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LONDON, Dec. 26. The German troops landed at Bagomoye, Zanzinar, and attacked the natives, many of whom were killed.

The British steamer Storm Queen has foundred in the Bay of Biscay. The captain and five

others were drowned. A number of Soudan dervishes have arrived Constantinople on a secret mission. They

are lodged in the palace. The Emperor of Germany has sent to the Duke of Cambridge a telegram of congratulation on the Suakim victory.

A bomb was exploded on Tuesday evening in front of the residence of Senator Silvela in Madrid, a member of the Spanish Chamber of Denuties.

The alliance of Orleanists and Opportunists in France is greatly to the advantage of General Boulanger, whose political star is still rapidly

It is reported at Zanzibar that Mwanga has been deposed by his brother in Uganda. There has been severe fighting at Bagomoyo with native losses

The Czar has summarily dismissed Secretary of State Polootzoff for prolonging his visit to Paris instead of attending the opening of the Imperial council.

A second inquiry into the recent accident to the Czar's train at Borki results in attributing the disaster to criminal conspiracy. All of the recently discharged railway employés will shortly be arrested.

Before withdrawing entirely from Suakim, the British will bulld strong permanent forts, on which guns will be mounted so as to sweep the plain. Black regiments will be left to see the plains. Black regiments will be left to garrison the place. At a meeting at Paris 4,000 bondholders of the Panama Canal Company, a resolution was manimonsly adopted expressing confidence in M. de Lesseps and volunteering to forego stimu-

ated trading in stocks. The Times implores the British Government to endeavor to procure an early settlement of the Newfoundland fisheries question and the controversies between France and England, which are in an anomalous and unsatisfac-

tory position. There was a harmonious meeting of the Canada Company. Mr. Gillespie, the president, said their land sales had been fairly favorable and their prospects were promising. After a short discussion the report was adopted with a dividend of £1 per share for the half year.

Sir William Pearce, son of the late Sir William Pearce, the ship-builder and member of Parliament for Govan, has refused to enter the contest for his father's vacant seat. Sir John Pender, the cable magnate, is willing to accept the bonor, and will probably receive the nomin-

Experiments which have recently been made with a new powder show that it greatly enhances the value of the Gras rife. A charge two fifths less than the usual quantity has one-fifth more than the usual force. The powder causes no smoke, and can be steeped in water

Lecent Madrid advices show that the Spanish Covernment are awaiting the arrival of the Canadian commissioner to enter into negothations to promote trade between Canada and the Spanish West Indies. The political situation in Spain may possibly hamper the present progress of negotations.

The Stanley stories, both from Zanzibar and the West Coast, are becoming doubtful. The only report now appears certain of confirmation is that Stanley reached Emin, but it is feared that the particulars given of the meeting, etc., are not raliable. The special correspondents at Zanzibar are unable to confirm the alleged

Mr. Gladstone attended service in the Eng-sh church at Naples on Xwas day. The lish church at Naples on Xmas day. The British Consul and many others cordially greened him. The professors of the universities will appoint a committee to convey their congratuanniversary of his birth, which occurs on De-

The secretary of the English East Africa Company denies the authenticity of the story from Zunzibar about an agreement between the company and the Sultan and the Arab slave dealers. He says no such agreement has been made. He further says the only action of Agent McKenzie in regard to slaves has been to pay for the liberation of 1,400 slaves.

It is asserted that the position of British Minister to Washington, made vacant by the dismissal of Lord Sackville, has been offered to has created the greatest excitement at Bradford. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain and refused by that gentleman. It is understood that Mr. Cham-berlain intends living in high state next sum-mer at his house at Princess Gate, which, it is expected, will become a Mecca for wealthy

Americans. A Zanzibar despatch says: "It has been discovered that an agreement in relation to slave-dealing exists between the English East Africa Company and the Sultan of Zanzibar and the Arab slave dealers of Marbase. By this agreement the Arabs are authorized to carry on a trade in slaves and to flog or otherwise punish them. The company upon hiring slaves must make an arrangement with the owner. The wages of the slave must be paid to the owners. English missionary stations are obliged under the agreement to return runaway slaves to their

The Russian Government at the last moment replaced an embargo on Enchinoff's expedition to Abyssinia, and compelled the missionaries and other members of the party to disembark. All the cannon and stores were unshipped. The explanation given is that the Government was opposed to the expedition on its irregular charopposed to the expected that Russia will soon formally claim the pioneer settlement of New Moscow in East Africa. The settlement is contiguous to the English, Italian and German ession in that region.

The Pall Mail Gazette, publishes an appeal to the British Government from Rev. Mr. Darby, Methodist minister at Borne bay, Newfound-land, for the protection of British subjects on the French shore from French oppression. He says the people are being geaded to desperation and warns the Government that there is danger of bloodshed and murder unless British rights are maintained. The appeal, together with the recent debate in the French Senate, has directed attention to a possible soute stage of the disoute. The French Government in comthe dispute. The French Government in com-plying with the bitter complaints of the French merchants it now seeking to induce England to agree to suppress the English lobster factories on the French shore.

The Marquis of Lothian, Secretary and Keeper of the Scotch Privy Seal, Mr. Chas. T. Riponie, President of Local Government Board, Mi. Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, Lord Bafour of Burleigh, and Mr. J. H. A. Macdoubld, Lord Advocate of Scotland, have been appointed a Government Committee to ait ing the Parliamentary recess for the purpose of learing? the testimony of Government officlab with regard to the present and possible fitting Government of Scotland. The sim of bi Commistee will be so draft a bill, based on the testimony taken, formulating a soleme for The particular of the particul

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sailed for Suez. It is reported that Oaman Digna is trying to collect forces at Kandout.

The expedition to Thibet, which was organized by the late M. Prejevaleky, will start on its journey in March next under the command of Col. Pevtzoff.

December 28th. Mr. Gladstone has decided to visit Rome. The Bulgarion budget shows a deficit of 12,000,000 france.

Austrian and Italian peasants are flocking to Brazil in large numbers.

Osman Digns offers safe conduct to an English doctor to attended the wounded at An enquiry shows that the swords broken in

the recent fight at Suakim were of German manufacture. Mr. Bright sat upon a chair and chatted cheerly and hopful with friends, a fact which indicates a premanent change for the

better. The Paris Official Journal announces an crease in the army of 15,000 foot chasseur by the addition of two companies to each thirty bat-

It is rumored in Vienna and Frankford that through the intersession of Princess Elizabeth of Hesse, the Czar is disposed to becom reconiled to Prince Alexander of Battenberg.

Stanislas Prado, the adventures and fiend in carnate, who murdered Margie Augettant, the cocotte, was guildtined at Paris. The execution was wittenssed by 200 artists, newspaper men actors, lawyers and politions.

is about to be made in the home policy of Russia, due to the favorable impressions mad on the Czar by his recent journey and by the loyal rejoicings over his escape at the time of the Borki disaster.

Paris Figaro says: "It has been decided to provide railways with a double line of rails converging at the eastern frontier. The roads are to cost 210,000 000 francs. It may be hoped that the enemy will allow us time to complete this useful was to the complete that the training the complete that the complet this useful work. The Swiss papers protest against the employment of Italian workmen in the work of fortifying the St. Gothard tunnel on the ground that agents of the Italian army will be benefitted thereby through being able to study the plans of the work."

December 29th. The British acquisition of new territory in the kingdom of Moremi, on Lake Nomi, Africa, is regarded in Berlin as a breach of the Berlin convention, and Bismarck will probably protest against it.

A proposal to hold an international slavery conference in Paris during the coming exhibi-tion, under the presidency of Cardinal Lavigerie, is received with disfavor in Berlin, and it will instead probably be held at Geneva.

It is stated that the German Government has changed its intention regarding the proposed increase of the artillery strength of the army, and that no credit will be asked for that purpose during the present session of Parliament.

Two ladies will receive the decoration of the Legion of Honor in Paris on New Year's Day. One is Mme. Cohen, who was an amulance attendant at Metz during the war of 1870 and the other is the nun. Evelyn, who has been attached to the naval hospital at L'Orient for 35 years.

The uncertainty concerning Prince Bismarck's health has become a disturbing factor in the situacion. The Chancellor was better at the beginning of the week, but authentic advices from Friedrichsruhe report that since Wednesday he has suffered a recurrence of gout in a severe form.

The mutilated body of a boy was found in an outhouse at Bradford this morning. It was recognized at that of John Gill, eight years of age, who, when last seen alive, was sliding on the ice with some companions. The body had been brutally murdered. His legs and arms had been chopped off in a rough manner and tied to his hody; his ears had been cut off; there were two stab wounds in his chest and his heart and entrails had been torn out. The remains when found were wrapped in a rough covering. The police believe, from the clumsy manner in which the body was mutilated, that the crime was the work of drunken lads whose imagination had been inflamed by reading accounts of the Whitechapel attrocities. It is supposed the murder and butchery were committed in some other place and the remains afterwards carried by the perpetrators to the The police have no trace of the murderers. A milkman has been arrested on suspician of having committed the crime The boy had occasionally accompanied him on his rounds The prisoner was the first to recognize the remains. It is ascertained that the boy was placed in the outhouse between the hours of 4 and 7 this morning. The accused milkman, whose name is Barrett, was taken before a magistrate this afternoon and charged with the murder. The boy when last seen was in the prisoner's company, and when he was missed the milkman was asked if he knew anything about his where abouts. He denied any knowledge of him. bloody each and a knife fitting the wounds in the boy's chest have been found in the prisoner's lodging. He has been remanded for trial. A report that the murdered body of a boy has also been found at Reighley was untrue.

AMERICAN.

Near Seneca, Kansas, John T. Yates, ex-justice of the peace, perished in the snow-storm on Christmas night in his buggy while driving to his home.

At Newport, R.I., the funeral of Mrs. T. T. Pitman, widely known as "Margery Deane," was held in Belmont Memorial chapel at Island cemetery.

William Hopkins, son of Ben. Hopkins of the wrecked Fidelity bank of Cincinnati, has been arrested for negotiating forged cheques. It was only last week that his father, who has come inie, was pardoned for that reason by the President.

The annual meeting of the American Society of Naturalists began on Thursday afternoon in the physical laboratory of the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. The society embraces among its members the most distinguished naturalists in the country.

At a convention of theological professors, held in New York on Thursday, the National Academy of Theology was founded. The object of the academy is the prosecution of theology as a science.

The United States authorities have ordered all the dives in the Vermillion Iron range districe to be closed. Some of the dive keepers have been arrested on a charge of selling liquor without a license, and worse charges are pend-

ing READING, Pa, Dec. 27.—Breinigsville is the centre of the centry districts where diphtheria is raging with such fearful results. To day two sons of Henry Young, of that place, died of this disease. This makes five deaths in this family, all from diphtheria, within ten days. Their sixth and only child is not expected to recover. The disease is spreading havon in the neighborhood, many other children having died. White Cap outrages are creating great excite-

ment in Ohio. Texas woolgrowers are demanding more pro

tection. BBIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 27.-Fred B. Hub-

get a firm grip on the wings of the bird and thus held it a prisoner. He has three wounds, but has the satisfaction of having captured ive eagle.

Pietro Dinervo, an Italian, charged with the murder of the Marquis Giulo Sanduzzi, at Torella, Italy, in 1826, in company with two other Italians, during the robbery of the Marquis' house, has been captured at Stamford, Conn., and was safely lodged in a cell at police headquarters.

At a meeting of the representatives of the leading anthracite coal companies, for the purpose of fixing January prices, no change was made except in pea coal, which was advanced from \$1.10 to \$1.25.

The efforts of the New York senators and re presentatives to effect a compromise between the factions involved in the Cabinet embroglio in the Empire State have at least reached a basis of settlement which practically puts an end to any further obstructions in the way of Cabinet making in that direction. It is said to have been setaled on the basis of Warner Miller for secretaryablp of the interior, and Thomas C. Platt for collector of the port of New York. With the settlement of the New York troubles comes a somewhat authoritative statement that Governor Proctor and John C. New have been

selected for Cabinet places. Mr. New's appointment has been favorably spoken of to the President by several distinguished senators.

Marblehear, Mass., Dec. 26.—This town, to-day in ashes, is the victim of a policy so short-sighted that it deserves scarcely less punishment than it has received. Ever since it began to be a popular summer resort the avari-A correspondent at Zanzibar says: Arbs from the interior report that a revolution has broken out in Uganda and that the king has been deposed by his brother. If the report is true Emin Pasha may be able to reach the coast.

In diplomatic circles and in Official Russian newspapers it is stated that an important change is about to be made in the home policy of Russia, due to the favorable impressions made and to be a popular summer resort the avaricious native selectmen have annually kept the tax levy down to a ridiculously low figure, putting the expense of all needed improvements upon the summer cottagers. Their anticipations fell short this year, and two weeks before Christmas the treasury was declared empty, the water company notified to furnish private patrons only. Going to or from the depot, house, or church, the belated visitors were company a lastern or cavalle of their own pelled to carry a lantern or candle of their own, except in neighbourhoods where some enterprie ng citizen would illuminate his gate by Chinese lanterns.

CANADIAN.

A valuable block of buildings in the business centre of Galt, Ont., was burned on Friday morning.

The Cardwell House at Picton, Ont., was burned the same day. The high freights will give great impetus to

shipbuilding next year. On Friday, the Parry House, at Sharbot Lake, Ont., was destroyed by fire.

Mr. J. Cunningham Stewart, Comptroller of the Post Office Department, Ottawa, is dead. The writ for an election in Joliette has been issued, nominations January 9th, polling on the 16th.

A Levis capitalist is said to be contemplating the erection of a palace hotel at the Intercolomal Station.

C. W. Colter has been nominated by the Reformers to represent them in the coming contest in Haldimand for the Commons. A strange disorder has broken out among the

horses in Quebec. By some it is said to be smallpox, and by others to resemble the foot

The people of Rat Portage are delighted with the decision in the St. Catharines Milling case, but are extremely desirous that lumbering operations should go on. The Quebec Harbour Commissioners have resolved to seek an interview with Sir Hector Langevin on the subject of constructing grain

slevators on the Louise embankment. Miss Prince of Halifax claims \$15,000 from Mr. Tremaine for breach of promise. The parties move in high social circles and the trial is looked forward to with great interest.

The Council of the Ontario Agriculture Association has decided that owing to the scarcity of feed and cattle in many sections, it would be inadvisable to hold a fat stock show next year. The managers of the Kingston cotton mill say there are sufficient orders on hand to keep the mill working full time up to July next. Orders from China, which could not be filled, have

been refused. Herbert Booth, son of Gen. Booth, met with hearty reception at the hands of the Toronto Salvation Army. He holds the title of Commandant, and is an unassuming and pleasing Four young men, who endeavored to cross on

the ice from Bay St. Paul to Isle aux Coudres, had a dreadful experience some nights ago, losing their way and coming very nearly losing their lives.

Sir A. P. Caron, minister of militia, opened the campaign in Joliette on Sunday. It is understood here that Sir Hector Langevin will speak at Mr. Guilbault's nomination on the 9th f January. A brakeman named Lalonde, of the Grand Trunk Railway, fell between a box car and van at Coaticook station, and was crushed to death.

An inquest was held and a verdict of accidental death was returned. Mr. Owen Connell, of 147 Walnut street Hamilton, Ont., while chopping wood in his yard, burst a blood vessel and died before a doctor could be summoned. He was 65 years of

age, and leaves five children. Hon. J. A. Chapleau, is staying in Paris, where he will shortly undergo another operation; It is expected that after ten or fourteen days rest he will be able to return to Canada for the

opening of the Dominion Parliment. The application of Consul-General Phelan. of Halifax, for permission to tranship fish from one vessel to another, has been refused and the consul informed that the action of the Collector of Customs in permitting one such transhipment has been disapproved.

British War office returns show that despite all efforts to obtain a home supply of army horses, the present stock is still not sufficient to mount two-thirds of the men, and it is expected further Canadian horses will soon be sought to meet the pressing needs of the army.

The ravages of diphtheria still continue in the vicinity of Lake Nipissing, and further provincial action may be necessary to stay them. Three cases of smallpox are reported from Chat-They are supposed to have been imported from Michigan. The appointment of the Crofter's Canadian

commission is announced. The members are the Marquis of Lothian, Sir Charles Tupper, Mr. King and Thomas Skinner. They are empowered to select highland families for coloni-A fire occurred Wednesday night about 9.30 at Mesers, M. J. Woodward & Co.'s refinery, Petrolis, Ont. Loss \$4,000. Mr. Woodward states that his loss is covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown. Two G. T. R. box

cars were completely burned up. It seems that the loss of the steam sailing schooner Lady Belleau, now ashore at Mani-cougan, was due to the fact that she broke her rudder and that her machinery was not powerful enough to force her through the neavy ice.

The crew had to abandon her and take to the boats, the men suffering terribly from the frost.

The result of the elections in Quebec Province wasa severe disappointment to the Tories. The Dominion Government put forth every possible effort to secure the defeat of Col. Rhodes, in Megantic, and soughs to steal a victory in L'Assomption. The evidence of the increasing popularity of the Mergier Government shown resterday causes the Dominion Government Ministers much snxiety.

The state of trade in the Dominion, as shown by the custom returns, is not nearly so satisfac-tory as might be wished. During November, the value of goods imported for home consump-tion fell to \$7,638,499, half a million dollars less bellower to the control of the bard, a druggist, had a battle with an eagle last bory as night be wished. During November of phrobal control of the control of the bard, a druggist, had a battle with an eagle last bory as night be wished. During November of goods imported for home consumptions of the manner of the was walking at the west end when suddenly the members of the control of the control of goods imported for home consumptions of the manner of the was walking at the west end when suddenly the manner of the was almost known by the huge hird than in the corresponding month of last year.

The goods exported from Canada in the last was a local of the corresponding to the was almost known by the huge hird than in the corresponding month of last year. month were valued at \$10,080,000, a decrease of over \$1,000,000, when compared with November, then last converted to the second of the second month were valued at \$10,080,000, a decrease of

under the modus vivendi, And some of which expirate of Dec. Sist, enquirers at the Fisheries Department find that there is no intention at present of changing the regulations relating to structions in that direction have been issued. The modus eiterati was intended to cover two years, and there is no present reason to suppose that the period will be curtailed. When licenses were first issued last spring they were made for a year from date, but later in the season this mode was charged and the Newfound-land system of issuing for the calendar year adopted. These latter licenses, of course, expire to-morrow, but it is understood that no objection will be raised to their renewal. The fees collected for licenses amount to between four and five thousand dollars and the best proof that the modus vivendi has worked satisactorily is that no infraction of the fisheries laws occurred last season and not a single seizure was made.

The business portion of Deloraine, Manitoba was destroyed by fire Friday morning. Los. \$50,000, with very little insurance. The follow sou, out, with very little insurance. The following are the losers:—Wade & Mathers' lumber yard; Heron's toy store and dry goods; Temple, barber; Dr. Wood's, hall; A. E. Thompson, butcher; Harden & Graham, butchers; Falconer, hardware; Cowan, druggist; Butchart, hardware; Smith & Balkwell, dry goods, and the Royal botal, are all completely destructed. the Royal hotel, are all completely destroyed. Reports from all parts of Nova Scotia regard-

ing the trade of the past year show a general increase of trade with the upper provinces. This is especially true of those portions of the province which have hitherto traded most argely with the United States.

TORONTO, December 27 .- The following petition has been in circulation at Windson

To the Mayor and Councillors of Windsor: We your petitioners, citizens of the town of Windsor, desire to state that the question of political union with the United States is at the present time engrossing the most serious con-sideration of the people of Windsor and the country adjoining, and that a chance of expressing their opinion for or against the measure by means of the ballot is urgently desired, and we therefore pray that your body will order the the votes of the election in the same manner as if for the election of mayor and councillors on the following question: "Is political union with the United States desirable?" Mr. Dickey's exact majority in Cumberland

county is 1,007.

ST. John, N.B., December 27.—Romaine Caseo, 50 years old, was killed this afternoon while his team was going over Cook's Brock Crossing, eight miles from Moncton. Casey's companions crossed the track safely, but his team stopped on the track when an engine struck the sled, throwing deceased about fifteen feet against a stick of timber, breaking his neck

WINNIPEG, December 28.—The first execution in this province for thirteen year took place at Brandon this morning, when Webb, the wife murderer, was swung into eternity. The jall was surrounded by a large crowd, but only

fifty were permitted to witness the hanging.
Attorney General Martin says: track laying on the Portland extension will be resumed on the 7th of January if the mode and place of crossing are apdroved by the Railway committee President Oakes has retired from the directorate of the Northern Pacific & Manitoba, being unable to attend the meeting here, and Managher Grahame takes his place. Winnipeg intends to resist the payment of the troops called out during the recent crossing troubles.
The terms of the Mounted Police in the North-

west who enlisted some five years ago will expire on the first of March next. One hundred men will be engaged as recruits during the next two months in the Eastern Provinces. CATHOLIC.

Monsignor Mac Chi has been created a car dinal. The Pope has sent to the Bishop of Piacenza \$4,000 tor a training college for missionaries to be

sent to America to care to Italian immigrants, The Pope has written a cordial letter to the prelates in Ireland informing them that he has sent a rich gift to each Irish cathedral. The Vienna correspondent of the London

the Emperor of Russia has sent a friendly Uhristmas greeting to the Pope. At a large meeting at Liege. Sunday at which Bishop Deutreloup, presided, a resolution was adopted in favor of the restor-

Times says that for the first time in many years

ation of the temporal rights of the Pope. The Roman Catholic society is organizing associations throughout Italy which conjointly with similar organizations all over the world will rase funds for a vigorous anti-slavery

campaign. The Tablet says: "Mr. Gladstone in a letter to the Marque Deriso say that the position of the Pope is important enough to merit interven-tion by internaticual arbitration. After remarking that he prompted the Alabama arbitration scheme, Mr. Gladstone adds that arbitration would possible unlook a difficult question, and the project has its full and va m sympathy.

A despatch from Rome to the London Standard says the Russian mission to the Vatican has obtained various cencessions from the Pope. His Holiness sanctions the deportation of the Bishop of Vilns to Siberia, accepted the Russian Government's candidates for the dicesses of Lublina and Ploky, and consents to the introduc tion of the Russian language in all Catholic churches, except in the liturgy. an innovation that will completely destroy the Polish element. It is certain that French influence had much to do with the granting of these consensions.

Paris, December 28 -The Chamber of Deputies to day discussed the Senate's amendments to the budget. In the course of the debate M. Beuvetier, of the Right, attacked the Government for going to extremes in secularizing ed-ucation. Premier Floquet, in reply, declared his warmest approval of everything that had been done to secularize the schools. The republic, he said, desired to free education from all religious influence. M. Floquet's speech was received with enthusiastic applause, and a motion to print and placard it througout France was carried by a vote of 276 to 166.

ROME. December 30.-A Te Deum was sung at St. Peter's to-day. Twenty thousand tickets had been issued and 50,000 persons were present. The weather was perfect and great en-thuisem prevailed. Opening with the words "Excunte Jam Anno," the papal encyclic ! papal encyclic. 1 thanks God for the consolations which the jubiles rejoicings have brought to the Pope, and His Holiness thanks the Catholic world for its tokens of affection and devotion. Turning to religious matters, the encyclical complains that the tendency of the age is towards material interests and that the tendency is strengthened by worldly pride, an evil press and drama, in solools, materialistic and atheistic teaching obscuring true notions of right. Socialism, Nihilism and communism, it says, are also out-comes of this addiction to material things. The ope attended the Te Deum service in St. Peter's to-day to mark the close of the jubilee

At a consistory to be held in Rome on January 21, Monsignor Imacchi and Annibale and the Archbishop of Catania will receive the cardinal's hat. Three Polish bishops will also receive the beretta, as the result of the negotiations of the Polish envey.

Mrs. Sheehy and Finnesne, M.P.'s, have been summoned to answer to the charge of inciting benants to adopt a policy of intimidation.

William O'Brien was the guest of Archbishop Oroke at Thurles yesterdy. He was serenaded by a band in the evening and was heartily beered by a crowd that gathered around the

rages and facts already notorious. In regard to withhat when he was at the height of the rame procedure it can have decided 1970 alter the procedure it can speak; with less confidence procedure it can speak; with less confidence procedure it can be also be in a speak; with less confidence procedure it can be a speak; with less confidence procedure it can be a speak; with less confidence procedure it can be a speak; with a speak; with the confidence procedure it can be a speak; with a spe

Walker has complained of the expense of keeping argiment of witnesses at the London hotels.
Many of these people have been sent back to
Ircland. There is an early prospect, therefore, of the question of the letters being broached. The Parnellites are keeping Pigott in readiness to swear to the circumstances of his selling cer-

tain documents to the Times' solicitor. Hon Cornelia Prittie, sister of Lord Dunallay. was killed while hunting near Nenagh, county Tipperary. The horse stumbled and she fell from the saddle. Her feet becoming entangled in the stirrups she was dragged for some dis tance head downward.

THE SOUDAN WAR. SUARIM, Dec. 27, 1888.—The Scottish Border ers have sailed for Suez. It is reported that Osman Digna is trying to collect forces at Handoub.

orders, has sailed on a cruise. (FOR THE TRUE WITNESS.) THE LAST HOUR OF 1888.

BY JAS. T. NOONAN.

The British war sloop Racer, under special

Departing year, farewell! A long adieu!
One more short hour will tell, That pallid hue O'erspreads thy wearied visage, Weakening fast, From hours of toil eventful. That are passed.

And thou my friend, must die So soon; Quick didst thy mission spend Thy hopeful noon; And evening shades encroached Thy fair domain, Saddening all thy pleasures By its pain.

To every mortal, thou, Existence wert In part, all must allow: And didst exert An influence, so powerful, So strong, Bearing souls unnumbered Quick along.

And thou to me wert kind, A generous friend; No wonder salt-tears blind And griefs distend My eyes and heart for thee In sympathy; Oh, could I stay thy flight I'd happy be.

Yet thou must shortly go. And soon The sparks will glow Like summer noon ; Then darkness follow,-Ah, 'tis now, The hand of Death lies heavy On thy brow. VI.

And, so the life of man Will briefly pass; 'Tis but a narrow span Like flame of gas; 'Tis useless to lament,
"Tis only "Time," A sand-grain, from Evernity sublime. Brockville, Ont., Dec. 31st, 1888.

AN AUSTRO IRISH PRINCE. THE Austrian Minister, Count Tasfie, is soon to be raised to the rank of Furst, or Prince. Count Eduard Taaffe is a direct decendant of the Viscounts Tasffe, of Corren, and Barons of Ballymote, in the peerage of Ireland. Charles II., on his Restoration, raised Viscuont Tasffe to the Earldom of Carlingford,—a title which became extinct in Theobald, the fourth Earl and Fifth Viscount, who died in 1738. Two of the younger sons of the second Earl of Carlingford entered the service of the erman Empire, fought against the Turks, and, under Charles VI. and Maria Theresa, remained in Austria, where they were created Counts, while they retained their Irish title. This privilege has been continued ever since, so that Eduard Count Taaffe, the present Austrian Prime Minister, is also the tenth Viscount in the Irish peerage. In his youth, Count Eduard, altogether three years younger than the then Archduke Francis Joseph (the present Austrian Emperor), was one f the five young noblemen selected to be his playmates, and was the one to whom the young Archduke became the most attached. youthful intimacy was, however, abruptly broken off when the Archduke, at the age of only eighteen, was, through the abdication of the Emperor Ferdinand, suddenly raised to the Austrian throne, whilst Count Taaffe had to continue his studies. Seventeen years then passed without the Emperor seeing or hearing anything of his youthful friend, a fact which says a great deal for Count Tasffe's modesty. His career during that long period was without particular distinction, and the resumption of the acquaintance was brought about by quite an accident. At the manœuvres at Linz. some ewenty-three years ago, the authorities wn were presented to the Emperor. Among them was a simple secretary, in whom, as h was bowing, the Emperor recgnized his school fellow and playmate. When the presentation was over, Count Taaffe was commanded to go to When the presentation the Emperor, who heartily embraced him, and remained with him several hours. The official Gazette immediately afterwards announced the appointment of the modest Linz secretary to the very exalted post of Governor of the Province of Salzburg. From that tim Count Tasffe never ceased to hold high office. either as a Governor or as a minister, until at length, in 1879, he was called to form a Cabinet himself. The friendship which commenced between the Emperor and the Count, half a century ago, still exists as strong as ever. The Emperor, when no stranger is present, still uses familiar "du"(thou) in addresing his freind. and his confidence in Count Taaffe, as a servent of the Crown, and a statesman is unbounded.

LAURENCE OLIPHANT.

A strange man left life when Laurence Oli-phant died. He was born in 1829 and was a son of Sir Anthony Oliphant, Chief Justice of Ceylon. He had something of the East in his nature, for he was ever dreamy and erratic.
While a mere lad he was in India with Jung Bahadoor as the Nepaulese Court. Although he became a lawyer, diplomacy was his forte, and after he had closed up his travels in Russia and the Orimea in 1852-3, he was appointed private secretary to the Earl of Elgin, who came out to Canada as Governor General, and he was with the Earl during the perotiation of the famous Elgin-Marcy treaty, which gave Canada a large measure of reciprocity with the United States. He afterwards served with Omer Pasha in the Caucasus, and then went with Lord Elgin to China and Japan. Afterwards he was Charge d'Affaires at Pekin in 1861, and an attempt; was made to assassinate him. He retired soon after from the diplomatic service and went into Parliament. He resigned voluntarily and joined some socialistic brother hood in the American North West. For a time the world did not know where he was. Then he left there, and was in Obtawa in 1874 watch ing some cable legislation in the interest of one of the great companies. Afterwards he went LONDON, December 27.—It is stated on the tothe Holy Land and had some idea, apparent best authority, that the Times intends to aban, ly of restoring primitive Christianty in the don'the course it has hisherto pursued in the land of the Christian nativity, but he made little Parnell hearing in piling up evidence of one progress. The sudden disappearance of Marages and facts already notorious. In regard to winhard when he was at the height of this fam.

WIFE MURDER IN MONTREAL.

Mrs. Bensen Shot Dead by Her Husband-Whiskey, Cards and Jealousy.

A painful tragedy took place in the city on Sunday 30th inst., the victim being a young married women. It appears that John Bensen, a copper smith, employed by Messrs. R. Mitchell & Co., and residing at 1208 St. James street, was married some seven years ago to a very pretty Irish girl named Bridget Doyle. Before that he had been married to a woman named Smith, by whom he had several children. On St. James street he kept an apple and oyster shop, and it is also said at times, were not particular about selling liquor. He had quarrels with his wife whom he suspected of untaithfulness. On Saturday night a man named Frank Singer came in with some companions and had some oysters. They were all having a good time when Bensen's little son by the former wifer sailed into the room, and pulling his cost tails, shouted "Pa, ma is in bed with another man." At this Bensen temporarily lost his control, and rushing to a cupboard procured a thirty-eight calibre ing to a cupboard procured a thirty eight calibre revolver. He then dashed into the bedroom and confronted the guilty couple. They started up, but the woman had no time to ask for mercy, as before she could speak a bullet from the re-volver in the hands of her husband was through her heart. Singer clasped his hands around his knees to protect himself, when a secend shot penetrated his hands and knee and rendered

penetrated his hands and knee and rendered him insensite. The husband then kissed his dead wife, took farewell of his children, and proceeded to Seigneur street police station, where he gave himself into custody.

Bensen states that his wife had been drinking for a long time, and was continually abusing him, so that he could get no peace. She was steadily drunk and keeping company with other men. On Saturday morning he went out to avoid her and did not come back until 12 o'clock. Singer came in with three companions when she Singer came in with three companions when she seemed to appreciate Singer more than her husband. He tried to make friends with her and band. He tried to make friends with her and do his best to win her affections to him, when she went and sat down in the midst of the other fellows. They called for refreshments, which were served, but the wife did not take any. She said she wanted some hotwater and whiskey. He told her she would not have any, when Singer gave her a drink. Singer opened a big bottle, and in a stort time the wife got the worse of liquor. Singer made proposals to her, and telling bim (her husband) he could go to h—. She left the room with Signer. His little boy then came running into the room crying, "Pa, there is a man in bed with ma." He ring, "Pa, there is a man in bed with ma." He then lighted the lamp and went into the bedroom, when his wife called him names, and said she loved the fellow best, and would do more him than her husband. This so infuriated him that he willed him than her husband. that he pulled out his revolver and fired first at her, and next at her raramour, who hid his head between his knees and begged for mercy. During the time the prisioner was thus speaking, his eldest boy brought his father's dinner into the cell. They pressed each other's hands, and then wept bitterly. Bensen seems to feel his position acutely He is a native Sweden and a reputed sober man.

The wounded man, Singer, who is under the care of Dr. Mount in the Notre Dame Hospital, is progressing favorably. He stated to a reporter that he was an old friend of the deceased woman and went in on Saturday night with women and went in our caurday night when some companions to have some oysters and beans. Whilst sitting around the table he fell asleep, and was only awakened by a shot going through his hands and knee. He then ran out into the yard, where he found he was all covered with blood. He never had any intimate rela-tions with the deceased.

The children were taken charge of by neighbors and the house placed in care of the police. The woman did not look as if she had experienced any pain. She kay dead with a smile on her face. An inquest was held at the house.

FROLICS OF FUNNY FOLKS.

Phases of Life Witnessed from a Ridiculous Standpoint.

"You have been a very faithful employe." said the editor and proprietor of the Wayback Herald to his assistant; "and now rewarding your fidelity by giving you a share

in the business—by admitting you to partnership. "Oh, don't, I beg of you !" replied the assistant, in dismay. "Remember that I have a family to support! Reduce my salary to esven dollars a week, if necessary, but don't make me a partner. You won't do it, will

you ?"

HAD ANOTHER RELAPSE. Brady-How is your pa, Guyly? Guy—Pa was better this morning, but ma put him to bed again in short metre.

Brady-Had another relapse, did he Guy-Yes; and ma says if he ever takes the hired girl on his lap again it will take a barrel of anarchy to bathe his bruises. I don't think pa will try more relapses while mais at-

home.—St. Louis Humorist.

NOT IN REAL NEED. "I desire to insert this small advertisment: in your paper to-morrow morning," she said, "This," said the advertising clerk, looking it "Thie," said the advertising over, over, "will go among the "wants."
"Have you no "wish column."

"No, mum." "Then, sir," said the young lady from Boston, haughtily, "you need not insert it. I simply wish a situation as governess. That's all. It is not a case of want. Is there any newspaper printed in English in this place?"

FROM A BOSTONIAN'S VOCABULARY. "And so Smith kicked you? My dear sir, you are mistaken. There is no such thing as a kick. The aggregation of atoms which convention calls Smith was disturbed in some way so as to convey to your senses the idea that he did something which we call kick, and you received the force thereof. But logically speaking, there is no evidence that he kicked or that you were kicked."

"I see." Now let me try it on you." "Ah, now you descend to a priori reason-ing. You'll excuse me if I decline to pursua the subject further."—Beston Transcript.

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BREVITIES.

A successful man on the stump-A goed Crocked work will always bring a man into traigh to.

A grinding monopoly-A society of street organists.
Some authors tell us that "much is said bout the tongue." True the thing is every. n everybody's mouth.

Why is X the most unfortunate of letters? Because it is always in a fix, and never out of perplexity. What is the difference between a hill and a bill? One hard to get up and the other's

BINE AT NEDNAS REDPINE