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These stoves are all guaranteed to be perfect and highly satisfactory in every way or no sale. On Saturday, at Eight o'clock, we will offer for Sale by Auction that beautiful Oak Cabinet of Keen Kutter Carpenter Tools, on display in our window, regular price of which is \$40.00. It is the nicest and best of its kind.

Geo. Stephens, D. H. Douglas, D. Crombie**M BRIAND IS EMPHATIC**

French Minister Of Education Makes Reply To Critics

RELIGIOUS QUESTION

Paris, Dec. 22.—The Government's bill, amending the separation law of 1905, was called up in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday. All the members of the Cabinet were present. Some nervousness prevailed because of the attitude of the followers of ex-Premier Combes, following the incident in the Chamber Thursday night, when M. Pellaton, Radical Socialist, demanded time to discuss the report of the committee on the new bill, which drew



M. BRIAND.

French Minister of Education.

forth a sharp reply from Premier Clemenceau regarding "friends and pretended friends."

Many persons believed that the Combes party was secretly ready, if the opportunity offered, to precipitate a Ministerial crisis. The Nationalists and Royalist group had decided in advance not to take part in the debate, and deposited a formal protest having fifty signatures favoring the re-establishment of the union of church and state.

Opposition Criticism.

The Opposition speakers were the first to speak. M. Lascles and Raiberti arguing that the least which the Government could accord the clericals was the inclusion in the new law of a distinct provision, that only priests having ecclesiastical authorization should be allowed to conduct public worship, while ex-Premier Ribot, amid applause from the right, severely criticized the Government's "precipitate position in promising to leave the churches open for public worship and to allow a year's grace for the final devolution of church property."

Minister of Education Briand, the next speaker, declared that the Government had long foreseen the necessity for the present step. Continuing, he said: "Nevertheless we are not alarmed. The country is calm and public opinion supports our policy of moderation. Bishops, and even archbishops, are supplicating us to expel them in order that the law may not suspect them of reaching an understanding with the Government."

"We know that the Vatican will refuse to abide by the law of 1905, but we will force it to keep within the law."

Carried by 413 to 168.

The Government's new religious bill carried by a vote of 413 to 168. The supporters of the Cabinet consider that this legislation will greatly strengthen the position of the present Ministry for the continuance of the struggle with the Vatican.

The discussion of the bill was short and was confined to speeches by members of various political groups. Minister of Education Briand made a great impression, especially by his statement that the Government never intended to close the churches, nor to interfere with the individual conscience, as this would permit the clergy to assume the attitude of being persecuted.

The Cabinet, he said, decided to retain the formality of a declaration, for holding meetings, in order not to capitulate to the Vatican, which was acting contrary to French law.

Vatican's Protest.

Rome, Dec. 22.—A note signed by the papal secretary of state, Cardinal Merry Del Val, protesting against the search of the papal nunciature at Paris, the expulsion of Mgr. Montagnini and the seizure of the secret cipher, enabling the French Government to take cognizance of the papal correspondence, and the alleged violation of the right of the Pope to correspond with Catholics all over the world, was presented to the diplomatic representatives accredited to the Vatican yesterday, together with a circular setting forth the motives of the Holy See in the action it has taken regarding the application of the law of 1905.

Officer Excommunicated.

Tours, Dec. 22.—The Archbishop of Tours yesterday publicly excommunicated a commissary of police for ordering the doors of the seminary here to be broken in as a result of the opposition of the students to the carrying out of the provisions of the law of 1905.

Young Wife Runs Away.

Kingston, Dec. 22.—Joseph Shantella, a Princess street merchant, married a 15-year-old fiction girl two months ago and afterwards his wife ran away. She returned after a brief absence and lived with her husband. Yesterday afternoon Shantella reported that his wife had left him again with some of his valuables.

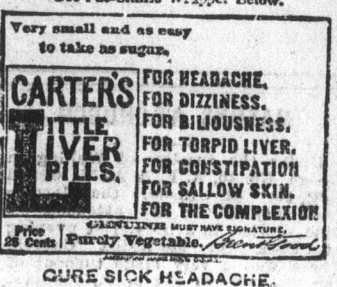
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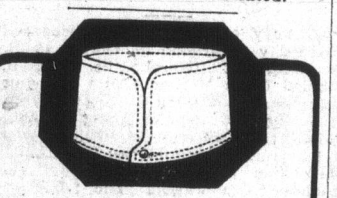
CURE SICK HEADACHE.

FEMALE FIEND SENTENCED.

Daughters Charge That the Woman Killed Many Infants.

New York, Dec. 22.—Wilhelmina Eckhart, an aged midwife, whose recent arrest was followed by sensational charges by her two married daughters, yesterday was sentenced to not less than two years and six months in Auburn prison. She acknowledged performing a criminal operation.

Her two daughters told the district attorney that their mother had murdered many infants and burned their bodies in her kitchen stove. One of the daughters said that her mother had urged her to enter into a partnership and had demonstrated how easy it was to kill an infant by wringing its neck. The charges of the daughters were not substantiated.



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With thoroughly-shrunk and tested interlinings, no laundering can warp the shape or fit. Shown as collars should be that you wear.

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W.S.P.

Norwegian Steamer Ashore.

Sydney, N.S., Dec. 22.—The Norwegian steamer Garibaldi, coal laden from Morien to Wabana, is stranded on the Island of Miquelon. The crew are all well.

The Garibaldi left Port Morien Saturday morning and ran on Miquelon Sunday. She carried about nine hundred tons of coal consigned by the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. to their works at Wabana. The Garibaldi was owned in Sweden.

Is Disease a Crime?

Not very long ago, a popular magazine the writer asserted, in substance, that all disease should be regarded as criminal. Certain it is, that much of the disease and suffering of mankind is due to the violation of certain of Nature's laws. But to say that all sickness should be regarded as criminal, must appeal to every reasonable individual as radically wrong.

It would be harsh, unsympathetic, cruel, yes criminal, to condemn the poor, weak, over-worked housewife who sinks under the heavy load of household cares and burdens, and suffers from weaknesses, various displacements of pelvic organs and other derangements peculiar to her sex.

Frequent bearing of children, with its attendant demands upon the system, coupled with the care, worry and labor of rearing a large family, is often the cause of weaknesses, derangements and ailments which are aggravated by the many household cares, and the hard, never-ending work which the mother is called upon to perform. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription—says that one of the greatest obstacles to the cure of this class of maladies is the fact that the poor, over-worked housewife can not get the needed rest from her many household cares, and labor to enable her to secure from the use of his "Prescription" its full benefits. It is a matter of frequent experience, he says, in his extensive practice in these cases, to meet with those in which his treatment fails by reason of the patient's inability to abstain from hard work long enough to be cured. With those suffering from prostrata, anteversion and retroversion of the uterus, or other displacement of the woman's organs, it is very necessary that, in addition to taking his "Favorite Prescription" they abstain from bearing much or for long periods, on their feet. All heavy lifting or straining of any kind should also be avoided. As much outdoor air as possible, with moderate light exercise is also very important. Let the patient observe these rules and the "Favorite Prescription" will do the rest.

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TENDER OF

\$1,085,000

Accepted By The Ontario Government For Cobalt Lake

PAID IN FIFTEEN DAYS

Toronto, Dec. 22.—The Province of Ontario the richer in cash for a realized asset by \$1,085,000, the proceeds of the sale of Cobalt Lake as a mining location.

The sale was made by tender and the award went to a syndicate composed of several hundred subscribers and sponsored by Pellatt & Fellatt, Toronto; Thomas Birkett, Ottawa; Raymond Manha, Detroit; George F. Henderson, Ottawa; D. B. Rochester, Ottawa, and Britton Oler of McCarthy, Oler & Co., Toronto.

Besides these a syndicate of subscribers to the syndicate was handed to the Government. Subscribers are chiefly from the Ottawa district. The amount was \$1,000 in every case except where a higher sum is indicated in the appended list.

The tender was accompanied, according to the specification, by a marked cheque for \$108,500, signed by Pellatt & Fellatt, the necessary ten per cent. of the amount tendered. The balance is payable within 15 days. The Government appears to be satisfied with the result and have no doubt the transaction will be ratified.

It is stated that a higher tender, unaccompanied by a marked cheque, was received. It is even hinted that a day's grace was permitted, for the tenders were opened on Thursday and the result only declared yesterday, but somebody was not marking cheques that day.

Another informal tender, it is said, offered a partial cash deposit, and invited the Government to take out the balance in stock. Decision in this case was easy. In all five tenders were received. General satisfaction is expressed that Canadians got the plum.

Five tenders were received for Kerr Lake, but the highest, from an American source, was only \$51,500, and the Government did not think it good enough.

The award was also made yesterday of the mining rights tendered for on the right-of-way of the T. & N. O. Railway, between the 90th and the 108th miles. A bonus of at least \$1,000 a mile was required, the distance less three miles already leased being about fourteen miles.

The tender accepted carried a cheque for \$38,100 bonus, and the Government also gets 25 per cent. of the mining output. The cheque was signed by Miller, Ferguson & Hunter and T. A. Beament, Ottawa.

TO HELP POLICYHOLDERS.

Association of Life Insurance Men For Uniform Practice.

New York, Dec. 22.—The first steps were taken yesterday toward the formation of an association of life insurance presidents. Broadly speaking, the purposes of the organization will be to further the interests of policyholders and to bring about a more nearly uniform practice in the conduct of life insurance business.

President Morton of the Equitable said last night that under the tentative plan the welfare of the policyholder would be the first thing considered, and next would come a better and more uniform practice generally in life insurance. Expenses were to be reduced, whence possible and waste eliminated. The association, he said, would publicly present its views to law-making bodies and all others wishing information on life insurance matters. There would be nothing about the proposed organization to keep from the public. It is their interest the organization was trying to serve.

CHURCH UNION.

Substantial Progress Appears to Have Been Made Towards Solution.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—The report of the session of the joint Presbyterian Methodist and Congregational committee on church union, which was issued last night, will unquestionably increase confidence that a solution of the numerous, difficult and delicate problems involved in the negotiations can be reached, more especially if the sympathetic and hopeful sentiment which has hitherto characterized its deliberations continues to be displayed.

The reports of the various sub-committees confirm the general consensus of opinion that substantial progress has been made.

Suffrage Bill Passes.

Vienna, Dec. 22.—The universal suffrage bill passed the Upper House by a large majority yesterday.

Will Be Repealed.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Much satisfaction is expressed in business circles that an announcement made by Premier Gouin of Quebec that the tax on commercial travelers will be repealed at the next meeting of the Legislature.

Killed By Train.

North Buxton, Dec. 22.—Alex. Robinson, a farmer, about 60 years of age, was struck by Michigan Central Express No. 21 yesterday afternoon and instantly killed. He leaves a widow and family.

Russ Elections, Feb. 19.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—An imperial ukase issued yesterday fixed Feb. 19 as the date for the parliamentary election.

STRIKE BY OBEYING RULES.

Austrian Postal Employees Tie Up Service By Following Rules.

Vienna, Dec. 22.—A "passive resistance" strike involving all the post-offices of Austria and 25,000 employees, men and women, began yesterday as a protest against the conditions under which they are compelled to labor.

The strike consists of absolute obedience to the strict letter of the antiquated regulations, which are quite inapplicable to modern requirements. The employees are thus enabled to paralyze the mail service without contravention of the rules.

The men have been agitating for years to secure an increase of their inadequate pay, which begins at about 45 cents per day and rises to a maximum of 90 cents after 40 or 50 years' service.

BLOOD, PURE, RICH, RED.

Roxy glow in the face, sparkling eyes, vivacious spirits are all the outcome of good blood. No surer way exists of purifying and enriching the blood than to use Dr. Hamilton's Pills. By their gentle action on the bowels, kidneys and liver, they filter every impurity from the system, leaving it wholesome and able to do the work necessary for the maintenance of health.

To be well, look well, and feel always at your best, use Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butterbur, a truly wonderful medicine for young and old. Price 25c. at all dealers.

Should Welcome Hindoos.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C.P.R., speaking yesterday of the influx of Hindoos into British Columbia stated that while the company was only interested as a carrier of the Hindoos ought to be welcomed in view of the great demand there is on the Pacific coast for all kinds of labor in the mines as well as in the fields.

WHEN YOUR BACK HURTS.

Of course it's hard to work. Stopping over hurt, lifting is tedious, and you wonder what to do. Ever try our "Nothing like it for weak or lame back. It penetrates to the core of the pain, eases from the first application, brings cure that defies relapse. No liniment is so clean, so soothing, so certain to kill muscular rheumatic, or sciatic pains. Your dealer sells Polson's Nervine in large 25c. bottles. Why not try it?

Memorial to Archbishop Bond.

Churchmen of the Diocese of Montreal have decided that the memorial to the late Archbishop Bond shall take the form of a chair of New Testament Literature in the Montreal Diocesan Theological College. To this end a fund of \$50,000 will be raised, and if any sum is received in excess of this it will be devoted to the establishment of "Archbishop Bond Bursaries" to assist deserving candidates for the ministry to take the necessary course of training. There is no doubt that a memorial of this kind is more in keeping with the views of the late primate than any structure of marble or bronze, and it will doubtless be warmly taken up by Churchmen both inside and outside the diocese. Rev. Principal Rexford is the secretary of the committee which has the work in hand.

N. LINIMENT CAN CURE IT.

That pain between the eyes isn't neuralgia. Many think it is, but it is catarrh, plain, ordinary catarrh, needs attention right now. Your proper lead is to use Otarhazone. Doctors recognize it as a cure that surpasses all others. Sure, because it does reach the trouble; safe, because there are no drugs to take; you breathe its healing vapor direct to the course of the trouble, and cure is guaranteed. Two sizes, 25c. and \$1.00. Sold everywhere.

Sailors in Kilts.

Official recognition has been given to a couple of sailor pipers at Portsmouth Naval barracks. They are Scotsmen, and on enlistment brought their pipes with them. In the course of time pipe music grew so popular that the sailors were deputed to lead out the battalion in place of a band. Now, having been officially recognized, they have been fitted out in kilts of the Royal Stuart tartan, tunics of the orthodox Scotch cut, and Glenary caps with cockades, and may be seen at the head of the bluejackets when the latter are out on the march.

To have beautiful, soft, pink, velvet-like lips, apply at bedtime a light coating of Dr. Shoop's Green Salve. Then, next morning, notice carefully the effect. Dry, cracked, or colorless lips mean feverishness, and are as well ill appearing. Dr. Shoop's Green Salve is a soft, creamy, healing ointment, that will quickly correct any skin blemish or ailment. Get a free trial box at our store, and be convinced. Large, Glass Jars, 25c.

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An Invitation.

"Harry," she said, "if a fire were to break out suddenly in your house what would be your first impulse, do you think?"

"Well, my first thought would be for you, of course. I would get you to a place of safety and then do what I could to extinguish the flames."

"That would be very nice of you, Harry, to think of me first, but if a fire were to break out now, for instance, wouldn't you lose valuable time reaching me from such a long way across the room?"

There is no reason why an uncut diamond shouldn't be sold at cut rates.