

SICILY ONCE MORE SHAKEN
AND HELPLESS ONES PERISH

Many Houses Collapse on the East Coast and Inhabitants Rush to Country. Thirty Thousand From One City Refusing To Return.

Rome, Jan. 4.—There was a strong earthquake at dawn, yesterday at Catagtrone, in the southeastern part of Sicily, followed by a rumbling noise. Many houses collapsed, including a school, which in falling brought down a church, burying the sexton and his son. There were also considerable landslides, and fissures appeared in the earth. The inhabitants, numbering 20,000, are terrified, and refuse to enter their houses, which they deserted at the first shock. They are camping in the open country. Other slighter shocks were felt at Pano and Pesaro, and also in the Messina and Reggio region, awakening fresh alarm among the survivors. Two slight shocks were felt at Palmi, where several tottering buildings collapsed. There was considerable panic, which subsided when the shocks were not repeated.

Nothing But Ruins. Reggio, Jan. 4.—A detachment of troops, which went to the villages on the east coast of Calabria, found nothing but ruins.

Expert Predicts Continued Quakes

Messina, Jan. 4.—Frank Parret, of Brooklyn, assistant to Prof. Mattiucci, director of the royal observatory on Mount Vesuvius, speaking of the disaster here and in Calabria, says that other shocks are likely, as there is a flaw in the earth's crust where the slip occurred. He predicts heavier shocks for Monday, and declares that something, perhaps something very serious, may happen on Jan. 7 and 8, when the relative positions of the sun and moon will produce the greatest strain.

Fresh Shock Razes Tottering Walls

Rome, Jan. 4.—Saturday morning the fire broke out again in the municipal building at Messina. The city records were consumed, and a high wind carried the burning papers far into the air, and scattered them over the warships in the harbor. The fire communicated to the building of the Bank of Italy, where \$5,000,000 lire—\$1,000,000—were stored. The energetic efforts of the firemen and sailors, however, served to control the flames, and the money was removed to a warehouse.

15,000 Injured Taken From Ruins

Rome, Jan. 4.—Parliament will be convened Jan. 11. The Minister of War says that all the forts around Messina, which contain tons of powder and millions of cartridges, have not been injured. He also says that while he was at Messina at least 15,000 persons were taken from the ruins, injured and uninjured. The Italian Government has sent 600 tons of provisions to the affected district. All the treasure found has been placed aboard the warships. One pocketbook was picked up containing \$14,000, and much clothing has been found at Messina and elsewhere with bank notes sewed in it. Advice from Messina says that twenty looters were shot there yesterday. That city will be evacuated today. Six thousand persons already have left there, and 8,000 more will leave today.

Half a Million To Help Sicilians

Washington, Jan. 4.—President Roosevelt, in a message to Congress today, asked for a direct appropriation of half a million dollars for the relief of the stricken people in the earthquake zone of Italy. This, the most generous fund ever contributed by the American people for the succor of sufferers in other lands, is to supplement the dispatch of the supply ships Celtic from New York and the Culgoa from Port Said for Messina with their big cargoes of necessities, originally intended for the American fleet diverted to the Italian relief work.

80,000 of Sicily's Dead Are Buried

Rome, Jan. 4.—Owing to the difficulties of burying the dead at Messina, many bodies are now placed on lighters, covered with quicklime, towed to sea and thrown overboard. The accuracy of the reports of the intended bombardment, dynamiting or burning of the ruins is much doubted. It is stated in some quarters that the idea has been definitely abandoned as survivors continue to be found in the most unexpected manner. Moreover, it is recalled that a similar proposal at the time of the disaster at Casamicola some time ago was abandoned when everything was actually ready to complete the destruction of the place, and the next day ten survivors were found.

Mentioned for Senatorial Vacancies

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—There are now four senatorial vacancies to be filled, namely, two in Nova Scotia, one in Ontario, and one in Manitoba. In Nova Scotia, the vacancies are over a year standing. In Ontario the vacancy was caused by the death of Senator Merner last summer, and in Manitoba the death of Senator Berrier last week made the fourth vacancy in the upper chamber. It is unlikely that any appointments to fill the vacancies will be made until just prior to the opening of Parliament. In Nova Scotia Mr. H. J. Logan, ex-M. P., is mentioned as being likely to succeed to one of the vacancies for that province. In Ontario the names of Adam Zimmerman, ex-M. P. for

SENSATION IN
ASKIN ST. CHURCH

Mr. John A. Cottam Asks Permission To Address Congregation on Sunday Cars.

Quite a furore was created in Askin Street Methodist Church last night, when, at the conclusion of an address by Rev. A. K. Birks against Sunday street cars, Mr. John Cottam arose in his seat and addressed the pastor as follows: "A great deal has been said in the last few Sundays, Mr. Birks, about the Sunday car question. What has been said was doubtless acceptable to a majority of your congregation. There is, however, a minority who feel differently. May I have two or three minutes in which to represent the cause of the minority?" The whole congregation was visibly surprised at Mr. Cottam's action.

Mr. Birks replied: "I am afraid I could not allow it. It would not, I think, be approved of by the conference authorities, to whom I am responsible for what I allow in the church. Such a proceeding would not be in keeping with the sanctity of the church. The pulpit is not a place for public debating."

MEETING IN
EAST LONDON

Water Question Was Discussed by Prominent Speakers on Saturday Night.

There was a meeting in the east end hall on Saturday night to discuss the water question. A large number of the electors were present, expecting to witness a warm passage at arms between the exponents of the different schemes. However, the meeting was a very quiet one, with practically no disturbance.

Mr. John Hayman was chairman of the meeting. Darch, one of the water commissioners, was the first speaker, and he dealt at some length with the bylaw. He pointed out that it was a pure spring water scheme, and as such it had his heartiest support. The electors knew that he had always been a strong spring water advocate, and would continue as such. He criticized the eleventh hour methods of the opponents of the bylaw, and censured them for not giving the citizens the benefit of their knowledge long before this time. He maintained that the commissioners had made a thorough test of the well proposition, and it had been a failure.

Dr. H. A. McCallum also spoke on the water question, dealing with the Titus scheme. He declared that the solution of the water problem for London was in the water. He had long advocated that, and was still convinced that it was right. Hon. Adam Beck spoke at some length on his proposition, explaining that he had gone into the matter because he was convinced beyond question that it was the only feasible proposition. He pointed to the success of his test well, and created considerable enthusiasm by making the announcement, made also in Saturday's Advertiser, that he had signed a contract to buy seven more large wells. He explained that he had no controversy with the water commissioners, as he was convinced that they had done the best they could.

Mr. U. A. Buchner, Mayor Stevely, John M. Parsons, and others also spoke briefly.

HENRY C. POTTER SUICIDES

Head of People's State Savings Bank, Detroit, Shoots Himself.

Detroit, Jan. 4.—Henry C. Potter, jun., of this city, vice-president of the People's State Savings Bank, of this city, committed suicide at his home today. Mr. Potter had been suffering from nervous prostration for some time.

CASTRO UNDER THE KNIFE

Case So Serious He Makes Statement Before the Operation.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—Former President Castro of Venezuela was operated upon in this city this morning by Dr. Israel, the German specialist, for the kidney complaint with which he is suffering. The operation was regarded as so dangerous that before submitting to it Castro issued the following statement: "I can only express satisfaction that this operation is to be performed so that the whole world may know I did not come to Germany in order to elude responsibility, and much less because I imagined for a single moment what was going to happen in Venezuela during my absence."

ELECTION DAY
A QUIET ONE

Number of Votes Polled Will Likely Be Quite Small.

OPPOSITION TO
WATER BYLAW

Many People Are of the Opinion That It Will Be Defeated—Speculation Re Cars.

The municipal elections are quiet, extremely so. There is no excitement, and the chances are that a very small vote will be polled. At 1 o'clock in the North End, no division had more than 50 votes, while in the South End there were few any better. Good judges of the situation claim that there will not be more than 60 per cent of the normal vote polled. It may reach 75 per cent, but that is hardly likely.

THE BYLAWS.

The chief interest is centered on one or two of the bylaws, the water bylaw and the Sunday cars.

These bylaws have been the cause of a widespread discussion, and not a little feeling has been engendered. So far as can be learned there appears no doubt the water bylaw will be defeated.

There is a disposition upon the part of a large number of electors to give time to prove whether there is an abundant supply of water to be obtained from wells. There are many also who are opposed to it on other grounds, and they are registering their votes against it.

Sunday Cars. There is considerable difference of opinion on the result of the Sunday car proposition. The anti-car people have the better organization and will get a large vote.

The Sunday car supporters have no force at work.

As for two of the other bylaws, there is little concern about them, but the bylaw for a consumptive hospital will undoubtedly carry.

Mayor Stevely Again. The result of the majority contest is a foregone conclusion, as Mayor Stevely will be elected by a large majority, beyond question.

There is considerable speculation as to the personnel of the council. It is expected that the vote will show some surprises.

The field is not a strong one, and will result probably in a major portion of last year's council being returned.

There is little concern in the other contests.

IT'S UP TO MR. FOY

With Him Rests Suppression of the Obscene Postcards.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—Representatives of the Anglican Reform Association this morning waited upon Hon. William Patterson, and asked for the strict enforcement of the law prohibiting the display of obscene posters, postcards and literature.

Hon. Mr. Patterson pointed out that the attorney-generals of the various provinces had the duty of administering the laws governing such cases.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COLDER.

FORECASTS. Toronto, Jan. 4—8 a.m. Today—Southerly winds; mild, with a few local showers.

Tuesday—West and northwest gales; light snowfalls, and becoming decidedly colder before night.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Today.	Yesterday.
London, Saturday	34	32
London, Sunday	30	28
London, Monday	46	44
Calgary	28	10
Winnipeg	10	8
Port Arthur	18	6
Perry Sound	24	26
Toronto	38	32
Ottawa	24	8
Montreal	38	18
Quebec	32	20
Father Point	24	2
Dawson	46	44
Victoria	40	32
Vancouver	36	42
Edmonton	14	6
Prince Albert	16	4
Moosley	1	2
Qu'Appelle	6	24
Halifax	12	38

Minus (—) means below zero.

CONSERVATIVES HAVE A SLATE
TICKET IS DOING DUTY TODAY

Nominees for Every Office. Except That of Mayor—List of Candidates Whose Names Appear on the Ticket.

Some time ago it was stated in The Advertiser that the Conservatives—at least, a certain section of the party—was getting out a municipal slate. The story was true at the time, and this fact was demonstrated very forcibly this morning, when the slate was distributed in the polling booths. As pointed out, Ald. Beattie and Ald. Parsons, two of the Conservative aldermen, were left off. They did not take kindly to the ticket idea, and were left off. The others, however, went on.

Twelve Months in Central Prison
Settler for Brutal Woman Beater

George Cook Was Given His Deserts by Police Magistrate Love Today.

George Cook, the blacksmith from St. Thomas, who so brutally assaulted his sister, Mrs. Howell, of Hyman street, while visiting her over Christmas, was sentenced to twelve months in the Central Prison this morning by Magistrate Love.

Murder Charge Against Railwayman
Is Said To Have Killed His Wife

C. P. R. Sectionman at Agincourt Said To Have Confessed.

Agincourt, Jan. 3.—With a charge of murder against him, Walker Blythe left Agincourt tonight in the custody of County Constable Hobbs for the Toronto jail. Blythe's alleged victim was his wife, a woman whose body now lies in the home, where the couple, with their two little children, lived.

Said To Have Confessed. Just after dark this evening a report that a murder had been committed spread through the village, causing intense excitement. County Constable Hobbs, who at once prepared to investigate, was informed that the scene was in the small house in which Blythe and his family lived. This is situated about one-half mile north of the village. At this point Blythe arrived in the village and surrendered to Hobbs, saying it is reported that he had killed his wife. On going to the house Hobbs found that Mrs. Blythe was dead, and that her body bore marks indicating violence.

An Inquest Ordered. Dr. Coult, of this village, who is also a coroner, was soon on the scene. In his opinion the woman had come to her death by violence, and he at once ordered an inquest to be held.

Tilbury Man Drowned Through Ice

Tilbury, Jan. 4.—Peter Labadie was drowned in the creek here yesterday morning close to the railway bridge. He skated upon a piece of thin ice, which gave away, dropping him into about twelve feet of water. A G. T. R. sectionman, hearing his cries ran to his assistance, but was too late. He had broken the edge of the ice repeatedly in his struggles.

Church Wrecked by Acetylene Gas

Pembroke, Ont., Jan. 4.—An explosion of an acetylene gas tank wrecked St. Stephen's English Church at Micksburg last evening. The clergyman, Rev. Mr. Orr, was burned on the face and hands, and Samuel Buckley was severely burned and had his back injured. The explosion occurred about 6:30, half an hour before the evening service. The front of the church, the roof and the windows were blown out. The building was of concrete and was erected two years ago.

Pathetic Story of an Escaped Slave

The late John Lewis, whose death occurred on Saturday, was a native of Virginia, and was born of slave parents in 1828 in Fannin County, Georgia. Mr. Lewis was brought up. Later he became the property of Col. Robert Denison, of Baltimore. He fared well at the hands of his owners, but longed to be free.

He had married Caroline Coleman, and they had one little daughter, 5 years old. They purposed to come to Canada, and his name being Thomas, he assumed the name of John, and his wife assumed the name of Jane, and they decided to pretend the child was a boy.

A great camp meeting was being held some distance from home, and he got leave of his owner to attend it. Mr. Lewis took advantage of this chance to make his escape. A girl friend, 16 years old, who is now Mrs. Mary Harris, of Battle Creek, Mich., accompanied them.

Through many difficulties, Mr. Lewis said, the Lord brought them safely to Windsor. About a year later he came to London, arriving here five years before the American war. His first

LONDON WILL
HELP STRICKEN

\$700 Already Raised To Send to Italian Quake Sufferers.

WILL TAKE UP
SUBSCRIPTIONS

Splendid Meeting of Local Italian Citizens and Others on Saturday.

At a meeting of Italian citizens held in the board of trade room Saturday afternoon a committee was formed to supervise the collecting of a relief fund to aid the sufferers from the recent catastrophe in Southern Italy. The following plea for assistance was framed:

The Appeal.

"Southern Italy, especially around the cities of Messina and Reggio, has been visited by a terrible earthquake. Probably two hundred thousand Italian citizens are dead, and thousands more dying. The survivors are suffering untold horror, men and women alike, and helpless little children, for the lack of food and clothing."

"We Italians in London are rapidly losing our nationality, and are proud to call ourselves Canadians. Our children have never thrived under the smile of Sunny Italy, and know no other land than this, and we ourselves will never go back. Our lot is cast in London and Canada. But our hearts are wrung with the poignant grief which bows the heads of Italians the world over, and we ask for the assistance of everyone in London who can spare any thought, little or big, to the augmentation of our fund."

"In the cause of suffering humanity, the same the world over, we ask for the prayers and co-operation in any way possible for the forwarding of money to the men in charge of the Messina relief work. Brothers appeal to the brothers of the world over, and we feel that in making this plea on the basis of the great underlying principle of man's love and humanity to his fellow-man in distress, we will not be refused."

"We appeal to all churches, clubs and various organizations in the city, as well as to private charity. We thank, from the bottom of our hearts, those who have so nobly responded, even on such short notice as a few hours, and have no doubt that the money sent from here, which will be forwarded as fast as we can, will be wonderfully blessed by the measure of relief that it may afford to our suffering people across the ocean."

\$500 Raised.

As a result of this appeal, and the hearty and generous co-operation of the Italian colony itself, already more than \$700 has been raised.

The body of men who had met to discuss the tragedy that has befallen their native land, and to do what they could to alleviate the suffering, began their work in a very practical way. They had come prepared to make some sacrifice, and every one gladly put down his name for substantial aid.

As well as the members of the Italian colony, a number of prominent citizens were present at the meeting. Mayor Stevely occupied the chair, and spoke of his hearty sympathy with the movement. He said that when the new council was elected there was no doubt that it would do everything to aid in the work. Mr. Pocock, Ald. Ferguson, Stewart and Parsons, spoke in sympathy of the movement, and expressed their willingness to assist in any way in their power.

Mayor Stevely suggested that subscription lists be placed in the London and Travellers' Clubs, and offered to see that this was done. The offer was gladly accepted, and Mr. Fenech thanked the mayor and aldermen for their assistance.

"I have no words," he said, "to express the gratitude for the kindness shown by the Canadians, a sympathy, which my countrymen will never forget."

The meeting was then turned over to the Italians themselves, Mr. Frank Fenech occupying the chair, and an animated discussion took place in Italian.

Committee Formed.

A committee was formed to take charge of the funds. The assistance of the newspapers was requested in the work of furthering the interest in the work.

The money will be forwarded by telegraph, through one of the local banks, as it is received, that there may be no delay in placing it where the need is greatest.

Subscriptions will be received by Mr. Joseph Dambra, of Dambra & Walsh, 399 Richmond street; Mr. Frank Fenech, 380 Richmond street, and Mr. Catalano, of Catalano & Sansone, 232 Dundas street.

The Subscriptions.

The subscriptions so far received, which do not include the amounts subscribed on the lists at the London and Travellers' Clubs, are as follows. Further reports will be given from day to day:

Marconi Club \$100.00
Catalano & Sansone 50.00
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PRESENT PEACE TEMPORARY ONE

London Spectator Sees Early Struggle To Be Started by the Slavs.

London, Jan. 2.—The Spectator, in its estimation of the European situation, sounds a pessimistic note. After citing all the elements which make for the continuance of peace, it finds that the forces working against peace are quite as numerous and in many cases stronger than those working for it. It declares that the mere maintenance of the status quo does not make for peace, as it is not really the status of peace. When there is undue prolongation of the condition of war without shooting, the strain, financial and moral, becomes so great that the countries involved feel that actual warfare would be better than a nightmare with the name of peace. If a conference cannot be agreed upon some power primarily involved will realize she must be beaten if a waiting game is played any longer. Therefore, she must act, and act quickly. Internal difficulties in the case of most of these powers are likely to aggravate this tendency. There is always a chance of an actual insurrection in Bosnia and Herzegovina, an event which would almost certainly fire the train. This coupled with the anti-German manifestations at Prague and elsewhere in Bohemia, or the ferment in Istria, Croatia, and Dalmatia, might be the signal for trouble. Again, Austria-Hungary is running up a heavy bill. Finance is not the empire's strong point. Moreover, bills must be met in Parliament, where the Slavs or at any rate the non-Germans have a majority of votes.

It must not be forgotten that the quarrel between the Slavonic and Magyar races in Hungary is only suspended. It may at any moment become acute. In view of all this it would cause no surprise to find Austrian-Hungarian statesmen concluding that war would be almost a relief from internal perils, but the greatest cause of anxiety is the force of racial unrest, which is directly affecting Southeastern Europe and indirectly all the powers of the continent. The Slavs throughout a huge part of non-Russian Europe are the predominant portion of the population. Yet hardly anywhere have their racial aspirations received satisfaction.

In spite of these obstacles the Slavs are resolutely demanding that the world shall give proper recognition to their race, which are convinced is destined to play a great part in the future. The Slavs fervently believe that while the last epoch of the world's development has belonged to the Teutons and Latinized or Celticized Teutons in Germany, Great Britain, France and Northern Italy, so the next epoch must belong in some form or another to the Slavs.

EVIDENCE OF RETURNING PROSPERITY.

Toronto, Jan. 1, 1909.—The prosperity of Canadian financial institutions is of general interest, and is gratifying to learn that the year 1908, although acknowledged to have been a trying one in many lines of business, has proved to The Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada the most successful year in its history. From figures of the year's operations just made public it is shown that the new business undertaken exceeded \$4,600,000, and that the total business in force now amounts to almost \$24,000,000. During the past year this progressive institution increased its assets to over \$4,650,000, while its cash income for the year from premiums and interest amounted to considerably over \$1,000,000. Surplus earnings for the year, out of which dividends to policyholders are paid, have been very satisfactory, and the mortality experience was again greatly below the expected. Over 80 per cent of the company's funds are invested in first mortgages on real estate and debentures, and the rate of interest earned in 1908 was the highest in the company's experience, and averaged over 6 per cent. The most noteworthy feature, however, is the fact that in spite of the large increase in new business written, the ratio of management expenses was again reduced.

Messrs. Taylor and Jolliffe, the company's able representatives at London, inform us that the 1908 business of their agency was very satisfactory, and aided materially in the making of so important a record by The Imperial Life during the past year.

The body of the man, who, with a woman, was found shot dead at a Brighton hotel, was buried in the Brighton and Preston Cemetery. There was only one mourner, Capt. Ransom, the man's father. The coffin plate bore the inscription: "Herbert Cammell Ransom, Died Dec. 10, 1908, in his 20th year."

The explanation of the death of a widow named Ellen Coward, a domestic servant, given at an inquest at Southport, was that she had probably fallen forward in a faint, and that her false teeth had been jerked into her throat, suffocating her.

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REVEALS MYSTERY OF THE MAD KING

Secret Report of Bavarian Cabinet to the Diet Justified His Imprisonment.

Munich, Jan. 2.—To justify the incarceration of King Ludwig II. of Bavaria as a madman in June, 1886, three days before he drowned himself in the lake of Starnberg, publication has been begun in Munich of a remarkable report made by the Bavarian cabinet to a secret session of the diet. This report gives new details of the eccentricities which led to his majesty's dethronement.

King Ludwig, the report says, desired to exchange his kingdom of Bavaria for the island of Cyprus. He had given orders to find a country where absolutist government was possible. The orders were carried out and the king caused a letter to be written to the Turkish Sultan offering to exchange Bavaria for Cyprus. From his earliest childhood the king evinced signs of insanity, as did his brother, the still living and insane King Otto.

Ludwig began to arouse comment in 1864 through his disinclination to receive foreign rulers or diplomats. His majesty was so obsessed by literary studies that he would interrupt audiences with ministers with quotations from Schiller. Later he developed a dislike of meeting people, declined to attend church, and built himself a luxurious private chapel. The presence of the public in theatres also disturbed him, and he commanded operas and plays to be performed to him alone.

Between 1876 and 1881 the king insisted on living in seclusion in his country houses for months at a time, and when he returned to the Munich castle regarded it as a prison. In Shadow of the Scaffold. At court banquets the king believed he was on his way to the scaffold and insisted upon being hidden behind banks of flowers. The music had to be of a thunderous character, and when it was not loud enough, the king would strike the floor violently with his sword. He was, by the way, a great patron of Richard Wagner.

His majesty was once seized with a fancy for giving entertainments to stable boys, with whom he played the most childish games. He once feasted the boys in the Turkish room of his superb palace of Linderhof, built on the model of Versailles in the time of Louis XIV., who, the king declared, was his ideal. Finally, the mad ruler declined to associate with anybody except servants. In the last years of his reign he gave no court dinners and no interviews with his cabinet. Commands and messages had to be transmitted through servants. Finally, royal decrees were issued through locked doors, the servants being required to indicate that they understood by scratching the door.

Anybody who entered the king's presence had to keep his head bowed so low that he could not see the king, while nobody was permitted to address him, and messages could only be communicated by gestures.

Shielded From Assassins. Once the king drove out clad in a golden and purple Louis XIV. costume and surrounded by an enormous guard of mounted gendarmes, "to shield him from assassination."

It was his majesty's unparalleled extravagance which caused his dethronement. He spent millions in building gorgeous castles and embellishing them in the most costly style. He constantly demanded increases in the civil list and dismissed or ordered the arrest of ministers who declined to carry out his wishes. Frequent loans were made to cover the deficit caused by the king's habits.

The madman had a strong antipathy to the German crown prince, and outlined a scheme to Hesse-Schwand to commission a band of robbers to kidnap the prince. Imprison him in a castle and feed him on bread and water. This was in 1884, and in that year Hesse-Schwand also was commanded to put War Minister Mellinger into a castle dungeon and think out some terrifying mode of punishment for the minister of finance because of his reports on the royal indebtedness.

Two instalments of these revelations concerning Ludwig have appeared thus far, and the remainder of the series is awaited with interest. A startling discovery was made by the station staff at Newport (Mon.) on the arrival at 8:30 on Thursday night of the Portsmouth to Cardiff express. In one of the carriages were found the bodies of a man and woman, both well dressed, but had been shot dead. Shots had been heard by the occupants of other carriages when passing through the Severn Tunnel. It is supposed to have been a case of murder and suicide.

WILL FOUND A SALON IN LONDON

Duchess of Marlborough Proposes To Gather London's Brains at Sutherland.

London, Jan. 2.—At last we are to have a salon. The Duchess of Marlborough has said it. For years it has been the ambition of every great leader of society in London to found a salon. Attempts by the score have been made, but somehow one after another has failed. The lady who arrived nearest to the mark was Lady Jeune, the widow of the famous divorcee court judge, Sir Francis Jeune, who secured a peerage shortly before his death. This lady, by the way, is a grandaunt of Mrs. Winston Churchill.

All sorts of clever and eccentric people used to assemble at Lady Jeune's well-known house in Harley street. The possession of brains was the passport. Some of the men were so poor it used to be said that they got their dress suits out of pawn for the occasion. These men were to be found discussing some burning question of the day with Lady Jeune or the beautiful Duchess of Sutherland. Of one guest it was told that after having taken her grade of Sutherland in to supper at one of these parties, he left the house and had to sleep on the embankment, his landlady having locked the door upon him because he had not paid his rent. Today he is one of our foremost authors and gets four figures for his novels.

Politics an Object. The Duchess of Marlborough is aware that the first essential for a salon in London is intellectually tinged with an element of amusement. Amusing guests who can tell good stories and witty women are as necessary as politicians and bishops. The primary idea of the duchess is a Tory of the Tory type. It is said that she has been "recently connected with the pork factory he must have gotten the word pighead there. Now, they filled in the ditch with the scraper and then had to dig it out again, then dig their drain and lay their tile and fill it in again. Would you not have thought they would have dug the drain and then put the scraper to work to cover the tile, the same as a farmer does with a plow, had they wanted to be useful of the public mind? Now this scraping, to my mind, was a family compact. The first scraper, Mr. Ryan, I understand, is a brother-in-law of J. H. Hodgins, and he scraped the gravel in the ditch. The second scraper was a brother of the engineer, Mr. Freeman Talbot (who scraped the mud into the centre of the road). It looks to me like a case of you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours.

I maintain had they made the crown of the road with gravel and kept the scraper and tile away, it would have given better results.

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Politics an Object. The Duchess of Marlborough is aware that the first essential for a salon in London is intellectually tinged with an element of amusement. Amusing guests who can tell good stories and witty women are as necessary as politicians and bishops. The primary idea of the duchess is a Tory of the Tory type. It is said that she has been "recently connected with the pork factory he must have gotten the word pighead there. Now, they filled in the ditch with the scraper and then had to dig it out again, then dig their drain and lay their tile and fill it in again. Would you not have thought they would have dug the drain and then put the scraper to work to cover the tile, the same as a farmer does with a plow, had they wanted to be useful of the public mind? Now this scraping, to my mind, was a family compact. The first scraper, Mr. Ryan, I understand, is a brother-in-law of J. H. Hodgins, and he scraped the gravel in the ditch. The second scraper was a brother of the engineer, Mr. Freeman Talbot (who scraped the mud into the centre of the road). It looks to me like a case of you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours.

I maintain had they made the crown of the road with gravel and kept the scraper and tile away, it would have given better results. Crumlin, Dec. 31, 1908.

Leaders Need Money.

Money is the first essential for success of any kind in London just now. A woman may be as beautiful as Mary Stuart or Marie Antoinette and have the bluest of blood in her veins, but if she has not money it profits her nothing. On the other hand anyone who possesses the almighty dollar can if she goes about it in the right way enter the magic royal set. But it goes without saying she must be introduced by someone in the swim. Otherwise she may remain for all time outside in the cold.

Five peeresses have recently formed themselves into a circle and have hinted that any rich colonial, American or English man or woman who desires to take up a definite position in London society may do so by putting down the needed sum of £10,000, which will be divided among the five. One of these ladies is a first favorite with the king, who is her godfather. Her husband used to be regarded as one of the wealthiest men in society, but in some mysterious way his money has disappeared and they have had to give up their town house and live in quite a small way.

Advertiser Correspondence

London Township Roads.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: With regard to the explanation that I noticed in your paper I had nothing whatever to do with it. Anything I said at the county council I meant, and my opinion is backed up by everybody living along the roads. In respect to the exonerating of Mr. McKenzie by the county council I might say that I did not expect them to do anything else, as they are the principal movers in the act and must shoulder the blame.

I did say that to my mind Mr. McKenzie was not competent to be foreman and also that the road in its present condition was a disgrace to the county, and I'm still of the same mind. I will take two instances of their fair treatment. They tiled the road from Mr. McKenzie's gate to the open ditch running through Mr. McKenzie's farm on the south side of the road and from Mr. Hogg's gate on the north side, to the same ditch. They added enough cement tile to the original cement culvert to reach almost from fence to fence. They also lowered the ditch in Mr. Thompson's place two rods inside the fence. This was all done on high ground, and then they came down to me on low ground and simply filled in the ditch without putting in any tile on both south and north sides of the road.

I live on the north side of the road, and there are two low places on my farm. The creek runs through one and empties into a culvert. The other empties on the road a few rods west of the first one and formerly had a culvert, but the township closed this one and dug a ditch by the side of the road to let this water into the creek, making one culvert answer for both purposes. Now they have closed up this last water-course without putting in tile

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and Mr. McKenzie and the county council say this is right.

I leave the public to judge whether it was fair treatment or not to fill up a water-course without providing some way for the water to get away, thus making about five acres of my land worthless. I blame Mr. McKenzie, as foreman, and the county council and engineer, or one who fills that position, for letting such acts of injustice be done.

Mr. Glass says they have not had any trouble with anyone but a few pigheads. I am glad to know he has found a new word. Formerly, anyone who opposed him was narrow-minded, but as he has been "recently connected with the pork factory he must have gotten the word pighead there. Now, they filled in the ditch with the scraper and then had to dig it out again, then dig their drain and lay their tile and fill it in again. Would you not have thought they would have dug the drain and then put the scraper to work to cover the tile, the same as a farmer does with a plow, had they wanted to be useful of the public mind? Now this scraping, to my mind, was a family compact. The first scraper, Mr. Ryan, I understand, is a brother-in-law of J. H. Hodgins, and he scraped the gravel in the ditch. The second scraper was a brother of the engineer, Mr. Freeman Talbot (who scraped the mud into the centre of the road). It looks to me like a case of you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours.

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FERDINAND PLANS A GREATER POWER

Germany May No Longer Be England's Pet Aversion if He Succeeds.

London, Jan. 2.—Germany may not enjoy the distinction of being England's pet aversion much longer. It all depends on the Archduke Ferdinand's success in carrying out his plan for a greater Austria.

If, by any possibility, Austria were to develop into a more formidable nation than Germany, it would immediately be England's cue to hate and handicap the former, just as it has handicapped Germany for the past few years. May be the latter would even find it to their interest to grow friendly with the now bitterly exasperated Wilhelm.

And herein lies the explanation of all England's European likes and dislikes. The English enjoy imagining themselves defiant of the bold, bad and powerful; helpful and generous to the down-trodden and virtuous. Their motives, however, are not as high or as noble as they may seem, and perhaps really believe they're simply pursuing a well-defined and tolerably successful line of diplomacy.

Their statesmen figured it out long ago that the best thing for England to do was to be everlastingly pouncing the biggest of the continental powers, while helping the little ones to annoy and injure the great. Their theory was, and is, that this would prevent any other nation from growing strong enough to make them trouble. Stimulating friendship for some weak and struggling country, it has been their custom to boost their protégé until it began to look threatening, and then to knock it down again.

When France was the predominant European power, England fought the French unceasingly. Presently Spain commenced to grow alarmingly. England promptly stopped fighting France and took on Spain instead. The Spanish strength waned and the English resumed their campaigns against France.

This was quite a while ago. Russia was a more recent pet. England planned and intrigued and began against the Czar until Japan shattered his power. It was Germany's turn next. As the Kaiser built up his army and navy, extended his commerce and began reaching out after colonies, England's jealousy and dislike of him increased. No Englishman doubts that the two countries will have to fight it out sooner or later—unless Austria should crowd Germany out of the centre of the stage, and get into the limelight itself. The Archduke Ferdinand, who will

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Fine garments of BEAVER CLOTH, HEAVY BROADCLOTH, CHEVIOTS, CHEVERONS, etc., etc., in the latest EMPIRE AND DIRECTOIRE styles, handsomely trimmed with braids, buttons, velvets, etc., the new large directoire lapel styles, with long buttoned backs. Plain-tailored soft-finish Beavers, and new Tweed Coats with empire, semi-fitting and box backs. In fact, when we say ALL, this means every plain as well as every high-class novelty Coat in our entire stock.

\$35 Coat, \$17.50
Myrtle green Broadcloth Coat, half satin-lined, empire style, collar of velvet, trimmed with strappings of cloth; handsome style; \$35.00, for **\$17.50**

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Births, Marriages and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

ANDERSON—At St. Joseph's Hospital, on Sunday, Jan. 3, 1909, the wife of Mr. John R. Anderson, St. Thomas, of a son.

St. Thomas papers please copy.

DEATHS.

LEWIS—On Jan. 2, at his late residence, 124 Maitland street, John Lewis, beloved husband of Mary Lewis. Funeral on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, service at 2:30. Interment at Mount Pleasant. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

McCALLUM—On Sunday, Jan. 3, 1909, at his residence, con. 4, North Dorchester, Neil N. McCallum, in his 55th year. Funeral to Dorchester Cemetery, on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m.

VENNER—In London Township, on Jan. 3, 1909, Emma, beloved wife of Arthur Venner, aged 46 years.

Funeral from the family residence, lot 30, con. 4, London, on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 2:30 p.m.; service at 2 p.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

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CANADA'S MINERAL PRODUCTS.

The development of Canada's mineral resources in the past twelve years is set forth in the recently-issued report of the department of mines. In 1895, the total value of our mineral production was \$22,474,256; in 1907 it was \$86,183,447—almost a fourfold increase. The increase would probably have been even greater but for the financial stringency from which the country is now recovering and the partial paralysis for a time of the industry in Nova Scotia by labor troubles.

Of the total product coal represented about 28 per cent, copper 13 per cent, silver 9 per cent, gold 9 per cent, brick, stone and lime 8 per cent. Gold in the last four years has dropped from first to fifth place, which is accounted for by the falling off in the Yukon output from \$22,775,000 in 1900 to \$3,150,000 in the year last reported. British Columbia, which had been making a good showing for some years in gold production, showed a shrinkage in 1907 of over 13 per cent.

Silver, on the other hand, showed a 50 per cent increase in 1907 over the preceding year—12,750,044 ounces as against 8,473,379. All but about one per cent of last year's silver came from Ontario and British Columbia, 77 per cent being from the Cobalt district. There was a decrease in British Columbia's output of about 200,000 ounces. The customs returns show the export value per ounce to be \$7.11 cents.

The value of the copper ore output of 1907 was \$11,478,644, or \$758,170 greater than that of 1906. The output of the Sudbury mines increased considerably, while that of British Columbia fell off.

Nickel (21,189,793 pounds) of the value of \$9,535,467 was produced in 1907, all of which came from Ontario and, with the exception of Cobalt's trifling contribution, from Sudbury.

The lead industry appears to be flourishing, no less than 47,565,000 pounds, valued at \$2,532,836, having been mined in the year.

There was an increase of about 9 per cent in the pig iron product, the amount being 651,962 tons, valued at \$9,125,226. Of the total 10,047 tons was charcoal iron and 641,915 tons were produced by the coke process. The production of steel was 706,852 tons, of the value of \$16,612,590. The amount of iron and steel bounties paid was \$2,305,295.90.

The coal produced in Canada in 1907 amounted to 10,610,238 tons, valued at \$24,560,238. Nova Scotia contributed over 60 per cent of this, British Columbia over 23 per cent, and Saskatchewan and Alberta over 16 per cent.

Of the non-metallic minerals, cement increased 11 per cent over 1906, the production amounting in value to \$3,574,828. The value of the asbestos produced was \$2,482,934; of petroleum, \$1,057,088; of brick, lime and building stone, \$7,500,000.

The total value of the year's metallic products was \$42,434,087, of the non-metallic, \$31,217,060, and of structural material and clay products \$12,232,230.

CAUSES OF EARTHQUAKES.

The appalling catastrophe in southern Italy revives the old query, What are the causes of earthquakes? Two prominent scientists, after the San Francisco earthquake, published books on the subject, but they dealt more with the known phenomena than with the moving causes, and it is with the latter that the world is most concerned. True it is that even with such knowledge, it is far from likely that man would be able to provide a remedy, but doubtless were people to take warning from the premonitory symptoms with which such upheavals appear to be invariably attended much loss of life might be prevented.

As yet we know little concerning what lies deep in the bowels of the earth. It is said that six thousand feet below the surface is the greatest depth the earth has been penetrated perpendicularly, and it is the general belief among students of the subject that rocks extend twenty miles or more toward the centre. At one time it was thought that the centre of the earth was a molten mass of rocks, but investigation has proved that this is not the case.

The theory now generally accepted is that the earth is almost the same weight as if it were solid steel, and that most of it is gas compressed into that consistency. Some scientists—among them M. Camille Flammarion—contend that the sole cause of earthquakes is the leakage of sea water into the seams of rocks below, and that this is converted into steam by the great heat existing far below the surface, causing an explosion. But

while both tidal waves and earthquakes may be thus caused, such a theory seems hardly to account for all such phenomena. When a quarter of a century ago the island of Krakatoa was blown up with a terrific noise, some of the matter thrown out floated about for years as dust. In this instance, while steam was evidently the direct cause, how water could have collected in such quantities and then exploded all at once is puzzling. It may be, as some scientists think, that radio-activity may account for the interior heat of the earth and be a moving cause in these explosions. But it will be remembered that Mount Pelee, on the occasion of the disaster a few years ago, emitted a deadly gas which in an instant caused terrible loss of life, and that no steam was visible.

That the sections of the earth's surface where earthquakes are more common are in the neighborhood of volcanic activity is one fact at least which has been clearly established. For many centuries, Southern Italy has been the scene of such disturbances, and it is not certain that the recent earthquake was the most disastrous of a long and appalling list. Meanwhile, while the world stands aghast at this latest horror, scientists may be expected to apply themselves with renewed energy to the study of a subject which thus far seems wholly beyond them.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

The municipal elections today lack the attraction of a keen contest for the mayor's chair, as one of the candidates is avowedly running merely to elicit public discussion. The result will be probably a small vote. This is not as it should be; citizens who need the stimulus of a majority election, in which party feelings are aroused, to drive them to the polls, are lacking in public spirit and civic pride. The choice of a council and school board is as important as the choice of a mayor, and on the present occasion there are bylaws to be voted upon which deeply concern every ratepayer.

The present election is conspicuous for the absence of party politics, or of any organized effort to get out the vote for municipal candidates. It would be more satisfactory if the elimination of partyism had brought out a stronger field for the city council. There are some competent men running, but they are in a minority. The professional alderman is too much in evidence. It looks as though a change of system—the creation of a board of control or government by commission—is needed to inject interest into municipal affairs, and make service on the council more attractive to men of the right stamp.

To run or not to run—Sunday cars? That's the question today.

The Kaiser has been silent so long that he may be expected to blow up any day.

The water question has aroused unnecessary heat. As a result there has been much blowing-off of steam.

Mayor Oliver, of Toronto, had a majority of 17,252. His opponents must have been running for exercise.

A number of letters for and against Sunday cars had to be omitted from these columns to allow some news to be printed. The art of "boiling it down" has not been cultivated by many who feel themselves qualified to write to newspapers.

Ninety-two municipalities vote under the local option act today. The "dry" area may be greatly increased by a wave of prohibition sentiment, if one may be allowed to mix metaphors.

The London Spectator sees a war in Europe before long, through an outbreak of race feeling on the part of the Slavs in Austria and the Balkan States. These people don't know when they are well off. The hegemony of the Slavs belongs to Russia, and the divisions of the race outside of Russia ought to be thankful to live under free institutions, as the majority of them do.

THE OPEN WINDOW.

[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]
The encouraging thing is that after a man has been converted to the open window he seldom relapses. He tries the open window as an experiment. In time it becomes a luxury, and eventually a necessity.

THE RETORT IRITATING.

[London Opinion.]
Iraids Paout—Hail you insolent jackanapes! I'll teach you to make love to my daughter!
The Jackanapes (sneaking)—Quite unnecessary, sir, I assure you.
Iraids Paout—Hail you insolent jackanapes! I'll teach you to make love to my daughter!

ENGLISH NEWCOMERS.

[Montreal Gazette.]
The contention that Englishmen are an inferior race, whom it would be well to keep out of the country, is being modified by those who advanced it, and there is an apparent agreement among them now to hold that it is only the Londoner who is undesirable. It is imaginable that there may be a retirement from this position also. People who know what the Londoner is like, and what he does for the world's trade, may have their doubts if the Londoner is so much below the standard in intelligence and industry as to be unfit to hold his own amid the fields of Canada.

THE REASON.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]
"Did you offer Tommy Clay a piece of your cake, Jimmy?"
"Yes, sir. He didn't care for it."
"Didn't care for it?"
"No, sir. I gave him a bite and told him I'd like de stuffin' out of him if he swallowed it."

A STERN REBUKE.

[Goldwin Smith, in Farmers' Sun.]
Thousands are said to be starving in the streets of London. Not long ago, on the Mafeking night, these poor people were yelling with delight over the expenditure of untold millions in the destruction of Boer liberties, the killing of Boers, and the burning of Boer homes, for the purposes of the South Africa Company and its political confederates. Now, how are enormous quantities of the public money being spent? In the creation of a monster war navy which is to dominate all the seas, provoking the natural jealousy of the other nations, and making war a certainty on the first occasion when some spark falls on the mine of passion or some sinister trust draws that way. The enormous expenditure on war and preparations for war in face of all this need and suffering is surely portentous. But the practice, far from yielding to the advance of reason and humanity, seems to be over on the increase. The one great nation which appeared to have abjured it, the United States, seems now to be infected by the rest.

CANADA'S EXAMPLE.

[Buffalo Express.]
An effort is to be made in Minnesota to have the Legislature pass a law which would give the public law library in the one in force in Canada, for the prevention or settlement of strikes or lockouts. The Canadian plan has been fairly successful thus far.

PUZZLES US, ALSO.

[Boston Transcript.]
Mother—My child, you shouldn't believe more than half you hear.
Daughter—I know that, mamma; but how can I tell which half?

INESTIMABLE.

[Richmond Hovey.]
How can you measure in money the cost of your veins of the mind? Is honor valued in banknotes? Can you pay for a broken heart?

Can you reckon the worth of a poem by a standard of meat and drink?
Can you buy with gold and silver a heart too great to shrink?

Tell me, how many dollars will pay for the life-blood shed?
From the veins of the true and valiant who feared not and are dead?

THE SACK OF THE GODS.

[Rudyard Kipling.]
Strangers drawn from the ends of the earth, jewelled and plumed were we,
I was the Lord of the Inca Race, and she was the Queen of the Sea.
Under the stars before our stars where the rainless meteors glow,
Hotly we stormed Valhalla, a million years ago.

Dust of the stars was under our feet,
glitter of stars above—
Wrecks of our wrath dropped, reeling down as we fought and we strove—
Worlds upon worlds we tossed aside and the night of the world was above.
The night that we stormed Valhalla, a million years ago.

She with the star I had marked for my own—I with my set desire—
Lost in the loom of the Night of Nights, I was the Lord of the Inca Race, and she was the Queen of the Sea.
Met in a war, 'twixt love and hate where the rainless meteors glow,
Hewing our way to Valhalla, a million years ago.

THE HIGH BIRTH RATE.

[Chicago Inter-Ocean.]
The Pullman car case is now before the interstate commerce commission. Curiously enough, the high birth rate, instead of the low one, is now the object of attack.

A RISING MAN.

[St. Louis Post-Dispatch.]
The Hon. Mr. Lemieux was golden opinion while in England. It is a great thing to be young, but Mr. Lemieux is able as well as vigorous. He is a man of his race; but it is a achievement that he is able to speak another tongue than his own. He is a man of his race; but it is a achievement that he is able to speak another tongue than his own. He is a man of his race; but it is a achievement that he is able to speak another tongue than his own.

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THE OLD YEAR DIES.

[S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Record-Herald.]
The old year dies; hopes that were fair are strewn behind us, here and there. Ambitions that were cherished long are left unclaimed, and frail or strong. We search for newer hopes to share.

The mist grows darker, deeper, where we resolutely buried care,
And left the ways that led to wrong—
The old year dies.

Beyond us lies a realm that ne'er has been explored, where they that dare
To lead may guide the eager throng—
Where triumph may be in the song
Of those who have borne despair—
The old year dies.

THE AIRSHIPS.

[Frank L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution.]
Dem airships keep a-sailin'—
Dey do de country proud.
But dey'll starve like skeery,
An' dey'm gonna hide in a cloud.

Whist! dey a-gwine higher,
Spouse Satan block de ways
Wid a chariot or fire,
An' put 'em in a blaze?

An' de man dar, whar de moon is,
W'en he fin' 'um on his track,
May take a big moon-mountain,
An' beat de las' one back!

LONG-LIVED IRISHMEN.

[London Mail.]
Among applicants at Donegal for old age pensions are three peasants, who return their ages at 111, 108 and 106 years. One of them does not understand a word of English, and still affects the knee-breeches, swallowtail and cauboon of two generations ago.

BRAVE QUEEN HELENA.

London, Jan. 2.—Among the many graphic accounts of earthquakes published here today is a beautiful tribute paid to Queen Helena by a descriptive writer of Southern Italy. "One goes back in fancy and remembrance to the most touching exhibitions of womanly tenderness and self-sacrifice celebrated by poets and consecrated by legend," he says, "to understand the benefit of the work the Queen is accomplishing in Messina. The people call her an angel, and never was the name used with greater justification. Her dress is as simple as that of a work girl. She does

not care for herself, and is only anxious to assist others.
"I have seen her everywhere—at points of the greatest danger, and where nobody before had dared go—assisting in dressing wounds, her voice broken by sobs. She accomplishes her sacred work with motherly tenderness and with a heroine's strength."



New York, Jan. 4.—Oscar Hammerstein announced yesterday that he has a new tenor, neither a Frenchman, an Italian, a Russian, nor a German. He is an Irishman. His name is John McCormack, probably the first Irishman ever engaged as a leading grand opera tenor by an American impresario. Mr. McCormack has created a sensation in England. Tall and handsome, he is only 24 years old.

"A Knight for a Day," a musical comedy, with a remarkable record for success elsewhere, will be presented at the Grand Theatre. Report avers that the production is unusually rich in material that "makes for laughs." Beautiful effects in several of its pageants are another reported quality, said to go beyond the common range of the picturesque in similar dramatics. The story is credited with an unusual number of popular airs.

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Not in many years has a comic opera met with such pronounced success as has Julian Edwards' latest composition, "The Gay Musician," which comes to this city as the attraction at the Grand Opera House next Thursday for a return engagement. The original company and the powerful singing chorus that were heard in the comic opera during its successful run last spring and summer at Wallack's Theatre, New York City, and in London, will be presented here.

New York, Jan. 3.—The police today arrested several performers at the so-called "Sunday concerts." At Hammerstein's Victoria Theatre four men, comprising the "Avon Comedy Four," were taken into custody. The police presentation of a sketch representing a schoolroom session in which the actors were made up as teachers and pupils. The acting manager of the theatre, Aaron Kessler, was also arrested.

At the Thalia Theatre, two actresses charged with singing on the stage in costume were arrested. All the prisoners furnished bail and were released. The Theatre Managers' Protective Association made public today resolutions they had adopted protesting the enforcement of what are termed "blue laws." The managers state that if it is the real desire of the city officials that all forms of amusements, concerts and entertainments should cease on Sunday, the "Protective League will promise to co-operate by closing its theatres on that day as the best means of securing real relief legislation" that will permit that liberty of which is supposed to exist in a free country.

"The Bonnie Brier Bush." There were good-sized audiences at both performances of "The Bonnie Brier Bush" at the Grand on Saturday. The play, which is an old-time favorite with Londoners, pleased all. The cast was fair. Robert Ireland as Dr. Macdure was excellent. His dialect was good and his acting much above the average. Douglas Patterson as Lancelotti was a good actor in the role, although his dialect wavered occasionally.

The other roles were fair.

41 RUSSIANS ARE DOOMED TO DEATH

Capital Sentences Is the New Year's Gift of Railroad Strikers.

Yekaterinburg, Russia, Jan. 4.—The military court today pronounced 41 death sentences, of which nine were for recent crimes. Thirty-two were for the railroad troubles of October, and 12 strikers were condemned to penal servitude for life, 48 to lesser terms of exile, and 39 were acquitted.

These sentences grow out of the events of 1905, when strikers, numbering hundreds at times, threatened to overthrow the government. They are to be executed in the death sentences, 12 strikers were condemned to penal servitude for life, 48 to lesser terms of exile, and 39 were acquitted.

He would have preferred Paris, like his fellow exiles among the South American nabobs, but the cold shoulder that France showed him upon his arrival in Europe has induced the fallen Venezuelan dictator to spend his days and money on this side of the Rhine.

He has remarked that he thinks that is the most effective revenge he can wreak on the churlish French. The ex-president has already ceased to be a novelty in Berlin. If he decides to live here he may count upon a peaceful, undisturbed existence, except so far as the ambitious trades people are concerned. They are determined to separate the late dictator from a slice of the \$10,000,000 which he is said to have stowed away in the Bank of England.

Castro's present plans are to stay in Berlin until his treatment at Prof. Israel's hands has progressed a little further, then make an excursion to the Riviera or some other salubrious clime in Southern Europe.

After that, unless Venezuela sends him a clarion call to return and take the helm again, he expects to settle down in Berlin. His staff is already looking for a house.

Some sacrilegious joker has suggested the Kaiser might sell him for a country house one of the imperial castles on the Rhine, which will shortly be put up for auction.

C. J. Mickle, of Cheesley, has refused the junior judgeship of Essex County.

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SLAIN BY CHUM IN A MOCK DUEL

Three Young Men Propose a Counterfeit Battle—One Fails To Remove Shells.

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 4.—News has been received in this city of a tragic ending to a merry house party of Oakland young folks at the summer home of Dr. H. P. Carleton, at Ben Lomond, Santa Cruz County, when Thomas N. Ritchie was shot and instantly killed by a truck shot with his chum, Irving Crockett.

The two youths, together with Dr. Knowles, Mrs. Knowles, Miss Knowles and the latter's friend, Miss Dorothy Bridges, of Mill Valley, were guests of Sidney Carleton, son of Dr. Carleton. The party was just coming to an end when one of the three young men proposed a mock duel.

Ritchie emptied the shells from his revolver and young Carleton did the same; but in the confusion of jests and laughter Crockett forgot to unload his revolver.

Went to Death Laughing.
Ritchie and Crockett advanced toward each other, and Ritchie, who was first to snap the trigger of his gun, bantingly said:
"Why don't you shoot?"

Crockett pulled the trigger. There was a loud report as the shell exploded, and Ritchie, raising his arms spasmodically, cried: "I am shot!" and fell to the floor at the feet of Miss Knowles and Miss Bridges. A physician was hastily summoned, but Ritchie had expired, the bullet having penetrated his heart. After an inquest the jury found that Ritchie's death was caused by a gunshot wound inflicted by Irving Crockett, but that the shooting was entirely accidental.

Families Grief-Stricken.
The Ritchie, Crockett and Carleton families, all of Oakland, were grief-stricken by the tragedy. The dead boy's mother, Mrs. Robert F. Ritchie, is the widow of R. F. Ritchie, for many years pastor of St. Paul's Church in this city. Crockett, Ritchie and Carleton had been schoolmates and fraternity associates at the Oakland High School. Crockett had just entered the University of California.

The dead youth was a brother of Robert Ritchie, member of the editorial staff of a New York newspaper, who has been summoned to Oakland by telegraph.

CASTRO'S CANT

Sends Message to New Venezuelan Government on Downfall.

Caracas, Venezuela, Jan. 4.—Conferences between W. I. Buchanan, the special commissioner from the United States, and the Venezuelan government, which have been going on since the fall of the late President Castro, have been interrupted by the news of his overthrow. President Gomez yesterday revoked the decree of May 14, prohibiting the issuance of goods at the destination of Venezuela. Gomez now signs himself officially as president of the republic.

It is feared here in diplomatic quarters that the mission to Europe of Jose de J. Paul, who was foreign minister under President Castro, will result in failure, for the reason that Senor Paul signed all the obnoxious notes issued by Castro. Senor Paul is now on his way to the continent in an effort to compose Venezuela's troubles with Holland and Spain.

There has been another little outbreak in the State of Guario. The governor of this locality, a man named Mendible, and a local politician named Briceño, raided the local arsenal, and is now in the open country with a few followers. The movement is not regarded as serious.

The government has received a dispatch from Cipriano Castro, in Berlin, reading as follows: "I am informed of what has taken place in Caracas. Above mankind is God."

TO LIVE IN BERLIN

Members of Castro's Staff Looking About for Eligible Property.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—Gen. Cipriano Castro, until his recent deposition president of Venezuela, threatens to confer on Berlin the doubtful honor of making his permanent abode. He frequented Prof. Israel to release him from the restraint of hospital life at the beginning of last week, and took up his residence again in the prince's suite of the Hotel Esplanade.

He would have preferred Paris, like his fellow exiles among the South American nabobs, but the cold shoulder that France showed him upon his arrival in Europe has induced the fallen Venezuelan dictator to spend his days and money on this side of the Rhine.

He has remarked that he thinks that is the most effective revenge he can wreak on the churlish French. The ex-president has already ceased to be a novelty in Berlin. If he decides to live here he may count upon a peaceful, undisturbed existence, except so far as the ambitious trades people are concerned. They are determined to separate the late dictator from a slice of the \$10,000,000 which he is said to have stowed away in the Bank of England.

Castro's present plans are to stay in Berlin until his treatment at Prof. Israel's hands has progressed a little further, then make an excursion to the Riviera or some other salubrious clime in Southern Europe.

After that, unless Venezuela sends him a clarion call to return and take the helm again, he expects to settle down in Berlin. His staff is already looking for a house.

Some sacrilegious joker has suggested the Kaiser might sell him for a country house one of the imperial castles on the Rhine, which will shortly be put up for auction.

C. J. Mickle, of Cheesley, has refused the junior judgeship of Essex County.

DYING DEER OPENS RICH VEIN OF GOLD

News of Strike When Brought to Alaska City Starts Rush for New Field.

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 3.—That a big bull moose shot by Oscar T. Nelson, formerly of this city, should, in his dying convulsions, uncover a vein of gold which is estimated to be worth thousands of dollars, is the novel story which comes from Alaska. The truth of the story is vouched for by William C. Nelson, a brother to Oscar, who has recovered the complete details of the discovery of the gold vein through letters from the north.

As the story goes, Nelson, accompanied by Washburn and Johnson, two prospectors, was in the vicinity of Fairbanks Creek when he crossed the trail of two moose, and upon closer examination of the tracks found that one of the animals must be gigantic in stature, as his step when measured was found to be almost six feet in length.

The men immediately laid plans for the capture of the moose, bearing in mind that it must be the famous Ancon bull moose, which was frequently seen on Fairbanks Creek by miners, who had attempted to kill it many times.

Nelson stationed himself on a runway, while Johnson and Washburn took a circuitous route, with the intention of driving the animal within range of Nelson's rifle.

Johnson and Washburn soon jumped the big bull, and he made straight for Nelson, who was lying behind a blind. The big fellow, was not aware of the hunter's presence until with a flying pace out of danger. Nelson fired when he saw the big animal rapidly galloping away, and with the first shot from the rifle the famous Ancon moose toppled over.

When the hunters approached the dead beast they were startled at its size, as the antler spread was a trifle more than seven feet, and the size of its head would do credit to a hippopotamus. The weight of the bull was estimated at 1,200 pounds, as it required three of the men to lift one of the front quarters, and two of them were able to carry one hind quarter but a short distance at a time.

When the moose was being cut into quarters, Nelson discovered that the rock which had been exposed from under a layer of moss torn loose by the convulsions of the dying beast, bore gold in large quantities. The three hunters made a closer investigation of the ore with their magnifying glasses, and immediately staked out a number of claims. The next day they went to Fairbanks to file their claims and have the ore assayed. Nelson stated that the rock bore a large per cent of gold, and when the Fairbanks populace learned the news a miniature rush was started in the direction of the new gold strike.

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BLINDFOLD LEAP TO DEATH

Sensational Exhibition in Theatre Ends in a Tragedy.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—A sensational and dangerous performance which has been given in the palace of varieties here for some weeks past ended fatally last night.

The performer was a Hungarian acrobat named Arvad Felix, and the performance consisted in springing from a ledge on the theatre roof to a long wooden chute placed at an angle of 45 degrees.

For many days Felix arrived safely on the ground, but a few days ago, to make the feat more sensational, still, he began to do it blindfolded. Last night was his thirteenth time blindfolded, and instead of arriving on the chute he struck the edge and fell heavily to the ground.

His injuries were so terrible that he died within a few minutes.

PASSING OF GANS RISE OF NELSON

(Continued From Page Seven.)

Last of all comes the heavyweight division. Just think of it! In the days of Corbett, Sullivan, Fitzsimmons and Peter Jackson, consider where this class would have stood! Now it has absolutely the worst material I can recall—for we cannot take Burns, Johnson, Kaufman, Kublak and others too seriously. Even when material was scarce in the days of Fitzsimmons there was no disputing the fact that he was champion, and a good one. And the cloud of suspicion hanging over many of Burns' bouts has tarnished what might otherwise be an international reputation.

What is really needed in the American ring is the development of some first-class heavyweights. The so-called heavy material is not up to the standard by a good sight. Take the case of

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SAM LOYD'S PUZZLES.

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GRANDFATHER'S AGE PUZZLE.

Johnny Green, the veterinary doctor's son, asked Grandpa if his age could be told from his teeth.

"Certainly," replied Grandpa. "The number of my upper teeth multiplied by the number of my lower teeth, give the number of years, which are 84."

Then the old man floored the fresh kid by asking him to tell, from the facts given, just how many upper and lower teeth he had in stock. Can you tell?

ANSWER TO OFFICE BOY'S PUZZLE, PRINTED SATURDAY:

The calendar in the picture showed that the month was February, 1904, a leap year. The date was the 10th, since the nine days past subtracted from the nineteen days to come, left ten.

THE LOST MILLIONAIRE

BY L. CAMPBELL DAVIDSON.

"I believe it. I have always felt it," he cried out eagerly. "It was my own thing from the first."

"What—that he was still alive?"

"Yes, and that it was one of those blackmaling cases one reads of."

He stood still and whistled softly.

"What made you so sure of that?"

"Oh, because I knew the perambulator hadn't fallen into the river, because of the wheel marks. And the doctor—and the child's scream. I believe firmly that those were true."

"And the fools—the fools think I did it!"

"They are cutting me and turning me out of the club," with a flush on his lowering features. "And I am condemned without a hearing and ostracized!" He hit his mustache savagely and stood behind her chair, a man filled with righteous wrath. "You believe me, darling? It would be hard of you if you didn't! But how is

sorted. She shook her head sorrowfully.

"I must not. I will wait here for you. When you come back with a clean name to offer me, I will be ready for you, Max." And with a sudden passion of resolution, unknown before in all his pleasant, easy-going life, he looked down into the depths of the pure eyes beneath his, and said, with firm lips:

"I will—I will, Violet! I will do it, so help me, God!"

Then as they sat down to the half-cold, over-drawn tea and the thick bread and inferior butter, they talked it all over and over again. He was to go and search, to track down the baby's absconders, and rescue him. She was to stay on here and work. The post at the children's hospital would keep her. He had his two hundred pounds, and he must make that

"Seen" as you didn't ring, miss, I thought perhaps you were ill!" She swept off the tea tray with a glance at Maxwell Suter. It was evident she recognized him, and her toss of the head as she drew the door after her with a foot whose shoe was escaping, showed she held him in light esteem. They talked on even then. It was growing dusk when he got up to go. But it was all settled between them. He was to set out on the quest of the baby. It seemed almost as wild as the quest of the Grail.

He had to give notice to his employers. It stung him to see how they looked when he handed it in. They could not dismiss him on mere gossip, but they showed him plainly by their manner that they were glad to have him go. Burning with indignation, Suter took leave of them, and gave up his rooms. If he had heard the remarks made round Millingford when it was reported that he was going, it would hardly have made him less angry. "Finds the place too hot for him, apparently." "A good thing he's taking himself off; the town's well rid of the scamp."

He left one evening by the mail train for London. Dr. Violet alone saw him off. They paced the long platform waiting for the shriek of the express that was already signaled. She clung fast to his arm. It was a wrench to part. Who knew how long his search might last, or whether it were not a wild-goose one, after all? In her secret heart Violet knew that she could never hold out against him if he wrote in despair at last and gave up the quest. She would never refuse to be his wife, even if his name were still smirched, and he was a pariah in the eyes of his townsmen.

The fierce light, that was like a dragon's eye, came like a pin-spot in the dark distance. "Th' every second it grew and grew. Now, with a roar and a sing along the metals, the long train rushed into the station and stood panting. Their good-bye had come. She was in his arms, tight, tight, for a moment. Then, with his last kiss on her lips, and his last whisper in her ear, she was alone on the platform, fighting smiles to her face and bravely to her eyes. He was in the empty smoking carriage, his head out of the window, his hand waving. Before her hurried heartbeats had time to calm down there came the grim whistle, the shout of the porter, the waving of the green flag of doom. The train shivered and drew a long, panting sigh—another, quickening, and another still. Then, the lighted streak of windows hurried into a long, steady line of shining and the train had gone. She watched the engine spatter the darkness, and the glow from the funnel fade against the sky. Then, when the last glimpse had died from her, she sighed heavily and made her way spiritlessly out from the station and back to her own dreary rooms. He was gone. She had sped him. Surely, surely, there had been no other thing to do! And yet her heart was sad within her. Was it as futile a quest as that for the garden of the Hesperides? Did the little body lie in the depths of the dark, turbulent

river? Was there no millionaire child to find? She shivered and walked on faster. A dreadful vision oppressed her, and she could not shake it off.

Life for Dr. Violet grew dull and dreary after that. She had her work and that kept her busy. She was glad of it. She moved from the faded lodgings to her simple room in the hospital by and by. There she could absorb herself in the children and make herself too busy to be lonely. But she missed her lover dreadfully. Life without him in Millingford was so desolate. But work is the best soothe of sorrow. To immerse herself in the children's hospital and to hold her head high in Millingford were her chief desires. She answered with calm and courage all the impertinent queries that assailed her from every side. Mr. Suter had left Millingford? Oh, yes, certainly. He had gone to try and find the child. He and she were both convinced that the baby was stolen. It was a case of common blackmail. But there was no use in waiting till the thieves were ready to begin bargaining and to make their terms. He had gone to find the baby and bring him back again. Some of her hearers were so staggered by the quiet information that the wind was taken out of their sails and they were left without a reply. But many others smiled sarcastically, and, if they dared, would have told her their mind.

They did not dare. There was that about Dr. Violet that well-bred dignity always insured. No one dared to take a step farther in their relations

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DRAUGHTSMAN SUICIDES

An Employee of Ottawa City Shoots Himself Dead.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—Kal Hilder, a draughtsman in the city engineer's department, committed suicide Saturday afternoon by shooting himself through the head with a 38-calibre revolver.

Two shots were discharged from the weapon, but only one struck him. He left the city around 1 o'clock, going to the vicinity of the golf links, getting off

the car there and ending his life, though why is not known yet. He was probably 35 or 40 years old, leaves a wife and two children, and had been in the city's service for several years. It is alleged that he had been drinking, and he had not been at work for several days.

CHINA'S CREDIT WILL BE IMPAIRED

Mismanagement of \$30,000,000 Railway Fund—Borrowed at High Interest.

Peking, Jan. 3.—In connection with the relinquishment of the Peking-Hankow Railway to China by Belgium, following the payment of a redemption price of \$30,000,000 last Tuesday, China's management of the redemption account for this undertaking has been scathingly criticized by foreign financiers here. On Dec. 15 China was forced to borrow on a 7 per cent, the sum of \$30,000,000, being the deficiency in the redemption loan negotiated in October.

These terms are oppressive, and it will be necessary to make successive loans to replace the deficit.

An effort has been made to avoid the appearance of national responsibility in this undertaking, and it is believed that these experiments in finance will seriously impair China's credit.

The diplomatic representatives of the powers were in consultation yesterday regarding ways and means of meeting China's wishes for an international conference on the subject of raising the maritime customs rates, which are fixed by protocol, and abolishing the 10 per cent, as provided for in the British, American, and Japanese treaties of commerce.

This proposal was submitted to the legations two days ago, and was received favorably.

CUSTOMS REVENUE.

Sir Robert Bredon, director-general of Chinese customs, estimates that in 1908 customs receipts will amount to 22,500,000 taels, showing a decrease from the three preceding years. The reason is principally the reduction of imports, but also over trading during the war; the unlimited coming of copper money, which has tended to reduce the value of the principal ports of the empire, such as Tien Tsin, New Chang and Shanghai.

There possibly will be an increase in exports on account of the low price of silver, but Sir Robert places his expectation of an improvement in 1909 on the hope that the ill-effects of the war trade soon will be remedied.

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Important Change in Canadian Pacific Transcontinental Service.

During the months of January and February the C. P. R. "Imperial Limited" will not run between Montreal and Winnipeg, or between Calgary and Vancouver. This change, which will, however, affect passengers from this district to any considerable extent. The departure time of the northwest express from Toronto is unchanged from 10:15 p.m., daily, there is no change in the fast time made to Winnipeg, and for passengers to Calgary and points east, no wait in that city. Passengers for points west of Calgary and the coast will enjoy a welcome break in their long journey, arriving in Winnipeg at 12:40 p.m., and after an afternoon and evening, in which to see the attractions of the western metropolis, leave for their destinations at 10:45 p.m. This opportunity to explore Winnipeg, the gateway to the Northwest, and famous for its rapid growth and prosperity, will undoubtedly be welcomed by cross-continent travellers. The change takes effect on Jan. 1.

The vagrants admitted at the Chort-ton and Manchester joint workhouses during the week ending Dec. 12 numbered 1,504, compared with 847 in the corresponding week of last year.

A Filthy Condition



Many a man, otherwise scrupulously clean is dandruff dirty. The small persistent germs of dandruff working at day as well as night are constantly throwing off the small white dandruff scales, which falling on the shoulders of a coat gives it a filthy appearance, which is repulsive to the friends of the victim.

Many men allow this condition to exist because they believe there is no cure for dandruff; they have tried various so-called cures with unsatisfactory results and naturally condemn all.

The famous prescription called Parisian Sage is now put up in America, but only by the Groux Mfg. Co. of Buffalo, N. Y. It is for sale in London and Fort Erie, Ont., by W. T. Strong, who guarantees it to cure dandruff in two weeks or money back.

Parisian Sage is guaranteed to do more; it will make short, thin hair grow long, lustrous and luxuriant; it will stop hair from falling out; it will cure all diseases of the scalp. W. T. Strong guarantees it—every bottle of it. The price is only 50 cents, and if you want to stop the filthy dandruff flakes from lodging on your coat and disgusting your friends, get a bottle at once.

How Colds Are Contracted, and Proper Treatment.

An acute catarrh, that is a cold, is always the result of undue exposure to low temperatures. The rapid cooling of the surface, when not balanced by proper reaction, produces congestion and inflammation of the nasal and bronchial membranes. Obviously, such an ailment is not communicable, in the ordinary sense, the slightest "cold" predisposes the individual to attacks of the most severe and dangerous catarrhal affections, the necessity for its quick cure need not be enforced. These facts emphasize the necessity of extra precautionary measures against the ordinary cold. Everyone cannot change his climate at will, but many can make the most of what he has at home. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. It not only cures a cold quickly, but counteracts any tendency of the cold to result in pneumonia. This fact has been fully proven during the epidemics of colds and grip of the past few years. No case of either of these diseases having resulted from pneumonia when this remedy was used has ever been reported to the manufacturers, and thousands of bottles of it are sold every day. It shows conclusively that it is not only the best and quickest cure for colds, but a certain preventive of that dangerous disease, pneumonia.

anybody to make the others see what dots they are? Where's the proof to show me?"

He would not sit down. In despair he got up again and stood.

"Max, look at me. There is one way. I have been thinking and thinking. See I telephoned. There is just one thing. They are all against you. You are on here like this. I will tell you what you are to do."

CHAPTER XIII. Dr. Violet's Plans.

"Well?" He put his arm round her, her eager face turned up to his.

"Yes, only one way. Unless baby found, no one will ever believe you. You will go about branded through our whole life. Find the baby! Go and find him! I am as certain as I stand here that he is alive. Find him and bring him back. They will see then, those wicked, dreadful people, that you don't care for the money, and you had nothing to do with this thing. Bring him back dear. If it takes years and toll and labor, bring him back. He is somewhere. He can be found if you set yourself to do it. There is nothing else to clear your name and make people believe you an honest man. You might live on here all your life and there would still be a cloud over you. You might go to the ends of the earth, and it would cling to you still. Don't you see that nothing will ever set you right with the world—nothing, nothing but bringing back the child?"

"But where am I to look for him? Where the devil is he?"

"You must find that out. He is alive somewhere. You can trace him if you set your whole heart to it. Max, there is no other way!"

He stood and looked down at her, enshrined by his arm. At her sweet, strong face, her clear, tender eyes, her flushed forehead, He felt her within his clasp.

"And you?" he asked. "You? What are you to become of you? Will you marry me and come with me on this forlorn hope?"

For an instant she was tempted sorely—oh, how sorely—to go with him, to urge him when he flagged, to help him. But common sense came back again. If she were with him he would be content; he would leave his name unclouded, his good fame un-

do. When he came back victorious—ah! but they must not talk about that! It weakened him in his resolution and she saw it.

"I am here, Max—always here—and always thinking of you, you know. That will make you try your hardest, won't it—the knowing that when you've done it you and I will be together all our lives? Think of the baby! The poor, poor little baby! How does one know how he is, and whether they are good to him?"

"Oh, if they took him to make money out of him, they'll look after him well enough! You may make your mind easy over that!" This was common sense, and she saw it. A man's view was always practical. It was valuable for that.

By the time they had talked it over, and again talked over it, he had begun to take her feeling on it. That undeniable proof of the perambulator marks, and the absence of any trace of the child and nurse and carriage. The witness of the laborer as to the motor and the cry of a child. He gave that voluntarily, before there had been any stir about the accident. If he took it back afterward, what had made him recall it? It made something to go on. There must be a search after a motor, and there was something to be done with the nurse. Dr. Violet remembered to have heard her say that she came from Reading. Maxwell might begin at Reading. He could trace her people, perhaps, from her name, and find out from them something. At least, it was one of their few hopes. They talked on till the landlady came bounding in wrathfully.

She was alone on the platform, fighting smiles to her face.



(To Be Continued.)

KEEP KITCHENER FROM WAR OFFICE

This Seems To Be England's Plan When His Term Expires in India.

London, Jan. 2.—English officialdom is worried to decide what to do with Gen. Lord Kitchener when his term as commander of the British military forces in India expires next year. His lordship's own idea was that he was slated for a big job in the war office. This seemed so natural a place to put him that it was all but announced on Government authority some time ago that he would get what he wanted.

The war office heard, only just in time, what was threatened. Such a galloping of functionaries to others higher up, of prayerful and almost tearful interviews with cabinet ministers, such a multitude of conferences, such a pulling of strings and fusing with wires.

"In the name of humanity, of mercy, of precedent," under the war office in chorus, "don't send that monster here!"

The outcry was natural enough. The war office has been known for generations as the great asylum for high-born incompetents and idlers from all over England.

Whenever his impetuosity has rendered it necessary to provide for some utterly worthless individual whose family connections made it undesirable to leave him to starve, a vacancy has always been found in the war office. Kitchener is not only the most strenuous officer in the English army, but about the most strenuous in English military history. He is utterly regardless of hereditary position, a woman-hater, impervious to petticoat influence.

He is abusive, too. The things he is credited with having said at various times to offending subordinates would not do at all for publication. It looks as if the inmates of the war office are going to keep him out.

Otherwise why the semi-official announcement that he is to be made a field marshal and put to work on a plan for concentrating all the empire's land forces—home and colonial—on a single spot in the event of a war great enough to need them bunched together in one big army.

It is a plan that it is hoped will still be kept apart from "dark rooms," specially set apart for drunkards of both sexes, who are left there without light or fire till they are sobered down. On the first floor the grand old man is shown the sleeping accommodations provided for applicants who could pay only a couple of sous. For this sum they had a right to stretch themselves on the straw-strewn floor and to remain there till 4 o'clock in the morning.

When they left the hospital "chalet" in quest of an odd job at the central markets, or something of a less reputable description. Before leaving this haunt Detective Jaume relates that a liberal contribution of tobacco and beer were made of "ladies" in the establishment being treated to cherry brandy or some such delicacy.

Toward daybreak the nocturnal rambler was led by Detective Jaume in the direction of the central markets, where a number of infamous, horrible dens used to exist. In the underground regions, which have now been swept away. After a brief stay at these disreputable dens the nocturnal expeditions were brought to a close by a halt at the "Monkey's Island," situated not far from the Gobelins and just behind the Boulevard Arago.

Visited Bad Holes.

In the undertaking to pilot the grad ducs through the haunts of misery, vice and crime all requisite precautions were taken, says M. Jaume, to protect them not only from personal harm, but from any too unpleasant adventure. In point of fact, he remarks, in the dens frequented by Apaches, prostitutes, night prowlers and the like, it sufficed to be known the police were escorting the visitors to insure them being treated with respect. Men and women with villainous, scowling faces would surge around the grand ducs, but merely to beg for tobacco, cigarettes or a franc to spend on drink.

In the present day, with modern changes and modern improvements several of the haunts visited by Duc Alexis and his companions have been swept away or so completely transformed as to have lost all their former characteristics. The Pere Luminet, for instance, is the very incarnation of desolation. The foreign tourist of high degree no longer visits it.

GOMPERS GRATEFUL

He Thanks the Many Senders of Messages of Sympathy.

New York, Jan. 4.—At a meeting today of Central Federated Union there was read a letter which had been received from Samuel Gompers, in which the president of the Federation of Labor comments for the first time on the prison sentence imposed upon him for alleged contempt of court. Mr. Gompers' letter read in part as follows:

"Permit me to thank you for your message. Many other friends, fellow-workers and sympathizers in all walks of life also have telegraphed and written me, and from the many communications of this character which have been sent to me, I believe I am right in saying the great mass of the liberty-loving American people are with John Mitchell, Frank Morrison and me at this critical time in the effort we have made and are making to maintain the principles of justice and right, and the constitutional guarantee of the freedom of speech and of the press.

"Under the circumstances, and in view of my duties, you will realize the impossibility of my dealing more fully with this subject in this communication."

EXETER JOTTINGS.

Exeter, Jan. 2.—The closing week of the Crossley-Hunter evangelistic services, in connection with the Methodist churches of this place, was marked by great success. The audiences were (if possible), larger than ever, many persons being unable to gain admittance. On Sunday some 200 converts united with the churches. "The Dance" was the topic for Monday night and Mr. Hunter handled the subject without gloves. The farewell service Tuesday evening was a record-breaker. Over 600 people have gone forward to the altar during the four weeks, and much good has been accomplished. The evangelists will next go to Lansing, Mich.

Millionaires Eat Grape-Nuts

It has helped some of them make their money.

"THERE'S A REASON"

ALEXIS FOND OF VISITING SLUMS

Party of "Grand Ducs," Which He Led, Saw Paris by Night.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The death of the Grand Duc Alexis recalls the famous "Tournée des Grand Ducs," of which the deceased was a leading figure. For years past "Duc Alexis," as Parisians called him, was a constant visitor to this city. He delighted to roam about the Latin quarter, or in the hilly streets of Montmartre, and even in more disreputable districts of the capital, which he, with other aristocratic companions, first visited under the protection of French detectives.

That takes one back a good many years, as Detective Jaume remarked to a press representative to whom he confided his recollections of those nocturnal rambles about Paris slums, ultimately popularized under the name "La Tournée des Grand Ducs." Rossignol, as famous a member of the "French police" as Jaume, is now living a retired life in the country village where he was born, but Jaume, though no longer in active service, can not tear himself away from Paris, its mysteries and crimes.

Reverting to the past, he related how the historic "Tournée des Grand Ducs" commenced with an exquisite supper chez Laperouse, Quai des Grands Augustins. Thence the whole party went to the notorious Chateau Rouge, in the Rue Gaidan, one of the most dangerous slums in Paris. The aristocratic visitors, under the protection of Jaume and a colleague or two, were introduced into the various dens composing the Chateau Rouge, which, despite its pompous name, is in reality a lodging-house of the lowest class, and the professed haunt of night prowlers and criminals.

Dark Room for Inebriates.

There was at that time, as there still is, the "dark room," specially set apart for drunkards of both sexes, who are left there without light or fire till they are sobered down. On the first floor the grand old man is shown the sleeping accommodations provided for applicants who could pay only a couple of sous. For this sum they had a right to stretch themselves on the straw-strewn floor and to remain there till 4 o'clock in the morning.

When they left the hospital "chalet" in quest of an odd job at the central markets, or something of a less reputable description. Before leaving this haunt Detective Jaume relates that a liberal contribution of tobacco and beer were made of "ladies" in the establishment being treated to cherry brandy or some such delicacy.

Toward daybreak the nocturnal rambler was led by Detective Jaume in the direction of the central markets, where a number of infamous, horrible dens used to exist. In the underground regions, which have now been swept away. After a brief stay at these disreputable dens the nocturnal expeditions were brought to a close by a halt at the "Monkey's Island," situated not far from the Gobelins and just behind the Boulevard Arago.

Visited Bad Holes.

In the undertaking to pilot the grad ducs through the haunts of misery, vice and crime all requisite precautions were taken, says M. Jaume, to protect them not only from personal harm, but from any too unpleasant adventure. In point of fact, he remarks, in the dens frequented by Apaches, prostitutes, night prowlers and the like, it sufficed to be known the police were escorting the visitors to insure them being treated with respect. Men and women with villainous, scowling faces would surge around the grand ducs, but merely to beg for tobacco, cigarettes or a franc to spend on drink.

In the present day, with modern changes and modern improvements several of the haunts visited by Duc Alexis and his companions have been swept away or so completely transformed as to have lost all their former characteristics. The Pere Luminet, for instance, is the very incarnation of desolation. The foreign tourist of high degree no longer visits it.

GOMPERS GRATEFUL

He Thanks the Many Senders of Messages of Sympathy.

New York, Jan. 4.—At a meeting today of Central Federated Union there was read a letter which had been received from Samuel Gompers, in which the president of the Federation of Labor comments for the first time on the prison sentence imposed upon him for alleged contempt of court. Mr. Gompers' letter read in part as follows:

"Permit me to thank you for your message. Many other friends, fellow-workers and sympathizers in all walks of life also have telegraphed and written me, and from the many communications of this character which have been sent to me, I believe I am right in saying the great mass of the liberty-loving American people are with John Mitchell, Frank Morrison and me at this critical time in the effort we have made and are making to maintain the principles of justice and right, and the constitutional guarantee of the freedom of speech and of the press.

"Under the circumstances, and in view of my duties, you will realize the impossibility of my dealing more fully with this subject in this communication."

RUSSIAN CENSOR TAKES DAY OFF

Czar's Minister to Persia Makes Un diplomatic Statement—England Aroused.

London, Jan. 2.—The St. Petersburg censor took the day off apparently, when Minister Hartwig, Russia's diplomatic representative at Teheran, got back to the czar's capital on leave of absence recently. The minister was in a talkative mood.

What the minister said a correspondent wrote, and the censor allowed to get out of the country. A commotion has been stirred up as a consequence in England that promises to precipitate the long-threatened Anglo-Russian clash over the Persian situation in very short order.

Both England and Russia would like to gain control over Persia. Internal disorders have made it possible recently for either one of them to interfere in the Shah's affairs any time, under pretense of keeping the peace, and then to hang on to the country.

Finally they agreed to maintain order jointly, so that each would watch the other. Both promised to take no unfair advantages. England professes to have kept its part of the bargain. Russia has accused of encouraging the Shah to do indirect things calculated to start a rebellion which would give the czar an opportunity for a "grab." Russia being nearer to the scene of action than England, and consequently better able to rush troops there in a hurry.

The man most suspected of misadvising the Shah was Col. Liakhoff, a Russian officer, who commands the Persian Cossacks, and practically runs the entire army.

Suspicious people said Liakhoff was at Teheran as the czar's emissary. The czar said he was there in his individual capacity. The English cabinet accepted this assurance. The suspicious people suggested that the czar recall Liakhoff to Russia as an evidence of good faith. The czar ignored the suggestion. So did the English cabinet.

Now Minister Hartwig announces. Though the correspondent who visited him in St. Petersburg, that the colonel is a Russian military agent, that he takes orders from the commander of the czar's Cossacks, and that he is doing things which do not please the czar.

Minister Hartwig didn't like this arrangement. It interfered with his own diplomatic negotiations, and it was in the form of a complaint that he told it. The newspapers are full over it, and numerous members of Parliament are asking questions they expect to ask Foreign Minister Grey concerning the Persian situation.

WHITFIELD—CAMPBELL

Melbourne Lady Becomes the Bride of a Detroit.

The marriage of Mr. Daniel Whitfield, of Detroit, to Miss Agnes Marie Campbell, of Melbourne, was celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Campbell, on the evening of Dec. 31, Rev. T. R. Shearer officiating. Miss Estelle Shivers, of Sterling, Mich., a cousin of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. Jesse Whitfield, a brother of the groom, was best man.

The bridal party entered the drawing-room to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by the bride's brother, Ernest, the bride, wearing a gown of white satin, and the groom, in a tuxedo, carried the bride down the aisle. The ceremony was performed beneath the American and Canadian flags. The happy couple were the recipients of many costly presents.

Following the ceremony, the guests sat down to an elegant repast, after which Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield left for eastern points. The bride's travelling suit was Persian Plumb ladies' broadcloth, with hat to match.

CRUSADE AGAINST HATPIN

Series of Serious Accidents Due to Ornament in Berlin.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—A campaign against the murderous hatpin has been instituted by the newspapers of Berlin in view of a series of accidents which have already occurred during the busy period of Christmas shopping.

Numbers of more or less serious injuries have been caused by these dangerous implements protruding from the huge hats of fashionable women. Last Sunday a woman was permanently blinded in one eye when taking part in a rush at a "bargain sale."

Two days later a lift attendant at a neighboring shop had his face so badly injured that it was necessary to take him to hospital. Many cases of scratched faces are reported from many quarters.

The newspapers remind women that they are liable to punishment for wounds thus inflicted, and urge them to use guards on the points of their hatpins.

OLDEST DIVER DEAD.

Detroit, Jan. 2.—Peter Boyd, aged 91, the oldest diver on the great lakes, is dead. Boyd was born in Montreal, and when 19 years of age entered the employment of the Canadian Government as a diver, and gained recognition for his daring work. After he severed his connection with the Government, and when over 50 years of age, he was called upon to recover a chest of very valuable papers from a sunken vessel in the rapids near Montreal, but was warned of the danger of the undertaking. He prepared, however, to go down, and was almost ready to do so when a sudden storm broke and he was rescued. He lived for several months after, but his health had declined steadily. He lost two sons through diving.

THE GOODERHAMS SAFE.

Toronto, Jan. 2.—Letter and postcard, dated Naples, Rome and Genoa, have received from Miss Grace Gooderham, who with Mrs. C. H. Gooderham and Mr. H. F. Gooderham, is touring Italy, showing that the party is northward bound and entirely removed from the earthquake zone.

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Rich black, heavy nap satin, 23 inches wide. Satins will be more in favor for the coming season than for many years.

Cream Mohairs, Silk Finished

Rich Silk-Finished Cream Mohairs, with new crescent, diamond and floral patterns, 44 inches wide. Regular \$1.25 a yard. January clearing sale price, per yard 69c

Cream Serges, All Wool

Regular 50c and 60c All-Wool Cream Serges, unshrinkable, 42 and 44 inches wide. Special January clearing sale price, per yard 39c

Pictorial Fashion Sheets for February ready for distribution.

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HIDDEN DANGERS

Uric acid is deadly poison that is produced in the human body, and it is the duty of the kidneys to collect this poison from the blood and to pass it safely out of the system, together with all waste matter.

It is the presence in the body of an excess of uric acid that causes so much pain and suffering, and so many of the aches that are commonly attributed to rheumatism.

The kidneys are bean-shaped organs composed of masses of little tubes, all of which pour their secretions into the main channel that leads to the bladder. In this way the kidneys pass off more than an ounce of poison every day when in health.

But it does not take much to set the kidneys back, and when they get behind they cannot right themselves, without help. The uric acid begins to clog the kidneys, causing that dull, heavy, aching in the back, and sharp twinges when stooping or lifting. It crystallizes in the muscles and joints, and every turn or twist brings keenest torture. It attacks the nerves with neuralgia and sciatica. It brings headaches, dizziness, languor and disorders of the urine.

London Testimony.

Mr. Ira Etcher, 309 Dundas street, London, Ont., says:

"For months I have suffered from a kidney complaint, which gave me much pain and annoyance. I used Booth's Kidney Pills procured at the drug store of W. T. Strong, and I am pleased to say that after a few weeks' treatment I was cured, and I give Booth's Kidney Pills a hearty endorsement. The ailments that I was cured of were hard, dull, persistent headaches, pains through my limbs, loins and over the kidney regions. My back was weak, sore and lame. When I caught cold it would settle in my kidneys, and it was exceedingly hard for me to stoop, bend over, or lift."

BOOTH'S KIDNEY PILLS

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WANTED PROTECTION.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 2.—Accompanied by his predecessor, Alexander Bartlett, Magistrate G. J. Leggett, yesterday presided at police court for the first time. The first case that came before him was that of John McDonald, an aged man who sought refuge with the police, whom the immigration official prevented from crossing to Detroit. The man was arraigned as a vagrant, and remanded to jail to await the result of efforts that are being made to get him across the border.

LOST IN BLIZZARD.

Windsor, Jan. 2.—A dispatch from Frohisher, Sask., says Arnold Schmeidler was found alongside the railway track, frozen to death. He had been working on the Oxbow bridge, and apparently had been overcome by exhaustion in a blizzard trying to reach home.

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NO WOMAN CAN BE STRONG AND HEALTHY UNLESS THE KIDNEYS ARE WELL.

When the kidneys are ill, the whole body is ill, for the poisons which the kidneys ought to filter out of the blood are left in the system. Then how important it must be to see to it that this system of sewerage be not clogged up. Those who have never been troubled with kidney trouble know not the misery and suffering which those afflicted undergo.

Doan's Kidney Pills are a specific for all kidney troubles. They begin by healing the delicate membranes of the kidneys and thus make their action regular and natural. They help the kidneys to flush off all the acid and poisonous impurities which have collected, thus clearing out the kidneys, bladder and all the urinary passages.

Doan's Kidney Pills are entirely vegetable, and may be safely taken by young and old.

Let Doan's Kidney Pills do for you what they have done for thousands of others, that is, cure you.

Mrs. M. Bryanton, Spring Valley, P. E. I., writes: "I was troubled with my kidneys for two years. They were so bad at times I could not get the floor for the pain. I tried a doctor but he did me no good at all. I went to my nearest drugist and got four boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, and I am glad to say that after taking them I have had no more trouble for nearly three years now."

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HAPPENINGS OF A DAY IN BUSY EAST LONDON.

159 MEN ON THE PAY ROLL

ran 4 Trunk Car Shops Opened Up Again This Morning.

The Grand Trunk car shops opened up again this morning with 159 men on the pay roll. They will be employed eight hours a day, and the prospects for a bright future are excellent.

Speaking of the matter today, Superintendent Thomas Treleven stated that there is now plenty of work, and that the men will be kept on steadily. There are several hundred crippled cars at present in the yards, and if any change in the staff takes place it will be enlarged.

Mr. Treleven has been looking for an order to increase the number of hands for some time, but the company has endeavored to keep the expenses down.

By spring it is thought that everything will be in full swing again. Other factories report a boom in business and a gradual "pick up" in financial circles is noticeable.

A SPECIAL MISSION FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL

Rev. Mr. Hazen's Sermon in the Centennial Methodist Church.

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom," was the text of a New Year's sermon preached by Rev. G. N. Hazen at the Centennial Methodist Church Sunday morning. He spoke of the sad and stately beauty of the palm which dwells with eternity and the transiency of human life.

Mr. Hazen stated that many people say that as life is so short that they might as well spend it in merry-making while it lasts, whereas on this life depends eternal destiny. Life must be spent properly, as God has a special mission for each individual, and because the influence for good or bad lives after it.

SUNDAY STREET CARS VERSUS GOLDEN RULE

What May Be Advisable in Crowded Cities, Not Necessary Here.

In dealing with the Sunday street car question last evening, in Adelaide Street Baptist Church, Rev. T. E. Shields took for his text the "Golden Rule," as laid down in Matt. vii, 12. He would not, as some exponents did, characterize all those who favored Sunday cars as non-Christians. Certain work had to be done on the Lord's Day, but what is necessary Sunday work in one place may be unnecessary in another. He argued that there was no real need for Sunday cars in London. "Out of 177 London street car men, 105 were opposed to Sunday cars," he said, "and we had no right to take their day of rest from them. Vote," the preacher said, in conclusion, "to let your fellow-citizen enjoy his only day of rest (for street car men work hard when others are enjoying public holidays). Let us give the other man a chance."

MISS MOCKLER INJURED.

While skating at an east end rink on Friday afternoon, Miss Teresa Mockler, of 654 York street, fell, receiving injuries to her leg which necessitated her removal to her home in a hack. The young lady was carried to the office and fainting. She will be confined to her home for some time.

MR. W. B. STEWART INJURED.

Mr. W. B. Stewart, of 759 Dundas street, is now confined to his room as a result of injuries received last week while boarding a street car. His foot slipped, and his leg received a nasty cut by coming in contact with the step of the car. The injured part became inflamed, and symptoms of blood poisoning set in. Dr. Seaborn was called in, and dressed the injured part. The dangerous symptoms are now averted, but it will be some time yet, before Mr. Stewart will be able to be out again.

VOTING IN EAST END WAS VERY SLOW

Less Than Forty Votes in Some Subdivisions Up to Noon.

The voting in the east end today was very slow. In some subdivisions less than forty votes had been recorded, the east end hall booth probably leading at noon, with seventy ballots cast.

It is claimed at this subdivision that Sunday cars are leading over two to one, while in others it is very close. A few rigs were brought out by both sides, but the men who manned the divisions did not, in the majority of cases, know where to send them.

A prominent east end minister stated to The Advertiser this morning that it appeared like a victory for Sunday cars in the district surrounding his church.

SAID THAT HOCKEY LEAGUE IS "BUSTED"

New Organization May Be Formed of Men in East End.

It is understood that the Hockey League organized some months ago by a number of young men residing in the east end, has gone under, and the man-

DEFECTIVE DRAW-BAR STALLED A CAR

Slight Accident on the G. T. R. Friday Evening.

Considerable trouble was caused on the Ottawa line on Friday about 8 o'clock, when car No. 90 was "stalled" at the Rectory street crossing of the Grand Trunk for about twenty minutes, owing to the fact that a draw-bar had pulled out of a car in a lengthy freight train.

The freight crew found it impossible to remove the train from the crossing owing to the mishap, and the services of a yard engine were necessary.

In the meantime the whole Ottawa line was tied up, as the street railway crews have strict orders not to pass the crossing points until the car running in the opposite direction has passed.

FREIGHT BUSINESS IS ON THE INCREASE

G. T. R. Local Yards Statement Shows This To Be True.

The statement of the number of freight cars handled in the local yards of the Grand Trunk during the month of December shows an increase of 860, as compared with the same month of 1907.

In December, 1907, 20,266 freight cars were handled, whereas the number for the month just ended was 21,126. The increase for the past year has been phenomenal, business growing with each month.

Over 6,000 more cars were handled in 1908 than in 1907. Prosperity is apparently returning.

HORNER-ROSS

Popular Couple Wedded in the East End.

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Friday morning at the Memorial Church, when Miss Elizabeth Ross, of Dundas street east, was married to Mr. Hugh Horner, of St. James street.

The happy couple were unattended, a few friends alone witnessing the ceremony. Rev. Canon Hague tied the nuptial knot.

Mr. and Mrs. Horner will reside in this city.

FUNERAL OF MR.

GEORGE NELSON

Was Held This Morning From the Family Residence to St. Peter's Cemetery.

The funeral of George Nelson was held this morning from the family residence, 1050 Francis street, to St. Mary's Church. Requiem high mass was sung at 9 o'clock by Rev. Father Tobin. The bearers were Messrs. George McCullough, A. Bragge, Borland, J. T. Collier (Hamilton), W. Keough, Alex. Grant. Interment was made at St. Peter's Cemetery.

Mr. Nelson, who was a former Londoner, died in Hamilton on Friday last. He left this city with the Tuckett Cigar Company.

EAST END NOTES.

At the King Street Presbyterian Church yesterday morning, Rev. James Rollins began a series of sermons on the Sermon on the Mount. Mr. Rollins will continue the series at the Sunday morning services.

Mr. Rollins, 664 Horton street, returned home last week from Victoria Hospital, after undergoing an operation, and is recovering slowly.

The east end is apparently to experience another building boom during the coming year. During the past week Mr. W. G. Howlett, of Langarth street, signed contracts to erect 21 brick cottages for Messrs. Henry Poole and Lynn.

The houses will all be erected in the east end. While it is understood that they will be scattered throughout the southeast section.

The east end is building up rapidly and real estate in that section has experienced a decided boom within the past couple of years. Vacancies are scarce within the city limits, and houses are plentiful within a mile of Egerton street.

Mr. John Cochrane, of Hamilton, has returned home after spending a few days with his parents on Hamilton road east.

Mrs. Colbert and daughter Margaret, of Lyle street, has returned to this city from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Effingham, of Stratford.

FINISHES TERM, IS AGAIN ARRESTED

Ernest Neville's Troubles Are Multiplied.

Ernest Neville, who was released today at the conclusion of his three months' imprisonment on the charge of fraud, was again arrested in Governor Carter's office on another charge of fraud, filed against him in Woodstock. He will be retained until an officer from Woodstock comes to remove him to that place. Neville was visibly affected at this unexpected turn of events. He was to have returned to his home in Woodstock today, and his wife had been advised that his term was up and would be waiting for him at the station.

One of the best pictures ever offered at Bennett's will be shown today. "A Noble Negro" a very fine animated view, showing the many hardships existing in the gold and diamond regions.

The Lorne Avenue School Reopened

Lorne avenue school opened this morning with a good attendance of pupils.

Early last summer the board of education determined to reconstruct the Lorne avenue school, to furnish room for the increasing number of scholars from that section.

It was expected that the work would be finished in time for the fall term, but it was delayed. Four of the rooms were opened in October and the rest today.

All the teachers lately appointed to

the staff have arrived and commenced work this morning. There is one exception, Mr. M. L. McCone, of Brantford, who will commence his duties on Feb. 1.

"There is a good attendance of pupils throughout the city," said Inspector Edwards. "This is particularly true of Lorne avenue, which was opened this morning. I was much pleased with the large attendance there, although some of the children did not know of the school being opened."

The Artesian Well Attracts Citizens

The artesian well on Horton street was visited by hundreds of visitors on Sunday.

From early morning until dark, there was a steady stream of people on their way to see it.

It was not in operation, however, owing to the fact that Contractor Peat did not care to run foul of the Lord's Day act.

However, the visitors looked the well over, saw the bed of the stream of water to the river, and studied the question from every angle.

Contractor Peat will commence work on the other wells immediately. It is expected that they will be 14-inch wells, instead of 12-inch, as was first intended. This will give an increased capacity to each well, and will add greatly to the total amount of water obtained.

Mother's Good Work Saved Child

The presence of mind of Mrs. Jennie Walton, 89 High street, alone saved her 12-year-old daughter Margaret from serious injuries by burning on Saturday afternoon.

Some stove polish she was using on the stove became ignited, setting fire to her clothing.

Mrs. Walton tore the clothes off the child, and extinguished the blaze with an Excelsior fire extinguisher. The little girl asked her mother if she could polish the stove and was given permission to do so. It was thought that the fire had been extinguished.

Customs Receipts for November Last

The customs returns for December totaled \$59,337 65, as against \$72,919 90 in December, 1907, a decrease of \$13,582 25. The inland revenue returns for last month amounted to \$27,286 47, as compared with \$32,200 68 for the same period last year, showing a decrease of \$4,914 21. The items were as follows:

Spirits, ex-warehouse \$ 2,287 17
Malt, ex-warehouse 4,478 66
Raw leaf, ex-warehouse 10,688 40
Cigars, ex-factory 3,574 06
Cigars, ex-warehouse 1,955 18
\$27,286 47

Alleged Gamblers Were Arrested

Six Celestials Hauled Into Court

All Were, However, Promptly Discharged by Police Magistrate Love.

There was a sound of jubilation this morning when the police captured the alleged gamblers. Six Chinese men, who had assembled in the police court when after hearing the evidence against Charlie Goo and Pong Yang, Magistrate Love declared he could not find them guilty of keeping a gambling house, and dismissed the case.

The Celestials crowded around Mr. Gowan, who had defended them, and showed their appreciation of his efforts in broad smiles and much wagging of jaws.

The Case.

Charley Goo, Pong Yang and four other Chinese were arrested in a raid conducted on the laundry of Wing Long at 359 Clarence street last night.

Sergeant Birrell and Sergeant Down conducted it, and seized a big box containing dominoes and a tin box containing \$2 85 cash.

Charley Goo, who speaks excellent English, was the principal witness for the defense, and stated that after the recent raid, when Lee Sing Gong was found guilty of playing fan tan, the game had been discontinued. Yesterday, he said, the Chinamen were playing dominoes to pass away the time. He had gone out and when he came back had found the box with the \$2 85 in it, and it was explained to him that the other Chinamen, in view of the approaching Chinese New Year, had agreed to play for five cents a game until they got \$5, when they would devote it to a supper at a local restaurant in honor of the New Year.

Goo denied absolutely that there had been any raffle. After hearing the evidence, Magistrate Love dismissed the case.

Had Steel Knuckles.

Thomas Delay, a drunk, who was arrested on Saturday evening, when arrested was found to have a set of steel knuckles in his pockets, and for carrying concealed weapons and for being drunk, was fined \$7 50.

Frank Cody, arrested for trespassing on the C. P. R., was fined \$3 00. John Brazier, a vagr, fined \$1, preferred to go down for three months.

Mary Cuthbertson, arrested recently in Woodstock for being insane, has been brought to the county jail, and will be examined as to her sanity. She did not appear this morning.

Nearly Perished From Charcoal Fumes

While lighting a fire with charcoal on Friday evening last, Stanley Wright and Stewart Robinson, of 288 William street, were overcome by the fumes and had a narrow escape from death. One of the other members of the family happened down to come in, and found both the young men unconscious. They were taken into the fresh air, and after some difficulty were brought around. While still suffering considerably from the effects of the gas they are now in no danger.

Shortly after 4 o'clock the two young men went into the kitchen. Neither was familiar with the dampers of the stove, but got the charcoal ready and started the fire. As the dampers were caused some trouble, they worked over the stove for a few minutes, inhaling the gas. Being overcome by the fumes, they sat down and in a moment lapsed into unconsciousness.

Another member of the family happened down to see what was wrong, and found the two young men lying on the floor. She suspected what was wrong, opened all the doors and windows and commenced to resuscitate Wright and Robinson.

LONDON WILL HELP STRICKEN

(Continued from Page One.)

Francesco Fenech 25 00
The Peoples Building and Loan Association 25 00
J. Dembra 20 00
Chera family 20 00
Dom. Casullo 10 00
E. Cortese 10 00
B. Lidoti 5 00
Bart Lidoti 5 00
A. Liccardo 5 00
E. Sansone 5 00
D. Amare 5 00
R. Mascari 5 00
A. Cappadana 5 00
F. Casullo 5 00
F. Ernesto and F. Furama 5 00
G. Benenati 3 00
St. George's Royal Arch Chapter 10 00
Dan Ferguson 10 00
D. A. Stewart 10 00
F. Favalaro 2 00
A. C. Cortese 5 00
Frank Lombardo 5 00
Philip Pocock 5 00
W. L. Laabrook 5 00
G. Marilio 5 00
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Southcott & Kettle 10 00
Richard Cour Richard Cour 10 00
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G. Briglio 10 00
A. C. Guidice 5 00
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M. Cafarella 2 00
G. Nicol 2 00
Mrs. M. Paladino 5 00
Lui Paladino 5 00
Benenati family 5 00
J. J. Darch 2 00
W. J. Smith 2 00

G. Ferguson 2 00
Elliott, Marr & Co. 5 00
The Murray Shoe Company 5 00
J. R. Mitchell 2 00
A. West 5 0
R. B. Bland 1 00
Grand total \$70425

THORNTON HAINS TAKES THE STAND

Brother of Slayer of Annis a Witness in His Own Defense.

Flushing, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Thornton Jenkins Hains took the witness-stand in his own defense of the charge that he was a principal with his brother, Capt. Peter C. Hains, and in a snappy manner, related under counsel's interrogations the story of his life and Capt. Hains' marital misfortunes that led to the slaying of Annis. Thornton Hains replied to counsel's questions with a clearness and rapidity of expression that caused the court stenographers no little work to keep pace with the testimony. Sometimes the defendant's answers before the district attorney could answer his objections to the line of interrogation.

The defendant told of his early life, and of his sea-faring career, and then hurried quickly over the track of time that brought him to May 31, the day of Mrs. Claudia Hains' confession. He had told of the sudden appearance of Capt. Hains in his home, and of the excitement that the army officer was laboring under because of what his wife had told him concerning Annis, when recs was taken.

The early part of the morning session was occupied with the conclusion of the cross examination of Gen. Peter C. Hains.

PALL MALL ST. MAN HAD A CLOSE CALL

William Reeves Got Off a Car a Little Too Soon.

Mr. Wm. Reeves, of Pall Mall street, had a close call from being seriously hurt on Saturday evening, while alighting from a belt line car.

Mr. Reeves got off the car before it stopped, and hung on to the railing. He lost his balance and was dragged several feet, sustaining a number of bruises and a severe wrench to his arm. The injuries will not result at all seriously.

Local Items

—Dr. Fred L. Beer, of Carlyle, Sask., and Dr. E. C. Beer, of Brandon, Man., who have been visiting their parents on St. James street, have returned to their homes.

—Mr. Vivian Reeves, jun., who has been with R. C. Struhs & Co. for the past few years, leaves this evening to take a position with his brother-in-law, Mr. Fred Eveleigh, the trunk manufacturer, of Montreal.

Late Robert Quick.

The funeral of Robert Quick was held this afternoon from his late residence, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816,

DAIRY MARKETS

CHICAGO.
Chicago, Jan. 2.—Butter—Steady; cream-
eries, 22c to 23c; dairies, 21c to 22c.
Cheese—10c to 11c.
NEW YORK.
New York, Jan. 2.—Butter—Firm and
unchanged; receipts, 5,312 packages.
Cheese—Firm; state full cream, specials,
14c to 14 1/2c; receipts, 1,000 boxes.

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LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.
London, Jan. 2.—Canadian cattle are
unchanged, at 12c to 12 1/2c per lb; refriger-
ated beef, 9 1/2c to 10 1/2c per lb.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
Toronto, Jan. 4.—Fifty loads of cattle
were offered at the Toronto cattle
market (the stock yards) this morning.

There was little change in
prices, which ran as follows:
Export cattle, per cwt., \$5 15 to \$5 20
Good butchers' cattle, 4 00 to 4 25
Good bulls, 4 00 to 4 25
Common bulls, 2 50 to 3 75
Good cows, 2 50 to 3 75
Medium cows, 2 50 to 3 75
Lamb, cwt., 2 50 to 3 00
Sheep, cwt., 2 40 to 2 60

CHICAGO.
Chicago, Jan. 4.—Cattle—Receipts, 37,000;
10c to 12c lower; beefs, \$3 90 to \$7 00;
Tops, \$2 50 to \$3 00; calves, \$3 75 to \$5 00;
cows and heifers, \$1 75 to \$5; calves, \$7 50
to \$8 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 38,000; steady to strong;
light, \$5 20 to \$5 35; mixed, \$5 10 to \$5 15;
heavy, \$5 05 to \$5 20; roughs, \$5 05 to \$5 10;
good to choice heavy, \$5 30 to \$5 35; pigs,
\$4 25 to \$5 30; bulk of sales, \$5 to \$5 10.
Sheep—Receipts, 26,000; steady to 10c
lower; natives, \$2 75 to \$3 25; westerns,
\$2 90 to \$3 15; yearlings, \$3 40 to \$3 75;
lamb, natives, \$4 50 to \$7 75; westerns,
\$4 75 to \$7 75.

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PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.
Toronto, Jan. 4.—The grain market
opened after the holiday with rather a
strong tone and business active.
Wheat—Ontario No. 2 white, 50c to 51c;
No. 2 red, 49c to 50c; No. 2 mixed, 48c to
49c; Manitoba wheat, spot, No. 1 northern,
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