer to Mr. McFarlane's question of January 1, extreme pressure will be exerted to induce the government to apply the cloture.

Barcelona, Dec. 29 .- Sogas, one of the anarchists arrested recently, has made a statement to the police implicating Vanerini, an Italian anarchist, in the latest dynamite plots. Vanerini was arrested last night. The number of anarchist prisoners is now well above 200. The police have discovered in the province of Barcelona thirty organized clubs of revolutionists and forty centres of anarchist propaganda. From the centres the enders of the revolution have controlled the anarchist agitation throughout the

London, Dec. 29.-An accident at the Southampton docks vesterday did considerable damage to the steamer Paris, of the American line. The workmen who were engaged on the extension of the American quay at the express dock were driving a huge tubular pile, when an explosion took place. The pile bounded in the air and fell on the Paris, damaging her port side, smashing her cargo shoot and carrying away some of her rails. At six o'clock this evening divers had recovered three mutilated bodies of men who were at work near the pile when the explosion occurred. Two works men are in the hospital and several are still reported as missing.

London, Dec. 29.—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir Edward Grey, parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, stated that the British squadron at Rio de Janeiro had recently been strengthened by the substitution of the cruiser Barracouta, for the sloop-of-war Basilisk, and the sloop-of-war Racer for the gunboat Magpie. Besides these the cruiser Sirius and the sloop-of-war Beagle were included in the squadron, which the government thought it was needless to fur-

ther re-enforce. London, Dec. 29.-A letter from Sir William Harcourt, chancellor of the exchequer, was read at a Liberal meeting held in Derby this evening to celebrate Mr. Gladstone's birthday. In this lerlast three months. There are some men ness the manner in which our great comwho are working all the time and others, mander takes his full share of the ardaample of undaunted courage. T. Keith said he understood the North- with such a chief is in itself a great reone broad brotherhood, and the concern reduction of 10 3-4 per cent. Now the rally with fresh energy to a cause warof one should be the concern of all. If only solution was the one suggested, thy of such a leader."