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ELOPED WITH A VALET.

A Young Austrian Countess the Victim of an Adventurer.

London, Dec. 6.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Mail describes a sensation involving the Comtesse de Cerechi, who eloped some weeks ago with a Serbian named Chevalidi, supposed by her to be a captain in the Serbian army. He ill-treated her recently and they separated. Now it turns out that he was only an officer's valet and had already married a Serbian kitchen maid.

It is often a mystery how a cold has been "caught." The fact is, however, that when the blood is pure and the system depressed, one becomes purely liable to diseases. When the appetite or the strength falls, Ayer's Sarsaparilla should be taken without delay.

SEIZED BY TURKISH SOLDIERS.

London, Dec. 7.—The Daily Mail reports that a party of Englishmen, including Robert Barr, the novelist, while touring the Mediterranean, were seized by Turkish soldiers at Sidkah, a port of Asiatic Turkey, eighteen miles southwest of Antioch, on November 23 last. They were detained 26 hours in prison and experienced much ill treatment before they were liberated.

The Daily Mail says that the government has addressed a "serious" remonstrance to Turkey.

A Tennessee lady, Mrs. J. W. Towle, of Philadelphia, Tenn., has been using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for her baby, who is subject to croup, and says of it: "I find it just as good as you claim it to be." Since I've had your Cough Remedy, my baby has been threatened with croup ever so many times, but I would give him a dose of the remedy and it prevented his having it every time." Hundreds of mothers say the same. Sold by Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

WILL BE A SEARCHING INQUIRY.

Paris Dec. 6.—La Patrie says that the inquiries being made into the charges against Count Esterhazy will include an investigation of an attempted corruption of government officials in efforts to induce them to assist Alfred Dreyfus, the condemned former officer of artillery, to escape at the moment he was being embarked for French Guiana.

Old Men and Kidney Disease.

Aged persons troubled with weak back, impaired kidneys, pain in the back and base of abdomen, scalding urine, time, a tendency to urinate often, especially at night, should use Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. You know the doctor's reputation, you know the value of his work, and that Dr. Chase would not risk his reputation on an unknown and untried remedy. Every druggist in Canada sells and recommends them.

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RE MR. LANGEЛИER

Sir Wilfrid Makes the Retort Courteous to the Witness Interview.

Col Strathly Ostracized—An Invention to Aid the Klondike Miners.

Ottawa Dec. 10.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier was asked by your correspondent to-day, if he had seen the interviews with Hon. Francois Langelier, published in the Montreal Witness last evening. "I have," replied the premier. "Have you any observation to make upon it?" "Not a word. I am not in the habit of discussing before the public questions would only concern the internal economy of the party. I will not depart from this rule. Moreover, Mr. Langelier is an old friend, for whom I entertain the most affectionate respect; and even if I differed with him I would not communicate the matter to the press. I am only sorry that on this occasion Mr. Langelier seems to have been influenced by a newspaper rumor, for which there is not even a shadow of foundation."

The Governor-General has dropped Col. Strathly, the subordinate commandant of the Fifth Royal Scots, from his personal staff.

Dr. McEachran, chief veterinary inspector for the department of agriculture is examining a number of local veterinary surgeons on the tuberculin test.

Haycock brothers, of Ottawa, have invented a thawer and excavator for miners which they claim will do in twenty-four hours what it now takes twenty days to do on the Klondike.

Fifteen judgments were handed down in the supreme court yesterday, all being cases appealed from Ontario or Quebec courts.

The cabinet yesterday gave consideration to the claim preferred by the territorial government that they exercise control over the Yukon district.

BRUTAL CUBAN REBELS.

Horrible Tortures Inflicted on Women and Children Near Gaisa.

New York, Dec. 10.—A dispatch to the Herald from Madrid says that a number of indignations has been provoked here by the news of the tortures inflicted by Cuban rebels upon inhabitants of Guisa, women and children being bound and burned alive. The details are given by the Imperialist, a paper by no means favorable to the present government's policy, and the news is now officially confirmed. One minister says that as far as is known at present the only crime the unfortunate creatures appear to have been guilty of is that they favored the acceptance of autonomy.

MR. BLAKE'S POSITION.

Will Never Again Enter Canadian Public Life.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—A full report of Hon. Edward Blake's speech last night makes reference to his future course in regard to Canadian politics more definite than has been supposed. He did not intend to desert the cause, he said, in which he had enlisted. He would not leave it until the men associated with him agreed that he should do so without prejudice to the cause. Least of all had he any malignant notions, as had been suggested, of offering himself for the office of leadership in this country—he was out of it for good. He had detested it, kept away from it whenever possible, and when one was from it as soon as he could, and no earthly conceivable thing could induce him to get in it again.

WM. MERRY'S DEATH.

Deceased Was Married Recently To a Toronto Young Lady.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—A private dispatch from Rossland announces the suffocation in the Iron Colt mine there of William Merry, brother-in-law of W. C. Macenzie, president of the Toronto street railway. Merry was married only a couple of weeks ago to Miss Vercoe, of Toronto, who left here three weeks ago to become his wife. She is returning with the body.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Beaverton, Dec. 10.—T. W. Chapple, M.P.P., was re-nominated by the North Ontario Liberals at the convention here yesterday.

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—The firm of Turner & Mackeand, wholesale grocers, have made an assignment to David R. Miquand, the head bookkeeper of the firm. Quebec, Dec. 10.—The recently completed Turkish bath establishment was burned this morning.

HE HAD A HOT TIME.

Boiler Maker Nearly Burned Alive at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Michael Purcell, a boiler maker, was making some repairs inside the stockstack of the steamer Wellington at the Folson street wharf, when a fire started below him. He was strapped on a chair suspended from the top of the stack, about ten feet from the dampers below. It was impossible to go up, and to go down without assistance meant being roasted alive on the hot dampers. Densons volunteers of hot smoke began rolling out of the stack while Purcell shouted for help. The heat increased every moment until his clothing caught fire. He was rescued by a fireman who risked his life to get him down. Purcell is in a critical condition.

BUSINESS BOOMING.

Canadian Trade Reported In a Very Satisfactory Condition.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly statement of trade in Canada says: "Wholesale trade at Toronto continues much the same. The movement is larger than usual at this time of year, but for the next two weeks general business is likely to slacken. Stock taking is engaging the attention of some of the merchants, and until the end of the year it will be pretty general. Heavy lines of dry goods, furs, etc. are in good demand. Groceries are fairly active, with dried fruits selling freely. Prices all around are firm and payments are encouraging. Sugars are a fraction higher. The number of failures was small. The general feeling is one of confidence."

"There is still a large export demand for grain, chiefly wheat and oats. Shippers are very busy, and there seems to be little let-up to cable orders. Money is in good demand, but unchanged. Many of our banks are employing their surplus funds in large United States cities, where the demand for money is brisk. Prime commercial paper is discounted in Toronto at 4 per cent, and call loans are quoted at 4 per cent. New York drafts are firmer than for some time. The Bank of England discount rate is unchanged and the open market rates are firm. Canadian stocks are fairly active and strong as a rule. Toronto Electric Cable and Grand Trunk securities are higher. Failures for the week were 23, against 43 for the same week of last year."

HON. EDWARD BLAKE.

Important Speech at Toronto—The Liberal Policy.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—In his speech at the Toronto Club banquet last night Hon. Edward Blake expressed general confidence in the Liberal policy, and in the approval of the present policy of the Liberal party and again stated his belief of the impracticability of looking for a reciprocal preference from England. As to our relations with the United States, he trusted Canadians would do or say nothing which would prevent extended trade with our neighbors.

Mr. Blake at some length discussed the question of Canadian defence. Great Britain, he said, had given heavier hostages to the world than any other nation. In her scattered territories, worldwide commerce and short food supply, and was under heavy bonds to keep the sea open. Canada was a hostage to the United States.

Admitting for a moment the hateful supposition of a war with the United States, how would we stand with our small army and the enormous territory of the United States. Such a war, England must be mainly naval. The utmost valor and endurance could not save Canada from military occupation, though he did not believe that the temporary triumph of force over justice would lead Canadians to yield allegiance to their foes.

But Canada was called on to do something more than hitherto towards defence. What should the answer be? Our contribution, he thought, should be voluntary and relatively small. All he thought would agree that there should be something.

He did not believe in adding seriously to appliances for aggressive war, but in a moderate expenditure in the fortification of more important points, as yet undefended, so as to protect them against surprise by fast cruisers.

Their protection against powerful fleets and forces must remain independent on the command of the sea by the Canada would be doing good for the empire as a whole.

A HAMILTON LADY

Permanently Cured of Catarrh—Japanese Catarrh Cure Cures.

Miss Le Patourel, 187 Main street E., Hamilton, writes: "Japanese Catarrh Cure cured me of a long standing case of catarrh. I have tried nearly all other remedies, but they only relieved temporarily. Since using Japanese Catarrh Cure about one year ago my catarrh has not troubled me. Sold by all druggists, 50 cents."

LYNCHERS TO BE APPREHENDED.

Carson City, Nev., Dec. 9.—Governor Sadler, of Nevada, denounces the work of the mob Tuesday morning in Genoa, in the lynching of Adam F. Ueber, as an example of scoundrelly barbarism. He says that he will offer a reward for the leaders and accessories to the crime. The authorities claim to have several slight clues to the identity of the perpetrators and the lynchings may be apprehended in a few days.

A GOLDEN INVITATION.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—A slab of quartz, with veins of gold prominently showing, will convey California's invitation to President McKinley to attend the golden jubilee of the discovery of gold. Chairman Parsons, of the executive committee, has promised to secure a suitable piece of the precious rock and will have engraved on its face the message which will bid the president come to California to receive a miner's welcome.

PROSPERITY DISCOUNTED.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 9.—The Fall River cotton manufacturers, at a special meeting, voted to reduce the wages of operatives. The cut will not be less than 10 per cent, and will affect about 25,000 employees. The cause of the reduction is the depressed condition of the cotton market, which does not enable printed cloth, it is asserted, to be manufactured for the price now prevailing, which is the lowest on record.

CEDED KIAO CHAU

China Reported To Have Made This Gift to the Angry Germans.

Departure of Prince Henry of Prussia for Kiel—France Makes Ready.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—It was rumored last night that China has ceded Kiao Chau to Germany. Whether the report be true or not, there is every indication in the preparations for the expedition under Prince Henry that a long stay is contemplated. Emperor William will make the departure of Prince Henry's squadron from Kiel the occasion for an imposing naval display.

The Brandenburg, a first-class battleship, more than ten thousand tons displacement and the Wurtemberg, a second-class battleship of nearly seven thousand five hundred tons, while coming from Christiania to Kiel to take part in the display, collided. Both vessels were injured, the Wurtemberg so badly that it was necessary to send her to the drydock.

Alton, Dec. 9.—Prince Henry of Prussia started for Kiel yesterday afternoon. A number of officers, headed by General Waldersee, were at the railway platform to bid him farewell. The prince thanked them and made his adieu. He said: "I ask you to believe that in going where the emperor's favor sends me I thank him for reposing such confidence in me. In the name of the emperor, in his honor and the honor of the fatherland, I will discharge the duties of my command. Long live the emperor!"

The officers responded with a hearty cheer.

London, Dec. 9.—A special from Paris says three French cruisers have been ordered to prepare for immediate dispatch to China.

New York, Dec. 9.—The Commercial Cable company has sent out the following notice: "We are advised that the Chinese authorities give notice of the closing of the telegraph office at Kiao Chau, in the province of Shan Tung."

PORTLAND PROFFERS FOOD.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Senator McBride has received a telegram from W. S. Mason, president of the Portland relief fund, offering to contribute \$1,000 worth of food for the Klondike region, which says: "The citizens of Portland are subscribing with a lavish hand to the Klondike relief fund. Portland alone will donate not less than 1,000 tons of food. Hearty contributions expected from interior cities. The people are enthusiastic and wait with eagerness for congressional action."

RICH STRIKE IN MONTANA.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 9.—Reports from the Lowland mining district are that a rich strike of gold and silver quartz has been made in the Ruby mine and that not less than 1,000 tons of food. Hearty contributions expected from interior cities. The people are enthusiastic and wait with eagerness for congressional action.

FATAL MINE EXPLOSION.

Gen., Idaho, Dec. 9.—An explosion in the Helena-Frisco mine yesterday morning instantly killed Joseph McNamara and Joseph C. Bowers. The accident happened just before coming off shift and left no living witnesses. Bowers is said to have been in San Francisco, and McNamara was a native of New York state, but nothing is known of his relatives. Both were young men, 25 years of age or under.

MURDER AND ARREST.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 9.—The body of Roy Erickson, a maker of wicker baskets, was found shortly after midnight in an old shanty on Main avenue. The police arrested William West, whose daughter Erickson is accused of having ruined, and James Graham, the owner of the shanty. Graham made a confession to the police, in which he implicates West in the killing.

VIOLATED FREIGHT RATES.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 9.—The International and Great Northern Railroad, yesterday, in the district court here, pleaded guilty in twenty cases of the violation of Texas commission freight rates and was fined a total of \$20,000 damages.

CHRISTMAS REMITTANCES.

Newport, Dec. 9.—In the mail bags which went out on the St. Paul to-day were \$1,000,000 foreign money orders, amounting to \$24,554. These orders are for Christmas presents, and most of them go to Norway and Sweden.

WAGES RAISED.

Creede, Colo., Dec. 9.—After December 1st the wages for miners will be \$3 a day instead of \$2.50. The increase was made voluntarily by mine owners.

Baby Eczema and Scald Head.

Infants and young children are peculiarly subject to this terrible disorder, and if not promptly arrested it will eventually become chronic. Dr. Chase made a special study of eczema and diseases of the skin, and we can confidently recommend Dr. Chase's Ointment to cure all forms of Eczema. The first application soothes the irritation and gives the little sufferer rest.

TO KILL ALL SEALS.

Uncle Sam Plays His Last Card in the Game of Coercion.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Representative Johnson, of North Dakota, is preparing a bill providing for the complete extermination of the seal herd in Behring sea. It will be on the lines of the bill proposed last year by Representative Dingley, but much more brief and makes the extermination unconditional, whereas Mr. Dingley's measure provided for extermination as an alternative if pelagic sealing was not stopped.

WILL BRITAIN FORGIVE?

Oscar Wilde Anxious to Again Court Public Favor.

London, Dec. 11.—There is a controversy over the question of Oscar Wilde's reappearance as a dramatist. A prominent manager is preparing to produce his latest play under a thinly veiled pseudonym. The St. James Gazette says: "The manager has failed to grasp the fact that this dramatist's career in respectable London playhouses must be considered as closed."

PARIS, however, does not share the antipathy. A theatre in that city has announced that a play written in French by Oscar Wilde will be produced shortly.

An interview published by the St. James Gazette declares that the British will forgive anything in the case of one who amuses them.

FROM THE CAPITAL

A Report Current Which Indicates That Peterson, Tate & Co. are Experiencing Difficulties.

Commission Will Investigate Charges of Improper Treatment of Men on Crow's Nest Line.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—A report is current here to-day that Peterson, Tate & Co. are asked to be relieved of the penalty clause of the contract which says that the deposit made with the government will be forfeited in case of their failure to float the scheme. This rumor cannot be verified in official circles.

W. H. Hunter, brother of Mr. Gordon Hunter, who is an applicant for the judgeship in British Columbia, was here yesterday seeing the minister of justice. It is not yet decided who gets the position.

The premier's eldest brother, Charles Laurier, is seriously ill, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in the covering of L'Assomption, which is the home of the family.

The government at yesterday's cabinet meeting decided to appoint a commission to investigate the charges of improper treatment of men on the Crow's Nest Pass railway. Mr. Shaughnessy, vice-president of the C.P.R., emphatically denies the reports that men employed on the Crow's Nest Pass railway have been ill-treated.

A sub-committee of the cabinet was appointed at yesterday's session, to consider the revision of the mining regulations in the light of Mr. Sifton's recent information, covering license royalties, size of claims, and kindred subjects, as well as the relief matters.

The railway committee of the privy council has rendered an important decision. In a case held over from last meeting it was held that the whole committee, upon finding that a complaint of discrimination in freight rates was well founded, has jurisdiction to compel the offending company to make restitution of the excessive freight rates charged.

The decision was that the committee could not go further than order the company to remove the applicant's grievance for itself.

From present appearances the extension of the Intercolonial Railway to Montreal will certainly not take place till January.

The department of public works so far has not heard of any Canadian artists who intend competing for the proposed statue of Alexander McKenzie. Two Canadians are on the list, however, for the proposed statue of the Queen.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR A DIRECT PERCEL POST SERVICE BETWEEN CANADA AND BERMDA COMMENCING JANUARY 1. The postage rate to and from Bermuda will be 16 cents per pound and 12 cents per pound for each subsequent pound or fraction thereof.

Mr. Costigan has returned to the city. Parliament is prorogued by proclamation in to-day's Canada Gazette until January 24th. It is the general understanding that the legislative machinery will be set in motion on Jan. 20th, as the meeting is always on Thursday.

Revenue returns for November show an increase of half a million dollars over the same month last year.

BRITAIN'S HARD LUCK.

Once Again Her Coasts Are Swept by Severe Gales.

London, Dec. 10.—A severe gale is again raging over the British coasts and especially over those ports bordering on the Irish sea. Ships are running for shelter into all the ports.

There is no medicine in the world equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the cure of throat and lung diseases. This is a fact that has been proven in innumerable cases. Here is a sample of thousands of letters received: "I have tried Chamberlain's Cough Remedy while suffering from a severe throat trouble, and found immediate and effective relief. I can unhesitatingly recommend it."—Edgar W. Whittemore, Editor Grand Rivers (Ky.) Herald. For sale at Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

GERMANY SATISFIED

The Difficulty With China Over Kiao Chau Bay Is Practically Settled.

French Expedition Massacred in Africa—Steamship Louzo Ashore in Bristol Channel.

Pekin, Dec. 11.—The German-Chinese difficulty is practically settled. The Germans refuse to discuss the occupation of Kiao Chau bay. The governor of Shan Tung province has been removed from office, but is not to be any further degraded. No monopoly of mines and railroads is conceded to Germany, but that country is given the preference. Finally an area surrounding Kiao Chau bay is set apart exclusively for Germany. China yields on all other points.

Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 11.—The Movement Geographique, which on Tuesday last announced that a French expedition under Major Marchand, while on the way up the Nile had been massacred near Bahrel Chassell, and the survivors retreated to Bamon, to-day says that only two of the officers of the expedition escaped, one of whom was Major Marchand.

The coroner's jury to-day returned a verdict of accidental death in the case of Walter Croot, the English bantam weight, who died on Tuesday morning last from injuries received during a contest for the bantam weight championship with Jimmy Barry, of Chicago, at the National Sporting Club on the previous night. According to the medical testimony Croot's skull was fractured at the base, due to a fall after the blow in the 20th round.

Bristol, England, Dec. 11.—The British steamer Louzo, Captain Evans, which sailed from Montreal Nov. 23rd for this port, is ashore in the Bristol Channel.

CHARGED WITH SWINDLING.

A Man Arrested Whose Specialty is Securing Insurance.

New York, Dec. 10.—Charles Zanoli, alias Charles Braunen, alias Charles Schumier, is under arrest at police headquarters accused of having swindled the Metropolitan Insurance Company out of \$350 on a policy issued by that company to Willie Schmidt, who died on July 13, 1896, in this city. The prisoner, it is

ing that he was Schmidt's brother and the guardian of the dead man's seven-year-old son.

Within the past few years several of Zanoli's wives have died, and as their lives were insured the prisoner has secured much money from insurance companies. He has also since 1884 collected insurance on the lives of his children, who have died, and also for several of his deceased mothers-in-law, all of whom were insured.

Zanoli made a confession to Chief of Detectives McClusky, in which he admitted having become rich by collecting insurance on his several wives, mothers-in-law and children, but insisted that he was in no instance guilty of murder, and thus far no evidence has been adduced to prove that his contentions in that direction are untrue.

The prisoner says he was born in Wiesbaden, Germany, 56 years ago and came to this country in 1878. The life insurance companies, from which Zanoli has collected having collected policies varying in amounts from \$50 to \$2,000, are the Lyard, the Metropolitan and the Prudential companies and the Knights and Ladies of Honor.

He says that he is ignorant of the antecedents of his four wives, all of whom died, he claims, from "natural" causes. The collections from the insurance companies will amount to \$7,000. Zanoli told the detectives that he wished he had shot himself before being arrested.

BIG BATTLE EXPECTED.

Cuban Insurgents Threatening the City of Havana Itself.

New York, Dec. 10.—A dispatch to the World from Havana says that an important battle is expected hourly. The insurgents have planned the most formidable demonstration against Havana of the year.

General Farrados has started from this city with a strong column of troops to meet the insurgents. Senor Canallizas, the confidential agent of the Spanish government, went with him to ascertain the real condition of Havana province.

General Rodriguez, with the combined Cuban forces under Juan Dolgado Lazare and Rafael Zecardimas, is encamped about 20 miles south of here. He has fully 1,000 men who are well armed, and is said to have a Hotchkiss rapid firing cannon.

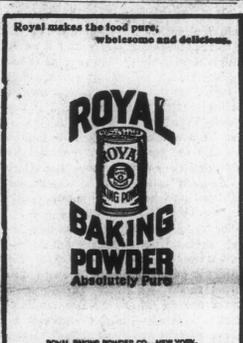
Emilio Consalo has named Antonia Rivero and a negro named Osman. They were to Colozo with money and a proposition to lay down their arms, accepting autonomy. A note was pinned on the breasts of the hanged men announcing that anyone coming on a similar mission would meet with a like fate.

The latest reports of the late fights in Pinar del Rio province show that the Spanish loss was more than claimed. The dead or wounded included one colonel, one major, seven captains, 11 subordinates officers and 74 privates. Most of the wounded will die. The rebel loss was 14. The rebels used explosive bullets.

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A GIGANTIC DEAL

Newly-Formed British American Corporation Acquire Great Interests in British Columbia.

Have Got the Famous Le Roi and Josie Mines and Valuable Klondike Properties.

London, Dec. 11.—The prospectus of the long-talked-of and gigantic British-American corporation is issued to-day. The capital is £1,000,000 sterling. One million pounds of the shares is now offered at par, the issue being limited to the shareholders of the London & Globe Finance Corporation.

The directors are the Marquis of Dufferin, Lord Loch, the lieutenant-governor of the Northwest Territories, Mr. Edward A. Hoare, one of the directors of the bank of B.N.A. and Mr. Whitaker Wright, a well known London insurance.

The corporation has secured the famous Le Roi and Josie mines, as well as eight other well known Rossland mines and Nelson properties.

It also secures as a going concern the Alaska Commercial Company with the townsite at Dawson City and claims on the Bonanza and other mines on the Klondike creeks.

BANDITS STOP A TRAIN.

Leader of the Gang Killed—No Passengers Hurt.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 10.—Meagre particulars have been received from San Simon, Ariz., of an attempted Supt. Pacific train hold up last night. The Sunset limited had just left Stein's Pass, N. M., near the Arizona line, when the engineer noticed a dangerous signal and immediately applied the air brakes.

When the train stopped five men stepped out from a hiding place near the track, all heavily armed. One covered the engineer and fireman with his Winchester, while the others gave attention to the train proper, more especially to the express car, firing guns in the air and otherwise frightening passengers.

At this point the guards in the express car took a hand in the fusillade and thirty or forty shots were fired. The Wells-Fargo Express Company's guard, Jennings, stated that he killed Edward Cullen, evidently the leader.

As soon as the other robbers noticed his body lying on the ground they lost courage and made a break for their horses.

Another bullet from Jennings' Winchester evidently struck one of the fleeing robbers, as he was seen to fall and was assisted out of range by his comrades. No express money was stolen and none of the passengers were hurt.

THE WORK OF CONGRESS.

House Considering the Pension Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Dec. 10.—At the opening of the session of the house to-day it was agreed that when the house adjourned to-day it would meet on Monday.

On motion of Posa, Republican, was set apart for paying tribute to the memory of the late Representative Cook, of Illinois.

The house then resumed the consideration of the pension appropriation bill, which was debated yesterday.

Brown, Republican, of Illinois, attacked the civil service law because it protected some of the pension examining boards under the last