

Salisbury Yielded

German Diplomacy Wins the First Round in the Contest Regarding Samoa--Britain's Budget Decidedly Unpopular.

Herbert Gladstone's Acceptance of the Post of Liberal Whip Gives Great Satisfaction--Industrial Activity in England Makes Recruiting for the Army Difficult--Internal Troubles in Russia--Royal Birthday Programme.

London, April 17.—Germany has drawn the first blood in the Samoan negotiations at the expense of Great Britain in securing the important point of unanimity in the decisions of the commission, against which the Marquis of Salisbury held out until Germany's insistence forced him to knuckle under. Baron von Buelow and Count von Hatzfeldt-Wildenburg, the German ambassador at London, can claim the credit for this victory. It was due to their firm attitude and able handling of the negotiations. Baron von Buelow was careful in the United States had not opposed Germany's proposal for unanimity, and that the Marquis of Salisbury alone offered objections until an assent was wrung from him.

JOHN BULL IRRITATED.
The note of self-satisfaction ringing throughout the German foreign minister's announcement that Great Britain had yielded caused irritation here, which is reflected in the comments of the newspapers. The Morning Post speaks caustically of Baron von Buelow's "misplaced parade of firmness," in reference to the maintenance of German right and complains that the announced agreement as to unanimity is "in the tone of a minister who has achieved a great and glorious diplomatic victory." All the English papers are opposed to unanimity, declaring that the commission could not under such circumstances come to an agreement. "The rule of unanimity on any point is hardly reasonable, but the rule of absolute unanimity is unworkable." The Spectator expresses the belief that "the rule of unanimity appears to be intended to reduce the commission to a mere group of reporters."

POPULAR APPOINTMENT.
The selection of C. N. F. Eliot, of the British embassy at Washington, to represent Great Britain on the Samoan commission, has given satisfaction. He is described as being both strong and conciliatory, and as one of the versatile men as well as a distinguished scholar and philologist. The speaker, referring to Mr. Eliot's appointment, remarks: "A man who has learned so much apparently without effort, can be trusted to grasp the situation in Samoa rapidly and deal with the persons concerned with minimum friction."

The English papers have naturally boomed "the brothers in arms" the British and American blue-jackets in Samoa, and portraits of Admiral Kautz have figured prominently in the papers.
THE BRITISH BUDGET.
The budget presented by the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, pleases few people. It is universally admitted that it fell far below the usual level of budget statements. The Statist dubs it "utterly bad" and declares the reduction of the sinking fund is unworthy of a great nation. The proposition to increase the wine duties, especially the colonial wines, and probably the California wines. The colonial party in the house has already decided to wait upon the chancellor and urge him not to levy a duty on colonial wines, as it would do great injury to a young and growing industry in Australia. The agents are making similar representations, as the Australian wine trade with Great Britain has increased greatly of late. According to the chancellor's plans the cheapest classes will pay as much as the highest-priced wines and sherrys.

Another correspondent says: "The Spectator alone welcomes the budget as statesmanlike. For weeks past the Times has been calling upon the government to undertake a much-needed and thorough reorganization of the na-

tional finances, but the cabinet evidently thinks it has enough on its hands, without raising such a huge problem. The increased stamp duty hit nobody except the company 'promoter' who has no friends, but the wine duties are always sharply criticized by the Australian wine-growers, who last year exported 710,000 gallons.

A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT.
The chief attack, however, will be on the reduction of the repayment of the national debt. Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt, Sir Hartley Fowler, every Liberal newspaper and many expert financiers, denounce this. Lord Welby, secretary of the treasury, declared that the present financial pressure is due to the government's unseemly extravagance, and says he cannot remember any chancellor of the exchequer having had three such "fat" years. The precedent of a suspension of the sinking fund at such a time is therefore a most dangerous one. The points in connection with the budget which deserve special attention, are: First, the deficit is met by other means than taxation; second, the deficit is due not to a falling revenue or an increased naval expenditure, but to

THE GOVERNMENT'S DOLES
to English, Irish and Scotch landlords, and to church schools; third, except for Sir Vernon Harcourt's death duties, which the Conservatives so vehemently assailed, the deficit would have been enormous; fourth, and most important of all, this sinking fund of six or seven million pounds constitutes a magnificent naval war chest for use in time of war. This would pay the interest on loans up to £250,000,000, which colossal sum the country could thus raise without a penny of additional taxation. The present reductions of the permanent sinking fund by £2,000,000 annually not only reduces that amount of debt repayment yearly, but also reduces by some £7,000,000 the fund it will raise by emergency without imposing fresh taxation. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach thus plunges his hand into the war chest in a time of prosperous peace, and this is what a majority of the financial experts cannot forgive.

A FAIRLY CLEVER SCHEME.
Still another correspondent cables: "The largest income ever drawn in prosperous years is exhausted when naval expenditures are on a vast scale and spendthrift finance for the benefit of special classes is the order of the day. The humdrum budget speech of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach revealed a fairly clever method of escape from the next year's deficit without increased income taxation or a revival of the duties on wheat and sugar. It was only necessary for him to make the fantastic discovery that the nation was getting out of debt with ruinous rapidity and to force a balance at the expense of the sinking fund, with the help of the new duty and slightly increased taxation on wines. His argument that future ministers might not be embarrassed by the withdrawal of large interest charges for the relief of taxation was neither ingenious nor convincing, but the supporters of the government were willing to accept any plea which precluded adding another penny to the income tax. Sir William Vernon Harcourt delivered a forcible speech, full of whimsical humor, but the government was not dismayed by Liberal objections to the course adopted respecting terminable annuities. The subject is too technical to command public attention, and the party in power is safe so long as the income taxation is not increased and brewers are not hit."

HARCOURT IN THE COMMONS.
One of the events of the parliamentary week was the re-entry of Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt into the House of Commons. Ringing cheers greeted him from both sides of the house as he sat down beside John Morley. But, later in the evening, his successor as leader of the Liberal party in the house, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, moved next to him, and they chatted together. Most of the leaders on both sides of the house conversed with Sir William Vernon Harcourt, but he appeared to be conscious of his new position, and did not seem to enjoy the exchange of civilities.

HERBERT GLADSTONE'S POPULAR MOVE.

The acceptance of the succession to Thomas Edward Ellis (who died April 5) as chief Liberal whip by Herbert Gladstone has given keen satisfaction on all sides, and his action is warmly praised. By accepting the post after having filled important ministerial offices, Mr. Gladstone takes an almost unprecedented step in English parliamentary history. He yielded to the strong representations of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who pointed out that the prestige of his name, combined with his personal popularity, would enable him to render invaluable aid in the reconstruction and reorganization of the Liberal party. The office of whip is always laborious, and at the present session in the Liberal party it becomes a post of exceptional difficulty and responsibility.

THE ARMY DEPLETED.

The British war office is again at its wits' ends to find recruits for the army. There was an outburst of military fervor after the battle of Omdurman, but it was short-lived. Even the guards regiments, at higher pay, cannot find men, while the outlook of the cavalry, artillery and infantry is exceedingly gloomy. The army at present is getting only the dregs of young manhood. The industrial activity prevailing seems to be the explanation of the recruiting failure. Altogether the army is getting slowly depleted, the re-

cruiting being insufficient to replace the retiring batches.

FERMENT IN RUSSIA.

Advices from Russia seem to confirm the stories of trouble in the empire, including local insurrections caused by the prevailing scarcity of food, artisan troubles and disturbances among university students. The latter, it appears, have combined in a protest against brutal treatment on the part of the Cossacks, and it is asserted that between strikes and expulsions about 30,000 students have left the universities, which are said to be closed in St. Petersburg, Moscow, Kiev, Charkoff, Odessa, Kasan, Tomsk and Warsaw. It is added that the ringleaders have been arrested, that many female students have followed the example of the men, and that the authorities regard this as a serious matter, as experience has shown that women malcontents quickly become revolutionists. Students remaining demanded amnesty for their fellow-students, and a reorganization of the system of university inspection. The present it is further asserted involves not only the universities throughout Russia, but also the large technical colleges.

OVERSHADOWING TOPIC.

The Samoan question continues to overshadow all others, so much so that interest in the subject has even seized the classes, says a Berlin correspondent. The most remarkable feature of the affair is the united daily onslaught made by the entire agrarian, anti-semitic and part of the Conservative and National Liberal press on the cabinet, and especially on the minister of foreign affairs, Baron von Buelow, who is charged with following a vacillating policy, and yielding too much to "British insolence and Yankee impudence." A regular campaign of abuse has been opened against the leaders in foreign politics, many utterances being of unusual vigor and venom. It is learned on good authority that the aim of this is to discredit Baron von Buelow with the emperor, force his retirement and prejudice public opinion and the reichstag against the United States, and thus defeat the meat inspection bill, which is considered by the agrarians to be too favorable to American and too harmful to German interests.

THE BLATANT MINORITY.

But the great noise of the agrarian press and its allies ought not to deceive people into the belief that they represent public opinion. They are really the blatant minority. Neither the emperor nor the government have allowed themselves to be influenced by the mischief-makers.

SUGGESTION FOR A STRONG FLEET.

The Berlin Post, semi-official, in an inspired article, says: "Probably the Samoan difficulties would not have arisen at all if the other countries had reckoned with a strong German fleet, ready for any emergency." Many of the papers have emphasized the fact that the absence of cable connection with Samoa was largely responsible for the recent troubles. They urge the laying of a cable as soon as possible.

THE UNANIMITY PRINCIPLE.

The Cologne Gazette points out that the system of unanimity is a feature which the United States has previously strongly insisted upon. The papers also deduce that, even accepting American interpretation of the treaty, Admiral Kautz has put himself in the wrong. The correspondent of the Associated Press learns that both Great Britain and the United States expressed the hope that the unanimity principle would not be carried to an unreasonable extent, which might easily frustrate the whole purpose of the commission, and result in a deadlock if one power stood out against the others on every question. Germany may have conciliatory answers.

HAILED WITH JOY.

The appointment of the Samoan commission and the final acceptance by Great Britain of the German proposal as to its scope and method, is hailed with joy by the entire press, and the belief is expressed that something like order and harmony will now be re-established in the islands and thus remove one of the main disturbing factors standing in the way of an understanding.

THE QUEEN'S EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY.

Truth hints that the French Government will be much relieved when

the Queen leaves Cimiez, for it has had a deal of trouble, and has had to take stringent measures and precautions to prevent the Queen from being molested when out driving. Now all is hushed at Windsor for the birthday celebrations. Her Majesty's programme for the day begins in the mausoleum in Frogmore, where the body of the Prince Consort lies entombed. In the evening there will be a great state banquet in St. George's Hall in the castle, followed by a performance of "Lohengrin" by the Covent Garden Opera Company. The public has always had a great desire to see the interior of the famous historic Kensington Palace. On May 24, when the Queen is to be in London, to hold a drawing-room in person, she is to throw open to the public the state rooms in the palace, the decoration of which is now proceeding. The rooms comprise the Belgian gallery rooms, where the Queen was born, and lived as a child, the audience chambers and the great corridor giving entrance to the palace from the palace gardens. The banquet hall will also be thrown open to the public. The Queen has had the room where she was born furnished as nearly as possible as it was in 1819, while the pictures which formed part of the embellishment of the walls when the Queen was a girl have been brought from Hampton Court and hung in the different rooms.

THE STELLA HORROR.

The horror caused by the wreck of the excursion steamer Stella on the Casquet Rocks of the Guernsey coast at Easter has far from subsided. In fact, sympathy has given way to a feeling of indignation, the cause of which will require a deal of explaining away to the coroner's inquiry. It had been rumored that when two boatloads of castaways from the Stella were rescued and taken on board the Vera (also owned by the company), they had to pay for such food as they required. Evidence has proved that this is true. When, after being afloat all night in the cold and fog in open boats, they were taken on board the Vera, they were offered nothing in the shape of stimulant or food, not being helped to even a cup of coffee, and from those who did go into the saloon payment for whatever they got was demanded. Had it not been for assistance from some of the Vera's passengers, the shipwrecked ones would have fared badly. There seems no reason now for doubt that the captain of the Stella was driving the vessel too rapidly through the fog, and that there is too keen rivalry between the captains of the two companies to get their vessels across the channel ahead of each other. The catastrophe has also revived talk of whether it is possible to remove the Casquets, which for centuries have been a great menace to navigation. An eminent engineer gives it as his opinion that it would be possible to sink a shaft, drill radiating galleries, fill them with gun-cotton and blow the group of rocks up, but the question of cost is a most serious one. Sir Frederick Bramwell says that if the attempt is made, irrespective of cost, the job could be done. Mr. J. A. Wells, a well-known contractor, says that it would not be possible to estimate the cost closer than a quarter of a million dollars either way.

HALF A MILLION SHORT.

Some painful revelations were made at a meeting of the shareholders of Yates & Co., of the Royal carpet factory, held in London on Wednesday. Mr. Pardoe Yates, chairman of the company, has held the position of president since September. Yates died after a short illness, and it was then found that \$500,000 had been misappropriated by the late chairman.

CURIOUS BIGAMY CASE.

At present there are 221 matrimonial petitions awaiting trial, of which 152 are undefended. One hundred and fifteen of these are husbands' petitions for dissolution of marriage, and in 77 cases wives are petitioning for divorce. The others are for judicial separation and nullity suits.

A Blackpool woman married her fourth husband, and was tried on Tuesday for bigamy, because her third husband was alive at the time, but she proved that her first husband, whom she had legal grounds for supposing dead when she married her second, was really alive when she married the third, making that union invalid, and the marriage with the fourth valid. This seems to prove that the maxim that two wrongs do not make a right

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TEN SUICIDES.

There were ten suicides in Paris on Saturday, accomplished in the stereotyped French fashion, with the aid of charcoal fumes. A poverty-stricken dressmaker asphyxiated herself and two children. An aged couple, grief-stricken over the death of their only son, followed her example, and another couple were led to suicide by poverty. Of the three single suicides two threw themselves out of a window, and two others jumped into the Seine.

FATAL TATTOOING.

Louis Montgomery Forbes, a young man, who was making ready to go to America, has died of blood poisoning, after having been tattooed by Alfred Smith, a professional tattooist, at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster. At the coroner's inquest, Smith testified that he had operated on Forbes on several occasions. The last time the work took five hours, with short intervals. He said he had tattooed thousands of people, and that he had never known anyone to be the worse for it. He said that Forbes was intoxicated during the operation. No blame was attached to the tattooist in the verdict.

NOTES.

According to dispatches from Paris a monster pilgrimage to Lourdes will leave various points in France today (Monday). About 50,000 pilgrims will embark on 53 trains, and arrive at Lourdes on Tuesday.

Mr. John Mackie, who is known through several novels dealing with life in Canada and the Northwest Territory is about to bring out another, entitled "The Prodigal Brother." The story is laid during the time of the Riel rebellion.

Princess Beatrice is engaged in the compilation of a work which bears on the Queen's visit to the south of France, and is illustrated with sea and landscape portraits of men, women and children whom her majesty has met at Cimiez.

The anti-ritual leaders are apparently satisfied with their success in inducing Mr. Balfour to take up the subject, and will allow the burning questions to smolder at least until the MacIvor bill is reached next month.

APPLYING FOR DIVORCE.

Ottawa, April 17.—The petition of A. Aronsberg, of Montreal, for a bill of divorce from his wife, Lottie Harrison, was presented to parliament Saturday. The parties were married at Liverpool, England, in 1882, and came to Montreal in the same year. In 1885 they moved to Toronto, and lived together until 1894, when they were separated owing to unhappy differences. On the 28th of April, 1897, Mrs. Aronsberg having procured an alleged divorce in Dakota, went through the form of marriage with John P. Duning, a commercial traveler, of Toronto, and has been residing with him ever since. The divorce is asked for on the grounds of adultery and desertion.

Judge Robertson has granted a change of venue in the Ponton case and decided that the trial shall be held at Toronto instead of Belleville.

WINTER WHEAT

Said To Be Only Half a Crop in the United States.

Is the Startling Report a Stock-Jobbing Move, or Founded on Fact?

Chicago, April 17.—The board of trade learns that the winter wheat crop is in a bad condition. The reports and private advices received by big grain houses indicate that despite the increased acreage the crop this year will be one of the smallest harvested in many years.

The estimates of the winter wheat crop yield this year place it between 250,000,000 and 300,000,000 bushels, as against a yield of 370,000,000 last year. The trade has heretofore been inclined to look upon the crop damage as exaggerated, but this advice from all the wheat-growing states has become so insistent that the local market is entirely absorbed in the crop situation.

Private advices from Indiana state that three-fourths of the wheat crop there is dead, and the remaining one-quarter looks "sick."

The situation in Illinois is represented as being worse than it has been for many years, the estimates being one-half to one-third of an ordinary crop. A dispatch from Huntington, Ind., states that the acreage sown there is a total failure, and that not one field in fifty will have a binder put in.

These communications are typical of scores of others received through private channels and over the wire from all sections of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kansas.

In Missouri, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and some portions of Ohio, the news has not been so sensationally bullish. But from the entire winter-wheat growing territory the farmers and correspondents are sending out statements of damage more or less severe.

W. T. Baker, former president of the board of trade, said:

"I believe that it is not a question of being able to export wheat to Europe or abroad, but whether we will have enough for home consumption. The situation has rarely been so poor as at present. I hardly think there will be half a crop harvested. The farmers are plowing up their fields, and in some states the crop is almost an entire failure."

Of course the cold weather was the cause of the poor wheat. In years past we always have had more or less news of crop damage. But with favorable weather it was usually seen that these reports were exaggerated. But this year the situation is very different. Instead of revealing anything to detract from the early estimates of damage on account of cold weather, each day brings in more serious advices.

I am convinced that the winter wheat crop situation is not going to be relieved by information from the wheat field in the future."

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Playing for Keeps

Opening Games of the National Baseball League.

Pittsburg, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago and St. Louis Won.

Brooklyn Shut Out—Sunday Games at Cincinnati and St. Louis—Other Sporting Events.

BASEBALL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES.
Cincinnati, O., April 17.—For the first time in three years the Reds lost the opening game of the season. Nearly 10,000 people witnessed the contest. Pittsburgh outplayed the Reds at every point. Score: R. H. E.
Cincinnati 2 11 2
Pittsburg 5 10 1
Batteries—Hawley and Peltz; Tannehill and Schirmer.

At Brooklyn, N.Y.—The opening game of the championship season brought out an attendance of over 20,000. Eleven innings were played between two as perfectly balanced teams as could be brought together. Score: R. H. E.
Brooklyn 0 4 1
Boston 1 7 0
Batteries—Kennedy and Cassidy and Smith; Nichols and Bergen.

At Philadelphia—It looked like victory for the Washingtons until the seventh inning, when, by opportune hitting, Philadelphia overcame the Senators' lead and won by a close margin. Score: R. H. E.
Philadelphia 5 11 4
Washington 3 12 3
Batteries—Donahue and McFarland; Mercer and McGuire.

At Baltimore, Md.—The rejuvenated Orioles defeated New York in a close game. Score: R. H. E.
Baltimore 5 6 3
New York 3 3 2
Batteries—Kison and Robinson; Doney and Warner.

At Louisville—Both Callahan and Dowling pitched fine ball and had the Colonels supported their pitcher the score would have been a tie. Attendance, 2,600. Score: R. H. E.
Louisville 1 10 4
Chicago 2 11 2
Batteries—Dowling and Kittridge; Callahan and Chance.

At St. Louis—The baseball season opened with a game between the Cleveland and St. Louis clubs, which since last year have changed cities. Tebeau, St. Louis boys easily won the game. Attendance, 16,000. Score: R. H. E.
St. Louis 10 13 4
Cleveland 1 6 4
Batteries—Young and O'Connor; Sudhoff and Clements.

SUNDAY GAMES. R. H. E.
Cincinnati 4 8 4
Chicago 8 9 1
Batteries—Taylor and Feitz; Taylor and Donahue. Attendance, 13,400.

At St. Louis—
St. Louis 6 7 2
Cleveland 5 12 3
Batteries—Powell and Criger; Carsey and Sugden. Attendance, 18,000.

THE ST. THOMAS CLUB.
St. Thomas has signed a new player. His name is George Rust, and he hails from Little Falls, N. Y. He plays third base, and is said to be fast on infield hits, a strong thrower, and handy with the willow. Of course, the signing of Rust means that Nugent will be let go. The St. Thomas team will line up as follows for the practice games: Catchers, Dan Sullivan and John Sullivan; pitchers, Frank Pears, Al Kerns, Glen J. Hogg, C. E. Robb, Harry Haggard, J. H. Hardy, first base, H. Busse, second base, G. Rust, shortstop, D. Sheehan; third base, W. Rodden; fielders, Clinton, Martin, "Dan" Lyons, Pete Tibbald, and the chances are, Joe Knight.—St. Thomas Times.

THE STRATFORD SITUATION.
"Wayfarer," in Stratford Beacon: The remarks of the Wayfarer on professional baseball last week have been indorsed by nearly every citizen, except the professional baseball promoters. There is no yearning desire in Stratford for professional baseball. There is a desire on the part of baseball promoters from other places, aided by a few here, to foist professional baseball on the city. What is there to enthrone over in a hired man playing baseball any more than in a hired man plowing a field? That is not really sport in the true sense which is carried on by hired participants.

PLAYER KILLED.
Grass Valley, Cal., April 17.—Charles Dial, one of the best known baseball players in California, died here of brain fever, caused by his being struck just above the right ear by a pitched ball on Sunday, which knocked him senseless and fractured his skull.

DUTTON CLUB.
The senior baseball players of Dutton held an organization meeting at the Queen's Hotel and organized for the year. Mr. Taylor, B.A. was elected captain, and Archie McKay, secretary-treasurer.

GUELPH'S THIRD BASEMAN.
The Guelph Herald says: Manager

Black, of the Maple Leafs, has signed Elmer E. Smith third baseman with the champion Bay City team of 1897, to play with the Maple Leafs. Smith played a great fielding game that year and had an average of .376. Last season he played third base with the Fall River team, of the New England League, having a batting average of .347. Smith is undoubtedly a strong man.

THE OREGONS.
At a meeting of the Oregon Pleasure Club, the work of organizing and electing officers for a first-class amateur baseball team was accomplished. The officers elected are: President, Mr. Jack Fortner; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Frank Ryan; manager-captain, Paul Healey. The Oregons intend putting a good team on the field.

FLYS.
Jeff Blakey, who played with Stratford last season, has signed with the Catalpas of Toronto.
The sale of Pitcher J. A. Frisk by the Hamilton club to Detroit has been completed, and in last week's bulletin is noted by President Young. President Stroud, of the Hamilton club, received the price Thursday.

It is announced that the manager of the new Canadian League team at Stratford will be First Baseman Popkay, of Detroit, who played on the Bay City and Chatham teams last year. Popkay will play first base and manage and captain the team.

Pitcher Crystall, formerly of Woodstock, released by Toronto, has signed with the Guelph team.
Guelph has signed Wm. McKevitt, centerfielder, who played two seasons with Bay City. William is no kin of Hamilton's right fielder.

There is some talk of choosing Mr. A. F. McLaren, M.P., of Stratford, for president of the Canadian League this year.

Spalding's Official Guide gives St. Thomas as winners of the Canadian League championship last year. Their percentage is placed at .603. Hamilton .597, London .517 and Chatham .371.

Guelph has signed McKevitt, center Manager Taylor, of the Violet Baseball Club, has signed Catcher Fitzgerald to backstop for his team this year. Fitz will no doubt strengthen the team in hitting and base stealing.

TRIGGER.
MELROSE RIFLE CLUB SHOOT.
The Melrose Rifle Club met on Wednesday, April 12.

200 yards, open hand—
* F. Robinson 3 4 5 5 9-25
W. Robinson 3 5 6 6 2-24
J. Harrison 2 6 5 7-22
* D. Steinhoff 5 3 4 4 6-22
C. Harrison 7 3 5 3-21
B. Harrison 1 6 8 0 5-20
J. Simpson 2 9 1 5-19
A. Steinhoff 6 5 2 3-21
F. Harrison 2 2 1 7 5-17
J. Oliver 2 5 2 4 4-17
A. Harrison 1 3 3 2 6-15
E. J. Shaw 2 7 1 4 1-15
G. Harrison 0 3 1 2 1-14
J. Ferguson 3 1 4 3 2-13
J. H. Challoner 0 1 2 2 6-11
J. H. Challoner 0 1 2 2 6-11
G. Tuckey 3 2 1 0 0-8
* R. Robinson 1 1 0 0 0-8

* Globe and peep-sights.
200 yards on rest—
J. K. Morris 7 7 7 7 7-35
W. Robinson 9 9 5 4 6-33
J. Oliver 6 5 6 8 7-32
J. Simpson 8 10 5 3 6-32
C. Harrison 3 10 8 6 5-32
J. Harrison 8 8 6 5 3-29
G. Harrison 4 3 10 6 7-30
J. H. Challoner 8 6 5 3 7-29
A. Steinhoff 8 8 5 2 2-23
B. Harrison 6 4 5 4 2-27
E. J. Shaw 7 5 6 5 4-27
* D. Steinhoff 2 5 10 3 7-26
J. Ferguson 3 5 9 3 5-26
F. Harrison 3 4 9 6 3-25
J. Harrison 7 4 4 3 2-25
* F. Robinson 8 2 4 6 2-23
G. Tuckey 10 8 3 2 2-20
A. Harrison 1 0 1 7 6-15

* Globe and peep-sights.
Totals—W. Robinson 57, C. Harrison 53, J. Simpson 51, F. Harrison 49, J. Oliver 49, J. Harrison 47, A. Steinhoff 47, B. Harrison 47, J. K. Morris 46, G. Harrison 44, E. J. Shaw 42, J. H. Challoner 40, J. Ferguson 39, * F. Robinson 38, * D. Steinhoff 38, A. Harrison 37, G. Tuckey 28, * W. Robinson 17, * Globe and peep-sights.

WHEEL.
COSTLIEST BIKE IN THE WORLD.
The costliest bicycle in the world has just been finished at a gun factory in Vienna. It will cost 300,000 guineas, which is a little more than \$750,000. The owner is a rich South African diamond king and mine owner, who will present the machine to his wife on her next birthday. It is inlaid with precious stones and diamonds on every possible part.

HILL-CLIMBING RACES.
Hill-climbing competitions are quite the rage in Hungary at present. At a recent race of this nature, held at Budapest, the winner, riding a wheel geared at 73, covered the two and a quarter miles from start to finish in 12 minutes. The rise in that distance was 330 feet. The average gradient was 1 in 14, except for the last quarter mile, which was 1 in 5.

SPOKES.
Tom Cooper, of Detroit, and Earl Kiser, of Dayton, were in Cincinnati in the interest of the "outlaw" bicycle racing men, asking the management of Chester Park to permit them to train on their track. The Chester Park Company refused, and Cooper and Kiser have gone south.

A regular epidemic of cycle thieving has broken out in Paris, and almost daily some cycle store is broken into by burglars.

The Prince of Naples is enthusiastic enough to do all his own repairs. He has recently had a repair shop fitted up for this purpose.

King Leopold of Belgium is fond of witnessing cycle events, and assists almost every year at the races held during the National Fete, for which he offers a valuable prize, usually of silver. This is put up for an event called "The King's Prize Race."

THE TURF.
STRAY-STEP BURNED TO DEATH.
New York, April 17.—A fire took place at the Aqueduct race track Saturday afternoon, destroying a thirty-stall stable, at the end of the home stretch, in a little over half an hour. The well-known race horse, Stray-Step, the property of F. G. Smith, was burned.

Stray-Step was a brown horse, 5 years old, by Stratford, out of False-Step. He was formerly the property of Adam Beck, of London, Ont. The remaining twelve horses were rescued with the greatest difficulty. Three times was Lady Dora taken out of her burning

stall, and still she wanted to get back in the raging flames.

AT BENNING.
Washington, April 17.—A large crowd of people saw Delacy, the Hanover colt, win the \$4,000 nursery stakes at Benning Saturday, in the fast time of :49 $\frac{1}{2}$. The track was deep in sand, and at least two seconds slow.

First race, purse, \$300, for 3-year-olds and upwards, handicap, 6 furlongs—Festigatronic won, Takasneeze 2, Red Gid 3. Time, 1:16.

Second race, nursery stakes, \$4,000, to winner, for 2-year-olds, half-mile—Delacy won, Primrose Day 2, Prestigator 3. Time, :49 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Third race, Washington handicap, \$500, for 3-year-olds and upwards, 1 mile—Duke of Middleburg won, Thomas Cat 2, Nosey 3. Time, 1:44.

Fourth race, \$300, for 3-year-olds and upwards, selling 13-16 of a mile—Sister Stella won, Lady Exile 2, Plantain 3. Time, 1:22.

Fifth race, the Benning steeplechase, \$300, for 4-year-olds and upwards, about 2½ miles—Decapod won, Baby Bill 2, Trillion 3. Time, 5:15 $\frac{1}{2}$.

AT NEWPORT.
Cincinnati, Ohio, April 17.—Results at Newport Saturday:

First race, 6 furlongs—Our Gertie 1, Sim. W. 2, Mr. Phineez 3. Time, 1:15 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Second race, 4½ furlongs—Florizor 1, Cheese Straw 2, Miss Dede 3. Time, :56 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Third race, 1 1-16 miles, selling—Aboregate 1, Lobengula 2, Prince Zeno 3. Time, 1:49 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Fourth race, 6½ furlongs—Malo 1, Can I See 'Em 2, Bethlehem Star 3. Time, 1:22 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Fifth race, mile—Clare Meader 1, Land Ho 2, Charlie O. 3. Time, 1:44 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Sixth race, 1 1-16 miles, selling—Honey Launt 1, School Girl 2, Libation 3. Time, 1:49.

AT MEMPHIS.
Memphis, Tenn., April 17.—Saturday's results:

First race, 4½ furlongs, 2-year-olds—The Conqueror 1, Bonivard 2, Greenack 3. Time, 1:57.

Second race, 1 mile—Freak 1, Lennep 2, Chantilly 3. Time, 1:44.

Third race, 1 mile and 70 yards, selling—Joe 1, Bellamy 2, Bright Night 3. Time, 1:50.

Fourth race, 1 furlong, selling—The Tennessee Brewing stakes, for 3-year-olds and up—Verify 1, Mill Stream 2, De Blase 3. Time, 1:29 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Fifth race, 4 furlongs, selling—Fine Shot 1, Lord Weir 2, Capron 3. Time, :51.

Sixth race, 1 mile and 70 yards, selling—Tony Honig 1, Blue Lick 2, Forget Me Not 3. Time, 1:48 $\frac{1}{2}$.

AT INGLESDALE.
San Francisco, April 17.—First race, 5 furlongs, 2-year-olds, purse—Rachael 1, Giga 2, Artilla 3. Time, 1:03 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Second race, Schrieber stakes, 5 furlongs—Golden Rule 1, Mountebank 2, Ramboulla 3. Time, 1:02 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Third race, selling, 1 mile—Potente 1, Wyoming 2, Malay 3. Time, 1:41 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Fourth race, the California Derby, 1¼ miles—Corrine 1, Gauntlet 2, Olinthus 3. Time, 2:08 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Fifth race, selling, 1 1-16 miles—Bernardillo 1, New Moon 2, Major Hooker 3. Time, 1:48 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Sixth race, handicap, 6 furlongs—Dr. Shepard 1, Tony Licalzi 2, La Goleta 3. Time, 1:41 $\frac{1}{2}$.

FISTIC.
KNOCKED OUT AGAIN.
Cincinnati, April 17.—Johnny Richie, of Chicago, knocked out Patsy Haley, of Buffalo, in the tenth round on Saturday.

INDIAN NOT IN IT.
New York, April 17.—Owen Zeigler, of Philadelphia, knocked out Frank Wongo, a Canadian Indian, in the second round of what was to have been a 20-round bout, before the Greenwood Athletic Club in Brooklyn on Saturday night. Zeigler knocked Wongo down in the first round, and the second round had barely begun when Zeigler knocked him out with a right swing on the jaw.

FOOTBALL.
IN ENGLAND.
London, April 17.—The final tie in the English Association cup, the leading football feature of the year, was decided at the Crystal Palace Saturday afternoon. There were 80,000 people present, including Lord Rosebery and A. J. Balfour. The latter presented the cup to the Sheffield United, which beat Derby county by 4 goals to 1. Derby county scored the first goal up to half-time, but in the second half of the game the Sheffield United had it all their own way, and scored four times.

KENNEL.
CANADIAN WINNERS AT PITTSBURG.
Mr. George Douglas, of Woodstock, showed only puppies, except Red Mack, in the cocker spaniel, at the Pittsburgh show, but made a fine list of winnings. Speculator took the Premier Puppy Bowl for the best puppy in the show, with Speculator first in the novice class, first in the limit class for other parti-colors, second in the limit red dog class, special for the best moving spaniel, and special for the cocker with the best feet and shoulders, second in the limit parti-color bitches with Spring Robins, and first in the open with Red Mack.

At the Pittsburgh dog show Mr. George H. Gooderham, of Toronto, won first and the championship with Victorious, beating Claude Duval; a first and championship with Valse, and three firsts with Durraghmore. Tartar secured a first and Saucy a third.

CRICKET.
CHATHAM'S CLUB.
The Chatham cricket club has been

reorganized with the following officers: President, J. Sutherland; vice-presidents, W. S. Ireland, G. B. Douglas, A. Heyward, Wm. Ball; secretary, John Reese; treasurer, W. R. Kenny; executive committee, Dr. Nicholls, W. B. Wells, John Hartstead, C. R. Atkinson, H. Dennis, S. S. Kofage, P. Miller, J. W. Aikens; match committee, Nicholls, Wells, Hartstead. The president made the club \$50 richer by a donation of that amount.

DROWNING OF THREE FISHERS

While on Their Way Home Saturday Night.

Baby Found Dead in Bed—Its Parents Blamed—Suicide Near Gorrie—Other Casualties.

THREE MEN DROWNED.
Deseronto, Ont., April 17.—Three fishermen Jacob Oak and George and William Vanward—left here Saturday evening about 6:45 in a small boat for their home near Howless ferry, and were drowned. The boat was found yesterday morning near the steamboat dock here.

TRIPLE MURDER.
Paris, Texas, April 17.—Solomon Canva, while intoxicated, shot and killed his wife, child and brother at his home, five miles west of Grati, T. F. Canva is a full-blooded Choctaw and was for a long time judge of Klamiti county. He is under arrest.

BABY FOUND DEAD IN BED.
Huntsville, Ont., April 17.—On Thursday morning the 3-month-old daughter of J. T. D. Coulthart, baker, was found dead in its cot. The coroner's jury in the case returned a verdict that the child's death was caused by willful neglect on the part of its parents.

SUICIDE NEAR GORRIE.
Gorrie, Ont., April 17.—A sad calamity took place Sunday morning, when Geo. Sacks, who resided about 5 miles from Gorrie, on con. 12, Howick, committed suicide by drowning himself in the north branch of the River Maitland, about 80 rods from his father's farm. It is believed that he had been temporarily insane for some time.

TROLLEY FATALITY AT TORONTO.
Toronto, April 17.—Charles Edward Higgins, a three-year-old son of E. M. Higgins, was run over by a Metropolitan street car Saturday afternoon, on Yonge street north and received terrible injuries, from which he died yesterday.

ELEVATOR ACCIDENT.
Rochester, N. Y., April 17.—By the falling of an elevator used on a building scaffold on the Fahy block in this city Saturday, five men were seriously injured. The cables of the elevator broke, and the men fell to the ground, a distance of 40 feet.

PORT LAMBERT BOY DROWNED.
Chatham, April 17.—While playing on the shore piling near the St. Clair flats, Clifford Bradley, the 4-year-old son of George Bradley, of Port Lambert, slipped and fell on the moving ice, and from the ice into the water, and was drowned.

SUICIDE EXTRAORDINARY.
Ann Arbor, Mich., April 17.—A. A. Marshall, proprietor of the Sugar Bowl candy store, committed suicide on Saturday in a most extraordinary manner. His head was enveloped in a canvas sack, through which ran a rubber gas tube, the end of which he had inserted in his mouth and then turned on the gas. He was dead when found. No reason is known.

FATAL CROSSING.
Flint, Mich., April 17.—Glenn Colbath, a Gaines township farmer, met with a fatal accident at a Chicago and Grand Trunk Railroad crossing near Otterburn, Saturday afternoon. Colbath, who is about 22 years old, was driving a team of horses attached to a wagon loaded with farm machinery, across the track, when he was run down by the fast train west. One of the horses was killed. Young Colbath was picked up in the cowcatcher, and hurled against the fence, dying instantly from the shock.

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Why the British Are Imperialists and Colonizers.

Prof. Patrick Geddes, of Edinburgh, the well-known Scottish educationist, has been speaking in New York on the evolution of social and economic institutions, a subject of great interest to our neighbors in this day of departure from their traditional views with regard to the mission of the republic. The professor has made some striking remarks. The roots of imperialism, he says, reach far back into primitive conditions and institutions. Imperialism is a phenomenon of racial expansion in its militant as distinguished from its economic form. The shepherd caravan by land, the fishing boat by sea, develop trade routes under peaceful conditions. Peace gives us the manifold civilizations of the East, the achievements and ideals of Israel and of Helas. But in that there was no imperialism. That, like war, belongs to a secondary stage of evolution. What connection is there between these agencies and our modern lions and eagles? Where do these emblems come from but from Assyria, whose hunter heroes killed lions and bears and became hunter kings, founders of the great empires which all but utterly overwhelmed first Israel, then Greece? And from the first empire of the Assyrian hunter king to the modern empire par excellence is a practically regular line of evolution. The Roman expansion was different. The legion was the agricultural colony militant. The soldiers fought for land to retire upon. Therein lay the superior law, order and civilization which was the strong feature of Roman Empire. In so far as we colonize to take up land in cultivable regions we are successful, and the mother of new Romes; but that, in the opinion of Prof. Geddes, is not empire. Imperialism is ruling other races for tribute. Colonization is spreading out of one race over more land, as the British people have done in Canada and Australia, where, since the wholesome lesson of the Boston "tea party" and its consequences, the British Government have not attempted to imperially govern, though there was, in Canada, at an early stage of the century, mistaken notions as to the rights of imperial agents that almost resulted in a rupture. It is parallel with the occupation by the United States of the territory west of the original colonies. Imperialism is illustrated by the holding of India by the British and their innumerable minor dependencies of the tropics, where the white man cannot possibly do physical work or raise children, much less permanently settle and multiply, and to which the imperial government can send only the soldier, the administrator and the tax collector. The holding of the Philippines by the United States is a case in parallel—a noteworthy illustration, seeing it is a departure by our neighbors from the settled policy of the republic from its foundation until now.

Prof. Geddes points out that the British colonial policy itself has not always understood the countries and peoples which it governs through its officers. The petty wars which have resulted from the attempt to control districts inhabited by peoples not well understood by the British authorities have, in Prof. Geddes' estimation, been far too often wars of revenge, of aggression, or of sheer ignorant blundering. The happy but infrequent avoidance of war by the British ministers indicates that in these cases, at least, they have that sympathy and knowledge requisite for dealing with native populations. The best explorers have been the pacific ones, as was proved in the experience of Mungo Park and Livingstone, those intrepid Scotchmen, who did so much to open up Africa, and that without shedding a drop of human blood. It is the men of agricultural conditions, the men whose business it is to tend life, not to take it, who go safely through Africa. The men of hunting, sporting or military proclivities, are the men who have to fight. Precisely the same rule holds good in politics, the soldier, the administrator, the taxgatherer traverses, in far more ways than he knows, the ordinary life, economy, the instincts of the people he tries to govern. They refuse or they rebel. He thinks them "half devil and half child," accordingly, and determines to maintain order—an order, alas! which in many British wars, Prof. Geddes is bound to say, he thinks more than half devilish, and maintained with an ignorance more than childish.

The white man's responsibility ought to be that which the missionary feels who does what he can for those less enlightened races at his own risk and charges, his business being primarily to give them his best. Of course, the civilized, who can really educate, really develop, greater prosperity, is he who promotes commerce, not he who promotes successful war, or even successful order and taxation. To understand British imperialism you must study it in detail. It presents every extreme, from colonization of the most successful type to failures as conspicuous as any which can be alleged against France.

It is well for us who think so much of British institutions to bear this in mind when we are criticising the new departure of the United States on the highway of imperialism in the isles of the seas. Much, indeed, depends upon the races with which the British people have had to do, and all parts of the empire are not made up of in-

habitants such as we have in this the Greater Britain of the New World. Nor must it be forgotten that the very elasticity of which Prof. Geddes speaks is the safety-valve of the British system of colonial management. If an attempt has been made to establish a system of dull uniformity of methods, of customs, of laws, in these modern times, such as some nations have attempted, through their rulers, in their attempts at colonization, the troubles which have come to the British, in their management of territory throughout the world, would have been augmented many fold.

Roobach for Brockville.

Surely Brockville will signify its disapproval of the scheme to gerrymander it out of existence by electing the Opposition candidate.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Our contemporary ought to be ashamed to circulate such a foolish "roobach." Who is its authority for stating that Brockville is to be gerrymandered out of existence by the new redistribution of constituencies according to county boundaries? Brockville will remain a constituency, and there is no reason that we know of why it should not support the Government after the redistribution, as it bids fair to support it in the election on Thursday next. Our contemporary, knowing nothing about the measure, which is intended to undo the most rascally device for party advantage that ever disgraced a statute book, calls it a gerrymander. We believe that it will be a distribution which can be defended on equitable grounds, and as providing that the House of Commons shall be fairly representative of the feeling of the country, which has been impossible since the "hiving of the Grits."

One does not wonder that the Opposition organ is fearful lest its friends, in the coming redistribution, should get a dose of the medicine which they made their political opponents swallow. But in this respect the Liberal leaders do well to refuse to imitate the bad example set them by the fearful Opposition of today. That any fair redistribution will be beneficial to the Liberal party, goes without saying, seeing that the butcheries in 1882 and in 1892 had the one object of injuring the Liberals, and denying them justice.

We need go no further from home than the counties of Middlesex, Elgin, Oxford, Perth, Norfolk, Brant, Westmorland, Lincoln and Haldimand, to prove that, and there are many other illustrations of the same iniquity. Brockville electors can certainly vote next Thursday with the assurance that in the redistribution about to take place they and every section of the country will have full justice.

History Repeating Itself.

An ingenious method of minimizing the force of the Opposition's attack on the Government on the Yukon scandal has been devised by The London Advertiser, which journal compares the Yukon matter with the steel rail scandal that was brought against the Mackenzie Government.

Those who are old enough to remember the Mackenzie regime will not need to have it pointed out that there are but few, if any, points of resemblance between the Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and that of the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie.

It will be sufficient to recall the fact that the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie himself occupied the position that Hon. Mr. Tarte fills today. So that, instead of having at the head of the greatest spending department of the Government the most pronounced spendthrift in the history of the Dominion, there was, during Mr. Mackenzie's time, one of the most economical of Canadian statesmen at head of that department.—Toronto News.

The attempt of the News to turn the point isn't even ingenious. Those who are old enough will recollect the stream of defamation poured upon Alexander Mackenzie by his enemies, in connection with the steel rail contract. The Opposition made the welkin ring with accusations against the Government just as they are now trying to split the ears of the groundlings with this Yukon din. The steel railway furore was slander pure and simple, and the men who most malign Alexander Mackenzie at that time are the loudest in post-mortem praises of his honesty and sterling worth. The present campaign of scandal resembles the Mackenzie incident because there is not a scrap of testimony before the public to warrant these wholesale charges of corruption aimed at Mr. Sifton. No one has specified a single transaction which reflects on Mr. Sifton's probity.

We cannot see any common sense in the News' argument that the attack on the Mackenzie Government and the attack on the Laurier Government are not analogous because the former Government were more economical. The Conservative Opposition at that period were denouncing the Mackenzie Administration for alleged extravagance. They were then painting Mr. Mackenzie just as black as they are now painting Mr. Sifton. Like Mr. Mackenzie, it is to be feared Mr. Sifton will only get a white character from his enemies when he dies or goes out of politics. Meanwhile, the memory of the injustice done to Mr. Mackenzie should make the public wary of lending an ear to detraction, when the detractors will not lend the public a glimpse of real evidence.

A few weeks ago Grocer Pettit, of Chatham, assigned. The assignee has declared the first and final dividend of 6 1/2 cents on the dollar.

Three carloads of pure-bred stock, gathered in the Guelph district, were shipped to Calgary Saturday by the secretary of the live stock association. They were purchased by W. D. Shattuck, of Calgary. This makes the fourth carload in a week. The demand in the west for Ontario-bred stock increases.

What Others Say.

Should Be Plucked.

[New York Mail and Express.] Rose, the German consul at Apia, appears to have been one of the wild variety. It is time he were plucked.

Too Frigid for Them.

[Hamilton Herald.] Those Klondike newspaper men got such a reception at Ottawa that they have gone back to Dawson to thaw out.

Poor Kent.

[Chatham Planet.] The climate of Kent is such that medical men strongly recommend an occasional dose of quinine as a preventive of disease.

A Busy Man.

[Boston Herald.] Attention is called to the fact that the magnificent library of the late Editor Delane of the London Times, soon to be sold, is made up largely of volumes with the names of the editors in this connection it is proper to say that Editor Delane was a very busy man.

The Spring Freshet.

[Hamilton Times.] Galt, Guelph and Brantford are again enduring their spring floods, and London is threatened. If there is no way of keeping the water back in the spring, to let it come down gradually during the summer when it would be of some use, could not the damage be reduced by deepening the watercourses at and below the towns and cities?

Prayer or Limburger.

[Ottawa Tribune.] The Methodists of Bay City were praying for the recovery of a sick woman, when she took a notion for some Limburger cheese. After eating it she rapidly recovered. Now there is a fight between the believers in prayer and the advocates of Limburger cheese as to which wrought her cure. Limburger is pretty strong, but it would require a good many of its residents to move a mountain.

Prof. Robertson's Criticism.

[Seaford Examiner.] Professor Robertson is like many others who are apt at pulling down, but who have no idea to give on the best method of building up. Many educational authorities the world over, are of the opinion that no state system can be devised which will cater to the individuality of each pupil that comes under its influence. If Mr. Robertson knows how the thing can be done, he should give us the benefit of his knowledge, and not hide his light under a bushel.

Counsel to Blame as Well.

[St. Thomas Journal.] The strictures of the Woodstock Express upon the custom of the judges rushing business when on circuit, and taking things easy when they are at home in Toronto, seem to be amply justified. There is an aspect of the case, however, upon which the Express has not touched, and that is that judges are frequently annoyed, perhaps more than annoyed, as they are only human, by the unpreparedness of counsel to go on with their cases and frequently adjourn them for that reason. While judges have no right to impose needless costs by postponing cases or referring them to the master, counsel should be ready when they have had reasonable time to be so.

Light and Shade.

Allowances.

Married people usually get along happily when the husband gives the wife an allowance, and she makes allowances for her husband.

Who He Was.

"Are you the defendant in this case?" asked the judge, sharply. "No, suh," answered the mild-eyed prisoner. "I have a lawyer hired ter do de defendin'. T'se de man dat der stole de articles."—Washington Star.

Free Will.

Hath He not given thee that which is thine own unhindered and unhampered, and hindered and hampered that which is not thine own?—Epicurus.

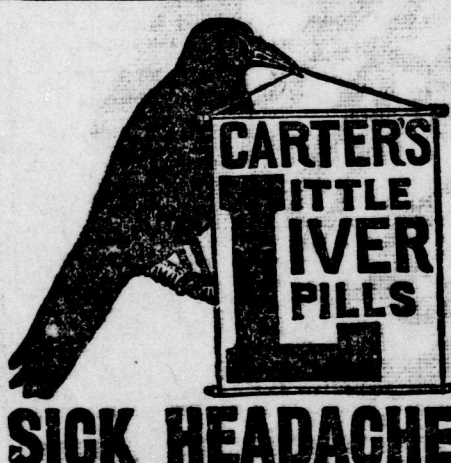
No Need to Wonder.

Miss Ethel—I wonder if that gentleman can hear me when I sing?—Maid—Of course he can. He is closing the window already.—Tit-Bits.

The Higher Kind.

Sailor—Want to buy a parrot, lady? Lady—Does he swear? Sailor—No, lady, dis one don't; but if yer want ter pay \$2 more I kin get yer a very choice article wot cusses beautiful.—Puck.

THE THAMESVILLE GAS PROPHECY
Chatham, April 17.—Prof. Ray, the gas prophet of Thamesville, has caused general excitement at Port Lambton in the way of finding gas for several residents of the town. He has also located a hidden treasure at Baby's Point, a short distance from here. It was a copper kettle, buried about six feet in the ground, and the professor claims that it was full of gold.



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Bleached Tablecloths, border all round, 8x10, worth \$2; selling for \$1 25	Unbleached 70-inch, fine and heavy, worth 70c; selling at 49c	Bleached and Unbleached Napkins, in broken lots, selling at 5c, 8c and 12 1/2c
Bleached Tablecloths, Satin Damask, 8x10, worth \$3 50 and \$4; selling at \$1 75 and \$2 00	Full Bleach Satin Damask, 72-inch, newest designs, worth \$1 45, for. 98c	Tablings in ends, from 1 1/2 to 5 yards, selling for 5c, 7 1/2c and .. 10c
Bleached Tablecloths, Satin Damask, 8x12, worth \$4, selling for. \$2 00	Bleached Satin Damask, 68-inches, worth \$1, selling for 75c	Kitchen Cloths, Pantry Cloths, Glass Cloths, etc. in squares, selling, each, for 5c, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, and 19c
Unbleached Tablecloths, bordered, pure floss, 8x10, worth \$1 50 for. \$1 00	Bleached Satin Damask, 60 to 66 inches, worth 90c, selling for 63c	Damask Towels, full bleached, 22x46, worth 75c, selling, per pair 50c
Unbleached Tablecloths, seconds, long, choice patterns, worth \$1 25 for 75c	Table Napkins, large dinner size, seconds, worth \$4 50, selling for. \$2 15	Full Bleached Damask Towels, 20x44, worth 50c, selling for per pair 25c
Unbleached Tablecloths, with border, 1 1/2 yards long, worth 75c, selling for 50c	Table Napkins, 3-4 size, fine goods, well worth \$2 25, for \$1 50	Unbleached Huck Towels, worth 35c, selling for, per pair 25c
Unbleached Table Linen, extra heavy, 60-inch, fine finish, worth 60c; selling for 30c	A lot of Ends, Bleached and Unbleached Tablings, from 1 1/2 to 5 yards long, at less than manufacturers' prices.	Linen Damask Towels, selling, each, for 5c, 8c, 10c and 12c

EARLY SHOPPING.

We would ask all who can conveniently do their shopping before noon each day to kindly do so. We apologize to all those who had to leave our store Thursday and Friday afternoon last without getting properly served, as our store was so crowded between the hours of four and six it was impossible even with our army of salespeople to serve everyone. Try if possible to do your shopping early, you will receive much better service in every way, and assist us in this matter of early shopping.

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FAST TRAVELING

Around the World in Thirty-Three Days.

Made a Fast Run—Buffalo to Hamilton in Ninety Minutes—L. E. and D. R. R. Increasing Its Accommodation.

The L. E. and D. R. R. have purchased all the property on the south side of Colborne street, Chatham, from Adelaide to the C. P. R. tracks, with the exception of the Duff property. The station will be brought from King street, and placed southeast of the present station.

Passenger train crews on the New York, New Haven and Hartford have received instructions to taboo tanned shoes, fancy shirts and other delicate hues in dressing. They must wear patent-leather footwear, perfect white shirts and black neckties. Besides, two new uniforms must be bought each year.

The Russian minister of railroads, it is announced in a special dispatch from St. Petersburg, says that when the trans-Siberian railroad is completed it will be possible to go around the world in 33 days, as follows: Bremen to St. Petersburg, one and one-half days; St. Petersburg to Vladivostok, ten days; Vladivostok to San Francisco by steamer, ten days; San Francisco to New York, four and one-half days; New York to Bremen, seven days.

A new record for the railroad journey between Buffalo and Hamilton was made on the T. E. and B. road the other day. The special train conveying Sousa's Band to Toronto, made the run from Buffalo to this city in one hour and thirty minutes. The schedule time trip for the fastest expresses on either the G. T. R. or T. E. and B. for this trip is two hours. The Sousa special left here at 10:35 for Toronto, arriving there in 60 minutes. The train was delayed 14 minutes between here and Toronto. Between here and Welland, the distance, 39 miles, was covered in 39 minutes, which, counting two stops, makes the run time better than a mile a minute. Engineer Leonard was at the throttle and Conductor Oldfield had charge of the train. The band will arrive in Toronto tomorrow, and an effort will be made to beat today's time.—Hamilton Times.

Quaint Sayings.

It is interesting and instructive to read bright and well-constructed advertisements. Messrs. C. I. Hood & Co., of Sarsaparilla fame, must have been at a great feast and taken everything home with them. They are using a bright selection of quaint old sayings and proverbs as the starters in a series of clever advertisements, wherein the proverbs are neatly turned and paraphrased to fit the subject matter. The public like this breezy advertising, as it reminds of other proverbs and opens up discussion.

Small nostrils are said by physiologists to indicate small and weak lungs.

Working Night and Day.

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar-coated globe of health, that changes weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fog into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25 cents per box. For sale by W. T. Strong & Co.

OZONE—For Diphtheria.

Diphtheria is the most poisonous of disease germs, but Ozone is the one great antidote, the all-powerful destroyer of it, and so quickly does it do its healing work that it's counted among the marvelous things as a specific for diphtheria, and no mistake.

At All Druggists, or THE OZONE COMPANY, of Toronto. Limited, Canada Life Building.

ONTARIO WHEAT PROSPECTS GOOD

Frost Did a Little Damage in Patches but Was on the Whole a Good Thing.

Chicago dispatches report that the cold weather has caused great damage to the wheat crop in the Middle States. Ontario is more fortunate. An Advertiser reporter interviewed Mr. A. M. Hamilton, the well-known produce dealer, this morning, about the condition of the crop in this vicinity. "There is every prospect at present," said Mr. Hamilton, "of a bumper harvest. The severe frost caused a little heaving on the dry, sandy land, but on the whole the farmers say that more good than harm was done. It was just as well that the long blades were nipped. Four out of five farmers around London report a better outlook than usual."

ALL LOST!

Steamer Goes to the Bottom With Thirty-Five People on Board.

Victoria, B. C., April 17.—The Glenogle brings news of a collision between the steamers Kokushin Maru and Kitami Maru, off Ofuyu Cape, in the Province of Teshia Hokkaido, on March 30. The Hokushin sank a minute after she was struck, and all on board—26 persons—were drowned. The other vessel made for the shore and stranded in the shallows.

From the Straits Settlement it is reported that there is no longer any hope for the captain and thirteen members of the crew of the British ship Port Adelaide, wrecked on a coral bank in February.

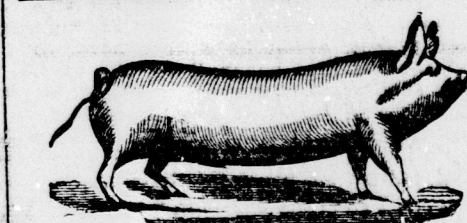
CIVIL SERVICE SALARY INCREASES

To Members Who Deserve Them—No Reversion to the Old Order.

Ottawa, April 17.—It is probable that when the estimates are brought down on Thursday and Friday next many members of the civil service will have cause for rejoicing. The wave of prosperity in national affairs has made it possible for the government to grant increases of salary to members of the service whose records entitle them to such consideration, but none but the deserving ones will be granted increases. The total amount will not be very large, comparatively speaking. Conviction that the system in vogue under the old government of granting increases without discrimination was a mistake, and prejudicial to the interests of the service, and often to the clerks themselves, will prevent the

present administration from ever returning to the old order of things, but there will be every incentive held out to civil servants to study the minutiae of their departmental duties, and by so doing to render their services more valuable to the people, their employers. From this system the present administration expects to reap the best results.

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2. That it saves all worry and haste, which all happens if things are sent at the last moment.

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METEOROLOGICAL

Toronto, April 16.—There are two important low areas shown on tonight's weather chart—one over the Northwest Territories, and the other off the middle Atlantic coast. The former, which is moving quickly southeast, has caused furious northwest gales in Alberta, and the latter, which developed south of the lakes last night, and caused light snow in Ontario, is moving northeast and will probably cause stormy weather, with rain and sleet in the Maritime Provinces. The general outlook is unsettled both in Manitoba and Ontario. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 40-52; New Westminster, 40-54; Kamloops, 44-58; Calgary, 25-60; Prince Albert, 20-44; Winnipeg, 26-48; Port Arthur, 22-46; Toronto, 32-48; Ottawa, 28-42; Montreal, 34-46; Quebec, 28-46; Halifax, 36-62.

Local temperatures—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory on Saturday, April 15, were 53 and 30 degrees; on Sunday, April 16, 47 and 31.5 degrees.

Today the sun rises at 5:32; sets at 7:03. Moon rises at 11:01 p.m.; sets at 1:26 p.m.

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A LOCAL BUDGET

—Rev. Robert Johnston, city, will lecture in St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, on April 24.

—Mr. W. W. Logan, of Lindsay, is the guest of Mr. James M. Logan, 292 Central Avenue.

—Rev. Father Kennedy, of Seaford, is in the city today in connection with church matters.

—Mr. Humphrey and bride, of London, are spending their honeymoon in Sarnia, and are guests at the Hotel Northern.

—Miss Northwick, in charge of the millinery department of the Runlins, Gray, Carle Company, left for New York Saturday evening on a business trip for the firm.

—The street railway company made five trips to Springbank Saturday, and commencing today will run two trips a day, increasing the number as the weather warrants it.

—A belt line car jumped the track at 3:45 Saturday afternoon, at the corner of Bidou street south and Elmwood Avenue, South London, tying up the service for some time.

—The sidewalk on St. James street, west of Richmond, is all in rags, remarked a north ender today. "The stringers have rotted away, and there is scarcely a plank that is not a teeter. Somebody will get hurt if it is not promptly attended to."

—The following graduates from the primary department of Dundas Center Sunday school were each presented with a Bible yesterday by Supt. McDermid: Ethel Ford, Lily Ford, Anna Shuff, Babel Bell, Edna Scott, Wilma Legg, Harry Hooper, Roy Fitzgerald, Tommy Wilson, Fred Rumball, John Couchman.

—The Bell Telephone Company have established a number of pay stations in Montreal, on the nickel-in-the-slot principle. The person who desires to use the instrument will have to drop five cents in the slot before central will give the number desired. This system may be adopted throughout the Dominion if it works well in Montreal.

—Miss Lou Chittick and Mrs. Campbell, assisted by Mrs. Park, Miss Hoskins, Miss O. Avey, Miss Lewis, L. Cathro, M. Avey, Misses Sudie and Van, Miss Bannard, Miss Bugg, A. Harding, Miss Hoskins, F. Partridge and Mrs. Park gave a pleasant concert

at the Aged People's Home Friday night. The street railway company kindly put a special car at the disposal of the entertainers.

—Brantford Courier: The synod of Hamilton and London in connection with the Presbyterian Church will meet in the First Presbyterian Church of this city, on Monday, April 24, and the two following days at 7:30 p.m. The synod is composed of eight presbyteries, which derive their names from the following centers: Hamilton, Paris, London, Stratford, Huron, Welland, Bruce and Sarnia. It has 333 churches and stations in charge of 213 ministers and including 23,208 families, 48,531 members, raising \$519,193. The synod is composed of the minister, and one elder from each pastoral charge.

—On Saturday evening, April 15, the Rev. J. W. Pedley addressed the public meeting at the hall of the Socialistic Labor Party, 255½ Dundas street. There was a large attendance, and "The Movement of Socialism" was reviewed by the speaker in a very interesting speech, which was liberally applauded by an appreciative audience. Speaking from the position of a citizen, not affiliated with the Socialistic Labor Party, some of the conclusions of the speaker and a decidedly lively half hour of questions were "fired" at the lecturer, to which Mr. Pedley good naturedly replied. The meeting closed at 10 o'clock p.m.

—A number of the employees of James Cowan & Co. gathered at the residence of Mr. W. H. Edgecombe, it being the occasion of Mr. Edgecombe severing his connection with that firm to accept a position with the American Rattan Company, of Toronto, as traveler. A presentation of a beautiful gold locket and chain (with the words engraved, "To Billie, from the Boys") was made by Mr. Thomas Jones, on behalf of the employees of James Cowan & Co., and many kind words were spoken of "Billie" as a general obliging employee, also assuring the American Rattan Company that a prosperous year was before them with such a hustler as Mr. Edgecombe on the road. The gathering broke up at an early hour after thoroughly enjoying themselves and wishing Mr. Edgecombe every success.

NEW FIVE-STORY BUILDING.

D. S. Perrin & Co. will build a five-story brick building, 32x90 feet, on Carling street, at the rear of the present factory. Tenders have been called for and the work will begin about May 1. The new building will be used partly for the manufacture of chocolates, and partly for cold storage and warehousing. Mr. Herbert Matthews is the architect.

SHENANGO'S NEW PROPELLER.
The L. E. and D. R. car ferry Shenango No. 1 left Detroit Sunday afternoon, after having her new wheels put on, and arrived at Port Stanley on Monday at 5:15 a.m., leaving again two hours later with a full load for Conneaut. She will then load for Port Dover. With her new propellers she will make much faster time, and will run regularly to Port Stanley and Dover.

"FAUST" AT POPULAR PRICES.

Mr. Porter J. White, in "Faust," drew good houses on Saturday afternoon and evening at the Grand. Everybody seemed pleased and satisfied. Mr. White's Mephisto is a very pleasant gentleman, who is never alarming, notwithstanding his blazing red suit and Sir Henry Irvingesque laugh. Miss Olga Verne makes a very comely and ingenious Marguerite, and the rest of the company is fairly capable. The scenery was really splendid and quite worthy of the best presentation of the famous play. For a popular-priced performance is was excellent.

SLASHER AND CRASHEER

Successful Entertainment Closes the Season at the Asylum.

The closing entertainment of the asylum's regular amusement season took place on Friday evening, and was unanimously voted a huge success.

The programme opened with a nautical selection by the Asylum Band, which has never been in better form or evidenced a finer-balanced harmony than at present, under the able leadership of Dr. Sippl. The solos of Dr. Pardee Bucke and Miss Maud Lockhart were given in excellent voice, and were received with much applause. Rev. Canon Dann's reading, "How Ruby Played," so delighted the patients and friends that he was honored with a recall. The instrumental solos of Messrs. Harry Wooster and Emil Erhart were skillfully played and loudly applauded.

The second part of the programme embraced very laughable farce, in the performance of which kept the crowded audience in a state of merriment from start to finish. Miss Bella Gall and Miss Lockhart both did very creditably, and fully sustained their already very favorable reputation as members of the Asylum Dramatic Club; and while the gentlemen on the cast gave evidence of very careful study and thorough appreciation of their respective parts, Mr. Thurling's personation of the eccentric Slasher was without doubt the funniest part of the whole performance. The programme:

Selection—Nautical Binding
Song—"The Jug of Punch (Irish)
Reading—How Ruby Played
Canon Dann.
Cornet solo
Mr. H. Wooster.
Song—Jessie's Dream
Miss M. Lockhart.
Clarinet solo
Mr. Erhart.
Waltz—Luna Bella Aigrette
Asylum Band.
Farce—"Slasher and Crasheer."
Rosa Miss B. Gall
Dinah Miss M. Lockhart
Brown Mr. G. England
Blowhard Mr. W. Thirsk
Crasheer Mr. B. Rogers
Slasher Mr. G. Thurling

Brave Men Fall

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles, as well as women, are all the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache, and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for me when I am all run-down, and don't care whether I live or die. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at W. T. Strong & Co's. Every bottle guaranteed.

BIBLE TALK BY DR. BRIGGS

Anniversary Services at the First Methodist Church.

Considerable enthusiasm marked the anniversary services yesterday at the First Methodist Church. Rev. Dr. Briggs, of Toronto, preached morning and evening to large congregations: "This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then shalt thou make thy way prosperous and then shall thou have good success"—Joshua, i. 8. This was Dr. Briggs' text in the evening. "There are some books," he said, "that remind me of Mark Tapley's remark about Mr. Pecksniff. They would squeeze soft. What the world needs is hard books. Books are granaries and no chaff should be stored therein. Books are caskets and should be filled with jewels. There is one book in the world from which all the chaff has been winnowed; one casket which contains no dross. The Bible is the word of literature, and in spite of the chains of bigotry, of law, and of a dead language, it has been made an open book to all the peoples of the world.

"But many church people nowadays are so busy in the pursuit of fashion or of wealth, that they have little time for reading, and none for meditation. Reading gathers the grains; meditation crushes out the wine. Reading obtains the food, meditation digests it. The spirit of the age is for speed. It has invaded the church. There is too much bustle for the Lord and too little meditation for the Lord. But one must not stop with meditation. I have heard of a society for the cultivation of benevolent intentions. The church doesn't need any such society. Christians must live the life and observe to do according to the law. The Bible not only makes the mechanic a better man, but makes the man a better mechanic. The Gospel is not good advice, but good news. It not only teaches how to live, but brings promise of reward in the life that now is and in the life that is to come."

Mr. Hugh Munro, B.A., of Knox College, who so acceptably filled the pulpit of Knox Church, London, South, for two months last summer, preached yesterday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. G. Stuart. Mr. Munro is an earnest, forcible speaker, and his excellent sermons were much appreciated by large congregations at both services.

"The Days of Creation" was the theme of an interesting sermon by Rev. Thomas Wilson, at King Street Presbyterian Church last evening. This was the first in a series of seven studies from Genesis, which promise to be of unusual interest.

WESTERN ONTARIO

Chatham grocers have organized. The horseless carriage has appeared in Sarnia.

The Elora Carpet Company will in all probability remove to Galt.

Rev. Mr. Scott, of Ridgeway, has taken up residence in Woodstock.

The L. E. and D. R. R. are talking of erecting a station at Wallaceburg.

The Sarnia Rifle Club will meet for reorganization this (Monday) evening.

Mr. James Robb, formerly proprietor of the Stratford Herald, died recently in Kentucky.

Mr. James Grace, of Brantford, was seriously injured by falling down the stairs recently.

Brantford Y. M. C. A. boys will spend their annual outing on Lake Ontario this summer.

St. Thomas will have a street fair. At a meeting on Friday night committees were appointed.

Mr. Milton Hare, of Sarnia, jumped from a G. T. R. train on Saturday and had his arm broken.

High County Constable Merewether has been appointed deputy fish and game warden for Wellington.

St. Thomas Times: "Bob" Goodchild has gone to Detroit to try and locate his wife, who eloped with Jack Moore.

Norwich Avenue Methodists, Woodstock, will erect a handsome new church. The work will commence next week.

St. Thomas ratepayers will shortly be asked to vote upon a bylaw to raise \$1,400 to complete and furnish the new city hall. The cost of the work so far has greatly exceeded the estimates.

The legislature has passed the bill allowing Seaford to issue debentures in order to make a loan of \$10,000 to the Van-Egmond woolen mill, \$17,000 to the Bell foundry, and \$20,000 to the Case pork-packing establishment.

A writ has been issued by William Hitch, of East Toronto, against the Grand Trunk Railway for \$5,000 damages for injuries received in the collision at Shakespeare a few weeks ago. He lost his left leg and two toes of his right foot.

Justice Street has handed out a judgment in the case of Milligan vs. Town

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We are showing some very pretty Furniture Coverings this spring, and at such prices that you can afford to recover the whole suite at a trifling cost.

Some of the designs are very suitable, on account of their width—52 inches—for curtains, and are in shades of blue, terra, greens, browns, fawns and reds, at 30c, 40c, 45c, 50c and 60c.

A Table Cover Bargain.

12 only, 8-4, 2 yards square, English Tapestry Table Covers, reversible and fringed all around, suitable for dining-room tables. Good value were we to ask you \$3 50. The dozen will be sold at \$2 65.

FURNITURE GIMPS AND CORDS TO MATCH COVERINGS.

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Just because you condemned ready-made years ago is no reason for condemning it now.

The modern kind is Fit-Reform, which fits almost every man, no matter what his shape may be without an alteration—therein lies the real charm.

Fit-Reform garments are ready in a minute—have the best "custom-made" exclusiveness and finish at half the custom prices.

Suits and overcoats, \$10, \$12, \$15, \$18, \$20, \$22, \$25.

Trousers, \$3, \$4, \$5.

ROBERT M. BURNS,

THE FIT-REFORM WARDROBE

180 Dundas Street.



of Sarnia. The action was tried at Sarnia, brought by owners of land on Wellington street, Sarnia, for damages caused by the flooding of cellars owing to non-repair of the street sewer, and for a mandamus to compel repair, and for declaration as to plaintiff's right. Held, that the defendants had power to do the work of laying the sewer in substitution for the present box drain by way of local improvement, and to do so by day work instead of by contract. Held, also, that an injunction should not be granted, there being no reason to suppose that the work would be delayed; on the contrary, the only delay so far being occasioned by the plaintiffs themselves. Held, also, that damages (in the absence of evidence, only nominal) had been sustained by eight of the plaintiffs, owing to the defective condition of the box drain, which it was defendants' duty to repair, or to notify plaintiffs that their license to use it was terminated, so as to enable them to shut off connection with their cellars. Judgment for plaintiffs, James Doherty, Mary Wilson, James Shanks, William Smart, Alex. Kidd, Adam English, William J. Milligan and J. S. Longhead, for \$10 each, with one set of costs upon the county court scale, without set-off to defendants of difference between the scales. Action dismissed with costs against the other plaintiffs.

GAME FOR CANADA
English and Mongolian Pheasants Thrive at Rondeau Park.
The government's experiment of stocking Rondeau Park, the 5,000 acre reserve in Kent county, with English and Mongolian pheasants, is said to be a success. The birds have stood the winter well, and the season has demonstrated that they are hardy enough to thrive in a Canadian forest. An incubator and breeder for hatching is being erected. The moose and deer placed in the park are also thriving. The government is also securing a pair of caribou from Quebec, for Algonquin Park. Efforts are being made to secure some capercaillie, perhaps the finest game birds in the world, for Algonquin Park. They are about the size of a wild turkey, and are found in Scandinavia and Scotland. It may be necessary to procure the eggs and hatch them.

ITCHING PILLS.
False modesty causes many people to endure in silence the greatest misery imaginable from itching piles. One application of Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment will soothe and ease the itching, and the ointment will completely cure the worst case of blind, itching, bleeding or protruding piles. You have no risk to run, for Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment is guaranteed to cure piles.

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YOUNG COUPLE CREMATED.
Chicago, April 14.—At Highwood, a town several miles north of here, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Becker were fatally burned by a gasoline stove explosion. The couple were about 35 years old and had three small children, who, frantic with fright, stood helplessly by while their parents battled vainly against the flames that enveloped them from head to foot.

FATAL FIRE IN NEW YORK.
New York, April 15.—Fire destroyed a stable in West Sixty-seventh street early this morning. The cries of a young man named William Marshall, who had been given permission to sleep there, could be heard above the noise of the fire. Fire-Capt. Cosgrove burst open a door with an axe, and dived into the smoke and flames. Presently he returned, bearing Marshall in his arms. The young man's face was scorched and burned. His clothing was ablaze, but he was still alive. Before the fireman reached the ground, however, he died.

ENGINEER GRAHAM,
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Montreal, April 24.—Proof positive and convincing has already been given in Montreal that Dodd's Kidney Pills are the only sure cure for that dread disease Diabetes. And day after day fresh evidence comes to light, to make the proof more emphatic and convincing.

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