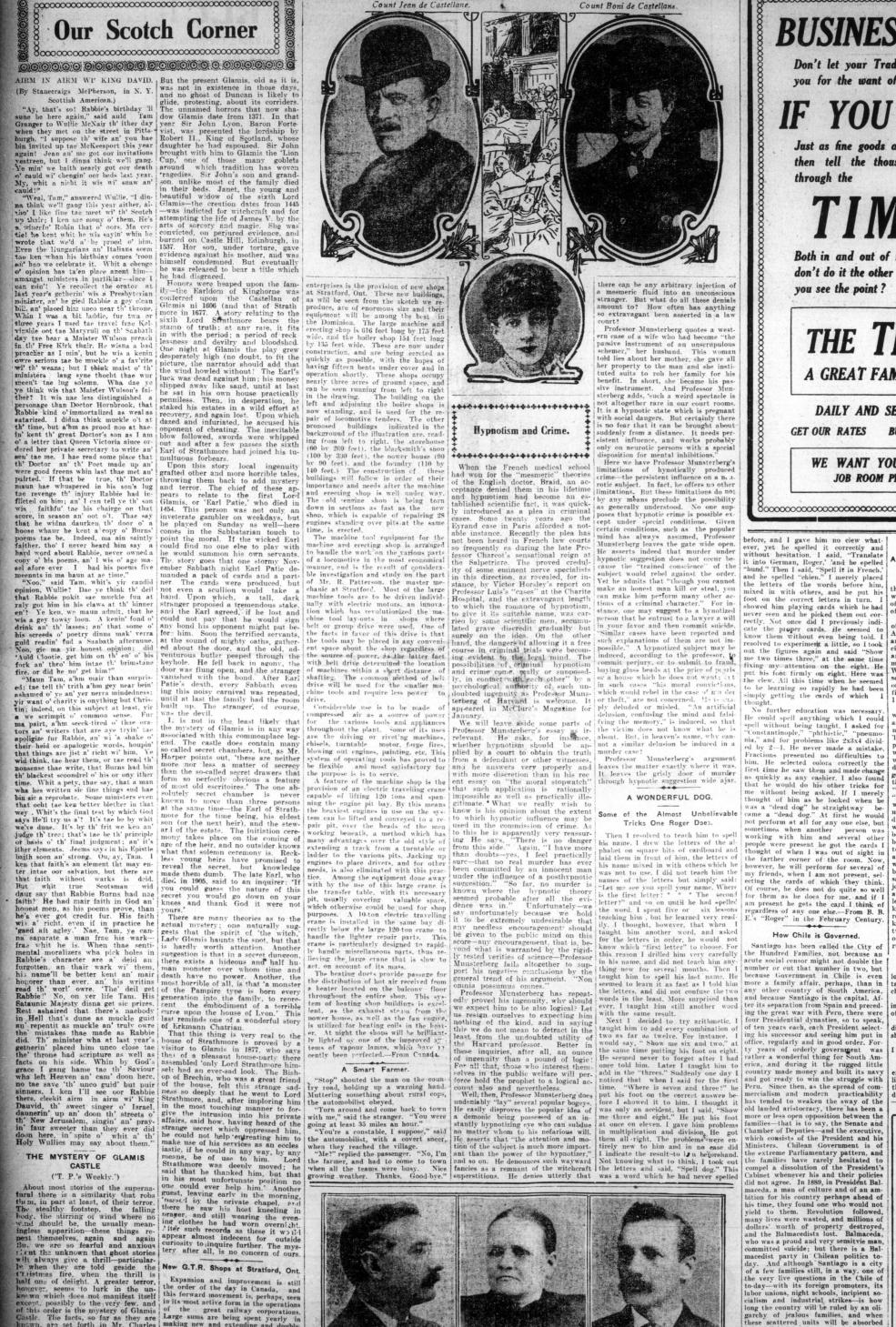
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### Our Scotch Corner

About most stories of the supernatural there is a similarity that robs them, in part at least, of their terror. The stealthy footstep, the falling body, the stirring of wind where nowned should be, the usually meaningless apparition—these things repeat themselves, again and again 30. We are so fearful and anxious it in the unknown that ghost stories will always give a thrill—particularly when they are told geside the Christmas fire, when the thrill is half one of delight. A greater terror, however, seems to lurk in the unknown which does not manifest itself except, possibly to the very few, and of this order is the mystery of Glamis Gastle. The facts, so far as they are knewn, are set forth in Mr. Charles G. Harper's 'Haunted Houses.'

There is a similarity that robs the high waring a leave the order of the day in Canada, and this forward movement is, perhaps, seen in its most active form in the operations of the great railway corporations. Large sums are being spent yearly in making new and extending and doubles tracking existing lines, in the provision of locomotives and rolling stock, and also in the augmentation of facilities for building and repairing. The Grand Trunk Railway System is taking its lill share of steps in this direction, and not the least important of its present

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and the Balmacedists lost. Balmaceda, who was a proud and very sensitive man, committed suicide; but there is a Balmacedist party in Chilean politics today. And although Santiago is a city of a few families still, in a way, one of the very live questions in the Chile of today—with its foreign promoters, its labor unions, night schools, incipient socialism and industrial strikes—is how long the country will be ruled by an oligarchy of jealous families, and when these scattered units will be absorbed into political parties each with its well defined policy, which, when it gets in power, it can hope to carry out.—"Santiago: the Metropolis of the Andes," by Arthur Rull, in the February Scribner.

Sydney, with a population of 538,800 is the largest city in Australia.

THE PRIMROSE LEAGUE.

A Material Help in Keeping the Conservative Party in Power.

The autumn of 1883 was marked by the formation of the Primrose League, which subsequently proved to be an event of great political importance, and a tower of strength to the Conservative party. The Fourth party, with the exception of Mr. Balfour, and the addition of Sir Alfred Slade, had drawn up the statutes and ordinances of this new political so-ciety, which was to "embrace all classes and all creeds except atheists and ene-mies of the British empire." Sir Henry Wolff, who had originated the idea from seeing Conservatives wearing primroses on the anniversary of Lord Beacons-field's death, came to Blenheim, where

of the aninversary of Lora Deaconstield's death, came to Blenheim, where I was staying at the time.

All the female members of the family who happened to be there were enrolled as dames, and were given a badge and a numbered diploma. Mine was eleven. The Duchess of Mariborough was made president of the Ladies' Grand Council, which was being formed. I must say we laughed immoderately over the grandiloquent names—the "Knights Harbingers" (or "night refugees," as we dubed them), the "Ruling Councillors," the "Chancellor of the League," "Dame President," "Habitations," and what not. We criticized freely the Brummagen gaudy badges and "ye ancient" magen gaudy badges and "ye ancient" diplomas printed on vellum. Little did we know the power the league was to become. Having joined the league and been duly enrolled a "dame," I was determined to do all I could to further its termined to do all I could to further its aims. The first years of its existence were a struggle. The wearing of the badge exposed one to much chaff, not to say ridicule; but we persisted. Recruits joined "surely if clowly," and to-day after twenty-one years of existence, the league can boast of having 1,703,708 knights, dames and associates upon its rolls, and of having materially helped to keep the Conservative party in power twenty. years.—From "The Reminiscences of Lady Randolph Churchill," in the February Century. ruary Century.

### Not Her Choosing.

An East Side resident tells of the fol lowing conversation heard at a breakfast table between a mother and a small

child:
The mother in question was reprimanding her daughter for speaking unkindly of her father.
"You never hear me speak in such a disrespectful manner of your father," she contended.
"Well, manma, but you choosed him, I didn't."

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