Mr. F. W. Thompson Says That Sir William Gilbert in Serious Hamburg-American Company to Bread.

#### CONSUMPTION IS SMALL

Less Than Five Per Cent of the Food Bill of the Average Family-Reading and Amusements Cost Six Times as Much.

luxuries, and the health of the nation will be improved both physically and financially," declared Mr. F. W. Thompson, vice-president and man-aging director of the Ogilvie Flour Mills Company, in an interview today. "There is no question but that the

farmers have been benefiting by the high prices of all agricultural products, and personally I feel that this is well for our country. Agriculture is the fundamental basis of our commercial prosperity. In order for the business interests of Canada to prosagriculture must be prosperous. and the greater the prosperity of our farmers the greater will be the de-

ject of bread is always paramount. view for the part, and after a week or Yet how few people there are who two practically forced her out on the realize the astounding fact that in plea that her voice was not suited to the average family the consumption of the songs. Miss Amy Evans succeeded bread forms less than five per cent her. proportion that the consumption of Intosh was suddenly taken ill with a ter of fact, the average family spends the theatre. Lawyers on both sides more in reading matter and amuse- became busy. ments in two months than their entire cost of breadstuffs for a whole

"It is quite true, generally speakring, that foodstuffs are higher because of the great commercial development which is taking place on this continent, resulting in migration migration to the ining, that foodstuffs are higher beby the younger generation to the in-William claimed that the song was industrial centres of population, causing a more closely balanced condition of supply and demand, and which can only to remedied by the greater development of the land.

"When considering the cost of the loaf of bread delivered into the home by the baker in our cities, as compared with foreign markets, it must be borne in mind that the wages in the manufacturing of bread in a city like ours average from 60 to 70 per cent higher than abroad.

"In proportion to population, London buys more low grade flour than any other bread eating city in the world. There is no high grade flour exported from Canada to London, at least the proportion is so small as to be a negligible quantity:

the butter bill in the average family higher relative cost than any of these well known, well liked, and with other four items Examine the cheapest article of food, always has been. In this connection it must be considered that feeding stuffs of all kinds have been relatively higher during the past three years ing from the Daily Telegraph is a because of the fact that consump- case in point: tion has closely overtaken production. cultivation.

cost of living, but high and extravagant living and the over-indulgence in expensive luxuries.

"The per capita consumption per annum of wheat flour is a little over a barrel per year, and the average per capita consumption of bread per day in Capada is less than three cents.-From the Montreal Gazette of Jan. 28,

#### CHURCHMEN ON BIG STRIKE Pelican.

New Clergyman Disliked by Congregation, Finds Boycott Exists.

London, Feb. 4.-Demonstration has New Year's week, speaks enthusiasjust been made that that weapon of tically of the theatres in the Empire industrial economics, the strike, can City, and Forbes-Robertson's success." be applied to religious problems. Down at the village of Preston members of the Emmanuel Church became wroth to say a good word for his employer? because the living, as the curate's post It's so unusual in the profession. is commonly called, was given to a Manchester clergyman instead of to Bird," supposed to be a Rev. W. J. Hill, who has acted as happiness, has set a fashion of blue curate in charge for some time. Pro- Lots of people besides the compilers test failing, the militant members of the typesetters and proofreaders are the congregation resolved to follow the rules laid down by the women blousemakers in New York, and a strike order was issued.

at the morning and the evening services, the bulk of the congregation, after joining in the opening hymn, arose and left the church, as the minister proceeded to announce his texts. Meetings of protest continued daily and nearly a hundred sittings have The been given up by parishioners. new vicar is to be inducted at the end of the present month, and the police, in consequence, are practicing the tactics supposed to be most efficient in suppressing riots and similar disturb-

#### KAISER DECORATES

Berlin, Feb 4 .- The Kaiser's 51st birthday was observed with the customary ceremonies. The city was profusely decorated, and during the evening the illuminations were brilliant.

The following hirthday following birthday promotions decorations were announced: ellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, Chancellor von decorated with the Order of the Black Eagle: Anton von Werner, director of Academy of Fine Arts, and Dr. William Bode, curator of the Kaiser Frederick Museum, raised to the rank of privy councillors; Adolf Wagner, professor of economy, Arthur von Gwinner director of the Deutsche Bank, Gustav Krupp and Herr von Bohlen und Halbach, whose wife is crowded in the evening. He then dashes in, seizes a joint from the dashes in, seizes a joint from the counter and disappears. At first he seemed to prefer stealing veal, but recently he has confined his thieving the lifetime, which means membershin in the Herren Haus, the Prussian House of Lords.

The diplomatic corps attended at the castle to present their felicitations to the Kaiser.

Itelligent animal waits until the shop is crowded in the evening. He then dashes in, seizes a joint from the counter is now afraid even of China.

Imports from Canada to the United States in 1899 aggregated \$35,500,000. While in 1909 they had increased to salve the crowd and touches the plece he wishes stolen.

## THE STAFF OF LIFE SAVOY THEATRE TORN BY BITTER LAW SUITS

Trouble With "The Fallen Fairies.

London, Feb. 4.—There certainly is state of things," "a pretty pass" and a "how-de-do" in the affairs of the new Gilbert opera at the Savoy The-atre. It is called "Fallen Fairies." They have not quite fallen yet, but they seem to be falling with a rapidly increasing velocity. The business office of the theatre teems with lawsuits, injunctions, threats and unkind words. "Eat more bread and less of the At a board meeting one of the directors and owners in the company which is putting on the opera was characterized as "a multitudinous bounder." And another, the heaviest investor of all, as an "unhatched amateur."

When the company furnishing capital for the production of Sir William Gilbert's opera started to put it ries out the programme with which it is on they found they were not officially recognized by Sir William at all. Last summer he had made arrangements with C. P. Workman for the production, and it was only with Mr. Workman that he would treat.

Sir William Determined. They also found that Sir William eserved to himself the right to select velopment of our commercial and the company, the costumes and so manufacturing interests and the forth. Miss Nancy McIntosh is a protege of Sir William and stands al-"From time immemorial bread has most in the relation of daughter to oeen recognized as the staff of life, him. To her he assigned the role of and when the question of the cost of the "Queen of the Fairies." The board food is discussed anywhere, the sub- of directors had another actress in

of the total food supplies. Let every Relations between Sir William and housekeeper analyze their monthly the directors were pretty well strained housekeeper analyze their monthly the directors were pretty well strained bills, and they will find the small already; this snapped them. Miss Mcbread bears to the whole. As a mat- cold and Sir William kept away from

> Injunction Stops Song. Then, to cap the climax, last Wednesday, Miss Evans was given a song to sing which was in the original score

taken out of the opera without his sanction. The directors assert that Miss Mc-Intosh did not sing it because her roice was not equal to the task and ber in the opera and was a big finan-

imical and derogatory to the opera,

cial and artistic asset. The fight is now on, and this happy theatrical family are rolling up their sleeves. So bitter is the feeling that in all notices on the call board which Sir William's name is used, he is referred to as "William S. Gilbert." with the title conspicuously omitted.

Manager Dies Poor.

a negligible quantity.

The estate left by Ernest Carpenter, "So far as my investigation goes, joint manager of the Lyceum Theatre, is a rather disillusioning exposure of in its relation to the cost of bread is the financial side of the theatrical busdouble, and in the case of milk nearly iness in England. Mr. Carpenter was Meat, of course, bears a one of the foremost managers here, your home ex-limportant theatrical interests besides penditure, and you will find that bread his connection with the Lyceum. His and estate amounted to less than \$2,000. The way actresses are annoyed for engagements by American managers is probably heartrending. The follow-

"Mrs. Patrick Campbell departed for There never has been a time in the New York, mainly on holiday thoughts history of our country when the op-lintent. It is just possible, however, portunities afforded for the develop- that on her arrival there she may find ment of our farming lands were more American managers too urgent in favorable, when we consider that in their offers to allow of her immediate our three prairie provinces there are return. These men have a fashion, over 250 million acres of arable land, peculiar to themselves, of waylaying of which over 100 million acres are popular actresses and inducing them suitable for wheat production and less by tempting proposals to remain on than seven million acres at present the other side. Mrs. Campbell takes with her a play, in which she has a "The trouble is not that of the high firm belief, written by a new author." Now, if Mrs. Campbell had only left that play at home maybe the American managers would not try to

kidnap her and her play. Maud Adams Coming Again. Once more one hears that "Miss Maud Adams will shortly pay us a We have heard this so often that we are really beginning to wonder if there is such a person.-The

The above is quoted for the enlightnment of Charles Frohman. "Forbes-Robertson's manager, Percy Burton, who crossed from New York to London for Christmas and

The Era. Now, isn't that nice of Mr. Burton M. Maeterlinck's fairy play, "The Blue

#### even reading the blue book. TRAINED DOG THIEVES

A local clergyman attempted to conduct services on Sunday, but, both In Paris They "Lift" Articles in Stores

and Carry Them to Master. Paris, Feb. 4. - That criminal inpartments of public safety in Paris enlisted canine detectives than the underworld has answered with "canine araches." Dogs trained to fight Also in article 4 Russian and Japan and attract a crowd in order that their masters may rifle the pockets of visiting countrymen at fairs are not new, but, says the Paris Liberte, the professional dog thief has only recently made its appearance in the French capital.

A scene the other day in the de Turbigo proves the skill of the canine robbers. A man, accompanied by a dog, halted in front of a shoe store and examined with great interest several pairs of shoes. One pair appeared to please him, but after a word or two with the storekeeper he dropped them upon the heap and departed, the dog remaining behind. he dog seized the shoes, dashed through the crowd and was soon lost

to sight. A butcher in says that he has been the daily victim of another dog thief. The inof economy. Arthur von tim of another dog thief. The director of the Deutsche telligent animal waits until the shop

#### NEW OCEAN LINER MAY SURPASS TITANIC

Build Two Mammoth Boats.

London, Feb. 4.-That the shipping industry is at last shaking itself free from the mantle of depression which has enveloped it for so long and that a period of activity is assured in the near future is apparent by an unusually interesting. crop of inquiries for new mercantile tonnage which is at present engaging the attention of shipbuilders.

The requirements of the Hamburg-American Company, which is reported to have the building of two mammoth liners in view, are providing a good deal of work in the estimating departments of various shipbuilders, and something in the way of a record in size, surpassing even the White Star liners Olympic and Titanic, is promised if the German company car-

The British India Company, which has just placed two orders on the Clyde, has further contracts for new tonnage to give. out, the building of two more large steamships being on the tapis.

The Anchor Line officials are now inviting tenders for a new liner which they have to build for their North Atlantic service, to be ready in about a year. The Adria Steam Navigation Company of Fiume is now considering offers for a good class cargo boat, and from the northeast coast it is reported that the Prince Line is again in the market for two steamships of about 8,000 tons dead weight carrying capacity.

Tenders have been invited by the North Vancouver City Ferries, Limited, for a ferry steamer, and the Russian Government also will shortly place orders for onsiderable tonnage

# INVITES DEAD AUTHOR

Duchess Makes Plausible Explanation, Then Sets Her Dainty Foot Deeper in Muddle.

Paris, Feb. 4.-Despite the terror caused by the flood, society in Paris was amused last week at a piquant little episode that and that nothing could be put in or has made the Duchess de Rohan a joke. The duchess has for years had the reputation of being a bluestocking of the bluest type. Fame had been given her as the author of several volumes of verse and a couple of stories. Her salon has that the song was really the best num- always been filled with poets and literary lights of the greatest magnitude. One also could be sure of meeting there the latest celebrities, for the duchess never refused to stand as social sponsor to struggling authors.

But a sad blow came to her literary pretensions the other day when she invited to one of her big reunions of poets Paul Verlaine, a famous bohemian writer of love verses, who has been dead some years. When the fact of the invitation came out, which it did at once, because the invitation was addressed to the dead poet's publishers, there was great laugh-

Then the duchess made matters even worse for herself. Her explanation was chic. It would have made a good story have died down, but her grace wound up by putting her foot further in the mess of ignorance. Her explanation was given to a reporter who called on her.

"Oh," she said, with a gracious smile, 'you know I always leave the writing of my invitationse to my valet de chambre, who writes a very good hand. Of course I had instructed him to invite all the new poets, who, as you are aware, send me copies of their new works. "Of course I knew Verlaine was dead

But a copy of his poems had just come back from the binders, and my valet wrote him an invitation to his publishers, thinking the book was a new work. The mistake was quite simple. One cannot expect one's valet to know all the writers, you know, as we do, can we?"
But the article which first gave the episode publicity was jocularly signed Bussy Rabutin" by its author.

"Who wrote the article?" asked the re-"I have not the least idea," replied the innocent duchess. "I never heard the name before. Is he on your paper?" Alas, poor duchess! Bussy Rabutin is famous among dead French writers. He was contemporary with the still more famous Mme. Sevigne, of whom he was a

#### CHINA HAS REFUSED TO GIVE INTO CZAR

Will Not Concede to the Russian Right to Interfere With Railway.

Pekin, Feb. 5. - China declines to

oncede to Russia any right of protest way project. In response to the representations of M. Kokortseff, Russian minister of finance, that for China not ship from Odessa carries some of them. to consult Russia relative to the construction of the railways touching Northern Manchuria would be regarded as an unfriendly act, the Wai-wu-pu pointed out that Russia in article 3 of genuity keeps pace with the most section 2 of the Portsmouth treaty nodern police methods is exemplified specifically disclaimed possession of n the fact that scarcely have the de- any territorial advantages, preferential Also in article 4 Russian and Japan reciprocally engaged themselves not to obstruct any measures China take for the development of the com-merce and industry of Manchuria.

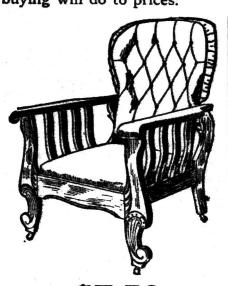
Russia's demand for a consultation, and would only consider her objections if they were placed in concrete form. Diplomatists see special significance in the fact that Russia's contention follows the identical lines of argument previously advanced in Japanese official circles as the reasons why Russia might be expected to object is construed as evidence that Russia again permits herself to become the When the shopman's back was turned plaything of Japanese diplomacy, or, through a species of dementia inspired by rumors of Japanese aggressiveness,

China said she could not recognize

is seeking to curry favor with Japan. The Russian- contention that China to possess a railway from Tsitsian frontier is regarded as tantamount

# Our February Sale in Full Swing

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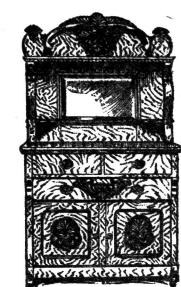






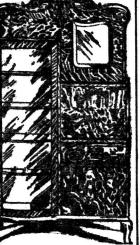
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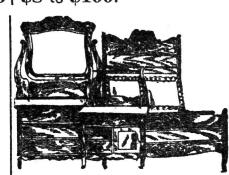
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#### THE JEWS RAPIDLY REGAINING PALESTINE

Jewish Town Now.

London, Feb. 4.-Dispatches from Jerusalem tell of remarkable strides made during the last few years in the rekey threw open the doors of Palestine and led to an enormous influx of Jewish colonists, who are already settled on some of the best lands of the country.

In Jerusalem alone four-fifths of the opulation now belongs to the Jewish faith. Large tracts of land around Lake Tiberias have been bought up from poor natives and converted into prosperous farms. The Plain of Sharon, between Jaffa and Lydda, is one vast garden. owned and tended by Jewish skill and The Hauran, one of the most tests telephone

being sold to Jewish syndicates. Almost the whole of the extensive Plain of Esdraelon has been bought up by Jews. Their prosperous colonies spread from Dan to Beersheba, and even further south against the Chinchow-Fu-Aigun rail- to the outskirts of Egypt. Thousands are escaping from Persia to find shelter and protection in the Holy Land, while every The Jordan Valley, once the property of the ex-Sultan Abdul Hamid, is being eagerly sought after by Jewish capitalists. The Zionists, whose agents are distributed all over the land, are buying up the rich properties of the Mohammedan effendis, whose incomes since the revolution have lessened.

At Jaffa, Tiberias, Safed and Haifa Mount Carmel) Jews are reckoned by tens of thousands. Towns like Ramoth Gilead, Bethlethem, Nazareth and Gaza, where a few years ago no Jew dared show his face, have now their Jewish quarters and synagogues. The whole city of Jerusalem is essen

Hundreds of thousands of pounds are

hospitals, school and invalid homes. Over 100 Jewish schools already exist in Jerusalem alone. Synagogues are rising up everywhere. The value of the land has risen fourfellaheen (peasants) are being ousted and is said to increase the limit of from their homes and villages by the European Jew settler, whose modern agricultural implements and methods

have made the land produce harvests

never dreamed of by the natives. The

Angle-Palestine Company, a Zionist bank-

ng and commercial enterprise, is pushing the cause of Isreal with energy.

#### PLAN PHONE LINE **OF 1,100 MILES**

Holy Jerusalem Is Essentially a Engineers Figure on Connecting London and Madrid via

London, Feb. 4. - Telephone engineers all over the world are endeavpeopling of Palestine with Jews. The oring to solve the problem of long proclamation of the constitution in Tur- distance work, and it may be possible soon to speak from London to Madrid. via Paris.

French postal administration has forwarded to Madrid for signature a preliminary agreement on the question of a Paris-Madir telephone line. When the agreement is signed the aying of the telephone wires will be commenced. The line from London to Madrid, via Paris, would be about 1,100 miles long. The British postoflice regards 700 miles as the limit for ordinary worging, but in some recent conversations fertile wheat districts in the world, is held between Liverpool and Marseilles, a distance of a little more

than 1,000 miles.

Two Big Difficulties. There are two main difficulties in the way of long-distance telephony The first is that the greater the distance the heard in the telephone; the second is that an electrical property of all telephone lines known bends the waves transmitted through the wires out of shape and distorts

the sounds. The 20 miles of submarine telephone cable between Sangatte and St. Margaret's Bay on the London-Paris line, s as great a drawback as 200 or 300 miles of overhead line, and it is this that demands caution in talking of speaking from London to great distances abroad.

Longest Line 1,600 Miles. Telephone engineers are trying to

overcome the distorting effects of long The whole city of Jerusalem is essent overcome the distorting effects of long tially a Jewish town. Banking as well lines by what is called "loading." At as trade and commerce is monopolized short intervals along the line small by Jews. The Government has found it coils of wire are placed across the by Jews. The distances a company of Jew-necessary to organize a company of Jew-two telephone lines, and these, if spaced at distances properly in accord with the now historical calculaannually sent from Europe and America thons of Pupin, overcome the effects to enable the colonists to build houses, and render speech possible over much greater distances

As in wet weather the distortion of the speech waves is less noticeable than in dry. This method is hardly suitable for overhead wires; it has The ignorant and poverty-stricken nevertheless been tried in America, speaking about three times. The longof about 1,600 miles.

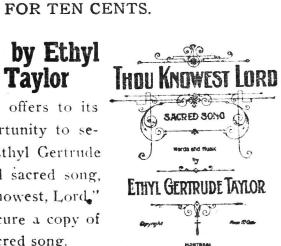
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Austria proposes to tax bachelors A cable line is to be laid between New York and Newfoundland and will there connect with a cable for Europe. The connect with a cable for Europe. The connect with a cable for Europe. The cabinet is now satisfied with so far successful—of the honor system there connect with a cable for Europe.

to there connect will be 1,700 miles ished from the capital, laughs at the the insertion of a court communique among the convicts who work on its long.