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This week we have placed a lot of ubscription accounts in the hands of a collecting agency with orders to collect, even if they have to place the accounts in court for that purpose, so that any one receiving a notice will understand that we mean busines and if they wish to save co-ts they ill require to forward to the agency at

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The Chamber of Deputies .Dis cusses the Secret Documents.

BRISSON ON THE DOSSIER.

THE CASE OF DREYFUS

cerning It - There Is Nothing in It, He Says, to Affect the Security of the State-When Dreyfus Starts-Cable

Paris Dec 30.—There was a repetition yesterday afternoon of the new familiar segmen in the Chamber of Deputies. M. Irsishes, anti-Semite, interpolated the Government on the subject of the alleged indiscretions of the Brisson Ministry in the Dreyfus affair. He accused the former Premier, M. Brisson, of violating the constitution, and violently attacked the Court of Cassation, whose president, M.

man omotal.

The speech of M. Lasies was interrupted by uproar and procests.

The Minister of War, M. de Freyoinet, replied that he did not desire to appear as wiching to influence the decision of the Court of Cassation. But, while willing to submit to the court all the official documents in his possession, he was absolutely determined not to submit the secret lutch of documents in the case, which, he pointed out, contained papers affecting the security of the nation. He added that if the House did not approve of his attitude, he was willing to resign. M. Lasies said he thought that under the circumstances the revision of the Dreyfus.trial was only a comedy, and he behauked M De Freyoinet for furnishing official confirmation of the roport that the secret batch of documents so frequently referred to, really existed. He then withdrew his interpollation. The speech of M. Lasies was interrupte

The Secret Documents.

The Chamber later discussed an interpellation of M. Millerand, relative to the conditions upon which the secret designed could be communicated to the Court of Cassalon, as, he contended, unless the court were put in possession of all the documents the whole case of revision was vitabled.

itiated.

M. Dupuy, the Premier, replied that inless guarantees of absolute secrety were forthcoming the Government would not communicate these documents to the e Premier declared also that it sible to show the documents to was impossible to show the documents to the defence unless the Government were absolutely assured of secrecy.

All were Suspicious.

M. Beisson said: "There is no doou
ment in the Dreyfus dossler that could
affect the security of the state. I exam
inated the entire dossier, after the discov
ery of the Henry forcery, and considered

ery of the Henry forkery, and considered them all suspicious."

M. Cavaignae, former Minister of War, interjected: "Yes, M. Brisson and M. Sarrien examined the documents. I thought it necessary to show them. Afterwards I offered to show M. Brisson certain documents in the hands of Gen. Gonze, in which there were the elements of the conviction, but M. Brisson thought it uscless to examine these."

After further debate, which had been of the most animated character, the Chamber by a vote of 370 against 80 approved the attitude of the Government.

Drefus Dossier Demanded.

London, Dec. 20 .- The French Court f Cassation, according to a special lespatch from Paris, has demanded the lecret Dreyfus dossier, undertaking not to publish its contents.

When Dreyfus Starts.

It is reported that Capt. Dreyfus will leave Cayenne on Jan. 5 and arrive in Paris the end of the month.

London, Dec. 20.—The Paris corre

Dringe Victor Napoleon's recent sojour Paris was of more serious import the but the Government did not him, because M. Dupuy, the known, but the Government du arrest him, because M. Dupuy, the Premier, believed that the arrest would be the signal for a coup d'etat and be knew that he could not rely upon eithe the police or the troops commanded by the could be the police or the troops commanded by the could be trained by

deeneral Curlinden.

"Prince Victor intends to come again at Christmas and to remain until the new year, when he hopes that the League of Patriots will be able to force a convocation of the National Assembly." When Marchand Left Fashoda When Marchand Lett Fashous.
Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 20,—Major Marchand and his party evacuated Fashoda during the morning of Dec. 11, when the French flag was lowered and the British and Egyptian flags were hoisted. The

### A CHILD ON THE RACK.

London, Dec. 20.—The Chatham branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children brought a man named Watter Roberts before the local tipendiary magistrata wastandon. named Walter Roberts before sale loose stipendiary magistrate yesterday for for-turing a little girl named Maud Whaley, aged 7 years. The prisoner went to Chat-ham from Deptford, and was entrusted with the care of the child, whose mother lives at Deptford. He and his wife coun-lives at Deptford. with the care of the child, whose mother I lives at Deptord. He and his wife occupied apartments in the squalid neighborhood of King street, Brook Evidence was given by a single woman named Florence Humphries, lodging in the same house, who said she had frequently heard the sound of blows, followed by the screaming of a child. Last Saturday the screaming occurred in the afternoon, and continued during the evening in a piteous tone. Witness went to ascertain the cause, and found that the prisoner and his wife had gone out and locked the door. She unfastened the door, procured a light (the room being in total darkness) and found the child upon a chair which, was lying on its side. One leg of the child was tied by the ankle to one side of the chair and the other leg to the other side. The hands of the child legs, palms outwards. There was also a cardboard stock arrangement fastened round her neck to present the child legs, remaining the read either backward or forward. The child was in an extremely direct or condition, and her head was eeverd with screen, being also bruised about

ered with sores, being also bruised about the body. Inspector W. N. Nimred of the

#### SALISBURY FAR-SIGHTED.

Reading, Eng., Dec. 20.—At the opening of the Wellington Club here yesterday, the Earl of Selborne, Under Secretary for the Colonies, discussing the foreign policy of the Government, maintained that the Marquis of Salisbury's management of the relations between Great Britain and the United States alone entitled him to the absolute confidence of the country. The change which had taken place from three years back, when both countries were discussing the possibilities of war, would not have been possible except for the cool, firm, far-seeing way in which the Premier had dealt with the Venezuelan difficulty. Continuing, the Earl of Selborne said: "A very simple, but very great, thing has happened. A misunderstanding has been removed. The people of the United States had not anderstood Great Britain's real feeling towards them. Now they under-

feeling towards them. Now they unde stand. That is all, but it is immense. teeing towards them. Now tany understand. That is all, but it is immense.

"Grea' Britain has not proposed to use
the United States for her purpose, any
more than our friends across the Atlantic
have proposed to use Great Britain for
their purpose. Where our interests are
identical we may hope for co-operation.
When one country has an interest and
the other has none we may hope that the
country not interested will do what it
if can to support its friend. Where their
interests may unhappily tend to diverge,
it they should hasten by mutual conciliation
to an understanding, so as to arrive at
a speedy compromise before there is any
chance of a breach of their friendship."
(Loud cheers.)

BRITAIN NOW COMMANDS.

braltar Has Been Put Into a Condition of Impregnability. London, Dec. 20.—It is a current belief in England that Gibrattar has always commanded the straits which bear its name. That belief, however, was till recently incorrect. The straits are 191/2 miles wide, and the best guns mounted

This establishes claims to enorm This establishes claims to enormous territories in Eastern Africa. As soon as at the expedition sent out by Ceeil Rhodes to establish stations and telegraph service from Cape Town to the middle lake region has accomplished its work it will be an easy link on Major McDonald's chain of posts northward, and Birtish plans for a trans-African highway will be culminated.

TTALY MISTRUSTS KING MENELIK. Rome, Dec. 20.—The latest despatches from Massowah are causing serious alarm here. They contradict Minister Canevaro's statements made in the Chamber of Deputies that the Italian relations with King Menelik of Abyssinia are excellent. The military organ, L'Esercito, implores the Government not to trust the vertextations of Manelik but to send ions of Menelik, but to send troops to Massowah detains the Italian envoy, Capt. Cicco di Colla, as a hostage.
L'Avanti announces that Menelik is marching toward Erythrea to define frontiers, and that he marches sword in

The "Hanging Judge" Resigns.
London, Dec. 20.—Hon. Sir Henry, Hawkins, one of the justices of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Judicature, and owing to the severity of his sentences known as the "hanging judge," has resigned. He was associated with Chief Justice Coloridge in the first Tichborne trial, when he particularly distinguished himself by his exhaustive cross-examination.

Russia Orders More War Vessels.

London, Dec. 20.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily. Mail says:

"The Russian Government has ordered ten new destroyers for the Pacific squading ron, to be completed within two years.

"Is is reported that the Minister for War, Lious. General Kurapotkin, will be dismissed for countermanding an order given by the Grand Duke Vladimir, who is commander of the St. Petersburg military district." Russia Orders More War Vessels.

Another Massacre in China.

London, Dec. 20.—According to a despatch from Shanghai, the rebels have seized the town of Chung Yang, 50 miles southwest of Itchang, Province of Hoo Pea, on the north bank of the Yang Tso Kiang, 200 miles above Chin Kiang Foo.

They have massacred a French priest and 100 converts.

Genos, Dec. 20.—A singular spectacle was witnessed in one of the theatres of this city last night, when a musical drama representing the resurrection of Lazarus was produced. An archishop and hundreds of pirests were in the audience. The actors wore modern costumes. Josus was impersonated by a stout man in evening dress with a white cravat. John she Evangelist was similarly attired. Martha appeared in a blue evening gown. The performance was enthusiastically applauded.

## THE FINAL MEETING. SAFE LOCK PUZZLES.

Joint High Commission Adjourns for the Holidays.

UNCERTAIN U. S. ATTITUDE.

by Most Distinguished Guestsed, and Sir Wilfrid Replies

Washington, Dec. 20.—The joint high nmission held its final meeting before but the session was brief and animportant, no material progress being made. With the information as to the trade consions that may be expected from the cessions that may be expected from the United States, gleaned by them in the past few days, the Canadian commissioners will be in a position during the holiday sesson to consult with their colleagues as to the position they shall take when they return to Washington to conclude the negotiations. It appears that there is still doubt and uncertainty as to the American attitude on several important points, and that even on the vital question of free lumber the American and the state of the columns of the press with statements that the subject is closed to debate, the commissioners themselves, contrary to commissioners themselves, contrary to the report which was made concerning Saturday's meeting, have not given a final and decisive no. The Canadian commai and decisive no. In Canadian coar-missione's regard this continued evasion, however, after ample opportunity has been afforded for consultation with the 8g antors, as pretty conclusive evidence as to what the final answer when it comes

range of 15 miles, and will put their shot at close quarters through three feet of fron, so they are most formidable weapons.

They can be loaded and handled by two or three men, and are so well mounted that they can; fire a shot a minute. Though only weighing 37 tons, they are vastly superior to the old 38 and 100-ton muzzle-loading tuns which some years ago were the bugst guns at Gibraltar.

A great deal of wark is being quietly done upon the defences at Gibraltar, which now may be "pronounced impregnable."

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Load British Commissioners and the safe sharp who pretends to do it resorts to an ingenious method, called that they can; fire a shot a minute. The heading society pepple of Washington, when have so generously entertained them the colors of Great British the beat of all the lectrons at Gibraltar.

A great deal of wark is being quietly done upon the defences at Gibraltar, which now may be "pronounced impregnable.

CAPE TO CAIRO HIGHWAY.

The list of guests was one containing the names of very distinguished men, and was very long.

A string band discoursed soft music.

The banquet was almost entirely free of speeches. Baron Herschell in a few well-shown words proposed the health of Her Britannic Majors and the President of the overtaxed brain itself slips a foog, the well-shown words proposed the health of the britannic majors and the president of the condition lower has been hoodwinked into believing a good lock worthless by this simple Godge.

Sudden death is by no means responsible for all the lockouts, Sometimes questions, in which the overtaxed brain itself slips a foog, the health of the Canadian commissioners were honored. Sea busy man to forge for the british in proposed the hea

Left Liverpool Together and Reached Halifax With the Gallia Ahead. Halifax, Dec. 20.—The steamer Gallia arrived yesterday morning at 10.30, winning the ocean race from the steamer Scotsman. Both steamers left Liverpool Scotsman. Both steamers left Liverpool at the same time and many wagers were made on the result. The Gallia brings about 400 men for the Leinster Regiment and a large contingent for the Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery, hundreds of tons of explosives for the War Department, and a large number of q and other guns for the forts in Halifax and Esquimalt. The Scoteman arrived a few hours after the Gallia.

Crisis Not Yet Reached.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—The Grand Trunk management admitted yesterday that the telegraphers' committee resily represented the Grand Trunk operators, and General Manager Hays turned the committee over to the general superintendent, Mr. H. McGuigan, who began to treat with the delegates. The discussion was not very long, but will be resumed to-day at 10 a.m. Crisis Not Yet Reached.

Suffocated by the Snew.

Newmarket, Ont., Dec. 20.—Hiram
Swezy, a farmer about 50 years of age,
residing in King Township, was found
frozen in the snow about 80 rods south
of his own home. Coroner Wesley made
an investigation, and concluded an
inquest unnecessary. Sweezy had been
drinking, and becoming bewildered while
walking home in the dark was suffocated
by falling in the deep snow.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Canadian eint commission adjourned yesterday antil Jan. 5, after which it is expected until Jan. b, averethey will reassemble in Washington for a session of not more than two weeks, during which they will sign the draft of any treaty between the United States and Canada they may be able to agree upon.

Voiced His Dislike. priespondent of the London Spec-says: "I send you an extract from ng's 'Reminiscences of Cambridge,'

tator says: "I send you an extract from Gunning's 'Reminiscences of Cambridge,' published in 1854—a book which abounds in good stories: "'The tutor,' Cardinal Thorp (for so he "The tutor," Cardinal Thorp (for so he was always called), was lecturing on the law of extreme necessity, which justified a man in disregarding the life of another in order to insure his own safety. He said: "Suppose Lowther Yates (the master of the college, Catharine Hall) and I were struggling in the water for a plank which would not hold two and that he got possession of it. I should be justified in knocking him off," and he then added, with great vehomence, "D—n him, and I would do it, too, without the slightest hesitation!" (volume 1, page 18). It is scarcely necessary to add that the turor had an inveterate dislike to the master of the college."

What She Believes.

"I believe that Hood's Sarsaparilla with that. candian Topics in Britain.

Canadian Topics in Britain.

London, Dec. 20.—As a result of ankles were swellen, and Dr. Waiter Buchanan added that there were many bruises about the child's body, limbs and face.

The male prisoner was sentenced to six weeks' hard labor, while his wife was sent to prison for 14 days, in default of paying a fine. As the male prisoner was being removed from the court to the calls he expressed a wish that the magistrate might be found dead when he came out of prison.

Canadian Topics in Britain.

London, Dec. 20.—As a result of a good me icine, because I have seen its good effects in the case of my mother. She his taken it when she says sheek knows of no hing better to build her up and make her feel strong to be the think.

Being a modern maid, she was conjent with that.

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THE TROUBLE THAT IS CAUSED BY LOST COMBINATIONS

Assaults of the Experts For Three Days and Nights.

Once a painter working in the Com mercial botel slipped from his ladder and in falling struck his foot against the kneb of the office safe. A few moments later the clerk attempted to open the doors, but found them immovable; the blow had thrown 'on' the 'ombination. As usual in hotels where some one is continually on duty close at hand, the outer look was make the other than the control of the rarely used. It was last employed so long rarely used. It was last employed se long ago that nobody could remember the exact figures that governed it, and an expert was sent for. In detective stories this individual would have placed his ear against the door, turned the knob a few times, smiled enigmatically and thrown back the bolts, but unfortunately such things don's really happen outside the works of M. Gaboriau. As a matter of fact, five skilled mechanics took turns at trying for some 30 hours, and finally the makers were telegraphed to for the cipher.

The "sticking" of safe doors, as it is called colloquially, its something that cocurs now and then in every city, and the most common cause is the sudden death of the man possessing the combination.

Some cautious merchant sumbles over with heart disease or apoplexy, and his safe is found looked as tight as a drum. In such cases there is only one thing to do. A hole is drilled through the door, so as to give access to the mechanism, and the look is then ploked with a wire.

As burglars often employ the same process it may be interesting to explain just how it is done. A combination look consists of a series of disks, or "tumblers," each having a slot on the edge, and when these slots are brought into alignment a bar slides through and operates the bolts. By means of a hooked wire it is comparatively easy for an expert to revolve the

still," he repeated over and over again to the baffled experts. At last he jumped up with a triumphant whoop.

'I have it,'' he yelled. "It's 28. Don't you see, two-eight, to wait? I knew it had

One of the most remarkable lockouts on record occurred in 1893 in a small town in this state. A general merchant had what was known as a screw door safe, with a time lock, which got out of order. The door in a safe of this kind is circular and screws in, after which an automatic contribution throws the bolts, which are rews the holts which are re trivance throws the bolts, which are re-leased at a given hour by interior clock-work. The expert sent for in this particu-lar case made the necessary repairs, but forgot to replace a small bar connecting the clock and the lock. Consequently when he closed the door the bolts flew into po-sition, and there was no way in the world to get them back.

sition, and there was no way in the world to get them back.

The safe contraged a quantity of our-renoy, several fine watches and a lot of diamond jewelry, and the owner was wild to have it opened. Then began a battle royal. The first scheme of the experts was to bolt a long iron bar to the door and then raise the safe by a tackle and let it drop. The theory was that the jar might cause the bolts to fly back long enough to enable the leverage pressure of the bar to start the screw. This was tried at least a hundred times, but without success.

They then determined to break down the door itself. It was composed of many plates of steel held together by a series of small bolts. A beam 25 feet long was swung from a derrick like a battering ram and hurled end on against the front children of darkies were enof the safe. Shifts of darkies were engaged to relieve each other at fixed hours, and the blows were timed regularly, two to the minute. It was believed that a vibration could thus be set up that would eventually jar out the bolts, and, incredible as it may seem, the assault was continued unceasingly three days and nights. The blows reverberated through the little town like saivos of artillery, and the whole country around turned out to see the fun. Sleep was impossible, and one exasperated resident had actually applied for an injunction when the plates at last sprung asunder.

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When an expert is called in by a business man who finds himself unable to open his safe, he tries the plan, to begin with, of reverting the numbers given him. It not infrequently happens that the cyner has accidentally rearranged them in his mind, and in nine cases out of ten that proves to be the fact. The forgetful man is always ready to take oath that he has made no mistake until it is demonstrated before his eyes that he has.—New Orleans Times Democrat.