NINTH YEAR.

MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 31, 1888.

Diverse Opinions as to the Meaning of Wil-

uncertainty concerning Prince Bisa's health has become a disturbing factor he situation. The Chancellor was better the beginning of the week, but authentic ices from Friedrichsrube report that since dnesday he has suffered a recurrence of in a severe form. Dr. Schweininger in deesday he has suffered a recurrence of in a severe form. Dr. Schweininger is them lance upon him, but at the same of Count Herbert Bismarek Dr. deleben saw him on Thursday. The rumor Emperor William secretly went to direiciscule is entirely baseless, His esty's every day movements being open. was seen visiting the Empress Augusta on ednesday, he dired with the Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Meiningen on Thursday and yesterday he drove in the Thiergarten, walked through the Zoological Sardens and after dinner visited Count. Herbert Bismarek. Officials here assert that the condition of the Chancellor is in no wise scrious, salthough abstention from work for a time is necessary. Prior to his relayse Prince Bismarek had arranged to come to Berlin on Dec. 12 inst. to confer with the Empress march than arranged to come to Berlin on Dec. 12 inst. to confer with the Empress march than arranged to come to Berlin on Dec. 12 inst. to confer with the Empress march before the reopening of the Landtag and Reichstag.

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ing the period of the Exhibition, under the presidency of Cardinal Lavigerie. The proposal will not be accepted here. The Swiss Government is urged to initiate a conference on the subject. If field in Geneva every power is likely to assent to the presidency of Cardinal Lavigerie.

It is not expected that the opposition of the National Liberals to the acquisition by the Empire of sovereign rights over the East Africa Company's territories will lead to the modifying of the Governments East Africa that the Company ought to be left to its own resources to regain by conquest the territories it has lost. The territory will be under the government of an imperial commissioner on

Royce and others, he proposes to incorporate a new company for the purpose of constructing a railroad from Minneapolis and St. Paul to Escanaba. The British acquisition of new territory in the Kingdom of Moreini, on Lake Ngami, rich in minerals, is regarded here as a breach of the Berlin convention. This view is held on the ground that there was no virtual possession of the territory before the protectorate was proclaimed. German explorers were prospecting the lands and negotiating for mineral rights, when the territory was seized by British agents.

morrow, will prepare a manifesto to the So-cullists of the world. The police have been ordered not to interfere as long as the debates Boston, Dec. 30.—The Chamber of Commerce was crowded yesterday on the occasion
the Vienna Socialists will send seve al delegates. Among the sixty Socialist delegates
present at the Belgian Chatel et Congress and
afterwards arrested on suspicion of being congerned in the dynamite explosions during the
recent mining strikes were several German
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BELIN, Dec. 30.—The New Year reception at the court is awaited with anxiety, the impression prevailing that the Emperor will seize the occasion to give utterance to some words pregnant with indications of the coming year's policy. Nothing like a speech can be expected, the court precedent being against anything beyond a formal reception to diplomats, officials and the Hofgeselschaft generally, but some few words conveying a message of peace to the world are certainly looked for. The North German Gazette has tardily reproduced, in a prominent position and in large type, the Emperor's words on receiving a wrenth at the Vulcan ship works: "These are laurels of peace."

Semi-official newspapers concur in the answers of the serious description of the exists bearing Marshal Bazaine's signature, in which he absolutely denies holding any communication with Morier. The Colorne Gazette challenges the production of the letter, and save that even against the letter can piace a statement freely made by Bazaine in the presence of German officers to the effect that he first heard of the movement of German troops through a vises emanating from Morier at Darmstadt. The paper reviews the question as to the source whence Bazaine drew his pecuniary support while at Madrid. The full public vindication which Morier appeals for its prevented by the fact that he was the victim, not the offender, his Darmstadt cipher despatches sent to the English Government being transmitted to the French through a personage in the English court.

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Semi-official newspapers concur in the announcement that whatever war plans are in preparation in France and Russia, Germany remains on the defensive, in the meanwhile perfecting her armaments.

The National Gazette, summing up the situation, ascribes the existing quiet to the fact that a period has about been reached when the arming on every side will be terminated and the fever of preparation be replaced by a collected calm arising from a conscious readiness to do battle.

On the other hand, in the opinion of The Militar Zeitung and The Kreuse Zeitung, the suggestions of the Emperor are pacific because the army is in a state of transition, the new infantry drill regulations and radical changes in defences, necessary to meet recent explosive in defences, necessary to meet recent explosive in defences, and the reform in cavalry weapons bining to render advisable another year of garatory activity.

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The New Explosive.

Secret experiments with the new explosive proceed successfully near Thorn. Experts are convinced that the explosive on destroy forts like the French forts D'Arret on the frontier within a few hours. The power of the explosive will revolutionize the whole fortress system, including before and Russia indicate that the system of General Toledfler will be completely abandoned and that orders have already been issued to stop the works at Kowal and to form instead a triangular system, including Kowal, Liteuski and Bialy-slock, connected by strategic railways.

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France's Influence with Legitime Strong PORT-AU-PRINCE, Dec. 30 .- The influence of the French Government through their minis-ter here is very strong with the Legitime Gov-ernment and it is said the Haytien Republic,

The coming ceurt season promises to be the dullest ever known, owing to the fact that the period of mourning "ay the late Emperor has not emised. There will be no court balls and the diplomatic corps will close their galons. The annual cherity subscription ball at the Opera House will not be held and no sort of festal gatherings will be allowed in official or court circles. The Emperor restricts the fetesto the observance of the annual Ordensfest on Jan. 20 and the banquet of the Order of the Black Eagle on Jan. 18. His Majesty has directed that no celebration be held on his birthday, Jan. 27.

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The socialist Spectre.

The renewed growth of Socialist activities is certain to evoke early action by the Reichstag to settle the Socialist laws. The Austro-German Socialist Congress, which meets to morrow, will prepare a manifesto to the Socialist Congress, which meets to the deputy-reeveship and councillor.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.-The Chamber of Com

Cokeworkers Demanding an Advance, municating with the Berlin Government on the subject. The Socialists assert that police agents are at the root of the conspiracy.

The Swiss Government has perfected a system of political police which is entirely satisfactory to the Berlin authorities. The cantonial police have been instructed towarch all subject and private gatherings held for the purchase workers are represented at the meeting. SCOTDALE, Pa., Dec. 30.—At a meeting of

SURRENDER TO THE BRITISH SAID

of Quebec Sentenced at Glasgow to Ten Years' Fenal Servitude—Irving's Mac-beth—Mr. Gladstone's 79th Anniversary.

English press is full of tributes to him and to the other brave men who died in the latest Mississippi disaster. The Daily Telegraph speaks of him as a dauntless imitation of Colonel Hay's "Jim Bludso." "The very scene," says the writer, "painted in imperishment tween the Police sloop Julia Hamilton and a fleet of illegal ovster desdoers and soler fleet of illegal ovster desdoers.

The Session Closed. Paris, Dec. 30.-The Senate yesterday adopted the Budget as amended by the Chamber of Deputies. Premier Floquet afterwards ber of Deputes. Treater Frique abstawards read a decree closing the session.

Mr. Bradlaugh, the well-known English Radical, visited the Chamber of Deputies yesterday and conversed for some time with M. Clemenceau and other members.

ROME. Dec. 30.—The Pope's encyclical let ter closing the jubilee year refers solely to the religious duties of the clergy and the people.

Italian Cabinet Changes, ROME, Dec. 30.—King Humbert has accept ed the resignation of Signor Maglinia as Min ister of Finance and of the Treasury. Signor Grimaldi has been appointed Minister of Finance, Signor Michi Minister of Agricul-ture and Signor Perazzi Minister of the Treasury. These changes indicate Premier Crispi's desire for a condition of the parties that accept-

FERGUS, Dec. 29.—Christmas passed over quietly owing to the condition of the roads.
The Methodists held a teameeting that evening which was well attended. They realized up-Lawyer Pool, of Nimrod fame, is spending his

Lawyer Pool, of Nimrod fame, is spending his holidays principally in hunting and trapping. He scarcely comes in with less than four hares and a pair of partridge, the scarcity of game notwithstanding.

The hotel men were on their ear the other dry on the arrival of five Scott Act considers to collect back fines. They attacked the Commercial first. After a lively time with the proprietor, his wife and a mob, they secured \$73 in cash. The news spread like widdire, and when the constables arrived at the other places where the fire-water is dispensed, they found either the doors locked or another man in possession. Hotel property changed hands that day pretfy lively.

The Salvation Army isstill holding the fort,

COME BACK TO ERIN. The Creditors of Jeweler Clark Walting His Men Have Bodies to be Fed as Well Return from a Feast.

Another watchmaker and dealer in jewelry

Another watchmaker and dealer in jewelry has folded his tent and silently stolen away, John Clark, who for 3 years past has kept a ally furnished with guests; the food mainta The control of the street of t dinner with his father, who is a retired farmer of means living at Silver Creek, near George-town. Clark has not since been heard of, and

The first annual dinner of The Empire staff and heads of departments was held Saturday night at the Albany Club. Only three invitations were sent out: Sir John A. Macdonald, Mayor E. F. Clarke and Mr. H. B. Brock, President of The Empire Company. The Premier was not present. Editor John Livingstone was absent owing to illness. Mr. D. Creighton, the managing director, was in the chair and Mr. L. P. Kribs ("The Crown Prince") was in the viechair. The menu was first-class and the other features of the banquet were a success. The Y. M. C. A. Will Receive Callers.

There will be a reception given to the young men of the city to-morrow (New Year's Day) by the members of the Y. M. C. A. at Association the members of the Y. M. C. A. at Association Hall. It will continue from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Speeches will probably be delivered by Rev. Dr. Potts, President S. Caldecott and others. It is also expected that the Minister of Education will be present. Three silver medals will be competed for in the gymnasium.

Dr. McConnell Out for St. Mark's. Dr. John McConnell, the popular physician of St. Mark's Ward, and one of the pioneets of Brockton, is out for alderman for that ward. He proposes to run purely on a platform of civic progress, independent of all party, and that no money should be expended without the direct sanction of the people. The electors of St. Mark's ought to put him at the head of the poll.

The insolvent estate of the Boliar.

The insolvent estate of the Turner Ferry Co. has just been settled, the dividend paid the creditors being 280 on the dollar. When the failure was first announced it was thought that the estate would show up dollar for dollar on its liabilities, but the year and a hairs delay eat up a goodly pile of the assets.

LESSONS OF THE FREE BREAKFASZ. IT HAS WORKED VERY WELL

store at 452 Queen-street west, went out of the its guaranteed character as the best; the city last Monday night to eat his Christmas appetite of the 200 welcome ones is voracious

The funeral takes place at 2.30 this afternoon from No. 10 Bank-street, Brookton.

Joseph Wallworth's Herrible Fate,
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Don "spur" of the C.P.R., met with a terrible fate on Saturday afternoon at Todomorden, He was with a blasting party, and in warming a dynamite cartridge at a stove perceived that the wrapper had caught fire. He was in the arterible cartridge exploded, driving the charge through in skull, killing him instantly. The body was conveyed to 755 Gerrard street east, deceased's conveyed to 755 Gerrard street east, deceased's disternoon by Coroner Duncan.

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Gilbert Fletcher Still Missing.

Gilbert Fletcher, whose residence is at 3 Oak street, and who has been missing since Monday evening. Dec. 24, was last seen in Reid's hotel at the Market on Monday night. He was in company with a man named Harrison, to whom he introduced another person in whose company he had previously been. It is the identity of this last unknown parry the friends of the missing man would like to learn, and any information regarding him and addressed to 442 Yonge-street or Police Headquarters would he gratefully received.

When last seen Fletcher wore a Persian lamb cap and a suit of dark clothes. He is about 36 years of age, fair complexion and mustache. Fire Hall Flashes.

The Hon. Hugh St. Q. Cayley, member of the Northwest Council, is in town on a holiday visit. Mr. Cayley practices law at Calgary.

PROOF OF THE MODUS VIVENDI'S SATISFACTORY NATURE.

Matter of Granting Fishery Licenses-Favorable Immigration Indications for the Coming Year.

The Last Bay of the 6th Year.

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Monbars" at the Grand-"The White Slave" at the Toronto.

Mr. Robert Mantell and his company rea

At 3.15 p.m. Saturday a chimney caught fire at 98 Church-street.

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At 5.15 p.m. Saturday the brigade was called out to extinguish a blazing heap of rubbish at Queen and Simcoe-streets.

A venge-street Seasation.

A sensational report on Yonge-street is that The Yonge-street Bankrupt Stock Company intend holding a great clearing sale, and that in order to accomplish all the necessary preparations their store will be closed out Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Look out for their ad, in Wednesday's papers.

A Northwester in Tewn.

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"THE SALOON VERSUS THE HOME." SLAIN BY HER HUSBAND

The people who attended the Young Men's AN ILLICIT LOYE THAT ENDED IN Prohibition Club's meeting in the Pavillon interesting address by a young lady, Miss Minnie L. Phelps, daughter of Mr. Noah Phelps of St. Catharines. President Spence, who was in the chair, said that the club would

A Colorade Lymealus.

Greley, Col., Dec. 30.—A mob early yesterday morning overpowered the officers at the jail and took out W. D. French, who had two weeks ago murdered Harry Woodbury and hung him to a tree.

The Hollday REASON.

Detective Slemin arrested James Morrish and John Sadden at the Union Station last

Sig. d'Auria's Vocal Scholarship. Sig. d'Auria's Vocal Scholarship.

Sig. d'Auria of the Conservatory of Music has offered a scholarship good for one year's free instruction in singing. The competition is open to past and present pupils of the Conservatory and also to others who register for one term. The competition will take place at the Conservatory, Yonge-street and Wilton-avenue, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 9. Intending competitors should give in their names on or before Monday, Jan. 7.

Baker Tait's Gratitude.

The Feature of The Sale.

The Stovell & Armstrong stock of gents furnishing is being sold at the Bon Marche with neatness, cheapness and despatch. The bargains are the feature of the sale. The Pioneers Will Meet.

The York Pioneers will celebrate New Year' Day by holding their regular meeting at the Canadian Institute to-morrow afternoon at o'clock. Sin Wyn's laundry shop, 187 Church-street, was broken into yesterday afternoon during the absence of the proprietor and \$20, a silver watch and a gold pin stolen.

Disappeared With \$10,003. Strange Chicago, Dec. 30.—Thomas Vines, assistant time-keeper of the Adams and Westlake Manufacturing Company, disappeared last night taking with him the week's salary of 700 men and boys amounting to about \$10,000.

UINTED STATES NEWS.

PRICE ONE CENT.

Steamship Arrivals.

Date. Name. Reported at. From.
Dec. 29.—Germanic. New York Liverpool.
— Rymiand. Antwerp.
— La Bourgogne Havre. New York Liverpool.
— City of Berlin. Havre.
— La Bretagne. Brownead. New York.
— City of Chicago Brownead. New York.
— Rifactia. Soilly islands.

New thing for cold weather, "The Crary

Holy Willie's Prayer. "I bless and praise Thy matchless might.
Whan thousands Thou hast left in night.
That I am here afore Thy sight,
For gitts and grace,
A burning and a shining light
To a this place." Bobby Burns.

But now the folk are all disgusted.
With Thine own twist

Lord, do not from our banners fiee, And fill the Sons of Baal with glee, Oh, do not let the heathen see Us in the lurch! We worked for Thee, but pork and beans Cost money, Lord—the same with greens: Wouldstleave Thy twins without the mean Old Baal to euchre? Thou knowest that drams and tambouring

Eighteen thousand cach, oh Lord,
Will help to spread Thy precious Word!
We know from Thins own private heard
The money comes;
Of texts we'll purchase half a cord
And several drums

Lord, at Thy feet we sit and wait, Lord, at Thy feet we all and walt,
Give us, to make our hearts clate,
Another bank to liquidate,
And we will then—
Hear brother Bill ejaculate:
"Amen! Amon!"
Rushdale Farm, Dec. 28. —The Khan,

HOW ARE THE MIGHTY FALLEN! The True Ring of Loyalty-The Globe and

Winted Statis News.

Not a dollar of conscience money has been received at the Washington Treasury for two years.

A Hartford paper says that the worst criminals in New England can trace their geneulogy back to the Puritan Fathers without a break.

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