

fore leaving for his home in Pitts-burg, frankly admitted that he was astonished by the ingenuity and daring by which the bank had been looted. He was 62 years old.

He said that one-half the story of the BOY'S GIFT FOR MOTHER. failure had not been told, and that the

failure had not been told, and that the rumors in circulation did not approach the seriousness of the situation. Cun-ningham expressed the belief that criminal informations would be made against the clerks, altho he believed they were only guilty of constructive forgery. Heads Sunday School Class. The further the probing into the bank the more responsibility fails on Rine-hart, the man who twelve years ago was a country school teacher at \$40 a month, and who in five years reaped more than \$1,000,000 from investments in gas and oil lands. The story of Rine-hart's rise and fall reads like a ro-mance. Altho disgrace hangs over him, he was at the head of his Sunday school class in the Methodist Church on Sun-

Population That Will Make an In-vasion Too Dangerous.

without grave risk, play any other part." The writer points out there

can be no permanent improvement. Our diplomatic relations with the

United States have no real friendship,

but are based on mutual respect. Till the balance of power on the Canadian and American frontier has been made

somewhat more even, trade rivalry will raise questions between us in every part of the globe. There can be no satisfactory solution to these questions, and no possibility of avoid-ing friction that more load.

ing friction that may lead to a disastrous war unless we can secure for

Canada a population and an industrial strength which would make an in-

thought lightly of by any power.

REGENT STRIKES A SNAG.

Persia's New Assembly Doesn't Ap-

prove Revision of Constitution.

London, Dec. 26 .- The Daily Mail's

Teheran correspondent says that the

sembly should submit all proposed re-

The assembly received the draft of

sion too dangerous a matter to be

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.) ing.

he was at the need of his sunday school New Fork, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Susan Ket-class in the Methodist Church on Sun-day last, as usual. Rinehart, on his way home from church, with his Bible under his arm, their apartments in West Sixtieth-candidly said that politics had been the street, and drove other shivering ten-ants of the building to the roof, from

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sent to call him for dinner.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Removal.

be made an important campaign issue, while the large surplus created by land sales and timber receipts (the langest surplus in provincial history) will be emphasized by the government. The attorney-generalship and the ministry of lands, the latter vacated by the recent resignation of Hon. R.

F. Green, will probably be filled with-in a fortnight, it is expected, by the appointment of W. R. Ross and Price Ellison respectively. The determination of the government

to appeal to the country in preference to again meeting the house is generally believed to be based upon the pre-sent prosperity of the province and the fact that were a session of the house held, Mr. MacGowan, (Conervative) had promised to demand enquiry into certain matters touching the lands de-partment, which might not be altogether pleasant for the ministry prior to an election. Candidates are already chosen in many constituencies, among them the

following: Richmond, Hon. F. L. Carter Cotton (Conservative); J. W. Weart (Liberal). Dewdney, Hon. Richard McBride (Con.); R. Jardine (Lib.).

Esquimalt, Speaker Pooley (Con.); John Jardine (Lib.). Islands, A. T. McPhillips (Con.); T. W. Paterson (Lib.).

SIR WILFRID, (without looking up) : "Ah ! farmer with grievance, ch ? See Fielding." EMBATTLED FARMER : "I'm here to see you and your Railway Minister, boss, and don't you forget it."



National Independent Association Invading Extensive Territory With Headquarters at Albany, N.Y.-Means a Bitter Conflict.

Boston, Dec. 25 .- (Special.)-Appearing, as it unquestionably does at this time, that the numerous independent telephone companies of the country, said to number about 7000, are being absorbed, if they have not already been, by a parent company known as the National Independent Telephone Association, it is evident that the Bell and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Companies are about to enter into a determined and perhaps dis-astrous combat for business supremacy with an octopus of about their own strength and dimensions.

From cities thruout the country, where independent telephone compan-ies having membership in the Nation-al Association are now doing business, at Association are now using pushess, came despatches last evening confirm-ing the reports that a gigantic tele-phone combine has been perfected for the purpose of competing with the big

Eigli companies. Arthur W. Hoge, a consulting tele-phone engineer, known thruout the west, now in Boston, admits that he is behind the Metropolitan Home Company, now seeking a franchise in the city, that he is proud of it and that his companies will give the Bell and the New England companies the bit-terest fight of their existence before he is done with it.

Strong Combination.

Strong Combination. This Arthur W. Hoge is a brother of James B. Hoge, who is president of the National Independent Telephone Association, which, as a matter of fact, controls all the independent com-panies doing business thruout the country, and the fact that Arthur W. Hoge, who is promoting the Metro-politan Home Company in Boston, has recently taken over the conditional franchises of the independent compan-ies being formed in Taunton and Brockton, is regarded as satisfactory proof that the Mr. Hoge of Boston is acting as agent for his brother, James B. Hoge, who is the head of the independent telephone octopus, which is making ready to gavagely attack the Bell and New England compan-ter. Thruout the western country, where

KAISER GIVES GOLD PIECES TO PEOPLE WHOM HE MEETS Christmas Custom at Potsdam, When Emperor Throws Aside His Dignity. ranies Several Negroes Killed and Troops Are Guarding Small Mississippi Town. Wahalak, Miss. Dec. 25.—Conductor Robert Harrison of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, who was ambushed and seriously wounded by a negro last inight, died to-day. The origin of the racial troubles here was caused prim-artly by the meeting in a narrow road-way of wagons driven by a white farmer and werro respectively. The Several Negroes Killed and Took his usual Christmas morning walk in the environs of the palace to-day and chatted with chance passers. According to the time-honored cus-tom of Prussian sovereigns, he gave at parting to such as were of the lower ranks in life a freshly-minted gold piece, which, like all money for highly polished at the mint. Returning to the palace he received of whom brought gifts such as the huge cake presented yearly by the Dangerous Competitor. A long distance competitor. As Boston is the home of the Bell Potsdam, Dec. 25.-Emperor William of whom brought gifts such as the huge cake presented yearly by the second Guard Regiment. Among the trees at the Christmas Eve celebration at the palace was a tiny one for the imperial grandchild, who took part in the family rejoic-ings. Their majesties conducted each member of the family to the lighted Christmas tree, beneath which was the presents laid for distribution. e Keystone system of Philadelphia, head, ed by the Fisk & Robinson banking house of New York City. It is ex-pected now that the independent com-panies will have connections of their own with Lewiston and Portland in Maine, Lawrence, Boston, Brockton, Worcester, Springfield, Taunton, New Bedford and Fall River in Massachu-setts, and about 25 citles and towns in New Etampshire, and from Albany Safeblowers Start Fire Which Kills Horses and Mules by Hundreds. setts, and about 25 cities and towns in New Eampshire, and from Albany thru to the south and west, taking in nearly all of the larger cities and towns, where the independent compan-ies are very numerous. With these connections the new National Associaconnections the new National Association of Independent Telephone Com-panies is expected to be a fairly dan-gerous competitor of the Bell. MILDER

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#### the proposal with much feeling. The religious party strongly opposed it. ASSASSIN A STUDENT. the British Man Who Killed Ignatieff Once the Slerra Bound Over for Good Behavior. south of Tver, Russia, Dec. 25 .- The assassin Medicine

of the constitution.

of Count Ignatieff has been identified as a student named Fidler, who was one of the leaders of last year's insurrection at Moscow.

At that time he was bound over in \$5000 bail for good behavior, and this sum will now revert to the treasury.

YANK SAILORS IN ROW.

Cienfuegos, Dec. 25 .- Sailors from the United States cruiser Cleveland caused a panic to-night in a public park, where a concert was going on, by engaging in a fight and firing many shots. The police restored order by arresting several of the sailors.

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ants of the building to the roof, from which they were carried to the street which they were carried to the by firemen. Mrs. Kelly arose early to attend Christmas mass and lighted a Christ-mas candle. It is supposed her dress caught fire from its flame, as she ran screaming thru the flat to the front bedroom where her husband lay sleep-bedroom where her husband lay sleep-thedroom where her husband lay sleep-Saanich, E. W. Ebents (Con.); R. Tanner (Lib.).

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, Dec. 25.—Kinloch Cooke, in The Morning Post, suggests the term "colonial conference" should give way to a wider and more comprehensive designation, "Imperial conference." "Tariff reform," in The Times, re-ferring to the Newfoundland fisheries dispute, asks "why should we always play so feeble and undignified a part in all our negotiations with the United States? The answer is very simple, if not very satisfying. We cannot, without grave risk, play any other Bennett (Lib.). Alberni, W. Mason (Con.); H.

Brewster (Lib.). Delta, F. J. Mackenzie (Con.); John Oliver (Lib.). Socialists will run in about 20 ridings and Labor candidates in perhaps as many, too. Other nominations will

speedily follow. I.C.R. ROADBED DAMAGED.

Denison, Texas, Dec. 25.-Rev. T. K. Crowley, of St. Patrick's Church. Floods Down East Stop Freight Traffic-Conditions Dangerous. while putting on his vestments to cele-

brate high mass, dropped dead to-He served as chaplain in a New York regiment thruout the civil war. FUNERAL INSTEAD OF FEAST. New York, Dec. 25.-Neil Florence. an actor, 45 years old, was found dead

an actor, 45 years old, was found dean in his room at a boarding house in West 23rd-street to-day. The apart-ment was filled with illuminating gas. move the tracks further inward in move the tracks further inward in

At the boarding house preparations had been made for a Christmas dim-ner, to which a number of actors had since Monday, and none will be until the road is made thoroby safe. Express trains are being moved with been invited. Florence was expected to preside. His lifeless body was great care. found on his bed when a servant was

SHAH IS WEAKENING.

information from the palace shows wise. that the shah's reserve strength is Monday night the house at 25 Centre-Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 25 .- Miss L. R. G. gradually failing. Teheran correspondent says that the regent has come into conflict with the new assembly by proposing a revision bration of Christmas. In firing one of mulants.

of the constitution. The proposal is for the creation of a senate of 60 members, comprising an overpowering majority of government and royal officials, to which the as-sembly should submit all proceed re-sembly should submit all proceed re-them, Miss Freeman was accidentally shot, and died this ofternoon. Marie Ford, aged 8, died to-day from burns received while playing around a Christmas tree on Christmas Eve.

Walter H. Blight, Insurance Agent, to ninth floor Traders' Bank Building. Phone Main 2770.

## ARE WE TO HAVE COAL BARONS HERE?

Let every voter in Toronto read the following from yesterday's news items:

Washington, Dec. 24 .- Interesting disclosures will be made in the report of the inter-state commerce commission bearing on the relations of certain railroads with the coal and oil industries

During the progress of the investigation made in the east it was brought out that the Pennsylvania and other railroads. or, at least, many of their prominent officials, held stock or controlled coal companies that were doing business along the lines of the roads in opposition to the so-called independent concerns. Cars were denied the independents, and in other ways they were subjected to discriminations, all of which worked to the advantage of the coal companies in which the railroad officials were interested.

The hearings held in the Northwest brought out in a striking manner that the Union Pacific, a link in the Harriman system, had come into possession of valuable coal tracts in Wyoming thru fraud practised by railroad officials and others. The end of this case is not yet. Steps are now being taken by the secretary of the interior to bring this land back into the possession of the government. Revelations equally as interesting are expected when the commission begins doing business in the Middle West.

What has happened in the States in regard to coal will happen in Ontario in regard to electric light, electric heat and electric power if the Cox-Pellatt-Nichells-Mackenzie-Ross crowd defeat the power bylaw on Tuesday next. They have coal barons in the States: are we going to create electric barons here?

GANG WHO RAIDED WARD'S MHU NAIDLU MANUS **NOW ALL BEHIND THE BARS** 



ing burglars, who attempted the diamond robbery at Ward's pawnshop last Saturday night, are behind the bars. Joseph Warren, his brother, John War-

ren. 25 Centre-avenue, and Fred Marsh. 177 Nelson-street, are believed to have

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 25.-(Special.)-The heavy floods of the past two days to the police, and, with the exception Ohio Railroad, who was ambushed and

Kennedy and Constables Robinson, Tay-

The heavy floods of the past two days have caused considerable damage to the roadbed of the Intercolonial Rail-way and seriously threatened it in several places, owing to the washing away of the dumps and approaches. The ground has silpped away in many places along the Bras D'Or Lakes, and it will be necessary to re-move the tracks further inward in order to insure safety to trains. No freight was sent over the road since Monday, and none will be until the road is made thoroly safe. Warren, assistant engineer of the same thent of the villagers.

hostelry, about half an hour later. They riots has not been ascertained, but were not taken to jail, but kept in the dead negroes have been found in many police station in order to keep their parts of the settlement since the trou-arrest quiet, so that Joseph Warren, ble started.

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Railroad.

Dec 26

TROOPS CALLED FOR.

near the centre of the town, but af-

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 25 .- Five hundred The hologer rallies when given sti-nulants. He hologer rallies when given sti-Meridian, Miss., Dec. 25 .- Railroad horses and mules were burned in Har-Scooba report a fresh clash between. The loss is about \$100.000.

The fire was started by safe blow-ers, who exploded the safe in the office, the shock overturning the lamp.

CHARITIES WHICH BENEFIT. \$1000 Worth of the Hotelkeepers Donations Distributed.

rival at Ward's the opportunity did not present itself and the trio decided to postpone for a while and decided that they needed a fourth man. Marsh, who also has a record, was then introduced. The whole scheme of the Ward busi-ness was planned a year ago, at the time the Lugsdin robbery was pulled off, when the measurement of the door was taken and the hooks made. Marsh was to watch for pedestrians. The Christmas charity donations from the Toronto hotelkeepers have been partially apportioned as follows:

### tives: \$350.

**500 ANIMALS CREMATED.** 

As taken and the hooks made. Marsh was to watch for pedestrians, tc. John Warren was to take care lumbus, Miss. ARMSTRONG\_HARPER\_At the residence of the cutter, Joe Warren was to hur? Two negroes, 'Tom and Jim Simpson, the brick thru the window and Mill-gan was to get the "swag." Milligan and Marsh were to ride away, Joe War-ren was to go down Francisstreet, and John Warren run west on Adelade strong to Mr. R. Harper of Toron:o Junction.

ter a few scattering shots quiet was restored and no explanation has been DEATHS. BARRON-At 3 Czar-street, Toronto, on Col. McCants announces that he will Monday, the 24th December, 1906, Jessie place a Gatling gun in position, and Harwood, beloved wife of Robert Barron. Time. use it if necessary. Wahalak is twenty-five miles south 

 Funeral (private) on Wednesstay, the
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of Meridian, on the Mobile and Ohio Crown Hotel, 75 Bay St.-Commuta-tion meal tickets, twenty-one for \$5. avenue, on Tuesday, Dec. 25. Thomas Lister, aged 62 years. Funeral Thursday morning, 27th inst., est, 22; lowest, 6. at 8.30 a.m., to Holy Family Church, thence to St. Michael's Cemetery. Separate school nominations, noon. Trades' Council Labor Temple, 8. Balmy, Beach residents' indignation meeting, Club house, 8. Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

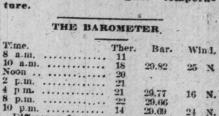
Holly and laurel wreaths, cut flowers for Xmas decoration, at Jennings, next south gate.

Battery Zincs, all kinds, The Canada The F. W. Matthews Co., Phone M 2571. Private Ambulance Service.

Observatory, Toronto, Dec. 25.—(8 p.m.)— The Atlantic storm meved into Quebec to-day, accompanied by heavy winds and srowfalls in many portions of that prov-ince' Fine weather, with more moderate temperature, prevailed in Ontarlo, whilst over the prairie province it is turning colder again and some local snowfalls have

A partianty we have a series of the bride, of Mrs. R. Armstrong, mother of the bride, of Mrs. R. Armstrong, by the Rev. J. E. Hunter, Christmas Day, by the Rev. J. E. Hunter, Christma

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay-Fresh westerly to southerly winds; fair and a little higher tempera-



# STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

#### Dec. 25 At From Potsdam......New York ..... Rotterdam Kroonland.....New York ......Antwerp Numidian......Glasgow ......Boston

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o' stealing a solid gold watch on Dec. 9 from L. C. Owen, the manager of the Bank of Ottawa, who has a suite of rooms at the Queen's. Marsh prac-tically confessed to this theft and told us where we can recover the watch." Marsh, John Warren and Milligan are all about 25 years of age. Joe Warren is 45. Something good, La Vola Ciga:"

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ren was to go down Francisstreet, and John Warren run west on Adelalde-

the letter," added Detective Sergeant Duncan, "with the exception that Marsh either tumbled out of the cut-ter on Jarvis-stret or fell out from

fright. We have also got another charge against John Warren and Marsh

"And their plans were carried out to

street.

Teheran, Persia, Dec. 25 .- The latest the head of the gang, might not get

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