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CHINA'S NEUTRALITY IS ONLY TEMPORARY; NATION SYMPATHIZES WITH JAPANESE

Chinese Ambassador to Berlin Intimates That His Nation May Form an Active Alliance With Mikado==Crisis at Shanghai Over Refusal of Russian Gunboat to Leave Harbor.

Rumored Repulse of Russians With a Loss of 2,500 Men in Battle Near the Yalu River--Turkey Accused of Offering Russia Permission to Pass Dardanelles.

New York, Feb. 22.—The Chinese minister here, says a cable to the World from Berlin, with an ostentation that has been entirely foreign to him, has proclaimed that China's neutrality is only temporary; that no one, even the astutest diplomats, can tell what change a day will bring forth in China's attitude.

Says the Chinese ambassador in a published interview: "It should never be forgotten that the war will be fought out in Manchuria, on Chinese territory, and that the excitement of the Chinese people will increase as the war progresses.

"Naturally, therefore, the Chinese Government may be expected on any one day to decide that its continued neutrality is neither possible nor desirable.

"Thirty thousand well-drilled Chinese troops are stationed in the Province of Chi Li ready at a moment's notice from Pekin to enter Manchuria. Our nation admires the Japanese and sympathizes decidedly with their efforts."

RUSSIAN REPULSE REPORTED

Lose Battle Near the Yalu 500 Men Being Killed.

London, Monday, Feb. 22. — The cables are still absolutely silent with regard to the progress of war, but there are vague rumors of land fighting. As an instance, the Paris edition of the New York Herald, correspondent, at St. Petersburg, talks of a Russian repulse on the Yalu River, with a loss of 2,500 lives. The rumore are unconfirmed, and the Morning Post Che Foo correspondent says he learns tens of thousands of Japanese are advancing by forced marches from various parts of Korea on the Yalu, and that severe fighting is expected shortly. These are the only references to actual operations that have reached London.

RUSSIAN LENT BEGINS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22. — Carnival week closed on Saturday night, and yesterday all classes of the populace, from the highest to the lowest, began the observance of Lent with even more than the customary vigor, doing penance and praying for the success of the Russian arms. The Czar will pass the week fasting at the winter palace and immediately afterward the court will remove to Tsarkoe-Selo, 17 miles south of St. Petersburg, his majesty's favorite abode.

The Novoe Vremya, commenting upon the report of M. Pavloff, who was Russian minister at Seoul, of the fight at Chemulpo, declares that Japan's action there has taken her from the list of civilized powers and predicts a revival of European solidarity against the "wild Asiatic enemy."

RUSSIA LOSES ANOTHER.

Small Cruiser Goes On the Rocks and Is Lost.

Che Foo, Monday, Feb. 22. — The captain of the German steamer Pronto, just arrived from Dalny, says positively that besides the torpedo gunboat Yenisei, accidentally destroyed by one of her own mines, the Russians have just lost another ship by accident on the 12th inst. This was a small cruiser whose name was not learned. In avoiding some mines she ran upon rocks, which she eventually slipped off into deep water and sank. There was no loss of life attached to the casualty.

The Russian authorities insist that there is no truth in the story that a force of one thousand Japanese landed at Pigeon or Dove Bay has been annihilated.

The Pronto was sent from Port Arthur to Dalny for refugees chiefly Japanese women. While leaving Port Arthur with all lights out she was fired upon by a Russian cruiser, fifteen shots striking her upper works. It was subsequently explained that she was mistaken for a Japanese torpedo boat. The entrance to Dalny is honeycombed with mines. Nothing was seen on the passage to this port of either the Russian or Japanese fleets.

THE BLACK SEA FLEET.

Turkey May Open the Dardanelles to the Russians.

New York, Feb. 22. — Turkey, according to a cable to the Herald, from its correspondent in St. Petersburg, has lent a willing ear to the diplomatic suggestions of Russia that the Black Sea fleet should one day be found unexpectedly in the Mediterranean, Turkey being assured that this once an accomplished fact not one of the powers would have a word to say in objection. If they did, Russia would be answerable.

These terms, it is added, are that Turkey be given a free hand in settling the Balkan difficulties in the war which the coming months are deemed sure to bring. Such egress from the Black Sea would release a naval force which would turn the vital question of the command of the sea in the far east in favor of Russia.

CRISIS AT SHANGHAI.

China Threatens to Drive Out Russian Warship Manjur.

New York, Feb. 22.—Although no one in authority here will say that the Asiatic cruiser squadron is being mobilized at Shanghai, says the Washington correspondent of the Herald, because of the report that a Chinese squadron is going to drive the Russian cruiser Manjur out of the harbor, it is understood this may have something to do with the direction of American naval activity in the Far East. It is believed here by some that the action of China if she demands the Russian cruiser's withdrawal will have to be supported by the powers, most of whom have warships at Shanghai.

It is claimed that other nations are bound to help China maintain her neutrality if she finds she cannot do so herself.

CZARINA STARTS SEWING.

Starts a Society to Help Soldiers at the Front.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20. — The Czarina, who takes great personal interest in the work of providing for the sick and wounded of the war, presided today at a special meeting of the Ladies' Patriotic Society, which was attended by several grand duchesses and others of the highest ladies in the land.

During the discussion in regard to utilizing the services unsparingly offered by the girls and women of Russia for the relief of the wounded, the Czarina proposed to temporarily suspend the studies in the girls' schools in order that the girls might be able to devote the school hours to sewing. The suggestion was applauded, but no definite action was taken.

Now that the Government has officially recognized the public subscription to provide war vessels to replace those destroyed by the enemy, the newspapers are discussing the best type of vessel, opinion veering from submarine boats to torpedo boat destroyers. A service organ points out that cruisers would take too long to build, adds that it prefers powerful torpedo boats, and suggests that they

JAPANESE HANGED.

Had Attempted to Blow Up Bridge on Manchurian Road.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20. — A dispatch from Harbin, dated Feb. 20, says: The railroad is in working order and the Japanese who attempted to blow up the bridge over the Sungari River have been hanged. Bands of bandits have been observed under Japanese leadership and are being pursued. Almost all of the civilian inhabitants of Harbin have left, and the remainder of the population is quiet. The movement of troops is causing heavy traffic on the railroad. All of the Japanese laborers have returned to work after their new year celebrations.

BEG TO BE EXCUSED.

Russian Fleet Mistakes British Ship for a Jap.

Aden, Feb. 21. — The Peninsula and Oriental Company's steamer Mongolia encountered at noon on Saturday, 460 miles north of Aden, a Russian battleship and four torpedo boat destroyers. After the vain attempt of a destroyer to cut off the Mongolia all the warships gave chase, but being unable to overtake her they signaled her to stop. The Mongolia obeyed and a destroyer, after a close scrutiny, signaled "Beg to be excused." The fleet is evidently hoping to capture Japanese ships.

Commander Takshita, naval attache of the Japanese legation at Washington, states that the report published this morning that a Japanese cruiser and torpedo destroyer were sunk in the engagement off Chemulpo is entirely unfounded.

LOUBET STAYS AT HOME.

Paris, Feb. 22. — Gil Blas affirms that at the last ministerial council it was decided definitely to put off President Loubet's visit to Italy, but the reason for the postponement of the president's trip has not yet been announced.

Foreign Minister Delcasse informed President Loubet and his colleagues that the Russian army operations will not begin seriously before April, and it is considered impossible that the President shall take part in the fetes which will attend his visit, while the ally of France is engaged in a desperate struggle.

WAR NOTES.

The Russian forces in Manchuria are so far acting entirely on the defensive. Extensive preparations are being made at Dalny, Port Arthur, New Chwang and Laio Yang to prevent the threatened landing of Japanese troops. A big force of men are at work on the damaged vessels in the Port Arthur harbor, and efforts are being made to raise the battleship Retvizan. The supply of fresh vegetables and beef in Port Arthur is getting very short, and speculators are endeavoring to secure steamers to run the blockade.

The diplomatic body at Pekin was received in audience by the Dowager Empress. In order to avoid a clash between the Japanese and Russian legation guards, their respective commanders have agreed not to allow them leave of absence on identical days.

Advices to the Japanese Government from Pekin say that while at Mukden Viceroy Alexieff asked the Chinese troops to aid in guarding the railroad so as to prevent the interruption of traffic. The Chinese refused the request, and asked for instructions from Pekin. The Chinese Government told them to inform Alexieff that as Russia had insisted that the Chinese were unable to guard the railway in time of peace, surely Russia could not expect them to guard it in time of war.

The Russian Vladivostock squadron was reported to be on the west coast of the Island of Hokkido, attempting to cut the cables. The Japanese navy department here discredits the report, and believes the squadron is still at Vladivostock.

Three hundred Russian scouts reconnoitered yesterday in Wiju and vicinity. They crossed the Yalu River, entered the town and scouted through the surrounding country. They then recrossed the river and joined their main force.

The national Japanese loan has already been twice covered. M. Takahassi, vice-president of the Bank of Japan, starts for America Feb. 24, on an important mission. Baron Kaneko accompanies him.

A later dispatch from Port Arthur announces that by order of Viceroy Alexieff an irregular volunteer corps is being raised to defend that fortress. The men will be provided by the state with arms, rations and the necessary clothing. It is thought, the dispatch adds, that Japan regards foodstuffs consigned to Port Arthur as absolute contraband of war, and that she will undertake to compel the capitulation of Port Arthur by a siege.

The battleship Kentucky, flagship of the American Asiatic fleet, has been ordered to Hong Kong, where she will be docked for the purpose of making minor repairs. It is regarded as probable that Admiral Evans will have the remainder of the battleship squadron accompany him to Hong Kong.

The War Situation

An unconfirmed rumor comes from Korea of a battle near the Yalu, in which the Russians were repulsed with a loss of 2,500 men. Beyond this there has been no fighting. The Jap armies are rushing towards the Yalu by forced marches, but according to Baron Hayashi the Mikado feels certain that the crippled Russians are helpless for the present. Will not order an advance into Manchuria before another month or six weeks, meanwhile strengthening his forces. Port Arthur is said to be ready for a protracted siege. The Czar's ships are still cooped up in the harbor. The Chinese minister to Berlin intimates that his country may be forced into an active alliance with Japan, and an army of 30,000 men is ready to dash into Manchuria. There is a crisis at Shanghai due to the refusal of Russia to withdraw the gunboat Manjur from the harbor, and a Chinese squadron has been ordered to the scene. Turkey is accused of making a secret agreement with Russia by which the latter will send her Black Sea fleet through the Dardanelles. This would turn the balance of naval power to Russia's favor. A small Russian cruiser has been wrecked on the rocks near Dalny, and a number of Japs hanged for attempting to blow up a railroad bridge.

EDWARD MEETS WITH ACCIDENT

While Inspecting New Cruiser Slips and Slightly Injuries His Leg.

New York, Feb. 22.—While King Edward was inspecting the cruiser Cumberland here yesterday, says a cable dispatch to the Sun, from Portsmouth, he slipped on a watertight door and fell, slightly injuring his leg. When he subsequently went to the naval barracks, a gymnasium chair was provided to enable him to preside at a dinner party.

King Edward, who is enjoying perfect health, was early astir and carried out a long programme this morning, visiting naval gunnery school at Whale Island, inspecting the officers' and men's quarters and witnessing a land attack by a naval brigade. His majesty afterwards proceeded to Port Sea Island and was present at torpedo practice and submarine mine experiments.

A CHINESE DISASTER

Hundreds of Lives Lost By the Bursting of a Dam.

Tien Tsin, Feb. 22. — A telegram from Tsinan Fu, Shan Tung, says that hundreds of lives have been lost by the bursting of a dam on the Hwhang Ho. Several villages were destroyed.

ROYAL SLUMMERS MOBBED

The King of Wurtemberg Gets Into Trouble in London's Streets.

London, Feb. 22. — For some reason best known to themselves, the King and Queen of Wurtemberg, who were among the royal guests invited by King Edward to be present at the wedding of Princess Alice to Prince Alexander of Teck, chose to stay incognito at the Grosvenor Hotel for one night before going on to Windsor.

Their names were entered on the hotel book as the Baron and Baroness Von something quite unpronounceable, and the attentions of an equerry who had been told off to look after them proved rather irksome to the royal couple, who wanted to enjoy a little prowl about London all by themselves.

The equerry, however, very wisely decided that he would keep his eye on the couple when they went for a stroll after dinner, so he followed them at a respectful distance.

Now, with all due respect to the rulers of Wurtemburg, their majesties are a trifle shabby in their appearance, and no one would find anything particularly distinguished about the couple. The equerry followed the King and Queen down Piccadilly, past the restaurants and music halls, and then, to his horror, he lost them in the crowd.

He explored Leicester Square thoroughly, without success; then passed on in a great state of anxiety to Wyndham's Theater, where a large crowd and several policemen had collected.

In the center of the crowd were their majesties of Wurtemberg explaining things in broken English to the policemen, while the spectators hurled abusive epithets about "furriners" at the heads of the royal couple. Someone, it appears, had deliberately pushed into the King and knocked his hat over his royal nose, and that was the beginning of the row. The equerry plunged into the crowd, whispered to the policemen, and in another moment had bundled his charges into a cab.

THE TOURNEY TO BE REVIVED

English Knights Will Don Ancient Armor.

FOR SWEET CHARITY'S SAKE

Field of Eglinton Will Again Blossom in All Its Glory for Sake of King's College Hospital.

London, Feb. 22. — A project to revive the famous Eglinton tournament and ancient historical pageant, with knights in armor tilting at rings and performing other deeds for prizes to be given them by a queen of beauty, is creating great interst in social circles. It is many years since the spectacle was seen last, and it is being organized this year to raise money for the removal of King's College Hospital. The women, of course, will play a great part in the tournament at Eglinton.

Lady Seymour, who afterwards was the Duchess of Somerset, was the last queen of beauty, but others of fair name also had great parts to fill. It is on record that the Marchioness of Londonderry, wife of the king of the tournament, was magnificently dressed in a long jacket of ermine and a long trained robe of violet velvet. She rode in a procession along with such visitors as Lady Montgomery, Lady Jane Montgomery and Miss MacDonald, who rode horses magnificently caparisoned in blue and white silk embroidered in gold and silver. Many girls of the highest birth acted as maids of honor, while there was a bodyguard of archers.

Among the regulations of the Eglinton tournament was one that if any man struck his horse he was not allowed to ride again that day, and if a contestant chanced to drop his sword he could not regain it except by permission of the queen of beauty. If he dropped it a second time he could have it back only by the king's command. At present no hints are given as to who will be the queen of beauty at the tournament, which it is expected will be held in May at Olympia. That will be a matter for the decision of a committee which is now in process of formation.

Bridge is also to be adapted to the service of charity. A game of living bridge is being organized by Princess Christian in aid of the Helene home. The game is to be played in Pengler's circus on May 31. There will be a full pack of cards, all represented by men and women well known in society. The game is to be impromptu—that is to say, the pack will be shuffled, cut and dealt, and the hands will be played strictly in accordance with the rules of bridge. All the players are to be experts in the game.

WEATHER BULLETIN

TOMORROW—FAIR AND VERY COLD.

London, Monday, Feb. 22.
Sun rises..7:07 a.m. Moon rises..10:05 a.m.
Sun sets...5:55 p.m. Moon sets...12:00 mid.
Toronto, Feb. 21—8 p.m.

Comparatively mild weather has prevailed today from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, while in Manitoba and the Territories it has been extremely cold again, with temperatures much below zero. Rain and snow have fallen in Ontario, but elsewhere the weather has been fair. The outlook for Ontario and Quebec is for a return to wintry temperatures.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 38—44; Kamloops, 16—28; Calgary, 18 below—8 below; Qu'Appelle, 28 below—14 below; Winnipeg, 30 below—8 below; Parry Sound, 2 below—32; Toronto, 10—36; Ottawa, 6 below—26; Montreal, 4—32; Quebec, zero—26; Halifax, 6 below —26.

FORECASTS.

Monday, Feb. 22—8 a.m.

Today—Westerly and northwesterly gales; fair, becoming colder.

Tuesday—Fair and decidedly cold.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	—16	—18	Fair
Winnipeg	—24	—12	Clear
Parry Sound	20	20	Snow
Toronto	28	28	Cloudy
Ottawa	36	24	Cloudy
Montreal	36	28	Cloudy
Quebec	32	22	Rain

The sign — indicates "below zero."

WEATHER NOTES.

A storm developed yesterday over the great lakes, and is now passing eastward across Quebec, accompanied by rain. Another cold wave, which appeared over the Northwest Territories on Saturday, is likely to spread eastward over the Dominion.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Saturday, were: Highest, 22° above; lowest, 13° below. Sunday—Highest, 37.5° above; lowest, 9.5° above.

MISSIONARIES SAFE

Mr. and Mrs. McRae and Miss McCullan Arrive at Wonsan.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 22. — The state department has received a cable from Korea, stating that Mr. and Mrs. McRae and Miss McCullan, the Canadian Presbyterian missionaries at Ham Heung, have arrived at Wonsan in safety.

FIGHT OVER A WIDOW

Unsuccessful Suitor Shoots Woman and Attempts Suicide.

St. Louis, Feb. 22. — F. A. Sigler, a carpenter of Omaha, and Mrs. Julia Smith, a widow of this city, are at the city hospital badly wounded. It is believed that Sigler will die. Sigler came to this city for the avowed purpose of killing Mrs. Smith, whom he charged with trifling with his affections. Ernest Woods, the successful suitor, was present at the house when Sigler called on Mrs. Smith. Sigler ran Woods out of the house at the point of a revolver, and then in the presence of her son, Albert, shot Mrs. Smith, who was sick in bed, twice in the head. He then put a bullet through his own head.

THE BALLOT SCANDAL

Toronto's Investigation Has Been Postponed For a Week.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 22.—The civic investigation was not resumed this morning, pending the argument of the motion in the suit brought by Controller Richard Lane to prohibit further proceedings. Thomas Thompson, brother of Sam, pleaded not guilty in the police court in answer to the charges of perjury arising out of the evidence given by him on Saturday. The case was remanded a week.

SCHOONER WRECKED

Seven Men Clinging to Vessel That Is Breaking Up.

New York, Feb. 22. — The schooner wrecked off Bellport proves to be the Benjamin C. Cromwell, Captain McLean, from Charleston, S. C., bound for Halifax. Her home port is Portland, Maine.

One of the crew was rescued from the surf and was taken to the Bellport life saving station. Seven men can be seen clinging to the wreck. The vessel, which was loaded with yellow pine, is going to pieces.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAM.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday was generally observed in this city today. The farewell address of the first president was read in the Senate, the federal and municipal offices were closed and only a few of the business houses were open. There were sveral patriotic clebrations.

Historic Alexandria, six miles south of here, on the Virginia side of the Potamac River, where George Washington was a familiar figure during most of his career, celebrated the day with an elaborate military and civic parade.

WILD SCENES IN CHICAGO'S PIT

Wheat Leaps to $1 07 a Bushel—Armour Sells Millions, But Can't Meet the Demand.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Wheat for May delivery on Saturday sold at $1 07 a bushel, a gain of 4 cents over Friday night's close. The market was extremely active, and the volume of trading was of enormous proportions. The sensational advance was due largely to the anxiety of shorts, who were afraid to maintain open trades over a two days' recess of the board.

The pit was the center of uproar and clamor, which never ceased or abated from the opening of the session until the gong announced its close. The nerves of every trader were at the highest tension ever minute of the session. The advance was irresistible. Armour, who for months has been the almost undisputed monarch of the wheat pit, sold millions of bushels of the grain, but for every bushed offered there were two demanded by the professionals or outside traders, imbued with a desire to buy that was little, if anything, less than frantic.

The market hesitated somewhat at the outset, and a momentary calm prevailed, but suddenly a buying wave struck the pit. It fairly swept brokers off their feet. By leaps and bounds the May price, which slipped from $1 04 at the opening, off to $1 02⅝, went soaring up to $1 07, or over 4 cents above the close on Friday night. Pandemonium accompanied the advance. Brokers rushed madly back and forth between the pit and the telegraph counters, with their hands full of orders. These, because of the excited state of the trade, it was almost impossible to fill.

The crowds which packed the visitors' gallery were dazed by the wild scenes that were being enacted on the floor below, not only in the wheat pit, where hundreds of traders, with arms waving above their heads, struggled and fought to buy or sell, but over in the corn and provision pits all was excitement, with prices climbing upward.

DOG AND PICKPOCKET

Tiny Pet in Reticule Grips Fingers of Thief.

Paris, Feb. 22. — A striking instance of the services rendered by a man's best friend occurred this week at a morgue, where a pickpocket, taking advantage of a crowd gathered around an unidentified corpse, endeavored to secure a purse from a reticule carried by an elderly dame. In the reticule, however, was a tiny pet dog, which gripped the pickpocket's fingers and caused him to yell with pain, attracting the attention of the police and leading to his arrest.

BRITAIN, GERMANY AND ITALY WIN CASE WITH VENEZUELA

Hague Tribunal Agrees Unanimously to Their Right to a 30 Per Cent Preference of Customs Duties.

U. S. MUST CARRY OUT DECISION WITHIN 3 MONTHS

The Hague, Feb. 22. — The arbitration tribunal, which has been considering the claims of the blockading powers for preferential treatment of their claims against Venezuela, has decided unanimously that the three blockading powers, Great Britain, Germany andh Italy, have the right to a preference of 30 per cent of the customs duties at La Guayra and Puerto Cabello, the litigants to pay their own costs in the procedure, and divide equally the costs of the tribunal. The United States is commissioned to carry out the decision of the tribunal within three months.

In giving judgment the tribunal points out that it has been guided by international law and the equity of the case, and that the protocols signed at Washington since Feb. 13, 1903, and particularly the protocol of May 7, whereof the obligatory nature, cannot be doubtful, form the legal basis of its sentence; that the tribunal is not competent to question the jurisdiction of the mixed commissions at Caracas, nor to judge their action or the character of the warlike operations of the blockading powers, nor to decide if the three blockading powers exhaustd all pacific means to prevent the necessary employing force.

The tribunal decides that it is only in a position to certify that since 1901 Venezuela refused arbitration, proposed on several occasions by Germany, and Great Britain; that after the war no formal treaty of peace was concluded; that the operations of the blockaders were stopped before they had received satisfaction for all their claims, and further, that the question of preferential treatment was admitted to arbitration.

After the delivery of the decision President Muravieff (the Minister of Justice), in a short speech, declared that the findings had been reached after a most minute and most impartial investigation. He added, the decision was susceptible to criticism, but now it was made, every one should accept it. The arbitration, began in times of peace, had ended amidst the sinister acts of war, which was a terrible obstacle in the path of light and progress. In spite of all good will, alas no one was secure against an unexpected hostile attack. A nation was obliged to accept a war when the legitimate defense of honor and liberty was involved. The just providence which ruled over battles will distinguish between right and unfounded pretensions. At the ends of this war between an European and an Asiatic people, the right will shine out afresh.

The president concluded with saying that The Hague arbitration tribunal remains always the rampart of justice, truth and reason, and the sublime hope of the future.

FOURTEEN DIE IN PARIS HORROR

Explosion in a Celluloid Comb Factory Kills and Injures Many Employes.

Paris, Feb. 22. — Fourteen employes of a celluloid comb factory in this city lost their lives Saturday in a fire which was started by an explosion of gas. About twenty other employes were injured.

The explosion, which occurred in a room on the fourth story, drove bricks and pieces of glass against a house on the other side of the street and immediately after enormous jets of flame burst out of the windows. Soon the entire structure was on fire. Simultaneously with the appearance of flames a number of men and women employed on the upper stories, and who had been eating their luncheon, appeared at the windows and shrieked for assistance. Three attempted to drop from a window to a balcony beneath, but missed it and fell to the pavement below and were killed. The firemen rescued several persons.

When the flames were under control five victims were found in a corridor leading to the street. They had been asphyxiated, and then incinerated. In all fourteen bodies (all unidentified) were conveyed to the morgue. Five persons were taken from the building badly burned. Two of them, it is feared, will die.

GAS TANK EXPLODES

Three Dead From Accident in a Buffalo Blast Furnace.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Two men were asphyxiated, one was burned to death, and several were seriously injured in an explosion of blast furnace gas at the plant of the Lackawanna Steel Company yesterday.

The dead men are: George Reynolds, 25 years old, a mason; Michael S. Smith, 35 years old, a mason; Frank Prenatt, employed in the power house.

The explosion occurred near power house No. 2. A large reservoir is situated there. The reservoir is a tube 100 feet long and about 10 feet in diameter, and in it was stored gas to be used as motive power for a large blower engine. Smith and Reynolds were working in the reservoir behind a bulkhead. A piece of the bulkhead was removed in the course of their operations. A valve which the men thought had been closed allowed gas to flow into the tank. They tried to escape, but were overcome before they could reach the exit. A torch used by the men was left behind, and when the gas reached it a terrific explosion occurred. Frank Prenatt and three men were trying to remove the unconscious men when the explosion occurred. All of them were hurled into the air. Prenatt died in a few minutes. Alexander Sanders was terribly burned, and he may die.

THREE PERISH IN CHICAGO FIRE

The Alhambra Apartment and Theater Building Destroyed, Loss Will Be $75,000.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Fire today partially destroyed the building occupied by the Alhambra Theater, hotel and apartments. The structure was three stories high and fronted on Archer avenue and State and Nineteenth streets. Several persons were carried from their apartments, and there were a number of narrow escapes, but so far as known only one was seriously injured. The loss is estimated at $75,000.

After the fire was extinguished the remains of three persons, two men and a woman, who had been suffocated, were found in the ruins. There were many narrow escapes.

The fire is believed to have been started from an overheated boiler in the basement of the Alhambra restaurant. The smoke soon filled the halls of the upper stories, and but for the night clerk, Phillip Vingo, the firemen asserted, there probably would have been much greater loss of life. He ran through the halls wakening the 200 guests. A moment later the halls were filled with half-clad men and women who groped their way down the stairs to the snow-covered streets and sought refuge in neighboring stores.

The Alhambra Theater is owned by Stair and Havliland, owners of the Bijou, Columbus and other theaters in Chicago.

WILL CHALLENGE SCHWAB

Baron Roginat, of France, Is After the Millionaire.

Paris, Feb. 22. — Baron Rogniat, who subscribed $26,000 as a French underwriter to the shipbuilding trust, wants to fight a duel with Charles M. Schwab.

"I am furious with Schwab," said the Baron today to a correspondent. "I am furious with him," he added, "and will prosecute him for defamation and robbery. It was Schwab who inspired the defamatory articles in the newspapers that have appeared about me. I am glad to catch him here, and will apply the French law to him. The public will not be sympathetic with him. I would like to fight a duel with him, and will try to arrange one. I will defend my honor and pocket against all men."

"Don't know him," says Schwab.

"DOPY" SCHOLARS.

Picton, Ont., Feb, 22.—"Dopy" children in the public schools here caused an investigation that has resulted in proceedings being begun against several confectioners for violation of the liquor license law by selling candies containing more than the prescribed amount of alcohol. An analysis of some of the candies showed them to contain nearly a teaspoonful of brandy.

NO FIGHTING FOR SOME MONTHS; MIKADO'S ARMIES WILL LAY LOW

London, Feb. 22. — The latest advices of Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, lead him to believe that the Japanese troops may now wait possibly two or three months before undertaking aggressive operations in Manchuria. He said:

"We have found that Russia is so unexpectedly prepared that I should not be surprised if the Japanese land forces contented themselves with establishing a thorough organization, and advancing as the construction of the railroad towards the Yalu River progresses. Russia appears to be less prepared than was China in 1895.

"I believe that only three trains a day can be run through Manchuria. Supposing these are equally divided between troops and supplies, as would be necessary, Russia could not perceptibly strengthen her land forces before April. Japan's naval coup has been so unexpectedly successful, that I rather think our troops will take their time. The shallow inlets are now frozen over, retarding the disembarkation of our forces. This is especially true at Port Arthur, where a near landing of troops is impossible owing to the ice."

Baron Hayashi does not credit the report that 2,500 Russians have been killed in an outpost engagement at the Yalu River. He says there is no Japanese force in that vicinity large enough to inflict such a loss. The only naval development Baron Hayashi expects in the near future is a possible attack on the Japanese fleet by the powerful Russian torpedo flotilla at Port Arthur and hitherto unused. On the Japanese side, except possible actions against the Russian Vladivostock squadron, the Japanese minister does not look for developments at present, believing that Admiral Togo will be satisfied to keep the disabled Russian squadron prisoners at Port Arthur.

The minister credits the Russians with having barely one hundred thousand troops in Manchuria.

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MAY BE TOTAL LOSS

The SS. Lake Michigan Badly Damaged Below the Waterline.

London, Feb. 22.—The steamer Lake Michigan, which collided with the bark Matterhorn, Friday, is still ashore near Dungeness. Owing to a heavy wind it is feared that the vessel will become a wreck. Tugs from Dover have succeeded in getting water aboard for the cattle, but they are unable, owing to the heavy sea, to supply the Lake Michigan with pumps. Forty-six members of the crew were landed at Dover, where they were supplied with clothing. The crew returned to the vessel. It is believed the Lake Michigan is damaged below the water line amidships.

AND YET ANOTHER.

Mary Malcolm Had Bright's Disease and Hope Was Abandoned—Dodd's Kidney Pills Again.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 22. — Following the cures of Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Philip of Bright's Disease comes another yet more remarkable cure of the same terrible disease by the same old reliable Dodd's Kidney Pills. Miss Mary Malcolm, who lives with her parents at 199 Marborough avenue, this city, was ill with Bright's Disease from May till September. She was so swollen with Dropsy as to be almost unrecognizable. Her death was expected to be a matter of days, if not hours. Preparations for the funeral were already commenced when it was resolved to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. Within a week the young girl was able to be out. Today she is as healthy as any one could wish to be. Dodd's Kidney Pills did it.

UNCLE SAM BOMBARDS.

Paris, Feb. 22.—A dispatch from San Domingo says the United States cruiser Columbia and the training ship Hartford have bonbarded Duarte, which is occupied by the insurgents.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—Late tonight the American state department received a cablegram from United States Minister Powell, dated at San Domingo, Feb. 16, saying: "A decisive battle has been fought between the government forces and the insurgents. It extended over two days and resulted in a victory for the government. The siege has been raised and the insurgents are in retreat.'

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THE IROQUOIS INQUIRY

Five Indictments Issued by the Chicago Grand Jury.

Chicago, Feb. 22. — The special grand jury summoned to investigate the Iroquois Theater fire and the charges made against persons indirectly connected with the tragedy of Dec. 30, completed its labors Saturday by voting indictments against five men and no bills against four others. The formal report of the jury will not be made public until next Tuesday. Those who were indicted are: Will J. Davis, part owner of the Iroquois Theater; Thos. Noonan, business manager of the theater, and James E. Cummins, stage carpenter, all of whom are charged with manslaughter; George Williams, city building commissioner, and Edward Laughlin, city building inspector, charged with culpable omission of official duty in office. "No bills" were voted against Mayor Harrison, Fire Marshall Musham, Fireman Wm. H. Sellers and Wm. McMullen, operator of the flood light, which set fire to the asbestos curtain. Although the indictments were voted they will not be formally drawn and submitted to Judge Chytraus until Tuesday afternoon, when the report of the jury will be formulated.

SPECULATOR'S RUSE

False War Rumors on Rome Exchange Causes a Flurry.

Rome, Feb. 22.—Rumors of warlike preparations by Italy having been circulated, a semi-official communication has emanated from the German Government to the effect that stories of alleged armaments and movements of warships and troops for service abroad are entirely false. Indications exist that this false news is connected with stock exchange speculation, and those responsible, have been brought before the law, with imprisonment before the law courts to be punished according to law, with imprisonment from three to thirty months. The communication evidently alludes to the insistence by a portion of the press that Italy wil be antagonistic to Austria in the Balkans, and to the predictions of international complications, thus causing a fall in Italian bonds, and a rise in the exchange on gold.

FIRE AT WOODSTOCK

A Clothing Store and Contents Completely Destroyed.

Woodstock, Ont., Feb. 22.—At about 8 o'clock yesterday morning fire was discovered in the fine brick store on Dundas street, owned by Mrs. Kendall, and occupied by J. O. Trotter, clothier. Before the fire could be subdued the store and contents were completely destroyed. The total loss on stock, estimated at $19,000; insurance, $7,000. Loss on building as yet unknown; insurance $5,000. The fire burned fiercely for a couple of hours, the burning clothing making it impossible to locate the seat of the flames, which originated in the basement, caused by an explosion of gas. The second floor was occupied by the public library, the division court, A. S. Ball's law office, H. V. Knight's law office, T. B. Coverdill's stock exchange and several other business offices, all of which were badly damaged by fire, smoke and water.

KING EDWARD TO THE RUSSIANS

His Majesty Said To Be Willing to Mediate.

IF THE CZAR IS AGREEABLE

Chinese Authorities Order Russian Gunboat From Neutral Port — Kodama to Command Japs.

London, Feb. 22.—A Port Arthur dispatch dated Feb. 21, says: Sounds of desultory firing at sea are heard almost nightly, and this morning firing was again heard. This is doubtless due to the attempted approach of Japanese torpedo boats, but nothing serious has developed. The garrison is in excellent spirits, and is firmly convinced of the ultimate success of the Russian arms.

The Paris Petit Parisien's London correspondent says that during an interview preceding the departure from London for St. Petersburg yesterday of Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador, Lord Lansdowne, the British Foreign Minister, intimated to him that King Edward was willing to offer his mediation in the war in the far east if the Czar thought he cou'd accept it.

ORDERED RUSSIANS AWAY.

A Shanghai dispatch says: Urged by the Japanese consuls here, the taotai ordered the Russian gunboat Mandajur to leave the harbor before five o'clock this afternoon, but the order was ignored. It is reported that a Chinese squadron has been ordered here to enforce the taotai's remand and to enable Japanese steamship companies to resume service between Japan and Shanghai.

THE FOREIGN SESSIONS.

A Paris dispatch says: "While France has acceded to the British proposal for the extension of neutrality by China to all points in China leased by powers save those occupied by Russia, the foreign office says that such action in no wise impairs the rights of powers under their leases. The question has been brought up that the British proposal tended to reaffirm Chinese sovereignty over the points occupied, as well as to foreign municipalities, but the view of French authorities that there is no change in the status of these territories in consequence of the extension of Chinese neutrality.

KODAMA IN COMMAND.

The announcement that General Kodama has been replaced in the Japanese Cabinet by Mr. Koshikawa is regarded as meaning that General Kodama is about to take command of the Japanese land force. Kodama, who is Japan's leading general, did splendid work during the Chino-Japanese war.

It is said that Viceroy Alexieff has asked the ministry of marine to send him officers who are not too young, and admirals who are not too old, of whom he already has too many. The viceroy has issued proclamations to the Chinese throughout Manchuria, seeking to enlist their sympathy and their assistance in maintaining the railway intact by representing to them Japan's treacherous methods in beginning the war.

A Port Arthur dispatch received at St. Petersburg reports that the Russian cruiser Novik had been repaired and had left her dock.

ON INDIA'S BORDERS.

The Standard's Kieff correspondent hears that the Caucasus and Turkestan armies are to be mobilized. He adds that the rumor is not confirmed officially, but says if it is true it can only be interpreted as a veiled threat against India in certain emergencies.

The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard reports the attack by five hundred Chinese brigands on the Russian post at Foo Chow as probably an attempt to wreck the railroad.

The correspondent of the Times at Tokio announces that the Mikado has instructed Count Inouye to discharge the duties of adviser, thus giving him direct access to the sovereign.

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THE DREYFUS CASE.

Paris, Feb. 22.—M. Boyer, reporter of the court of cassation, submitted his report on the Dreyfus case on Saturday. The court will take it up next week, and it is expected will complete its examination early in March.

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CIVILIANS FLEE FROM PT. ARTHUR

Russia Is Prepared for a Siege of Two Years.

THE RAILROAD WELL PROTECTED

An Enormous Consignment of Artillery En Route From Russia—275,000 Troops in Manchuria.

Yin Kow, Feb. 22.—By means of a special permission obtained from Major-Gen. Pflug, Viceroy Alexieff's chief of staff, a newspaper correspondent succeeded in passing the lines under official escort and visited Port Arthur, which is closed to all civilians. The correspondent gives the following description of conditions generally: "Only 30 per cent of the population remains at Port Arthur, and many of these are leaving. The trains are still crowded with refugees. Railroad conditions are excellent, and trains are running on schedule time. The peninsula of Liao Tung is quiet. Adequate guards are maintained at all culverts and bridges, and preparations for defense are being continued. The troops in the vicinity of Kin Chou are active. A strong force is guarding the narrowest section of the peninsula. The authorities have mitigated war conditions at Port Arthur by fixing the prices of foodstuffs. The prices of other commodities, however, have advanced. The authorities have taken possession of all food supplies in stores which were deserted by Chinese and other merchants. They are providing for a siege by sending wheat milling machinery to Port Arthur, and claim that there is a sufficient food supply there for a resistance of two years. Japanese refugees, under the personal supervision of the viceroy and Gen. Plancon, are leaving Port Arthur on released ships. The local agents of two British steamers, the Foxton Hall and another, which were deserted during the Japanese attack, are endeavoring to induce the captains of these vessels to return and reclaim them. The Brand, the only ship now remaining at Port Arthur, will leave there on Feb. 21 with with refugees and dispatches. Although the harbors on the Liao Tung Peninsula have been reopened, the authorities do not expect further arrivals. The Japanese fleet, which is sighted at intervals from Golden Hill, completely controls the gulf, and under the imperfect police system all incomers are treated as spies. The repairs to the Russian fleet are proceeding. The cruiser Novik has been docked, but the condition of the battleships Czarevitch and Retvizan remains unchanged. Engineers say that the Retvizan will be floated in a few days. The official reports commend Capt. Essen, of the Novik, and Capt. Bersian, of the Boyarin, for gallant conduct on Feb. 9, and indicate that, in spite of the fact that no Japanese losses were reported, the Russians did some damage. Capt. Stepanoff, who was in command of the torpedo transport Yenisei (which was reported to have been blown up from an accidental contact with a mine), is declared to have met a heroic death in trying to save his crew. Shippers are of the opinion that the harbor of Dalny will be unsafe for years to come, on account of stray mines from the Yenisei, some of which are reported as drifting in the open sea. The Novikri has suspended publication, and only issues bulletins. The city is darkened every night, but Viceroy Alexieff's house is lighted, although the people understand that he is at Harbin. Gen. Valkoff is in command of the non-combatant force at Harbin. Gens. Linevitch and Von Dratovitch are at Liao Yang (about half-way between New Chwang and Mukden). When the Tenth Regiment is near Kin Chow, the Regiment near Liau Chang and the Twelfth Regiment near Liao Yang, it is intended to commence a simultaneous march toward the Yalu River. While Major-Gen. Pflug is advancing the troops from Mukden to the Yalu River, he will, at the same time, be strengthening his center and preparing to defend the railroad and the north gulf coast in force. The military authorities are thoroughly aware of their unpreparedness to rush reinforcements. An enormous consignment of artillery is reported to be en route from Russia, and it is said without hesitation that there were not over 275,000 troops in Manchuria and at Vladivostock when the war began. The administration authorities of Port Arthur assert that the Japanese have landed in Korea only."

A WIARTON MYSTERY

Aged Woman of Means Found Dead in Her House.

Wiarton, Ont., Feb. 22.—What appears to be a case of death by freezing or foul play was discovered at Oliphant, six miles west of here yesterday morning. An old lady named Mrs. Cochrane was found dead by her bedside, frozen stiff. For years the old lady has lived a secluded and some say, a miserable existence in a little shanty in the woods. She was the possessor of a good bank account, but it was generally supposed she did not keep any of her wealth in the cabin. The severity of the recent storm and her helplessness make it probable that she was the victim of the weather, there was no wood and little to eat in the house. An inquest will be held.

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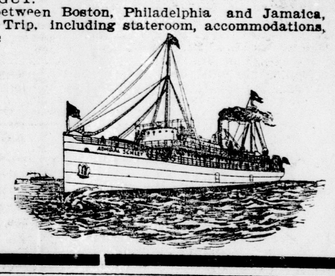

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS.

DIED.

DWYER—In this city, on Feb. 21, 1904, Mary Joseph, beloved daughter of Mrs. Margaret Dwyer, and grandchild of the late P. Mulligan, aged 12 years.

Funeral private, to St. Peter's Cemetery.

EDWARDS—On Feb. 22, 1904, at 9:50 a.m., Rachel, the beloved wife of Squire Henry Edwards, of 388½ Ridout street, city.

Remains will be taken to G. T. R. station, on Tuesday, Feb. 23, for 2:20 train, for her old home in Lobo. Funeral from there to Melrose Cemetery, Thursday, Feb. 25, at 2 p.m.

HARDEY—At his late residence, 625 King street, on Saturday, Feb. 20, 1904, James D. Hardey, in his 60th year.

Funeral from the above residence on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 3 p.m.; service at 2:30. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

MUNRO—On Monday morning, Feb. 22, 1904, at the residence of her son, Mr. S. Munro, 59 Ridout street, South London, Isabella McDonald, relict of the late Christopher Munro, in her 81st year.

Funeral private, on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 3 p.m. (service at 2:30 p.m.), to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

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TEALE—On Feb. 19, 1904, Walter Emanuel Teale, aged 19 years.

Funeral private, Feb. 21.

ALDRIDGE—In this city, on Feb. 21, 1904, Catharine, widow of the late Edward Aldridge, in her 85th year.

Funeral from her late residence, 628 Dufferin avenue, on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 8:30 a.m., to St. Peter's Cathedral; Mass at 9 a.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

HOLMES—In this city, on Feb. 22, 1904, Alfred, beloved husband of Charlotte Holmes, aged 62 years and 10 months.

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During the winter Canadian wheat would have to be consigned by ships through ports of the United States, and if ever a duty were imposed on American wheat imported to England, we may make up our minds that every bushel of Canadian wheat passing over United States ground will be compelled to pay at least equal duty, and the intended preference would be a delusion and a snare.

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New York, Feb. 22.—The steamer Albano (Capt. Kudenhold), which arrived from Hamburg, brought to port Capt. Raymond Parker and 21 shipwrecked men of the British freight steamer Kentigern, from Portland for Limerick, with a cargo of grain, which they abandoned at sea on Feb. 16, in a sinking condition, in latitude 45.08, longitude 46.49. The Albano left Hamburg Feb. 3, with a general cargo, but no passengers. She experienced very stormy weather, and on Feb. 16, at 7 a.m., sighted the Kentigern, of Glasgow, flying distress signals. She was rolling heavily, and had a heavy list. She signaled "Wish to abandon ship." "We launched a lifeboat, in charge of our chief officer and four men, and with considerable difficulty succeeded in rescuing Capt. Parker and nine men," said Capt. Kudenhold. Meanwhile the Kentigern launched one of her boats, rescuing twelve members of her crew, who managed to come alongside and were taken on board the Albano, saving nothing but the clothes they stood in. The chief officer of the Kentigern had his arm broken and the chief steward had his legs bruised. The crew saved nothing but the clothes they wore. The Kentigern was built at Glasgow in 1888, and was owned by Troop & Son.

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THIS LOOKS PROSPEROUS

Big Increase in Customs Returns for Last Six Months.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 22.—The December report of the customs department shows that during the six months ended Dec. 31, 1903, Canada's imports amounted to $121,532,708—an increase of $18,330,494, compared with the corresponding period of 1902. Exports of domestic products amounted to $122,983,954 — an increase of $2,317,512. Great Britain during the six months of 1903 took $72,251,222 worth of Canadian products — a falling off of four and a half millions, while the United States took $38,639,946 — half a million of an increase. On the other hand, Canada imported from Great Britain only $22,155,428 worth, while from the United States we imported $71,853,162 worth. There was an increase of $4,775,890 in imports from Britain — an increase of $11,465,096 in imports from the United States. The effect of the surtax upon imports from Germany is shown in a reduction of the half year's imports from $6,083,024 to $4,958,613, although the surtax was practically but three months in operation. Toys, glassware, braids and tassels, printed labels, photographs and iron and steel manufactures appear to be imports from Germany, which will bear the strain of the extra import.

'LIJE UP AGAINST IT

Spends a Night In Streets of Sydney In a Cab.

Sydney, N. S. W., Feb. 22.—The "Rev. Elijah" Dowie started for Melbourne, after receiving what he declares to be the worst treatment of his life. The Dowie meetings at the town hall here were compelled to suspend, although the admission was by ticket only, and a large force of police and disciples were present to prevent disorder.

A howling mob gathered around Dowie's hotel after every meeting, and one night Dowie, fearing to return to his hotel, spent the night in his carriage, driving about the streets. Eventually he found refuge in a hotel in the distant suburb of Coogee.

At another meeting Dowie declared that Sydney politicians were like a deck of cards, the more they were shuffled the dirtier they became. J. P. Willis, member of the Colonial Parliament, protested, whereupon the Rev. Wilbur Voliva, a leader of the Australian Zionists, threatened that if he did not keep quiet he would have his ears slit. Willis caused Voliva's arrest.

Melbourne promises to treat Dowie worse than did Sydney.

THE MAGIC TRIANGLE.

A very interesting experiment may be performed as follows: With a wet lead pencil point draw on a piece of thick paper a triangle — whether the sides are equal or not makes no difference. Lay it on the surface of a basin of water with the drawing up, and very carefully fill the space inside the dampened lines with water, so that there will be a triangular basin of water on the swimming sheet of paper. (The water will not extend beyond the wet lines of the drawing.) Now, taking a pin or a needle, or any thin, smooth, sharp-pointed instrument, dip its point into this triangular basin, anywhere but at its center of area — say, very nearly at one of the angles. Be careful not to touch the paper and so prevent its free motion in any direction, and you will find that no matter where the point is placed, the paper will move on the water until the center of area comes under the point. This center of area may be indicated before placing the paper on the water by drawing lines from any two angles to the centers of the opposite sides; where the two lines cross will be the desired place.

If a square be drawn instead of a triangle, and similarly treated, it will move until the intersection of its diagonals comes under the pin point; and no matter what figure be drawn, it will move along the water so as to bring its center of area directly under the point.—St. Nicholas.

POWER OF A BREATH.

In order to show what force, not figuratively, but actually, a breath has, take a good, stout, tight paper bag, and laying it on the edge of a table so that its mouth projects, stand a heavy book on end on the bag, and across this book lay another, also of considerable weight. By blowing in the bag, keeping the mouth tight in the bag so that no air can escape, the upright book will be tilted and raised and the structure overthrown. It would, of course, be impossible to blow the book over without the aid of the bag.—St. Nicholas.

A TREE GETS ANGRY.

There has been discovered in the wilds of Northwestern Idaho a species of the acacia tree which is entitled to be classed as one of the wonders of plant life. It grows to a height of about eight feet, and when full grown closes its leaves together in coils each day at sunset and curls its twigs to the shape of pigtails. After the tree has settled itself thus for a night's sleep, if touched the whole thing will flutter as if agitated or impatient at being disturbed. The oftener the foliage is molested the more violent becomes the shaking of the branches, and at length the tree emits a nauseating odor, which, if inhaled for a few moments, causes a violent, dizzy headache.

The angry tree, as it has been named, was discovered by travelers, who, upon making camp for the night, placed one end of a canvas covering over one of the sensitive bushes, using it for a support. Immediately the tree began to sharply jerk its branches. The motion continued, growing more nervous, until at last the sickening odor which it gave out drove the tired campers to a more friendly location. Curiosity, of course, prompted an investigation. One of the angry trees was dug up and thrown to one side. Immediately upon being removed from the ground the tree opened its leaves, its twigs lost their pigtails, and for something over an hour and a half the outraged branches showed their indignation by a series of quakings, which grew weaker as time passed, finally ceasing altogether, when the foliage hung limp and withered. The next morning the tree was placed upright in the ground again, a little water was applied to the roots, and very soon it resumed its normal condition.—Boston Globe.

SLEEPLESSNESS.—When the nerves are unstrung and the whole body given up to wretchedness, when the mind is filled with gloom and dismal forebodings, sleep, there would be oblivion for a while the result of derangement of the digestive organs, sleeplessness comes to add to the distress. If only the subject could find temporary relief, Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will not only induce sleep, but will act so beneficially that the subject will wake refreshed and restored to happiness.

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THE HILL OF TARA

Lord Dudley Will Purchase and Preserve Historic Spot.

Dublin, Feb. 19. — Lord Dudley, the viceroy of Ireland, is still further increasing his popularity in the Emerald Isle by starting a subscription for the purchase of the historic hill of Tara in County Meath. Some 239 acres thereof were sold the other day by public auction for $17,000, and it is hoped that by purchasing the entire hill that it may be spared from the desecration of being built over, and that if any excavations are made they may be for the purpose of reverent exploration rather than for the construction of the foundations of cheap villas.

Leaving aside the popular legend according to which the ark of the covenant was concealed in the hill of Tara by St. Patrick, it is a fact that this hill was the ancient crowning place of the kings of Ireland. It was likewise the site of their palaces and tombs, dating as such from five centuries before the birth of Christ. The hill is covered with earthworks, commonly known in Ireland as "raths," and beneath these are believed to be the ruins of palaces, the temples and the fortresses which formerly figured on the hill, and which are referred to by so many Irish poets as "Tara's ancient halls."

Columns could be written about Tara and its legends. But it is doubtful whether there is one spot in the Emeral Isle so dear to the heart of the Irish patriots, and the fact that Lord Dudley should have initiated a movement with a large personal subscription to protect the hill from desecration and for preserving it as a national monument is calculated to render memorable his vice royalty and to render him more popular in Erin than any of his predecessors as lord lieutenant at Dublin Castle.

ORDER OF ST. MICHAELS

King Edward Intends to Change the Motto of the Society.

London, Feb. 22. — Every lover of Shakespeare will regret to learn that the castle of Kronborg, sometimes known as Elsinore Castle, on the battlements of which the ghost scene of Hamlet is laid, is in danger of disappearance, owing to the fact that its foundations have been undermined to such an extent by the stormy seas of this winter, that they are regarded as being beyond repair.

It was in this castle, too, that Queen Caroline Mathilde, sister of King George of England, was imprisoned after the execution of her lover, until released by a threat of war by England, when she was allowed to leave for Hanover, where she spent the remainder of her days.

King Edward is about to change the wholly inappropriate motto of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, which is worn in America by both Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, and by Sir Percy Sanderson, who is King Edward's consul-general in New York. The order was originally founded by the prince regent in 1818 for the inhabitants of the Ionian Islands, which were then occupied by the English, and the motto, "Auspicium melioris aevi," which may be translated as "a promise of better times," constituted an illusion to the likelihood, since realized, of the islands forming part and parcel of an independent Grecian kingdom.

The Ionian Islands were turned over by England to Greece in 1862, and while the order of St. Michael and St. George was from that time forth applied to the reward of English servants of the crown in diplomacy and in the

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Russia's Significant Move.

Russia announces to the world that she has abolished the censorship on telegrams to the foreign press. When we reflect on the character of the Government, the secrecy of its methods, and its traditional policy of suppressing freedom of speech and information which would reflect unfavorably on the social or political conditions of the empire, the step taken is deeply significant. The official explanation is that newspaper correspondents, chafing under the censorship, have revenged themselves by flooding the foreign press with false statements, intended to injure Russia in the world's estimation. It is probable the London Times is chiefly responsible for the latest move. About a year ago the Russian authorities ordered the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times to leave the country on the ground that he was systematically traducing the Government. The Times at once organized a secret corps of correspondents, who have turned the light on many things that the Russian bureaucrats would prefer to keep in the dark. Having been circumvented by the Thunderer, it looks as though Russia is making a virtue of necessity in relaxing the censorship. It is a frank admission, however, that she can no longer afford to be indifferent to the world's opinion. She hopes by conceding full liberty to the foreign press to secure from it more considerate treatment, and to create a more favorable impression of Russian methods among the people of other countries. The change of policy is shrewd tactics, but it also illustrates one of the most encouraging developments of modern times — the growth of a world conscience, to which every nation seeks to justify itself in its treatment of other nations. No country now can live to itself, as Russia has tried to do. It must take into account the tremendous force of a moral sentiment which knows no international boundaries. Russia has bowed to this universal conscience, though perhaps not from the highest motives. The impact of western civilization will sooner or later destroy the Russian despotism, but its downfall may be postponed by timely concessions to foreign opinion and to the spirit of liberty which is working among the Russian masses.

East Middlesex Liberals.

The unanimity of Mr. J. M. McEvoy's nomination by the Liberals of East Middlesex is an encouraging token. The county was gerrymandered in 1881 to make the east riding safe for the Conservative party, but the recent redistribution will give the Liberals more than a fighting chance in the next election. East Middlesex for Dominion purposes will be identical with the provincial riding, except that London West will be transferred to the city of London. With unity and enthusiasm in the ranks, the Liberals should duplicate the success of two years ago. The candidate, Mr. McEvoy, has had a training which specially qualifies him for a public and parliamentary career. He is an honor graduate in political science, and taught economics, constitutional history, international law and political philosophy at Toronto University in collaboration with the late Hon. David Mills and Prof. W. J. Ashley, now of the University of Birmingham. He devoted ten years almost exclusively to the study of taxation, public finance, and general sociology. A frequent contributor to magazines and reviews on these and cognate subjects, he is also the author of "The Ontario Township," a history of the growth of municipal institutions in the Province, which was printed by the Ontario Government as a text book for Toronto University. His essays on banking and commerce and on abstract questions of political economy have been welcomed by the highest authorities. His thorough grounding in the general principles which apply to every question likely to come before Parliament and the country would make him a valuable public servant. He is a good platform speaker and an indefatigable worker. He bears a name known and honored throughout Middlesex, his family being intimately associated with its history. Mr. McEvoy has kept in touch with the rural interests of the county and is the owner of one of its finest farms. He is a young man of natural ability and much promise, having speedily taken a front rank in the profession of law, and he would probably make a record in the House of which the electors of East Middlesex could be proud.

The Liberals have a trio of candidates in Mr. Calvert, Mr. Boston and Mr. McEvoy, who should place all three of the Middlesexes in the Liberal column.

Mr. Monk's Retirement.

The announcement of Mr. Monk's retirement from the leadership of the Conservative party in Quebec is confirmed by the publication of a letter written by him to Mr. Borden nearly a month ago. Mr. Monk's consent to have the letter kept secret until after the bye-elections was chivalrous in the extreme. He declares that certain elements in the party are hostile to him. This is verified by the Montreal correspondent of the Toronto World, who says that Mr. Borden has ignored Mr. Monk in arranging the party organization for Quebec, and has handed over the control to Mr. Hugh Graham, of the Montreal Star. The Star was among the first to invite Mr. Tarte to re-enter the Conservative fold, and there is no doubt that the elements to which Mr. Monk refers wish to enthrone the ex-minister in the Quebec leadership. The position of Mr. Monk would be intolerable unless he was assured of the confidence and support of his chief, and these appear to have been withheld from him. The very formal tone of his letter indicates that the relations between the two men were strained. Mr. Monk may not, in Mr. Borden's estimation, possess the qualities of leadership, but he has been a very able parliamentarian, and the Opposition can ill afford to lose his services. This feud in the Conservative party does not concern the Liberals, who have nothing to fear in Quebec, but they may be excused if they see retributive justice in the troubles of their opponents. The Opposition showed an indecent haste in holding out the olive branch to Mr. Tarte, who was its pet aversion for years, and whom it painted in the blackest colors. A full statement of the causes leading up to his resignation will be made by Mr. Monk to his constituents and will be awaited with interest.

YOUTH AND OLD AGE.

[Ottawa Journal.]

Senator Wark is 100 years old. Mr. A. Lavergne, M. P., Montreal, is barely 23 years old. Probably no other country on earth have two legislators in active politics with 77 years difference between their ages. If Mr. Lavergne succeeds in living as long as Senator Wark and remaining in politics, he will still be pounding away in the year 1981.

BEFORE AND AFTER.

[Rochester Post.]

An eloping Maine couple walked 22 miles on snowshoes to be married. Six months from now the enthusiastic bridegroom will probably object to getting up in the morning and building the kitchen fire.

WAR NAMES.

[Buffalo Express.]

This war news is frightful—it angers a man
To read of Masampho and Tailenwan,
Alexieff, too, and Yingkow and Sasebo,
And what happened last at Chefoo and Chemulpo,
Vladistock and Niu Chwang and Kuro and Maji,
And of what may occur on the Gulf of Pe Chi Li.
Tatunkow, Simmintging, Tsugaru, Ichahepu—
When the reader struck these in a rage quickly he flew,
But lo! came Sujatun, Yokosuka and Seoul,
And other tough names in the bloodthirsty duel—
Kouropatkin, Chingwantao, Variag, Nagasaki,
Till the poor reader's brain became loosened and shaky,
Now he mutters, this nuisance we can't get away from,
"Garumbum, cherumbum, berumdum, balumdum."

END OF THE TARTE MYTH.

[Montreal Herald.]

The results of the contested elections in Quebec will doubtless be regarded as the most important of all, not because Liberals seats have remained Liberal, not because Quebec still prefers Laurier to all others, but because all through the country Conservatives—and Liberals, too—had been led to entertain exaggerated ideas of the prowess of Mr. Tarte as a manager of elections, and this was to be the first test of his ability to wean Quebec from Laurier. One gathers that in Toronto and other Ontario centers little attention was paid to the Ontario bye-elections, all eyes being turned in our direction to see what the mighty Tarte was going to do by way of "delivering the goods." After yesterday's voting there will probably be less said about Mr. Tarte's ability to bring the Conservatives back to power, the one thing that made him valuable in the eyes of tens of thousands who otherwise have no love for him. Mr. Monk's action in unmasking the situation brought Mr. Tarte more prominently into view than was contemplated for the time by those who believed in his usefulness, but the only consequence is to prove, now, rather than later, that the tales we are told of his power in Quebec are but so many myths. If it ever comes to a more general test, it will be found that the resentment inspired by his conduct towards Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a most valuable asset to the Liberal party of this Province.

RIIS' FULSOME FLATTERY.

[Syracuse Post-Standard.]

In view of the American sense of humor and the American hatred of being bored, it is a question whether Jacob A. Riis' series of articles upon Roosevelt in the Outlook are not laying it on a little too strong. There have been a good many of these chapters and they are all characterized by the word "fulsome."

Assuredly, they will not alienate any of Roosevelt's friends, but it is a point which Mr. Riis might well have debated with himself whether they will not prevent some luke-warm persons from becoming as enthusiastic as Riis would like to see them. A great deal of reserve is needed in the biography of living Americans if other living Americans are going to like the flavor, and it is significant that some of the President's warmest admirers are reminding Mr. Riis of the story of the aged and irascible Duke of Wellington, who was escorted across a crowded street in London by an infatuated countryman.

The infatuated countryman bowed very deeply on reaching the farther shore, and began to assure the duke how he appreciated the honor. "Sir," exclaimed the duke, "don't be such a d——d fool!"

SIMILITUDE.

[Washington Star.]

The gay Napoleon of finance
Is picturesque to view,
Like the original until
He meets his Waterloo.

A WELL-WISHER.

[St. Thomas Times.]

Charles Hyman, true to the principles of Liberalism and consequently to the rights of the people—the common people—will develop from a cabinet minister, into a party leader with a loyal following not only in Western Ontario, but throughout Ontario.

A LEADING QUESTION.

[Exchange.]

He—I hear you attend the Handel and Haydn performances. Were you present at the "Creation?"

She—I suppose you'll want to know next if I sailed in Noah's Ark.

MANGLED BY CARS.

Winipeg, Man., Feb. 22.—T. R. Cauchan, C. P. R. brakeman, aged 27, was run over in the yards early this morning. Stepping in front of a yard engine running at a good rate of speed both legs were badly mangled and little hopes are held out for his recovery.

TROOPS HALT ON WAY TO TIBET

Col. Younghusband's Mission Comes to a Temporary Standstill—The Russian Treaty.

London, Feb. 22. — Col. Younghusband's mission to Tibet at present is at a complete standstill. Gen. MacDonald with a flying column has returned to Chumbi. The big Tibetan force assembled at Gurn has dwindled to 2,000 men, and there is nothing to indicate what will be the next phase in the event of the dalai lama maintaining his present attitude.

The Indian Government has taken the greatest pains to emphasize the fact that the mission entirely is political and its sole object the amicable settlement of outstanding difficulties with the lama government. It lays stress on the fact that Col. Younghusband has the most careful instructions not to excite hostility, while Gen. MacDonald has been ordered to act on the defensive only, his sole duty being to safeguard the commissioners. His force unquestionably is stronger than really is necessary for that purpose, and sufficient to make its way to Lhassa, where its presence would give Col. Younghusband a strong "argument" in dealing with the lama.

The Indian Government claims to have possession of documents constituting an invalid treaty signed by the Czar and the lama's governments eighteen months ago, wherein concessions were made to Russia so extensive and so exclusive as practically to give the development of Tibet entirely into the hands of Russia.

Russia formally has denied the existence of this treaty, but Russian denials carry little weight, especially when Tibetans do not deny it, and in their intercourse with the British commissioners at Khambajong made no secret of the support they actually were receiving and upon which they relied in the event of further trouble.

It is possible now that when news of Russia's disasters in the opening of the war penetrates Lhassa Tibetan reliance on her support will be shaken and an amicable settlement reached.

One of India's chief ostensible grievances is the boycotting of the normal channel of Tibetan trade through India to Bengal, but the firm establishment of Russian influence on the India border probably is a more potent factor in the present proceedings.

GLASS DIAMONDS

English Baron Accused of Working a Bunco Game.

London, Feb. 22.—Under a Johannesburg date the Express prints the report that Lord Haldon has been acquitted of the offenses with which he was charged at Pretoria in December last. The Hon. Lawrence William Park, as he then was, his father having died only upon the last day of the old year, was charged, in company with two companions, with attempting to defraud a man named Cowie by offering him a parcel of glass crystals, alleging that they were diamonds.

The court found that he was innocent of criminal knowledge of the fraud, and he is generally regarded as having been merely a tool in the hands of astuter men.

Lord Haldon served as a lieutenant of Imperial Yeomanry during the war; he was formerly a captain in the Third Battalion Royal Fusiliers. After the war he found himself without means, and lived for some time at Johannesburg. Then he took a situation as checker on the railway at Pretoria, describing himself as a miner born in Northumberland. He is still at Pretoria.

Lord Haldon's family traces its descent from the time of Henry VII.; the barony dates from 1880. In the days of Warren Hastings Robert Palk was Governor of Madras, but resigned after concluding a treaty with the Nizam. Palk Strait, between India and Ceylon, perpetuates his name. The family owns some 10,000 acres in Torquay and neighborhood.

DEATH RECALLS ROMANCE

Runaway Match of Late Marchioness of Queensberry.

London, Feb. 22. — This week has been notable for the deaths of two members of the nobility who were interesting both in history and romance. They were Caroline, Marchioness of Queensberry, and the Earl of Strathmore. The marchioness made a romantic marriage, which was one of the sensations of the day. She lived in a period when Gretna Green was the goal of loving couples with unsympathetic parents and guardians.

It was in 1840 that the late marchioness eloped with Viscount Drumlanrig, afterwards the seventh Earl of Queensberry, riding horseback to Gretna Green, where they were married in the old-fashioned way by the blacksmith of the village. Some years afterwards the marquis' coachman followed his master's example and ran off to Gretna Green with the marchioness' maid, laming the marquis' favorite hunter on the journey. The marquis was so angry that he dismissed both the coachman and maid, but the marchioness got them reinstated by sagely remarking to her husband:

"Eh! Eh! maun, ye wadna have minded hoo mony horses ye'd lamed when ye eloped wi me."

In connection with the death of the Earl of Strathmore, who died in Bordighera, Italy, on Wednesday, interest was renewed in the mystery connected with the secret chamber of Glamis Castle. It is one of the weirdest legends in the history of Scotland. It is only known to the head of the family, and is communicated to the heir on his coming of age with most solemn vows never to reveal it to any person till he in turn has an heir to communicate the secret to.

Many attempts have been made to probe the mystery of Glamis Castle. To one young lady who implored the late earl to tell the secret, he said: "If you could guess even the nature of this secret you'd go down on your knees and thank God you were ignorant of it."

A CREW IN PERIL.

New York, Feb. 22.—An unknown three-masted schooner, was discovered ashore on the outer bar off Bellport, L. I., at 4 a.m. today by members of the Bellport life-saving crew. The latter immediately summoned help from life saving stations on either side of his own, but at 7:15 had been unable to get a life line over the distressed vessel.

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COMPOSITION ON "MEN."

The Fort Cobb Record tells this story of a young girl's composition on "Men," which shows that the seed of the women's club is sown on the territorial prairies: "Men are what women marry. They drink and smoke, and swear, and have ever so many pockets, but they won't go to church. Perhaps if they wore bonnets they would. They are more logical than women, and always more zoological. Both men and women have sprung from monkeys, but the women certainly sprung further than the men."

WEDDING CAKE 33 YEARS OLD.

While sorting over the papers and effects of the late William G. Milligan, in Little Falls, N. Y., the executors of his estate found in a box and wrapped with numerous layers of tissue paper a large wedding cake. Inquiry revealed that the cake was made for the wedding 35 years ago of a close friend of Mr. Milligan and that the bridal couple on that occasion decided not to cut the cake until their silver wedding. Mr. Milligan was the bridegroom's best man, and he was asked to keep the cake for them until they should call for it 25 years later. So Mr. Milligan put the cake away carefully in a safe.

Before the 25 years had passed the bride had died and the widower had married again. The bridegroom, who is still living, refused to accept the cake on the twenty-fifth anniversary, saying it was a sacred souvenir and should not be consumed. That was 10 years ago.

The cake is in a good state of preservation, but it is as hard as a rock, and it required the use of a hammer to knock a chunk from it.

A LOTTERY SHARK

Ticket Pieced Together Is Presented But Fraud Is Discovered.

Paris, Feb. 22.—A dressmaker of St. Malo, with a winning lottery ticket for $5,000, was told on presenting the ticket that another application had been made. On inquiry it was shown that the other ticket had been torn up by its owner, who was said to have despaired of winning, but pieced it together when the result was announced. Obviously it was a case of pieces of many tickets made up to give the winning number. This is often done on the announcement of the lottery results, the real owners hitherto preferring to share with the sharks to lighting the case.

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10c and 15c Laces, Tuesday 5c Yard. **WOODS' FAIR.**

PET SWALLOWS PEARLS

Servants Were Searched But the Canine Was Guilty.

Paris, Feb. 22.—The Hotel Ritz was the scene of considerable commotion last week. Miss Hamilton, of London, missed three beautiful pearls, worth $500 each. All the servants of the hotel were searched, and suspicion finally settled on a pet dog which had been alone in the room. The necessary precautions were taken, and it was found that the dog had swallowed the pearls while playing. They were recovered intact the following day.

The Prussian nobility is none too well pleased with the Kaiser. He invites artists, writers, explorers and men of science to his receptions and pays them attention, but he has little to say to members of the nobility unless they have in some manner distinguished themselves.

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"Erminie," the opera of twenty years ago, modernized in several particulars, but in great measure the same as of yore, attracted an audience to the Grand Saturday night which filled the playhouse from pit to gallery, a hundred or so people being satisfied to stand throughout the performance at the rear of the house. And if the management had desired they could have sold probably two hundred more S. R. O.'s, but they wisely refrained from so doing, and as a result there were a large number of Londoners anxious to see the famous production who were disappointed. The modernizing of "Erminie" has not injured the opera in the slightest, the dialogue being of the Sam Weller English variety, as before, and the songs interpolated being all good. Of course, there are references to the presidential races in the United States, in which Canadians have no interest, and also a jab at the grabbing of the Philippines, both of which failed to score hits, but a passing thrust at the manner in which the Japs are serving out slaps to the Russians was well received by the audience. The comedy of "Erminie" is refined and quiet, depending more upon the actors than upon the lines for its success. Both the instrumental and vocal scores are high-class, the music being sweet and catchy from the rise of the curtain to the close. The costuming and stage settings are also magnificent, and the entire production proved to be all that it had been advertised to be, and probably a little more.

It is getting on well for twenty years since "Erminie" was first produced in America, and of the original cast only Francis Wilson and Jennie Weathersby appeared Saturday night. But, indeed, it is seldom that such a brilliant coterie of artists grace the stage in one production, as the cast of the present "Erminie." The title role was taken by Miss Marguerita Sylva, of "Princess Chic" fame, and last seen in London in "The Strollers," a year ago. This part was played by Miss Pauline Hall in the original cast. In personal appearance, Miss Sylva does justice to the character, though she is perhaps a little stately. Her beautiful figure, dazzling eyes and splendid voice, make her a favorite at all times, however, and the audience did not neglect her in the applause accorded "Erminie."

In the leading role was Francis Wilson, with his same cute little legs and his fun-producing proclivities. As far as humor in concerned "Erminie" is a one-man play, but the clever comedian does not find it difficult to supply the fun for the entire performance. As Caddy, the thieving vagabond, whose every theft is a joke, he is splendid. His dicky-bird song is a good one, but it is in the interpolated song, "Joseph, James and John," from "The Monks of Malabar," that he is at his best. It was in this number, with Miss Madge Lessing, that he made the hit of the evening. His voice, however, is decidedly on the wane.

Playing opposite to Mr. Wilson as the dignified thief, is William Broderick, a singing comedian of acknowledged ability, but in his role in "Erminie" his voice is not heard except in a recitative capacity. Nevertheless, he accords Mr. Wilson a notable support, and largely helps along the success of the production.

Miss Lessing is a dainty, arch little woman, a really clever English soubrette, with a voice of fine quality, and the happy faculty of not overdoing things on the stage. Jessie Bartlett Davis, who is known to all as the famous original contralto of the Bostonians, still retains a charming personality and cleverness on the stage, but the once famous voice has gone back some. She sang "O Promise Me," an interpolation from "Robin Hood," very well, but not in the former Jessie Bartlett Davis' way.

The best vocal number of the evening was "Star of My Life," sung by Mr. W. C. Weedon, and it is a pity his part does not permit him to sing more.

Miss Jennie Weatherly, in her original role of the princess, and Signor Perugini, as the count, took their parts excellently.

A feature of "Erminie" is its chorus work. The voices are all first-class, and each number was well sustained, rounded and full. And it might be added that as a beauty show the "Erminie" chorus carries off the palm.

Late in the spring "Erminie" will pass through London to play in Eastern Canada, and there is a chance that the production will be again booked for the Grand this season. If it is, it will undoubtedly meet with another good reception.

Manager Kormann and Treasurer Stewart succeeded in handling the extraordinarily large audience in a very satisfactory way, and the ushers also seated the big crowd in a systematic and praiseworthy manner. The augmented orchestra, under Prof. Cresswell, also acquitted themselves admirably.

Tonight the London will open its second week of vaudeville, with a complete change of acts, ten in all, and twenty new faces, with but one exception. Potter and Hartwell, who made such a hit last week, opening the performance, will remain and present an entire new act. In fact, it is their original act, which they brought from Australia. Vaudeville last week, for an opening engagement, was a success beyond expectations. It is a form of amusement that people have to be educated to. From Tuesday night there was an increase in the attendance till Saturday was reached, when both performances were crowded, the matinee especially, which was composed almost entirely of ladies, whose thorough enjoyment was most noticeable. London citizens are finding out that the vaudeville offered at the London is the same that is seen in the large houses of Detroit, Toronto and Buffalo, where it is patronized by the best class of theater-goers. The bill for tonight is exceptionally well chosen, and will surely make this a banner week. The acts are not only clever, but will offer a variety that cannot fail to please every person. The big feature of the bill is the European sensation, "The Millman Trio," who are know as "the King and Queens of the Air." Two ladies and a gentleman, in ballroom gowns and evening dress, perform some wonderful evolutions on a No. 6 steel wire. It is a most daring act, and yet beautiful to look at. They appear as graceful in their Parisian gowns, on what looks like a silken thread, as if on a ballroom floor. In addition to the above, nine star vaudeville acts will be presented by some clever people. Russell and Dunbar, character artists, who last week were in New York, present their latest success, "My Hannah Lady." Lew Palmer, is a well-known entertainer and mimic. Morgan and Crone, the Tall-ho Duo, are refined singers, and will render solos, duets and medleys. Reid and Barry, funny comedians, and Eddie Martyne, the bounding tight-rope artist, present some very novel features. Sadie Hart, "The Premier Danseuse," is sure to please. The Marriott Twins are surpassed by no bicycle frame and novelty jugglers. Charles and Jennie Welsh appear in a refined sketch. A big hit will be made by the European gymnasts, "The Great Marinellas," who give a marvelous exhibition of muscle work and hand balancing on triangles. This bill should pack the house tonight with "first nighters," and draw large attendances through the week. On Saturday a ladies' matinee will be given, held at bargain prices. Seats for the entire week can now be secured.

GROSSMITH TONIGHT.

Mr. George Grossmith will be at the Grand Opera House tonight and tomorrow night. The enjoyable features of a Grossmith night are well known in this city, where the brilliant entertainer has appeared more than once. His humor is of the most pervading and the most fetching kind, and all who go to the Grand either tonight or tomorrow night are assured of an evening of much pleasure.

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FATALLY CRUSHED.

Victoria Harbor, Ont., Feb. 22.—John E. Schissler, a loading inspector of the Victoria Haror Lumber Company, was fatally injured here. Schissler, while having some truck loads of lumber moved from the yard to the planing mill, went between the trucks to make a coupling, and misjudging the space between the loads, was crushed between them, his head being severely injured. Schissler was unmarried and lived here with his parents.

THREE FROZEN TO DEATH.

Winnipeg, Feb. 22.—Charles Kerr, with two companions, while driving home from Moosomin to their farms recently, was found frozen to death in the sleigh.

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A BIG BATTLE IN THE BALKANS

Turkish Troops Defeat Albanians in a Second Fight.

BOTH SIDES LOSE HEAVILY

Turkey Mobilizing Her Forces in Preparation of an Early Conflict With the Bulgarians.

Salonica, Feb. 22.—Another battle occurred between the insurgent Albanians in North Albania and the Turkish troops on Feb. 18. The Albanians were beaten, 500 men being killed or wounded. The Turks also lost heavily.

Shemsi Pasha, who was in command of the Turks at Diakova, has been superseded, owing to the Sultan's displeasure at his unduly severe treatment of the Albanians.

A battalion of troops from Sorovitch and another from Monastir have left for Salonica.

Paris, Feb. 22.—Almost with as close attention as they are giving the Russian-Japanese war, the French authorities are watching events in the Balkans. From Bulgaria assurances have been received that she does not propose to take any measures to precipitate war, and most of the leaders of the recent insurrection have indicated their purpose to see what the reforms will accomplish before renewing the rebellion in Macedonia. Moreover, it is not believed here that the Macedonian committee has as much money as heretofore with which to carry on a conflict. Nevertheless, it is well understood that Russia's pre-occupation in the far east greatly increases the chances of war in the Balkans. Turkey declares she proposes to scrupulously carry out the reforms imposed by the powers, but a high Turkish official here today said the attitude of his government must necessarily depend on the attitude of the Macedonians and Bulgarians.

"We know," he said, "that the Macedonian committee has been purchasing large quantities of arms, and we know it has been buying fezes like those worn by the Ottoman troops, which will be worn when the revolutionists are engaging in some particularly odious crime, and which they will seek to throw on the shoulders of Turks. But Turkey, while loyally endeavoring to carry out the wishes of the powers, will be prepared for any and all eventualities."

Asked if there would be war, the official answered that he could not tell. That would depend upon developments. He admitted that Turkey was mobilizing a formidable body of troops in Macedonia, but, he added, this was due to the Albanian revolt. The presence of Turkish troops is embarrassing to the powers, because they prevent the operation of the international gendarmerie.

Experts here say that if ever opportunity existed for the Porte once for all to end the Macedonian trouble by striking Bulgaria, which encourages it, it is now. Despite the firm representations of Russia, she undoubtedly is unwiling to engage in a war in Europe while engaged with Japan in the Far East, and Turkey is expected to adopt a firmer tone in dealing with the Macedonian question. The powers it is announced authoritatively, are still working harmoniously together, and they are all making representations to Turkey and Bulgaria on the folly of going to war. Certainly neither will profit thereby.

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LEADER MONK DOWN AND OUT

Writes to Mr. Borden, Tendering His Resignation.

FOES WITHIN INNER CIRCLE

A Pretty Row On In Conservative Camp of Quebec—Hostile Element Deposes Borden's Lieutenant.

Ottawa, Feb. 22. — It was learned here that the letter in which F. D. Monk, M. P., tendered his resignation as Quebec leader to R. L. Borden has been made public in Montreal. The news comes as no surprise, since it was well understood in ministerial circles that Mr. Monk some time ago formally made known his intention of abandoning the Quebec leadership.

It is understood that two months ago, or more, Mr. Monk wrote to a prominent Liberal M. P. of Quebec, asking if the general elections would take place before a session of Parliament. He explained that he wanted the information for personal reasons and would regard it as confidential. The Liberal M. P. replied that there would be another session of Parliament before dissolution. Replying to this communication Mr. Monk said that he was not at all satisfied with the way the party's affairs in Quebec were being conducted, and he had decided to surrender the leadership. If, he said, the general elections were to take place before another session, he would feel it his duty to fight. He had no desire to flee on the eve of battle, but as a session of Parliament was to be held before dissolution he felt himself at liberty to retire from his post.

These letters of Mr. Monk's, it appears, were turned over by the Liberal members to whom they were addressed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. For some time therefore the Prime Minister has had in his possession what is practically Mr. Monk's resignation.

MONK TO BORDEN.

Montreal, Feb. 22.—Some weeks ago it was stated that F. D. Monk, M.P., had written a letter to R. L. Borden, M.P., who was then staying at the Windsor Hotel, that he wished to retire from the French-Conservative leadership, a statement which was flatly contradicted at the time. It may be said that a correspondent had seen a copy of the letter in question, but as it was of a semi-confidential nature the text was withheld. On Saturday, however, Mr. Monk himself gave out the same letter for publication. The communication reads as follows:

"To R. L. Borden, K.C., M.P., Windsor Hotel, Montreal:

"Montreal, Jan. 17, 1904.

"Dear Mr. Borden,—The news that another session of Parliament is to take place, and that the general elections are to be postponed indefinitely, permits me to carry out a decision which I had reached some time since, although I had deferred its realization because I thought, like many others, that the electoral campaign was upon us. Since 1900 I have, as far as it was in my power, tried to discharge the duties of leader of our party in this Province, and I have to say that I have received the most kind and courteous treatment at the hands of the people of the Province of Quebec.

"There are, however, elements in our party here which are far from being sympathetic. In fact, they are hostile to me. The task of leading the Opposition at the present time in the Province is a difficult one, and success depends upon complete harmony. Under these conditions I have reached the conclusion that it will be better for me to confine myself to my duties simply as a member of Parliament, and I address myself to you as leader of the Opposition, to make known my determination.

"I am sure that I can in this way make myself more useful in the ranks of the party. I will continue to defend the interests of my constituents who have so generously supported me in the past. Yours very truly,

"F. D. MONK."

HOSTILE ELEMENT.

It is understood that Mr. Monk will in a few days call a meeting of his electors in order to give them more ample details of his resignation.

It is all very well for people to say that Mr. Monk was jealous of Mr. Tarte's ascendancy, but this is a mistake.

Mr. Monk was perfectly right when he declared that a certain element was hostile, and he, of course, referred to Mr. Borden's advisers in this city.

In the first place, the leader of the Conservative party appointed Messrs. Hackett and Pelletier as Quebec organizers without consulting the French-Canadian leader. Then it is alleged that Mr. Borden gave Hugh Graham a letter guaranteeing the proprietor of the Star the whole patronage of the Montreal district should the Conservative party reach power. Mr. Graham, it is also alleged, undertook to raise a campaign fund for the Conservative party, that he canvassed for it, and intended to manager it almost exclusively from the Star office. It is also said that the ramifications of his activities extended even into other provinces.

And all this was done in the face of the fact that the French-Canadians are overwhelmingly in the majority, and some people ask why the Conservatives do not win seats.

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JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

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BRIGDEN.

Brigden, Feb. 20.—Mrs. James Welsh, who died last week near Brigden, was one of the most highly respected ladies in this community. She was married to Mr. James Welsh, who survives her, about 50 years ago. She formerly resided in Sarnia, came to live in the Township of Moore, over 40 years ago. Mrs. Welsh was a lady of a remarkably bright and vigorous mind, ever courteous in manner, generous in heart. She lived and died as a member of the Presbyterian Church, loved, respected and honored by relatives and friends. The remains were interred in Bear Creek Cemetery on Sunday, the funeral being very large and representative. Rev. J. C. McKee conducted the services.

Brigden was startled, shocked and stunned, on Tuesday morning by an explosion of acetylene gas, which proved to be in the fine brick residence of Dr. F. R. Seager. The building was split in twain by the awful force of the explosion, nearly everything behind being consumed by the flames, and the building proving a complete wreck. It was truly miraculous that the lives of Dr., Mrs. Seager, with their daughter, Miss Blanche, were spared. The insurance on the home and contents amounts to $2,000 or more. The Acetylene Company had placed the machine in the building, guaranteeing it as perfectly safe. The Grant Acetylene Generator Company from St. Thomas are the makers. Acetylene plants in this town—from this time on will be few and far between.

Our town regrets the removal of the Public Opinion to Avonmore, near Cornwall.

Our merchants have been taking stock and are preparing to transact the best spring trade in the history of our village.

Mr. John Armstrong has received a carload of sugar.

Mrs. R. B. Brown will visit London to purchase millinery for their up-to-date store.

Messrs. McDonald & Duffy have done a thriving business the past year.

ALVINSTON.

Alvinston, Feb. 19. — The valentine social held at the residence of Mr. A. S. Harkness, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church, was largely attended, and proved to be a very enjoyable affair.

Mrs. A. E. Ketch is still confined to her house with inflammatory rheumatism.

William McAllister, of Newbury, spent Sunday at his home in this place.

Miss Mamie McDonald, of the 9th concession, Brook, who has been attending the Western Ontario Shorthand Academy in London, has finished her course, and taken a position in Purdom & Purdom's law office, Masonic Tempie, London.

Morton Daniels, who has been in Chatham for some time past is home on the sick list.

Mr. Theodore Bindner, of London, spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother in this place.

In Brooke Township on Tuesday, Feb. 16, Mrs. Susanna S. Yorke, beloved wife of Mr. E. J. Yorke, died at the age of 60 years. The remains were interred in the Alvinston Cemetery on Thursday afternoon.

WEST LORNE.

West Lorne, Feb. 22.—A very sad and sudden death occurred at the family residence, Maple street, West Lorne, on Friday at noon, when Mr. John Gray passed away while eating his midday meal. Deceased had been about his usual duties as bread dealer and meat clerk in David McDonald's store in the morning. He expired almost before a doctor could be summoned. Deceased leaves a wife and family of nine. The daughters are: Mrs. Westaway, of St. Thomas; Mrs. Shearing, of Charing Cross, and Janet, at home. The sons are: John, of St. Thomas, William, Frank, George, Robert and James, at home. The funeral service was conducted at the family residence on Sunday, the remains being interred in the Gillies Cemetery.

SOUTH DELAWARE.

Southwold, Feb. 22. — Hardy Johnstone and sister Aggie spent Tuesday evening at Henderson brothers'.

James May & Sons sold a two-year-old colt to Baker Bros., of Tempo, for a fancy figure.

John Johnstone met with a painful accident recently, falling from a load of hay, fracturing two of his ribs.

A fast game of hockey was played on Joseph Allan's flats on Thursday evening between the Hungry Seven and the Rattlers. The score stood 9 to 7 in favor of the Hungry Seven. Peter Love, of Littlewood, made a very impartial referee. His lot was an easy one, as the game was very clean. Dalgish, of the Hungry Seven, who played rover, put up the best game on the ice. Both teams are good stick-handlers and skaters.

Love Bros. have been purchasing some high-priced thoroughbred Durham cattle, for which they paid good figures.

Horse buyers are buying up horses around here.

Bert McIntyre, of Hamilton, is visiting at the home of his father, Rev. R. McIntyre.

The Brooks brothers are convalescent after a severe illness.

The many friends of Sandy McNichol will be sorry to learn that he is much worse.

Francis Ferguson has been taken to Victoria Hospital, London.

Wm. Scott delivered his high-stepping colt Lord Russell to James McCartney, of London, on Saturday.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will hold their annual meeting on Wednesday at 2:30 p. m.

James McCallum, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is now somewhat better.

John Leach met with what might have been a serious accident on Sunday. On leaving the church grounds his spirited horse upset the cutter, throwing Mr. Leach out on his head on the ice, and all the contents of the sleigh. John McFarlane went to his assistance and prevented the horse getting away. Mr. Leach is getting along nicely.

Henry Johnstone fell on the ice the other day and put his thumb out of joint.

Miss Bella McFarlane, of West Magdala, spent Friday with relaitves here.

Quite a number from here intend taking in the St. Andrew's concert in London on Thursday evening.

The ladies intend giving a leap-year party in the near future, and the gentlemen are now wondering which of them will be the unfortunate wallflowers on that evening.

Evidently this is a good winter to carry a little accident insurance.

Miss Edith Johnstone will leave shortly for Hyde Park.

Lord Crewe's 25,000 acres or so of property in England are a burden on his hands. He proposes to sell 7,000 acres in Yorkshire and the North Midlands.

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LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, Feb. 22.—Wheat—Spot nominal. Futures nervous; March, nominal; May, 6s 9¾d; July, 6s 9¾d.

Corn—Spot, American mixed, new, firm, 4s 2¾d; do, old, steady, 4s 6¾d. Futures irregular; March, 4s 2¾d; May, 4s 2½d.

Peas—Canadian steady, 5s 6½d.

Flour—St. Louis fancy winter dull, 8s 3d.

Hops (at London)—Pacific coast firm, £6 15s to £7 15s.

Beef—Firm; extra India mess, 66s 3d.

Pork—Steady; prime mess western, 65s 3d.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, steady, 45s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, steady, 27s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, steady, 27s; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, steady, 38s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, steady, 38s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, steady, 37s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, steady, 42s 6d.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, firm, 33s 3d; American refined, in pails, firm, 28s 3d.

Cheese—American finest white, quiet, 48s; do, colored, quiet, 51s.

Butter—Nominal.

Tallow—Prime city dull, 24s 3d.

Turpentine Spirits—Steady, 46s.

Rosin—Common firm, 7s 10½d.

Petroleum—Refined firm, 7¾d.

Linseed Oil—Firm, 18s 6d.

The imports of wheat into Liverpool last week were 13,000 quarters from Atlantic ports and 51,000 from other ports.

The imports of corn from Atlantic ports last week were 42,000 quarters.

WILLIAM ABBOTT,
Bond, Grain and Stock Broker.
Correspondent W. F. Dever & Co., New York, Boston and Chicago. Stocks bought and sold on margin and for cash. 113 Masonic Temple. Long distance 'phone 1,113.

FLAXSEED.
CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Flaxseed—Northwest, $1 18½; southwest, $1 11½; February, $1 11½; May, $1 13½.

OIL MARKETS.
LONDON.

London, Feb. 20.—Petroleum, American refined, 7 11-16d; spirits, 9¼d.

ANTWERP.

Antwerp, Feb. 20.—Petroleum, 21 francs 25 centimes.

BREMEN.

Bremen, Feb. 20.—Petroleum, 6 marks 35 pfennings.

DAIRY MARKETS.
NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 20.—Butter—Firm and unchanged; receipts, 4,247 pkgs. Cheese—Steady and unchanged; receipts, 1,930 boxes. Eggs—Firm and unchanged; receipts, 3,536 cases.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Butter—Firm; creameries, 18c to 25½c; dairies, 13½c to 22c. Cheese—Firm, 10½c to 11¼c.

CORN! CORN!
Wheat, oats, etc. Market advices from Bartlett, Frazier & Carrington, members of all leading stock and grain exchanges. Long distance 'phone 213.
H. C. BECHER,
Bond and Stock Broker, 412 Richmond St.

LOCAL MARKETS.

London, Monday, Feb. 22.

A small amount of business was transacted at the market this morning.

About half a dozen loads of hay were on the stand; sales were made at $8 to $9 per ton.

One load of straw sold at $5 per ton.

No grain of any kind had been offered up to 11:50 o'clock.

A deck of live hogs were purchased by Mr. D. McIntyre at $4 50 to $4 60 per 100 pounds for selects.

1,000 Per Cent Profit
Made by placing your order now for MARCONI Wireless Telegraph Company, $5 Certificates. For particulars see or write
JOHN A. MOODY,
Masonic Temple, - - London.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.
CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Cattle—Receipts, 22,600; market steady; good to prime steers, $4 90 to $5 75; poor to medium, $3 50 to $4 80; stockers and feeders, $2 50 to $4 15; cows, $1 60 to $4; heifers, $2 to $4 75; canners, $1 60 to $2 60; bulls, $2 to $4 50; calves, $3 50 to $7 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 48,000; steady; mixed and butchers, $5 15 to $5 50; good to choice heavy, $5 25 to $5 55; rough heavy, $5 10 to $5 40; light, $4 65 to $5 20; bulk of sales at $5 15 to $5 40.

Sheep—Receipts, 20,000; sheep and lambs steady to strong; good to choice wethers, $4 to $4 60; fair to choice mixed, $3 50 to $4 25; western sheep, $4 20 to $5 10; native lambs, $4 to $5 75; western lambs, $4 to $6.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, Feb. 20.—Live cattle steady, at 10½c to 11½c per lb for American steers, dressed weight; Canadian steers, 10c to 11c per lb; refrigerator beef, 8c to 8½c per lb; sheep, 11c to 11½c per lb; lambs, 14c to 14½c, dressed weight.

ROYAL FOG-KILLER

King Would Like to Eradicate Them in His Reign.

Honduras, Feb. 22. — It is said by the gleaners of curious information that the King takes immense interest in the question of how to prevent fog in London, and would like his reign to be memorable to posterity as the one in which, among other things, that nuisance was abolished. The ambition is certainly worthy of the very practical sovereign, for there are few things that would give greater benefit to the nation than the attainment of it. In view of the wonderful things that are constantly being done it is really incredible that science cannot accomplish so comparatively simple a matter.

So far there have been only two really serious black fogs in London this winter, but they were the worst seen for many years.

The last fog is estimated to have cost London from $400,000 to $500,000 in hard cash, a great deal of which goes into the pockets of the electric light and gas companies. To the railway companies the fog cost fortunes. Hundreds of extra men were employed and paid overtime as signalmen, receiving "overtime" wages, and thousands of fog "detonators" were exploded along the lines.

As for the tradesmen their losses were even more serious, and the dry-goods merchants, who have had the worst two years on record, received another hard blow.

Three Specialties At Strong's Drug Store,
184 Dundas Street.
STRONG'S SPRUCE SPECIFIC—
For coughs and colds.
STRONG'S BALM-ZOIN—
For rough, red and chapped hands and face; and
STRONG'S BAKING POWDER.
FREE to housekeepers on application, our new Recipe Book on the Art of Cooking.

DEATH OF AN OLD CITIZEN

Demise of Mr. James D. Hardey After a Long Illness.

Mr. James D. Hardey, one of the best-known residents of London, passed away on Saturday evening at 10 o'clock after a very painful illness that covered a period of five months. Mr. Hardey was born in 1844 in the Isle of Jersey, but with the exception of a few years passed in Chicago, Ill., and Des Moines, Iowa, he had spent most of his life in London, having lived here for 43 years. Mr. Hardey was in Des Moines when the United States civil war broke out, and sailed 200 miles down the Mississippi with a party of six, in a boat of their own construction, it was at this time that he came to London. Here he followed the occupation of bricklayer and mason, having been engaged by the most prominent builders and contractors in the city. At the time of his death Mr. Hardey was surrounded by all the members of his family, which includes his widow, two sons and one daughter: William C., of this city; Edward J., of Toronto, and Mary, at home. Mr. Hardey's stepmother had also been a member of the family since the death of the father. Mr. David L. Hardey, 434 English street, is a brother of deceased—the only surviving member of that family. Mr. Hardey was a charter member of Chorazin Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Court Stella, A. O. F., and also of Canton No. 1, Uniformed Degree, I. O. O. F. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 3 p.m., from the residence, 625 King street, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Going, of Centennial Methodist Church. In politics, Mr. Hardey had been a lifelong Liberal.

The pall-bearers chosen by Mr. Hardey from the bricklayers, Oddfellows and Foresters, are: Messrs. Frank Northey, Reuben Short, John Dawson, Fred Showler, sen., Wm. Chamberlain and Moule.

THAMESFORD.

Thamesford, Feb. 22. — The next important feature of this locality among the societies is the annual "At Home" of the I. O. O. F., which takes place on the evening of Feb. 26, in the lodge rooms. The grand master, J. B. Turner, of Hamilton, and other distinguished guests, will be present.

Mr. J. M. Scott's daughter Jean is ill with the scarlet fever, and as a consequence the principal's room was closed for a couple of days last week; but arrangements have been completed so that Mr. Scott will be in his room as usual. The little girl is improving.

We are pleased to notice that our rifle association has been recognized, and one of its members, H. F. Day, is listed as one of the crack shots of the Dominion. We will not be surprised to hear of his being chosen for Bisley.

Frank Westlake, one of the boys of this vicinity, had a very close call on Thursday, the 18th inst., in loading a very large log, containing 900 feet; the chain broke, letting the log back, which Frank was trying to hold on with a rail. In throwing the rail and trying to escape he slipped, and the log rolled over him, but, wonderful to relate, he is alive and well. Frank is well-liked by the boys.

Angus Mounson is recovering from a very severe form of la grippe, and will, we hope, soon be around. His mother, however, is very poorly.

John Lake, of this village, has purchased the Shepperd property on Allan street north, and intends to change its appearance in the near future; consideration $450.

William Oliver, jun., and wife, have returned from Mayville, Mich. William, sen., is improving.

N. E. McCarty, of the Central Hotel, is talking of selling out; asking price, $3,000.

The George M. Ross case versus Nissouri East is settled, the township paying $300 to Mr. Ross. This case grew out of negligence on the part of either the county or Nissouri Township.

John Judge is recovered of his illness.

George Henry is quite better.

Joseph Mead is quite sick.

On Feb. 10, to Mrs. Joseph Mead, a son.

J. M. White, the evangelist singer, is holding meetings in the M. E. Church, Thamesford. Mr. J. B. Freeman is the minister for Thamesford and the Seventh Line Church.

The assembly on Friday, the 19th, was a decided success.

N. C. McCarty's residence was the scene of a pleasant gathering Friday evening last. A couple of sleight loads from Ingersoll, with some of the village people, enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

MR. KIPLING PARODIES

Takes a Fling at Chaucer in His Songs of Autos.

London, Feb. 22.—Rudyard Kipling has burst forth as the bard of the automobile. His latest poetical efforts, which appear in the Daily Mail, sing the praises of motoring, and to lend further novelty to his new role, Kipling has elected to adopt the style of Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales." The general opinion is that the result is unfortunate. The method is present, but there is a woful absence of the poetic charm which attaches to Father Chaucer's quaint stanzas.

The poems, which consist of fourteen parodies of Chaucer, are prefaced with an introduction by H. B. Marriott-Watson, in which he lauds Kipling as a prince among parodists.

The first of the series, entitled "The Advertisement, in the Manner of the Earlier English," is in praise of the motor car, and is an imitation of that alliterative poetry which flourished before Chaucer and is probably best known through "Piers Plowman." It is as follows:

Whether to wend through strait streets strictly,
Trimly by towns perfectly paved;
Or after office, as fitteth thy fancy,
Faring with friends far among fields,
There is none other equal in action.
Sith she is silent, nimble, unnoisome,
Lordly of leather, gaudily gilded.
Burgeoning brightly in a brass bonnet,
Certain to steer well between wains.

Young Woman Fell Under a Moving Freight Train

Terrible Accident at G. T. R. Crossing on Clarence Street.

Miss May Armstrong, of Exeter, Seriously Injured.

Both Legs Were Badly Crushed—One Had to Be Amputated Below the Knee.

A most unfortunate accident occurred shortly after 10 o'clock this morning, at the Clarence street crossing of the Grand Trunk Railway, in which Miss May Armstrong, of Exeter, was the victim, the young woman falling under a moving train of cars, sustaining injuries which resulted in the amputation of the right leg below the knee. The heel of the left foot was also badly crushed.

Miss Armstrong, who is a milliner, has been in the city the past two weeks attending the millinery opening at Clark, Wood & Co.'s wholesale on Richmond street. She was the guest of her uncle, Mr. Frank Friend, of 302 Horton street, and this morning in company with Mr. Friend, she left the house for Clark, Wood & Co.'s. On her way she stepped into Mr. Friend's tailor shop on the corner of Bathurst and Wellington streets, after which she resumed her journey cityward. It appears that she proceeded down Bathurst street to Clarence and turned north on the east side of the street.

CROSSING BLOCKED.

When she reached the crossing she found it blocked with two freight trains, while a third train stood on a siding to the left. One was a train which was being shunted in the yard, but it was standing at the time across the street with engine No. 600 attached a couple of car lengths west of the crossing. Another train was on the third track and was going east.

Miss Armstrong was evidently in a hurry, for she waited for a moment and then, apparently, noting that the engine No. 600 was on the end of the train immediately in front of her, she started westward between the trains standing on the first and second tracks, intending to walk around the engine. The first track is merely a siding, and the cars remain there for days at a time, when they are being unloaded by the coal and lumber men. The space between the tracks is very narrow, however, and the snow which has been shoveled off the rails from day to day, is piled, rough and lumpy, to a height of from ten to eighteen inches in the narrow strip. The rain of Sunday, too, had made it very slippery in places, and it is on the whole a decidedly dangerous place to walk. As the young woman walked along, the train to the north on the second track began to shunt to the westward, and this evidently confused her.

UNDER THE WHEELS.

Stepping on a treacherous spot her feet slipped, and she fell under the slowly moving train. Yard Foreman Hodgins was standing close by on the other side of the train, and heard the shrieks of the unfortunate girl. He signaled the engineer to stop at once, but before the train could be brought to a standstill two pairs of trucks had passed over her legs. In a moment, Hodgins and a couple of other railway men had lifted her from beneath the car, and she was carried to the baggage room. Drs. Drake and Belton were hastily summoned, and had her taken to Victoria Hospital. Miss Armstrong did not lose consciousness, immediately, but bravely bore the agonizing pain she was suffering, and in a quiet, faltering voice told those around her her name and where she lived. Once she exclaimed, "Oh, my hands are so cold," and instantly a couple of brawny railway men, with their hands covered with oil, chafed her hands, and she thanked them and remarked that they were now warm.

As she was carried out of the baggage-room, railway men present remarked that it was the most pitiable attempt at bravery they had ever witnessed. Upon being placed in the ambulance, she fell into a comatose condition, but at the hospital was still conscious.

ONE LEG AMPUTATED.

The young woman was at once placed on the operating table, and Drs. Drake and Belton worked with her for over an hour and a half. The right leg was amputated above the knee. The portion of the limb amputated was badly crushed.

This afternoon Dr. Drake stated that the victim's condition was favorable to recovery. She is, however, very delicate, and the doctor said he could not as yet state what the result of the accident would be.

Miss Armstrong is a daughter of Mr. Irving Armstrong, a well-known cattle buyer, of Exeter. She is 20 years of age, and last Thursday celebrated her birthday in a quiet manner at the home of her uncle on Horton street. In Exeter Miss Armstrong is a popular member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Armstrong, the young woman's father, was at once notified of the accident, but unless he drives to London it will be impossible for him to reach this city until about 7 o'clock this evening.

A particularly sad feature of the unfortunate accident is that her cousins, the Misses Marie and Bee Friend, had arranged for a reception at their home this evening in honor of Miss Armstrong. When informed of the terrible accident which had befallen their cousin the Misses Friend were overcome with grief.

SAYS GATES WERE DOWN.

Several of those who were alleged to be around when the accident happened are said to have stated that the watchman did not lower the gates at the time the trains were shunted. This is positively denied by the watchman, Joseph Allen, who said that the gates were down for some time before the young woman reached the crossing. This, he says, he can prove by witnesses. As a matter of fact, however, it would have made no difference whether the gates were up or down, as they only protect the roadway, and not the sidewalks.

The accident occurred on the second track from the south side of the street, and about 50 feet west of the crossing. The place presented a terrible spectacle, as the snow and ice were covered with blood, and an unsteady trail of blood also marked the way to the baggage room.

THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The local officials give the following account of the accident: Miss Armstrong evidently walked west to make her way around the yard engine, and thus save time in reaching her destination. The gates were down at the time. It is not known how she got under the wheels, but it is thought she slipped. She may have been dragged under by the suction of the train, though it was moving slowly at the time, or her skirt may have caught on a greasebox and pulled her under. At all events, Driver A. W. Russell and Fireman J. W. Angus, of engine No. 600, attached to the train, brought the train to a standstill almost instantly when given the signal by Fisher, the switchman. Yard Foreman Hodgins was riding on the rear car at the time of the accident. The engine did not pass over Miss Armstrong.

THE BODY OF BURGLAR WILSON MAY POSSIBLY BE EXHUMED.

General Inspector Millard Wants to Investigate—The Companion of "Texas."

When William Wilson, or "Shorty Billy," as he has been called, died as the result of last Tuesday's tragedy, it might have been thought that he had paid the penalty of his crimes, and that nothing more would be heard of the case other than the investigation by the police authorities. However, it not only happened that for some time the body was viewed by people of morbid mind, but now there is likely to be trouble, and there is a possibility that the dead body may yet be raised and delivered to the proper authorities.

The local inspector of anatomy, Mr. John Ferguson, received word from the general inspector, Mr. Alex. Millard, of Toronto, who has provincial jurisdiction, asking for particulars, he having read of the body having been given over to the "friends" of the deceased. The local inspector did not have the body, so that the general inspector will have to come himself to find out. He wrote to that effect that he would be here to sift the matter, and he will arrive either today or tomorrow.

According to the act regarding the disposition of people who have died under such circumstances, the body should be taken to the inspector of anatomy where the inquest should be held. The act further provides that unless the body is claimed by "a relation or bona fide friend," within 24 hours after its arrival at the morgue, it must be given over to a medical school. There it must be preserved for 14 days, and if during that time a relation or bona fide friend claimed it, the body should be given over on the payment of expenses of preserving the body, not to exceed the sum of $10. Any relation or bona fide friend, however, can get the body if a police magistrate will give her an order. The relation or friend must make an affidavit to say that he or she is such.

In this case Miss Moseley was given the possession of the body on an order from Magistrate Love. Before he gave her the order she took an affidavit to the effect that the deceased was her affianced lover and that after making full inquiries she had been unable to find out who were his relations; she swore then that she was the closest friend he had on earth.

Under such circumstances a cemetery trust cannot bury a body without an order from the coroner holding the inquest, and in this case Woodland Cemetery was given the order by Coroner Piper. The inquest into the death of "Billy" is to be resumed tonight at the police station.

"Billy," it has been learned was engaged a few weeks ago by a Dundas street resident to do chores about the place, and it is now thought that he was doing this to find out what kind of a place it was for future operations.

"Texas," who does not come up in court again until Wednesday morning, is now known to have been intimate with a bunch of fellows who hung around the corner of Maitland and Simcoe streets. Just recently, it is alleged, he committed a hold-up in the very heart of the town and within half a block of the police station. He went into the Bernard House when the bartender was alone, and asked for a drink of beer. The bartender waited for the necessary coin, which was not forthcoming. "Texas" didn't intend to pay and soon ordered what he wanted, holding up a couple of pistols. He got the beer and went away before the bartender could secure the police.

3,000 Tons of Hard Coal Reach City in 48 Hours

Local Situation Was Greatly Relieved on Saturday and Sunday.

While the supply of anthracite coal in London was very limited for a few days last week, and there was a danger of a shortage, there is now no longer any fear that Londoners will find it hard to keep their ranges and furnaces going. For this they can thank only the weather man for providing three days when the thermometer did not hover at or below zero.

There had been an abundance of coal at many points on the different lines for several weeks, and the thaw of Saturday and Sunday enabled the roads to get a large share of it out of the sidings and hustle is along to its destination. Since Saturday morning there have been fully 100 cars of hard coal brought into London, besides several cars of bituminous coal for the various factories. The hard coal shipments amounted to fully 3,000 tons, and it comprised some of all sizes. The M. C. R. brought in the bulk of it, 80 cars coming by that road from St. Thomas to fourteen London dealers. One hundred and twenty-five cars consigned to London merchants still remain on the sidings in the Railway City, and these will be brought over as soon as possible.

The Grand Trunk brought in 22 cars from the east all being hard coal; and some soft coal that is tied up in the sidings will be brought in at the earliest possible date. There are many sidings frozen up along the line between here and the bridge, and some time will elapse before these can be opened.

While the thaw of Sunday brought relief in a number of ways to the railways, it was also the means of bringing a little trouble. Around all of the switches the ice had been chopped away, and on Sunday these places filled up with water, which froze up during the night. This made switching an impossibility until they had again been opened.

A BLIND MAN IN TROUBLE

He May Lose His Faithful But Ill-Mannered Dog.

Louis Dennon Acquitted of Theft but Paid $10 Costs.

W. H. Allen is the name of a familiar figure about town—a blind man, who is led by a faithful dog. The dog is his only guide and the thought of losing it is naturally an alarming matter. Yet that is what is threatened. Allen was summoned to the police court this morning on a charge of keeping a vicious dog. The dog, it is alleged, bit a child and the court was asked to order its destruction. The case, however, was adjourned for a week.

Miss Minnie Faulder appeared in court and charged Louis Denon with the theft of a sealskin jacket. Dennon was found guilty, but he restored the jacket and paid the costs of the court, amounting to $10.

Of two drunks dealt with one was a "first offense," as Francis Wilson says, and was let go; the other was an habitue—ten dollars for him.

THE LADY EVANGELISTS

Interesting Meetings Held at Dundas Center Church.

Themes; "Faith, Hope, Charity" and "The Prodigal Son."

In spite of the disagreeable weather a large crowd greeted the Australian evangelists at Dundas Center yesterday. In the morning Miss Miller selected for her text I. Corinthians, xiii., 13, and by apt illustration explained to her audience the gradient in which the terms faith, hope and charity were issued by Paul.

An exceptionally large number were in attendance at the Sunday school, where "Decision Day" was observed. An earnest appeal to the young folks was followed by nearly all present renewing afresh their covenant with God.

At the evening service "The Prodigal Son" was the theme, and that "old, old story, ever new," was told in an impressive way by Miss Miller. The subject was treated in the form of a drama in three acts: Act. I.—The happy home, the young man wanting to see life, his asking and receiving his share of his father's goods. Act II.—The gay life, loss of wealth, destitution and unhappiness. Act III. — The resolve to return to his father, the carrying out of his resolve, the reception by his father. All were touched by the earnest yet plain and unvarnished discourse of Miss Miller, and as Miss Layton sang softly "Coming Home," several in the audience expressed a desire to live better and nearer to God. Evangelistic meetings will be held every evening this week, at which Miss Miller will speak and Miss Layton sing.

MODEST IN ITS DEMANDS

Board of Health Asks for Only $3,800 This Year.

Last Year's Outlay Was $4,100—The Pack Smallpox Case.

This year's board of health is remarkably modest in its demands for funds from the city chest. The board held a meeting this morning, Chairman English, Mayor Beck and the other members being present; and it was decided to ask the city council for the sum of $3,800. This is less than the board spent last year, when all the accounts totaled $4,100, and the board finished the season with a small overdraft. Last year was looked upon as an abnormal year, however, and it is hoped the board will be able to get along this year with the money asked.

The secretary, Mr. C. B. Edwards, was instructed to write the Hon. Charles S. Hyman, member for London, and ask him to try and induce the Government to pay the expenses in connection with the taking care of the smallpox case of George Pack, who, it is alleged, was allowed to make his way to London through the negligence of the Dominion health inspector at Port Huron.

The chairman, medical officer and veterinary were appointed a committee to draft a set of rules for the regulating of the dairies of the city.

MAY BE INVESTIGATION

Ald. Cooper Should Explain Why Barber Letters Were Written

Owes It to Himself As Well As to the Citizens To Do So.

Around the city hall the feeling is developing that pavement matters in this city should be thoroughly investigated. There has been so much dickering and so many disappointments in connection with the letting of pavement contracts that the average citizen despairs of securing a pavement in the good old-fashioned way of petitioning for one and then accepting the lowest responsible tender. And now that Ald. Cooper's name has been connected with rather interesting pavement developments, it is felt that he cannot continue in office as an alderman without thoroughly explaining to the mayor and council the why and the wherefore of all letters written the Barber Company. In fact, it is felt that it would not be fair to Ald. Cooper himself for him to remain silent under present conditions. If he succeeds in explaining the voucher matter, as well as the statement alleged to be made by him, that he would try to secure the job of paving Dundas street for the Barber people, the citizens will feel more satisfied. It is likely the matter will come up at the next meeting of the council.

The Sunlight Maids are always through their wash at twelve o'clock.

SUNLIGHT SOAP

With ordinary soap a woman has to work so hard and so long on wash day she has no time for preparing any of the family meals. Wash day is a trial, and the good wife faces each with a sigh of despair.

Sunlight Soap makes all the difference in the world. No toiling—no rubbing—no boiling—less than half the labor with much better results. Most women are all through their wash by twelve o'clock when they wash with Sunlight Soap the Sunlight way. It makes child's play of work.

ASK FOR THE OCTAGON BAR.

Sunlight Soap washes the clothes white and won't injure the hands.

LEVER BROTHERS LIMITED, TORONTO. 9a

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—May Dwyer, 13 years of age, died of croup yesterday and was interred in St. Peter's Cemetery.

—James Connor, an old gentleman well known about town, died at the Aged People's Home this morning.

—W. A. Currie, of Derwent, has accepted a position as telegraph operator with the Wabash Railway at Williams, Ont.

—The senior city championship race will be skated at the Westminster Rink tonight, when the Cadet Band will be in attendance.

—Mr. Harry Merrit, janitor of the city hall, resumed his duties today, having successfully weathered a bad attack of the grip.

—The many friends of James Stewart, of Hensall, one of South Huron's stalwart Liberals, will be pleased to learn he has recovered from a severe illness and is around again.

—City Engineer Graydon was in his office today for the first time in two weeks. Mr. Graydon has had a tough struggle with the grip and he shows the effects so plainly that several of the aldermen advised him to stay at home another week or so.

ONE-SIDED HOCKEY GAME.

A very much one-sided game of hockey was played at the Jubilee rink on Saturday between Tuckett's Marguerite and Nolan & McLeod's Harums, resulting in favor of the Marguerites by a score of 10 to 0. The feature of the game was Joe Kelly's stone-wall defense.

MARRIED AT PETROLEA.

The marriage of Mr. Albert Rennie, of this city, to Miss Gertrude Coulson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coulson, of Petrolea, at that place on the 10th of this month is announced. Mr. Arthur Rennie, of this city, was groomsman, and Miss Kate McPhee, of Toronto, bridesmaid. The groom is a well-known G. T. R. fireman.

DEATH OF MRS. C MUNROE.

The death of Mrs. Munroe, widow of the late Christopher Munroe, took place this morning at the residence of her son, Mr. Samuel Munroe, 59 Ridout street south. The deceased was ill only a few weeks. She was a native of Scotland, and had lived in London for a long time. She leaves three sons and four daughters, The funeral takes place to Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Wednesday, the service being in charge of the Rev. W. A. Wylie.

REPAINTING CARS.

The London Street Railway Company have begun the work of repairing all the old cars on the system, and soon a yellow car will be unknown in London. The cars are being painted to match the handsome new wine-colored ones which are operated on the belt lines. They look well.

FIVE WEEKS RECORD.

Thomas C. Knott, real estate broker, reports having sold the following properties recently:

No. 532 York street, $625 50.
No. 138 Central avenue, $1,800.
No. 85 Albion street, $1,012 50.
No. 430 South street, $1,400.
No. 730 Lorne avenue, $512 50.
Hamilton road, $1,275.
No. 33 Garfield avenue, $700.
No. 777 Simcoe street, $700.
No. 315 Grey street, $900.
Two vacant lots of Woodview estate, $250.
No. 48 Edward street, $725.
No. 48 Euclid avenue.

WILL RUN AN EXCURSION.

A meeting of a committee of Brotherhood Trainmen representing both G. T. R. and the C. P. R. was held here recently, at which it was decided to hold an excursion in the early part of the summer. The trainmen conducted an excursion two years ago to Cleveland, but this year they will make either Berlin or Galt the place of pleasure. Galt stands the best chance of being selected, as it is midway between Toronto and London and would not involve a tedious journey for people from either direction. Games, etc., will likely help to pass the day. Conductor Joe Thompson, of the Grand Trunk, and Conductor Joe Moyer, of the C. P. R., are again on the committee.

REASON FOR RISE IN WHEAT.

Local millers and bakers explain, in connection with the threatened rise in the price of bread, that the wheat market has been short the world over, especially in America. For a while in this country prices have been above the export basis. English millers could not touch them, but now are demanding the wheat, and this is where they have to get it. The direst result is that the price goes up.

DEATH OF MRS. EDWARDS.

The death of Rachael Harrison, beloved wife of Squire Henry Edwards, occurred this morning at the family residence, Ridout street. Mrs. Edwards was born in the township of London in 1827, her mother being the first white woman to cross the town line, in 1819. She was married to Squire Edwards in 1847. Her four children survive her—James, Albert and Fred, of Lobo township, and Mrs. J. D. Hodgins, of this city. Deceased was an ardent member of the Methodist church and a consistent Christian. Her remains will be taken to her old home in Lobo on Tuesday and interred at Melrose on Thursday.

THE MONUMENT FUND.

Mrs. Nordheimer, of Toronto, regent of the Daughters of the Empire, is to be here March 6th, when the annual meeting of all the chapters will be held and the question of the monument fund will be considered.

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FATALITY AT DENFIELD

Mr. Joseph Kelley Killed in Sutherland-Innes Mills.

Denfield, Feb. 21.—A fatal accident befell Mr. Joseph Kelley, of this place, yesterday, while engaged in the Sutherland-Innes Company, stone and hoop mills. Mr. Kelley was turning one of the large wheels to start on engine, when the steam was turned on unknown to him, and it threw him around the wheel, breaking his spine and several ribs, also cutting and bruising him about the head.

He passed away in an unconsious condition about three hours after the accident took place. He lived with his daughter, Mrs. Easery, here.

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Vera's Love Affair

"Regularly jammed down this hay," goes on Mr. Dysart, scowling at the cock, "worth nothing now, no doubt." As if in assertion of this judgment he deliberately seats himself on it, or, rather on Mr. Peyton's backbone. Griselda pales. Will the miserable Tom be able to endure it, or will he die in the effort to hide her from her uncle's wrath? She feels as if her limbs are giving way under her. Great heavens, into what labyrinths of wretchedness does even the smallest deception lead us!

Her face grows ghastly! Is Tom dying even now? It almost seems to her that a groan has broken the maddening quiet of the evening air. Oh, that horrible old man, that murderer, will he never rise up and go away and let her burrow in the hay for Tom's corpse? Not that he can be dead yet; the old man, thank goodness, is light. It occurs to her at this moment, that Tom, in his dying struggle, may create an earthquake beneath her uncle, and then all will be discovered! This thought seems to dwarf all that have gone before. It is distinctly gruesome.

"Where's Taylor?" asked Mr. Dysart suddenly.

"Taylor?"

"Yes, the new man, the gardener." It had never up to this suggested itself to Griselda that Peyton might have brought a new name to a new situation, and the idea leaves her silent.

"Have you seen him?" demands her uncle in a voice of thunder. "Are you deaf, girl, that you can't answer?"

"Taylor? No, I know nothing of him," returns she, confused. "Is Taylor the mythical Tom?"

"He's an idle vagabond, not one whit better than the others," declares Mr. Dysart, rising slowly from Tom's death-bed. "I believed in that man" — here a distinct convulsion of the hay which he has just quitted catches Griselda's eyes. Is it the last gasp?—"but I find he is in league with them all. I thought when he came back thus quickly from his visit to his sister to resume his duties, it was a sign of good, but no man worth his wages would have let this valuable lump of hay," striking the cock with his stick with a thud that sickens Griselda, "go thus to destruction."

He turns away, but presently, as he comes to the corner, looks back. "Hark, ye, girl!" cries he in his clear harsh treble, "don't try to deceive me. I have my eye on you, and once I discover you trying to take me in, out you go, you and your precious sister." With this he turns the corner, and the sound of his stick tap-tap upon the ground grows every instant more and more indistinct.

Griselda, though her ears followed the tap, has eyes alone for that fatal cock of hay. That last stir of a few minutes since has indeed been the last. All now is as calm as death itself; with a courage born of despair she is just making up her mind to approach it, and drag it to pieces, and disclose the motionless body beneath, when the hay stirs, a hand is thrust cautiously forth, then a head, and finally Mr. Peyton, red as a boiled lobster, emerges in toto, and lies back prone upon the grass. "He's gone," says he, with a tragic glance around, and then, "Bless my stars, who'd have thought he was so heavy?"

Griselda looks at him; she is still quaking visibly. "I thought you were dead," says she, and bursts into tears.

CHAPTER XXV.

"And aye to be sure, and no to be sure;
And how should I guess?" said she;
But there came a sweet bird and sang
in her ear—

"'Tis he! 'tis he! 'tis he!"

"So your name is Taylor," says she, presently, looking at him with fresh interest.

"Tom Taylor, yes, I put in the Tom because I felt it would come handier to you than George or John, and if they overheard you addressing me, they would see no cause for surprise."

"To think you could be so deceitful," says she, her eyes again filling with tears. "Oh, I am greatly astonished, I should never have suspected you of it! I feel I shall never be able to trust you again, though, indeed," dolefully, "I should be the last person to find fault with you, I, who am deceiving Uncle Gregory every minute of the day."

"Why, you said nothing that——"

"Just now, no. I am not thinking of that, but I feel as if I were breaking my word to him in being with you at all. I gave him my promise not to——"

"Go beyond the gardens. Well, here you are!"

"There was more than that included in my promise; I told him I would not see you or speak to you again."

"Willingly. But you know it is not your fault if you do see me; it is mine, who deliberately put myself in your way. If you were to try and keep that part of the unholy compact you would have to go about all your days blindfolded because see you will at all hazards."

"But even that is not all. I said I would not speak to you, and," with deep remorse, "there is no one I speak to half as much. The moment my eyes see you I feel as if I had a thousand things to say that never occurred to me before."

"Well, we can rectify all that," says Mr. Peyton; "I see daylight even here. Don't speak to me, just sit there," pressing her down upon a garden seat, and placing himself beside her, "and take one of my hands between both of yours, thus, and whenever I ask you a question that will necessitate 'no' for an answer, you will press my hand so, and whenever you feel you want to say 'yes,' you will pressa it so. I know any amount of questions I want to ask you that will require 'yes' for an answer."

"Indeed, I shall not," says Griselda indignantly, pushing him away from her.

"But why not?" with an air of calm judicial inquiry. "There is nothing to prevent you that I can see."

"I sha'n't."

"It's the simplest thing in the world; just let me show you again."

"No," says Griselda, struggling valiantly with a wild desire for laughter, and clasping her hands tightly behind her back.

"But I really think you didn't quite understand. As I said before, there is not the least trouble about it. If it was I who had been forbidden to speak to you, I should be able to manage quite easily; won't you let me explain it to you? Oh, well, of course, if you don't like my plan we must only give it up, and carry on our conversations in the usual manner, which will be commonplace in the extreme after the brilliant method I have suggested. I'm disappointed in you, Griselda, I am, indeed; I thought you would have been struck, charmed with the originality of it."

"Well, I'm not."

"Very good, very good, I give it up," with a deprecatory shrug of his shoulders. Then, with a sudden change of tone, "I wonder if a fellow might smoke a cigarette here without being discovered?"

"Oh, better not," says Griselda, alarmed. "Mrs. Grunch has a terribly long nose, and who can say whether Uncle Gregory has really returned to the house or not?"

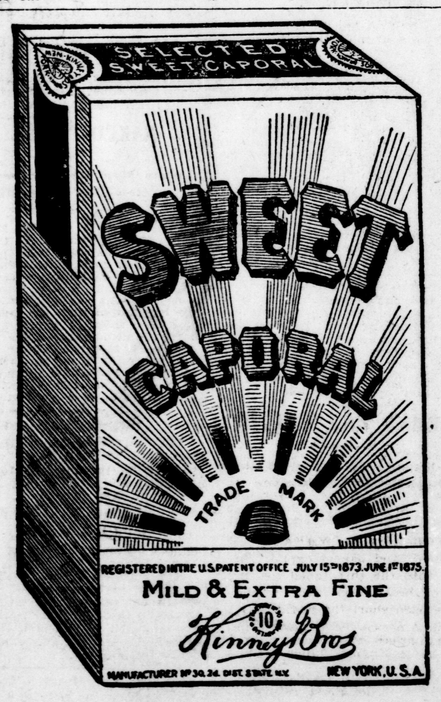
"True," says Mr. Peyton, regretfully, pushing back his silver-mounted cigarette case into the pocket of his disreputable trousers with a profound sigh.

A pause ensues, quite a long pause, considering who are keeping it; then——

"Griselda," says he.

"Yes."

[To be Continued.]



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Bert Thomas Wins the Two-Mile Skating Championship.

Sudden Death of The Abbott—Many Hockey Games To Be Played This Week.

THE WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

Many games are on the programme for this week. Tonight there are four matches. The St. John's A. C. play St. Marys intermediates at the Princess Rink, and in the Junior City League, the Waterloos play the Aberdeens, St. Johns play the Lornes, and the Imperials play the L. C. I.

In the Senior City League on Wednesday, the Seventh Regiment plays the Aberdeens, and Y. M. C. A. meets the St. Johns. On Thursday the juniors play as follows: Waterloos vs. St. Johns, Imperials vs. Aberdeens, and Lornes vs. L. C. I.

The Stratford juniors will play the Hortons at the Jubilee Rink on Friday.

FINALS ARRANGED.

Toronto, Feb. 20. — Arrangements have been made for the completion of the O. H. A. intermediate and junior championship series. There are five clubs left in the intermediate ranks, viz.: Belleville, Midland, Thessalon, Watford and Stratford. They will play as follows: Midland and Thessalon, sudden death game at Sudbury on Monday; winner to play home and home games with Belleville; first game at home Friday, the 26th; return at Belleville the following Tuesday. In the western semi-finals, Watford plays at Stratford on Tuesday, and Stratford at Watford on Thursday. The winners of the eastern and western sections will play off for the championship. Barrie juniors could not get to Listowel Friday and will play there on Tuesday, with the return game at Barrie on Thursday. If Listowel is the winner the junior championship will be decided by a sudden death game with the Kingston Beechgroves on Saturday.

TONIGHT'S GAME.

The St. John's A. C. will meet the St. Marys O. H. A. team in the Princess rink this evening. The game promises to be fast, as the ice is in the best of condition. Harry Peel will be seen on the forward line for the St. John's A. C. and Jack Brown will referee. The following will be the St. John's line-up: Goal, Taylor; point, McGuffin; cover point, Thompson; rover, Peel; center, McMahen; right wing, Casselman, left wing, Wooley.

JUNIOR CITY LEAGUE TONIGHT.

In the Junior City League the first three games of the second series will be played this evening at the Jubilee rink. The teams play as follows: St. John's vs. Lornes, Aberdeens vs. Imperials, and L. C. I. vs. Waterloos.

HARVARD DEFEATS YALE.

Harvard won the inter-collegiate championship on Saturday, defeating Yale by a score of 5 to 2.

OUTCLASSED.

Wingham, Ont., Feb. 20. — Wingham defeated Palmerston in N. H. L. game here Friday night by the score of 18 to 3.

LAST GAME OF SERIES.

Galt, Ont., Feb. 20. — The Preston hockey team played their last game for the season in the W. O. H. A. intermediate series here tonight with the Galt intermediates, winning by 2 goals to 1.

QUEBEC WON CHAMPIONSHIP.

Montreal, Feb. 21. — Quebec won the C. A. H. L. championship by defeating the Victorias Saturday night by 9 to 7.

CAPITALS LOST TO WANDERERS.

Ottawa, Feb. 21. — In the Federal Hockey League the Wanderers, of Montreal, on Saturday night defeated the Capitals, of Ottawa, by a score of 4 to 3. The results was in doubt until the last minute of play.

THE TURF.

THE ABBOT DIES SUDDENLY.

Fishkill Landing, N. Y., Feb. 20.—The Abbot, 2:03¼, John J. Scannell's celebrated 10-year-old trotter, died at the Scannel stock farm here last night, after being sick two days.

Mr. Scannell was in New York at the time and did not even know the horse was ill. He came to the farm today and arranged to have the horse, for which he paid $26,000, buried on the farm beneath a monument inscribed with his time (2:03¼), age and owner.

It is said that Mr. Scannell recently gave a man $1,400 to have the horse insured in Lloyds of London for $20,000, but that the man kept the money and has not been seen since. Mr. Scannell is said to have been negotiating for another policy, but it had not been secured He said tonight that he recently refused an offer of $40,000 for the horse from E. E. Smathers.

SATURDAY'S WINNERS.

At New Orleans — Ball Hornet, 7 to 1; Conundrum, 6 to 5; Floral King, 7 to 10; Cut-'Em-Out, 8 to 1; Scorpio, 1 to 3; Col. Tyler, 8 to 5.

NOTES FROM THE TRACKS.

Thirty years ago the grand total in money and plate won that year—1874—was $496,722. In 1875 the total amount was $490,649, and in 1876 it was $485,509. And these figures embraced all the United States, taking in even the little fair meets so far as it was possible to get them. Last year in the State of New York alone there was distributed among winning owners a sum in excess of $1,700,000, and in 1904 it can scarcely be deemed visionary to anticipate that the grand total in money and plate will exceed in that State by $1,500,000 that which was given for stakes and purses throughout the whole country thirty years ago.

Jockey Fischer made a very favorable record at New Orleans this winter and when he left there he ranked second on the list of winning jockeys.

The Kentuck Futurity for foals of 1904 will be worth $22,000.

It is reported that Chris Fitzgerald will act as starter for the first two weeks at the Memphis meeting.

BASEBALL.

ABOUT PLAYERS AND MANAGERS.

Pitcher Gardner has signed for a third year with the Toronto Eastern League team. It is said he turned down offers from the Boston Nationals, Buffalo and Detroit, preferring to remain with Toronto.

The Eastern League managers are having a little squabble over Bill Clancy, the former Worcester first baseman, who after being purchased by Chicago Nationals, jumped to the Pacific Coast League.

Syracuse loses two pitchers to the National League this season, Scanlon going to the Pittsburg Pirates and Wiltse to the New York Giants.

Tom Daly has refused to manage the Providence (Eastern League) team for 1904 unless paid $3,000 for the season.

SKATING.

BERT THOMAS WINS PIN.

Before a large crowd at the Jubilee rink on Saturday night Bert Thomas won the second heat of the two-mile city championship by a lap, from Willie Pugsley, and Whit Thomas. This gives Bert Thomas the city championship, and also the diamond pin presented by Mr. C. W. Smith, manager of the Jubilee rink.

WRESTLING.

THE CUBAN WONDER LOST.

New York, Feb. 20. — In a clever catch-as-catch-can wrestling match George Bothner defeated Clarence Bouldin, "The Cuban Wonder," here tonight. Bouldin was scheduled to throw Bothner twice in an hour, but secured only one fall.

CURLING.

LUCKNOW WON FROM THISTLES.

Lucknow curlers were in the city Friday night, giving a game to the Thistles, which resulted as follows:

Lucknow.		Thistles.	
G. Lawrence,		C. H. Ward,	
J. Hunter,		C. E. Sterling,	
W. D. Murdock,		John Purdom,	
J. Bryan, skip	14	R. Reid, skip	17
W. J. Allin,		B. W. Glover,	
R. W. Matheson,		W. T. Cox,	
L. S. Reid,		W. T. Strong,	
W. Allin, skip	20	H. N. Gillies, sk	11
Total	34	Total	28

Majority for Lucknow, 6 shots.

LACROSSE.

TO DROP OUT OF SENIOR LEAGUE

Toronto, Feb. 20.—It is understood that the Toronto Lacrosse Club will drop out of the senior lacrosse league. Members of the club says the senior lacrosse league has outlived its usefulness, and that they will enter their team in the senior series of the C. L. A., the natural location. When the change is approved by the meeting the club will immediately commence to secure the best available talent and play the other C. L. A. senior clubs at their own game. Frank Coffee's name is mentioned for the presidency.

DEFENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Mr. A. B. Cox Discusses the Reinstatement of Harry Peel as an Amateur.

The following letter from Mr. A. B. Cox, of this city, appears in the Toronto papers in defense of the reinstatement of Harry Peel:

The differences of opinion among the members of the Ontario Hockey Association Executive, which have resulted in the regrettable resignation of Mr. Francis Nelson, are not, as some of the comment upon the question would lead one to suppose, due to an attempt to carry a point about which there ought to be a continuously negative decision, but to a cleavage upon a question of policy. The question is one upon which men are apt to differ in opinion, but the majority of the executive owe no apology to those whom they represent for asserting their opinion or for permitting it to influence their actions.

Whether a man who has once played as a professional should ever be permitted to renounce professionalism, is really the question at issue. It is not complicated in the present case by any domestic legislation, for Peel went to Pittsburg, and returned before the O. H. A. placed its ban upon Pittsburg. The discussion of the question cannot be hampered, either, by the assertion that a principle of the O. H. A. has been violated. A body, which, under its existing rules, has at different times reinstated three of the professional Guelph Nationals, as well as a number of men, who have played with and against professionals, can hardly contend that it has an inflexible rule against reinstatements. Until, therefore, the association adopts definite bylaws upon the subject, the question must be left to each year's executive to decide, according to its best judgment, and, while it would no doubt save that body trouble if a rule were adopted, consigning to eternal oblivion every hockey player who acts foolishly or wrongly in the days of his youth. It is questionable if any such rule would benefit the transgressors, or do any honor to their judges.

Viewed apart from precedent or legislation, one would think the question a simple one. Whether a man at any given time is an amateur or a professional, is a question of fact. If the word of players could be implicitly relied on, the question would present no difficulty. An amateur association treats the professions of one who has played for money with caution, because it fears that the professional virus may not have been eliminated. It permits him to play for the love of the game whenever it is satisfied that he has no other object in view. It would be easy to say to him, "You shall never play again," but it is surely wiser and kinder to look at the man's character, to take some pains to ascertain whether his word can be relied upon, to consider what it was that induced him to play as a professional, and not to debar him from sport forever, if he can be trusted to play as an amateur among amateurs.

If an amateur association believes in amateuurism, then, surely, whenever it can safely do so, it will induce the man who spoils sport and himself by playing for money, to play the game for the game's sake.

And in Harry Peel's case all difficulty of decision vanishes. He is a young man, not only of good, but of singularly high character. Part of the evidence before the association—a letter from one of the best-known clergymen in the Province—describes him as being, in all that such a description implies, a thorough Christian gentleman. Is it any wonder that the majority of the executive feel strongly that such a man, whose sin against amateurism occurred when he was a boy of 19, who for two whole years has played no game of hockey, and who, during that time, has refused, not one, but numbers, of tempting offers to rejoin the professional ranks, should no longer be debarred from participating in Canadian amateur sport?

Applications for reinstatement should undoubtedly be scrutinized with the greatest care, and due penalties for hockey transgressions should undoubtedly be exacted, but we are dealing with boys playing games, and not with criminals, and we are trying to promote amateurism in a country where professionalism in lacrosse and in baseball are a constant counter-educative force. To effact from the hockey list every lad who does foolish things is merely to create an ever-increasing body of players whose only outlet lies in the formation of professional clubs and associations.

The Evening Telegram professes to fear that this decision marks a deterioration from the high standards which have hitherto governed the executive Deterioration, however, does not come from the honest exercise of individual opinion. There will be danger of degeneracy when the committee ceases to do justice to the humblest applicant who comes before it, and when it becomes a mere slavish recorder of autocratic opinion. I remain, sir, yours, etc.,

A. B. COX.

JOCKEY'S RAPID RISE

From selling peanuts at 5 cents a bag at the chutes to the idolized jockey of the California racing public is the wonderful transition of Jockey Charles Hildebrand. Three years ago Hildebrand had never even ridden a broncho, let alone a racehorse. Today he is accounted five pounds better than any boy riding in California, and has a bigger following than Felix Carr had in the early '90s or Tod Sloan in the late '90s.

Hildebrand was born at Gilroy, a little town 100 miles south of San Francisco, just seventeen years ago. He is thin and wiry and can make 88 pounds. This lad, who has the distinction of having piloted the winner of the Burns handicap, never rode a race until last winter at Ingleside, when he had the mount on Escarola. He rode his first winner at Oakland, when Sterling Towers flashed first past the post. After the good jockeys went east Hildebrand tried numerous mounts and gave great promise. He figured prominently during the Seattle meeting, and frequently rode two and three winners during an afternoon.

Hildebrand's success during the present California racing season has been phenomenal. He has piloted 39 winners in 20 racing days. Hildebrand is a marvel at the post, and can ride out in front or make a waiting pace.

Hildebrand first started to gallop horses for "Curley" Shields, who had the MacDonough string. Dick Ledgett secured a contract on Hildebrand, and sold it out to Vic Gilbert. Joe Yeager recently secured the boy from Gilbert, and he will be seen on the Chicago tracks this summer.

THE PROPOSED LEAGUE

A Toronto correspondent of the Sporting News writes as follows concerning the agitation in favor of an international league:

A movement is at present on foot to organize an international league, embracing Hamilton, London and Chatham in Canada, and Saginaw, Port Huron and Bay City in Michigan. A meeting is to be held in Detroit in the near future to "talk it over."

A league of this caliber was formed a few years ago with plenty of money to support it, but proved a dismal failure, lasting one season. By the way, in this league there were several glowing examples of the "cuckoo" managers described so minutely by our learned friend, Ted Sullivan.

Following close on the heels of this, a Canadian league was formed, of London, Hamilton, Woodstock, Guelph, St. Thomas and Chatham, cities ranging in population from 10,000 to 50,000, and it met no better results than the International. London, managed by Pete Lohman, now of Oakland, Cal., won that pennant. Lohman gathered together such players as Ed Sievers, Bill Congalton, "Kid" Mohler, Ed Schwartz, Charles Jones and George Cooper—a team fast enough for class A baseball—but the management dropped money.

Outside of Toronto and Montreal, Canadian cities are baseball graveyards and it will greatly surprise me if this project of professional baseball proves a success.

YEAR OF TWO-MINUTE TROTTER AND RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

1903 Saw Much Chopping of Records for Both Classes of Horses.

While 1903 wil go down in turf history as the year of the two-minute trotter, it will also go down in sporting annals as a championship season for the pacers. It will also be noted by the historian that while the vast majority of horsemen did not expect the trotting record to be reduced it was generally conceded that under favorable circumstances the handsome brown horse, Dan Patch, 1:59½, had the championship at his mercy. The bay stallion Star Pointer, by Brown Hal, on Aug. 21, 1897, at Readville, Mass., placed the pacing record at 1:59¼, and was the first horse in the light harness sport to cross the two-minute line, thus leading the trotters by six years.

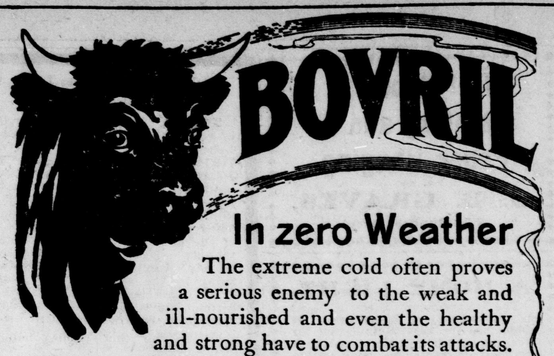
Unlike the trotting queen, Lou Dillon, 1:58½, Dan Patch did not graduate in one short season to the highest pinnacle of equine fame. He took a full course of three years.

He made a modest beginning at a four-year-old in 1900, wining four races in his native State and losing only one hat. He finished the season with a record of 2:16½.

It is a remarkable parallel and coincidence that as the time of the world's stallion, mare and gelding championship for trotters was beaten in 1903 the same triple event happened with the pacers. Next to Dan Patch comes that of the plebeian bred Prince Alert, most obscurely bred, who has graduated on all sort of tracks, been driven and trained by half a score of reinsmen, and for years was considered to be outclassed on the great tracks of the continent. In spite of all sorts of obstacles and the absence of any advantages he has fought his way to the front, and easily ranks second to Dan Patch. Like Dan Patch, he was bred in Indiana, and as a three-year-old he made a record of 2:12¼. In 1896 he took part in ten races and reduced his record to 2:12¾, and the following year he competed in sixteen races, and cut his record to 2:07¾. His marvelous stamina and wonderful constitution was shown again in 1898, when he won the majority of his races, and at the end of his season his mark was 2:07¼. His most notable performances in 1902 were at Providence, in the free-for-all, which he won in 2:02¾, and 2:02, at Memphis, where he won the half-mile race with Sir Albert S. in :57¾, and at the same track on Oct. 31, when he paced against time in 2:00.

In 1903 his great performance of 1:57, at the Empire City track has been disallowed by the turf tribunal as a technical record, on the ground that a wind shield was used by the pacemaker in front. He also made a record of 2:03½ over a half-mile track, which Dan Patch could only beat by a quarter of a second. He has always been a cheap horse, yet a valuable investment. In 1896 he was sold at auction for $800. In 1900 he was sold again for $4,600, and at his last sale he brought $5,000. While his mile in 1:57 does not rank as a record, he is still the gelding champion with a mark of 2:00, and he has several minor championships to his credit.

It is a singular fact that while the majority of the great trotting champions have been mares, with the exceptions the pacing champions have been either geldings or stallions.



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To Be Placed Before the Board at Semi-Annual Meeting.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—The following notice is given in the Canada Gazette:

"That the ordinary general half-yearly meeting of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon street, London, E. C., on Tuesday, 8th March, 1904, for the purpose of receiving a report from the directors, for the election of directors and auditors, and for the transaction of other business of the company.

"Notice is also given that at such meeting, agreement dated 29th July, 1903, between the Government of Canada and Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson and others, representing therein and acting on behalf of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, and an agreement supplementary thereto, will be submitted for approval, with resolution to authorize the directors to carry the same into effect so far as they relate to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, and for that purpose to provide the deposit and give the guarantee required, pursuant to the said agreements.

"Notice is also given that the transfer books of the company will be closed from Monday, 22nd February, to the day of the meeting, both days inclusive."

The words "And an agreement supplementary thereto," in reference to the original agreement between the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Government, are taken to mean that the new proposition will be ready for approval or rejection by the Grand Trunk shareholders at this meeting.

Another notice gazetted is to the effect "That the Grand Trunk Pacific will apply to Parliament for an act amending the acts incorporating the company, so far as they relate to the powers conferred upon the directors, of issuing paid-up stock, defining the powers of the provisional directors, and confirming the action of the said provisional directors in entering into an agreement on behalf of the company with the Minister of Railways for Canada, and other acts and proceedings of the provisional directors of the said company.

DEFENSE OF OUR COASTS

In the Event of Britain Being Involved in a Far East War.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—The officials at the Militia Department are not blind to the possibilities that may arise in connection with hostilities in the far east. If Great Britain becomes involved in the struggle, Canada may have to defend its eastern and western coasts. The effective defense of this country would be the greatest service Canada could render to the British Empire. In the case of war it would leave the British force free to strike a blow elsewhere. There is reason to believe that inquiries are secretly being made as to the length of time it would take to mobilize and equip troops for the defense of those parts of Canada most open to attack. It is no secret that Lord Dundonald would like to be in a position to place 100,000 men in the field in case of dire emergency. But the best that Canada could do just now, perhaps, would be to place 50,000 or 60,000 men in the field, all of whom, however, would not be armed with the Lee-Enfield rifle. But any deficiency in that regard could be quickly made up by the Ross rifle factory, which has now begun to manufacture small arms. The Ross rifle is said to be a much better weapon than the Lee-Enfield. It is fervently hoped that the occasion for a call to arms may not arise; but it is well to be prepared for eventualities. "Defense, not defiance," is regarded as Canada's motto.

MR. LEMIEUX RE-ELECTED.

Perce, Que., Feb. 22.—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Solicitor-General, was Saturday re-elected by acclamation for the county of Gaspe.

OIL AT BRANTFORD

Large Quantities May Be Located in Vicinity of the City.

Brantford, Ont., Feb. 22.—The possibility of locating large quantities of oil in this city and the immediate vicinity has led to a visit of Mr. Gibson, who arrived here Saturday, and made a careful investigation of the fields in which it is proposed to bore for oil. He was brought here at the request of a number of local gentlemen who are interested in the location of oil and gas wells. There is a splendid flow of gas in the vicinity of the Cockshut and Bow Park properties, and recent tests have demonstrated that there is oil in the vicinity. A numer who have examined the location state that prospects are bright. The Government's diamond drill will be brought to the citty to make thorough tests, which will be of a most exhaustive character.

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Germany has 78 persons who are over one hundred years old; France, 213; England, 146; Ireland, 578; Scotland, 46; Sweden, 10; Norway, 23; Belgium, 5; Denmark, 2; Switzerland, none; Spain, 401; Servia, 575. This list will suggest to people who have centenarian aspirations that they ought to make haste to settle in a mild climate.

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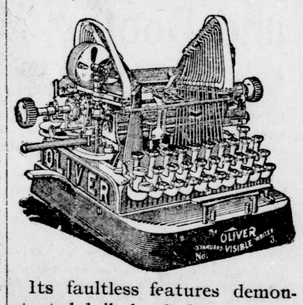

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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Miss Wilson, of the city, is at Mount Elgin visiting the Misses Smith.

—Miss M. B. Morrison, of Mount Elgin, is staying in town with her sister, Mrs. Hoover.

—The Canadian Ticket Agents' Association expect to have their annual excursion to St. Louis this year. The excursion will leave London about the 13th of May.

—Mr. George Platt, of Elmwood avenue, was in Toronto last week attending the wedding of his sister, Edith Jean, the groom being Mr. Colin C. Ferguson, son of Senator Donald Ferguson, of Charlottetown, P. E. I.

A PIONEER GONE.

The death occurred this morning of Mrs. Isabella McDonald Munro, of 59 Ridout street south, mother of Mr. Samuel Munro. Mrs. Munro was born at Inverness, Scotland, and was in her 81st year. Deceased was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

DOMINION EXPRESS CHANGES.

Mr. James G. Ross, of Bothwell, will succeed Mr. A. E. Berube, of St. Thomas, who has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Express Agent Sharp to Toronto. Mr. Berube will take charge of the Dominion Express office here in a few days.

BLACK KNIGHTS.

At the annual meeting of the County Black Chapter of the Royal Black Knights of Ireland, the following officers were elected: Perceptor, S. K. Johnson, St. Thomas; deputy perceptor, S. K. Joseph Murray, London; chaplain, S. K. Brodison, London; secretary, S. K. Fraser, St. Thomas; treasurer, S. K. Geoghegan, London; first and second lecturers, S. K.'s Aiken and Payson, St. Thomas; ceusor, S. K. Walker, London; standard bearer, S. K. Clare, London, grand marshal, S. K. R. DeCoursey, London; pursuivant, S. K. Wolverton, St. Thomas.

MET AT ST. THOMAS.

At St. Thomas on Friday evening the Western Ontario Association of Alumini graduates of Queen's University held their annual meeting and banquet. There were about forty present, among others the following Londoners: Dr. Hodge, Dr. Ferguson, Thomas Alexander, H. G. Hopkirk, P. O. inspector; Rev. J. G. Stuart, Rev. James Rollins and Prof. James Burgess, of the Western University. Rev. J. G. Stuart was elected president, Mr. Thomas Alexander secretary-treasurer, and Messrs. C. B. Edwards and Dr. Ferguson on the executive committee.

THERE IS DANGER in neglecting a cold. Many who have died of consumption dated their troubles from exposure, followed by a cold which settled on their lungs, and in a short time they were beyond the skill of the best physician. Had they used Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, before it was too late, their lives would have been spared. This medicine has no equal for curing coughs, colds and all affections of the throat and lungs.

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Rev. Principal Gordon delivered an able address during the evening.

AMERICAN WHIST PARTY.

The Worchester (Mass.) Telegram says: "A. C. Wood and wife, 14 Blossom street, gave a whist party in honor of Mrs. Wood's niece, Miss Anna Selkirk, of London, Ont., Canada, who has been in Worcester visiting with relatives since the marriage of her cousin, Miss Ruth S. Wood, to James E. Mitchell, three months ago, and who will return this week to her home The guests were entertained with vocal and piano solos by Miss Flora Partridge and William Clark. The home had been decorated for the party, the parlor being done in yellow and white, and pink and white were used to drape the dining-room. Thirty guests were present, most of them members of the Modoc Club, and their ladies."

DEATH OF ROBERT CURRIE.

The death took place in Galt on Saturday morning of Mr. Robert Currie, at the residence of his son, William, of that place. Until five weeks ago Mr. Currie, who was in his 71st year, had never been ill. At that time he was seized with a paralytic stroke and never rallied. Mr. Currie was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, and came to Galt in 1858. He afterwards went to Hamilton, and later came to London, where he accepted the foremanship of the Ontario Car Works. He returned afterwards to Hamilton. He was married in Hamilton in 1863 to Mary Campbell, who died in London in 1877, leaving four sons—Charles, general manager and second vice-president of the Northern Ohio Traction Company, of Akron, Ohio; James, secretary and treasurer of the Eastern Ohio Traction Company, of Cleveland; Robert C., at Seattle, Washington, and William, an employe of the Goldie-McCulloch Company. Mr. Currie was married in 1881 to Mrs. McMillan, who prodeceased him by two years. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from the residence of Mr. James Currie, Princess avenue, and will be conducted by Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, A., F. and A. M., of which Mr. Currie was one of the oldest members.

SUNDAY IN THE CHURCHES

Rev. A. J. MacGillivray Preaches On Sabbath Observance.

Bishop of Huron Conducts Confirmation Services.

Rev. A. J. MacGillivray, pastor of the New St. James' Presbyterian Church, preaching yesterday upon Sabbath observance, said that people could not make the observance of the Sabbath hinge upon a set of rules, but that it must be learned that a fair interpretation of the moral law made the spirit of the law more important than sacrifice. Next Sunday Mr. MacGillivray, as interim moderator, will administer communion at St. Andrew's Church, Rev. Mr. Wylie taking his pulpit.

The members of the choir of the Egerton Street Baptist Mission met on Friday evening, and presented their organist, Miss Ethel Groom, with a beautiful mahogany music cabinet. Rev. A. Wickham, the pastor, spoke very highly of the services Miss Groom had rendered the mission, after which the presentation was made by Superintendent Fuller. Miss Groom feelingly replied, and the evening was profitably spent.

The members of St. Vincent de Paul Society received Holy Communion in a body at St. Peter's Cathedral Sunday morning. Mass was celebrated by Bishop McEvay, and Rev. Father Aylward, the rector, preached an eloquent sermon. Father Aylward also announced that in three weeks a mission will be held in the cathedral, which will be conducted by Rev. Fathers O'Bryan, S. J., and Devlin, S. J., of Montreal, both of whom are well known in London. The mission will last till Easter.

Rev. G. B. Sage, of St. George's Church, West London, preached last evening at the Church of St. John the Eangelist.

Educational sermons were preached at the First Methodist Church yesterday by Rev. Dr. Daniel, of Goderich.

Rev. R. D. Hamilton was at Goderich yesterday preaching anniversary sermons.

The quarterly meeting of the Huron Lay Workers and Sunday School Association will be held tomorrow evening at Memorial Church.

Rev. Walter Millson, of Merlin, preached yesterday morning at the Centennial Church, and at the Hamilton Road Methodist Church in the evening.

Rev. S. J. Allin, pastor of the Hamilton Road Methodist Church, preached at Askin Street Church yesterday morning, and at the Centennial in the evening.

The Askin Street Methodist Church will celebrate its anniversary next Sunday. Special services will be held on Sunday and a tea meeting will be held Monday evening.

A fine silver-mounted baptismal shell, presented by Mr. Thomas Hogg, to All Saints' Church, was used yesterday for the first time, Rev. T. B. Clark, the pastor, performed the baptismal service.

His Lordship the Bishop of Huron is conducting confirmation this week in Haysville, Wilmot, New Hamburg, Galt, Preston, and Hespeler, accompanied by Rev. Rural Dean Ridley, of Galt, Yesterday they were at Berlin and Waterloo.

Rev. Canon Dann, rector, will conduct Lenten services at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, this week, at 4:30 o'clock. At the same hour Friday the lord bishop will preach, and on Sunday the pulpit will be occupied by Rev. Dr. Macklin, professor of Trinity College, Toronto.

The pulpit of St. Andrew's Church was occupied yesterday by Rev. W. A. J. Martin, of Brantford. On both occasions he was heard by a large congregation. Rev. Mr. Martin is one of the leading Presbyterian preachers west of Toronto, and yesterday he made a most favorable impressions with the St. Andrew's congregation.

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WHAT WILL BE THE NEXT?

Price of Bread Likely To Be Advanced by the Bakers.

Raise in the Flour Charges Is Given as the Cause.

Following the increase in the price of wheat, a rise in the price of bread is predicted within the next couple of weeks. A local baker today stated that bread at five cents a loaf now afforded the baker no profit. Consequently, it was to be expected that the price of the loaf would be six cents shortly. Flour was quoted at $3 45 to $3 50 a barrel in October. Now it is quoted at $5 per barrel in London market, while the Ogilvie and Lake of the Woods milling companies are quoting flour at $5 20 per barrel.

Six cents for a pound and a half loaf is at the rate of exactly four cents a pound, which, for a two-pound loaf, means eight cents. This, it is said, is the highest price asked for bread since 1878, when two-pound loaves sold for ten cents, and flour brought $6 a barrel. At the time of the Crimean war bread sold for eight cents for a two-pound loaf, flour being worth $8 a barrel. Labor was very cheap then, however, else the price of bread would have been much greater.

It is said that the two-pound loaf has practically been done away with in London, and that the bakers have reduced the weight instead of raising the price of the loaf. Of course, the law states that all bread under two pounds must be labeled, but the people apparently have not noticed the change or the reduction in weight.

It is also said that several of the local bakers would gladly sell out if they could find a purchaser, as they are afraid that the price of flour will go up, instead of down, and they fear a crash will result. Nevertheless, some bakers are making bread and selling it at four cents a loaf for a two-pound loaf, thought they will not deliver it at that price. How long they will continue to do this is, however, an uncertain matter.

WESTERN RANCHER HERE.

Mr. H. Hall, of Nelson, B. C., is in the city. He owns a large ranch in the west and is here buying horses and cattle for breeding purposes. "In Northern Alberta, and especially around Fort McLeod," says Mr. Hall, "ranchers are making money, the prevailing conditions being very good at present."

STREET CAR WAS ON FIRE

Bucket Brigade Was Formed to Extinguish the Flames.

Difficulty Experienced In Keeping Tracks Open—Cars In Drydock.

The cold rain of Sunday made things miserable for the London Street Railway Company. The water early in the day began to flood the tracks, and ice formed rapidly on the rails. Consequently at 3 o'clock in the afternoon the company ordered out four cars to keep the lines open. This proved a very difficult job, however, as during the afternoon and night the fuses in no less than seven cars were burned out. On Richmond street north No. 60 caught fire, and the crew and people who happened to be on the street at the time had to borrow pails from the nearby residences, and throw water on the flames.

Supt. Break said this morning that the damage was slight.

The company had cars running on all lines this morning, but owing to the number burned out on Sunday being still in drydock, the service was incomplete. As the day wore on, repairs were made to the cars as rapidly as possible, and the service was improved.

LARGE ATTENDANCE ASSURED

Sale of Tickets for St. Andrew's Society Concert Indicates Big Audience.

Madame Shotwell Piper, who will appear at the St. Andrew's Society concert on Thursday night, is a gifted and beautiful young dramatic soprano, who has scored a series of notable successes in her appearances on the concert stage. In one criticism the following very complimentary references to her were made: Madame Shotwell Piper, who made so favorable an impression on Monday night when she sang Massener's aria, "Le Cid," was heard at the matinee in Weber's "Oberon" aria, which she rendered so brilliantly that the audience was quite carried away with her voice and

MADAME SHOTWELL PIPER.

charming personality. Her voice is a high, dramatic soprano, and was finely adapted to the intricacies of the Weber masterpiece. Particularly in her upper register are her tones remarkable for their sweetness and flexibility, and throughout her solo she was heard with no common enjoyment. Besides possessing a voice which, already decidedly unusual, contains promise of far greater things, Madame Shotwell Piper is strikingly handsome and has a vivacity and winsomeness of manner which makes her an immediate favorite. With Madame Piper, Mrs. Helen Wyrick Shafor, elocutionist; Cyril Dwight-Edwards, baritone; George Neil, tenor; MacKenzie Murdock, the great Scottish violinist, and Mr. Harold Jarvis, St. Andrew's Society offers what may without extravagance be termed a galaxy of stars. The plan for the concert for the general public opens tomorrow. The sale of tickets indicates an extremely large attendance.

MR. J. M. McEVOY CHOSEN BY LIBERALS OF EAST MIDDLESEX

Nomination Made Unanimous at a Large Convention.

Speaks of Canada's Greatness and the Importance Attached to Its Government.

Last Saturday afternoon the convention of the East Middlesex Liberal Association, which was adjourned from the previous week in order to hear from Mr. Robert Sutherland, whose name was mentioned as a candidate, but who was unable to be present at that time, was resumed. There was an equally large attendance of delegates and interested Liberals from the riding as on the previous Saturday, and the convention showed the greatest unanimity. Mr. John M. McEvoy, of this city, was nominated as the Liberal candidate.

Six prominent Liberals were placed in nomination, three of whom allowed their names to go to the convention Those who were nominated were J. M. McEvoy, John Gilson, J. H. Elliot, J. R. Vining, John S. Cousins and Robert Sutherland the last three being those who declined. Mr. Sutherland directed the secretary to read a letter which he had written to the convention, thanking them heartily for the kindness shown him in offering him the nomination, but declining it on the ground that business prevented him from accepting. After the close of the nominations he again thanked those who wished him to stand, but declined, as did also Messrs. Vining and Cousins.

Of those nominated, Mr. John Gilson was called upon first, and he was heartily applauded. He stated that it was not a personal wish that he was going to stand, but his only desire was that the Liberal standard should be successful. He urged unanimity and stated that if he did not get the convention he would assist the candidate just as much, and would not be the less energetic, than if he got it himself.

Mr. J. H. Elliott made a brief speech, in which he stated that if the convention thought he was the man who could best win the election he was at their service.

Mr. McEvoy said that many leading Liberals in the riding had, during the past few months, urged him to become a candidate. It was not altogether a personal desire that induced him to stand, though on this point he pointed out that any man might well be proud to be a member of the Canadian Parliament. It had been represented to him that if he put his efforts into the campaign as a candidate the Liberals could carry East Middlesex. If the convention was satisfied, he assured them that they would win all right. If they wanted him, they could take him; if they didn't, it would be all right.

The ballot resulted in Mr. McEvoy's favor. Mr. Sutherland moved that the nomination be made unanimous, and this was seconded by Mr. Elliott, and the motion was carried by a standing vote and cheers. Mr. Gilson reaffirmed his intention of standing by the convention, and all were unanimous in a desire to see Mr. McEvoy assisted to victory.

Mr. McEvoy, in thanking the convention, stated that while it was not a personal desire, in that there were reasons which made him hesitate about going before the convention, still the honor was one which he thoroughly appreciated. After all, a man's true advantage and progress towards any really desirable end was helped forward in just as far as he was enabled to do good to his fellow-men. He then drew attention to the task of one elected to the Canadian Parliament, the task of governing such a country. He was profoundly impressed with the belief that we do not properly appreciate the greatness of the country of our birth or adoption, and therefore do not fully appreciate the honor and responsibility of a membership in our national parliament. To be proffered a seat in the national councils of the great French republic, to be asked to help frame her laws and guide her national destinies, would be a proud distinction; if, in addition, one were asked to assist in the development and safeguarding of Italy, to have a part in the rejuvenating of the moribund kingdom of Spain, to be asked to help Germany to reach her destiny, to be invited to help Austria to solve her economic and political difficulties, to have pressed upon one the task of taking his turn at the wheel of state that guides each of the minor European states, Portugal, Holland, Belgium, Greece, Montenegro, Servia, Bulgaria and Turkey—that would be a distinction, such an honor, and such a responsibility, as has never fallen to the lot of any one man of any European country.

"What opportunities and responsibilities this would involve!" said Mr. McEvoy. "But what shall we say of the opportunities and the responsibilities of the man who takes his part in the Canadian Parliament? Here is a country in her ultimate possibilities, greater and grander than all these European states combined. Have you thought of that? We have been too modest in our estimate of our own territory and our own resources. If you will follow me I will spread out the great European countries within the confines of our own Dominion. In doing it, moreover I shall not go farther north than the line of latitude upon which are situated Belfast in Ireland, Manchester in England, and Berlin, the capital of the great German Empire. How big is France? You can put her all in that part of British Columbia lying farther south than Manchester in England. How big is Portugal, with Roumania and Servia added? You can put them all in Alberta, and be farther south than Berlin, in Germany. How big is Italy combined with Montenegro? Not as big as Saskatchewan, south of the Belfast line. How big is Turkey with Bulgaria? Not as big as Assiniboia. How big is Belgium, with Holland and Switzerland and Greece? You can spread them all out and stretch them all upon the prairies of Manitoba. How big is Germany and Denmark combined? They have room and to spare in Ontario. How big is Austria-Hungary? Not large enough to cover that part of Ungava and Keewating, lying farther south in Canada than the Belfast line in Ireland. How big is Spain, with Turkey? Not as large as Quebec along by enough territory to make Switzerland and Belgium. What is there left of Europe? And we still have New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and we are told that one railway across this territory is enough!" Mr. McEvoy asked them to think what an enormous thing it was—the government of such a country, and of the world's work that had been done by those European countries, which did not make up in area this country of Canada.

In conclusion, he was glad that Liberalism was not choosing a man for his creed, his nationality or his calling in life. In regard to the latter matter, he spoke of something he had not mentioned before, and that was, while he was a lawyer, he also had controlled and was still controlling and directing as much farming land, perhaps, as 90 out of 100 men there. Again thanking the convention, he retired, and the meeting closed at once with loud cheers for the candidate, for Hon. Mr. Hyman, the Premier and the King.

BRAKEMAN HILL'S FUNERAL

Large Number of Friends Followed Remains to the Grave.

One of the saddest funerals that has taken place in London in some time was witnessed yesterday afternoon. It was that of the late Robert Hill, the brakeman who was killed on the C. P. R. at Drumbo. He was well-known and was a very popular young man, and the number who gathered to pay their last respects was very large. Among them were a large number of the brethren of the Foresters and the Woodmen, as well as railway men.

The greatest sympathy was expressed for the young widow who is left with four children, the eldest of whom is but 12 years old, and the youngest a babe of a month. Rev. Dyson Hague, who conducted the service at the house spoke of the life of Mr. Hill going out as a candle would be blown out, and he commented on the sadness and the suddenness of it, and appealed to those who stood about the casket to be prepared for death.

Among the floral tributes that covered the casket were a wreath from the A. O. F., a gates-ajar from his former fellow employes at the electric power house, and a design from the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

The pallbearers were six in number, two representing the A. O. F., Brothers Cambridge and Palmer; two from the W. O. W., Brothers Saunders and O. H. Ryder; and Brakeman Hill's two mates on the train on which he was working at the time of his death, Messrs. Adam Johnston and Conductor Woodruff. The sad cortege included a large number of vehicles, and only the state of the weather prevented the brethren of the orders marching. At the grave the last rites were performed by Rev. Canon Smith.

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A BRAKEMAN KILLED

Double-Header Freight Plunges Into Caboose at Port Lambton.

Chatham, Ont., Feb. 22.—Port Lambton, on the Erie and Huron division of the Pere Marquette, was the scene of a fatal collision at 5:15 yesterday morning, in which Brakeman Frank Hutchinson was instantly killed.

A double-header freight was coming down from Sarnia, and pitched into the caboose of a freight standing on the main line. There is a very sharp curve at this point. Brakeman Hutchinson was sitting in the caboose. The leader engine was badly wrecked, but the second engine escaped serious damage. The firemen and engineers escaped by jumping.

The dead brakeman was a brother of Fireman Robert Hutchinson, who was killed in a collision between two freight trains in the Chatham yards last December. He was a young man, and his home was in Walkerville.

NAKED IN THE SNOW

Insane Man Badly Frozen at Fredericton—Will Lose His Feet.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 22.—Arthur H. Shea, M.A., a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, and until recently engaged in private teaching here, was found at daylight yesterday morning lying unconscious in a snowbank, without a vestige of clothing on him, and his legs frozen from the knees down. He had been showing symptoms of insanity lately, and left his home at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. After a search of two hours the fire department was called out, and the men found him and took him to the hospital. His feet will have to be amputated to save his life.

FREIGHT IS MOVING.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—With the Arctic weather gone railroad officials are putting all thier energy forth to move freight. During the last 24 hours the G. T. R. and C. P. R. have moved 1,400 cars of reight, a few going into districts that have not seen a freight car for ten weeks. 'If we have a mild Sunday," said one of the officials, "we will do a big Sunday trade, and I don't think anyone will object to working on this Sunday, when it is in the interest of humanity." All the towns in the northern districts are now open, and it is expected there will be a large shipment of stock into Toronto by Monday.

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