

A Golden Key

Will Unlock the Gates of London "Society"—
Deadly Epidemic of Influenza in Lyons, France—
Bogus Rat Poison, or a Swindler's Clever Fake—
Chinese Troops Making a Stand Near New
Chwang—The Japanese Repulsed.

Latest Cable Despatches From All Sources.

APOSTOLIC VICARATE IN WALES.
LONDON, Jan. 29.—The Daily Chronicle's correspondent says that the Congregation of the Propaganda has decided to establish an apostolic vicariate in Wales.

ALARMING EPIDEMIC.
LYONS, Jan. 29.—Influenza is spreading here in an alarming manner. The death rate from this disease has increased to over 100 weekly, and hardly a family in the city has escaped an attack of it.

ACCEPTED A COMPROMISE.
LONDON, Jan. 29.—The creditors of the Canada Shipping Company at a meeting today decided to accept a compromise of 7 shillings 6 pence in the pound.

FRENCH POLITICS.
PARIS, Jan. 29.—The moderate newspapers approve President Faure's message, but the conservative and socialist journals describe it as a "Song to Agam," which was regarded as a parody on Emperor William's "Song to Aegid."

"AN OBJECT LESSON TO ENGLAND."
LONDON, Jan. 29.—The Globe in an article summing up the situation in France and America says the grave troubles of the two greatest republics in the world are an object lesson to England. Both republics, the Globe says, are suffering from the splitting up of their political parties into factions.

ENGLAND'S GREAT NAVAL PROGRAMME.
LONDON, Jan. 29.—The Pall Mall Gazette says the national programme which has been approved by the Cabinet involves the construction within the ensuing financial year of four first-class, four second-class and two third-class cruisers, twenty torpedo boats and twenty torpedo destroyers. The cost of these ships is to aggregate \$5,500,000.

FALL IN C. P. R. SHARES.
LONDON, Jan. 29.—The Pall Mall Gazette says that the recent heavy fall in Canadian Pacific shares was due to the selling of large blocks of stock because of negotiations which are pending for the issue of \$20,000,000 of stock with interest guaranteed by the Canadian Government with which a new line is to be built parallel to a part of the Canadian Pacific.

SOUND AND THOROUGH.
LONDON, Jan. 29.—The President's message is unanimously approved as sound and thorough. Nevertheless, gloomy views prevail as to the probable action of Congress. A private cable to a financial house here seems to indicate the possibility of authority being granted for an external 3 per cent. loan by the present session of Congress. This is thought too good to be true.

THE COPYRIGHT QUESTION.
LONDON, Jan. 29.—Robert Barr writes to the Daily Chronicle: The proposed Canadian Copyright Act is far more generous than the act which England accepted with so much gratitude from the United States. The very thing which authors in Canada is done every day in Mudie's library in London. How is that right here and wrong in Canada?

ARMENIAN MASSACRE CONFIRMED.
LONDON, Jan. 29.—The Westminster Gazette states that the Earl of Kimberley, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, will not issue consular reports received from Armenia because they confirm the previously received stories of massacre and outrage. Lord Kimberley has written a letter to the Armenian Association in which he states that none of the Armenians, who were convicted by the tribunal at Erzerum in November last were condemned to death.

WILL REMAIN AN AUTOCRAT.
BERLIN, Jan. 29.—Private despatches from St. Petersburg say that the Czar was called upon today by deputies representing the nobility of the principal cities and many provincial and district assemblies, who congratulated him upon his recent marriage. In reply to their congratulations the Czar said he had learned that in some of the provincial assemblies voices had been raised proposing that the assemblies have a share in State affairs, and expressing other absurd desires. He therefore wished everybody to understand that he devoted all his powers to his dear country, but that he was firmly resolved as was his father, to uphold the autocracy of the Czar.

CLEVER FAKE FOUND OUT.
LONDON, Jan. 29.—The French police have just put a stop to a fraud which is so clever that the swindler almost deceived the harvest of France which he has been making the round of fairs and other gatherings selling a rat powder which was perfectly harmless, but which struck rats dead on the spot. In order to convince any skeptical man he first powdered a slice of bread with the stuff and ate a piece himself, and then put the remainder under a glass case in which was a rat. The rat ate the bread and instantly fell dead. On 10 cents a box the powder went like hot cakes. The police looked into the matter and found that the powder was nothing but sugar. They also found that the glass case was connected with a powerful electric battery, and the moment the rat touched the bread the current was turned on, thus killing the rodent. The man was sentenced to fifteen days in jail.

ON POLITICAL LINES.
LONDON, Jan. 29.—The elections for the London county council, the body which governs the whole of this vast metropolis except the tiny area known as the City, will take place in March, and it is now evident that they will be

fought on strictly political grounds. The magnates who own the greater part of the land upon which London stands, including men like Lord Salisbury, the Duke of Bedford and the Duke of Westminster, are so frightened by the increasingly radical not to say socialist character of the present council, that they are prepared to spend \$500,000 to help the Tories obtain a majority.

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of view of feminine beauty, she is very pretty. I feel it my duty to inform you that there is one fearful drawback—that is, illegitimacy. The young lady's mother gave birth to her daughter prior to marriage to the child's father. Of course, this is known only to a few, and there is no reason on earth why the fact should be circulated.

In reply to this came a letter from a lady of title, whose name is known throughout the world, and of the high social position outside of actual royalty. Furthermore, it was ascertained that there was no doubt of the genuineness of her offer. This, among other things, she wrote to an entire stranger:

"First of all I prefer an American. Lady Randolph Churchill is a Frenchman, mine, and I am very fond of Americans. Either I will not undertake it at all or your friend will go to court and be in the smartest society. I know you will not think me vulgar if I say the Duke the best society. For instance, we are in Cambridge dine with us last night. Nothing but a high official position in London. Nothing but want of means prevents my being a leader in society more or less.

"But first I must see the young lady and form my own opinion; and, secondly, I confess that the drawback of birth would make me more exacting than I am. The fact of illegitimacy birth would not affect my power of introduction. I would not affect a large sum would not induce me to undertake anything that I could not carry out. I shall be home from 3 to 5:30 p.m. tomorrow if you would make it convenient to call."

Not having received a reply to this letter the lady wrote again, saying that her correspondent must decide quickly, as two other ladies wished her services.

ONLY TEMPORARY.
The American Financial Crisis—The Remedied Tariff Will Assist in Remedying It.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—A cable special from London to the Sun says: The financial crisis in the United States is regarded as the gravest feature of the general monetary situation, not only in London, but also in all European business centers.

European exporters until recently sent their goods to America on six months' credit. A large proportion is now demanded on cash owing to the distrust of American securities. The effect of this, especially with the increased foreign trade under the new tariff, has been a tremendous extra but temporary drain upon American treasuries.

London bankers believe the new practice has become a much greater movement of gold than has yet occurred. When confidence is restored and the old methods are resumed there will be another flood in the opposite direction.

A RELIGIOUS WAVE
Sweeps a Noted Long Island Town—Prayer-Meetings in Saloons and Oystershops.

PATCHOGUE, L. I., Jan. 29.—A great religious wave is sweeping Patchogue. The saloon trade has fallen off over half in a week. Prayer meetings are being held in oystershops, saloons, and aboard oyster boats.

A big revival meeting was held last night in what was formerly the toughest bar-room in the place. Until two weeks ago Edward McNulty was breaking the law continually. The Rev. Mr. Ferguson brought about his conversion, and McNulty moved all his liquors into a wife and child to the front, leaving a wife and child to the front, leaving a wife and child to the front.

The place was packed last night, and McNulty and his wife joined in prayer with the congregation.

Meetings were held in the big hall of George H. Miller several times last week, as well as in the oyster house.

IN CONGRESS.
The Senate Committee Cannot Agree Upon Any Financial Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The Senate finance committee today decided by a vote that it cannot agree upon any financial bill.

CAN'T UNCROSS HIS LEGS.
TORONTO, Jan. 30.—Mr. R. H. Bethune, cashier of the Dominion Bank, is suffering from a peculiar affliction. A few days ago at a meeting he crossed one knee over the other and sat that way for some time. When he attempted to rise he could not uncross his legs, and has been in that position ever since.

DR. EBY EXPLAINS.
TORONTO, Jan. 30.—Rev. Dr. Eby, late Methodist missionary in Japan, was interviewed as to the cause of the trouble which had arisen with the missionaries. Dr. Eby said that the missionaries have never been properly represented at committees of the meetings of the mission board.

"We feel there is no actual combat between the board and the missionaries. We have had a great many men there who have been dropping out one by one," said he, "all of them dissatisfied with the management. When the men want to just simply a fair and square inquiry into the whole affair. They feel they have not had that, and their only resource, after a long correspondence, which seems to have simply been pigeon-holed, is to ask for a recall."

BURIAL OF THE CHIEF.
TORONTO, Jan. 29.—The funeral of the late Chief Ardagh, of the fire brigade, took place from his residence to Mount Pleasant Cemetery this afternoon, and was attended by a large concourse of citizens of every class. At the request of the family floral tributes were omitted. The funeral was of a public character, and all the departments of the civil services were represented. The pall bearers were Ald. McMurrich and Bell, from the council; Deputy Chief Graham and Assistant Chief Thompson, of the fire brigade; two members of King Solomon Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and two members of the A. O. U. W. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Jas. Henderson, pastor of Sherbourne Street Methodist Church, and the Masonic rites were also performed at the grave.

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Still Another!

Algoma Falls Into Line On the Liberal Side.

A brief dispatch received at the "Advertiser" at 3 a.m. today announces that Comtee (Liberal) is elected to the Ontario Legislature by the sensible people of Algoma by 200 majority.

Thus is London's good example bearing fruit. And the end is not yet. Now for the general elections!

METROPOLITAN MEN MISSING.
Two Insurance Agents Make a Sudden Departure for Parts Unknown.

(Chatham Banner, Jan. 29.)
Last Wednesday morning Chas. Davis, detached district superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and Thomas McBride, until recently agent of the company, left town, saying they were going to Wallaceburg, but, as learned from the G. T. R., they took a train for London.

As they had not turned up by Saturday, John Aikens, one of the agents here, suspecting something wrong, went to Detroit, the head agency of the district, and reported.

Yesterday Mr. S. F. Harvey, one of the superintendents of Detroit, was sent down to take charge, and last evening a Banner reporter called upon him to find out if there was any truth in the report. Mr. Harvey said it appeared as if the two men had skipped. He said that he did not know exactly how much the company was short from their departure. Three securities from new agents of \$50 each, that had been paid to Davis, had never been received by the company. The company had also received a death claim from the Chatham office, to which was attached a doctor's certificate, and for which the company forwarded to the Chatham office \$190. The physician whose name was attached to the death certificate says he knows nothing about it, and the man reported dead, as far as can be learned, is still alive.

Mr. Aikens' salary for the four months he has been acting as agent has never been paid. Mr. Harvey said that Davis was the last man he would have expected such behavior from, and the news was a great surprise to the district superintendent and all the other agents who knew Davis.

McBride ceased to be an agent of the company over three months ago; but Mr. Harvey did not know anything about him, as he never met him. It is not only the company that mourn the sudden departure of these men.

Mrs. Reeves, Murray street, with whom the agents boarded, informed a reporter that McBride was \$30 short for his board, and that Davis was a couple of weeks behind.

Davis' salary was \$18 a week, and sometimes he made more, and in his position he handled all money and superintended all the business of this part of the district.

ANOTHER ENOCH ARDEN.
Oliver Lower Returns After Ten Years to Find His Wife Wedded Again.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Jan. 29.—At the beginning of the war Oliver Lower, of De Kalb, St. Lawrence county, enlisted at Potsdam in the Ninety-second Regiment and went to the front, leaving a wife and five children. After two years, obtaining a furlough, he visited his family, but later returned to his regiment.

At the close of the war he went to Washington Territory. His wife, not hearing from him, and supposing him to be dead, at the expiration of ten years married Charles Santius, a union veteran with whom she has since lived and five children. Last night Lower arrived in this city. He did not visit his wife, but left for De Kalb, thinking to find his children, however, are dead, and those living are supposed to be in Ohio.

THE STRIKE ENDED.
In Brooklyn—The Companies Win It But May Lose in the Courts.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 30.—Every trolley line in Brooklyn was in operation this morning except one. That was the Third Avenue line to Fort Hamilton. The strikers cut the wires of that line at Bayridge avenue. The strike is practically over. New motormen and conductors have replaced the men who went out. The linemen who went out on a sympathetic strike have broken ranks, and those whose positions have not been filled were taken back.

The 6,000 men who went out in a body are still holding out. About one-third of the trolley cars in Brooklyn have broken windows, disabled motors, or are otherwise incapable of being used. The strikers are now directing all their attention to court proceedings.

ESSEX FISHERMEN COMPLAIN
Of Unfair Laws—They Must Remain Idle While Americans Work.

WINDSOR, Ont., Jan. 30.—Men who are engaged in the fishing industry in the waters bordering on Essex county are making another attempt to have the laws amended so that fishermen living along the international boundary waters may catch fish at any season of the year. Under the present fishing laws, while the Canadian fishermen have to remain idle, the Americans on the other side of the river can catch at all seasons of the year. A largely signed petition from the Essex county fishermen has been indorsed by the county council, and Wm. Macgregor, M.P., will present it to the Government. The petition states that on the American side of the water opposite from Essex county 1,415 fishermen are employed. They take from the water annually \$753,729 pounds of fish, valued at nearly \$2,000,000, while the real value of fish taken on the Canadian side is less than one-quarter of this amount.

SHORTAGE, \$140,000.
TOLEDO, O., Jan. 29.—Charles M. Hughes, jun., ex-cashier of the First National Bank of Lima, was arrested today on the charge of misappropriating \$140,000 of the bank's funds.

THE mayors of New York and Brooklyn have approved Governor Morton's suggestion that a commission of eleven members be appointed by the governor and mayors to frame a charter for "Greater New York," to be submitted to the next Legislature. The indications are that the consolidation will be effected within three years.

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DRESS GOODS

We are selling and have sold during this month, fully one-third more Dress Goods than last year. Good reason why. Goods that would then have been 75c are now selling at 50c, and 50c goods at 35c, and 40c goods at 20c. Yes, we are selling a full 40-inch All-Wool French Serge at 20c. Ever heard the like before? Come and see it.

SILKS

We have said a good deal about our 25c Silks, and so we should, for the loss is terrific. But it comes to you, and if it is the means of making you better acquainted with this department we are satisfied. Look at these real Japanese Silks, so delicate yet so strong, a unique union of qualities—cream, black, pumpkin, Nile, cardinal, blue, pink. Neither breakable or mussable, these Oriental Silks—crumple your dress and give it a shake and it's all right again. Come and see these.

LINENS

Are you in need. Such little prices as rule here should prove a strong temptation. Where is the woman who does not love to look at (and own) the exquisitely fine snow-white dainty Damask Table Linens that the best Irish manufacturers make so perfectly? Notice these cloths at \$1.50 to \$10, every one a bargain—a little bit mussed, perhaps, a little bit finger marked, but every one a gem.

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