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Toronto, Jan. 2 .- Mr. E. A. Dunlop M. P. P., the recently-elected Conser ative member for North Renfrew, rrived in the city to-day. To a reporter he stated that he owed his election chiefly to the fact that the electors had become disgusted with the Ross Government. His opponent had canvassed hard, and was a good candidate, but he did not believe any Liberal could have been elected.

Lost !- Between C. P. R. Hotel and Fifth St. Bridge, a Morocco Pocket Book, containing a sum of money, a note and bill-heads of J. W. Levack John Hallan, Toronto. Finder will be suitably rewarded by returning to D. J. McDonald, C. P., R. Hotel, or to this

WIDE AWAKE

People when looking for Dinner, Tea or Chamber Sets seek the store where they are posi tive they are receiving the greatest value. Many persons purchasing from us have proved to their satisfaction that our prices for China, Lamps and Glassware are the lowest in the city, as we are clearing all out very near the cost price. Lots yet to choose from. Come and buy your New Year's Gifts from us. Remember it is a genuine clear-ing out sale. Everything in

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8 lbs. Best Rolled Oats, 25c. 6 lbs. Tapioca, 25c. Maple Syrup, Imp. qt., 30c. Fresh Ground Coffee, 15c. per lb. 7 lbs. Rolled Wheat, 25c. Sunlight Baking Powder, 10c. 1-lb

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WAR IN THE EAST!

SAID TO BE A QUESTION OF A FEW DAYS ONLY.

Japan's Preparations-Transports are Ready for the Troops-Glasgow Marine Engineers to Serve With Japanese

Tokio, Jan. 4-War with Russia is regarded as unavoidable, and the press is urging the immediate opening hostilities. All of the banks are withholding funds, and it is believed that this is the result of the official instructions. The Government has comp eted and perfected arrangements for the transportation of the troops and supplies, and the people calmly await developments. The continued dissemination of continued dissemination of continued disseminations of continued di

ation of optimistic views from Berlin
causes surprise here.

A squadron, consisting of six armored cruisers, under command of Admiral ed cruisers, under command of Admiral Kamimira, is expected to eave Saseho to-morrow for Masampho, Corea. Mas-ampho is the port in Corea which Rus-sia desires to possess in order to main-tain communication between her out-posts at Port Arthur and Vladivostock. It is at the southeastern extremity of posts at Port Arthur and Vladvostock. It is at the southeastern extremity of the Corean peninsula, not far from Fusan, the proposed sea terminus of the railway from Seoul, which the Japanese Government recently brought under its own control, taking it from the Japanese company which held the the Japanese company which held the concession. Saseho is 100 miles from Mesampho.

Glasgow, Jan. 4.—A large number of Glasgow, Jan. 4.—A large number of Clyde marine engineers received cable orders from the Japanese Government yesterday to proceed immediately to Japan. These engineers were engaged by the Japanese six months ago on the condition that they would be called on if active service was probable. Full instructions were sent them in cipher. They will go to the far east by way of Canada, sating from Liverpool Jan. 5.

ool Jan. 5. Bizerta, Tunis, Jan. 4.—The Russian Bizerta, Junis, Jan. 4.—Ine Russian cruiser Aurora sailed to-day for Alexandria, but in accordance with telegraphic instructions the remainder of the squadron destined for service in the far east has postponed its depart-

Washington, Jan. 4.—The Associatwashington, Jan. 4—The Associated Press learns from a high official source that Japan, in her last note to the Russian Government, announced that the minimum proposition which she can accept from Russia are rights sne can accept from kussia are rights in Corea equal to those claimed by Russia in Manchuria. In return, it is said, Japan agrees to recognize the supremacy of Russia in Manchuria. To this proposition, the Associated Press is informed, the Russian Government will not give its approval, feeling that Japan should content herself with mod-ifications in the form of concessions in Corea for her commerce. The Russian Government has not abandoned hope of a diplomatic settlement of the quesion, in view of the powerful pressure which Great Britain and France are bringing to bear upon Japan to conto a continuance of the negotiat but it is emphatically stated that Russia will never admit the parallel between her position in Manchuria and that of

her position in Manchiria and that of Japan in Corea.

London, Jan. 4.—The Cunard Line steamer Umbria, which sailed from Liverpool for New York yesterday has among her passengers, Melton Prior, the war artist and corfespondent or The Illustrated London News, who is on his way to Japan. The other correspondents who have started include H. J. Whigam and E. F. Knight, both of The Morning Post, London.

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No little excitement prevails in the British home squadron, the officers of which are under the impression that a woment be ordered to they may at any moment be ordered to replace the Channel squadron, which would be sent to the Mediterranean should the Government deem it advisable to strengthen its naval force in the far east. In the home squadron all leaves of absence have been stopped, and extra supplies of ammunition have

FIGHT IN MANCHURIA.

Chinese Pirates and Cossacks in

New York, Jan. 4. - The has the fololwing special from St. Petersburg :- Telegrams from Manchuria say that 8,000 Hunhuses (Huchuria say that 8,000 Hunhuses (Hunanese?) pirates, who have lately been pillaging in the Liaho district, had a fight with 2,000 Cossacks of the Russian frontier guards at Liaoyang, 40 versts from Mukden. The Russians had four guns. They had an officer and eight men killed. The losses of the pirates are not given, nor is anything known as to the result of the fight. Another conflict is reported to have taken place with great losses on both sides. No details are given.

JUMPED THE TRACK. Railway Traffic Blocked at Brighton

About Five Hours, Brighton, Jan. 4.-The engine o the eastbound way freight, York to Belleville, jumped the track in the yards here on Saturday evening, and completely blocked traffic both ways. The westbound passenger train, Nc. 7, was delayed about five hours. The accident was not serious, and the track was soon repaired.

PASSENGERS INJURED.

Accident to Northern Pacific Ex press in Manitoba.

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—Three coaches of the southbound Northern Pacific express for St. Paul, which uses the Canadian Northern tracks to the boundary line, left the tracks near Union Point, Man. Saturday afternoon while going at full speed. About fitteen passengers were bruised and badly shaken up, but no one was seriously injured. Traffic was blocked for about tustly injured.

Company Formed to Develop Power on the Trent.

Toronto, Jan. 4. - A com pany to operate power privil eges on the Trent Valley Canal has been incorporated under the name of the Trent Power Company, Limited. with a capital of five hundred thousand dollars. The incorporators are Hon S. H. Bake, K.C., E. W. McNeill and Robert Gowans of Toronto, and David Gilmour, manufacturer, and Robert Weddell, company manager, of Tren-

CORPORATIONS CHARTERED.

Weddell, company manager, of Trenton. Messrs. McNeill and Gowans are clerks in the office of Blake, Lash & Cassels. The head office of the company will be in Trenton.

A million-dollar company is the Rainy River Lumber Company. Limited, with head office in the Village of Rainy River, and the Northern Light, Mining and Development Company, Limited, with headquarters at Port Arthur.

Other companies which have received incorporation are the Ontario Lead and Zinc Company, Limited, \$500,000, Village of Massey; the Canada National Land and Development Company, Limited, \$500,000, Village of Massey; the Canada National Land and Development Company, Limited, \$500,000, Village of Galetta; W. E. Chaleraít & Company Limited, dry goods and clothing, to take over the business of W. E. Chalcraít & Company, Limited, \$500,000, Toronto; the Mountain View Ranching Company, Limited, \$500,000, Toronto; the Mountain View Ranching Company, Limited, \$500,000, Stratford; Church & Watt, Limited, harness manufacturers, \$40,000, Singoe; Skeden Brush Company, Limited, \$4000, Hamilton; the Smith Manufacturing Company, Limited, wool stock, \$40,000, Toronto. ompany, Limited, wool stock, \$40,000

Toronto.

A company known as Granite, Limited, has been incorporated to tak over the property now occupied by the Granite Curling and Skating Company Granite Curling and Skating Company, Limited, The provisional directors are Charles Boeckh, A. A. Allan, James Baird, D. S. Barclay, G. H. Gooderham, M. Rawlinson, C. C. Dalton, W. C. Matthews, C. P. Smith, F. G. Cox, E. A. Badenach and R. L. Patterson. The capital is \$30.000.

The corporate name of George N. Morang & Co., Limited, is changed to Morang & Co., Limited.

BIG SUNDAY NIGHT RATE Over One Hundred Chinamen Found

in Toronto. Toronto, Jan. 4. - By means of clever and carefully pre-arranged plans the police last night secured evidence against what is believed to be one of the most extensive Chinese gambling dens in the city. The place is at 103 Queen street west, and place is at 103 Queen street west, and the proprietor Quong Yen Ho, a burly Ceiestial. The extent to which gamb-ling is said to be carried in there for gain may be judged when the police secured the names of 110 Chinamen and three white women. It is esti-mated that over fifty more Chinamen made their exche in the excitement made their escape in the excitement which followed the entry of the police. The police descended on the pre-mises a little after 10 o'clock, when it was thought that a gam; would be we under way and the place would be crowded. Inspector Stephen of No. crowded. Inspector Stephen of No. 2 division assigned Policeman Kennedy and Acting Patrol Sergeant Miles and Policeman Ironsides to do the work. The front door of the place was open, and when the officers appeared the Chinamen downstairs gave a strange yell, as if to warn everybody of the visit. Upstairs Policeman Kennedy rushed and came upon nearly 100 Chinamen in a small room where a game of some sort was in progress. The money on the table, about \$10, was grabbed by the policeman, who was for a few minutes alone in a room with a terror stricken crowd of Celes-

was for a term initutes atome in a toom with a terror stricken crowd of Celestials. Some threats were made, but the entry of more policemen in uniform put a stop to further trouble. The names of those who did not escape were taken, and they will probably find their way into the Police Court. The only arrest made was when the police. only arrest made was when the police men came upon an attractive-looking young white woman, who said she lived on Alfred street, Brantford. She gave the name of Madge Wilson, but this is believed to be fictitious. The young woman, who seemed to be ill and very much under the influence of liquor, was taken into custody, and given into the care of Mrs. Whiddon, police matron. It was one of the saddest cases the police have had to deal with in a long time. She admitted that she preferred imprisonment to living in the Chinese resort any longer. There were two other white women in the place, and they were allowed to go after they had both asserted that each was the lawful wife of a Chinese laundryman. One woman had a little boy, about five years old, with her.

The Wilson girl will be arraigned in the Poice Court this morning on a general charge of vagrancy.

CHICAGO THEATRES DARK. Closed Until Safety Ordinance is Obeyed.

Chicago, Jan. 4.- Every theatre is Chicago except the Auditorium, which already meets requirements, was dark Saturday night, and not one of them will be open until their manag-

will be open until their managers have complied in the fullest manner with every section of the ordinances regulating play houses.

The order compelling the theatres to close was issued this afternoon by Mayor Harrison after a conference with Corporation Counsel Tolman, who assured the Mayor that ample legal ground existed for his action. It was announced that every theatre in the city must hereafter comply with the following regulations before being allowed to reopen:

Steel toll curtains, wide exits, no combustibles of any kind in the house furnishings, fire-proofed seenery, no calcium or "spot" lights to be used on the stage, skylights above the stage provided with automatic lids to permit the egress of smoke, fire and gas; separate stairways, each exit having its own stairs to the street.

A STORMY MEETING.

TARIFF REFORM LEAGUERS THROWN FROM PLATFORM.

Crowd Stormed the Platform and Proceedings Were Uproarious-Mr. Barlow Cumberland Present.

London, Jan. 4.-Workingmen storm ed the platform at Newton Abbot, Mid-Devon, where a bye-election is in progress, and ejected the tariff reform speakers, Sir John Cockburn, and Mr. Barlow Cumberland, formerly of To-ronto, who appeared in place of Hon. Mr. J. H. Turner, Agent-General for British Columbia. Blood was spilt in the several free fights during the meet-

ing, and many women fainted.

J. Tritton, President of the Banker J. Irution, President of the Bankers' Institute, says that protection means restriction. Standing at the centre of the world's trade, with his hand on the pulse of the trade of the world, he dreaded a suggestion that would close the ports of Britain.

The Morning Leader calls The Montreal Herald's references on December 19th to Hon. Gec. Foster "refershingly candid." and says. "no possible to the possible of the present th

freshingly candid," and says "no pos-sible payment would be an adequate re-turn for the dumping of 1,000 words of Fosterian eloquence upon the public." It thanks Mr. Goldwin Smith for the

It thanks Mr. Goldwin Smith for the warning that these speakers are not representative Canadians, and says they were found out before his (Mr. Smith's) letter arrived.

Mr. P. Laurence in The Contemporary Review urges, instead of a preference, the giving of colonial loans and enterprises the same footing as British, and a tax upon incomes of foreign sources of sixpence in the pound additional.

A Barr colonist, writing to The Chronicle, says that any emigrant using his brains can become comfortably off in from five to ten years.

The Dean of Norwich, preaching in

the cathedral last night, said that, to world-wide influence, Mr. Chamber lain's mission had had no parallel since the days; when Europe trembled Napoleon. If such a policy had been announced in France anarchy and bloodshed would have followed.

The Daily Express says that Australia's call to Mr. Chamberlain disposes of the idea that Australia does not desire preferential treatment. Mr. Chamberlain's motto is "Let others talk; I act."

The Morning Post says: "In the most expligit terms the Prime Minister and his colleagues of the Commonwealth speak of Australia as one of the intending partners in Mr. Chamberlain's chame.

The News says: "The interest in the correspondence lies in the new devel-opment of Imperial electioneering. We already have had the experience of Canadian orators; Australians are like to come when that Colony understands what Chamberlain means. Premier Deakin is hard pressed and anxious to obtain Mr. Chamberlain's aid."

SCENE IN A COURT.

Mrs. Barbato Severed a Man's Jugular Vein.

Orange, N.J., Jan. 4.—In a crowd d court room, Mrs. Carmelo Bar bato, about forty years old, drew a razor from the pocket of her dress and slashed Pasquale de Parma across the neck, severing his jugular vein. The man and woman were directly in fron of Judge Bray at the time, and the blood that spurted from the wound spattered the Judge's face and clothing. The wounded man was hurried to the Orange Memorial Hospital, where he fies in a critical condition.

Mrs. Barbato had caused the arrest of De Parma, whom she accused of an noying her by his attentions. The were sweethearts fifteen years ago in the town of Prata, Italy.

ICE JAM AT THE FALLS. Channel on the American Side Al-

most Dry. Buffalo, Jan. 4.-Unusual conditions prevail at Niagaha Falls. An ice-jam has been formed on the United States side of the river, above the falls, leaving the channels on the American side almost dry, and sending an enormous quantity, of water over the Horseshoe Falls. The channels between Goat Island and Three Sister Islands, which, and the continuous are deep. land and Three Sister Islands, which, under ordinary conditions, are deep, rushing torients, are now mere rivulets, three or four inches deep. The jam is the second that has occurred in a quarter of a century, and the present one exceeds the one of last March in size and grandeur. in size and grandeur.

KILLED FELLING A TREE. Thomas H. Morden of Arthur the Victim.

Arthur, Jan. 4.-A fatal aciedent occurred aSfurday at the bush of Mr. John Morden, West Luther. Thomas Henry Merden, a young man twenty years of age, son of Mr. Henry Mor-den of this place, was killed instantly while he and several others were en-gaged in the felling of a tree.

GUELPH BOYS IN TORONTO. So Drunk That They Could Not Tell

Their Names.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—Two little fellows in knee breeches were brought into the Agnes Street Section on Saturday night in an advanced state of intoxication. They were so drunks that they could not tell their names. After a long sleep they told the police they came from Guelph to visit their aunt, who lives on Mailland street. There was no room in her house, so she arranged for them to go to a Church street lodging house. They were out all day on Saturday, and on reaching their stopping place in charge of two citizens early in the evening were informed that they could not remain. Nobody seemed to wish to care for the lads and they eventually found their way into the hands of Policemen B. Stewart. The police intend to prosecute the persons who furnished this poly with liquor.

DATE YOUR LETTERS 1904

LEAP YEAR

"Striving our part to do aright
In all things pointing to a score,
Whose record shall all records blight
These are our hopes for nineteen four

We want you to watch the progress of this business during the year 1904.

We aspire to much greater things, and are forming plans which, when carried out, will mark one of the most forward epochs in our history. We will make it pay you to watch this store and its doings during the coming year

both in season and out of season. Just now (mid-winter) it is winter things that are being kept to the fore. The coldest and longest half of the winter is yet to come, and warm, comfortable clothing is indispensable.

Our stocks are in prime condition and anything that a man or boy wants to wear can be found here at almost any price you want to pay.

- \$5.00 to \$20.00 25c to \$3 50 Underwear, 50c to \$2.00 Gloves Men's Suits, \$5.00 to \$17.00

25c to \$2.00 Fur Caps, - \$1 50 to \$10.00 Boys' Suits, - \$1.50 to \$7.50 Cloth Caps, - 25c to \$1.25

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The price is right always and the quality of the goods the best for the money. Our aim s to get good goods and sell them as cheaply as the law allows. Our efforts are being appreciated more and more each day and our trade is gradually growing greater. Honest efforts, honest goods, honest prices, honest clerks. Our trade is bound to come. Come in and get acquainted.

GRAY'S CHINA HALL, Opp. Merchants' Bank.

Youngest of Great Britain's Dukes. The Duke of Leinster, whose estates in Kildare have been sold by the trustees to the tenants for £1, the trustees to the tenants for 21, 28d, 33B, is the youngest of Great Britain's Dukes. He was only six years old when, on the death of his father, he succeeded to the dukedom, and in consequence of his long minority he will be a very well-to-do young man, indeed, when he reaches his twenty-first birthday. Many landlords in England will probably be inclined to wish they were Irish landlords when they hear that the Duke of Leinster's property brought 231 per acre, and yet it is the common opinion in Ireland that the young Duke is none too rich for a peer.—London Tatler.

U. S. Cetton Crop. Twenty years ago the annual proof cotton in the United was 7,000,000 bales. It did duction not reach the ten million mark until 1898. This year's crop will be more than 11,000,000 bales. The seed was not regarded as an important com-mercial product two decades ago, but now it is worth, many millions

Cotton is the most valuable from Cotton is the most valuable from grown in the U. S. except corn. It will approximate \$500,000,000 in value this year. The American experts of cotton and its products during the last fiscal year were more than twenty-five per cent, of all experted commodities.

West Indian "Life Plant." West Indian "Life Flant."

There is a creeping moss found In Jamaica, in Bathados, and other islands of the West Indies, which is called the "life tree," or more properly the "life plant." Its powers of vitality are said to be beyond those of any other plant. It is absolutely indestructible by any means except immersion in boiling water of application of a red-hot from. It may be cut up and divided in any manner, and the smallest shreds will throw out roots, grow and form buds. The leaves of this extraordinary plant have been placed in a closed air-tight, dark box, without moisture of any sort, and still they grow.

Deepest Bore Hole, The deepest bore hole in the world is one of 6,571 feet below the surface of the soil made at Paruschowitz, near Rybrick, Upper Silesia. The previous record, for depth was a 5,738 foot hole drilled some years ago at Schladebach, near Leipsic in Saxony. The latter bore hole was made in search for coal measures, and eighty-three separate seams, some of coasiderable thickness, were penetrated.

The instructor was trying to teach the class the lesson that brain work is no less important than the work of one's hands.

Now, he said, to recapitulate, how many kinds of labor are there?

Two, replied the solemn-faced young man, organized and agonized.

What do you suppose Peary will do he really finds the pole? He'll probably freeze on to it,

CON. 4, CHATHAM TOWNSHILL Sleighing is excellent through here.
Miss Maggie McGrail left last
week for Newbury.
Robert Campbell, of Otter Creek,
s visiting relatives here.
Hector McDonald, of Bear Creek,
was a visitor through here last

timber for a barn, A. Hinds being the contractor.

Sandy Ross is confined to the house with a painful hand.

John Terry, Sr., who has been out
West for the past month, returned
last Monday.

Nelson Faubert is busy hauling

APPLEDORE,

Miss Dora McKerrall coma the Lindsay road Sunday school concert was well attended on Friday master Norme Andrews, Kimbal, is visiting his parents here.

J. Noltie, Jr., from Dakota, has purchased his father's farm.

J. McKerrall has purchased a new in farm. Higgs, River rouge, arare ents here.

Miss Dubs will teach No. 7 this

FLETCHER. The Christmas tree in the Presbyterian church came off on the 22nd
and was a decided success, Great
credit is due to the teachers for
the able manner in which their,
pupils acquitted themselves.

Mr. Frank Murphy and sister Rose,
of Chicago, are visiting their parents
here. of Chicago, are visiting their parents here.

Mr and Mrs. Nicholas Kearns and daughter have returned after spending Christmas with Mrs. Morris, of Detroit.

Miss Lily Murphy, of Detroit, is spending the holidays here.

Dr. A. Fletcher, of Chicago, is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Geo. Holmes.

Mr. James Finn has returned to Chatham after spending the holidays with his parents here.

Mr. John Kearns is all smiles. It is a girl. Miss Khalar, of Durand, is spending the holidays here.
David Hoig paid a flying visit to Tilbury.

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