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FR. HAND BISHOP OF LONDON
CONSECRATION IN JANUARYSemi-Official Announcement of the Appointing of a Successor to
His Grace Archbishop McEvay—May Be Some Important
Changes in the City of London.

It was semi-officially announced today that Rev. Father Hand, pastor of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, of Toronto, has been named to succeed his Grace Archbishop McEvay, as Bishop of London.

Rev. Father Hand is one of the best-known and most successful priests in Canada. His work in Toronto has shown him to be a man of rare business ability and a priest of much tact.

Met the Delegate.
When the apostolic delegate, Mgr. Sbarretti, arrived in New York last week, Rev. Father Hand went by invitation to meet him, and it was given out that he was overworked and would enter a hospital to renew his energies. It is stated in Toronto, however, that Father Hand is quite well, and that he has been appointed to the bishopric of London.

The Consecration.
His consecration, it is said, will take place in January in this city. In the meantime, Father Hand will be relieved of his duties as head of St. Paul's Church.

May Be Changes.
It is said that some very important changes will take place in London, and that there is a possibility that Rev. Father Aylward, probably the most popular rector of St. Peter's Cathedral has ever had, will go to Sarnia.

May Remain.
This latter is not by any means certain, however, as it is understood that Father Aylward's wishes will be respected in the matter, and that if he chooses he can remain in London, where he has done so much for his church and people.

Marine Department Inquiry Reopens
Commander Spain the First WitnessWas Once Given \$500 by Mr.
Polson, But Returned It.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The Cassels inquiry into the conduct of the marine department officials was resumed this morning. Commander Spain, wreck commissioner, was the first witness, and was examined by Mr. Watson as to a transaction with the Polsons of Toronto. Commander Spain stated that plans for vessels, which had been

built at the Polsons' works would be submitted to him to report as to whether the size and speed were suitable. He had made occasional inspections of the work being done by the Polsons on Government steamers, but he was not responsible. There was a regular inspection on the work. Commander Spain said that he occasionally had certified to accounts. Mr. Watson surprised the court by asking: "Commander Spain, how many times did you receive money from the Polson Iron Works?"
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The Local Option Vote in Manitoba

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—In the local option poll throughout the province yesterday, honors were about even. As far as heard from, nine municipalities have voted wet, and nine dry, and there was a tie in South Norfolk. Local option carried in Emerson by one vote.

The municipalities voting dry were: Emerson, Hamiota, Minotown, Roblin, Winchester, Edward, North Norfolk, Odanah, Pipestone and Swan River.
The municipalities voting wet were: Carberry, Franklin, Morris, Russell, Westbourne, Kildonan (repeal), Louise and Selkirk.

Many Ballots for London Voters

City Clerk Baker is having the ballots for the coming municipal elections prepared, and it is quite evident that the citizen will have some difficulty in keeping track of the many matters commanding his attention.
There will be contests for the mayor, council and board of education, and probably for the hospital trust and the water commission, but the latter are not certain.
Five Bylaws.
There will be five votes for the selector to cast.

In addition, there will be five bylaws to be voted on—the waterworks, Sunday street cars, the consumptive hospital, the playgrounds bylaw and the swimming baths bylaw.
Mr. Baker also calls attention to the fact that property holders owning property in different wards may vote in each. But in order to do so, he must be seen regarding it. This is often left off until the last minute, but Mr. Baker desires it to be done earlier than usual.

Two British Liners Long Overdue

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 16.—Maritime Province shipping and insurance men are very anxious concerning the fate of the steamers Sticklestad and Falco, which are long overdue at Sydney from Glasgow, Scotland. The Sticklestad left Glasgow Nov. 23 with a cargo for the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, and the Falco five days later with a general cargo for the Nova Scotia Steel Company.

Under ordinary circumstances the vessels should make the trip in eight or ten days. Both steamers are large freighters, heavily laden with dead cargo, and it is feared that, becoming caught in one of the terrific hurricanes that have raged in the North Atlantic during the past ten days, both ships have foundered and gone down.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO PICK ENGINEER

Richards, of Toronto, Likely To Be the Man Chosen.

There will be a meeting of the special power committee this week to consider the appointment of an electrical engineer. At the last meeting of the council it was decided to defer the appointment until the matter was settled. Now that it has been settled, there is no doubt the council will act.
There are a number of applicants for the place.
The name most prominently mentioned for the position is Mr. E. Richards, of Toronto, who seems to be most favored among the aldermen.

HUNDREDS IN PERIL

Two Hundred Thousand Dollar Fire in an East Side Factory.

New York, Dec. 15.—The lives of 150 persons were endangered, hundreds of others were temporarily driven from their homes, and property valued at more than \$200,000, was destroyed by fire in a factory building at 213-217 Grand street today. So rapidly did the flames spread that not one of the 150 men and women who were at work in the building at the time, were able to make their way out by the usual exit. They were driven to the roofs, and thence to the roofs of adjoining buildings. Many women, too much overcome by fright to help themselves, were taken from the roof to the ground by firemen. Several adjoining tenement houses occupied by Italians were so seriously threatened for a time that the tenants fled to the streets carrying wearing apparel and household furniture with them. The fire was checked before it had reached these houses, however, and after two hours the tenants returned to their homes.
Failure of the new high pressure water service made unusually difficult the task of the firemen in fighting the flames.

WENT DOWN WITH CLEMONSON

Body of Man Washed Up With Preserver of Lost Boat.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 16.—Two lighthouse keepers from Crisp Point, Lake Superior, yesterday found the body of a large man in the surf. From a life preserver marked "Steamer D. M. Clemson" which was around the man's body, it is known that the drowned person was a member of the crew of the ill-fated Wolvin Line steamer. The identity of the man is yet uncertain. It is now expected more bodies will be washed ashore.

III With Appendicitis.
Mr. John Saunders, of this city is in St. Joseph's Hospital, suffering from appendicitis.

ALD. PARSONS.
Who Announces That He Will Not Be a Candidate Next Year.SOME VETERANS
SELLING SCRIPVery Fair Prices Secured by
South African Veterans for
Land Grants.

A number of local South African veterans have lately disposed of their scrip to land agents, and it is stated that some very fair prices have been realized. Many of the veterans who will likely be permanently located in London have sold, and one of them this morning, discussing the matter with The Advertiser, stated that his reason for selling was that he had a good position here and did not wish to go west and locate in some out-of-the-way district. He finds it impossible to comply with the regulation stating that the land shall be occupied for at least three months of the year, and rather than have any trouble over the matter decided to sell out. There are a large number of South African veterans residing in and around London, and the amount of land they hold constitutes a large holding. Some of the veterans are not selling, hoping that in the near future the act will be amended so that they will be able to allow someone else to look after the section for them.

CHATHAM OPPOSED
TO HYDRO-POWER

Big Fight Brewing Against Introduction of Niagara Energy.

Chatham, Dec. 16.—Hydro-electric power will meet with strong opposition in Chatham. There will be, perhaps, a bigger fight put up against it there than anywhere else in the Province. Nearly all of Chatham's largest manufacturers are more or less interested in the Chatham Gas and Electric Company, which at present supplies Chatham's largest manufacturers with light, heat and power and has no opposition. The company just a short time ago finished costly renovations of its plant. They feel that the introduction of Niagara power would mean the ruin of the Chatham Gas Company. On the other hand it is pointed out that these men are blocking Chatham's chances to get permanent cheap power. Natural gas may put out within a few years. Without cheap gas or cheap power Chatham within a short time would lose the industrial concerns she has gone to such pains to induce to come here.

GORDON GIBSON DEAD

Son of Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor Dies at Colorado Springs.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Word was received this morning of the death of Gordon Gibson, a son of Lieutenant-Governor J. M. Gibson. He died last night at Colorado Springs, where he had gone for the benefit of his health.

GROSSE ISLE MONUMENT.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The monument to the Irish immigrants buried at Grosse Isle will be erected there about the end of July or early in August next. It will take the form of a Celtic cross, suitably inscribed to the nameless dead. The A. O. H. will hold big ceremonies in connection with the event.

TOMORROW—SNOW OR RAIN.

FORECAST.
Toronto, Dec. 16—3 a. m.
Northerly, shifting to easterly, winds, fair, a little lower temperature.
Thursday—Snow or rain in some localities.

TEMPERATURES.			
	Today.	Yesterday.	
London	24	29	41
Calgary	10	6	32
Winnipeg	20	12	23
Perry Sound	22	30	38
Toronto	24	34	32
Ottawa	22	24	36
Montreal	20	24	32
Quebec	12	14	22
Peterborough	16	..	..
Port Arthur	22	22	..
Kamloops	..	18	28
Prince Albert	..	zero	20
Halifax	..	20	40
Vancouver	..	36	29
Qu'Appelle	..	6	22
St. John	..	24	34

WEATHER NOTES.
Pressure is low throughout the south-west States and highest in Manitoba and over Lake Superior. The weather is now fair in all portions of the Dominion, except in the Lower Lakes region and the Maritime Provinces and for the most part moderately cold.

CARRIED DESPATCHES IN 1837

Mrs. Marie Doty, of this city, who passed away as a result of her recent accident, has some very interesting events connected with her past life. She was born in 1821, near Aylmer, Ont., and was a daughter of the late Capt. Cook.
During the rebellion of 1837 she carried very important despatches on horseback, under cover of night, from the troops stationed at her father's house, to officers at outlying points. The only road led through dense woods, and on her way she was pursued by wolves, barely escaping with her life. She afterwards married Henry Finch, who also took part in the rebellion. Later in life, after Mr. Finch' death, she married the late Mr. J. Doty. Only one sister and brother remain out of a family of sixteen. The funeral takes place on Thursday afternoon, the 16th inst.

SLATE IS CAUSING TROUBLE
IN THE CONSERVATIVE RANKS

Some Aldermanic Candidates Refuse To Go on It—Party Managers Meeting With Difficulty—Alderman Parsons Announces That This Is His Last Year.

As announced in The Advertiser a certain section of the Conservative party is out for a slate for the council.
Some of the party managers are getting ready to propose it this evening, and will distribute it soon.
There is likely to be considerable opposition to it, not only from the wing of the party not in control at present, but from several of the supposed friends of the Gray faction.
At least two, perhaps three, of the Conservative aldermen, declare that they will not go on the slate, but will play a lone hand or quit.
Two aldermen this morning that they had been approached about a slate, but refused to have anything to do with it. They are willing to take a chance with a fair field, but they will not accept the proposed slate.
However, this has not deterred those in charge of the slate-making, and they are going ahead with it.
Board of Education.
There will be determined effort made again to control the board of education.
It is no secret that as strong a quintette as can be gathered together will go after school board honors, and another effort will be made to keep that portion of the city's administration in Conservative hands.
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MUSKOKA

MERRY XMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

1908-1909

WATERLOO

HURRAH FOR THE XMAS STAMPS

Boys and Girls Selling Them to Endow a Ward for London in the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives.

Stamp, stamp, stamp! Don't you hear them coming? Twenty-five thousand stamps to be sold by the boys and girls of London schools. Two schools selling \$25 each; five schools selling \$20 each, and ten selling \$10 each. Surely this can be done by the seventeen schools in London, with their hundreds of bright boys and girls. It can be done.
The stamps are 1 cent each. The smaller regular package for selling is \$20, but you can buy 25, 50, 100 or 1,000.
If you wish. Every penny will be used to endow a ward for London patients for 1909.
Give the boys and girls a smile and say: "Merry Christmas stamps." Buy some and tell your friends to buy some, too. "Every little bit added to what we've got, makes just a little bit more." But they're counting up rapidly and the host of volunteers in London are working hard. Buy stamps from them or send contributions direct to the London committee.

To Be Something Doing Before Long
Says Mr. Brownlee of City's Wants

Declares That the Negotiations Will Soon Be Under Way.

Manager Brownlee, of the G. T. R., passed through the city at noon today in his private car "Algonquin," attached to Express No. 1.
"We have been pretty busy in Toronto for several weeks trying to fix up things with the railway commission," he told The Advertiser, when informed that London people were beginning to wonder if anything was going to be done here. "London's turn is coming, but we can't do everything at once, and Toronto wants a tremendous lot of things done."
"I am afraid we won't have money left to make improvements in London," he added, jokingly, "if Toronto doesn't cut out some of the things they want."
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Speaking of the outlook at present, Mr. Brownlee said it is very bright. "Our traffic all through the season has kept up well, and we look for a continuance of it," said Mr. Brownlee. "I have been speaking to a number of steel men lately, both American and Canadian, and they tell me that they are looking forward to a busy year. In many of the mills the working forces are being largely increased. The Grand Trunk has placed several large orders for steel rails and for steel cars recently, and other roads are doing the same. We will need the cars as soon as we can get them."
Mr. Brownlee is on his way to Chicago.

"Dr. McCrae's Special" Is All Right

"Dr. McCrae's Special" on the Pers Marquette is a pronounced success. It will be remembered that when the summer schedule of the railway was finished, the company decided to cut off the evening train leaving here at 6 o'clock in the evening going as far as Glenora and return.
Rev. Dr. McCrae and others opposed the move, and such strong pressure was brought to bear on the company that they put on a train leaving here at 6 o'clock in the evening going as far as Glenora and return.
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Mock Parliament for Liberal Club

There will be a meeting of Young Liberals in Hyman Hall Thursday evening to consider the formation of a mock parliament.
Every Young Liberal is invited to attend.
Mr. U. A. Buchner, who has the matter in charge, is very anxious to see it succeed, and judging from reports he has received there is no doubt it will.
"We have met with a great deal of encouragement," said Mr. Buchner, "and I am confident that we can make a success of the move. It will prove an admirable feature in our work, and will greatly assist us in making the club interesting."

MRS. RANTON DEAD.
Brantford, Dec. 16. — Mrs. Ranton, wife of W. G. Ranton, secretary-treasurer of the Verity Plow Company, died last night of pneumonia. She was 65 years of age, and was a sister of Messrs. William, Charles and Percy Verity of the local plow company.

CASTRO'S CAPITAL IN REVOLT
DICTATOR NO LONGER RULES

Citizens of Caracas, by Burning, Looting and Pillaging, Are Taking Revenge for Misrule of President, Who Has Deserted the Country.

Caracas, Dec. 16, via Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 16. — The Venezuelan capital yesterday witnessed an outbreak of disorder, following the warlike activity of the Dutch warships along the coast, that made it necessary to declare martial law by nightfall in order to put an end to the rioting and pillaging.
There were a number of attacks on private property on the part of the mob, before the authorities got the situation in hand, and several of the agitators were arrested. There was no actual conflict between the people and the police. The pillaging was confined to the streets soon after daybreak. The people began marching up and down the main thoroughfares, and it was easy to see that their ill temper would soon result in violence. The police stood by and made no attempt whatever to restrain the mob.
The first building to be attacked and looted was that of the lottery monopoly. The offices of the state enterprise that has enriched itself at the expense of the people, were ransacked, and pillaged. Furniture was broken and thrown into the streets, and thousands of lottery tickets were destroyed.

Wrecked Castro's Organ.
The crowd then moved to the printing office of El Constitucional, the organ of President Castro, and pillaged it completely. A steam laundry belonging to Senor Rivas, also was wrecked.
The crowd then turned its attention to several drug stores belonging to Senor Thiele, a son-in-law of General Tello Mendoza, and turned them inside out. General Mendoza was at one time minister of finance and public credit under Castro. He was also the president's private secretary for a number of years, and has been regarded as one of his staunchest supporters. He is universally hated by the enemies of Castro.

Castro's Rule Ended.
Caracas, Venezuela, Monday, Dec. 14, via Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 16. — The people of Caracas arose today against President Castro. An infuriated mob, unhindered by the police, swept through the city, wrecking the property of his henchmen and his closest friends. The people rounded up all the statues and pictures of President Castro from the clubs, and other semi-public buildings and burned them with rejoicing on the Plaza Bolivar. Castro's rule in Venezuela probably is ended.

In spite of Holland's warlike activity on the coast, there have been no demonstrations against the Netherlands; they all have been directed against President Castro, and Acting President Gomez.
Looted a Lottery.
An enormous crowd of the inhabitants of the capital was swelled by people from the outlying country, gathered in the streets soon after daybreak. The people began marching up and down the main thoroughfares, and it was easy to see that their ill temper would soon result in violence. The police stood by and made no attempt whatever to restrain the mob.
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Wellington Car on a Wild Rampage
Jumped Tracks, Smashed Two Poles

Luckily There Were No Passengers Aboard—Crew Escaped With Shaking Up.

Wellington, Car. No. 122, ran off the track at the corner of Huron and Richmond streets at 5:30 last evening, breaking two poles supporting the trolley wire, and smashing the car considerably. No person was injured. It is not known what caused the accident, but it is thought that the

Samuel Leff Was Fined a Cool \$50
For Selling Liquor Without License

Police Had Accumulated Much Evidence and He Pleaded Guilty.

In the police court this morning Samuel Leff, of Maitland street, appeared on a charge laid by Inspector Galpin, of selling liquor without a license. Mr. Leff pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 and \$15 costs.
The police have been watching Leff's

Irishmen Go Down in Their Pockets
To Provide for Christmas Donations

Sum of \$103 Was Raised in Five Minutes at Meeting Held Last Night.

"We gave \$220 to charity last year, but owing to certain circumstances there is not that sum now in the treasury."
Thus spoke President Stephen Grant at a meeting of the Irish Benevolent Society held last night in the board of trade rooms. The society, of course, has funds invested, but these cannot be got at readily, and the interest will not be available until Jan. 1.
"If the money isn't in the treasury we'll put it there," said Dennis Mason. "Irishmen must neglect charity for such a small cause."
"I'll contribute \$10," said Philip Pocock.
"Put me down for \$10," Mr. Mason told Secretary Loughlin.
And in five minutes \$103 in bills was lying on the secretary's desk. Every body contributed, and President Grant was forced to remark that the first thing he would know he would have too much money.

In the treasury was close to \$160, which, added to the \$103 collected, made about \$263 for sweet charity's sake.
The Apportionments.
A committee was then appointed to distribute the funds. It was composed of Philip Pocock, ex-Mayor John D. Wilson, Dennis Mason and ex-Ald. John Forristal.
This is what they did:
Protestant Orphans' Home, \$50.
Mount Hope Orphanage, \$50.
Charities Organization Society, St. Peter's Cathedral, \$25.
St. Vincent De Paul Society, \$30.
Victorian Order of Nurses, \$20.
St. Vincent De Paul Society of St. Mary's Church, \$20.
Aged People's Home, \$15.
House of Providence, \$15.
Salvation Army Rescue Home, \$10.
Home for Incubables, \$10.
Convalescent Home, \$10.
Children's Aid Shelter, \$10.
Muskoka Free Hospital, \$10.
Any members who desire to contribute to the fund for Christmas may hand their subscriptions to Secretary Loughlin.
Past Presidents.
There were nine past presidents at the meeting last night. They were Messrs. Dennis Mason, John Forristal, Philip Pocock, John Stevely, Dr. Wilson, John M. Daly, B. C. McCann, T. J. Murphy and John Garvey. Others present were: President Stephen Grant, Secretary John Loughlin, Harry Marritt, J. W. Kearns, J. P. Forristal, Harry Ranaahan, Dr. Claude Brown, Geo. F. O'Neil, P. F. Boyle, John J. Cox, Martin O'Sullivan, Ed. J. Ryan, Ed. J. Carty, Robt. W. Arkell, Patrick Mulhall, W. McPhillips, Harry Buttrey, J. Green and Mayor Stevely.

WOODS' FAIR

THE STORE FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS
SILK AND EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS
FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Initial Handkerchiefs, in silk and linen, ladies' and gentlemen's, hemstitched edges. Price 25¢
Also a line of Silken Initial Handkerchiefs, for gentlemen. Special at, each 15¢
Plain Linen Handkerchiefs, for men. Extra value at 15¢; 2 for 25¢
Ladies' Handkerchiefs, in handsome boxes, with pretty litho covers. Just the thing for Christmas presents. Prices, a box 40¢, 50¢, 75¢, and \$1
LADIES' FANCY GIBSON COLLARS. PRICE 25¢ EACH.

Ladies' Fancy Silk and Net Collars; some with fine deep frilling; others lace trimmed. All new and up-to-date. Especially suited for gifts. Special price this week. Each 25¢
Special Sale of New Dinner Sets in Basement This Week.

CHILDREN'S BEARSKIN COATS, ALL AT REDUCED PRICES.

Children's Bearskin Coats, made of fine skin, all flannel lined, full box, double-breasted cape, collar. Every coat at reduced prices this week to clear out.

LADIES' DRESDEN BELTS, 75¢ EACH.
Ladies' Dresden Belts, in blue, green, brown and mauve shades; trimmed with gold braid and large gilt buckles; sizes 23 to 27. Special Christmas Week price 75¢
FANCY GOODS DEPARTMENT NOVELTIES FOR CHRISTMAS.

25¢ Specials—Hair Receivers, Pipe Racks, Pin Cushions, Shaving Pads, Whiskholders, Ink Wells, Matchholders and Fancy Baskets.

Fancy Swiss Embroidered Runners, Table Covers and Shams. Price, each 35¢ to \$1
Military Brushes and Cases, Ebony Mirrors, Smoking Sets, Collars and Cuff Boxes, Hat and Cloth Brushes, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Work Boxes, etc.

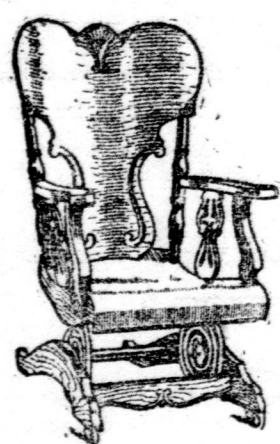
Also Brass Candlesticks, Brass Mirrors, Photo Frames, Ink Wells; largest assortment in London.

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Best Rubber Tobacco Pouch 0.50
1 lb. Clubb's Mixture 0.25

OUR REPUTATION YOUR GUARANTEE

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5 King Street West

Within the memory of man all the nuncios accredited to Catholic courts have been obliged to sacrifice their beards and mustaches. Those accredited to infidel countries, on the Brussels.

HANDS HOT ONE TO MR. PULITZER

Roosevelt Makes Warm Attack on World Proprietor.

SAYS THE U. S. WILL SUE HIM

For "Lying" and "Infamous" Assertions in Connection With Panama Canal Sale.

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Roosevelt today sent to the Senate a statement concerning the purchase of the Panama Canal property by the United States, denouncing in strong language charges that there was anything wrong in the acquisition by the United States of the canal property.

"These stories," he continues, "were first brought to my attention as published in a paper in Indianapolis, called The News, edited by Mr. Delevan Smith. The stories were scurrilous and libelous in character, and false in every essential particular. Mr. Smith sheltered himself behind the excuse that he merely accepted the statements which had appeared in a paper published in New York, The World, owned by Mr. Joseph Pulitzer. It is idle to say that a known character of Mr. Pulitzer and his newspaper are such that the statements in that paper will be believed by nobody; unfortunately, thousands of persons are ill-informed in this respect, and believe the statements they see in print, even though they appear in a newspaper published by Mr. Pulitzer."

A Wicked Slander.

Summarizing charges made in this connection, the President says: "These statements sometimes appeared in the editorials of the World, sometimes in the columns, sometimes in the shape of contributions from individuals, either unknown or known to be of bad character. They are false in every particular from beginning to end. The wickedness of the slanders is only surpassed by their fatuity. So utterly baseless are the stories, that apparently they represent in part merely material collected for foreign purposes, and in part stories originally concocted with a view to the blackmail. The inventor of the story about Mr. Charles F. Taft, for instance, evidently supposed that at some period of the Panama purchase, Mr. W. H. Taft was secretary of war, whereas in reality, Mr. W. H. Taft never became secretary of war until long after the whole transaction in question had been closed.

"The inventor of the story about Mr. Douglas Robinson has not taken the trouble to find out the fact that Mr. Robinson had not the slightest connection, directly or indirectly, of any kind or sort with any phase of the Panama transaction from beginning to end. The men who had attacked Mr. Root in the matter had not taken the trouble to read the public documents which would have informed them that Mr. Root had nothing to do with the purchase, which was entirely arranged through the department of justice under the then Attorney-General, Mr. Knox.

"Infamous Libels."

"Now, these stories as a matter of fact, need no investigation whatever. No shadow of proof has, or can be, produced in behalf of any of them. They consist simply of a string of infamous libels. In form, they are in part libels upon individuals, upon Mr. Taft and Mr. Robinson, for instance. 'That they are, in fact, wholly, and in form, partly, a libel upon the United States Government. I do not believe we should concern ourselves with the particular individuals who wrote the lying and libelous editorials, articles from the columns, or articles in this news columns. The real offender is Mr. Joseph Pulitzer, editor and proprietor of the World. While the criminal offense of which Mr. Pulitzer has been guilty is in form a libel upon individuals, the great and serious crime is in blackening the good name of the American people. It should not be left to a private citizen to sue Mr. Pulitzer for libel. He should be prosecuted by the proper governmental authorities, in point of infamy, of wrong doing, there is nothing to choose between a public servant who betrays his trust, a public servant who is guilty of blackmail, or theft, or financial dishonesty of any kind, and a man guilty as Mr. Joseph Pulitzer has been guilty in this instance. It is, therefore, a high national duty to bring to justice this villain of the American people, this man who wantonly and wickedly, without one shadow of justification, seeks to blacken the character of his own country in the eyes of the civilized world of wrong doing of the basest and foulest kind, when he has not one shadow of justification of any sort or description for the charge he has made. The Attorney-General has under consideration the form in which the proceedings against Mr. Pulitzer shall be brought."

The World Replies.
The World in the course of its answer to President Roosevelt's reference to that paper in his special message to Congress today will say in its editorial tomorrow:

"Mr. Roosevelt is mistaken. He cannot muzzle the World. 'While no amount of billingsgate' on his part can alter our determination to treat him with judicial impartiality and scrupulous fairness, we repeat what we have already said, that the Congress of the United States should make a thorough investigation of the whole Panama transaction that the full truth may be known to the American people.

"The World appreciates the importance and significance of Mr. Roosevelt's statement when he declares to Congress that the proprietor of the World should be prosecuted for libel by the governmental authorities, and that the attorney-general has under consideration the form in which the proceedings against Mr. Pulitzer shall be brought.

"This is the first time a President

ever asserted the doctrine of less majesty, or proposed, in the absence of specific legislation, the criminal prosecution by the Government of citizens who criticize the conduct of the Government or the conduct of individuals who may have had business dealings with the Government.

"Neither the King of Great Britain nor the German Emperor would venture to arrogate such power to himself. John Adams' attempt to force the addition law destroyed the federalist party in America. Yet Mr. Roosevelt, in the absence of law, officially proposes to use all the power of the greatest Government on earth to cripple the freedom of the press on the pretext that the Government has been libeled and he is the Government."

NEWS FROM WESTERN ONTARIO

The St. Andrew's Young Men's Club of Strathroy held a mock trial last night.

Wm. R. Hammond, of Guelph, died yesterday in a Battle Creek sanatorium.

Miss Tillotson, of Honolulu, gave a lecture in St. Thomas last night on Hawaii.

Mrs. Letitia Curry, of Attwood, one of the oldest residents of the district, is dead, aged 73 years.

Rev. E. C. Currie, of Burns' Church, Sarnia, has been called to the Dunville Presbyterian Church.

Miss Miller, of St. Thomas, has been appointed superintendent of the Amasa Wood Hospital of that city.

George Hunt, convicted of vagrancy at St. Thomas, was deported yesterday to the United States. Elias Bolger, convicted on the same charge, will be sent back to England.

The annual banquet of the Granite Curling Club, St. Thomas, was held last evening. A number of representatives from other cities were present at the festivities.

Donald McKenzie, of the Lake Shore road, near Clinton, was instantly killed yesterday while felling a tree. It bounded back, striking him in the head.

Orville Warren, a young Dereham man, had his leg so badly crushed in a stone-crusher yesterday that it had to be amputated. He was working on top of the crusher and slipped in.

Gordon Budd, of Faldreth, was seriously injured while shooting rabbits yesterday afternoon. A gun in the hands of one of his companions was discharged, the charge entering Budd's leg and back. He may recover.

The coroner's jury at Sarnia empanelled to inquire into the death of Mr. and Mrs. Paul, the aged couple, suffocated by gas the other day, recommended that all gas mains be inspected regularly.

The coroner's jury at Essex last night, brought in a verdict that Sol Neville met his death on the W. E. and L. S. tracks in a manner unknown to them. The company were exonerated from all blame.

CHIEF MALONE NOT KNOWN TO DETECTIVES

His Record a Blank to Scotland Yard, Says a Dispatch.

London, Dec. 16.—Nothing is known at Scotland Yard regarding A. W. Malone, the chief of police at Simcoe, charged with shooting Constable Wilkins.

The Canadian Associated Press learns that a party of 200 Germans has been organized into a community for the purpose of purchasing land in Queensland and forming a permanent German agrarian settlement. The German Government brought pressure to induce the party to emigrate to the German colony in Africa, but they declined.

SEGREGATE THE DANGEROUS ONES

Homicidal Maniacs Should Be Kept by Themselves.

Kingston, Dec. 16.—The coroner's inquest, sitting to inquire into the death of Samuel Stevenson, the asylum keeper struck on the head with a hammer in the hands of Albert Benn, a patient, recommended that the Government should provide a suitable place for the care of patients with marked homicidal tendencies, and that in the meantime they should not be allowed to mingle with other classes of patients as is now permitted.

SUGAR CO. TO WIND UP

The Ontario Sugar Company of Berlin To Be Liquidated.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—As a result of five petitions to wind up the Ontario Sugar Company, of Berlin, Chief Justice Falconbridge yesterday granted an order appointing J. H. Cockburn interim liquidator.

Caspar Brown, a shareholder, stated on affidavit, that the company had lost \$14,900 in the last six years.

The company was incorporated in September, 1901, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, of which \$414,900 is paid up. There are one hundred shareholders, with five or more shares of stock.

Among the claims against the company are those of James Fowler for \$1,250 for salary and money advanced to meet wages; Hohman, Master Manufacturer Company, \$305.45; Merchants' Rubber Company, \$117.41; J. E. Shantz & Co., \$260.16; Caspar Brown, \$1,074.46.

James Kaufman, of Berlin, a director and shareholder, says the company is bonded to the extent of \$200,000, and these claims are worth 66 cents on the dollar. Many farmers who supplied beets in 1907 he says have not yet received their money.

He further claims there has been no

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Wednesday, DEC. 16.

Ladies' Fur-Lined Coats

TEAROOM
OPEN TODAY ON
FOURTH FLOOR—
TAKE ELEVATOR.

For \$27.50—Extra

Six only, Ladies' Fur-Lined Broadcloth Coats, in fawn, myrtle and brown, with grey and white squirrel lining and marmot collar and reevers, and, only, each \$27.50

Other Fur-Lined Coats at, each \$18.50, \$39.50, \$45 up to \$98

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Eight only, Ladies' Fur-Lined Broadcloth Coats; black, myrtle and fawn, with muskrat, hamster and grey and white squirrel linings and Persian lamb, sable and natural lynx collar and reevers, and the price only \$50

THIRD FLOOR.



A Useful Christmas Gift A Bissell Carpet Sweeper

Would be welcomed into the home. These make practicable and useful gifts, and are almost a necessity in the home—useful the year round, and used almost every day. A child can use them, making sweeping a pleasure instead of a laborious task. NO TROUBLE, NO DUST; will sweep under the bed or anywhere. Let us show you these labor-savers.

We have them now with all the latest improvements, in assorted woods, at, each \$2.75

Also higher grades at, each \$3.25, \$3.50 and \$3.75
SEE THESE ON SECOND FLOOR.

Embroidered Cotton Bed Spreads, \$3.50 and \$4.50

Large size, 90x100 inches, with handsome embroidered centres, bordered and drawn work, hemmed all around. At, each \$3.50

Hemstitched for, each \$4.50
Bolster Covers, to match, at, each \$2.75 and \$3.50

SECOND FLOOR.

Acceptable Gifts Are White Marseilles Quilts

New makes, new weaves and new designs. Splendid selection here, and every piece mentioned below extra values. They are light in weight, which means easily washed.

At \$2.00	Special, \$1.39	At \$4.50 and \$5.50
New patent weave, all new designs, in light weight, for easy washing; heavier, regular weights, as well as many different designs, 74x94. At \$2	12 only, Marseilles Quilts, splendid designs, light weight, fine white finish, good size, 74x94. Special \$1.39	Mercerized Quilts, silky in finish, no dressing, and will retain finish after being washed. Handsome designs and easy to wash. Prices, Each \$4.50 and \$5.50
Larger sizes, finer weaves \$2.50 and \$3	New panel designs, fine satin finish, medium weight, Each \$3.50 and \$4	Other styles, in Marseilles Quilts, each \$2.25

KINDERGARTEN QUILTS FOR CRIBS AND CRADLES, \$1.50, \$1.75

These are amusing to the children, illustrating MOTHER GOOSE RHYMES, in pink and blue, with alphabet at top and numerals at bottom.

SECOND FLOOR.

STANDARD The Favorite, \$16.50

SEWING MACHINES

Are you going to place a Sewing Machine in your home—maybe you are thinking of one for a Christmas box? If so, We Want You To Come in.

We Want To Show You why it should be a Standard. That there is none better, we are thoroughly convinced, and we doubt if for domestic use or home sewing it has an equal. Since we have become DIRECT FACTORY AGENTS for the Standard Company we have heard from many ladies in this city Who Are Using the Standard, and They Cannot Praise It Too Highly. They are sold by us on a 10-year Guarantee. We only ask for a trial.



Drop Head, Hand Lift, Style 3, Oak

How can you sell a machine like that for \$16.50? we are asked. Because we are direct factory agents and buy and sell for cash, saving all discounts and intermediate profits.

The "Favorite" has a complete set of modern attachments; it makes a lock stitch; needle self-setting; shuttle lock-threading; a large bobbin; automatic bobbin winder; flat tension; needle bar take-up; the simplest possible construction consistent with good work; a wonderfully attractive machine of the modern type; swell front; furnished with three drawers \$16.50

Furnished with five drawers \$18.50

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Store closes 6 p.m. daily, Saturday, included.

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Dundas and Richmond Streets. Limited

NOTED AUTHOR DEAD

"Ike Marvel," Who Wrote Reveries of a Bachelor, Is Dead.

New Haven, Dec. 16.—Donald Grant Mitchell, 34 years old, the well-known author who wrote under the nom-de-plume "Ike Marvel," died at his home, "Marvelwood," in Edgewood, a suburb of this city, last night. His illness dates to August last, when he suffered an attack of acute indigestion. At the bedside were seven of his children, including his daughter, Mrs. Walter Hart, of Rye, N. Y.

The dead author was born at Northwich, Conn., in April, 1822. He graduated at Yale in 1841, studied law in New York, was consul at Venice from 1853 to 1855, and had since lived on his estate, Edgewood, near New Haven.

Conn. His best-known works are: "Reveries of a Bachelor" (1850), "My Farm at Edgewood" (1864), "Rural Studies" (1867), "Wet Days at Edgewood," "Dr. Johns," "Bound Together," "Out of Town Places," and "English Lands" (1889-90).

MISSING THE MONEY.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—With both eyes badly swollen, a cut on the back of his head, and severe bruises about the lower ribs, William Brown, a farmer from Fairbanks, is at St. Michael's Hospital today, the victim, he says, of two men and a sandwich during the night. The men, according to his story, got no money, although he had about \$17 in loose bills and change in an outside pocket, which was not disturbed, and \$65 in bills in a waistcoat pocket.

ROBBERS' BIG HAUL.

McAlester, Okla., Dec. 15.—Robbers dynamited the safe of the First National Bank of Eufaula, Okla., twenty miles north of here, early today and escaped with a sum said to be \$15,000.

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COUGH, BRONCHITIS, TONSILLITIS, INFLUENZA, CROUP, MEASLES, SCARLET FEVER, DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH, AND ALL THE BRONCHIAL AFFECTIONS OF CHILDREN. RRR is a powerful and reliable remedy for all these ailments. It is a household necessity for every family. It is sold in bottles of 10 and 25 cents. It is a sure cure for all the above ailments. It is a household necessity for every family. It is sold in bottles of 10 and 25 cents. It is a sure cure for all the above ailments.

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Amusements—Ten cents per line each insertion, and two cents per word if set in bold.

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Articles for Sale, to Let, Help Wanted, Situations Wanted, Board and Lodgings, Similar condensed advertisements—First insertion, one cent a word; each subsequent insertion, one-half cent per word. No advertisement less than fifteen words.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

MARRIAGES.

OLMSTEAD-CROUCH—On Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. J. G. Inkster, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Crouch, 331 King street, Miss. Ethel Florence Crouch to Mr. Lewis Scott Olmstead, of Stratford, formerly of this city.

DEATHS.

STINSON—At his parents' residence, 737 Lorne avenue, on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1908, Kenneth George, only son of Frank and Alice Stinson, aged three years, five months. Funeral from the above address on Thursday, at 2:30 p. m. Services at 2 p. m. Interment at Woodland Cemetery.

Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

DUTY—In this city on Dec. 15, 1908, Mrs. DUTY, funeral from the residence of her son, Mr. George DUTY, 241 Dundas street, on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 2:30 p. m. Services at 2 p. m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES

BENNETT'S
THE BIGGEST FIVE-CENT SHOW IN TOWN.
Every Afternoon 10 to 5:30
Every Night 7:30 to 10:30

LUSITANIA

The largest steamer in the world, sails from New York Wednesday, Dec. 16. Will land passengers home for Christmas. For tickets, berth reservations, etc., apply F. B. CLARKE, 405 Richmond street, next Bank of Commerce.

BERMUDA

Tickets and information at De La Hook's general steamship agency, "Clock Corner," London.

REV. DR. TEEFFY, C. S. B., OF TORONTO, will speak at St. Mary's Church, 132 Queen's avenue, at 8 p. m. Admission free; no collection. Come.

SIMCOE RINK—SKATING TONIGHT. Band in attendance. Splendid. Phone 1608.

DANCING—ADVANCED CLASS, OPENING NIGHT Wednesday, Dec. 16. Season tickets, December to May, Special rates for women. Monday evening, Dec. 14, Dec. 21 (invitation). Phone. Dayton & McCormick's.

LEARN TO DANCE—RAPID TEACHING. Low rates. Special attention waits and two-step. R. B. Millard, 345 Princess avenue.

TRACTION COMPANY

Hourly Service
London to St. Thomas, 7 a. m. to 11 p. m.
Every two hours to Port Stanley, 8 a. m. to 10 p. m.

MUSIC FURNISHED FOR PARTIES. Balls, banquets. Phone 1265. Tony Vita's Italian Harmonica, 322 Queen's avenue.

TONY CORTESE, ORIGINAL LONDON HARPIS. Music furnished for all occasions. 161 Maple. Phone 1570.

MEETINGS.

CANADIAN CLUB LUNCHEON, FRIDAY, Dec. 18, 12 o'clock. Masonic Temple. Speaker, Dr. Teffy, of St. Michael's College, Toronto.

WANTED.

PUPPY OR YOUNG DOG, SPANIEL preferred. Apply Box 88, Advertiser.

WANTED—HURON AND ADRIAN and Ontario Loan Companies' shares. John Wright, stockbroker, 437 Richmond street, London. Phone 683.

SOUTH AFRICAN VETERAN will pay highest cash price for your warrents. D. S. Robb, 428 College street, Toronto.

SEE OUR SHOW WINDOW—CHRISTMAS and wedding cakes. Big Bell Restaurant, 123 King. 20c and 10c per pound. F. G. Myers, proprietor.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—BLACK BERSHIRE SOW, FRIDAY night. Any person detaining same after this notice will be prosecuted. Reward at 124 Matilda street.

LOST—BLACK COCKER PUP ON Proof Line Road. Reward on return to 202 Queen's avenue.

LOST, A LITTLE OVER A MONTH ago, gold watch, black leather strap, please return to 856 Dundas street. 35c.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS INVESTED gains tenfold under one-year, safe, sound security. Address Box 50, Advertiser.

FOR SALE—GOOD GROCERY BUSINESS, with postoffice and buildings. Apply to Postmaster, Longwood. 35c.

FOR SALE—HOTEL BUSINESS in thriving town of Tilbury, doing good business; well situated, steam-heated, electric light and gas, furnished throughout in good shape; will be sold as a going concern. Apply to H. L. Drake, assignee, Tilbury, Ont.

HAVE YOU MONEY TO INVEST?—Rare opportunity for party with fifty to fifteen hundred dollars for investment absolutely safe proposition, yielding large returns; no mining stock speculation. Investigate thoroughly. Box 328, London.

GOOD PAYING BUSINESS FOR SALE. East End, about \$300. Address Box 36, Advertiser.

SURVEYORS.

F. W. FARNCOMB, CIVIL ENGINEER and surveyor, Bank Toronto Chambers, Richmond street.

VETERINARY SURGEON.

TAMLIN & SCOTT—OFFICE AND HOSPITAL, 433 Talbot street. Phone 585; residence phone 783.

FEMALE HELP WANTED.

EXPERIENCED GENERAL SERVANT, small family. Apply 389 Queen's avenue.

WANTED—THREE GOOD MILLINERY trimmers. Apply, Saturday morning, Dickinson, Nicholson & Co., London. 37c.

WANTED—GOOD GENERAL SERVANT for family of three; liberal wages. 37c. Dundas street.

WOMAN WANTED FOR KITCHEN work. Apply Palace Cafe. 37c.

FIRST-CLASS PAINTER WANTED at once. Apply O. Labelle, 230 Dundas street.

WANTED—MAID FOR GENERAL housework. Apply Mrs. Chapman, 385 Piccadilly street. 36c.

MALE HELP WANTED.

SHOES REPAIRED QUICKLY AND neatly. 23c. Famous Shoe Repair Store, 291 Dundas street. Phone 2375.

YOUNG MEN TO QUALIFY FOR POSITIONS on Canadian Northern, C. P. R., and G. N. R. Agents, operators, freight and ticket clerks, baggage men; send for booklet describing work and wages paid; college or mail courses; winter term begins at college, January, 1909. Road College, London. 36c-xt.

FOUR CANVASSERS WANTED. APPLY between 1 and 3, Alfred Taylor, 355 Clarence street.

SAWYER THAT CAN MANAGE PORTABLE mill, carpenter with tools referring to college and wages expected. Write Bros., Bothwell. 20m.

TEACHERS WANTED.

TEACHER FOR SCHOOL SECTION 21, London Township—Application received until Dec. 22. Apply J. H. Taylor, Box 65, East London.

WANTED—TEACHER FOR S. N. 30, Moore. Duties to commence at the new year. Good salary to one with experience. Apply George Sexton, sec-treas., Wabano, Ont.

TEACHER WANTED FOR S. N. 30, 4, Westminister, one mile from city limits. Duties to commence Jan. 4. Apply, stating salary and experience, Mr. John Norton, Woodbush, Ont.

SCHOOL TEACHER WANTED FOR school section No. 4, Delaware, within easy walking distance of Tracton line. Hold second class certificate; duties to commence Jan. 4. C. Wonnacott, sec-treas., Huronville, Ont.

TEACHERS WANTED—PRINCIPAL and assistant teachers, public school in school section No. 3, Chatham Township. Duties to commence January 4. Apply D. Ewing, Supperville, Ontario.

BOARDING, ROOMS, ETC.

TRAVELLER AND WIFE, WITH little boy, want room and board. South London preferred. Address Box 30, Advertiser Office. 37c-xt.

HELP WANTED.

BOYS AND GIRLS WANTED—BIG money made selling London Souvenir Calendars at 15c each. Call 142 Grey street. C. L. Graves, publisher. 36c.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

YOUNG MAN (21) WANTS WORK of any description. Box 32, Advertiser. 36c.

YOUNG MAN, EXPERIENCED in general retail, wants position either wholesale or retail; best of references. Box 54, Appin, Ont.

EXPERIENCED STENOGRAPHER DESIRES position by first of year; whole-time; house preferred. Apply Box 87, Advertiser.

FIRST-CLASS WASHER AND IRONER wishes work by the day. Apply at 579 1/2 Fall Mall.

HOUSES, ROOMS, TO LET.

TO LET—SMALL STORE, SUITABLE for retail, near city hall. 457 Talbot street. 36c.

SPLENDID FRONT ROOM, HEATED, lighted, furnished or unfurnished, hot water bath, use of kitchen. Rent reasonable. 388 King street. 37c.

TWO-STORY FRAME HOUSE, 77 Grey street, near G. White & Sons' factory. Apply 252 St. James street. 37c.

TO LET, SMALL HOUSE, 456 WILLIAM street, low rent. Apply 522 St. James street. 37c.

STORAGE FOR FURNITURE, PIANOS and pictures—Separate rooms, clean and Rates reasonable. John J. Biggs, 87 College street.

TO LET—PREMIER SUITABLE FOR warehouse or office; ground floor and basement (cement floor), vault and electric wiring; good rear entrance. Apply 71 Dundas street. 36c-xt.

TWO-STORY BRICK HOUSE, 67 1/2 Waterloo street. Apply next door north. 36c-xt.

TO LET—BRICK COTTAGE, MODERN Apply 473 Princess avenue. Phone 2432. 36c.

HOUSE TO LET, 456 SIMCOE STREET, Apply Green & Co., coal dealers, 456 York street.

MODERN BRICK (FURNISHED) house; central; eight rooms and bath; four bedrooms; all modern conveniences. Apply 429 King street or phone 97.

SHOP SUITABLE LIGHT MANUFACTURING, near occupied. Fleming Houghton, thimble. National Light Company, 345 Talbot. 32c.

TO RENT—14 ACRES LAND, HOUSE and barn, one mile from city limits, on Wellington road at Walker's shops. Apply Wm. Walker, 283 Grosvenor street, London. 31c.

TO LET—DESK ROOM IN OUR OFFICE. HALLIDAY, stored and insured for the winter. St. Ennals and stored, 32 Cunningham, East London.

NO. 181 ST. JAMES STREET, WEST OF Richmond, choice locality and fine house; all conveniences; four bedrooms; parlor, dining-room, reception hall, two kitchens, pantry, nice lawn and garden.

SIX-ROOMED HOUSE, FIVE MINUTES' walk from market; \$2 per month. W. J. Clark, tobaccoist. 30c.

TO LET—DETACHED TWO-STORY brick house, 513 Queen's avenue, modern, six bedrooms, furnace, gas, etc. Apply 215 Dundas street. 36c.

ALEX. HENDERSON'S MOVING VANS Largest in city. Good storage. 355 Chesapeake. Phone 172.

FOREST CITY UNION MOVING VANS—Largest improved vans in city. Furniture and pianos carefully moved. W. A. Brown, 225 Dundas street. Storage, 77 Carling street. Phone 1122; residence, 144.

ARTICLES FOR SALE.

Fresh Shipment of PICKLED BACON TEN CENTS PER POUND.

J. A. WILSON
Phone 1120. 143 Dundas street.

CHRISTMAS TREES, MANY VARIETIES and sizes, 2 feet high, 10c each. At Baker's Nursery, general P. O. Box 2222.

NEW RED CLOTH COAT, FOR GIRL about eight years old. Apply Box 31, Advertiser. 36c-xt.

ONE CHERRY BEDROOM SET, NO. 140 McClary Famous Oak, for sale dirt cheap at 274 Ridout street. 36c.

FOR SALE, CHEAP—VICTORIA BASE-BURNER, almost new. Apply 61 Beaufield avenue. 36c.

SEE OUR LINE OF COAL OIL and Gas Heaters before buying. McMurtry's Hardware and Stoves, 111 Dundas.

RUMMAGE SALE, AUDITORIUM, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17, 18, 19. All kinds of new and second-hand clothing, household goods, etc., for sale cheap.

EVER-READY 12-BLADED SAFETY razor, H. guaranteed. Green, 135 Dundas street.

UPRIGHT PIANO, IN SPLENDID CONDITION; when new, \$500; special this week, \$100, cash or easy payments. North-brothers, Limited. 20m.

A 5-GALLON FARMER'S FEED rolling kettle, practice 20m.

Wool-lined mule-faced mitts, 25c. Wool-lined calf-knit mitts, 25c. Wool-lined hosiery, 25c. Wool-lined horsekin gauntlets, \$1.00. Dog blankets, lined, \$1.00. JAS. McCORMICK, 55 TALBOT STREET. 22c.

ROBE FOR SALE, CHEAP; ALMOST new. Apply at once 653 Grey street. 37c.

FOR SALE—SPEEDING CUTTER, nearly new; new pair mule ox robes. Apply 35 Stanley street. 37c.

\$5.00 FROM NOW TILL DEC. 21, WE will sell from our stock of Lopez antiques, chestnut coal at \$2 per ton; half ton, \$1.00; no smoke, no splinters, no waste, burns entirely out. Green & Co., 456 York street. Phone 1391. 35c.

WEDDING STATIONERY IN ALL THE latest styles. See our samples. The Advertiser's Job Department, 20m.

WATCH REPAIRING—L. W. THOMAS, 120 Dundas street, in Emerson's Print Shop. 30a.

Fresh Tripe, Pork Pies, Headcheese, Pork Sausage, any of these make a tasty lunch for cold weather.

BREEN & BULLARD
NORMANDY MEATS.
Phone 2207. 401 Richmond St.

FURNITURE OF ALL KINDS AT REASONABLE PRICES for cash or on installment. Stoves, beds, dressers, hallmarks, rugs, etc. Barnes & Co., 464 Hamilton road.

\$5.00 FOR THE BEST FREE-BURNING Lopez anthracite nut coal; best pea coal; best bituminous coal for grates, \$5.50; best bituminous coal for stoves, \$6.00; mixed wood, \$1.00 per load. Green & Co., 456 York street. Phone 1391. 35c.

COAL OIL, GASOLINE AND BENZINE, Special. Langford's Hardware, 433 Hamilton road. Phone 2876.

Calendar Months FOR 1909

Five cents each. Calendars, two for five cents. W. A. McKENZIE, Richmond street, over Star Theatre. Phone 345.

IF YOU WANT HELP, SITUATIONS, to buy or sell real estate, etc., insert an advertisement in the Hamilton Herald, the recognized want medium of the city. Rate, 1c a word, or three cents per line. Subscriptions, 1c a day, cash with order. Subscriptions, 1c a day, cash with order. Saturday edition, 5c yearly. Sample copy sent on application.

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YOU CAN KEEP YOURSELF WARM these nights by buying a good pair of woollen blankets from Goldberg; \$5.50 for \$6, \$7.50 for \$8. We also have a good stock of ladies' cloaks and furs. Come first ten o'clock before you purchase. Your credit is good. O. Goldberg, 70 Wellington street.

FRESH FISH NOW ON SALE—F. S. Oun, Fish Market. Phone 1256.

YOUR BICYCLE THOROUGHLY OVERHAULED, stored and insured for the winter. St. Ennals and stored, 32 Cunningham, East London.

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REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16.

THE FRANCO-CANADIAN TREATY.

The Minister of Finance is at present in Paris promoting the Franco-Canadian treaty, which has met with some obstacles in the Senate. The Canadian Gazette of London, England, says it has information that the difficulties in the way of the ratification of the treaty tend to increase, rather than diminish. A group of French agriculturists and agricultural machine makers are still under the belief that Canada is getting far more from France in the way of tariff concessions, than France gets from Canada. French manufacturers of silks, embroideries, and the like, make much of the fact that the goods of their Austrian and Swiss rivals would be received in Canada upon equally good terms. Another impediment is that France is undergoing a process of tariff adjustment.

The opposition to the treaty in the French Parliament is evidence that Canada made a good bargain. It is amusing to contrast the French arguments against the treaty with those advanced in the Canadian House of Commons. Its opponents in France claim that Canada is "giving too little and asking too much," in the words of Canning; while its Canadian opponents contend, of course, that the balance of advantage was with France, and that some Canadian industries would be adversely affected. The fact that only five or six members of the Canadian House of Commons voted against the treaty, although a score spoke against it, is pretty convincing testimony to the shrewdness of Messrs. Fielding and Brodeur, the Canadian negotiators. There will be self-protection against any proposal to remove restrictions upon trade. There is even hostility in this country to the British preference. But if governments were to absolutely protect every domestic interest against external competition, international commerce would almost cease.

WHERE THE RACES MIX.

The subject of "Races in the United States" is interestingly treated by Wm. Z. Ripley, in the Atlantic Monthly. The writer deals with the statistics of immigration and population in a novel way. He avers that the foreign-born with their children constitute one-third of the total population and make up forty-six per cent of the white inhabitants. In some of the cities the percentage is even higher. For instance, in New York, it is eighty; in Milwaukee, eighty-six, and in Boston, seventy. "Were we to eliminate these foreigners and their children from our city populations," says Mr. Ripley, "it has been estimated that Chicago, with today a population of over two millions, would dwindle to a city of not much over one hundred thousand inhabitants." Some of the one hundred thousand are descended from grandparents who were foreigners, others from great-grandparents. The writer claims to have good authority for the statement that in the entire thirteen colonies at the time of the revolution, one-fifth of the population could not speak English, while at least one-half was not Anglo-Saxon by descent.

Mr. Ripley has reached the conclusion that as a result of adding tribe to tribe the United States holds a unique position for "ethnic diversity on a large scale." Statistics show that the birthrate is highest among the immigrants, but that it diminishes rapidly from generation to generation. A sharp and considerable, and sometimes even alarming, decrease in fruitfulness occurs in the second generation of these immigrants. So notable a characteristic of democratic communities is a declining birth-rate that it may be regarded as almost a direct concomitant of equality of opportunity among men.

The writer deals at some length with the subject of intermarriage, and claims that, while mixed marriages are relatively infrequent, the number is large. In the majority of cases it is a foreign-born man marries a native-born woman. It is commonly the man who marries up in the social scale, and so general is this custom that, contrary to common belief, most of the marriages between whites and blacks "take the form of a negro husband and a white wife."

Under such conditions it seems idle to speculate as to what the national characteristics of the people of the United States, or the American "type," will be a century hence.

ELECTORAL REFORM IN BRITAIN.

The appearance of three and four candidates in some of the recent British by-elections has not infrequently resulted in the return of one representing a minority of the votes polled. As there are now four distinct political parties in the United Kingdom—Liberals, Conservatives, Irish Nationalists and Laborites—this minority representation might easily become more common than it is. At the same time, there are large sections of the country in which for years the minority may either have had no representation, or been represented out of proportion to its numerical strength. For the past two decades the Unionists of the south of Ireland have had no representation in the Commons, and the same party in Wales, though numbering over 36 per cent of the electorate, did not elect a single candidate in the last election. Taking the country as a whole, however, the Conservatives appear to have the best of it. For instance, the returns of the general election of 1895 show that, while they cast but 1,775,000 votes, they secured 279 seats, as compared with 202 seats obtained by the Liberals, who polled 25,000 more votes.

Second balloting, as carried on in France, Germany and Belgium, where a majority of votes polled is necessary to elect, has been suggested as a remedy to this injustice. The objection to this method is that it gives rise to bargaining, involving sacrifice of political principles, and often brings out the worst symptoms of intrigue. One writer, dealing with the system as it works in Belgium, says it opens the door to negotiations among the candidates representing the parties whose candidates were unsuccessful at the first ballot, with a view to combinations at the second, which often have very little to do with political principles.

Proportional representation is another method which has been suggested. A dozen English newspapers, headed by the London Times, are at present engaged in holding a mock election to demonstrate its practicability. This system has been adopted in Wurtemberg, Sweden, Finland, some Swiss cantons, and Tasmania, while other countries contemplate its introduction. To introduce such a system in Great Britain, existing constituencies would first have to be grouped into larger areas, each returning several members, and each elector having one vote. If, for example, such a constituency returned seven members, each seventh of the electors would theoretically be able to secure a representative. As an extremely popular candidate might poll more than the number of votes he needs, provision is made for a second choice, or to make votes transferable. This could be accomplished by the voter placing the figure 2 opposite the name of the candidate to whom he desires his vote transferred, should his favorite receive more than the necessary number, or so few as to put him out of the race. By this means it would be possible for the voters in a constituency returning seven members to form themselves into seven equal groups, each returning the desired candidate, and fair representation in Parliament would be given the large electoral divisions.

An influential deputation waited recently upon Premier Asquith to urge a reform in the electoral system, preferably proportional representation. Mr. Asquith made a very encouraging reply, and promised to appoint a commission to study and report upon the question. He admitted that the present system was open to serious objections.

Probably Longboat owed his victory last night more to his Indian ancestry than to what "civilization" and white men have done for him.

Venezuela is again in trouble, but the man who made it, and who has a genius for keeping his country in hot water, is safe in Europe. Like Artemus Ward's kangaroo, Castro is an "amoooin' little cuss."

Mr. McKinder has been telling Britishers that there is a tendency to closer commercial relations between Canada and the United States which must end in political union. The tariff reformers of Great Britain may play upon the fears of the people at home, but such talk excites only amusement in Canada.

The Governor-General has consented to be the patron of the Montreal winter carnival. Evidently he thinks that the Canadian winter is something for Canadians to be proud of, not ashamed. This growing and thriving Dominion of today can afford to be less sensitive to misconceptions about its climate than in the time when immigration was giving it the go-by.

If it is any advantage to either of the political parties to have a majority on the city council, it has not been apparent this year. There never was a better opportunity for both to drop

the slate-making business and allow the municipal elections to be run without the "machine."

UNFULFILLED.

(Clifton Bingham.)
Never a rose tree in the garden
But hath a bud, when summer goes
That never, though fair and sweet the
sunshine,
Becomes a rose.

Never a heart in this world of hoping
But hath some hope, untold, unstilled,
That though all the others bloom, must
ever
Go unfulfilled!

"SPICY" REMARKS.

(Philadelphia Record.)
Nell—Mr. Guzzler's conversation is
rather spicy, don't you think so?
Helle—Well, it is generally tinged
with the aroma of cloves.

ANOTHER CLAN.

(Punch.)
Magistrate (examining prisoner)—Are you a
"clanman?"
Indignant Scot—Dead Ahn no! Been
a MacIntyre all my life!

THEN THE TROUBLE BEGAN.

(Lester's Weekly.)
O'Flanagan came home one night with
a deep band of black crease around his
hat.
"Why, Mike," exclaimed his wife,
"what are you wearing that mournful
thing for?"
"I'm wearing it for your first husband,"
replied Mike, firmly. "I'm sorry he's
dead."

MILTON.

(By Laurence Binyon, read at the memorial
service on Milton's birthday.)
He who, like his Sanson bowed,
Tolling, hardly tasked, and night-en-
folded,
Steered his proud course to 'one purpose
vowed.
As on eagle backs through hailing cloud,
Strong-winged and alone,
Sweeping skies unknown;
He whose verse, majestically moulded,
Moves like armed and bannered host,
Streaming, irresistible, and bounding
River in a land's remotest lost,
Poured from solitary peaks of frost,
And far histories brings
Of old realms and kings.
With high fates of fallen man resound-
ing.

This is England's voice that rings
Over Europe; this the soul unshaken
That from darkness a great splendor
sang.
Beauty mightier for the cost and pang;
Of our blood and name
Risen, our spirits to claim,
To enlarge to summon, to awaken!

THE FAT OF THE LAND.

(Guelph Herald.)
A good deal has been said this week
about fat cattle, but how many like
to eat the fat?

THE SHOPPERS.

(John A. Kirk Bangs.)
Oh, the Christmas tide is rising!
You can see it on the street
In the antediluvian
Of the shopper most discreet.
There are merry times a-coming,
Santa Claus is on the way—
You can tell by the humming
"Round the barren counter gay."
There's a bloom in worsted slippers
Such as pious preachers wear;
Woolen mitts for chilly flippers,
Rich tarantulas for the hair.
Every toy shop's spick and span;
All about with dolls and things;
And the men who make the candy
Look as prosperous as kings.

Santa Claus by the dozens
Stand behind the window panes,
While our sisters, wives and cousins
Disparage our surplus gains.
Even the fated Christmas turkey
By the spectacle is moved,
As he thinks how fine and perky
He will look when he is served.

There are twenty thousand women
On each ordinary block
In a human ocean swimming
With no thought of frazzled frock.
Like a lot of centre rushers
In resistless force they roll—
Pushers, haulers, shovers, pushers,
They're advancing toward the goal.

Mr. Porthos, Mr. Athos,
D'Artagnan, the fierce and brave,
Would become a thing of waste
If they stood before that wave.
For a woman with a mission
That is all beneficence
Would have made that coalition
Look like 27 cents.

DOUBLY ARMED.

(Toronto Star.)
Carrie Nation is using the Bible in her
Glasgow campaign, but she takes the
hatchet along, as a surgical operation
may be necessary before the Scotchmen
see the point.

DICKENS AND CHRISTMAS.

(Windsor Free Press.)
"Dickens dead?" Then will Father
Christmas die too? Cried a barrow-girl
in Drury Lane on that June day in 1870,
when the news ran down the streets of
London, Watts-Dunton, who heard the
cry, made it the text of his poem "Dickens
Returns on Christmas Day."

"Dickens is dead!" Beneath that previous
cry
London seemed shivering in the summer
heat.
Strangers took up the tale like friends
that meet;
"Dickens is dead!" said they, and hurried by.
Street-children stopped their games—they
knew not why.
But some new night seemed darkening
down the street.

A girl in rags, staying her way-worn feet,
Cried "Dickens dead? Will Father Christ-
mas die?"
City he loved, take courage on thy
way!
He loves thee still, in all thy joys
and fears.
Though he whose smile made bright
thine eyes of gray—
Though he whose voice, uttering thy bur-
dened years,
Made laughter bubble through thy sea
of tears—
Is gone, Dickens returns on Christ-
mas Day!

LIFE—WORK.

(Henry Van Dyke.)
Let me live my life from year to year,
With forward face and unreluctant soul;
Not hurrying to, nor turning from, the
goal;
Not mourning for the things that dis-
appear
In the dim past, nor holding back in fear
From what the future veils; but with a
whole
And happy heart, that pays its toll
To Youth and Age, and travels on with
cheer.

Let me do my work from day to day,
In field and forest, at the desk or loom,
In mowing market place or tranquil
room;
Let me but find it in my heart to say,
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,
"This is my work; my blessing, not my
dread;
Of all who live, I am the one by whom

This work can best be done in the right
way."

STUNG.

(The Bohemian.)
The rich bachelor sighed and looked at
Miss Christie's dressmaking shops in
St. Catherine street, was badly dam-
aged by fire here yesterday afternoon.

The fire started on the second floor
from defective electric wiring, and
shot up to the top floor, which is oc-
cupied by the Notman photographic
studio. The studio was filled with
all kinds of inflammable materials,
and it was not until after an hour's
stubborn fighting that the fire brigade
gave orders to take to a steam launch
the salvage brigade saved the remain-
ing stores, and flooded out a number
of offices as well as the big jewelry
store on the first two floors.

At first the fire was regarded as a
joke by the five or six hundred people
in the building, but it spread so fast

KAISER BROKE TO SELL PALACE

Though His Income Is \$10,000,000 a Year, Extravagances Compel Economy.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Emperor William and every member of the Imperial family must practice most rigid economy from now on and indefinitely. William II. finds his revenues so exhausted by his extravagances that he is in desperate need of cash. This, although his annual income is estimated conservatively at \$10,000,000.

This falling back of money may ac-
count in part for the present almost
melancholic state of a ruler who thinks
that wealth is as much his by divine
right as is sovereignty. Naturally the
Emperor's need of money tends to
evaporate the family, who de-
pend in largest part on his purse to
maintain the state which he de-
mands of them.

Crown Princess Sells Tiara.
This fact may explain why the
crown princess, wishing to help
the widowed and orphaned by the
recent mining disaster at Hamm,
had to sell below its cost a diamond
tiara worth \$25,000.

Again and again Socialist mem-
bers of the Reichstag have deplored
the Emperor's extravagances as
frightful. But he recognizes ex-
travagance only in others.

To meet the Emperor's current ex-
penses, which the civil list (that is,
the sum the nation sets apart for the
crown annually), cannot cover, he
has decided to sell several of the
crown's castles and other properties,
including some on the Rhine, the fa-
mous castle at Biederth and the royal
palace at Düsseldorf.

Wanted Bigger Civil List.

The Emperor was pinched for
money as long ago as last May. It
was put out then tentatively that he
would ask the Prussian Landtag to
give him \$2,500,000 in a lump sum to
pay his then existing debts and to al-
low him \$100,000 a year more to in-
crease the pay of his servants, al-
ready well paid.

But frugal Germans frowned on
his request and pointed to the fact
that the Emperor is receiving \$1,000,000
a year more than when he came
to the throne.

JIM M'NEIL LOSES TO TOMMY SULLIVAN

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 16.—It re-
quired two rounds and a small portion
of the third for "Brooklyn" Tommy
Sullivan to knock out Jimmy McNeil,
featherweight champion of Australia,
last night. By the close of the first
round it was easily apparent that Mc-
Neil was outclassed. In the second
Sullivan landed six times on McNeil's
jaw, flooring him, McNeil taking a
limit before getting up. A blow to
the left side of the jaw finished the
fighting in the third.

WHAT UNCLE SAM GREW.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The produc-
tion in 1908 in farm value on Dec. 1
of important farm products, according
to the final revised estimates of the de-
partment of agriculture announced to-
day as follows:

Corn, 2,698,851,000 bushels, and farm
value \$1,616,145,000, against 2,592,320,
000 bushels in 1907, and \$1,336,901,000
on Dec. 1 of that year; winter wheat,
437,908,000 bushels, and \$410,330,000,
against 409,442,000 bushels and \$381,
277,000 last year; spring wheat, 226,
694,000 and \$206,490,000, against 224,
645,000 bushel and \$193,220,000 in 1907;
oats, 807,158,000 bushels and \$381,171,
000, against 754,443,000 and \$334,568,
000; barley, 166,756,000 bushels and
\$32,442,000, against 153,597,000 bushels
and \$102,290,000.

VERBAL AGREEMENT HOLDS.

Hamilton, Dec. 15.—After hearing
the evidence of several witnesses to-
day in the appeal of the Terminal Sta-
tion Company against the action of the
court of revision in confirming the
assessment at \$135,000, Judge
Snider struck off \$55,000. It was
shown positively, he said, that there
was an arrangement between the city
and the company that there should be
a reasonable assessment, although
there was nothing in writing. Ex-
Mayor Biggar swore that when the
negotiations were in progress he and
the late Frank Hutton, a city assessor,
had a conference with the com-
pany's representatives and agreed that
the assessment should be a reason-
able one. His recollection was that
this was to be for a period of five
years, although he was not sure. The
company wanted a fixed assessment
at \$45,000, the same as the old build-
ing, but was refused.

STAY OF PROCEEDINGS.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Mr. Justice Brit-
ton this morning granted a stay of
proceedings in the West Pembroke
election petition, pending the final de-
cision on the preliminary objections.
He also extended the time for the
taking of proceedings by either party,
including the filing of a cross-petition,
if the present petition is maintained.

Has a Corn Any Roots?

Yes, and branches and stems as well.
Can it be cured? Yes, by applying Put-
nam's Corn Extractor. It's painless,
safe, and invariably satisfactory. In-
sist on only Putnam's.

A Big \$100,000 Blaze at Montreal

Montreal, Dec. 16.—A portion of
Henry Birks & Sons big building on
St. Catherine street, was badly dam-
aged by fire here yesterday afternoon.

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from defective electric wiring, and
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At first the fire was regarded as a
joke by the five or six hundred people
in the building, but it spread so fast

that eventually a number had their
escape cut off. Half a dozen girls in
Miss Christie's dressmaking shops in
the front of the building could not
get to the stairway for flame and
smoke, and suffered a good deal from
frustration before an extension ladder was
run up and they were carried down by
the firemen, while the family of the
janitor, including a small baby, had to
be rescued the same way.

Messrs. Birks had a stock valued at
nearly a million dollars, but all the
valuable jewelry was placed in fire-
proof vaults as the alarm was given,
while the salvage brigade saved the re-
st. Most of the loss is to the build-
ing and other tenants. Messrs. Birks
state that the damage is covered ten
times over by insurance, and they will
carry on their business undisturbed by
the fire.

Canadian Packers To Fight Swifts

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—The report that
negotiations are in progress looking to
the formation of a big western pack-
ing trust to fight the Swift
Company, who are endeavoring to get
control of the Western Canadian busi-
ness, is again revived.

The Swift & Co. a couple of years ago
acquired the J. Y. Griffin & Co. plant,
of Winnipeg, and have been extend-

ing all through the west. The plan is
to merge the packing houses of Gor-
don, Ironsides & Pares, and the firm
of Gallagher, Holman & LeFrane.
Chicago capital, said to be the
Armours, is being interested, and the
deal, it is said, will go through in the
next fifteen days, when a battle-rail
will start with Swift & Co. for the
western packing business.

Seven French Jack Tars Drowned

St. Pierre, Miquelon, Dec. 16.—Seven
time it was dark and a heavy snow
members of the crew of the French
warship Admiral Aube, who started for
the shore last night, are missing, and
it is thought all were drowned. The
warship, which arrived here with port,
governor Didolet two weeks ago, is
anchored in the roads.

Last evening seven of the crew were
given orders to take to a steam launch
and remain ashore all night. When shore
saw the launch, and it is be-
lieved that it was swamped by the
port, the watchman of the Admiral
Aube lost sight of the boat. At the occu-
pants.

The Death List of the Eastern Woods

Boston, Dec. 16.—The chase of the
killed while hunting in Massachusetts,
moose, deer and other game in three
northern states of New England and
of the adjoining Canadian provinces, for
the season which closed today, cost
the lives of 24 human beings; 29 by
firearms, 4 by drowning and 1 by
falling on a knife. Two more were

Scores were crippled or wounded, 5 or
6 of whom may yet be added to the
list of dead.

Maine, as usual, leads the list,
with 20 dead, while 6 more were in-
jured. In the provinces, 4 each in Vermont
and New Hampshire.

A Fatal Fight With Safe-Crackers

Greenwich, Ohio, Dec. 16.—In a
running midnight encounter between
a gang of safe-crackers and the police
of this village, Marshall Wood and one
of the burglars are reported slain.

The other burglars escaped, carry-
ing one of their number, who is be-
lieved to have been killed by the mar-
shal. Wood fell, shot dead. A posse
of citizens has been organized to start
in pursuit of the robbers.

Ten Were Killed in French Collision

Limoges, France, Dec. 16.—Ten per-
sons were killed and fifteen injured in
a collision today between a passenger
train and Limoges.

POPULAR COUPLE WERE MADE ONE

Wedding of Miss Ethel Crouch and
Mr. L. S. Olmstead.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred
Crouch, 321 King street, was the scene of
a pretty wedding yesterday afternoon,
when their daughter, Miss Ethel Florence,
was married to Mr. Lewis S. Olmstead, of
Stratford, formerly of this city.

The ceremony was performed, in the
presence of a number of relatives and
friends, by Rev. J. Gibson Inker, pastor
of the First Presbyterian Church. The
bride was given away by her father, and
entered the drawing-room amid the
 strains of a wedding march, played by
her sister, Miss Norma Crouch. Miss
Beatrice Hunt sang "Love Me and the
World is Mine." Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead
left last night for Boston and New York,
and on their return will reside at 436 King
street.

THE BOY DETECTIVES.

New York, Dec. 16.—The office boys
in the employ of the Metropolitan
Street Railway Company have un-
covered a system of wholesale trans-
fer stealing, and as a result two con-
ductors and two boys have been ar-
rested. The company has lost thou-
sands of dollars through the system.
Dishonest conductors, it is alleged, dis-
posed of transfers by the pad to boy
agents, who in turn sold them at two
cents or three cents each. The pur-
chasers in the main were messenger
boys and office boys. Through the
detective work of the two small office
boys, evidence has been obtained. It is
thought, to permanently break up the
system.

RARE MEDICAL CASE.

Monrovia, Cal., Dec. 16.—After eight
years of torture from a broken back,
Frank Sandeval died yesterday. His
was one of the rare cases in medical
annals of a man living from any con-
siderable time after the spinal column
was broken.

CHICAGO'S MURDER RECORD.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—A report of the
police department shows that 156 per-
sons were murdered in Chicago in the
year 1908. Of the murders 24 remain
unsolved. In the year 1907, 193 mur-
ders were committed, which is the
highest number recorded.

A recently-published statistical re-
port gives the number of "diploma
physicians" in the world as 228,234.
Of these Europe has 152,334.
A \$40,000 wireless telegraph plant
is being erected at Newport, which
will have a working radius of 1,250
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world is built on ice. It is laid be-
tween Cronstadt and Oranienbaum,
and is in use only during the winter.

SUPPRESS THE POPPIES

Mackenzie King Tells How the Opium
Traffic Must Be Attacked.

New York, Dec. 16.—The problem
of checking the opium traffic is dis-
cussed by Mackenzie King, a member
of the Canadian Parliament, who sails
for England today, to attend the in-
ternational conference to be held at
Shanghai in February.

Mr. King said:
"It is my opinion that the use of
opium in a harmful way can only be
checked by striking direct at the very
root—the raising of poppies to an ex-
tent as to make impossible the spread
of their product, as other than a mere
medicine. The only way in which this
can be done is through a congress of
representatives of all the nations con-
cerned. I think this conference will un-
questionably be successful."

"As for the opium traffic in Canada,
we have pretty well obliterated it
there. Last year there were as many
as seven factories on our Pacific coast,
fed by raw product from India. From
them the drug was smuggled into the
United States. We passed a law pro-
hibiting its manufacture and sale, and
closed them in six months."

DIES OF HIS INJURIES.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Thomas McBrien,
the alleged shop-breaker, who was ar-
rested Sunday night after falling from
the third story window of a Front
street warehouse, which it was al-
leged he was robbing, died at St.
Michael's Hospital at 1:30 o'clock this
afternoon. His injuries by falling on
a pile of glass were such as to make
it impossible from the first of a chance
for recovery.

Two men arrested with him are in
jail awaiting trial.

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HEAD

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caused their removal from the market, and those
who once try them will find that these little pills will
cure in so many ways that they will not be willing
to do without them. But after a attack head

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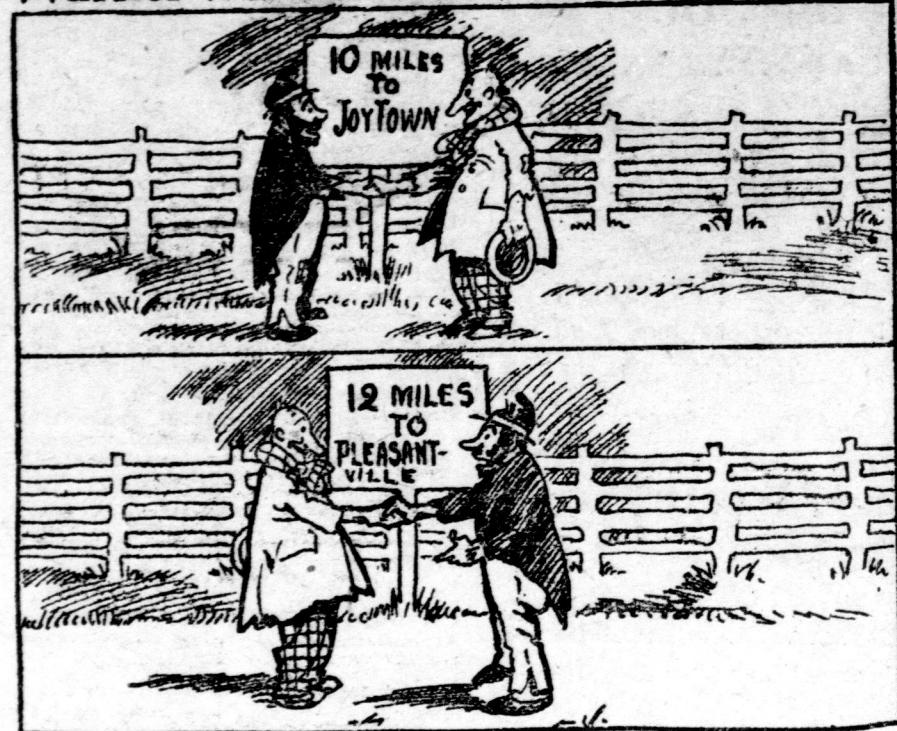
is the best of so many lives that here is where
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Carter's Little Liver Pills are very small and
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They are strictly vegetable and do not grip or
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use them.

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WEARY WILLIE & TIRED TIM PUZZLE



Weary Willie, who had outstayed his welcome at Joytown, started for Pleasantville, simultaneously with the departure of Tired Tim from Pleasantville for Joytown. They met and exchanged the fraternal grip as shown in the upper picture. After an affectionate parting they continued their journeys. Pleasantville proved so unpleasant in its greeting to Weary that without tarrying he retraced his steps to Joytown. Tim received a joyous reception at Joytown, and at once turned about on his return promenade to Pleasantville. They met for the second time, as shown in the lower picture. The men maintained their respective speeds throughout, so who can tell, from the data given, how many miles in length is the promenade from Joytown to Pleasantville?

ANSWER TO ZOOLOGICAL ARITHMETIC PUZZLE PRINTED TUESDAY—Shoe, hoe, wall, sow, sow, sows—SWALLOW.

THE AMETHYST CROSS

By Fergus Hume

CHAPTER XXVI.

The End of It All.

The villa owned by Lord Charvington at Nice was beautifully situated, beautifully furnished, and beautifully built. Endless money had been spent

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upon it to make it as perfect as any human habitation well could be. Lady Charvington was particularly fond of it, and her extravagance could be seen both in the house and in the lovely gardens. Great was her rage when she heard that her husband had invited George and his young wife to stay with him there along with her arch-enemy, Mrs. Walker. But she was even more angry when she learned that Charvington had made a free gift of the villa to his daughter.

"His conduct has always been atrocious," said Lady Charvington to Mr. Jabez, who was the sole person to whom she could speak of such things, since for her own sake she was forced to hold her tongue to the world at large. "But this is the worst thing he has ever done. How dare he give my villa to that horrid, girl?"

"He has every right to," said Jabez dryly. "as the villa is Lord Charvington's own property. And I beg leave to state that I do not consider young Mrs. Walker a horrid girl. She is very sweet, and is bearing her good fortune as modestly as she bore her bad luck bravely."

"I hate her," said Lady Charvington fervently. "Why, may I ask?"

"Because I hated her mother. I always loved Charvington, and she took him from me."

"But you got him in the end," Jabez reminded her.

"Got him. Yet, I got the rags and tatters of the passion he had for that detestable Kate Morse. I never forgave her while she lived, and I certainly shall not forgive her now she is dead."

"Very good; but you needn't hate her daughter," expostulated Jabez, earnestly. "consider how unhappy the poor girl has been, and through no fault of her own. Even now—in deference to her own wish, I admit—she is not acknowledged by her father, publicly at least."

"I don't care," cried Lady Charvington, with all the venom of an angry woman. "I hate the girl, and I shall always hate her. But I didn't come here to listen to your views, Mr. Jabez. What I wish to know is if I can insist that my villa shall be given back to me."

"No," said Jabez, and very glad he was to be able to reply in the negative. "The villa was never settled on you, and Lord Charvington has a perfect right to deal as he pleases with his own property."

"It is my property and Charvington's a brute. I wonder that I ever loved him—indeed I do," cried the lady vehemently. "and to think of that horrid girl getting the man she wanted, and the fifty thousand pounds, and my villa—and, oh!" she stamped, "it makes one doubt if there is a Providence."

"I fear," said Jabez gravely, as she rose to depart, "that some day, if you bear such ill-will towards one who has never injured you, that you will find there is a Providence!"

"Pooh! Pooh! That's only goody-

goody talk," said Lady Charvington contemptuously. "but that I have to think of Agatha and Lena I should get a separation from my husband. As it is, I shall spend as much money as I can, and enjoy myself in my own way. I don't want to see him."

"I fancy you'll see very little of him," said Jabez, dryly, and accompanying her to the door. "Lord Charvington is fond of a quiet life. All you have to do is to enjoy your position, and the ample income which he allows you, and hold your tongue about these family troubles."

"Oh, of course, you are on his side," cried Lady Charvington, in a rage. "I really believe that you suggested he should give that nasty girl my villa."

"Pardon me," said the solicitor, smilingly dodging the question. "It never was your villa."

"I was, and she has stolen it. I only hope she'll be thoroughly unhappy as she well can be, with the fool she's married and her disagreeable mother-in-law. Judith was always horrid."

"I fear you will be disappointed," Young Mrs. Walker adores her mother-in-law, and in turn she adores them. They are, as you know, all at the villa with Lord Charvington, and, as I gather, perfectly happy."

"How disgusting," cried Lady Charvington, indignantly. "But I shall wait for the interference of an over-mighty Providence. Some day the sins of the lot of them will come home to them, and they will be thoroughly miserable."

"And your ladyship's sins?" Jabez inquired, gravely.

"Sins," she stared. "I have none. After which speech, which completely silenced the lawyer, so taken back was he by this amazing impudence, she took her departure. All the same she also took his advice and said nothing of what had happened in connection with the affairs of the amethyst cross. And in time—as she could not keep up a hostile attitude for ever—she found it politic to smooth over things with her worried husband. But she never forgave Lesbia to her dying day."

Not that Lesbia cared. She was absolutely happy with her husband and mother-in-law, and father at the villa. The income derived from her mother yielded over two thousand a year, and this had been supplemented by Lord Charvington, anxious to make amends. What with a large income and a lovely villa, and a handsome, affectionate husband, Lesbia was very fortunate indeed, and felt quite glad that she had gone through so much trouble, to get such a goal. Something of this sort she said to her father one evening after dinner.

The party were seated on the terrace which overlooked the deeply blue waters of the Mediterranean. At the moment, these were dyed with rosy hues from the setting sun. Mrs. Walker, looking much less stern and more composed, was seated in a deep armchair near Lesbia, whom she could scarcely bear out of her sight. Lord Charvington, now looking wonderfully happy and hearty—for it was six months since his last attack of apoplexy—sat near a small round table upon which stood coffee and liqueurs. George lounged about with a cigar, casting looks of affection on Lesbia. The aristocratic-looking evening dress amidst beautiful surroundings looked thoroughly happy, and well-to-do. After the storm had come the calm, and it was when recalling the storm that Lesbia made the remark above said.

"The trouble was worth going through, to come to this," she said, smiling in a happy manner.

"I think so, too, dear," observed George, who was always hovering in her vicinity. "And I think we have learned the lesson, which those same troubles were sent to teach."

"What lesson?" asked Lord Charvington lazily.

"Yes," said Mrs. Walker, who was knitting. "you and Lesbia have learned that, and I have learned a lesson also. I have learned to be more sympathetic and liberal-minded. We are all mortal and no one has any right to judge another person not knowing that person's temptations."

"Do you allude to Walter?" asked Charvington.

"Yes. He behaved badly, I admit; but then he had been so strong enough to struggle against the evil that was in him. And after all," Mrs. Walker laid down her knitting. "he was terribly punished. He was snatched out of life unprepared. I hope he has found mercy. But the evil that he did lived after him. Alas! Alas!"

"I think Tait and his gang found that was so," said George grimly. "From what was said at the trial, it seemed that Hale was the soul of the gang. Tait and his gang were the tools. Tait, of course, escaped because he turned King's evidence, and is now in Italy; but Tait got a long sentence."

"Mrs. Petty and the rest of the gang also," observed Charvington, "but Maude Ellis and Alfred Sargent succeeded in escaping."

"They were very lucky," said George reflectively. "The police, advised by Tim, were on their track almost at once, but they never caught them. As they were not expected I wonder that they ever escaped."

"Hale was not disguised, either. I heard you say," remarked Charvington. "It seems to me that audacity favored the lot of them. Hale would have escaped also, I doubt not, had he not been shot by that wretched woman."

"Why do you shudder, George?" Mrs. Walker asked at this point.

"I am thinking how easily she could have shot Lesbia," said George reluctantly. "She had two or three shots left after she polished off Hale. But she flung the revolver ashore and made a sentimental speech, wishing myself a fool, but that she acted like a wise man. Lesbia is not strong enough to do much," objected George.

"Mrs. Walker shook her head. "I believe Alfred Sargent was a much cleverer man than his appearance warranted," she said dryly. "He looked like a fool, but he acted like a wise man. Not only did he escape, but he managed to carry off his thievish earnings."

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KIDNEY DISEASE COMES ON QUIETLY.

Perhaps no other organs work harder than the kidneys to preserve the general health of the body, and people are troubled with some kind of kidney complaint, but do not suspect it. It may have been in the system for some time. There may have been backaches, swelling of the feet and ankles, disturbances of the urinary organs, such as brick dust deposit in the urine, highly colored scanty or cloudy urine, bladder pains, frequent or suppressed urination, burning sensation when urinating, etc. Do not neglect any of these symptoms, for, if neglected they will eventually lead to Bright's Disease, Dropsy and Diabetes.

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When look how cleverly he behaved in society in never being suspected. Yet he stole—as we learned at the trial of Tait and the rest—at balls, at weddings, from private houses, and black-mailed many number of people. A dangerously clever man, I call him."

"Well, don't let us talk any more about him," said Charvington, impatiently. "Maud is clever, if you like, and probably will end in imposing him on some second-rate republic, as its president, even though he is a forger. I believe that there is no end to that woman's ambition. But he and she are both out of our lives. Also Hale is dead, and as Lesbia has now changed her name, she will not be connected with the sordid past in any way. Let us talk of something more agreeable."

"The amethyst cross, for instance," said Lesbia, pointedly.

Charvington wringed. "Why? That belongs to the disagreeable past."

"It taught George and myself a lesson," said Lesbia seriously, "and I am sorry that it has been lost sight of. It has not been lost sight of," said Charvington after a pause. "Jabez got it from Hale and restored it to me. But I did not show it to you, Lesbia, child, because I thought that the sight of it would be painful."

"Not now that I have learned its lesson. Where is it, father?"

"Call Tim."

Lesbia rang a silver bell which was on the table, and shortly Tim, looking more grotesque and more like a gnome than ever appeared. He was with the young couple as the major-domo of their small household, and enjoyed himself hugely. "Tim," ordered Lord Charvington, giving a key, "go to my study and open my dispatch box. Bring me the letter which you will find in it. A red morocco case."

"Yes, yer lordship," said the major-domo and departed.

"Are you sure you want the cross, Lesbia?" asked Mrs. Walker seriously. "Yes. Whenever I forget to be kind and thoughtful, whenever I am inclined to judge others harshly, the cross will remind you of my shortcomings."

"You have none, dear," said George fondly.

"George," Mrs. Walker smiled, "you are spoiling her."

"I know someone else who spoils me more," whispered Lesbia roguishly, and Mrs. Walker smoothed the girl's hair.

At this moment Tim returned with the case. Lord Charvington opened it and took out the ornament which glittered in the rosy hues of sunset.

"Preserve us!" whispered Tim, as he crossed himself. "The unlucky cross!"

"Slipping a slender watch-chain he wore from his waistcoat. "It found me my daughter. Here, Lesbia, he threaded the loop at the top of the cross, "you can wear it now."

Lesbia bent her head and her father threw the chain on her neck. The amethyst cross gleamed with purple fire on her white bosom, a symbol of all that had passed, and a symbol also of a brighter future. "I shall always wear it," said Lesbia, with serious love eyes.

"Refuse and lose," said George meditatively. "well, we have not refused no cross, although I daresay had it been in our power to do so we should have shirked the burden."

"Thank heaven you were not allowed to, for the bearing of the burden has taught you much," said Mrs. Walker dryly.

"It has earned me the power of perfect love," said George, drawing Lesbia to his breast.

"And that is worth everything," she said, kissing him.

[The End.]

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YELLOW PEACE COMING

Sir Robert Hart Looks to China for the Millennium.

London, Dec. 15.—Sir Robert Hart, who probably knows more about China than any man living, made an interesting prophecy this week as to that country's wonderful future. That it would be wonderful he was quite sure.

The Chinese, he said, were a strange, reasonable people, but they hated the idea of having to become soldiers and said "If right is right, it ought to be recognized by everybody, and we ought not to be required to fight to support it." Circumstances, however, required that now they should be able to stand on their own legs and hold their own ground against the strong foreign competition which was coming nearer and nearer in view of the labor-saving appliances which were being invented and the improvement of the means of communication and transport.

Now in addition to ethics they were to study Western science in order to cope with it and acquire the appliances which were in daily use here. Thus they proposed to strengthen themselves.

It was easy to imagine what great numbers of soldiers could be produced from a population of 400,000,000 of people. Possibly 100, 200 or 300 years hence those 400,000,000 of people would be as strong in arms individually and nationally as for instance a great European power like Germany was at the present moment, and then what would happen?

China would turn around to the rest of the world and say: "Gentlemen, there must be no more fighting." They would throw in the force of their arms with the country that was attacked against the country that made war, and he believed that in that way the millennium would come. That was a curious statement, but he knew something of the Chinese and he knew that they would act in a reasonable way.

The high price of meat is not a hardship, but a blessing, according to Dr. Bosley, health commissioner, of Baltimore. Dr. Bosley is of the opinion that in the spring and summer, when the body does not require so much heat, meat can be dispensed with the greater part of the time. The doctor thinks that with meat at its present prices people will eat more vegetables and be the better for the change.

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LONGBOAT DEFEATS DORANDO IN GREAT RACE AT NEW YORK

Famous Italian Runner Who Defeated Marathon Champion Hayes Himself Goes Down Before the Great Onondago in the Twenty-Six Mile Grind.

New York, Dec. 15.—Victory was within the grasp of Dorando, the Italian runner in the Marathon race at Madison Square Garden, last night, when his steps wavered, he staggered, strove vainly to go on and then fell in a paining heap.

He was finishing the second lap, the last of the 26 miles. Longboat, the Indian, was not far behind, and within a few minutes strode past the prostrate form of his rival and on to the goal, 11,000 people screaming in a frenzy of delight as the judge pronounced him the winner.

Dorando, who set out from the first in serious condition, and while physicians say he will recover, it is likely that he will never do the long race again.

Longboat ended in splendid condition.

Dorando Drops.

At 25 miles Dorando was leading by two yards. A moment before Longboat had made a remarkable spurt and put himself on an even footing with the little Italian. Dorando immediately regained first position and the men were fighting it out in the 26th mile, with Dorando in the lead but visibly weaker. The chances of Longboat appeared to improve in the second and third laps. In the fourth lap while the crowd was crying itself hoarse both men slackened perceptibly. Then suddenly Dorando staggered and dropped. Longboat finished alone. His time for the distance of 26 miles, 285 yards, was 2:45.05-2-5.

The time was 35-2-5 seconds slower than the mark established by Dorando when he defeated Hayes over the same track three weeks ago.

It was a grueling race for nearly 25 miles, the Italian generally in the lead, but occasionally overhauled by a wonderful spurt on the part of the Indian.

Long before the hour for the race the crowd began to assemble in Madison Square Gardens, and at 9 o'clock the hour at which the race was supposed to start, every available place from which the race could be seen was crowded, while a mob of several thousands, many of whom held tickets of admission, was surging about the entrance vainly seeking entry. The fire department of the city gave orders that the gates should be closed, and after the race started there was no admission to the arena.

At 9:11 Floyd MacFarland, winner of the recent six-day bicycle race, lined the men up for the start. The Indian won the race and took the pole position, and almost before the crowd was aware the two great runners were off on their long, tedious grind around the circular track.

From the crack of the pistol Dorando sprang into the lead, and so the great clip, the Italian cutting out the pace for the Canadian. At the five-mile mark the Italian still led by 2:45.05.

London Grouped as Last Year Juniors in With Fast Stratford

Groupings of the O. H. A. Teams in Various Series.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The different series of the O. H. A. were grouped here tonight.

The London intermediates are grouped with Ingersoll, Paris and Simcoe. The juniors were grouped with the fast Stratford Midgots, last year's champions.

Ninety teams in all were entered in the three series, it being decided that group winners must be returned by the beginning of February.

The groupings are as follows:

Seniors.

Group 1, Section A—Simcoe, Toronto, St. Michael's College, Toronto.

Group 2—Toronto A. A. C., Oshawa, Toronto, St. George's, Kingston, Convent, Jas. Richardson, Meet at Toronto.

Group 3—Collingwood, Midland, Orillia, Barrie, Convent, Norman Blue, Collingwood, Meet at Barrie.

Intermediate Series.

Group No. 1—Belleville, Cobourg, Peterborough, Lindsay, Convent, T. J. Turpin, Cobourg, Meet at Port Hope.

Group No. 2, Section A—Whitby, Bowmanville, Port Perry.

Section B—Cannington, a bye, Convent, Kenneth Campbell, Whitby, Meet at Whitby.

Group No. 3—Parkdale Canoe Club, Toronto Canoe Club, Toronto Rowing Club, Newmarket, Convent, Dr. Weismiller, Toronto, Meet at Toronto.

Group No. 4—Toronto A. A. C., Canadian Kodak Company, Eureka, Millton, Convent, Ernie Cook, Toronto, Meet at Toronto.

Group 5—Section A—Beamsville, Grimsby, Leysons of St. Catharines, Section B—Niagara Falls, Port Colborne, St. Catharines, Convent, L. B. Duff, Welland, Meet at St. Catharines.

Group 6—Guelph O. A. C., Preston, Ayr, Galt, Heesler, Convent, William Twaits, Galt, Meet at Galt.

Group 7—Clinton, Seaford, Strat-

ford, New Hamburg, Convent, H. W. Stratford.

Group 8—Brantford, a bye.

Group 9—Paris, Ingersoll, London, Simcoe, Convent, Dr. Williams, Ingersoll, Meet at Woodstock.

Group 10—Markdale, Owen Sound, Wiarton, Convent, Geo. E. Fleming, Markdale, Meet at Owen Sound.

Group 11—Meaford, a bye.

Group 12—Kingston, Fourteenth Regiment, Kingston, St. George's, Convent, B. N. Steacy, Kingston, Meet at Kingston.

Group 13—Belleville, Trenton, Picton, Convent, Clarence Morgan, Picton, Meet at Trenton.

Group 14—Cobourg, Port Hope, Peterborough, Oshawa, Whitby, Convent, O. McMillan, Port Hope, Meet at Port Hope.

Group 15—Simcoe, St. Michael's College, Eureka, Toronto, Rowing Club, Upper Canada College, Convent, Frank Dissette, Toronto, Meet at Toronto.

Group 16—Guelph, Berlin, Waterloo, Convent, Solon Lutz, Berlin, Meet at Berlin.

Group 17—Listowel, Mount Forest, High School, Double schedule, Convent, B. L. A. Bamford, Listowel, Meet at Palmerston.

Group 18—St. Marys, Woodstock, London, St. Marys, Tillsonburg, Convent, W. P. Irving, London, Meet at London.

Group 19—Orangeville, Owen Sound, Double schedule, Convent, George D. Fleming, Owen Sound, Meet at Owen Sound.

Group 20—Meaford, Collingwood, Barrie, Newmarket, Convent, G. C. Cameron, Barrie, Meet at Barrie.

Group 21—Midland, Orillia, Pelee, Bracebridge, Gravenhurst, Convent, Dr. Cartwright, Gravenhurst, Meet at Orillia.

Group 22—New Liskeard, Cobalt, Haliburton, Convent, Carl Green, Haliburton, Meet at Haliburton.

Porto Rico has just been celebrating the 400th anniversary of its settlement by the Spaniards.

PAPKE AND KELLY FIGHT AT DRAW

Middleweight: Cracks Go Twenty Five Fierce Rounds at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—Hugo Kelly, of Chicago, and Billy Papke, former middleweight champion, fought 25 fast rounds at the Jeffries Vernon arena last night. At the close of the final round, with both men fighting strong, Referee James J. Jeffries called it a draw. Kelly left the ring without a mark, while both of Papke's eyes were closed and his cheek bones pounded to a pulp.

The draw decision was loudly protested by Kelly's backers, and a majority of the 4,500 spectators. The fight was fast from start to finish. The men tired in the last ten rounds, and Referee Jeffries was forced to fight both of them to break in clinches. Kelly almost won the fight in the first minute, when he beat Papke to the ropes, and had the Illinois Thunder-bolt groggy. At various stages throughout the fight either one man or the other seemed to be winning by a knockout, but each boxer recovered, and fought stubbornly. Kelly did the cleaner hitting, although Papke was the aggressor in every round.

In the last few rounds Papke seemed entirely blind with both eyes apparently completely closed.

The men fought at 158 pounds and both seemed in perfect condition.

TIGER OUTFIELD BY FAR THE BEST

No Other Trio in the League Can Compare With the Detroiters.

Round up an all-star team of the American League, and the outfield is reached, says Harry Edwards, in the Cleveland Plain-Dealer. For these three positions the entire Detroit outfit is selected, for collectively no stronger trio can be picked than McIntyre, Crawford and Cobb.

Joe Birmingham, of the Naps, may be a better general and judge of a fly ball, Denny Sullivan may be a more graceful player than Crawford, George Stone may be a more dangerous man at the bat than McIntyre and so on, but it is very doubtful if in the history of the American League three outfielders were ever gathered together on the same team that proved so valuable.

McIntyre Good Leader.

There was Matty McIntyre, getting on first base as often if not more often than any other man in the league; there was Sam Crawford with his timely hits and long swats to third send him home or at least to third base, where he would be driven home by Ty Cobb.

And Cobb? There is a name to conjure by. Put him on the bases and he was always getting on, and the opposing team was worried. The pitcher and catcher knew that if they would be doing Ty was liable to run wild and there was no telling just what stunt he would attempt to pull off. If a hunt was laid down by the next batter he was more than likely to try to take two bases while the outfielder was doing his best to get a single was rapped out by the hard-hitting Rossman the boy from Georgia was quite often due to make a dash for home all the way from first base.

He delighted in getting the opposing team to throw the ball around and very often he succeeded. With Cobb on the bases the opposing players were obliged to watch him closely and very often the batter was overlooked to a certain extent or so many balls wasted on him that a pass ensued.

He was the champion batter of the league and led all his rivals in assists, although he did make a fairly large number of errors.

Crawford the Timely Batter.

In Crawford Detroit has the man that, were a record kept, would be found to lead the league in driving runs. When playing against Cleveland he was feared more than any other batter in the league, and although the Tigers won only a few games during the year from the Naps, Crawford was the real reason for it.

He had it not been for Crawford, the number would have been much smaller. At least three games he won with home runs. Although not a showy outfielder, he is very steady and above the average as a judge of a fly ball.

He plays the batter well and is not called upon very often to make a sensational catch.

As for McIntyre, he played the best game of his life this year. He put up a good article of ball in the outfield all year and batted among the leaders. As a run getter he has no superior, while he also starred in driving runs, his doubles and triples being generally with men on the sacks.

Other Stars in League.

Other star outfielders in the league were Hughie Robinson and Birmingham of the Naps; Sullivan and Gessler of the Boston; Jones and Dougherty, of the White Sox; Stone, of the Browns; Hartzel of the Athletics, Hemphill of the Yankees, and Ganley, Milan and Clymer of the Washingtons.

As a fielder there is no better than Hinchman, of the Naps, but he is not fast on the bases, and also fails at the bat. Birmingham is the most wonderful throwing outfielder in either big league, but bats weakly. Denny Sullivan was a Naps, was really the best fielding outfielder of the year, but his batting was not such as would entitle him to a position on the first team from any of the Detroit trio.

Had Thoney, of the Boston, not in-



TOM LONGBOAT, Canada's Great Indian Runner, Who Last Night Defeated Dorando at New York in a Twenty-Five-Mile Race.

Jured his arm he would be a dangerous rival for the Tigers, but his wing was almost useless a portion of the season. Gessler, of the same team is a dangerous batter, but not a star fielder.

Ganley Has a Slump.

In 1907 Ganley of Washington placed on display an article of ball that caused him to rank among the best. He fell off badly in his playing this year, however. Milan, also of the Nationals, is a comer, a splendid man in centre on account of his speed, a fairly strong batter and a dangerous man on the paths. Clymer is a strong batter but only a fair fielder, his work being impaired by the numerous injuries he has received.

Charles Hemphill, of the Yankees, had a most prosperous year, both at the bat and in the field, but his arm is none too strong. Willie Keeler, the veteran, had a very bad year and did not look himself, either in the garden or at the bat.

TOM SHARKEY PICKS JOHNSON

He Thinks Burns Is an Overrated Pugilist—Colored Man Is Five Inches Taller.

New York, Dec. 16.—Tom Sharkey says Johnson will defeat Burns in the finish battle for the heavyweight championship, which will be decided the day after Christmas in Australia.

Sharkey says Burns, while a fairly good fighter, is over-rated, and actually decimates that with a few months of training he could beat him himself. Sharkey says Johnson will win the fight if it is on the level, because he is 25 pounds heavier than Burns, is a straight, left-hander, and is the cleverest big man in the world.

The former sailor does not think Burns can stand punishment delivered at long range, and says Johnson will do most of the job with his hard, straight, left-handers.

"I may be wrong in my ideas," continued Sharkey yesterday, "but I never could see how a little man, no matter how game or clever he might be, could beat a man, bigger, heavier and more scientific. That is the dope I go by in picking the winner of this mill. Jeffries beat me in 25 rounds solely because he was about 30 pounds heavier and several inches taller. He did not beat me in science, but he had the beef behind his punches, and also a longer reach. That is why Jeffries beat Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Ruhlman and the others, and is still the undefeated champion of the world."

Sam Fitzpatrick, Johnson's manager, in a letter just received here, writes that the fight will be on the square and that Burns will be knocked out inside of twenty rounds. Fitzpatrick also says Burns knew that Johnson could beat him when he demanded and got a guarantee of \$30,000.

"Rather than lose a chance to defeat Burns," writes Johnson's manager, "we would have let him take the entire purse, win, lose or draw. Johnson will get into the ring ready to put up the fight of his life. More than 20,000 persons will probably see the mill, as Australia is fighting crazy. There is big money here, and if Johnson wins he will tour the country before coming back to America. Then he will be ready to meet all comers—Kaufman, Ketchell, Langford, O'Brien or any other man who wants a crack at him."

JOHNSON BEAT BRUSO

Colored Gentleman Put It All Over Dutchman.

Galt, Dec. 15.—Johnson trimmed Brusso here in a boxing bout. A colored gentleman by the name of Johnson put it all over Noah Brusso's brother at Preston.

It is to be hoped that this is no forecast.

WILLIE LEWIS BREAKS HIS HAND

Was Having All the Best of the Bout With Harry Lewis.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 15.—Breaking his right hand in the seventh round, Willie Lewis, of Brooklyn, lost seemingly good chances of defeating Harry Lewis, of Philadelphia, in a twelve-round fight before the Edgewood Athletic Club last night. With both fighting at 148 pounds, Harry was the aggressor in the opening rounds, but Willie grew stronger as the fight progressed, until the seventh, when he broke the bones in the upper part of his right hand in a swing to his opponent's jaw. The remaining rounds were slow, with the exception of the tenth round, when both men mixed up considerably.

DIAMOND STARS SURE THROWERS

Some of the Every Day Feats of Big Leaguers—A Great Heave by Herman Long.

One thing about baseball that astonishes foreigners more than anything else is the remarkable accuracy of the throwing. This is especially true of those who have played cricket. The batting and the catching and stopping of balls is not nearly so impressive to them as the way the players shoot the ball around the diamond with the unerring aim of a rifle shot.

The reason for this is probably because the foreigners cannot get the knack of accurate throwing down as the Americans do. An instance of this is given in the following story in a recent issue of Tit-Bits, a London publication:

"The other day an amusing incident occurred at Rosall, when a hare dashed in among the players. J. T. Hearne, who was about to bowl, tried to hit the hare instead of the opposition wicket. A. N. Hornby threw his bat at the hare, and it was too sharp for him and ran to cover point. Hornby, Spooner and Frank Harry made desperate efforts to secure a hare tie, but in vain. The hare escaped from all the players."

Would Make Players Sure.

A professional baseball player would be disgraced for life if he got within throwing range of an animal as big as a hare and failed to bring down with a throw of a baseball. As against this failure by the English cricketer there was an incident at Philadelphia Park a few years ago which will illustrate what a baseball player can do in the throwing line.

One afternoon the Phillies were playing the Boston team. "Billy" Hamilton was in centre field for Boston and Herman Long was at shortstop. During the game there came a cry from Hamilton, who was seen excitedly pointing to an object which was dashing across the ground toward the flagpole in deep centre field. The scouting was a rat. Long was standing in his position at shortstop with the ball in his hand. Herman heard Hamilton's cry, wheeled around, took one glance at the rat running across the field, gauged the direction of its flight without the loss of a second and let the ball go. The ball hit the rat and there was one less rat in the world.

Throw Was a Great One.

Long's throw was fully 200 feet, but he hit the flying animal as if it were a stationary object. No sportsman ever made a prettier shot at a bird on the wing than Long did that afternoon. When it is considered that shortstops usually throw a man standing on a base, Long's judgment in gauging just how far ahead of the animal he was to throw in order to make the "kill," was really wonderful.

Throwing at an object in the air is one of the hardest feats, for looking up at the sky when taking aim is much harder than when the player has the grandstand or the bleachers for a background. Last spring Jim Delehanty gave an exhibition of clever throwing at Columbia Park in Philadelphia.

A foul ball wedged into the screen on top of the grandstand over the visiting players' bench. Delehanty picked up an old ball and threw it against the screen, missing the object aimed at by a yard. This one test, though, was enough for him to get the gauge. On the second attempt Delehanty let the ball go with all his might, and it not only struck the imprisoned "horsehide," but also landed with such force that the latter was driven clean through the screen.

Low Peg Is the Best.

One thing about the throwing in baseball that foreigners can't understand is why the players, in getting the ball to the plate from the outfield, almost invariably throw it low and make it strike the ground a yard or so in front of the plate. The baseball players claim that a ball thrown on the line and made to "shoot" off the ground will reach the catcher quicker than a ball thrown to him on the fly.

Some years ago there was a disposition to dispute this theory, but the general practice of the strong-arm players in making the ball "shoot" off the ground proves that they believe their idea is correct. "Round-house" throws, those loop-the-loop affairs which weak-armed outfielders have to resort to, seldom catch a base runner, while the low, ground-bumping throws do so in almost every game.

Coverpoint's Philosophy

That great prize orator Alfie Shrubbs will listen attentively to the fall of the coin into the coffers of T. Longboat and Tom Flanagan. And he might be getting a bit of it, too, if he would just quit talking.

The story of the sale of Lou Criger, the Boston catcher, reads like an expurgated edition of Uncle Tom's Cabin. If they would only get little Eva in it some place it would be immense.

Louis Levy, of Providence, rolled 174 in a duck-pin bowling game the other day, making a world's record. There is always something exciting if you take a slant at the dispatches.

London is well situated in the O. H. A. group, and should be able to furnish good contests. All we need is the ice.

This soft weather is not filling the curlers' spirit with that Christmas joy we read so much of. As a matter of fact, the average knight of the stance is not happy.

It now develops that the footprints of the prehistoric race found at Toronto are nothing more nor less than the footprints of lobsters. Now listen to the Hamilton, Ont., papers say that they did not all get away.

An expert says that the Pennsylvania coal supply will last only 84 more years. By that time most of us will not worry.

T. Longboat last evening demonstrated that he is still the greatest long-distance runner in the world.

Half a million dollars were wagered on the race last evening and most of it came this way. It should relieve the financial burden of this country some.

Canadians who broke on the Indian when he ran the great Marathon are now even up.

St. Seymour, the hard-hitting outfielder of the Giants, is slated for the discard. He has plenty of ability left, but is hard to handle.

The bull pup that bit Rev. J. D. Morrow, of Toronto, a former running champion, is dead. Serves it right.

The streets last night looked as if there was an election on. There was a great deal of interest in the foot race in this town.

Steve Valt, of Barrie, went to Edmonton, looked at the hockey rink, and was chased back to the East. As Stanley Cup material he did not quite look good.

There is probably no truth in the rumor that somebody whistled "My Marieluck" during the race, causing Dorando to collapse.

New Zealander Is Rowing Champion

Wanganui, North Island, New Zealand, Dec. 15.—R. Arnest, of New Zealand, today won the sculling championship of the world by defeating W. Webb, also of New Zealand, by eight lengths. Time, 19 minutes 52 seconds.

Arnest, the new champion, was until a year or so ago a new man at the sculls, but when Durnan, the Toronto sculler, went to New Zealand two years ago to train for a race with Towns, he took to the young man and coached him continually.

Arnest was a professional bicyclist of considerable note before he took up sculling, having won the "Sydney Thunders" the race for £1,000. Toward the end of his victory, took up the young sculler, recognizing that he had rare ability. Later Towns was defeated by Webb, and it will be considerable pleasure to him to know that his pupil has succeeded in wrestling the title from his fellow-countryman.

Another of the scheduled games in the Military Indoor Baseball League was played off at the Armories last night. D Company was winning from A Company by 12 runs to 7.

Though the game was fast, the winners had somewhat the advantage of the play throughout and deserved their victory. The teams were as follows:

A Company—Walker, Nichols, Tills, Callahan, Langley, Owens, McGuire, Allen, Greer.

D Company—Dobbs, Baker, Stinson, Anderson, Allport, Edwards, Hayes, Umphres—Jeffries and Fenwarden.

CANADA'S VISIT EAGERLY ANTICIPATED

The Curling Trip Promises to be a Great Success.

London, Dec. 15.—The Canadian Associated Press understands if there is ice at Loch Mahen, the Canadians will play their international series there, but, failing that, matches will be played at the large permanent ice rink at Glasgow.

The visit of the Canadians is being eagerly anticipated by curlers all over the country.

TORONTO PROS SIGN TWO

Cornwall Hockey Players Will Play There This Winter.

Cornwall, Dec. 15.—Two Cornwall hockey players, Edward Lalonde and Z. Runtions, have signed with the Toronto pros, and will play in Queen City jerseys this winter.

Both are experienced players, and have contracted for good salaries. Lalonde, who is Cornwall's famous increase goalkeeper, played in 1907 at Woodstock. Last winter he began with Portage La Prairie, but finished with Toronto.

Runtions has had experience in Nova Scotia, as well as with the Cornwall seniors.

An artillery lieutenant in Kragoyev, Serbia, was sentenced to 21 days' imprisonment for compelling a recruit to undergo the most cruel indignity in Serbian eyes. This consisted in making him shave his mustache.

There is one thing we will be spared in the accounts of the foot race. No body's sweetheart turned a few gyrations for the edification of the mob.

This will be a harder blow to Italy than when Duke Abruzzi was thrown down by the rich American girl.

That Edmonton team, the highest-priced galaxy ever brought together in one rink, will go east this week after the Stanley Cup. And in all probability the Westerners will learn that a bunch of high-priced hand-picked players do not always come home with the tinware.

Those six- or go-as-you-please walkers in Detroit, collected \$5.00 for their week's work, and the most of them had to walk back home. Their week's jaunt was not a circumstance to the one long ramble homewards.

Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw hogged the press wires long enough the other day to pose as a snake-charmer. We do not know exactly whether they were real or imitation, but she charmed them anyway. All of which goes to show that you can't beat the press agent.

Writing to the St. Andrew's Club, President Elmer Tuft says: "If there is any game that will instill in one's heart a more intense feeling of self-abasement and humiliation than golf, I would like to know what it is." Mr. Tuft is either a bum player or a good loser.

It will be a source of satisfaction to the unglorified golfer to know that under the revised rules it will be permissible for him to remove worms and other insanitary substances from the putting green by scraping them aside with a club. Formerly it was permissible to do this only by hand.—Chicago Tribune.

The race last night was as near a replica—whatever that means—of the great British Marathon as one could imagine. The early pace burned the Italian up, and Tom finished alone, as in England. Of course, in the British Marathon Tom was shy on the finishing end of it, but if he had not turned the handsprings along the way we opine that it might have been thus and so.

One New York critic figured it out that the race was between a good little man, and in good condition, against a world-beater of fatal heart and half condition. At that Longboat, with his fair condition, came through.

Annual Banquet of Canadian Club In Tecumseh House on February 11

A Meeting of the Executive Last Night Decided on the Date.

At a meeting of the executive of the Canadian Club held last evening it was decided to hold the annual banquet of the club in the Tecumseh House on Feb. 11.

It is proposed to make it the banquet of the season, and already lines are out for some very prominent speakers, both in Canada and the United States.

Mr. Thomas Augustine Daly, of Philadelphia, whose delightful speech at the Canadian Club last week pleased immeasurably the large company, has consented to speak at the banquet, and will be given a hearty welcome.

There will be a meeting of the joint committee on Tuesday evening next in the board of trade rooms to discuss arrangements.

The committees selected are as follows:

Dinner Committee.
W. D. I. Wright, Capt. T. J. Murphy, John A. Carling, R. D. MacDonald.

Programme Committee.
F. W. C. McCutcheon, Rev. Canon

Dann, John Dearness, John S. Barnard, Rev. J. G. Inkster, M. W. Rossie, J. F. Sullivan, Rev. Father Tobin.

Music Committee.
Charles E. Wheeler, Robert Arkell, T. C. Wright.

Attendance Committee.
Jared Vining, Dr. H. T. Reason, Rev. J. J. Gilpin, Robert McMorris, Howard Ingram, J. Leahy, W. D. Albright, F. G. Mackay.

Printing Committee.
Frank Lawson, Hugh Ashton, Alf. Talbot, M. W. Rossie, Arthur Blackburn.

Invitation Committee.
A. M. Overholt, John M. Gunn, C. R. Somerville.

Reception Committee.
Dr. John D. Wilson, Geo. C. Gibbons, K. C. C. B. Edwards, B. S. Murray, Mayor Stevely, C. M. R. Graham, S. Frank Glass, Senator Coffey, T. H. Purdon, E. C. S. J. Radcliffe, Col. Gartshore, E. V. Mitchell, Joan A. Cottrell, F. E. Leonard, J. W. Little, J. H. Chapman, Rev. Father Aylward, Major Cronyn, Warren Thompson, B. C. McCann, John Puddicombe, Thos. Gillean, Col. Fergus Reid, Arthur White, P. W. D. Broderick, G. N. Weekes, James S. Bell, C. W. McGuire, Harry Buttery, A. M. Smith, Edwin Paul, A. Tillmann.

Bennett's Ready To Sell the Stamps

Manager George Driscoll, of Bennett's Theatre, suggested that the stamps to be sold for the endowment of a ward for London consumptives at Gravenhurst be offered for sale in the box offices of the theatres. He is willing to sell them, and would be glad to assist in any way.

He points out that there is a similar system in vogue in the theatres.

When one of the theatrical professions goes to a performance he hands in his card, and he is given a pass, as theatre managers recognize the profession.

A stamp is then placed on the pass, and the actor is permitted to give over 10 cents for the fund for sick and indigent actors. The money is sent to headquarters, and a large sum is collected annually for the profession.



NEW STATIONMASTER HAS BEEN APPOINTED

Thomas Shortt, of Brantford, Succeeds Late John A. McHarg.

Mr. Thomas Shortt, who was formerly stationmaster here, but who was removed to Brantford, when the late John McHarg was reinstated, returned to the city last night, and will in future be stationmaster of London.

FAIR CLEARED ABOUT \$2,100

St. Mary's Congregation Have Every Reason to Feel Proud.

The financial statement of St. Mary's Church fair has been handed out, showing that the handsome sum of \$2,100 has been taken in, of which about \$2,100 is profit.

Those who brought about the success of the fair are delighted with the results of their efforts, the profits equalling those of the bazaar held three years ago, when the times were at their best.

The expenses for the eight afternoons and evenings amounted to about \$900. The money will be used to assist in wiping out the church debt.

The fair closed last evening, and all articles for which tickets had been sold were drawn for. Mr. C. M. R. Graham, the chairman of the school board, held the lucky number of the sideboard, having purchased it from Mrs. Henry Warner, of Lyle street.

Mr. Graham received the sideboard, and wrote a note presenting it to the lady from whom he had secured the lucky card.

MONTHLY MEETING OF MOTHERS' CLUB

Pleasant Gathering on Tuesday in Chesley Avenue School.

At the monthly meeting of the Mothers' Club of Chesley Avenue school held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Miss Allison read a very interesting and instructive paper on the training of infants and children.

The paper gave some valuable suggestions on clothing as well as training of senses, habits and character. Discipline was also discussed. At the conclusion of the paper a hearty vote of thanks was tendered Miss Allison.

Miss Black presided, President Mrs. Tufts being absent. It was decided to take up a collection when necessary, and to abolish the regular membership fee. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

A "CHALK TALK" IN ADELAIDE STREET CHURCH

Toronto Artist Gave Interesting Lecture Last Night.

Mr. Elven Bengough, the Toronto artist, gave a decidedly interesting and highly entertaining "Chalk Talk" at Adelaide Street Baptist Church last evening under the auspices of the Sunday school members.

A very large audience attended, and the address was much enjoyed. At the conclusion of the address the prizes for attendance were distributed to the members of the Sunday school.

Mr. Bengough is a nephew of Mr. J. W. Bengough, the cartoonist.

BIG CROWD IN THE FORESTERS' HALL

Quarterly Meeting of Members of Court Forest City.

The quarterly meeting of the members of Court Forest City, No. 5744, A. O. F., was held last evening in Foresters' Hall, East London, the rooms being crowded to capacity.

The beautiful ritual work of the Robin Hood degree, was performed perfectly, after which Bro. F. G. Butt, of Toronto, the chief organizer, gave a short address on the insurance plans, demonstrating them with limelight views and chalk sketches.

Bro. Dr. G. Ainley Thompson, of South London, gave an address on "True Fellowship," and after a short address, which he delivered in an address, in which he dealt with the rapid growth of the order, the membership having increased 25 per cent, while over \$1,500,000 has been taken in insurance during the past year.

Bro. Butt will leave for his home in Toronto, on Thursday. The members of the organization committee will tender a dinner to him at the City Hotel this evening.

PAY AS YOU ENTER ON LONDON CARS

Manager King Says He Is Still Considering Them.

Manager King of the street railway company is still considering the adoption of the pay-as-you-enter system, and states that it is but a matter of time until all cars are equipped.

The system has been a success in other cities, and today, "and as soon as we can locate the best plan for London, it will be adopted. There is some difficulty, however, in altering the vestibules of the cars to make the new system practicable."

The new tender which is now being tried out on car No. 412 of the Ottawa line, may be placed on all cars. It has stood the tests, and although it has as yet had no practical trials, it is thought to be satisfactory.

KENNETH STINSON DEAD.

Young Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stinson, of Lorne Avenue.

The death occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stinson, 787 Lorne Avenue, last evening, of their only son, Kenneth George, aged 3 years and 5 months.

The child had been ill since Monday evening, death resulting from pneumonia. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 to Woodland Cemetery, the services will be conducted at 2 o'clock.

COURT BRIGHTON WON Carpetball Match Last Night in the Foresters' Hall.

The carpetball teams of Court Forester City and Court Brighton, of the carpetball league of A. O. F. courts of the city, played a warm game at the Foresters' Hall, East London, last evening, Brighton winning by a score of 35 to 23.

Court Stella, another East London court, is still in the lead of the league.

EAST END NOTES.

The Tigers and Champions of All Saints' Carpetball League played again last evening, the former winning out by a score of 74 to 48.

It is said that Dr. J. Wyckoff will run for school trustee at the coming elections.

CLOSE OF ST. MARY'S FAIR

Big Event Proved an Unquali- fied Success From Every Standpoint.

The St. Mary's Church Fair, which opened on Monday, Dec. 7, closed last night. It was an unqualified success from every point of view. Large and enthusiastic crowds were in attendance every night of the eight nights which it was open. A great deal of the success of the fair was due to the zealous labors of young ladies and young men, who had charge of the different booths. Those in charge were:

The Booths.
Consolidators of Mary's Booth—Nan Powell, Mamie Bergin, Mamie Hurley, Nellie Hurley, Bessie Larkin, Susie Rose, Hattie Rooney, Katie Denis, Mrs. Lucy McNeil, Mrs. Nouty, Ann Downey, Mary Hanifan, Ann Folan, Mrs. J. Powers, Annie O'Donnell, Alma Nouty, Mabel Hoy, Mabel Duggan, Mary Houlihan, Lizzie Brock, Nellie Brock, Misses Brown, Misses Smith.

Parish Table—Ladies Loughlin, Mrs. J. Lee, Joseph Loughlin, Loretta Doyle, Miss Loughlin, Susie McGill, Agnes Costello, Dora Gleeson, Kate Fitzhenry, Rose Graham, Edith Foley, Vera McDougall.

St. Anne's Table—Mrs. J. J. Cox, Mrs. Diknoether, Mrs. M. Durkin, Mrs. Nouty, Mrs. J. J. Lyons, Mrs. W. Lyons, Mrs. P. Smith.

Needlework Guild's Booth—Mrs. J. P. O'Donnell, Mrs. J. McDonald, Mrs. John Martelle, Mrs. John Howe, Mrs. R. Carty, Mrs. H. Cullen, Mrs. T. Nelligan, Mrs. R. J. Flynn, Mrs. S. Ryan, Mrs. E. O'Rourke, Laura O'Rourke, Ruby Lyons, J. P. O'Donnell, E. Lane, R. Smith.

Sociality Booth—The Misses Pelton, Lach, Loughlin, Murray, Tiernan, Walsh, Daly, Murray, Dunlevy, Pelton, Jenkins, Cloghessy, Lane, McGillivray, Schmitt, Carty, O'Donnell, Paterson, Miss Keating and Mrs. J. A. McKeon.

Dutch Booth—Mrs. Patten, Mrs. F. Parnell, Mrs. J. Jenkins, Alice Leary, Lizzie Lilley, Annie Finnigan, Lizzie Jenkins, M. Flanagan.

Postoffice—Misses K. Griffin, M. McIntyre, M. McLarnan, I. Gleeson, G. Hoy, G. Flood, Mailcarriers, Masters Lane, Murray, Murphy, O'Donnell.

Quench-Your-Thirst Booth—Mrs. A. Graber, Miss M. Hoy, W. Nesbitt, J. Nouty.

Peanut Cart—Margaret Evans, Mrs. Evans.

Hippodrome—Justin Hoy, John Hoy, T. Murray, C. Patten, E. Nouty, John—E. McGuire, R. Johnson, P. Laughlin, J. Tiernan, L. McCaughy.

Fish Pond—Misses Darcy, O'Meara, McFadden, Fagan.

Doorkeepers—Messrs. Pace, Hurley, Regan, Rankin, Barry, Lane, McClellan, Flynn.

Gentlemen who rendered valuable assistance—Messrs. P. Murphy, R. Parnell, H. Parnell, H. Parnell, J. Fitzmaurice, M. Smith, J. Mitchell, J. Jenkins, J. Murphy, J. P. Murray, J. Morale, J. Pevier.

The Winners.
Winners of articles—Slideboard, Graham; set of gold, Mrs. T. Walsh, 443 York street; fur watch, Joseph Frezzelle, ton of coal, E. O'Donnell, 1111 King street; set of dishes, Miss Minnie Rhoad, Victoria Hospital; umbrella (for guessing number of beans in a jar), W. Bell, 427 William street; cane, contest, between Mrs. Rodgers, of C. P. R. and Dan O'Connell; portrait of Father McKeon, won by Nellie O'Brien; portrait of Father Tobin, won by Mrs. Finnigan.

200 POUNDS FELL ON WORKMAN'S FOOT

Painful Accident to Mr. Geo. Sticknell of Becher Street.

Geo. Sticknell, who is employed in a local machine shop, received a painful injury this morning when an iron weighing over 200 pounds, fell on his foot, bruising and straining it.

Dr. Holmes was called and had the injured man removed to Victoria Hospital where an X-ray picture of the injured member was taken.

Sticknell, who resides on Becher street, will be laid up for weeks, but no serious results are anticipated.

WINDSOR'S MAGISTRATE

Gordon Leggart Appointed to Succeed Mr. Bartlett, Resigned.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 16.—Gordon J. Leggart has been appointed police magistrate from Jan. 1, succeeding Alex. Bartlett, whose resignation was sent to the attorney-general. Mr. Leggart has been a practicing lawyer in Windsor for a number of years, and is a member of an old Essex County family. His father, Judge G. W. Leggart, presided over the county court for 25 years, and had the distinction of being the youngest judge ever appointed by the Government. Eugene Breaud has been appointed magistrate of Sandwich, without salary.

Personal Mention

Mrs. C. W. McGuire left this morning on an extended visit to Tennessee.

Mr. W. Caven Barron, of the Conservatory of Music, left this morning for Boston, where he will live in the future.

Mr. Lowell Hodgins, of Spokane, Wash., is visiting at the home of his grandparent, Squire Hodgins, of 29 Cartwright street.

LETTER THIEF SENTENCED.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—George Marklett, a young man employed in the registered letter department of the local postoffice, was sentenced to three years in Kingston Penitentiary this morning for theft from a decoy letter

posted at Montreal. He pleaded guilty to eight charges during a period of 15 months. There are some 32 other cases yet unaccounted for.

Local Items

There were two games played in the night class Basketball League at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium last night. Richardson's team defeated Shaw's by a score of 14 to 0, and Watt's team defeated Quick's by the close score of 7 to 6.

Appears Tonight.
George John, a Chinaman from Watford, will appear before Magistrate Graydon at half past seven, on a charge laid by Carl Glass, a Jeweller of Watford, who alleges that John obtained two diamond rings from him by fraud.

Building Permits.
Building permits were issued yesterday afternoon by City Engineer Graydon to Mr. M. O'Donohue for a story and a half frame dwelling on St. George street, and to William Bernard for alterations to the frame building at 633 Dundas street.

Y. M. C. A. Auction.
On Monday evening, the Y. M. C. A. parlors were the scene of a spirited auction, when the periodicals for the coming year were put up for sale. The bidding was brisk, netting in all \$35. The cost of the magazines in the first instance was \$100.

Pleaded Not Guilty.
Delbert Botterell, of this city, this morning appeared before Judge Elliott to answer to a charge of larceny, watch and chain from G. B. Fleming on Dec. 5. Botterell pleaded not guilty, and elected to be tried by the jury. He will appear for a hearing tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

One Case Entered.
There is only one case so far entered for the weekly sitting of the high court on Saturday. The action is a motion to deliver the manner and proportion of division of the estate of Andrew Kennedy. Mr. M. Walsh is the solicitor for the administrator, and Messrs. Moncrieff & Wilson, of Petrolia, solicitors for the heirs.

Captain Case the Man.
The appointment of an assistant fire chief will come up at the meeting of No. 3 committee tonight. From what can be learned Capt. Case will be given the appointment. Three of the members of the committee believe him to be the best qualified, and it is generally believed they will support him again for the place.

Father Teffy at St. Mary's.
Rev. Father Teffy, formerly president of St. Michael's College, Toronto, and a lecturer in Toronto University, will speak in the church of St. Mary's, on Friday night on "The Incarnation." Father Teffy is a brilliant speaker, and his lecture should not be missed. Friday noon he will address the Canadian Club, of London.

To Be or Not To Be?
There seems to be a difference of opinion as to when the public school will close. The Advertiser was given to understand yesterday that they would close on Friday night, but Inspector Edwards declares they will not do so until Tuesday evening next.

There is a considerable difference of opinion as to when the sale of the mining property in Buckle and Coleman townships.

Making a Longer Holiday.
Toronto Globe: A movement is on foot to have the principal manufacturers and retail merchants in the city close shop on Saturday, the day after Christmas, in order that their many employees who wish to visit their homes may have a good long holiday. Certain prominent interests in town have been quietly pressing the matter for some little time and they have been meeting with good success, although the businessmen do not want to say they really will close for fear some of the other fellows will take advantage of them.

No Judgment Yet.
Judge Macbeth has not yet handed down his decision in the Wilson vs. Pratt case. All the evidence has been heard, some dozen or more builders and contractors, giving testimony as to the amount of damage done to the plaintiff by water said to have come from the roof of the defendant's house. There was a good deal of variety in the estimates given, running all the way from \$150 to \$500, according to the imagination of the contractor. This delving into the realms of higher mathematics was rather puzzling to those not on the inside track on the contracting business. For this, and the damage to a sewer, and the consequent flooding of the cellar of the plaintiff, Mr. Wilson is claiming \$400 damages.

A Hay Quarrel.
There has been a good deal of discontent on the part of merchants purchasing hay on the market. The farmers have been in the habit of tethering their horses to their loads, and letting them feed there, sometimes for a whole day, after the hay has been removed. The merchants say that they are not willing to eat, with that which they have purchased, considerably lessens the weight of the load, yet the purchaser, of course, buys on the basis of the market scales weight. Market Clerk Maker says there has been altogether too much of this kind of thing, and it has got to stop, so the pleasant rural scene of the horses browsing quietly behind the load is now a thing of the past, and the hay will in future receive all that he is entitled to.

CHARGED WITH SHOOTING.
Ottawa, Dec. 16.—A Gattineau Point constable, Alexis Gravelle, was charged with shooting a dead hare on Dec. 15, with a shot gun, and with carrying a loaded gun on his person.

Heavy 20 to 20 cents lower; light, 25

in the affair, but the authorities doubt named, Alphonse Legault is also in custody, charged with being concerned in the affair, but the authorities doubt his guilt. The affair was the outcome of a quarrel between rival municipal factions. Nantel was dangerously wounded.

SLATE IS CAUSING TROUBLE

(Continued from Page One)

The board slate will be headed by Mr. E. J. MacRobert, as usual. An announcement made some time ago that Mr. J. W. Westervelt would likely be next chairman of the board has caused the party to consider the position, and there is no denying that the chairman-ship will go to a Conservative provided they carry their full slate.

Ald. Parsons' Out.
Ald. Parsons will not be a candidate at the coming municipal elections. He announced his intention this morning. "I will be out of the city a very great deal next year," he informed the advertiser, "and as I cannot devote as much attention to the work as I desire, I will withdraw from the field. I wish you would thank the citizens for supporting me last January. If elected, ten years the honor would not be any greater, and I am willing to withdraw and give some person else a chance."

Ald. Parsons is proprietor and manager of two large stores in the city, as well as another in St. Mary's, which take up a great deal of his time, and he cannot devote the time to city affairs that they demand.

During the year, Ald. Parsons has done good service for the city. He attended committee meetings very regularly, and showed for his first year in office a good grasp of civic matters.

WAR CLOUD IN SOUTH AMERICA

Relations Between the Argentine Republic and Brazil Greatly Strained.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Diplomatic circles here are watching with deep concern the outcome of the differences between the Argentine Republic and Brazil, whose relations, strained because of the jealousy over naval armaments, are aggravated by the alleged interception by the Argentine navy of an important dispatch sent by Brazil to its legation in Santiago.

It is said that the dispatch after being intercepted was handed to a man who composed an entirely different character and containing a statement of hostile intentions against Argentina. This alleged fabrication was read before the Argentine Congress in secret session to support the vote for armaments. Brazil later sent to Argentina a published in the Brazilian papers the false dispatch and the one actually sent, to prove that the dispatch intercepted showed friendliness and hostility to Argentina. It is said, however, that no acknowledgment of the mistake has been made by Argentina to Brazil.

Threats made in the Argentine press over the signature of Dr. Zuballos, minister of foreign affairs, have also rankled the Brazilians. These were that Argentina would avail herself of her present naval superiority to impose on Brazil the equivalent of the two fleets, and ask for a reduction of the Brazilian ships under construction. Brazil declares she would never submit to have her armament voted according to another Government's wishes.

ALPINE CLIMBERS' PERILOUS TRIP

Blown Off 2,000-Foot Precipice He Is Finally Saved.

Geneva, Dec. 16.—Prof. C. Bitanto, an Italian scientist and climber, had a terrible experience in a snowstorm recently while climbing Monte Rosa, 15,217 feet high.

His party set out from Macugnaga, a town in the Alps, on Saturday, and was recently wrecked on the Col d'Ollien. About three-quarters of the way up a terrific hurricane was encountered.

Bitanto was not strong enough to stand the great strain and was blown off the mountainside into space time after time, but his companions drew him back, shouting to him to lie down flat.

As the scientist had lost his ice-axe in the first fall he had nothing to cling to, and he was gradually becoming unconscious by continued buffeting and the strain of the rope round his waist. In a full of the hurricane, the guide crawled down to the professor and held him down.

For a quarter of an hour the party clung to the mountainside, expecting every moment to be blown over a precipice to a glacier 2,000 feet below.

When the force of the wind had somewhat diminished, the climbers, crawling one at a time, gained the shelter of a rock, and rubbed their hands, feet and faces with snow as they were showing signs of frostbite.

After a wait of nearly two hours, the wind dropped, but the snow continued to fall in abundance. The party descended and reached Macugnaga in safety, when the professor handsomely rewarded his brave companions.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

East Buffalo, Dec. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 200 head; steady; prime steers, \$8.50 to \$7.

Hogs—Receipts, 6,000 head; slow; heavy 10 to 20 cents lower; light, 25

to 35 cents lower; heavy and mixed, \$5.75 to \$5.85; yorkers, \$5.20 to \$5.75; pigs, \$4 to \$5.10; roughs, \$5 to \$5.30; dairies, \$5.40 to \$5.75.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 5,600 head; slow; sheep steady; lambs opened strong; closing lower; lambs \$5 to \$7.65; a few \$7.75; closing \$7.50; Canada lambs, \$7 to \$7.25; a few \$7.35.

LATEST STOCK MARKET REPORTS

COBALT MINING STOCKS.

Noon quotations on Cobalt mining stock telegraphed The Advertiser by Edward Cronyn & Co., members of the Toronto Stock Exchange:

There will be a meeting tonight to put the finishing touches on the slate.

NEW YORK.
Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser, New York, Dec. 16.

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City and District

—The Bishop of Huron will hold confirmation services at the Church of St. John the Evangelist this evening at 8 o'clock.

Auditor Dale Ill.
The many friends of Mr. Andrew Dale, of 281 Dufferin avenue, will regret to learn that he is confined to his home through illness.

Is Not Improved.
Mr. James McIntyre, the aged gentleman who fell downstairs at his home, 371 Queen's avenue, on Monday evening, passed a very restless night at Victoria Hospital, and his condition is not at all improved.

"An Evening in Bonnie Scotland" was the subject of an illustrated lecture by Rev. A. J. Vining in Talbot Street Baptist Church last night. A large audience was present and thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Vining's remarks on the famous historical and beauty spots of Scotland.

Talbot Street Mothers' Club.
A meeting of the Mothers' Club, of Talbot Street School, was held yesterday afternoon. An interesting paper was read by Mrs. Dickinson on "The Care of Babies." A paper on "Christian's Thought," was also read by Mrs. Irwin. The club meets the third Tuesday of each month in the kindergarten. The president, Mrs. Graham, presided at yesterday's meeting.

Mr. J. W. Westervelt Entertains.
Mr. J. W. Westervelt, chairman of No. 1 committee, of the board of education, entertained the members of his committee at dinner at one of the downtown cafes last evening. A very enjoyable time was spent by all, and after a couple of hours of good time the crowd dispersed. Among those present were C. M. R. Graham, chairman of the board; W. C. Fitzgerald, F. W. C. McCutcheon, Inspector Edwards, Dr. Teasdale, Dr. Muggan and Mr. Westervelt.

Death of Miss M. Lamont.
The death of Miss Mary Lamont took place at the residence of her nephew, Duncan L. Smith, of Los Angeles, Cal., on the 3rd of December. The deceased was the daughter of the late Duncan Lamont, of Lobo, and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. Six sisters and a brother are left to mourn her loss. The sisters are: Mrs. A. D. Campbell, Seattle; Mrs. Isabella Carmichael, Vancouver; Mrs. Hugh Smith, Emerson; Mrs. E. F. Harris, of Toronto; Mrs. (Dr.) Smith, Ivan; Mrs. Peter Dewar, London. Mr. Peter Lamont, of Washington, is the brother. Her many Lobo friends will regret to hear of Miss Lamont's death. Deceased was in her 69th year.

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ENJOYABLE MUSICAL EVENT

Annual Recital of Miss Arthur's Pupils at Lambeth.

Miss Arthur, of Lambeth, held the annual recital of her pupils at her residence, on Dec. 12. The following numbers were rendered for the evening:
Up-to-Date March Gebel
Misses E. Jewitt and L. Reid.
In the Boat Waltz Morris
Neille Harris.
British Dead March Dawdy
Ernest Cook.
Daddy's Little Tom-Boy Girl (vocal) Helf
Crisie Hunter.
Farewell Waltz Blake
Miss Martin (blind).
Silver Echoes Eva Marr.
Dorothy Smith-Seymour
Lillie Reid.
Captain Baby Bunting (vocal) Helf
Retta Cornell.
Clover Bloom Streitz
Bessie Norton.
Good Humor Rondo Bannfelder
Dorothy Wickerson.
The Good Hope March Crist
Freddie Johnston.
Simple Confession Droma
Ena Jewitt.
Rank and File Lange
Verna Norton.
Military March Bucher
Gordon Angus.
Duet—A May Day Rathbun
Misses Verna and Bessie Norton.
Fairy Queen Polka Gertrude Nicholas.
Star of the East Kennedy
Veda Hunter.
Fredonia March Lothroe
Lillian Robinson.
Duet—The Racecourse Blake
Miss Arthur and Heber Sutton.

TOWNSHIP SCHOOL HAS BEEN REOPENED

Fear of Smallpox Has Now Subsidied in London Township.

The schoolhouse on the fifth concession of London Township was reopened Monday for the first time since it was closed on account of smallpox. Inspector Thompson had the school thoroughly fumigated, and there is now no danger whatever. Leslie McGuffin, the young man who contracted the disease, only suffered a light attack, and has fully recovered. No other cases have made their appearance. Rev. T. T. George, principal of Muncey Institute, will preach his superannuation sermon next Sunday morning at the Grove Church, and in the evening at Siloam. Zion Methodist Church Sunday

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school anniversary, will be held in the church there, on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 22.

WESTMINSTER NOTES

Council Made a Good Record This Year—May Be Re-Elected.

Westminster, Dec. 15.—Municipal matters are very quiet in Westminster so far. There are some who think the old council will all be re-elected without a contest. Others predict a lively time, and many candidates when nomination day comes. This year's council has certainly done good work in improving the roads. A few years, if the work is kept up, Westminster will have the best roads in the county.

Rev. Dr. Ross, of London, gave his well-known Scotch lecture in Belmont on Monday evening to a good audience.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Aikenhead, of London, were the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Murray, over Sunday.

Mr. Chas. Jenkins has returned from the east, bringing a carload of stock which he purchased in the vicinity of Kingston.

Mr. T. H. Nichol took part in the fine concert at Vaneck last Friday evening. Mr. Nichol's splendid baritone was heard to good effect. Special Christmas services will be held in the Presbyterian Churches next Sunday.

ANOTHER CASE OF SMALLPOX

Teacher of Pottersburg ill With the Disease.

Another case of smallpox has been discovered in the city.

A young man named McFadden, teacher in the Pottersburg school is the victim, and he was removed from his boarding house to the Isolation Hospital last evening.

UNION LODGE HAD A PLEASANT TIME

Election of Officers and a Banquet Monday.

At the annual meeting of Union Lodge, No. 330, A. F. and A. M., held Monday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
I. P. M.—James Dunn.
W. M.—D. C. Davidson.
Senior Warden—J. Moran.
Junior Warden—B. Brighton.
Senior Deacon—A. Somerville.
Junior Deacon—R. Johnston.
Infer Guard—P. Ashton.
Chaplain—H. Stratford.
Secretary—J. Ward.
Director of Ceremonies—W. S. Da-Charlton, anxious to see ekadnms vidgon.
Senior Steward—R. S. Simmons.
Junior Steward—G. Geoghegan.
Auditors—B. Noble, G. Duncan.
Representative to the Board of Finance—H. Stratford.
Tyler—John Robertson.

A Banquet.
When the election was completed a large number of brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet.

After the toast to the King had been drunk, Rt. Wor. Bro. E. T. Esary and J. W. Methers, D.D.G.M., responded to the toast, "The Grand Lodge of Canada." Wor. Bro. Frank Lawson, president of the Canadian Club, and Bro. J. A. Cottam, replied to the toast, "Canada," and the toast to "Union Lodge," brought responses from Wor. Bro. J. Dean and W. C. Davidson.

During the evening a musical programme was rendered by Prof. Dunn's Orchestra and songs were also given by Mr. E. S. Crawford and Alfred Dunn.

The attendance was the largest in the history of the lodge.

WELL-KNOWN REAL ESTATE MAN WEDS

Mr. Thomas C. Knott, of This City, Was Married in St. Thomas Yesterday.

Mr. Thomas Caswell Knott, the well known real estate dealer, of this city, and Miss Elizabeth Susan Lethbridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lethbridge, of the township of Southwold, were married in St. Thomas yesterday morning at the rectory of Trinity Church, by Ven. Archdeacon Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Knott left last evening for Colorado, and on their return will reside in this city.

An attempt to establish a municipal brewery in Berlin resulted in a dismal failure. It did plenty of business, but lost money.



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A BARE-FACED STEAL

Jewelry Store Window on Crowded Montreal Street Smashed.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—A robbery even more daring than that perpetrated opposite the central police station last Friday night, when \$1,400 worth of diamonds were stolen, was pulled off last night, when, right under the nose of a policeman standing at the busy corner of Craig and Belury streets, three young fellows smashed the window of Cohen & Co., and made off with a pair of diamond earrings valued at \$900.

One of the men was captured after an exciting chase and gave his name as Thomas Ledrich, recently arrived from England. The other two got away with the jewels. The barefaced nature of the robbery may be judged when it is stated that at the time the street was well lighted, the shops were open and the sidewalk thronged with pedestrians.

BRONCHITIS VICTIM

Little Daughter of Mrs. Hastings of Fitchburg Suffered for Years. Could Not Attend School Winters.

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ATTACKED BY A PATIENT

Asylum Farmhand at Mimico Seriously Wounded Guard Boutton.

Mimico, Dec. 16.—As a result of a sudden insane impulse of a patient named Andrew Shannon, the head farmer of the Mimico Asylum, William Bolton, was struck down with a four-pronged fork and lies in a precarious condition with little hope for recovery. Mr. Bolton is 80 years of age, and though he received instant medical care, the loss of blood and the nervous shock have had such an effect upon him that little hope is offered by the institution physicians.

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