BOSTON LETTER.

Difficult to Imagine an England Without the Grand Old Lady at Windsor.

Press, Pulpit and People One in Sentiment and Expression of Their Tribute to the Memory of Her Majesty.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

BOSTON, Jan. 24.—Populated by kinsmen and members of one family among the nations of the earth, the republic mourns with the empire. After all these years it seems difficult to imagine an England without the grand old lady of Windsor, and a British people without a queen. Nowhere outside of that vast domain over which the British sceptre holds sway, is the universal sorrow more intense than in this half of the continent, and from the manifestations observable on every side, a son of Albion might well ask himself if this were a foreign land. The press, the pulpit and the people are one in sentiment and in the expression of their tributes to the memory and worth of the good woman who faded away on Tuesday last, honored by subject and alien as never was the ruler of a kingdom honored in all history. Among all classes, from the president of the republic to the ordinary civilian, the feeling was general that the world had met with a loss—the loss of a century. At no time since Lincoln has the passing of any one caused such widespread regret in the United States as the death of the Queen. Even the untimely end of Lincoln, the great emancipator, coming, as it did, amid troublous times, did not affect all states alike, but it can be truly said that England's Queen is mourned throughout a common country.

As has been announced in the press despatches, congress and state legislatures adjourned out of respect to the Queen's memory soon after the receipt of the sad intelligence, resolutions of sympathy and regret were adopted, flags were half-masted and messages of condolence despatched. Among the first to half-mast the colors was the president himself, and the stars and stripes over the executive mansion at Washington floated in memory of a sovereign for the first time in history. In this city, the flags on the state house, city hall, hotels and many business houses are also at half-mast, and most of the vessels in the harbor run up their colors in the same position, fore and aft. Arrangements have already been made to hold memorial meetings, and since Tuesday hundreds of messages of condolence have flashed across the ocean. Neither should the newspapers of Boston be forgotten, for they have faced the occasion nobly, and hardly without exception, have handled and discussed the mournful news from Britain as generously and completely as they could have done were their constituents the dwellers behind those chalky cliffs of that sorrowing island across the sea.

Last evening the various British and Canadian societies held a joint meeting, at which it was decided to arrange for memorial services in churches of the several denominations. It is expected that these will be held in Trinity church (Episcopal), Cathedral of the Holy Cross (Roman Catholic), Tremont Temple (Baptist), and others. The day of the funeral, Feb. 2, is the feast of the Purification of St. Mary the Virgin, in the Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches, and it is expected special references befitting the occasion will be made in the prayers. Worcester and other cities of New England will also hold memorial services.

The fact that the King of England was a visitor to Boston is being made much of by the daily papers, which are publishing columns descriptive of the reception recorded the young prince on that occasion.

The mayor of Salem has received a petition from the mayor of Parrsboro, N. S., the council and other citizens of that town, asking for the release from the Essex county house of correction of Thomas Kendrick, alias Thomas Kennedy, who was sentenced sometime ago for assaulting Policeman Tynan of Salem. Kendrick's difficulty is said to be due to over-indulgence in liquor, and it is thought he will be released shortly.

The Maine authorities who have been investigating the murder of Clifford Mosher of Gorham two weeks ago, have been barking up the wrong tree, and they now realize that the much-wanted former Monctonian, John McLain, whom they at last found and arrested, is not the guilty man. It developed that McLain was not near the scene of the murder at the time, and he will undoubtedly be released as soon as the usual legal formality of the Portland court is gone through with.

The will of the late Angus A. Cameron, formerly of Antigonish, has been filed for probate here. John J. Cameron of Antigonish has applied for letters of administration, and a hearing will be given January 31.

John L. Davis is a petitioner in the Suffolk supreme court for a divorce from Julia Davis, otherwise Julia H. Tyre, who, he alleges, deserted him at Yarmouth, N. S., in 1896.

The following deaths of former provincialists are announced: In Somerville, James A. Connelly, husband of Alice Connelly, late of St. John; In Charlestown, Jan. 21, Thomas Kellewedy, aged 58 years, formerly of St. John; in Roxbury, Jan. 18, Ralph A. Rowe, aged 45, native of St. John; in North Easton, Jan. 29, Mrs. Mary Tufts, widow of Edward Tufts, aged 76 years, formerly of Halifax; in East Boston, Jan. 17, Mrs. Catherine Shields, widow of John Shields, late of St. John; in Roxbury, Jan. 20, Peter Lynch, aged 47, formerly of P. E. I.; in Boston Highlands, Jan. 20, Howard S. Grene, aged 32, native of Halifax.

The spruce lumber market continues very firm, with orders for early delivery commanding higher prices than the posted agreement quotations. For 10 and 12 in. dimensions, $18 is asked; for 9 in. and under, $16; 10 and 12 in. random lengths, 10 feet and up, $17; 5 in. and up merchantable boards, $15; out boards, $12.50. Laths are steady at $2.80 to 2.85 for 1 5-8 in. and $2.60 to 2.70 for 1 1-2 in. Cedar shingles are firmer and rather in better demand. Extra cedar shingles are held at $2.75; clear, $2.50; second clear, $2 to 2.10, and clear white, $2.

Dry and pickled fish are showing improvement. Domestic mackerel are worth $9 to 14, and provincial fish $8.50 to 11 per bbl. Codfish are firmer at $5. to 5.50 for large dry bank; $4.50 to 5 for medium; $4.50 for large pickled bank and $5.50 to 6 for large shore and Georges. Pickled herring continue firm, with small offerings. N. S. large split are held at $6.25 to 6.50, and medium at $5.75 to 6. Provincial smelts are quoted at 7 to 8c., though fish not arriving in good condition will not bring this. Live lobsters are worth about 20c. and boiled 22c.

THE POET LAUREATE ON THE PASSING OF THE CENTURY.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Standard publishes a poem by Alfred Austin entitled The Passing of the Century, which is distinctly above the recent average of the Laureate's work. It contains six verses, the third of which is as follows:

"Dust unto dust. He is dead, though he
Was the last of the Centuried Years that flow.
We shall not wherefore, we never shall know,
With the tide unebbing of Time and go
To the phantom shore of Eternity.
Shadows to shadows, they flit and flee
Across the face of the flaring sun;
The vague generations one by one
That never are ended, never begun
Where is the dome or the vault so vase
As to coffin the bones of the perished past
Save the limitless tomb of oblivion?"

The coming of the New Year, which Mr. Austin makes feminine, occupies the last two verses, the final one of which reads:

"Yet mind her dawn of the dark, for she,
She too, must pass neath the lychgate porch,
And give to her keeping the Vestal torch,
That may oftime smother, and sometime scorch.
But rebrightens and burns eternally,
The beacon on land and the star on sea.
When the night is murk and the mist is dense.
To guide as whither? remind us whence?
The Soul's one lamp through the shades of sense.
She must tread the unknown the dead year trod;
Though rugged the road, yet the goal is God,
And the will of all wise Omnipotence.

ENGLAND'S DOWNFALL.

American Soothsayer Casts the National Horoscope.

A popular form of amusement this week in many lands has been the making of prophecies about the ownership of the earth a hundred years hence. There is no field of speculation which delights the average American more than this, for he starts with an immense opinion of his own country's greatness and a keen vision for the defects of his neighbors. So the cheerful result of his speculations is that the world will in the future belong to America—and to a few other more or less uninteresting peoples.

Assisted by Edgar Saltus, soothsayer for the occasion, the New York Journal has arranged the affairs of the world for A. D. 2001.

It seems that by that time the United States of America will include Canada and the whole of South America. Greenland and the undiscovered lands thereabouts will be a dependency, and the U. S. will also hold the Philippines. "Beside that stretch," declares Mr. Saltus with proud conviction, "the empire" (of Great Britain) "on which the sun never sets—because it could not trust it in the dark—will look like a dwarf republic."

Poor, deluded, decadent England is indeed to be dwarfed. London, also, will be a place of mere memories. "New York today is totally different from what it was half a generation since. At the pace it is going, in fifty years it will rival London and exceed Paris. In a hundred years San Francisco will eclipse the lot. It will be the imperial city of the world." It may interest Canadians to know that even in the year 2001 Canada may not be sufficiently advanced to receive the boon of statehood, so Canada will merely be a huge territory, an appanage of the United States.

As for England, "Albion is last in the world"—lower than Italy, which will be part of the Latin Confederation; lower than Austria, lower than France; lower than Germany, which will be a partner in the Teuton Federation.

"England is a huge corporation, a trust badly managed and without a head. Considered as a corportion, she used to be as solid as the Barings, and we know what happened to them. Her machinery is going to pieces. Each year it becomes easier for her to fetch produce from Chicago to Charing Cross than from Yorkshire to Cannon street. Each year her inability to feed herself becomes more pronounced. Each year her isolation becomes more apparent. Each year her colonies become more aloof. Each year her weakness becomes more clear. Until recently her army was regarded as the most perfect and formidable engine out. And yet a year ago it was pretty nearly done up by a rabble of ignorant peasants. . . 'What is glory?' a young barbarian asked an old Roman. 'To create grandeur,' was the reply, 'or to destroy it.' England has done both. Even as Rome fell so must she."

She is to fall so heavily that not a wrack of her former greatness will be left. All Africa is to become a republic. Australia is to be a republic. India goes to Russia, which is to absorb all Asia, Turkey, the Balkans, and Norway and Sweden. Before these changes come there will be war, but England will fight in vain. Destiny says so, or rather Mr. Saltus does, which is much the same, no doubt. "St. Petersburg will glow as Rome never did, and San Francisco will be as resplendent as Byzantium never was." Apparently the two great world-powers will not attempt to occupy and administer England. England will still be England, with Ireland attached, and that is all.

W. T. Stead, liberal, commenting upon this terrific horoscope, observes that "unless our present drift is checked the prophecy will probably be fulfilled."

SMALLER VISITING CARDS.

The new visiting cards, so much reduced in size, are much more dainty, appropriate and ladylike than the useless breadth and length of cardboard so long in vogue. Some of the French styles are as small as the name and address will permit, says the New York Post. Roman lettering has increased in popularity, and with ultra fashionable women has for the moment superseded script, and certainly has the advantage of being more legible and of allowing the use of a much smaller card.

CHILDREN'S ALBUM FUND.

MONTREAL, Jan. 26.—The Star's special cable from London says: All the papers today publish the correspondence authorized by the Duke of Cambridge, as president of the royal commission of the patriotic fund, conveying the late Queen's wish that the Canadian children's album fund be handed over to the commission of the royal patriotic fund for the relief of widows and orphans of soldiers who died in South Africa up to the end of 1900. The official letter adds that it was Her Majesty's expressed desire that the sum be devoted as promptly as possible to the desired object.

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AMHERST.

Young Man Left Town Under Rather Peculiar Circumstances.

Churches Draped in Mourning — Union Memorial Service in the Presbyterian Church.

AMHERST, N. S., Jan. 27.—Today the churches in town were draped in mourning, and glowing tributes to the memory of our late Queen were paid by the several clergymen. This afternoon a union service was held in the Presbyterian church, at which Rev. D. McGregor presided, Rev. Mr. Nicholson gave the address, and Rev. W. E. Bates and Rev. J. A. Crosswell took part.

At the meeting of the Amherst Agricultural Society here last evening there was, notwithstanding the disagreeable weather, a very large audience present to hear Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture; Prof. Robertson of Ottawa, and Mr. Hodgson, dominion live stock commissioner. On the platform were also Hon. T. R. Black, Hon. W. T. Pipes, E. B. Elderkin, M. D. Pride, Samuel Freeman, Robert Robertson, superintendent of the Nappan Experimental Farm; Prof. Hopkins of the Nappan Experimental Dairy. H. J. Logan, M. P., presided, and in introducing the speakers paid a feeling tribute to the memory of our late Queen.

Walter Dawson, foreman of the Daily News office, left town on Friday night under mysterious circumstances. He told his friends that he was going to Halifax for a week, but instead took the train to Moncton and from there to Montreal. The next morning several inquiries were made by creditors, and it was also discovered that the combination lock in the office of the News had been tampered with. Suspicion was then aroused and a warrant taken out for his arrest. The safe had to be broken open, and it was then discovered that about twenty dollars had been taken. Dawson was looked upon as an honest young fellow and was intrusted with the safe combination. The appearances seem to indicate that he unlocked the safe, abstracted the money, changed the combination of the lock, and shut the door, so that it could not be opened again without considerable delay and until he was well on his way. On the same night he went to a store, got a revolver on approbation, and failed to return or pay for it. His actions throughout show considerable forethought, and this affair is a genuine surprise to many in town.

Children Cry for
CASTORIA.

OLD FRIENDS.

They stand in the bookcase yonder
In a row apart by themselves,
Unknown of the splendid "Editions"
That throng my well-filled shelves.

They are white and frayed at the edges,
They are worn and rubbed at the ends;
They are rather a sorry collection—
But all of them are Friends!

For they are the few-score volumes
That I called my library
In the days when books and dollars
Alike were scarce with me.

There are my well-worn Shakespeare,
My "Poets" so battered and old—
Severe in the "Boston Edition,"
Or gayer in "Blue and Gold."

The "Complete Macaulay," the Bacon
I bought at a bookseller's stall,
The fat and dumpy "Spectator,"
The Wordsworth, so grand and tall.

And dearest of books and treasures,
While heart in bosom beats,
In its worn and rusty bindings,
My "Coleridge, Shelley and Keats."

Ah! what to these companions
In raiment meager and scant,
Are the rest, resplendent in Russia,
And gorgeous in crushed Levant?

Those, too, I prize and cherish,
And guard them with lock and key;
But these, in their dingy covers,
Are more than books to me.

They are white and frayed at the edges,
They are worn and rubbed at the ends;
They are truly a sorry collection—
But all of them are Friends!
—Robertson Trowbridge, in the Independent.

Dr. Maud Killam, formerly of Yarmouth, who has been for four years engaged in missionary work in China, is visiting in the city.

KINGS COUNTY COUNCIL.

Repairs and Improvements in the County Buildings at Hampton.

The Report of the Scott Act Inspector—Parish Assessments For General Purposes—Large Lot of Business Transacted.

HAMPTON, Kings Co., Jan. 24.—At yesterday's session of the Municipal Council the following business was transacted in addition to that already published in the Sun:

Ordered, That the by-law requiring the parish officers to send in their returns to the auditor before December 21st, shall be printed at the end of the minutes of council each year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS.

This committee reported: A complaint having been made that the stove in the hall of the jailer's dwelling was in a dangerous condition, a suitable stove was procured.

The roof of the jail was leaking very badly, which we had re-coated and gravelled. Tenders were asked for the supplying of thirty (30) cords merchantable green hard wood, and the contract given to the lowest tender, viz., W. A. Saunders at $3.45 per oord.

It was considered that 30 tons of coal would be required this year for the Court House. Several coal dealers in St. John were asked for figures, delivered at Hampton, but all were somewhat higher than last year. The G. & G. Flewwelling Mfg. Co., Ltd., quoted five (5) cents less per ton than last year, and were given the contract.

The judge of county having complained that the furnaces were not giving proper satisfaction, your committee authorized the deputy sheriff to procure a competent party from St. John and have the pipes, etc., put in proper condition.

Ex-Councillor Dann having brought to our notice that the centre foundation of the Court House was settling, and may cause serious damage if neglected, therefore your committee secured the service of Contractor William Langstroth, who investigated the matter and reported that the main supports were sound and good, that some of the joists were slightly sap rotten on the outside, but would consider them good for some time.

It has been brought to our notice that the cleaning and petty duties connected with the general care of these buildings has not received due attention, and recommended that the caretaker's attention be brought to the fact, as his duties appear in the minutes of 1896.

And further recommended that a committee be appointed to interview the proper authorities to secure connection with the water supply belonging to the dominion government, and that a suitable wash-room and closet be provided in this building.

An application having been made by Fred M. Sproul to rent the small room on the north end of the ground floor, for which he offers to pay a rental of ten dollars per annum, and that your committee respectfully ask the council to deal with the above matters.

(Signed)
G. W. TITUS,
S. H. FLEWWELLING,
HENRY GILBERT, JR.,
Building Committee.

This report was adopted and subsequently Couns. S. H. Flewwelling, Wetmore and Gilliland were appointed a special commitee to obtain a water supply for the court house from the dominion government service pipes, to employ plumbers and other workmen necessary and superintend the fitting up of wash room, closet, etc., so as to secure better sanitary conditions.

The application of Mr. Sproul was not entertained, as the room will be needed for the purposes mentioned above.

COUN. McMONAGLE

having placed upon the table certain books and forms for the use of the assessors, which have been adopted by the councils of Westmorland and Albert, moved that forty-five copies each for the assessors and revisors be printed and distributed.

After examination and discussion the further consideration of the matter was laid over for three months.

Coun. H. J. Fowler, registrar of deeds, etc., called the attention of council to the inadequate vault space in his office, and at a later stage urged that some action be taken, as the vault is now overcrowded with records, and the business of search is greatly hampered. No motion was made and other business proceeded on each occasion.

Several more petitions for remission on reduction of taxes and rentals were submitted. Where it was shown that there had been an over-assessment of values the amounts were ordered to be refunded, but in regard to rentals of Grassy island, where the hay cut had been carried off by floods, no abatement was made, on the grounds that the owners should have cut their hay earlier in the season, and that the granting of the petitions would open the way for endless demands of a similar nature.

The secretary-treasurer notified council that the supreme court had decided that the fee of magistrates and constables in all criminal cases must be paid by the municipality, and therefore the following old bills, which had been standing over for a long time and some of which had formed the basis of the case submitted to the supreme court, were ordered to be paid, with the stipulation that hereafter all such accounts must be certified by the attorney general: Freeze and Henderson, $2; Owen Price, $4.25; G. H. Wallace, $8.20; do, $66.52; Wm. McLeod, $74.64; Gilbert Thorne, $14.80; S. T. Morton, J. P., $15.15; W. S. Beales, $19.50; Albert Scott, $24.61.

A long list of bills which had been reported upon favorably by the finance committee was ordered to be paid.

THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

directed the attention of the assessors to a change in the school law, whereby all property within a district is to be assessed on its value irrespective of the residence of the owner.

A long report from the commissioners of the alms house was read by Robert Morison and adopted.

The civic polling place at Quispamsis was ordered to be changed to the booth at Rothesay, where the election for dominion and province are held.

Assessments were ordered to be levied and paid to the secretary-treasurer as soon as collected: Waterford, $50; Norton, $60; Greenwich, $50; Rothesay, $90, and Sussex, $98.54.

For pauper lunatics, $65 each on the parishes of Kingston, Rothesay and Springfield.

The following distribution of the assessment for alms house was ordered: Cardwell, $76.54; Havelock, $400.04; Hammond, $75.30; Kingston, $134.50; Norton, $222.38; Springfield, $371.50; Studholm, $290.44; Sussex, $454. School fund assessment, 1901, $6,950. Contingent fund, 1901, $4,000.

Two thousand copies of the minutes of council for 1901 were ordered to be printed.

C. S. Weyman, Scott act inspector, submitted his report, showing that 32 cases had been prosecuted, with 24 convictions. A large amount of uncollected fines was reported. The expenses for the year were $713.95, and the collections only $358.75. This left $355.20 due the inspector, which was ordered to be paid. There was the usual question raised whether it was worth while to continue to pay a salary for this work, but it was finally decided that it was better than to accept a tender, which might lead to violators paying for protection. So the council wisely decided to keep their own officer for another year, expressing the hope that he would meet with better success in collecting the fines imposed. A resolution looking to a change received the three months' hoist.

Gideon McLeod, James E. Fairweather and George T. Seeley were appointed valuators for 1901, but there is to be no change made in values of property.

A by-law was passed that no semi-annual session of council shall be held in 1901.

The warden was asked to leave the chair, which was taken by Councillor McCully, and a very laudatory resolution was unanimously adopted thanking the warden for his ability and cordiality in presiding over the council, to which Warden H. M. Campbell briefly replied, and the council was adjourned by proclamation in the name of the King sine die.

RAILWAY WRECK.

I. C. R. Train Dashed Into a Washout With Fatal Results.

Engineer William R. Wheaton of Moncton, Instantly Killed—Fireman Blackwood Badly Injured.

MONCTON, Jan. 25.—Word reached Moncton this morning of a bad accident, attended by loss of life, which occurred last night on the eastern extension, near Merrigomish station, about eight miles from New Glasgow. Con. Mahoney's special freight plunged into a washout and Engineer William R. Wheaton of Moncton was killed instantly, while his fireman, James Blackwood, was so badly injured that the doctors say he cannot recover.

The accident occurred about 10.30 about a quarter of a mile west of Merrigomish. The train was a west-bound special, made up of ten cars, engine No. 91.

Eight cars piled into the washout on top of the engine, which was badly smashed up. It will probably take about twenty-four hours to clear the road.

Driver Wheaton, who was killed instantly, was a young man about 30 years of age, unmarried, and belonged to Sackville. He was promoted to driver and had been running on the eastern extension, out of Stellarton, the last two months. In Moncton he boarded at the Windsor, and was much liked by his associates. He had been on the road for quite a number of years.

Fireman Blackwood, whose injuries are so bad that the doctors say he cannot recover, belongs to Stellarton. He is about 23 years of age.

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., Jan. 25.—The washout was 60 feet long and 25 to 30 feet deep. In the pocket of Wheaton was found $145, and his watch was running, but badly damaged. The entire train of eight cars, excepting the van, ran into the washout. Coroner Kennedy had an inquest, with the following result: "That the said W. R. Wheaton came to his death by being crushed in the wreck of the train which he was driving, said wreck being caused by a washout on the I. C. R. The jury would exonerate the railway officials from all blame in the matter."

The wreck is said to be, excepting a collision, one of the worst in the history of the I. C. R.

Only a week ago another accident occurred not many miles from the same place, caused by ice on the rails, and a train of thirteen cars went off the track.

ONION CURE FOR BALDNESS.

Found Too Effective by a Man Who Tried It.

Most men are very sensitive about getting bald. They never give the matter a thought, perhaps, until the hair begins to disappear rapidly, and then they will try all sorts of remedies. "I was told that onions had a great deal of virtue in making the hair grow," said a prematurely bald young lawyer yesterday. "Do you smell 'em?" He removed his hat and a strong odor of that most penetrating of vegetibles became perceptible. "I tried it Saturday night, but no more for me. I'd rather be bald. My wife threatened to get a divorce, and, after dosing my head with raw onions rubbed into the scalp, the only place for me to sleep was in the storeroom with the dog. It was tough on the dog, but there was nothing else to do. My wife wouldn't allow me to sleep elsewhere, and the dog has not been well since. The next morning, which was Sunday, I spent hours trying to remove the odor. I washed my head thoroughly with castile soap and hot water, but it did no good. I tried carbolic soap and disinfectants, with the same result. The only way I can disguise the smell is to carry a bottle of violet extract around with me and saturate my hair with it at regular intervals.—Philadelphia Record.

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"THE CAPTAINS AND THE KINGS DEPART."

As the hymn sung as clergy and choir enter the church is called the processional, so the hymn at their withdrawing is called the recessional. At the close of the Diamond Jubilee celebration in 1897, Kipling's now celebrated hymn appeared in the London Times:

RECESSIONAL—A VICTORIAN ODE.
By Rudyard Kipling.

God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle line—
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we froget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies—
The Captains and the Kings depart—
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

Far-called our navies melt away—
On dune and headland sinks the fire—
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

If, drunk with sight of power, we loose
Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe—
Such boastings as the Gentiles use,
Or lesser breeds without the Law—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust
In reeking tube and iron shard—
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
And, guarding, calls not Thee to guard.
For frantic boast and foolish word,
Thy Mercy on Thy People, Lord!

Amen.

CRAB 12 FEET ACROSS.

Looks Like a Big Spider and Knows How to Break Cocoanuts.

In Central America there lives the robber crab, of almost incredible size, and somewhat resembling a huge spider. The distance between its extended claws is sometimes as great as 12 feet.

It spends the greater part of its life on land, and climbs the cocoanut trees, on the fruit of which it lives almost entirely. It digs in the ground deep tunnels and lines them with cocoanut fibre.

When enraged the robber crab can break a man's limb with its powerful claws. It is on record that one of these crabs has captured and tried to drag off a goat.

The open a cocoanut the robber crab removes the bark from the end containing the three eyes, one only of which is easily penetrated, and having found this, it revolves the nut against the point of one of its spindle legs until the opening is large enouga for it to insert its great claw. With this it breaks the shell and grinds the contents into small pieces.

VERDI DEAD.

MILAN, Jan. 27.—Although preceded by a struggle for life that lasted two days, Verdi's death when it came was peaceful. He did not regain consciousness. When he passed away he was surrounded by relatives and intimate friends.

The announcement of his death created great emotion. Theatres, pleasure resorts and many stores were closed and nearly all the prominent residences were draped.

Today the city authorities published a eulogistic proclamation, which was posted throughout Milan.

King Victor Emmanuel sent to the family a telegram of condolence on behalf of himself and Queen Helena.

In his will Verdi asks that the funeral may be "very modest."

E. Giupseppe Verdi was born at Roncole, Duchy of Parma, in 1814. He was appointed organist at Roncole when only 10 years old; settled in Milan in 1838. He was a member of the Italian parliament for a short time in 1861. Though made a senator in 1875, he never took the seat. His chief operas are Nabucodonosor, 1842; I Tombardi, 1843; Ernani, 1844; I due Forcari, 1844; Attila, 1846; Macbeth, 1847; revised, 1865; Luisa Miller, 1849; Rigoletto, 1851; Il Trovatore, 1853; La Traviata, 1853; Les Vesperes Siciliennes, 1855; Simon Bacconegra, 1857; revised 1881; Unballo in maschera, 1859; La forza del destino, 1862; Don Carlos, 1867; Aida, 1871;; Montezuma, 1878; Otello, 1887; Falstaff, 1893. His other works include Requiem Mass, 1874, and other sacred compositions, etc. Verdi was a commander of the Legion of Honor; was Grand Cross of the Russian order of St. Stanislaus, grand officer of the Order of the Crown of Italy; was decorated with the insigna of the Egyptian Order of Osmani, the Cross of Commander and Star of the Austrian Order of Franz-Joseph, and the Order of the Crown of Italy. Many other honors were heaped upon him.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Jan. 27.—The frozen herring fishery in Placentia Bay will be a total failure. The prospects of loading the American fishing fleet have been destroyed by the soft weather and by a succession of rain storms last week. Very few Gloucester vessels have been able to secure cargoes, and these only by paying large figures. At the present time herring bring $4 a barrel, four times the usual price. American ship owners will lose heavily.

SEIZED THE GUNS.

PARIS, Jan. 27.—Recently Let Petit Sou, a socialist journal, announced that it was prepared to sell guns to its subscribers at a very moderate figure, being persuaded that an armed nation was indispensible to the welfare of the republic and the country.

The government watched the proceedings for a week, and finally deciding that a depot of arms was not safe in the hands of those who are only too willing to attempt a coup d'etat seized the entire lot.