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THE STAR, ST JOHN N. B. MONDAY, MARCH 1. 1909

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 28.—The annual meeting of the Canadian South African Veterans' Association was held on Saturday. Officers were elected for the coming year as follows: President, Col. S. B. Steel, Calgary; vice-president, Major C. F. Winter, Ottawa; secretary-treasurer, Andrew Miller, Ottawa; provincial vice-president, Nova Scotia, Major H. B. Stairs, Hallfax; Prince Edward Island, Major W. O. Weeks, Charlottetown; New Brunswick, Major B. R. Armstrong, St. John, N. B.; Quebec, Lt. Col. Pelletier, Quebec; Ontario, Colonel, J. S. Ryerson, Teronto; Manitoba, Major A. S. MacDonald, Winnipeg; Saskatchewan, Colonel Saunders, Regina; Alberta, W. A. Lowery, Calgary; British Columbia, Capt. W. Hart McHarg, Vancouver.

It was stated that the associations of

MRS. TEAL SENTENCED EXASPERATED HER

NEW YORK. Feb. 28.—Margaret Teal, wife of Ben Teal, theatrical stage manager, was found guilty ves-terday by a jury in the Court of General Sessions of attempted suborn-ation of perjury, and was at once sen-tenced to serve one year in the peni-

he would apply for a certificate of reasonable doubt, on the ground that it was not a fair verdict, but had been reached as a compromise, so the incore could escape from the jury room.

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charge of felonious assault. But this failed to affect the police sergeant, who ordered the woman to a cell pending adjudication of the case in court.

The cook, Mrs. George Henry, was removed to the eye and ear infirmary, where several dozen grains were extracted from her features.

PARIS IN GRIP OF A BLIZZARD TALK TEMPERANCE

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Snow has been fall-ing in Paris almost continuously for the past 48 hours and a blisgard of unthroughout the whole of France. Many deaths are reported from exposure.

The Aero Club has received three entries from the English Aero Club, one from the United States and one from Italy for the Gordon Bennett aviation cup to be contested on August 29.

ETHEL NOT ENGAGED

TO STATE OFFICIAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—An emperated from exposure.

Prinney, K. C., presided at a large and enthusiastic temperance meeting at the Opera House tonight. The speakers were Revs. J. H. McDonald, A. A. Rideout, J. W. McConnell and Dr. Smith. All made reference to the approaching civic elections and strongly urged the electors to cast their ballots only for the men who are pledged to the enforcement of all laws including the Scott Act.

Announcement was made that public meetings in the interests of the tem perance ticket would be held in Church Hall Monday and Thursday evenings.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—An emphatic denial of the report that the president's youngest daughter, Miss Ethel, is engaged to marry Third Assistant Secretary of State William Philips was given out from the White House tonight.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt entertained Senator and Mrs. Lodge as their guests at dinner at the White House tonight.

Hall Monday and Thursday evenings.

PHILAPELPHIA, Feb. 28.—Because she was forbidden by her father to associate with a boy with whom she had fallen in love, fifteen year old Eleanor Fink committed suicide today by drinking carbodic acid. Her mother ended her life six years ago by inhaling illumirating gas.

IN FEAR OF DEATH, OLD WOMAN TELLS OF MURDERS IN '85

Thinks She Knows the Kester **Brothers' Slayers**

Declares Her Husband Was Killed Because He Knew Too Much-Police

HAZLETON, Pa., Feb. 27.—One of the helpless inmates of the almehouse, Mrs. Emma Ramalla, blind, paralyzed in the lower extremeties and almost face to face with death, has become possessed of the fear of God, and in a burst of remorse she told what she says is the secret of Luzerne county's most famous murder mystery, the killing of the Kester brothers in Butler Valley.

Valley.

The baffling case has remained inexplicable for nearly twenty four years
but the revelations of the poor old invalid have seemingly armed the authorities anew for solution of the mys-

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Exasperated tonight because of the obstinate refusal of her cook, whom she had discharged, to vacate the premises, Miss Louise Bader, a boarding house keeper, discharged a revolver in the face of her refractory servant. The fact that the weapon had heen loaded only with blank cartridges was invoked as an extenuating circumstance by Miss Bader when placed under argest on a charge of felonious assault. But this NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Exasperated

HE BECAME REPENTANT.

Finally the knowledge that he was shielding the real murderers so gnawed upon his heart and he became so repentant and hemorseful that the Kester murderers were afraid he would

Kester murderers were afraid he would tell what he knew to the officers of the law and throw himself upon the protection of the court.

One cold winter's morning, two years ago, Addison Ramalia was brutally assaulted and left for dead in the snow. He managed to crawl to a wall, lift himself over it and make his way to a doctor's office on his hands and knees but before he could whisper the story of the feroclous attack death cmae and ended his agony.

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Quite the most startling feature of
Mrs. Ramalia's revelation is her statement that the very men who more ment that the very men who more than a generation ago killed the two Kesters wreaked their vengeance in murdering Ramalia rather than risk betrayal at his hands.

So when the sick woman places in the hands of the authorities supposedly is the secret of two mysterious murders instead of one, the truth of the strange killing of three separate persons.

NO ARRESTS YET. But the difficulty is that so far the woman's story has not been corroborated sufficiently to warant arrests.

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murder tale declare that it is unreal and cannot be more than a mere wandering of the mind of a crippled old woman near dotage.

The theory is strengthened, too, by the difficulty that has been met with the endeavor to get Mrs. Ramalia to tell the story twice alike. When questioned again about the men she first named she startled her listeners by stopping suddenly and saying:

"Why, I didn't say that they did it-I didn't say that! It would be as much as my poor old life is worth to say a thing like that!"

Moreover, the old-time detectives who worked on the Kester mystery, and who seemingly were baffled by it, still cling to their old theories and deride the "confession of the almshouse inmate.

DOUBT THE EXPOSURE. In the end, what at first seemed a In the end, what at first seemed a most important exposure of the mystery secret may profit the authorities nothing. The doubts that have been expressed already have resulted in a change of plan on the part of the county commissioners who, when Mrs. Ramalia first talked, planned to reoffer the \$2,000 reward that was published at the time of the Kester murder.

ter murder.

Meantime, political enemies of the men whose names were mentioned by old Mrs. Ramalia are making the most of her story. As a consequence there is talk in Hazleton of slander suits and much bitter feeling hs been shown by the agitators of two diverse camps, one made up of those who believe the old woman told the truth, and the other including the detectives, officials and other persons who hold to the assumption that the whole tale is merely the voicing of a disordered dream. In any event the Kester murder has suddenly been brought into the very forefront of interest, and scarcely anything else is talked of through the whole mining country in the neighborhood of the "coal capital."

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Two brothers nearly 60 years old, William and John Kester, lived alone in a shanty in Butler valley, about 4 miles from Freeland.
They did odd fobs, cultivated a little patch of ground, sold truck in the nearest towns, marketed eggs and small garden stuff, and tried their best to keep every 25 cent piece that dropped into their hands. In the neighborhood they were reputed to be rich and to have a board hidden away in the shack they lived in.

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William Kester had a son, à young man, who also worked out on farms for wages. The boy came home late in the evening of August 25, 1855, and tound his fastier and his father's brothers lived by the change of the corn of the same and the death of the vice may an hour, and the other died before the dector arrived. Neither of the crime and the death of the vice time, and the death of the vice time.

Judging from the minute circumstances, John Kester was sitting alone in the kitchen in a rocking chair, with his back to the door, when the robbers entered and immediately began shooting. One of the bullets went through John Kestera's neck, inflicting the fat-

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Apparently William Kester, in the next room, rushed to the door on hear-ing the shots and was beaten back with a club, struck down and his head crushed in with repeated blows. This club was found in the yard back of the shanty after the murder.

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william Raught, a coal and iron policeman, living at Sandy Run, said today that immediately after the Kester murder he found that a letter was waiting for the Kesters, having been sent by mistake to the Upper Lehigh postoffice. The letter had arrived at the postoffice a day or so before the attack on the two old men.

When this letter was opened it was found to be a warning to the Kesters to beware that an attempt to murder and rob them was to be made. The letter had been mailed at Slatington, and in that town Raught found a baker named Holaher who admitted that he had mailed the note to the two brothers.

OXFORD, Mass., Feb. 28—Realizing the susceptibility of n:ill operatives to the germs of tuberculosis, the Thayer Woollen Company announces an offer of three months' free board at Rutland Sanitarium for any person in its employ who is or may be afflicted with the disease. The offer applies to any member of the employe's family.

LYNDONVILLE, Vt., Feb. 27—After running on a short time schedule for sixteen months the Lioston and Maine Railroad shops here will begin a fifty hour a week basis on Monday. At one time the employes worked only eighten hours weekly.

two old men.
Subsequently, while in jail, Kunkel said that he supposed the men who had gone to the Kesters with him went again without him and murdered the brothers. Kunkel's story was not in any way substantiated, and the men he described as his associates in the futile effort at robbery could not

be found.

If Kunkel and the men he named had anything whatever to do with the Kester murder, then the story told by Nester murder, then the story told by old Mrs. Ramalia has no basis of fact. This is the conclusion of the detectives who know most about the Kester murder and worked on the case at the time. But Kunkel was turned loose for lack of proof to hold him and nothing in the condense of his arment.

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Some slight suspicions were cast in the direction of the men named by Mrs. Ramalia at the time of the murder. The club found in the yard near the Kester house, was identified by some one as exactly like a club that had been seen standing behind the bar in a saloon frequented by one of the Hazleton suspects.

But other persons who saw this club were of the opinion that it was cut on the Kester place and very likely was

were of the opinion that it was cut on the Kester place and very likely was picked up by one of the robbers just before entering the cabin for the mur-der and robbery. County Detective Jones, of Wilkes-Barre, went to the Laurytown home, where Mrs. Rmalia is an inmate, and

tried to get the old woman to repeat her story, this on Friday. She said she had told it once to a friend, a Mrs. Elizabeth Fletcher, of West Hazleton, and did not want to say anything

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OLD WOMAN'S STORY.

This Mrs. Fletcher was found—she is now Mrs. Samuel Daubert, of Drums—and her story is as follows:

"I was in the home visiting an old neighbor who had been sent there. One of the attendants came to me and told me that Mrs. Ramalia wanted to see me. We had once been neighbors, and I knew Mrs. Ramalia wanted to see me. We had once been neighbors, and I knew Mrs. Ramalia wanted to see me. We had once been neighbors, and I knew Mrs. Ramalia well. She said to me:

"Oh, Lizzie, God has sent you to me this day. I have a terrible thing on my mind and can't get rid of it. The Good Book tells me I must not keep the secret any longer. I can't meat my God without disclosing what I know of the murder of the two old Kester brothers.

"The murder has been almost forgotien," I said to her. "My God, not by me," she answered, 'the same men who killed the Kester brothers murdered my busband. She told me the names of the three men and if I am ever called into court T'll tell those three names.

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RACE ROW STARTED OVER APPOINTMENT

WINDSOR, Feb. 28.—Because the school trustees named a colored teacher to assume charge of public section No. 9, a small settlement between here and Amherstburg, nearly all the white children have been withdrawn and the village is torn into two conflicting factions. The locality is about equally divided between whites and blacks, and has been the scene of the same kind of trouble several times before. The majority of the trustees are colored.

WOOLLEN COMPANY OFFERS FREE USE OF SANITARIUM

For Employees—Railway Shops on Increased Time—Soldiers Warned Against Wood Alcohol -- Sentenced by Court.

HEARD MURDER PLOT.

Holaher said he had written the warning upon a statement made to him by a local ne'er-do-well, one Coffin.Coffin was found and told the story that he had been eavesdropping and everheard a fellow named Kundel and certain other worthies plotting the country.

DANBURY, Coan., Feb. 27—John A. Moffit, National President of the United Hatters of North America, who was here today, said that he believed that there was a possibility of a settlement of the difficulty in the hat trade that has caused a general tie-up througout the hatting districts of the country.

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Kundel was a rufflanly tramp, who lived from hand to mouth by various hazards, mostly at points along the canal. He was taken off a boat by the policeman and locked up in Wilkes-Barre. Kundel denied that he had any hand in the murder.

He said he had once before plotted with some "boys" he knew in Hazleton to rob the Kesters. Kunkel said that on that occasion they all went to the Kester cabin and hid by the fence, but finally went away without doing anything, because he (Kunkel) would not "stand for" the plan to kill the latting districts of the trade that has caused a general tie-up througout the hatting districts of the cansed that has caused a general tie-up througout the hatting districts of the country.

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ITHACA, Feb. 28-Tonfu Hu, of Wu Chengh Sien, China, was elected to I hi Betta Kappa at Cornell this week. It is the first time at Cornell a Chinaman as ever elected to this high honorary

these men were members of the com-mittee of public safety at Lubny and of the Social Revolutionary organiza-

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BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 28.—Professor Chas. M. Spofford, head of the civil engineering department of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute was chosen today by the corporation of the Massachusetts Institute's civil engineering department. He succeeds Professor George F. Swain, who resigned to accept a professorship in the Havard graduate school of applied sciences.

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 28.—The recently completed second Advent church ealfice on Portland street, near Decring Oaks, was dedicated today with services appropriate to the occasion.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 28.—William McCulley McKelvy, one of the Western Pennsylvania oil men and one of the first men in America to become interested in the manufacture of Portland Street, near Decring of the dwelling were soon at his sudden demise proved a great cruelty. The English news-more fall while securing ice at Red Bridge about a week ago. He had apparently recovered from the accident and was able to be around the house and his sudden demise proved a great shock to his family.

Deceased though in his seventy—seventh year, was smart and active. He had lived at South Bay for the past forty years and will be greatly missed in the neighborhood. Pennsylvania oil men and one of the first men in America to become inter-ested in the manufacture of Portland cement, died at his home here today

NEW IDEA Helped Wis, Couple.

It doesn't pay to stick too closely to old notions of things. New ideas often lead to better health, success and A Wis couple examined an idea new to them and stepped up several rounds on the health ladder. The hus-

"Several years ago we suffered from coffee drinking, were sleepless, nervous sallow, weak and irritable. My wife

"Finally, after years of suffering, we ead of Postum and the harmfulness of offee, and believing that to show we should give some attention to new ideas, we decided to test Postum. "When we made it right we liked it and were relieved of ills caused by coffee. Our friends noticed the change

VETERANS SPEND A JOLLY EVENING

Observe Anniversary of Paardeberg Day by Dinner at Newcombe's

The South African Veterans fittingly observed the ninth anniversary of Paardeberg Day on Saturday evening. Assembling at the Union depot the "Vets" to the number of sixty left at 7.15 o'clock for the Clairmont House

at Torryburn.
Upon arrival there they were greeted by the popular proprietor, William E. Newcombe. A blazing bonfire had been started and the house was brightly illuminated. luminated.

Dinner was served about 3 o'clock

and the party enjoyed a full course, which reflected credit upon the pro-Happy speeches, songs and instru-mental selections were heard and the evening was one of much enjoyment to

Donohoe.

"The Memory of Company G," proposed by Edward Sears.

Songs were also rendered by Messrs.
Burt and Williams, while Mr. Lamb made a happy speech.

It was about midnight when the gathering broke up. A special train conveyed the "Vets" back to the city.

KIEV, Feb. 28.—A military court has sentenced three men to death, twenty-one to penal servitude and ten to imprisonment for various terms. All of these men were members of the com-

cident. While Alexander Boudreau and Aristidea Delaurier were engaged underneath the building adjusting the skids they gave way and Boudreau was killed outright. Delaurier although hurt badly his injuries are not fetal. hurt badly his injuries are not fatal.

WEEK'S MISSION

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 28.—Bishop. Richardson today began a week's mission in St. George's Church, preaching at Sunny Brae in the afternoon and St. George's in the evening. All the services were largely attended and the mission opened very auspiciously.

Mrs. Williams yesterday received word of the death of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Trites, which occurred in Vancouver, B. C., Friday night. Deceased was 74 years of age and was a native of Moncton.

George's in the evening. All the services the kidney action.

Joes the use of spirits, tea or beer excite the kidneys? Are you easily worried and annoyed over trifles? Are the feet and hands cold? Circulation bad? Do the feet and legs swell? Is there putfiness under the eyes? Do you have rheunatism, poor eyesight, headaches and backaches? It there gravel or any unnatural action of the kidneys?

Protocol of Agreement Signed

by Austria and Turkey

PEKING, Feb. 28.—Advices received from Harbin state that the situation there, arising out of Russia's insistence that she administer the local municipal than the state of here extensive.

all.

The toast list and programme was carried out as follows:

"The King," the chairman.

"The Permanent Force," proposed by Captain F. C. Jones, responded to by Lieut. Colonel Ogilvie.

Banjo duet, Dayidson and Smith.

"The City of St. John," proposed by Norman P. McLeod and responded to by Edward Sears and Hon, R. J. Ritchie.

Recitation, Jack Powers.

"The New Brunswick Veterans," proposed by H. V. McKinnon and responded to by President Emery and James

there, arising out of russias instantant that she administer the local municipal government on account of her extensive railroad interests, is rapidly nearing a crisis and that quick action on the part of the powers will be necessary to prevent serious trouble.

Settles With Porte

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 27.—The protocol of the Austro-Turkish agreement was finally signed at three o'clock this afternoon by Marquis Pallavicini, the Austrian ambassador; the grand vizier, Hilmi Pacha, and the acting minister of foreign affairs.

The agreement will be laid before the The agreement will be laid before the Turkish parliament for approval next week. M. Ivanovich, the special Austrian financial delegate, will leave Con-

The director of the Austrian Lloyd Steamship Company felegraphed from Trieste today that the boycott on Austrian steamships has officially

COUPLE ARRESTED ON SENSATIONAL CHARGE

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Intense interest has been aroused in Paris by the arrest at Asnieres, a suburb, of an Englishman named Sargent and his wife, who is said to be an American belonging to a wealthy family, on the charge of gross ill-treatment of four children whom they adopted. The police state that the couple had been in the habit of inserting advertises.

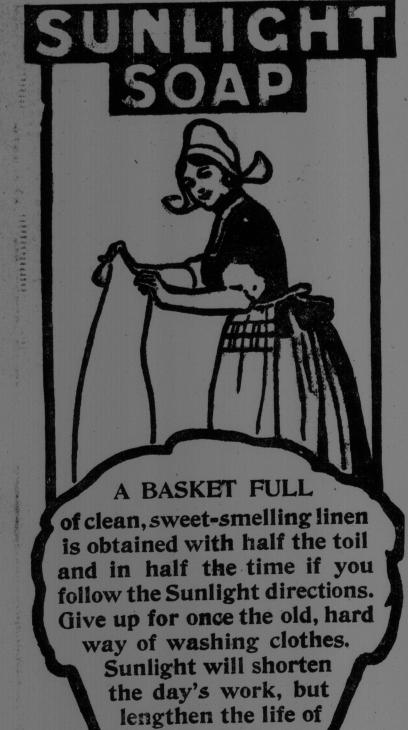
EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohio, Feb. 28.—
Because he wanted to quit playing the roulette wheel after winning steadtly all day, Theodore Paeffen, an Italian laborer, was shot today and killed. Pete Stizza of Chester, W. Va., was taken into custody, but escaped with two companions, who crossed the river by forcing a ferryman at the point of a gun to help them. Later one of the men was captured by the posse following them. Eight other Italians were arrested as witnesses, but none will say

DEATH AT CHATHAM

r cian and orchestra leader. She was 19 years old and leaves her parents, six brothers and one sister. The funeral this afternoon was very large-

WHY AM I ILL? HOW TO TELL.

Does every cold affect your back, and cause; a feeling of chilliness, followed by disturbance of the kidney action.



vour clothes