#### DEAD DAYS THESE ON WALL STREET

Holiday Inactivity Reigns On New York Exchange.

#### **COPPER AND STEEL QUIET**

Only in the Mercantile Lines Has able for a pleasant holiday. Been Any Improvement,

portions, and was subjected more or here on Sunday, so this morning the less to the whims of a coterie of room children will make merry. traders. That faction seemed to Few have been overlooked in the city, kings.

The charitably-disposed citizens of Lonness of the list bespoke an increase of ance. operations for the decline. The broader movement in bonds, which began a week ago, suffered a slight check but large direct sales of this class of securities continue to be made.

With few exceptions developments LOS ANGLES PLANT were hardly in the direction of betterment. Conditions in the steel and iron trade, so long unsatisfactory. have admittedly reached the stage Company Says It Was Due to Fight where definite action on the part of the buyer and seller is well nigh imperative. During the week it was commonly reported that the larger by setting at naught the reassurances given at recent conferences in this against the closed shop in this city, and Steel Company has ordered further and the police are working on the theory Pittsburg district and at one of its out of labor trouble. Union officials insouthern plants.

The Copper Situation.

been followed by further secret con- that crime.

this chiefly in the retail trade. Bank- man. gether encouraging.

Money evinced much easier tendency, a result not only of the heavy the scalp and face, Asbury was unhurt. inflow from the interior points, but the light demand.

The general situation in so far as it affects the leading transportation companies of the country, is practically unchanged. The broad and general retrenchment entered into some months ago still obtains, and is likely to be present, pending a settlement of the freight rate question

world was the in Valley commission on dividends on a made next week. It is now believed at the corner of Dundas and Richsix to ten per cent basis. In view of the probe will include 2,000 men. Judge mond streets, on Thursday evening, his the recent large increase in capitali- Blair today said at least every sixth pockets were picked and \$21 taken. zation of the company, and the greatly enlarged earnings reported during ject of investigation. Up to today 114 and he thinks that when he was stepthe past few months, the action of the veters have acknowledged their guilt, sing up on to the car someone got his directors provoked no little criticism in conservative quarters.

of restricting competition and maintaining rigid prices was expressed in concessions of \$1 per ton or more in prices of steel bars, structural shapes, plates and steel pipe by some of the independent interests in the interior and by exceptionally low prices in fabricated steel in the astern territory. The holiday spirit, however, was against any important expansion in business.

tracts for equipment, including 139 loco- Advertiser, is spending the holidays in motives, 562 cars, 500 mining cars, and 22 -300 tons of rails. Bridge contracts were unusually light, but some specifications were received on contracts. Fabricated orders for buildings agg egated only 0,000 tons, but bids were submitted on portion of this is expected to be closed with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. this month. The large tonnage said to T. T. Williams, St. James street. be pending at Chicago, and New York, is nade up mainly of proposals of long standing, which are not likely to afford work for the mills for a year or more. The steel corporation has about 48 per ent of capacity active. Independent are the first of the year.

TRIED TO SAVE THE TRAIN. London, Dec. 24.—During the in-

quest on Peter Connoly and James Heath, 258 Dufferin avenue. Lough, driver and fireman who were killed in a railway collision at Darl- Warren, of Chicago, are spending the ington, Thomas Garnett, guard of one holidays with Detective and Mrs. Thos. of the trains, said that he could have Nickle. stopped the train from the guard's van Mr. Arthur Lawrason, of New York, is if there had been a continuous air-

William Kirk, a signalman, stated that all the signals were against the Leeds train, but it passed his cabin at a great speed. He knew the line was blocked for the Hull train, and he placed an automatic fog signal on the line. He was complimented by the coroner for his presence of mind in doing this, and the jury added street. to their verdict of accidental death a rider that airbrakes should be applied to all freight trains.

#### PUGILIST SHOT.

New York, Dec. 25. - Jacob Nadler, a pugilist, who, as "Terry Brooks," claims the lightweight championship night in a row over \$2. Joseph Nierenberg was locked up, charged with the shooting. Nadler is not fatally wounded.

CUT OFF HIS HEAD. Camden, N. J., Dec. 25.-Albert nue. bbs, a white man, aged 30 years, saw two negroes fighting today and attempted to separate them. The larger of the fighters threw Hibbs to the favement, and almost cut off his head with a razor, killing him instantly.

COBALT.

Buy Beaver, Little Niplssing, Har-freaves, Green-Mechan, Gould Consoli-lated. THOMAS RAYCRAFT. Phones 295 and 1736.

#### DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS THAT IS, IN SOME HOMES

Santa Claus Is Due to Arrive Here in Many Houses This Morning.

This is the day after Christmas. Yesterday, the gladdest of all glad day, was ideal. As fine a winter day as could be desired, made everything favor-The majority spent the day at home

There were many joyous family reunions, and all had plenty of fun. New York, Dec. 25.—The last week jority of homes Saturday night. True, he of the year save one in the stock was due, but he postponed it until tomarket was conspicuous chiefly for its night, in order to give the youngsters general inactivity and irregularity of price movements. Trading partook of The blowing of tin horns and the beatthe usual anti-holiday air, which is to ing of toy drums do not make for peace say that it fell to insignificant pro- and rest in a house such as is the rule

Few have been overlooked in the city. change from one side of the market don contributed most generously for the to the other for no very obvious reas- less favored youngsters, and toys and on, but toward the end the heavi-good things were distributed in abund-

It was a pleasant holiday, pleasantly spent in all the churches yesterday suitable music was given, and special sermons appropriate to the occasion were preached.

# WRECKED BY EXPLOSION

Over Closed Shop.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 25.—The plant independent steel manufacturers had of the Llewelyn Iron Works was partly made further price concessions, there- wrecked early today by an explosion, city and Pittsburg. The United States is involved in the metal workers' strike, curtailment of operations in the that the effort to destroy the plant grew

dignantly deny the imputation. Last Oct. 21 men were killed by an ex plosion which entirely destroyed the plant The situation in the copper trade is of the Los Angeles Times. That paper not unlike that in steel and iron. had been a strong opponent of the closed Home consumption of the metal is on union shop, and its proprietor declared the decline and an open shading of the explosion and wholesale murders. No his belief that that was the cause of prices during the week is said to have one has yet been brought to justice for

In view of The Times disaster, this Only in mercantile lines has there morning's explosion created extraordinbeen pronounced improvement, and slightly injured J. E. Asbury, a watchwho was seated in the office about ers accept this as natural to the hol- 30 feet from where the explosion occurred. iday season, and declare that the out- He was buried under a mass of debris. look for the coming year is not alto- but was dragged out by Policeman Cahill, who was in front of the office at arrangements have not yet been com-With the exception of a cut pleted. on the right hand and an abrasion of Masonville Resident Dead.

#### MINISTER SOLD VOTE

Took Ten Dollars and is Disfranchised For Five Years.

Portsmouth, Ohio, Dec. 25.—Fifty ar- band, one son and three daughters. rests were made yesterday in Man- Pocket Picked. chester, on charges of vote selling. Mr. John H. Isaac, of 778 Colborne Events of the week in the railroad Five hundred more arrests, it was said street, has reported to the police that man in the county would be the sub- Mr. Isaac was wearing a long overcoat, Among them is Rev. Hilten, of Red hand under his coat and removed the Brush, who admits selling his vote in money. the last election for \$10. On account New York, Dec. 25.—The rebellion in the of the minister's financial condition DOCTOR TESTIFIES steel trade last week against the policy the judge made his fine a light one, but disfranchised him for five years.

#### Personal Mention

Mr. Leonard McDonald, of Detroit, is spending the holidays at his home in London Junction.

Mr. H. B. Moyer, cartoonist of the The railroads placed additional con- Toronto Star, and formerly of The Judge Himes' court today and was un-London, accompanied by Mrs. Moyer. Mr. Alex. C. Falls, of Chicago, is spending the Christmas vacation in this city, the guest of his mother. Dr. Norman Williams, of Niagara 22,000 tons additional, but only a small Falls, N. Y., is spending Christmas

Mr. A. E. Millar, of Saraia, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Millar, of St. James street, for the

Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Robt. McDonald. of pursuing the same policy and some of Dreaney avenue, are visiting Mrs. Mcthe furnaces banked may go out about Donald's aunt, in Alvenston, over Christmas.

Mrs. James Duffield and Mrs. Geo. Roe, Wingham, are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald White and son,

spending the holidays in London, with

his mother. Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Wanless, Miss Pearl Wanless, and Mr. and Mrs. Watson Beamer, of Chatham, are spending Christmas holidays with Mr. F. C. Wanless, Askin street.

Mrs. F. Towl, of Chatham, is spending Christmas holidays with her well known as an ex-alderman of daughter, Mrs. J. F. Maine, 71 Askin London. He has always taken a deep

spending the past few months with time to the subject, and is qualified to her sister, Mrs. Charles Sperian, 165 speak with authority on all matters Bruce street, has returned to her home regarding it. in Toronto. Mr. Frank Porter, a former Lon-

ter, 52 Grey street. Miss Pauline Dudley, who has been department his best energy and time. attending college in Toronto, is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Dudley, Thornton ave-

NICKEL THEATRE BURNED.

Quebec. Dec. 25 .- The nickel theatre, formerly the old Tara Hall, was reduced to ashes about 4 o'clock this morning. The less on the building, which is estimated at \$30,000, is fully covered by insurance. But the lessee old country visitors. of the theatre, Mr. Laws, had no insurance whatever on scenery and ma- Church, as usual, and kept mostly to chinery. His loss is estimated at \$4,000. the house otherwise. Today was the The origin of the fire is unknown, but first service in that church since it seems to have started on the stage. was burned three years ago.

### NEW KING FOLLOWS | WOMAN TEACHES FLYING FATHER'S EXAMPLE

George V. Decides to Discontinue Arrangment With Lord Derby Re Racehorses.

atest Calendar Shows Several Will Compete Under King's Colors Next Year.

A London cable to the New York World says: American turfmen who have keen despoiled of their pleasures by the Hughes anti-betting laws will be interested to know that King George interes to follow the example of his father by his active participation in the sport of

After the death of King Edward those of His Majesty's horses which were in training were run in the name of Lord Derby, but this arrangement will not be continued next summer, and the reval racers will be entered in the King's name and will be run in His Majes.y's colors. This week's issue of the Racing Calen-

dar, the official journal of the Jockey Club, contained details of the entries for next season's meetings that have been and br. c. by Missel Thrush-Zarine. King.

The Events. The engagements relate to the New market Second October, Bath, Bibury Club, Doncaster Spring, Gatwick October, Hurst Park Whitsun, Newbury Summer and Sandown Park first summer meetings. His Majesty also subscribes to several important weight for age races to be decided in 1912 and 1913. These

Whitsuntide Plate, Hurst Park (1912)already enterd into on behalf of the tunately for herself, she found, first, by Missel Thrush-Zarine. Autumn Yearling Plate, Hurst 1912)-Br. c. by Florizel II.-Loch Doon and br. c. by iMssel Thrush-Zarine. Kennet Plate, Newbury (June 19)-B. by Vlodyovski-Runaway Match.

latter include the following:

Atlanta Stakes, Sandawn (June Petschau and Glad Tidings. Sandringham Foal Stakes, Sandown (1913)-B. c. by Desmond-Sweet Vernal and b. c. by Florizel II.-Guinea Hen.

#### LOCAL ITEMS

Old Resident Dead.

The death occurred in Victoria Hosoital last night of Henry Brown, an old resident of this city. Mr. Brown had been ill for some time. The funeral

Mrs. William Wilson, of Masonville, died yesterday at her late residence in her 45th year, as a result of : stroke of paralysis sustained one week ago. The funeral will be held on Wednesdav afternoon. Mrs. Wilson was a daughter of the late William Fenn, of this city, and is survived by her hus-

authorities, will be while he was getting on a stret car

## BY THRASHING MAN

Athletic Old Physician Illustrates to Chicago Judge How He Treats Holdup Artists.

Chicago, Dec. 24.-Dr. Patrick H. Hayes, who is 60 years old but athletic rebuked for the surprising attack. It came about in this manner.

When Dr. Hayes was attacked by Edward Meyers, an alleged pickpocket and hold-up man, last night the physician punched Myers until the latter veto. cried quits. Dr. Hayes then called a policeman and had Myers taken to

"What did you do, doctor, when French Employers Decide to Unite to this man tried to rob you?" asked the court today when Myers was arraigned for trial.

Without making a reply Dr. Hayes jumped at Myers with the agility of a boy, seized the prisoner by fomented by the Workmen's Associaagainst a bench, struck him repeated blows with his clenched fists and wound up by hurling Meyers to the floor of the court room and sitting on him.

"There, judge; that's what I did!" said Dr. Hayes as he loosened his hold on the frightened prisoner. Myers. who is 34 years old, was held to the grand jury on bonds of \$1,000.

FOR THE WATER COMMISSION. Dr. H. A. Stevenson, candidate for the water commission, is making a strong canvass for the position, and is meeting with much success, being interest in the Niagara power ques-Miss Hazel Chatter, who has been tion. For years he has given much

power project be carried to a sucdoner, and now proprietor of a com- cessful issue, and he is willing to sacof Maine, was shot three times to- Sunday with his mother, Mrs. E. Por- end. He has given the water question much thought, and will devote to that -Ad.

#### QUIET AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—Christmas Day vas essentially a home day in the capital. Those who went out mostly

attended the churches. The cold snap militated against excessive outdoor amusement. Government House was the scene of the usual homelike Christmas, with many

The Premier attended Sacred Heart

# IN AVIATION SCHOOL

Opens an Institution Devoted to Aerial Navigation.

London, Dec. 25.-One must surely realize that the science, or art, of aviation has taken full hold of the public mind here, when the announcement HIS MAJESTY'S ENTRIES is made that a woman has actually opened a school for flying. This is the case, however, the woman being Mrs. Maurice Hewlett, wife of the famous novelist, and she, with her French on the concert and opera stage here. partner, M. Blondeau, is head of a flourishing aviation institute in Brook- handsome singers is Signorina Isaia,

As teachers of flying they have alone of these being Snowden Smith, of the army service corps, who took his pilot's certificate, being the first British officer to be trained in any British aviation school. Yet another of their pupils is M. Dueroq, who is the first Frenchman to take his pilot's certificate in this country, and has already proved himself a brilliant and fearless

Flying "got hold of her"-to use her own expressive phrase—and she determined that she would acquire an aeroplane and become an airwoman. But no one is a prophet in his own coun-

English woman in Mourmelon. Foran excellent teacher, and then an ideal business partner in a French engineer. By May Mrs. Hewlett and M. Blondeau christen their graceful new possession The Blue Bird."

give the firm their business name, opened their aviation school last sumpassed out two fully-fledged pilots.

### CHILDREN FREEZE

Coroner's Jury Lays Blame on Careless Parents in North Dakota Case.

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 24.-That remain single. the five-year-old son of Michael Ott, verdict returned by a coroner's jury that investigated the case today. A the boy, will probably die.

The children disappeared from the ing before neighbors were called to help search for them. They were found at the rear of their home, one dead and the other with her legs frozen from the knees down, and both

#### CREATING PEERS

is Report.

London, Dec. 24.-A considerable number of by-elections are already foreshadowed early in the year, perhaps ated, some of them being members of fatally injured, and two sisters and the House of Commons.

or three dozen liberal peers will figure gan Central passenger train as the be a tactical move, which is deemed | Vermontville yesterday likely materially to influence the attitude of the House of Lords toward the

#### TO WAR ON STRIKES

Put It Down.

Paris, Dec. 25.-The growth of disganization.

Big Meeting is Held.

Under the auspices mainly of the building trade, a meeting attended by some 2,000 persons was accordingly held in the Cirque de Paris. The order of the day called attention to the Heytesburg. One of her aunts is was a veteran of '66. constant agitation which since 1906 Lady Plowden. has been excited in the building trade by the Confederation du Travail," and invited contractors, architects, house ties to form an organization against

the common peril. The principal speaker, M. Villemain, president of the United Builders' Association characterized the Confederawoolly west" of the United States The following three sociation characterized the Confederation Generale as "an organization which skilfully took advantage of all those laws which were favorable to ts activities and treated the rest with Dr. Stevenson is anxious that the disdain." During the past year the Confederation Generale has been responsible for 270 strikes, which, he mercial printing office in Detroit, spent rifice his time and energy towards that calculated, represented a loss of \$800,000 in wages.

Pays Tribute to Premier. Four resolutions were adopted dealing with the situation and the action of the Government in the railway strike, of which the fourth declared it eral store. In two hours the three to be intolerable that trade unions should exceed the limits of the sphere

which was assigned to them by law. In this connection the meeting paid a tribute to the courage and firmness ed in favor of a great organization of der, was slightly hurt.

employes, more especially in the build- TOM WHEELERS HEART ing and allied trades, for the defence TOM of property and of common interests ROME HAS MANY

### SINGING BEAUTIES One of Them So Fascinated

King Victor When He Was Prince.

Rome, Dec. 25.-Italy is famed as the

Among the more youthful of these who appeared in concert when only ready scored some brilliant successes, birth, she attracted the attention of sixteen years old. A Neapolitan by who nearly two years ago was stricken Perosia and other musical connoissours, one of them, Sig. Gianotti bringing her to Rome at his own ex-Pense. After two years' study she made friend, who will be remembered by a great hit here in "Lohengrin" at the Constanzi Theatre. Her patron is also her protector. He sees her home after every right performance and keeps the gilded youth of Rome at a distance. Rumor has it that she will soon marry a Hungarian nobleman.

Signora di Lorenzo, the wife of Armando Falconi, a famous comedian, never could count her admirers, but, remained unconscious for so long that try; her family treated it as her latest like indifference all but the one she his case. Months dragged by, and he Plucking up courage, Mrs. Hewlett ent King of Italy when he was Prince wrote to all the big French aeroplane of Naples, and single, was smitten makers, only, however, to get depress- with the famous actress' charms. One so impaired that he can only talk in ing answers with regard to the great evening, while she was dressing for question of actually learning to fly. the stage, a messenger from the palace Finally she decided to go over to brought a casket, a present from the France and set up her abode on the prince, the narrative runs, containing a ing all last winter she was the only of a large question mark ("?"). The girl-she was then 22-ordered the messenger to "wait." Snatching up a piece of white paper, she made a large period (".") in the centre, wrapped it were the joint owners of a biplane and ket and handed it to the messenger. around the jewel, put it in the cas-Livia Berlendi'5s fame as a singe reaches far beyond her own country Messrs. Hewlett and Blondeau, to England, and has sung with great success in concerts in Carnegie Hall and elsewhere in New York, being as mer and at once started with four pupils. They are naturally proud of the hor loveliness as the fact that they have taught and for her singing. But she shuns the operatic stage, although she is credit-

ed with much histrionic ability. Signorina Lombardi, one of the most charming interpreters of light opera THROUGH NEGLECT on the Italian stage, is the idol of the patrons of the Teatro Stabile. Five offers of marriage she has rejectedtwo from Russian princes, one from an English sculptor and two from her own countrymen. She has vowed to

Livia Berendi's fame as a singer termined.

Among concert singers, Madame Al-Lani occupies a leading place, and her exquisite soprano voice is not more fascinating than her beauty and charm of manner.

#### A CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY

Members of Commons to Be Raised, Family Party Hit by Train on Way Home From Celebration.

Nashville, Mich., Dec. 25.-Reuber Lawrence, 14 years of age, was killed, at the end of February. It is expected his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs that several Liberal peers will be cre- Llewellyn Lawrence, were probably brother were less seriously hurt, when It is rumored that no less than two their carriage was struck by a Michiin the New Year honors list as the Lawrence family was driving home first installment. This is considered to from a Christmas celebration near

#### A GIRL-MANAGER

Only Twenty, She Leases a Theatre in Old London.

London, Dec. 25. — It is doubtful if the United States can show an actress-manager who orders arising out of labor dispute and yet reached the age of 21. England can. She is Phyllis Beadon, who the collar of his coat, threw him tion of trade unions and trade coun- although of an aristocratic family, cils, has suggested to employers of has been on the stage since she labor the necessity of a defensive or- was eight years old. She has played grand Z, and the funeral services will be I think the plans will be approved on comedy.

Miss Beadon's grandfather was Sir Cecil Beadon, son of the late Bishop of Bath and Wells, married a sister of the first Baron

taken a lease of the Royal Court several medals. Theatre, and through the holiday proprietors and other interested par- season will produce what she calls a "Poster Pantomime." It is espe-

cially for children. No less than half a dozen sketches are gracing the boards of the English music halls at the present moment. Most of them are sort of dramatized half-dime novels and acted in a way that no self-respecting cowboy would approve.

Ottawa, Dec. 25.-Fire at Campbell's Bay, on the Waltham branch of the C. P. R., caused a loss of \$20,000 this morning. The fire started at 3:30 a.m. in the Ottawa Hotel, and spread to Hodgin's tin shop and to Lawn's gen-

places were gutted. Telephone and tel-

egraph communication is cut off.

FIRE AT CAMPBELL'S BAY.

BIG BUFFALO FIRE. Buffalo, Dec. 25.-Fire today de which had been exhibited by M. stroyed the drygoods and shoe store Briand, the Premier, in confronting the of J. M. Brecker & Co., Joseph White's revolutionary movement excited on the clothing store and Joseph Wolf's miloccasion of the recent railway strike, linery shop in High street. The loss and congratulated the majority of the ir \$200,000. The firemen working in chamber of deputies on the support front of the buildings had a narrow which it had given to the Prime Min- escape when the walls of the Brecker ister. Finally, a resolution was adopt- building fell. Only one, Edward Sny.

# IN THE RIGHT PLACE

Up Unique Friendship in Hospital.

Strange friendships are not unusual

in all walks of life, and in the wards

brought together from all parts of the land of beauty and a generous share of being fellow sufferers lifelong of her beautiful women may be seen friendships have often been formed. few cases of this kind, however, have attracted more attention of late among visitors to Victoria Hospital than the bond that has grown up between William Richards, a little blind pedlar, with paralysis, and "Tom" Wheeler Both men are known to hundreds of Londoners. Wheeler is a man of gigantic physical proportions, while his many as the little, effimate man who used to call on them at regular intervals and offer needles, writing paper and other things for sale. day Richards was found in an unconscious condition in his bedroom. He had apparently fallen in a fit while dressing, and for many weeks it was not expected that he would live. He physicians were greatly puzzled over improved gradually, but he has never recovered the use of any of his limbs

an indistinct manner One day, when Wheeler went to the hospital, he met Richards and was apparently struck by the terribly helpless condition of the little blind man. Ever since he has cared for him with a tenderness that has excited the ad- the flames swept through the coaches. miration of many who have seen the A search of the debris, however, retwo together. Wheeler is indefaitgable sulted in the discovery of charred for his friend, and waits on him on bodies and by the time that the whole every possible occasion, and often an- wreckage had been gone through eight ticipates his wants

"No nurse could be more gentle with the bodies were burned beyond recogpatient or do more for him than nition. Wheeler does for Richards," said one of the surgeons at the hospital to The who perished in the flames before Advertiser. "It is really one of the the eyes of her parents, who were most remarkable friendships I have helpless to save her. ever known."

#### HACKENSCHMIDT HAS HARD NIGHT AHEAD OF HIM

World's Champion Wrestler Agrees to Throw Four Men at Toronto.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.] Toronto, Dec. 25.—George Hackenschmidt, the world's champion wres

tler, has one big night ahead of hin of Richarson, N. D., froze to death as immensely gifted, is one of the great- next Thursday, when he will try to world over should the result of his parents' neglect is the est ornaments of the Italian stage, is throw four of the best men in America West, husband of that heart free and passionately devoted to in one hour and a quarter. This special American woman who her art. When only six years old her match is the outcome of a challenge sister, four years old, who was with performance at some private theatri- thrown to the world by the Russian cals at a fashionable festival in Rome lion's manager, when he agreed to George West firmly believes that his drew from the hostess the exclama- throw any three men in an hour for wife is not only the most beautiful, house about noon and it was even- tion, "The stage must not lose her!" \$1,000. The challenge was taken up by but as well the cleverest woman in Thereafter the child's career was de- Tom Flanagan and Hack to make the England. He is moving heaven and match strong, allowed Flanagan to earth to get her new play produced choose another man, making four in

all. Hackenschmidt has thrown everylooks as though two of the men chosen by Flanagan might hold the big fellow to the limit, and so win the \$1,000 Flanagan is counting on Yankee with the prettiest girl in a ballroom. Rogers, of Buffalo, and "Young" Hack- He is her slave and fetches and carenschmidt, of Tennessee, as his two best men.

# PROMINENT MASON

Mr. Donald Ross Passes Away rying so young a man. in His Seventy-Fourth Year.

Toronto, Dec. 25.-Mr. Donald Ross, of the Woods and Forest branch at the Parliament Buildings, died this afternoon, at the Western Hospital, aged 74 years. Mr. Ross was admitted to the hospital only on Thursday last suffering from pneumonia. Prior to coming to Toronto he had a

successful mercantile career at Picton. Fraternally he was identified with the not Masons, the Royal Arch Masons and the for the transmission line alongside his Knights Templar. His devotion to the nized by his advancement to the highest ity of the towers. office, that of Grand Z. At the time of his death he was the oldest living past solid, and the work has been well one. comedy, pantomime, and musical under the direction of Grand Chapter. The St. Patrick Chapter, Toronto, made him an honorary past Z.

> He was a familiar figure in the Masonic who quarters, greatly beloved In his earlier days he

whereabouts are at present unknown, but it is believed he is somewhere in the Cobalt district.

The following thrdel the tm anw wetv POLICEMAN BADLY

dled by Pair of Thugs. Toronto, Dec. 25.—Constable William and Mail Clerk Charles N. Davission, Rennie is laid up at his home suffer- also of Columbus, was badly hurt. ing severely from cuts and bruises on his head and legs from a beating which nel, and it will be some time before

A Toronto Constable Roughly Han-

night at the corner of Ryerson and traffic resumed. None of the pas-Woolsley avenues. The men pounced seugers on the train is reported inupon him and beat him up before aid jured. arrived. Then the assailants escaped Later Wm. Flanagan and Robert

IRA BRECK DEAD.

Kingston, Dec. 25.-Ira H. Breck, for 35 wears, from 1845 to 1880, a member of the great timber and wrecking firm

#### FROZEN TO DEATH ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Well-Known Local Man Strikes Toronto Police Court Character Found Dead in a Lane.

Toronto, Dec. 25 .- "Ned" Clarke, a familiar figure in the Toronto police in a big hospital, where people are court, was frozen to death on Christmas evening in a lane off Front country and united by the mere fact street. His body was found this morning by an employee of a near-by

hotel. Clarke was about forty years of age and lived with his parents on Clare-

#### EIGHT KILLED IN **ENGLISH WRECK**

Whole Train Was Reduced to Ashes When Fire Started.

Kirkby-Stephen, England, Dec. 24.-Eight passengers were killed, several of them instantly, and the others burned to death and twenty-five more injured in the wreck of the Scotch express near Hawes Junction today.

The express carried 500 persons bound for their homes in Scotland to spend Christmas. It was running at its ordinary speed when near the junction it collided with a pilot engine and was derailed.

Fire broke out in the wreck and the whole train with the exception of the locomotive and the rear baggage car was reduced to ashes.

It was thought at first that but two persons had been killed and that the others had had time to escape before bodies had been recovered. Most of

Among the dead was a little girl

The scene of the accident was high up in the Pennine hills, the loftiest section traversed by railway in England. The isolation of the wreck caused some delay before physicians could reach the place.

#### A MODEL HUSBAND

Is George West, Youthful Partner of Lady Randolph Churchill.

Randolph Churchill, as their model in London, and it is said that he pursued George Alexander. popular actor-manager, into a fashthing in America in short time, but it ionable Turkish bath in Jermyn street and read the play to him.

Young West tells his friends that he is happier buttoning his wife's wager for the Toronto Irishman, patent leather shoes than dancing ries for her with the eagerness of youth for his first love. Spiteful people predicted that Mrs. would not hold the love of her young husband for a year. Even DEAD AT TORONTO King Edward, who had a horror of disparity of age in marriage, told King Edward, who had a horror of Mrs. West, in polite language, that she was making a mistake in mar-"We shall see, sir," she replied.

#### HYDRO TOWERS SOLID

Mr. McNaught Does Not Delay Over Complaint Made to Government.

Toronto, Dec. 24.-Mr. W. K. Mc-Naught, M.P.P., of the hydro electric commission, does not fear serious delay in the delivery of power in Toronto as a result of the appeal of G. P. Magann to the public works department at Ottawa about the location of the towers property on the lake shore in South Parkinterests of capitular Masonry was recog- dale. The complaint is as to the stabil-Mr. McNaught said: "The towers are

MAIL CLERKS KILLED. Roanoke, Va., Dec. 24.-Four mail Temple Building, and was clerks and helpers were killed and was prominent in military circles, and was a veteran of '66. several men were injured in the wreck of passenger train No. 16 of the Nor-Going to the front from Prince Edward folk and Western Railway in tunnel This go-ahead young woman has county, he was the proud possessor of No. 6 near Williamson, W. Va., at 5 lo'clock this afternoon. The train left The late Mr. Ross leaves one son, whose Columbus, O., at 8:10 o'clock this

The locomotive and tender and During the past few days every effort the baggage and mail cars were all was made to find the son. Burial will thrown from the tracks, the mail car badly wrecked. At work in the mail car on the heavy Christmas mails, the clerks had no chance of BEATEN escape. Engineer Robinson and his fireman, whose name is not known. were both slightly injured. Baggageman R. H. Edwards, of Columbus, O., sustained serious injuries,

he got at the hands of two men last the debris can be cleared away and The dead, all employees of the railway mail service, are Jaines R.

The wreckage choked up the tun-

Hicks, believed to be involved in the Herndon, of Roanoke, Va.; Carl C. Goode, of McDowell, W. Va.: Howard K. Bell, of Franklin, O., and Lama W. Dowdy, of Pearisburg, Va. IGNORANT ALIENS.

of Calvin & Breck, Garden Island, died ing to this country should have to learn today at the home of his son, aged 88 to read and write before they should be years. He had been living retired for granted the full rights of citizenship, was a recommendation made by the grand 20 years, and death was due to de- a recommendation made by the state of the state before Judge Morgan.