ENGLISH ENTERPRISE.

The people of America should wel-

come the incoming of this capital,

The Free Press,

Monday, December 31, 1900.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Board of Aldermen at a special meeting on Saturday evening appointed Mr. Adam Beck as a member of the Hospital Trust for the unexpired term of one year for which the late Col. Lewis was elected by the people. This course was in accordance with the act of the Legislature in such cases. The choice of the Board of Aldermen is an excellent one. We feel assured that no citizen of London could be found who would take a greater interest in the Hospital, or be a more intelligent and useful member of the Trust than Mr. Beck. It may have been thought by some that inasmuch as a By-law will come before the ratepayers shortly proposing to abolish the Hospital Trust the question of filling the vacancy was one of indifference, pending a decision thereon. We have yet, however, to find one intelligent person who expects that the By-law will be carried. No serious thought is entertained of so EXPERIENCED BY THE STEAMdiscrediting the Trust as to take the Hospital affairs out of the present hands. No argument has as yet been advanced showing how the adminis- Her Steering Gear Damaged During tration should be improved by a

Mr. Whitney will be duly pained to learn that for the eleven months to Dec. 1 the Ontario Government accounts show a surplus of about \$100,000.—Hamilton Times.

Mr. Whitney will also duly note that without the receipts from Crown lands there would be considerable deficit. If a man owned a hundred-acre farm he could show a surplus by selling each year ten acres of his land, but

+ + + The Times has asked a number of leading Hamiltonians this question: "What is the most important social work demanding attention at the beginning of the Twentieth Century, and how should it be dealt with?"

It is probably the same question that will be most important at the end of the nineteenth century, and should

vague talk about working peat beds in the township of Enniskillen, Lambton county, but so far it is only talk

+ + + Speaking of the statement by the Free Press that the pleadings of Clarke Wallace in the libel suit brought by Senator Fulford are purely technical, the Hamilton Times The Business Portion of the Place De-

Why should a plea, "technical" o otherwise be given out before the trial if it is not to be used at the trial? And why should a plea be made so that each branch of the proposed Law and lawyers are only less inconsistent than politicians and party politics can be at times.

back the other day, and died in jail the authorities were too village. penurious to send him to the hospital, the Woodstock Express says:

Almost every day, in some part of the Province, some unfortunate, machinery of his brains has given ut, is dragged before a magistrate or justice of the peace and committed to the county jail to consort with crim-Few people in the world do more to

friendless who are so treated. It is

corps of slandermongers and ignoramuses, who are presumptuous and insolent to a degree, and who, by persistently writing falsehoods and exaggerations, and blasting with a few strokes of their pens the character and reputation of experienced military jury. "In brief, the habit of war correspondence is an evil which knows 'no mitigation, save the rumor that the expense incurred during the past 'vear has emptied the till of many a 'journal." The remedy is to let the correspondent "stay at home in Fleet street with amateur nurses and hos-'nital spies and criticise his superiors 'His judgment will neither gain truth 'nor lose venom." This is not the dignified language of a Government official. It may be admitted that there are bumptious and self-important war correspondents, but it is clear from the article in Blackwood's that there may also be critics of war correspondents addicted to injudicious and intemperate use of language.

AN AWFUL TIME

SHIP LAKE MEGANTIC.

a Tremendous Gale-Indescribable Scenes Among Her Passengers Reported-She Returns to Queenstown and Afterwards Leaves for Liverpool, Still in a Disabled Condition.

Queenstown, Dec. 31.-The British steam-Lake Megantic (Capt. Taylor), from at the end of ten years he would not Canadian mails, 45 salon and second cabin passengers and about 500 steerage passengers, principally foreigners, with many point about 400 miles west on Thursday night, when she encountered a merciless says he has come gale. Behaving splendidly, she would have free inquiry and does not come damaged badly, placing her in a dangerous position. The crew worked bravely, and rigged hand gear, and the vessel was again brought under control. Unfortunateproceeded this evening with all ner pas-sengers and mails, to be transferred to the Lake Superior, which will leave the Mersey Tuesday. The company ordered a tug to accompany her, but none was avail-able here. Tugs will be sent from Liver-pool to meet her. There will be consid-erable anxiety as to her safety in her pre-sent disabled condition. It was impossible sent disabled condition. It was impossible to interview any of the Loke Megantic's people, and the company's cents are reticent, but it is understood there were in founder at any moment.

London, Dec. 31.—A despatch from Dover says the gale has renewed, and that the wind is blowing heavily in the Channel.

UNFORTUNATE VILLAGE

WEST LORNE HAS A DISASTROUS FIRE.

stroyed-Loss Estimated at \$100,000.

West Lorne, Ont., Dec. 30 .- This village the business part of the town being wiped positions of the other divisions, which SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION. out. The fire started in the grocery store extended across the Orange Free of McColl Bros., on the east side of Gra-State. He assumed that Lord Rob-ham street, at 7.30 p.m. The origin is erts intended to advance, sweeping all unknown, and the loss is estimated at before him. His orders were absolute ation in South Africa:-"The Boer try to explain all the absurdities of \$100,000. The grocery store of McColl and he had to carry them out. Hence operations disclosed in the latest des-Bros., H. J. Hale's butcher shop, J. Kelfer's bakery, Mrs. Alton's millinery, the post office, the telephone office, P. J. Lindenman's general store, Shippey Bros.' tallor shop, Harvey & Jamieson's drug idered it his duty to push on, even failure. The bands of guerillas have are within their legal rights in doing so. Why, for instance, in an election trial, should an irresponsible person be allowed to charge every conceivable offence known to the law, and then not be asked to prove one of them not be asked to prove one of them?

denman's general store, Shippey Bros. Sidered it his duty to push on, even tailor shop, Harvey & Jamieson's drug store, Shippey Bros. Sidered it his duty to push on, even tailor shop, Harvey & Jamieson's drug store, Duncan McKillop's residence, E. Callium's residence being totally destroyed, with the contents, very little being saved then not be asked to prove one of them not be asked to prove one of them. The surrendered. Lord Roberts broke up to fire narrowly averted. It is not known just what amount of insurance was carried by the sufferers, but a number of families them?

denman's general store, Shippey Bros. Sidered it his duty to push on, even tailor shop, Harvey & Jamieson's drug tailor shop tailor shop tailor shop to tailor shop the store to tailor shop tailor shop tailor tailor shop tailor tailor shop tailor tailor s were left almost destitute. The St. out that I had obeyed his orders to taches along the latting the letter," declares Gen. Colville, "he were telegraphed for, the fewer arriving by special train on the M. C. R., but too late to be of much assistance, the fire having been gotten under control by the local firemen, who worked heroically with local firemen, who work

OTTAWA.

whose only crime is that the delicate The New Rifle Range-Sam Hughes Kitchener's "defective staff work." at the Capital-The Lumber Trade.

cates. None such are ever found in the gallant colonel's first visit to the standing between France and Engthe jails. It is only the poor and capital since he went to South Africa land."

may be surmised that the writer has rail and water were slow, but now nalizes the new century with a son- to mines, railways and other pro-

THE TALK OF LONDON.

Gen. Colville's Statement Regarding the Lindley Affair.

HE DEMANDS AN INQUIRY

A Campaign Against the New Heads of the War Office.

SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION.

No Real Progress on Either Side-Cable.

London, Dec. .28.-Maj.-Gen. Sir Henry Colville, whose resignation has been demanded by the War Office, Liverpool, Dec. 25, and Queenstown, Dec. but who refused to resign and came England or Pennsylvania or Alabama. 26, for St. John, returned to Queenstown to England from Gibraltar, arriving harbor yesterday (Sunday) morning, after at Plymouth to-day, to demand a not only for its material benefits, but left Queenstown Wednesday, carrying the responsibility for the Yeomanry disaster at Lindley last May, has made a counter-strike at the War Office Jews among them. She had reached a in a three thousand word statement which he has given to the press. He got through had not the steering gear be- be made a scapegoat for the sake of the staff. He avers that the Lindley had he been informed of Lord Robly the hand gear became damaged. The erts' intentions. The primary cause be dealt with in precisely the same way. A few minutes in the calendar will make no material difference in social questions.

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It is reported that experiments are being made in Russia with a new fuel, "petrolized peat." Ordinary peat is impregnated by special methods with crude petroleum or with petroleum residue. The product is said to be impermeable to moisture, and does not considered to the crude petroleum or with petroleum residue. The product is said to be impermeable to moisture, and does not considered to the crude petroleum or with petroleum residue. The product is said to be impermeable to moisture, and does not considered to the crude petroleum or with petroleum residue. The product is said to be impermeable to moisture, and does not considered to the crude petroleum or with petroleum residue. The product is said to be impermeable to moisture, and does not considered to the crude petroleum or with petroleum residue. The product is said to be impermeable to moisture, and does not considered to the crude petroleum or with petroleum residue. The product is said to be impermeable to moisture, and does not considered to the crude petroleum or with petroleum residue. The product is said to be impermeable to moisture, and does not considered to the crude petroleum or with petroleum residue. The product is said to be impermeable to moisture, and does not considered to the crude petroleum or with petroleum residue. The product is said to be impermeable to moisture, and does not considered to the crude petroleum or with petro Sir Evelyn Wood, the adjutant-general, that Lord Lansdowne, then Secretary of State for War, had directed describable scenes among the passengers, him to say that Gen. Lord Wolseley, who are said to have been in despair for the commander-in-chief, approved of hours, expecting that the steamer would Gen. Colville's resuming his Gibraltar command. He learned unofficially that an army board of five of the highest officials of the War Office had His reappointment was the result of the inquiry. To his intense surprise the newly-appointed Secretary of State for War, held him responsible

Gen. Colville, going into official de- written by Richepin. tails, says he was ordered to confire in its history, the principal portion of May 29, and names the various dis- and Bartet took the leading roles. some of the Yeomanry being million- Brief summaries of these petty fights at the end of March. The increasing their meagre means for fighting fire, there saying it was his duty to sacrifice his list on the British side, and this is en-being no organized fire company in the force for the Yeomanry. "It will be larged by mortality from fever and the financial journals, which frankly and my force nearly eight times that the accounts of these operations are England and may produce an outward amples of what he considers Lord war and anxious for the restoration derful development of American pro-FRANCE AND NEWFOUNDLAND, resent the British army as acting on competition in The semi-official Paris Temps, favof the Anglo-French negotiations re- on either side. Old soldiers who keep and the accumulation of wealth for the new rifle range at Halifax, states garding the Newfoundland French watch of what is going on say that the United States." ment for the poor and unfortunate in that it will be completed about the shore, says:—"France cannot be deprived of her incontestable and unment for the poor and unfortunate in their midst than the people of Ontario do, but there are still some things in Ontarlo that require remedying.

Committing lunatics to jail is scandalous. They are not criminals—they are sick. The usual excuse is that the asylums are overcrowded. This is a subterfuge. Room can always be found for a paying patient, or for these committed on doctors' certificates. None such are ever found in the colonel's first visit to the cates. None such are ever found in the call the respectable should about the safe time, and the marks also to send a respectable quota to the UD. R. A. matches.

CHICAGO A DRY TOWN.

All the Saloons in the Windy Civering the disputation of the two countries. It would be expected; that he is gradual understanding and personal amounts above the efforts of the diplomats of the two countries. It would be expected; that he is gradually wearing out the Boers; that be arranged; but this task is light as well by earning out the Boers, that is lowed in the bound of the disputation of the two countries. It would be expected; that he is gradually wearing out the Boers, that is lowed of the diplomats of the diplomats of the two countries. It would be expected; that he is gradually wearing out the Boers, that light wearing out the Boers, that is like the salous transfers of the diplomats of the two countries. It would be expected; that he is gradually wearing out the Boers, that law is private rights. An understanding and understanding and understanding sand understanding and the private when their horses and amount above the efforts of the diplomats of the two countries. It would be expected; that he is gradually wearing out the Boers, that law is lowed in the beauting that the bands will be displayed in the task is the

which is given a place of honor in Sir Henry Norman's comprehensive the Saturday Review. It is the most proposals for the revival of the cane bitter arraignment of Anglo-American sugar industry by means of duties friendship that has appeared for many equal to foreign bounties, and joined a day. The writer derides the after- Sir Edward Gray in recommending dinner speeches of Senator Depew, various peddling devices and petty Lord Salisbury and others, and de- doles. PESSIMISTIC MORALIZING.

ceive it and assure the kickers of his Government has been compelled listinguished consideration, and thank borrow money at rates nobody would them for the energy with which it is have believed likely; that the Ameri-

Emrire, Mr. Ford says:-"The most a terrible experience in the gale. She trial by court-martial to establish the for that close kinship into which the controversial question at the close of United States and Great Britain would the year is the real stronghold of GERMAN SHIP-BUILDING. The German private shipyards in commander-in-chief of the British 1900 completed 250,000 tons of vessels, over its offices. When he reluctantly which is three times above the ton- retired Lord Wolseley entered headnage turned out in 1896 and a fifth quarters as a reformer, but a civilian per cent. above the tonnage of 1893. Secretary of War in reality took com-British yards built in 1900 100,000 tons mand of the army. Lord Wolseley for German account and German has gone out and Lord Roberts is yards built 113,000 tons for foreign coming in, but it is not yet clear account. Seven hundred ships in all, whether Mr. Broderick intends to reover 760,600 tons, are building for lax his civilian grip upon the ser-German account in German private vice. The recall of Sir Henry Colville and foreign yards. Forty-eight war- to London and the resignation of Col. ships are being built in German pri- Spragge indicate that the new Secserum against the foot-and- intend to shirk his duties. Two of-

mouth disease, discovered by Prof. ficers who were apparently exoner-Loeffler, and described at the Paris ated by his predecessor medical congress last summer, is being forced to abandon their posts, and cially. Further experiments have whose conduct in the field is to be

When he returned from South Africa at the Theatre Français, Paris, to- Colville, upon his return, can demand Gen. Colville says he fully acquainted night on the return of the Comedie a military inquiry, but Mr. Broderick the War Office with the facts. After Francaise to its old home, which has precedents and rules of the service the some time he was informed by Gen. been rebuilt on scientific methods since it was destroyed by fire last fending himself. It is probable that March. The occasion was celebrated Col. Broadwood will be dealt with a gala performance, and it is and possibly Col. Clements as well for him to say that Gen. Lord Wolseley. doubtful if the historic play house his share of responsibility for the ever held a more distinguished gath- recent reverse in the Transvaal. ering of people, representative French- point which interests military men is men. The chief of state and Madame whether Lord Reberts as com Loubet occupied the presidential box, in-chief will be left under the thumb while the King of the Belgians made of the Secretary of considered his statements and Lord a special trip from Brussels to at- Wolseley was, or whether Mr. Brod-Roberts' despatches on the subject. tend the function, engaging the Baig- erick, with the House of Commons noire, formerly belonging to his uncle, behind him, will assume the responthe Duc d'Aumale. M. Waldeck- sibility for making and Wood on Dec. 21 notified Rousseau, the Premier, members of military reputations as well as rehim that William St. John Broderick, the cabinet and all the leading lights forming the entire administration of in politics, literature and the drama the army. The Queen is generally be were assembled within the famous lieved to hold strong views of for the loss of the Yeomanry and or-dered him to quit his command im- definition of the fourth act of Corneille's Le Cid." army. She considers the services of mediately and hand over his resigna- the third act of Moliere's "Femmes Savantes," concluding with a prologue necessary, and would be well pleased on the Coquelin Mesdames Dudley, who escaped the This is objectionable from a parliawas visited to-night by the most disastrous centrate his division at Heilbron on fire when Henriot perished, Barretta mentary point of view, since the frank

> London, Dec. 20.-In a special cable despatch I. N. Ford says of the situ-Gen. Colville says, various diseases. When the lines are admit that a great balance of inthat the corps d'elite numbered 560 kept by an army of over 200,000 men, debtedness is held uncollected against the defensive and barely holding its frankly conceded and ground. It would be more correct to prophet of evil for the United Kingassert that there is no real progress doom foresees nothing but prosperity Lord Kitchener is doing as well as

may be surmised that the writer has some close connection with the War confice, as he ventures the statement that in view of the experience of the winter.

"Journalists and other busy-" Journalists and other busy-" bodies will be excluded from our "bodies will be excluded from our "bodies will be excluded from our "camps until the end of time," He was a candidate for the mayoralty in "camps until the end of time," He was a condidate for the mayoralty in "camps until the end of time," He was a condidate for the mayoralty in connection with the writer has the new century with a sonnet. England's Greeting to Columbia. They have can be judged that the business section of the city the partrolmen in question were not perties. While his main work as a financial expert has been replenished, brisk shipping operthat the bocal stock of lumber has that the local stock of lumber has onthat the bocal stock of lumber has of columbia. That 'Sir Edwin Arnold's views are
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clares this friendship has resulted only in kicks for Great Britain, in "Moralists with a century as the cases of the Venezuela, San Juan, Alabama and Behring awards. He as a year behind them are making says:-"We went on patting ourselves week of it. Everything is reviewed, upon our diaphragms, making certain from finance to foot ball, and pessimthat all those kicks were but symp- ism is the prevailing note. The Engtoms of the affection and love the lish Diogenes at the close of the year Americans bore us. In return for our may find an honest man, but not an moral help, which we gave them in their brave punching of the brother critics of their own short-comings, Spaniard, they gave us nothing of a kindred sort when we started in to thrash our brother Boers. Lastly, on thrash our brother Boers. Lastly, on the started in the columns of croaking and forebod-try columns of croaking and forebod-try columns. top of all of our condescensions, comes irg is that everything is going wrong; the clauses of the Senate in the Hay- that the South African war was Pauncefote treaty, to which we are bungled from first to last; that the commanded to assent to kick No. 20, British prestige has been impaired; and I suppose Lord Salisbury is going that the finances of the campaign to turn his ample shoulders to re- have been badly managed; that

bestowed. It seems impossible, so the cans and the Germans are taking experts tell us, that the canal could away a large portion of England's be defended, even though fortified, in foreign trade; that the country is woefully behind other nations mechanical invention and electrical In connection with the proposed enterprise, and that everybody, in the Nicaraguan canal, it is said that when the United States definitely detailed by the control of the new century. The chorus of cides to build, one of the greatest grumbling and croaking is the charship-building concerns in England acteristic refrain of a nation of faultwill simultaneously open in one of the finders at the dawn of a new era. gulf ports an immense shipyard. Sev- In reality every Englishman knows The Boer Invasion of Cape Col- eral steel manufacturers are also said that the Empire was never stronger ony a Failure - Reviews of the to be considering the advisability of than it is at this moment, with the establishing American plants. The loyalty of the colonies invigorated Year and Century- No Cause for Manufacturers' Record, speaking in and imperial interests centered, and Their Pessimistic Tone-Financial behalf of the English trade, says:- that while competition is steadily in-The men who have dominated the creasing in foreign commerce. Matters-France and Newfound-land - Miscellaneous Gossip by The men who have dominated the creasing in foreign commerce, home trade was never better nor the financial stability of the country more cerfications extend to every civilized tain. While the war is still dragging country, are not the men to yield to on the Dutch governments have been America's supremacy without sharing overthrown beyond a chance of resin it by becoming a factory in Am-toration, and the richest gold fields erica's production. To these giants in the world have been conquered and of industry it is not very material brought under tribute to British proswhether the source of production is perity.'

Discussing military affairs of the

military administration. The Duke of Cambridge was for a long period retary of War considers himself responsible for the enforcement of discirline among officers, and does no manufactured in Germany commer- he has declared that there are others investigated. The fact that Sir Henry Colville is a guards generals and is strongly supported at court renders A brilliant spectacle was presented authority more significant. Sir Henry some member of the reopening of the theatre if the Duke of Connaught were made Mounet-Sully, adjutant-general and placed in the line of succession to Lord Roberts discussion of military affairs is impossible when a member of the royal family is commander-in-chief."

FINANCIAL SITUATION across the Orange River has been a fashioned bankers have shaken their during the next two months, but there Gen. Colville alludes to stant, but no advantage is gained. will inevitably be another shrinkage Gen. Colville cites two ex- gloomy reading for a nation weary of drain of gold at any time. The wonof peace, but it is inaccurate to rep- ductive resources and the force of

All the Saloons in the Windy City

through their deliberations and exposures were charged with the responsibility fo capital since he went to South Africa over a year ago.

The season just closed has been one of the busiest ever experienced at the Ottawa lumber mills. Owing to the latter and broader field the writers

SOUTH AFRICA'S FINANCIAL RESULTS OF THE YEAR AND CENTURY

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The orders closing the saloons emanated Property of South Africa on a yesterday for South Africa on a yesterday for South Africa on a property for shipping caused the latter and broader field the writers. disgrace to the Province and to the Government that permits it.

Government that permits it.

Blackwood's Magazine has an unsigned article which makes a vicious signed article which makes a viciou

Alteration of Premises

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