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THE EVENING TIMES, ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1906

C. M. SCHWAB'S MAGNIFICENT NEW YORK PALACE IS READY

It Cost \$5,000,000 and is the Finest Type of the French Re-
naissance Architecture on this Continent—Appointments
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New York's French chateau on the bank of the Hudson, Chas. M. Schwab's new home, is being pushed to completion as rapidly as all the money behind all the workmen that it is possible to employ can force it. Although the keys were not delivered to its mistress, Mrs. Schwab, on New Year's Day, as Mr. Schwab had fondly hoped, several important rooms have had their last touches from the hands of the artist and architect of Arthur Broussé, the artist entrusted with the interior decoration of America's most palatial home, and on Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Schwab, to carry out their desire, long cherished, could almost have been installed in the new home. The heating plant had been tested and in operation for several days, so that the rooms required for the dinner were dry and warm. When Mr. and Mrs. Schwab entered the house was abuzz with light, as though a grand reception was the event of the evening, for, although the installation of the extensive private electric power and lighting plant was not yet completed, connection was made with the wires of a public electric current supply company, and the artistic lighting fixtures were mostly in use, making a brilliant illumination.

While the kitchen is not completed, the great electric range with every accessory known to modern culinary and electrical science is, and it, too, is connected with the outside source of current, and the Schwab chef could not in that respect have been better equipped for his task anywhere in the world. All about the main floor there are towering palms and a profusion of potted plants and Christmas trees, and so, after four years of anticipation, Mr. and Mrs. Schwab at their Christmas dinner of 1905 in their new home, with which there is none in America to be compared.

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MUST CHANGE INSURANCE LAWS

Governor of New York State in Message to Legislature Refers
to the Necessity of Action—Niagara Falls Must not be De-
stroyed by Power Companies

Allany, N. Y., Jan. 3.—The New York state legislature convened at noon today. James W. Wadsworth, jr., of Livingston county, was elected speaker of the assembly, after which the annual message of Governor Higgins was read. The message is in part as follows:

"The magnitude and extent of the business of life insurance is startling, even after a year of discussion and agitation. At the end of December, 1904, forty-two companies doing business in the state of New York had total assets of \$2,444,609,430.33. For the year ended Dec. 31, 1904, these companies had received in premiums \$480,242,924.04, and they had a total income from all sources of \$380,748,939.14. The disbursements for commissions to agents on this business amounted to \$67,086,887.97, the salaries, medical fees and payments to employees were \$94,537,258.18, and other disbursements were \$95,338,630.53. The total number of policies in force Dec. 31, 1904, of the forty-two companies named, was \$6,049,722, insuring \$10,028,000,081.00.

"The business may be roughly divided in halves, between these two companies existing under the laws of New York on the one side, and the remaining companies on the other. The problem of state regulation of insurance has become one of overshadowing importance. It cannot for coin, contingent and intelligent treatment. We must aim to cure, not to kill; to preserve, not to tear down.

"It is improper for me at this time to anticipate the report of your committee which has conducted its trying duties with ability, courage and earnestness, nor shall I seek to outline a new insurance law. Legislative action prior to the presentation of the report would be injudicious and premature.

"You will be called upon to make a radical revision of the law for the benefit of investors in life insurance and for the regulation and restraint of the companies. We may well consider at this time the expediency of providing for more thorough regulation by the department of insurance.

"Future effective action by congress of the federal government is not probable, and the possibility of such action should not retard for an instant the work of the state.

"The governor takes the same stand as President Roosevelt in the matter of election reform, and recommends that the making of political payments by corporations be made a penal offense, and that all

PEOPLE'S CHORUSES.

The Modern Successors to the Old Time Singing School.
The old time singing school which used to meet in the little red schoolhouse in the cities today an equally successful, though perhaps more ambitious, counterpart in the great "people's choruses," numbering 400 or 500 voices and sometimes more, which devote two or three hours of each Sunday afternoon to making the acquaintance of the best vocal music, modern and classical. Clerks, bookkeepers, shopgirls, laboring men and here and there a student from one of the conservatories devoted to higher education in music make up the choruses.

The first people's singing classes were started in New York by Frank Damrosch, the well known conductor, but of interest as any, probably, began their work in Boston something more than eight years ago. The purpose is to give men and women who are too busy during the week to spare time for self cultivation an opportunity on the day of rest from labor to find both benefit and recreation in the best of the world's music of all times.

The people's classes in Boston, which are led by Samuel W. Cole, director of singing in the public schools of Brookline and teacher of singing in the New England Conservatory of Music, are open to any woman over sixteen or any man over eighteen. Nearly all the choruses of a great American city are represented, and many members join from the inspiration to study music professionally, and eventually do so.

Several have registered at different times as students at the New England Conservatory, and of these two are now as those Mr. Cole conducts. Invaluable lessons in adapting great music to the masses have been learned from the big popular classes in New York, Boston and elsewhere.

A Two Headed Turtle.
A perfect two headed turtle is a very unusual animal, but there is one in captivity in Washington now that has excited considerable curiosity among the snake sharks of the National museum.

The turtle is a very little fellow and is now in the possession of a local bird farmer. It was captured over in Virginia some time ago and brought to Washington by a hunter. It is about as big as a silver dollar and looks like an ordinary young land turtle, except that there are two perfectly developed heads sticking out of its shell. Otherwise it seems to be perfectly normal. Just what its arguments are inside no one knows, but it eats with both mouths and winks its four little head-like eyes in "blinks of two," each head being indifferent to the other's performance in this regard.

It has but one tail and the usual turtle complement of four legs. The owner is making a determined effort to raise it—Washington Star.

Military Postage Stamps.
The Italian government is issuing what might be described as military picture stamps. Each regiment of the Italian army is provided with a special stamp for the use of the soldiers belonging to it. The designs are, of course, all different and of the most varied nature. Thus on one appears the name of a colonel of the regiment; on another a design of fides supporting the royal arms. The military district of Iria has a stamp on which is a view of the town of Iria; on that of Milan is a representation of a military camp; on that of the Twenty-second regiment of cavalry are the arms of Catania with the regimental motto.

On the regimental flag of the Sixty-first regiment are notes of the regimental bugle call and motto—Chicago Journal.

A Vestige of Old Tours.
There has just been brought to light an interesting vestige of old Tours and one which the best authorities on the archeology of the city agreed had entirely disappeared. Joan of Arc stayed for a considerable time in Tours, lodging with an Dame Pled or Blot, but spending much of her time in the chapel of the neighboring monastery of the Augustinians, one of the fathers also acting as her almoner. The building was believed to have been entirely demolished, but in making some repairs recently in an old house of the quarter this plan was found to be actually a part of the old monastery and to include Joan of Arc's chapel itself. The pointed arches and part of the choir have now been laid bare in the place of the plaster of centuries.

You Might Preter the Chibbians.
It is rather early to think of chibbians, but any one expecting them this winter may lay away this advice of a Paris doctor: "When the part irates, place the ailing foot under the other. Then request a friend, preferably a heavyweight, to stamp on the foot uppermost and remain standing thereon for fifteen minutes. The pain will distract your attention from the irritation. After that operation the chibbians will be cured. If both feet are ailing, repeat the operation with the foot previously treated over that which still requires treatment."

A BOOMING CIRCULATION.
"Who did you say that stranger was?" asked the country editor.
"Jonas Perkinbine," replied the loafer at the village store.
"Well, well! Why, that's the name of one of our subscribers."
"Don't say! What the name of the other one?"—Philadelphia Press.

LONGING FOR FAME.
"I suppose you are glad to have escaped all notoriety in connection with these financial exercises?"
"I dunno," answered Mr. Camrox, "sometimes I think mother and the girls would make me my name in the paper that way than not at all."—Washington Star.

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DUE TO CHANGE IN THE METHOD

This Believed to be the Reason for French Military Activity.

Paris, Jan. 3.—The ambassador of one of the powers said today that careful inquiry had convinced him that the recent revival of French military activity which has given rise to alarmist reports was due mainly to a change from the military methods of M. Berteaux, the late minister of war, to those of M. Etienne, the present war minister. M. Berteaux belonged to the Socialists, whose cardinal principle is opposition to war and a reduction of military expenditure. This naturally resulted in inactivity in military preparation. M. Etienne, a Socialist, but representing the energetic element which maintains that the country should prepare to meet every contingency, M. Etienne has adopted a vigorous policy, not for belligerent purposes, but in execution of the general desire to have the army in a perfect state of efficiency. This coming co-incidence with the Franco-German issue over Morocco led to a widespread impression that the military preparations were designed to meet eventualities arising from the Moroccan controversy.

Cancer OF THE Face

Scott & Jory, Bowmanville, Ont., will gladly send you the names of Canadians who have tried their painless home treatment for Cancer in all parts of the body. Some of the cures are simply marvellous.

CALENDARS FOR 1906.

Among the calendars received by the Times is a handsome one from W. E. Lawton, dealer in real estate, loans and insurance, in Alameda, Saskatchewan. The picture is a handsome lithograph of a coaching party.

N. W. Ayer & Son, the great Philadelphia advertising house, and publishers of the American Newspaper Annual, send out as usual a very handsome calendar.

A PLEASANT AFTERNOON

The primary teachers of St. Luke's S. S. entertained their scholars at a tea party on Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, in the new primary rooms. The first part of the afternoon was taken up by gramophone selections given by S. G. Kilpatrick. At 5:30 the little ones sat down to a bountiful repast. The primary teachers taking charge were Miss L. R. Dunn, Miss Emma Rubin, Miss Florence Cronk and Miss Louise Olive. These ladies were assisted by some of the other teachers and workers of the school.

MONTREAL, Jan. 3 (Special).—Prince Arthur of Connaught will be a passenger on the Allan liner Tuganica, which sails from Halifax for Liverpool on April 19th next. His party is intrusted with a mission to visit the Tuganica to confer on the Mikado the order of the Garter, and proceeds to Japan by Suez, but returns by Canada. Besides his Royal Highness the party includes Lord Redesdale, Admiral Sir Edward Seymour, General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny and others.

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