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THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH. ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 19, 1900.

KNIGHT-ERRANT OF RHODESIA.

It was "all for the best," doubtless.

She loved this bright young "cousin" of bers, and would be very happy as his wife. But that hash, that eager look, at the mere mane of "Rhodesia!"

Well, of course, the manner of her preserver's death had been very sad.

The child had oried bitterly at leaving the dring man—naturally; but still, what did that argue for her feelings now?

"Here we are at the inn. I subpose you know this village well, though?" he said at lest, rousing himself from his thoughts.

"Oh, yee!" answered Vinera. "But you yourself have been quick in making acquaintance with the neighborhood."

"I am an inveferate wanderer, by day and by night. Habit—that's all!" rejoined her companion, with a smile that did not resuch his eyes; they had a strained and troubled look. "Here comes the landlady. You must have some tra, Miss Leslie. I'll look after the cattle—I mean"—with another neeting smile—"the horse and dog."

"But you must fold me," said Vimera. "If you are not above tra."

"I? By no means. You are very good to

question startled her more than it of-though she could not have told why

tended, though she could not have told why t should do so. She answered, a triffe coldly—
"No one who told you could have spoken from knowledge."
"Oh, no; I was informed it was not officially announced. Will you be very offended if I ask whicher it is, nevertheless, true?"
He lifted his eyes as he spoke, and methers; and under that look the girl felt all surprise, offence, haughtiness melt away.
It was so clear, so direct, so absolutely devoid of any intention to be impertinent, or curious, or intrusive.
"I am not actually engaged," she answered.

droop: but there was a little indrawing of the breath.

She had the air of one admitting some fact which one would rather tild not exist; at least, that was the impression the man received.

received.

Possibly he wanted to receive it.

He got up, and went over to the window, howered in roses, through which one viewed an old-world garden.

There was a mist before his eyes, a something in his heart which choked his utterance, and made him cling on desperately to that word "duty"—the watchward of a solution.

that word "duty"—the watchward of a soldier's life.

"Do you," he said, after a minute, speaking in a level voice, "do you—care for himvery much? Ah! forgive me again"—
quickly, as he felt rather than heard the
sound of her movement. "I don't ask from
ourrosity—from anything that could anger
you—only, tell me!"

"He had turned to Vamera, who had risen
to her feet, startled now beyond measure,
bewildered by a hundred vague suggestions—
inclined to resent the freedom of a total
stranger in thus daring to lay rude hands
on the veil of her heart, yet somehow unable to be really angery.

"It is a strange question!" she said falteringly, her eyes meeting his with a curious
searching. "Why do you ask ft?"

It came into her soul like the slash of a
grife.

How should she answer his question, if

The New York Tribune thinks General De Wet the real hero of the South African war. The Boers seem to keep heroes in stock. As fast as one is captured they bring out another as good or better to take

The man folded his arms.

"I am Witmot Carew!" he said.

She started back dizzy—tsewidered.
In the first minits of that shock, she could not think or realize his words.

"When I was a child the moon to ma Through the musery curtains seemed to be a think or realize his words, and sat down.

And to Wilmot Carew's lips there came an aeflably bitter smite—to his eyes a shadow he limmed all their brightness.

When I was a child.

When I was a child the moon to ma Through the musery curtains seemed to be a thing of marvel and witherest foating high in the lucid green of the western sky was a fairy boat, and the evening star, light on the land where the fairles are.

[Athantic Monthly.]

Well, she should not suffer through the man who had grown to love a memory.

"You mustn't think," he said quietly, "that I expect you to take my word for the fact that I am the man you have believed dead. I have brought proofs with me, and my aunt, Mrs. Bertram, would recognize me without fail. Nor have I come to spoil your life, or to make any sort of claim on you. I wouldn't have made myself known but for the fact that, when I heard you were engaged it seemed right that there should be no possibility of after trouble for you. I see it was a mistake for me to stay away so long. And now I've come at the wrong moment."

"No, no, no!" the girl said vehamently, "this mathetic self-

moment."

"No, no, no!" the girl said vehamently, sturg to the quick by this pathetic self-abnegation. "Oh, you don't know how glad I am that you live!"

She stopped. In truth, the gladness of this knowledge frightened her.

Every womanly instanct warned her to hide its expression: every instanct of gravitude.

"Yes?" Go on. What happened then? See and, leaving her to the hostess, he turned away, and led horse and dog round to the stables.

He was not long gone, and when he came back to the old-fashloned inh parior, he round Vimera awasting him, and the tea quipage ready.

It gave him a curiously home-like feeling a feeling dashed, too, with bitterest pain—but yet sweet to the man who had wandered homeless for so many years.

How rough life and long absence from the polish of the high-bred gentleman.

The girl recognised that in the very way he welted on her, and yet with it all was that charm of unconventionality which betongs to people who pass their lives in a society freer and less "groovy" than our own.

"I saw you," he said, bending to play with Chieffala's ears, as the dog lay at his borhood, You were riding."

"I nowiced you," the girl answered quite frankly. "Of course, one knows all the new-comers in a small place like ours."

"And I suppose I look very different from the generality of folk," said the colonial, smiling. "Yes—my Cousin Leonard; at least—well, I cail him my cousin."

"I was told," the man ead rather slowly, and not looking at ther, "that you were ensuged to him. Is that so?"

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The eanals here in the North are closed, but those on Mars remain as wide open as

The defendant in a breach of promise suit usually curses the day he learned to write.—
Philadelphia Record.

The assessment of a \$5,000 tax on his income as roon as he touched British soil was taking a mean advantage of Croker.

The latest society item states that the Prince of Wales looks more impressive with his new glasses, but this may be simply an optical illusion.

Somebody speaks of getting up at dawn as a hardship; but no healthy being who rises and goes out at that hour is to be pitied, save, perhaps, the early worm.

It is rumored that the frock coat is falling into disrepute; but we hope it is not so.
The frock coat is a very becoming garment
for a man who does not require a large sur-

Why should the Duke and Duchess of Manchester be in danger of insult in this country? If they and the bride's father are satisfied, whom else do their relations con-

What could be do but mistake the girl's How St. John Has Decided to Entertain the

RETURNING SOLDIERS.

A Committee Has Begun Working Out the Details of a Big Spread -- The Place Will Be Decided Upon This Morning.

this will be the city's formal mark of approbation of the returning soldiers. There vill also be salute firing, general decorations and a popular demonstration. A meeting of the general committee last night dealt with a number of matters and will meet again tonight.

At the citizens' meeting yesterday. morning Mayor Daniel was made permanent chairman and Mr. A. O. Skinner secretary. Col. Jones said he had a letter from an Ottawa staff officer who was coming here to pay off the men. His orders were that the men would be here only four hours. Col. Jones said the local artillery would fire a salute as the steamer came up the harbor.

Major Sturdee said the 62nd Fusiliers

could not turn out as the men had no winter uniforms. It was felt they should turn out even if not in inspection dress. After various motions had been considered it was finally passed that the officers and men while here be entertained at the

the welcome.

Mayor Daniel, Col. Armstrong, Col. Mc.
Lean, Col. Markham, Messrs. J. V. Emis,
A. O. Skinner, Dr. W. W. White, E.
Steer which was sold at auction at the steer which was sold at a steer Sears, D. R. Jack, T. B. Robinson, D. J. Purdy, M. P. P., Ald. McGoldr.ck and

Sears, D. R. Jack, T. B. Robinson, D. J. Purdy, M. P. P., Ald. McGoldr.ck and George Blake were appointed the general committee. It was decided that the common council present an address of welcome to Col. Otter and his men.

At the meeting of the general committee last night there were present Mayor Daniel, Ald. McGoldrick, Mr. D. J. Purdy, M. P. P., Mr. George Blake, Senator Ellis, Mr. A. O. Skinner, Mr. E. Sears, Col. McLean, Col. Armstrong, Col Markham, and Mr. D. R. Jack.

The question of a suitable place in which to dine the men was discussed. Those to dine the men was discussed. Those

most prominently named were the drill shed and the high school assembly hall. There arose in connection with one or other of these places, questions of room, can shill it is at heat true facilities of heat true facilities of the street facilities facilities of the street facilities capabilities of heating, ing, etc., all of which gave opportunity for discussion. The school trustees were asked whether they would allow the use of the high school assembly room and re-plied that they would. This room ap-parently did not find so much favor with the committee as did the drill shed. Finally it was decided that the general com mittee shall meet at the drill shed at 10.30 o'clock this morning to inspect the place, also that a representative of Messrs. Emerson & Fisher be invited to Messrs. Emerson & Fisher be invited to go with them to see as to heating the place; also that Messrs. Raymond & Doherty and Mr. J. J. McCaffrey, who had tendered to supply the dinner, on the supposition that it would be given in the high school, be asked to attend at the drill shed with the committee to tender if it be decided to have the banquet there. The committee will also likely take a look at the upper part of Agricultural Hall to see if that would be a suitable place.

Mr. E. Sears, Col. McLean, and Col. Armstrong were appointed to prepare a menu and secure figures from the caterers and report back. Messrs. D. R. Jack, George Blake and Col. Markham were named a committee to see about securing a pretty menu card.

Senator Ellis suggested, and it was con Senator Ellis suggested, and it was con-curred in, thert our returned soldiers be invited to the dinner. Also on his sug-gestion it was decided that the secretary invite the Royal Kennebecasis Yacht club, Neptune Rowing club, and the Salvage Corps to undertake decoration of the

banquet hall.
Senator Dever and Mr. W. M. Wallace were added to the general committee.

The question of waiting on the men at the dinner was discussed. Young ladies and young men found champions among the committeemen and just after the discussion on this rount a letter reached. cussion on this point a letter reached Mayor Daniel by special delivery. It was signed "Khaki" and contained the statement that one of the young ladies who was a member of the lady fusiliers, who gave such a pleasant entertainment some months ago, suggested that the three



of the skin, soothes inflammation, allays itch-ing and irritation, and when followed by gen-tle applications of CUTICUIA Ointment, the great skin dure, speedily oures all forms of skin and scaly hymours and restores the hair.

landing the troops, that the harbor mass-ter said he would place the steamer where the committee wished. It was felt The Press Attacks Count Von

where the committee wished. It was felt that perhaps the government would wish the Lake Champlain to land at the I. C. R. terminus. Pettingill wharf was felt by many to be the most desirable place.

Senator Ellis said he had a telegram to the effect that the steamer would touch at Halifax and that probably the returning men whose homes were in Nova returning men whose homes were in Nova Scotia would leave the steamer there. The mayor also had a telegram from Lt. Col. Pinault, deputy minister of militan, telling that the steamer would land the mails and some tone of carron at Halifar. mails and some tons of cargo at Halifax.

Last evening's discussion also embraced
the length of time the soldiers will be
here. No one knows definitely as to this.

If they land in the morning, it was said that some time would be taken up in the operation and that the time might thus pass until 1 p. m. when the dinner could be served. The banquet would take three hours at any rate and it was felt likely that Col. Otter would likely want to put the men on board the cars then, and that they would be given there even the control of the cars then, and that they would be given there are materials. ing meal on the cars. This was a mat-

evening at 8 o'clock. The harbor master will be invited to attend and tell the about the various landing 11 o'clock this morning to deal with the financial part of the demonstration.

LIKE EATING GOLD.

Prize Beefsteak Will Come Exceedingly

Porterhouse steak Tenderloin steak (two pounds)

Chicago, Dec. 14-How would you like to partake of a sirloin steak and have the waiter hand you a bill for \$18? Or how would you like to entertain a party of friends—say three—and pay \$32 for an "extra sirloin?" Would roast beef appeal to you at \$11 "per cut?" city's expense.

It was also decided to have a committee to carry out the arrangements of the reception in one central building it possible: also that the military function.

possible; also that the military furnish the largest number of soldiers possible as a guard of honor; also that citizens be asked to decorate and otherwise assist in the welcome.

Asked nome for tomorrow's dinner? Or to plank down \$4 a pound for a five pound sirloin steak—a total of \$20? If you had a liking for the humble "soup bone," would you care to pay 50 cents a pound for it?

appeared."
Then Mr. Irwin did some figuring, with

BRYAN TO RUN A PAPER.

Will Give the World His Opinions Once a Week.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 15-in announcin his plans for the future, W. J. Bryan newspaper and this seems an opportune time for undertaking it. Intending to devote my life to the study and discussion of public questions I have chosen this method because it will best accomplish the purposes which I have in view. Through such a paper I shall be able to keep in touch with social and political problems. The paper will at the same time, if successful, provide an income sufficient for my needs and this kind of work will allow me more time with my family will allow me more time with my family than I have been able to enjoy for several

"I expect to lecture occasionally, especially in college towns, where I can speak to students; but my principal work will

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 16-An early morning fire here destroyed the St. James Hotel, gutted a shoe store and a department store, resulting in a loss of \$45,000, partially insured. Fire started in a cobmonths ago, suggested that the three companies of the lady fusiliers act as and the flames quickly spread to the St. James Hotel, occupied by Kelly & Sut-cliffe, and owned by the Ncy estate. The roof of the department store of Quinn,
Woodland & Co. soon caught fire, and cipally by water, as the stock consisted of clothing, millinery and, underwear. Two hours after the fire started, the north side of the hotel fell into Spring street.

The debris struck a fire truck and completely demolished it. Three firemen who have the struck and completely demolished it.

THE ENTERIC.

There Have Been Over Fifteen Thousand Cases in Africa.

London, Dec. 15—A question in the house of commons today elicited the statement that there had been 15,625 cases of typhoid fever among the British troops in South Africa, and that of this number 3,642 proved fatal.

TURNING DOWN KRUGER.

Immorality in Germany is Rampant -- Woman Who Tried to Kill the Emperor is Now in an

Buelow for

Berlin, Dec. 15-The Reichstag, after months of hard work, has adjourned for dowsky-Bueck affair occasioned great dis-cussion, incidentally iliciting valuable government information regarding the government bills, like the supplementary appeal for China, the budget, private insurance and the re-organization and regulation of mariners' provision, which have all gone to committee with assurance of

their final passage.

Count Von Buelow is still bitterly at tacked by a majority of the press on account of non-reception of Mr. Kruge here. Evidently the anti-British sentiment is much stronger in the nation than the emperor and Count Von Buelow suspect-

Referring to the awful state of foulness which the Sternberg case has shown to exist, the papers comment on the em-pire's official statistics for 1899-1900, showing an increase of 15 per cent. since 1897-1898 in immoral crimes against children. There were 3,569 sentences for such of-

fences alone.

The presiding judge in the Sternberg case announced in open court today, that Herr Popp, Sternberg's bureau chief, and Miss Souchard, important witnesses, had fled to parts unknown.

The Piccheanzeiger announces that Em-

fled to parts unknown.

The Riechsanzeiger announces that Emperor William has awarded the Queen of Portugal a life saving medal for recently saving the life of a German marine.

The woman who attempted to kill Emperor William November 18, by throwing a hatchet at him, has been definitely installed in an asylum for the insane at Breslau.

The foreign office officials inform the

The foreign office officials inform the correspondent of the Associated Press for further instructions on the subject. Germany believes the instructions have Germany believes the instructions have not yet been received. It is pointed out that the signing of the note will be the first step of a binding character yet taken by the powers jointly, hence it is supposed that Great Britain wants to consider the matter full. The foreign office office. the matter fully. The foreign office offi-cials admit that the indications now are more favorable to getting China to come to terms. They also say the early return of Emperor Kwang Su to Pekin seems

Mr. Joseph J. Stewart, elected an alderman in Boston last Tuesday, was born at Bloomfield, Kings county, in 1847, and went to Boston when a boy.

A CORPSE ON THE PILOT. Horrible Freight Brought in by a New

York Central Engine.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 16—A special to the Democrat and Chronicle from Savannah, N. Y., says:
"Fast train No. 30, eastbound on the

THE RAILROAD.

Russia States Her Position in the Matter St. Petersburg, Dec. 16-The Official be done with the pen, or perhaps I should say, with the pencil.

"The paper will be called The Commoner; this will defend the principals set forth in the Kansis City platform. The first issue will appear in January. I shall be proprietor and editor."

FALL RIVER FIRE.

Hotel, Shoe and Department Store Burned.

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CHINESE MUNITIONS FOUND.

Arms, Ammunition and Cannon

Berlin, Dec. 15—A despatch from Pekin under date of December 14 says the Rohrschei'dt column found a quantity of arms, and ammunition at Tsang. Several cliffe, and owned by the Ney estate. The roof of the department store of Quinn, Woodland & Co. soon caught fire, and the loss here will be the heaviest, principally by water, as the stock consisted

cipally by water, as the stock consisted of clothing, millinery and underwear. Two hours after the fire started, the north side of the hotel fell into Spring street. The debris struck a fire truck and completely demolished it. Three firemen who were near the falling wall managed to get out of danger. The fire broke out again shortly after 2 o'clock and another general alarm was sounded. After fighting it for some time the fire was extinguished.

The St. James Hotel came into prominence recently by Jraving a case in the supreme court in which a decision was handed down, whereby hotels were not allowed to sell liquor with food after 11 o'clock.

Had One Good Quality.—Lady (engaging a new cook)—Are yon sure you don't keep company with a policeman?

"Yes, I do, ma'am; but he's a very small eater."—London Tit-Bits.

half firee and half at a low price.

The following charters have been fixed: Schooner R. D. Spear, San Domingo to New York, 18, number, \$1 and port charges; bechooner R. D. Spear, San Domingo to New York, 21 and port charges; bechooner R. D. Spear, San Domingo to New York, 21 and port charges; bechooner R. D. Spear, San Domingo to New York, 21 and port charges; bechooner R. D. Spear, San Domingo to New York, 21 and port charges; bechooner R. D. Spear, San Domingo to New York, 21 and port charges; bechooner R. D. Spear, San Domingo to New York, 18, number, \$1 and port charges; bechooner R. D. Spear, San Domingo to New York, 21 and port charges; bechooner R. D. Spear, San Domingo to New York, 21 and port charges; bechooner R. D. Spear, San Domingo to New York, 21 and port charges; bechooner R. D. Spear, San Domingo to New York, 21 and port charges; bechooner R. D. Spear, San Domingo to New York, 21 and port charges; bechooner R. D. Spear, San Domingo to New York, 21 and port charges; bechooner R. D. Spear, San Domingo to New York, 21 and port charges; bechooner R. D. Spear, San Domingo to New York, 21 and port charges; bechooner Sunber, P. L. Schooner R. D. Spear, San Domingo to New York, 21 and discharged

BOERS DIVIDED.

Kitchener Says One Force Has Gone South and One West. London, Dec. 17—Wiring from Pretoria (Sunday) Lord Kitchener, after announcing that the released Magaliesberg prisoners have arrived at Rustenburg, says that the Boen force divided into two portions, one moving south and the other west.

Advising the Burghers to Submit to the

Inevitable. London, Dec. 16—A special despatch from Standerton, Transvaal, dated Decem-ber 14, says that General Louis Botha is at Ermelo, taking a peaceful attitude and informing the Burghers that the time has come to submit to the inevitable. It is expected that he will shortly make ever-

WAR OFFICE REFORM.

tures for peace.

London, Dec. 17—The secretary of state for war, Mr. Wm. St. John Brodrick, has appointed a committee to deal with the question of war office reform. The comquestion of war office reform. The committee will consider the system of contracts and the possibility of further decentralization and more expeditious working. The chairman of the committee is Mr. Canton Edward Dawkins, of the firm of J. S. Morgan & Co.

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Winter Port Matters.

AMERICAN-ENGLISH ESTATES.

AN ENGLISHMAN.

The Court Finds, Him No Longer a Citizen of the United States --The Bradley-Martins, Agains' Their Wishes, Are Still Americani

New York, Dec. 15—Justice Andrews in the Supreme Court today decided that the personal estate of William Waldorf Astor in this city was illegally taxed by the commissioners of taxes and assessments for the year 1899. When he claim ed to be a resident of London, his pe sonality was fixed at \$2,000,000. Mi Astor became a resident of London i 1895, but paid his taxes without objection until 1899. He then asked that the assessment be wiped out on the ground that he was a non-resident. He had not at that was a non-resident. He had not at that time become an English subject. When examined before the tax commissioners he swore he had given up his residence here and purchased a residence in London and down a decision returning to vacate the assessment on Bradley Mantin's personal estate for the same year, which was fixed at \$200,000. He maintained that he was a non-resident but Justice Andrews hold-

that he must still dent of New York. Getting into Print.

"Mr. Smithers," said his wife, "if I remember rightly, you have often said that you disliked to see a woman constanly getting herself into print?"
"I do," said Smithers positively.
'You considered it unwomanly and in-

"Very."
"And you don't see how any man could allow his wife to do anything of the kind?"
"Well, Mr. Smithers, in view of all the facts in the case, 1 feel justified in asking you for a new silk dress."
"A new silk dress?"

"A new silk dress?"
"Yes; for the last eight years I have had nothing better than fourpenny calico, and I want something better. I'm tired of getting into print."—Tit-Bits.

We are not very far removed from the patriarchal age. An Ottawa lady paid for some potatoes from a neighboring farmen and when she did not receive the goods, i Manifests were received yesterday, at the custom house for nine cars wheat nine cars corn, four cars gloose, and four cars lard by the C. P. R for shipment to the United Kingdom.

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