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with checks which were so loud they owned the music of th o rchestra, nd a shirt which would n se a sumher sunset hide its head in disappoint ent. Patent leather shoes with yelow tops and a white plug hat with a black band around it completed his ostume, except for a few specimens yellow diamonds which adorned his shirt front and cuffs.

"Merritt snorted contemptuosly at the suggestion and we started for the When we got on board he made ship. little speech before he went into

the hold, telling the sailors about his wonderful hypnotic power and how he ould exercise it to charm the serpent which was preventing their worthy

aptain from reaping the rewards of is arduous toil and his hardihood in aving braved the perils of the vasty The sailors listened and rinned, but the captain was getting apatient and suggested that Merritt get the snake first and give his spiel afterward, so Merritt went down the adder with the bag over his shoulder and we all rubbered down the hatchvay to watch the capture.

"I knew what he would try to do. or I had seen him work it before. The way to get one of those big snakes is o cover his head with a bag, and then he'll crawl in himself to get into the dark, which is a serpent's idea of safe-The more you prod 'em the faster hey'll crawl, and that was the time when Merritt always made passes with is hands and muttered gibberish to mpress the spectators. He started n according to program as soon as he ocated the snake, which was half hidlen among a lot of casks. The snake carried out his part and struck at the opened bag which Merritt held out to him, but instead of sticking his head in he grabbed it with his teeth, and as Merritt held on he drew him back among the barrels and there was a pretty fight. Merritt was quick nough to get a strangle hold around the snake's neck and then it kept him busy keeping out of his coils. The captain hadn't lied much about the size of the python-it was about 30 feet long-and Merritt didn't have time to use any incantation, although considerable forcible language floated up through the hatchway. They wined Serpent. the deck with each other for about 20 minutes, and Merritt had been bumped

against pretty nearly every cask in the hold before he finally succeeded e captain in drawing the sack over the snake's which i head. Then it was easy, and in spite ve mixed of his lack of breath the showman in Merritt asserted itself. He put the that sails snake's sack on the floor, and with one foot on le's three the neck of it he prodded the snake's as the body with the other while he made mysterious passes with his hands un-

til the tip of the tail disappeared. When the sack was securely tied up erful hyp- the python was hoisted on deck, and ie serpen Merritt, his clothing torn and soiled with pitch and the miscellaneous oily his moral and sticky things which made up the ibition as ship's cargo, climbed up after it. mind ov

"'Did you see me?' he asked proudthrowing out his chest. 'Did you observe the wonderful hypnotic powwhich overcame the prowess of togs and the serpent?' u tackl

"'Yes, I noticed it, along toward the in all his finish,' answered the captain; grinning een him skeptically as he sized up Merritt's dia lot, for lapidated appearel. 'But say, professor, what I can't understand is why ny other you didn't get it working sooner.' rty deuce (Copyright, 1916, av W. Q. Chapman.) light suit





ting him to the position of chairman the hospital would have to be moved. It was suggested to have it placed for the year. He then outlined the policy of the Board and details of work to be continued and finishe on Strawberry Hill or near the White School House. All the committee could do was to promise conup, also new work to be undertaken sideration. nd completed this year.

Mr. A G. Montgomery also address WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED ed the Board, reviewing the work. Among the list of applicants to be iven work by the city, were a num-A deputation consisting of Cit ngineer Jones, Mr. Hugh Howie per of married men who were told Overseer, and Alderman Ward, chair to come back and they would be pu nan, Board of Works, waited on th to work. The city is now in a posi-Board, asking permission to obtai tion to give them employment, but gravel for city purposes from the they have not put in an appearance. quired during the winter. Those who can afford to help those less for-tunate than themselves are asked to send their subscriptions to Mr Frank Cockshutt, 42 Colborne street, or Harvey Watt, care of the Imperial bank. All subscriptions will be ack-nowledged in the newspapers and care will be taken to see that the ed relief being granted only after a personal investigation. Waterworks property. The Engin-

Lyle, sitting member, was renominpersonal investigation. Donations of clothing and nondidate for legislature



ing the Tutela Rink were present, Sault Ste. Maire Mam Makes and asked the Commissioners to alow the street portion of the service be laid for rink purposes at Tutela ark. The request was granted pro-

go on the job Monday morning new men will be secured, although this might afford some delay, as experienced men are necessary. The completion of the system might be tied up for a while. One of the Hydro men tele phoned the Courier this morning, and said that there were 35 or 40 men employed. The men wanted a flat scale for the work, and did not believe they should be docked because of the vagaries of the weather. Moreover, he said, the wage scale should be readjusted, as some of the ground men were getting as much as the

linemen. It was thought that a strike was the only way of getting what was wanted. Communion Is Refused To A Divorcee

Complaint Re His Daughter.

opal Church, John street, by Rev. Hardy Johnston, upon the ground

that she was a divorced woman, and

that her former husband. Fred Terry

was still alive. Mr. Fraser says his

daughter was married to Mr. Terry in England. The daughter then se-

United States, where the second mar-

iage took place on the fifth of Janu-

unicant, she was informed by Rev

ared a divorce from Terry in the

tion at St John's Epis-

iding that payment be made for ex-[By Special Wire to The Courier] tra water consumed SAULT STE. MARIE, Jan. 24 .--The communications of Moses Mr. William Fraser, St. Ge S. and J. O. Pardley and the

fused con

cher stores it sells at 25 cents a MURDER CASES Result of Slight Provocation in Majority of In-

stances. [By Special Wire to The Courier] OTTAWA, Jan 24-That crimes o

married, having a say on all money matters, and the committee passed a iolence are on the increase in the strong resolution to be sent to the West, and often result from very Government at Toronto slight provocation says a report by London, Ottawa and Toronto will the Comptroller of the Royal North likely be asked to join the move, the Comptroller of the Royal North through the annual meeting of the West Mounted Police, tabled in the Ontario Municipal Association, which House yesterday. In the 44 charges takes place shortly of murder, 12 were the direct result

of excessive drinking, 5 for purpose MONTMAGNY MEMBER gain, 3 by insane persons, 3 infan-



The general relief committee or- perishable food supplies are also soli ganized in connection with the As- cited. These should be sent to the sociated Charities has thus far met with much success in its appeal to the minimum for the year of the Y. W. C. A. between the hours of 9.30 and 11 o'clock in the mornthe citizens for funds with which to ing. All other business, however, arry on the work. A goodly sum will be transacted at the central head nas been subscribed, but only a small quarters, 42 Colborne street, between part of the amount that will be re-quired during the winter. Those Already the investigators of the

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ZES This Week

TION PRIZE

ach a correct forecast, a consolation prize nes the nearest to the correct answer. ches not being played the money will not

ponsibility in regard to the loss or non-and proof of posting will not be accepted

ny responsibility for any alterations that the entry form.

red into in connection with the competi-

and competitors may enter on this under-

ting Page each day, while these matches irected-only one coupon from each etitor, and they must reach the Courier in not later than 10 o'clock on Saturday

yees will be allowed to enter this contest.

For Coupon!

ticide, and the remainder were due to DENIES RUMOR jealousy. lust, or for revenge. A totatl of 15,443 cases were entered and convictions secured in 12,989, Aim c. His Bill is Not o Em- 1,500 more than last year. The comptroller thinks the amendment to the Criminal Code passed last ses-

barrass the Government Supporters. sion with regard to the carrying of

to This Effect.

HAMILTON, Jan. 24 .- At a spc-

cial meeting of the legislation and

citizens were present, it was mously decided to approach the On-

ario Government with a strong ap-

This question has been a bone of

contention in Hamilton for years,

many of the city's representatives

marking ballots at every electio

Dominion, provincial and municipal-but Mayor Allen is opposd to the

and some of the other big cities

He favored last evening howeve

women having property and being

Ontario deal with the proposal.

women to have the right of

peal for votes for married wome

reception committee last even

which Mayor Allan and pro

owning property.

fire arms ought to strengthen the hands of the police greatly. The force OTTAWA, Jan. 24-Mr D. O. Les perance, member for Montmagny, made a formal statement in the has been increased by 109, and now comprises 55 officers and 708 noncommissioned officers and constables House of Commons of his good faith The report is replete with staries in the matter of the bill which he proposes to introduce to repeal the from the lonely trails of the far North, showing the great difficulties Laurier Naval Act of 1010. Rising to a "question of privilege," he read an often experienced in locating an apitem from a newspaper relating to a prehending criminals and bringing them out to civilization for trial. rumor that he was acting in agree-Drunkenness among the Indians in ment with members of the Opposome of the districts is reported to ition to embarrass the Government and particularly a Quebec member of the Cabinet. Then Mr Lesperance be increasing.

Murder from slight provocation resuits in many instances. In one case made this statement: "This article contains two distinct accusations and insinuations, which I consider as relecting on my honor as a member abilities of the Greeks and Turks. In another a Hungarian girl pickof this House and a loyal supporter ing up a dead prairie chicken hit her of the present Government. "I wish to give absolute denial that female comparison in the eye with it. I at any time either directly or indirectly, negotiated or attempted to negotiate with any leader, member or

negotiate with any leader, member of representative of the Opposition in connection with this bill. I also give an emphatic and complete denial to the malicious charge that the aim of this bill is to embarrass a member of the Government. In presenting this bill 1 am actuated by a sense of the room in possession of high power personal honor and public duty, which this House will be in a position to appreciate when I move the second ed at the port of entry.'

sentence. The accident was officially

attributed to a short circuit of elec-

tricity.

realing."

FORT WILLIAM, Ont, Jan. 24.-THE LIFE OF QUEENS Walter Miller, welterweight cham-NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—A Paris cable to the "Tribune" says: "L'Inpion of the world; successfully defended his title last night when he trasigeant states that Queen Alexandra of England had recently received defeated Eugene Tremblay of Montreal, lightweight champion of the sia, saying that she had narrowly essia, saying that she had narrowly esfirst fall was obtained in 1.50 and caped death on a journey from Denthe second in nineteen minutes. mark to St. Petersburg. A bomb ex-ploded only ten yards from the train Tremblay weighed in at 136 pounds and Miller was ten pounds heavier. but no damage was done. The em-Both the strangle and toeholds were press had received a nihilist's death barred.

· SIGNING UP COSSACKS. VANCOUVER, B.C., Jan. 24 .- It

MILLER WAS GOOD

eported that secret agents of th First Congregational Church, Ham-Mexican Government have been in ilton, which cost \$60,000, is now free of debt, and the salary of Rev. W. F. sign up many Russian Cossacks resi-Gilroy was raised from \$1700 to \$2000. dent here for service in Mexican war.



Sir Ernest Shackleton's plans for his new expedition to the Antarctic are arousing the keenest interest in exratory circles and among the public in general. The above drawing shows the new ideas of Antarctic traction, hich are now engaging the leader's attention. The heavily loaded sledges are to be drawn across the ice, if the periments prove successful, by means of air propelled sleighs, taking the form of wingless aeroplanes. Ahead of arty will go the taxi-aeroplane with clipped wings, which will bear its own load of food.

avenue, Steelton, complains that his application of Urban Bean was left or consideration at the next meet- Steelton, who was recently wedded ing, the Commissioners to visit and in the Michigan Soo to Mr. Campling inspect the properties before arriving by Rev. F. R. Easterday, was reat a decision.

Sir David Gill

Great Scottish Astronomer Passed Away Today.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] ary this year. The following Sunday, LONDON, Jan. 24 .- Sir David January 11, Mrs Campling attended Gill, the great Scottish astronomer service at St. Johns Church, and died here to-day in his 71st year. when she presented herself as a com-Sir David was one of the most widely known scientists. He was take because of the fact that her on one occasion, president of the husband was still alive and that she British Association and held scientiwas living with another man. Rev Hardy Johnston, pastor of the church c degrees from many universities. He was a member of the Academies says that any action he had taken in Science of Washington and New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Rome, desire to adhere to the articles of the Petersburg, Berlin, Amsterdam church. He stated that he had deand Stockholm and a correspondendlined to adminster the sacrament to ing member of the French Institute. Mrs Campling upon the ground that He was the only astronomer knighted by King Edward. He was the organizer of numerous scientific ex-

peditions.

DEFINITE CHANGE FOR

Condition.

she was a divorced woman, whose first husband was still alive, and regretted that occasion had arisen for him to take this step. He was but oberving a rule of the church when he conscientiously took the action reerred to.

ITALIAN BOY KILLED.

BETTER IS NOTICEABLE FORT WILLIAM, Ont., Jan. 24allentri Cuirdetti, a young Italian oy living in Port Arthur was chok-Bulletin Issued Yesterday Speaks ed to death yesterday by a short screw nail lodging in his throat. Optimistically of Sir James' Vallentti's brother, a little older, had ocked him in a room while he went TORONTO, Jan. 24-For the first outside to buy some candy. Upon

returning a few minutes late: ne in many days the doctors in atendance on Sir James Whitney yesound the boy lying dead, on the floor. A post-mortem examination terday reported a "definite improveent" in their distinguished patient. evealed the cause of death.

Day by day the physicians have spoken with great reservation for the future. They even now counsel against too great optimism. Their care-fully worded bulletin at 9.30 last night was as follows: "Sir James Whitney has had a fair-y satisfactory day; definite improve-

t, but it is slow (Signed) ALEX MCPHEDRAN C, K, CLARK. nent, but it is slow

Bulletins issued throughout the day \$12,798,336.54. He added that most of were of a more hopeful character. this might be collected if the Govern-e.NIId H NKL i -fl -salloaorda ment tried to enforce payment.

B. C. RAILWAYS. VICTORIA, B.C., Jan. 24 .- Intima-