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GEN. KITCHENER REPORTS INVASION OF CAPE COLONY CHECKED.

Both Raiding Parties Have British Forces Following Them and Another Is Held in Reserve--General French Is Making Things Warm for the Boers Who Recently Captured the Northumberland.

London, Dec. 24--Lord Kitchener's despatches breathing a confidence hardly justified by their contents, are almost the only available news from the seat of hostilities in South Africa; but telegrams from Cape Town depict the situation in anything but rosy views.

Without believing the assertion of the Transvaal agency in Brussels that six thousand Boers have invaded Cape Colony, it is quite evident that the invasion was a serious and well planned affair. In connection with this a correspondent sends an extremely interesting letter, dated Bethulie, December 1st, describing General De Wet and his doings.

"De Wet has never been taken seriously enough," says the correspondent. "It is of little use to pursue him as he fights a rear guard action and gains 20 miles while he is being fought. He is a born military genius, whose wonderful powers have kept up this phenomenal resistance.

"Once he fails, the whole thing could be crushed in a fortnight. He has every single commando under his supervision. All his parties and columns march and counter-march on his order. The forces under his command have been reduced by his strength of will to a properly organized army, moving at his word. The sooner the British rid themselves of the idea that De Wet's forces are a mere rabble, wandering aimlessly, the sooner they will grasp the need of the determined effort which is necessary to capture him."

The Cape Colony cabinet had an important sitting yesterday (Sunday). It appears that the Boers have destroyed a railway bridge 90 feet long about 12 miles south of De Aar and that no Cape mails have arrived at Bloemfontein for three days.

Further anxiety has been caused in Cape Town by the discovery that during the last two months, public bodies in out of the way places have requisitioned supplies of dynamite. The colonial government is now endeavoring to recover possession of these explosives and is removing all stores of arms and ammunition from suspected depots.

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London, Dec. 22--The war office has received the following despatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Dec. 22: "As far as it is possible for me to form an opinion from the reports of officers on the spot, I think the Boer movement into Cape Colony has been checked. Of the two forces that entered the colony the eastern is still north of the Zoutpansberg range, while the one that entered west appears to have been turned in the direction of Helvetia and Prieska. Our troops are getting around both bodies and a special column is also being organized, which will be dispatched immediately when I know where its services are most wanted."

"The Boers have not received much assistance in Cape Colony, so far as my information goes. We have armed some of the colonists, who are assisting our forces. Railway and telegraph communication has been much interrupted by the very bad weather."

"De Wet is in the neighborhood of Senekal. General French, in conjunction with General Clements, attacked a force under Beyers, south of the Magaliesberg. The Boers broke away in a southwesterly direction toward Potchefstroom and were followed by General Gordon with a column of French's force."

"Yesterday evening, about 5 o'clock, Clements' force was engaged south of Olifant's Nek, but I do not yet know the result."

A late despatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, December 22, says: "The western column of Boers occupied Britstown and cut the railway south of De Aar Junction. The enemy is being followed up."

"General French has been in contact for two days with the commandos of Beyers and De la Rey, south of the Magaliesberg. He is pressing them. The enemy have lost considerably and Commandant Krense and others have been captured."

"General Colville engaged two separate commandos December 21 near Vlakfontein, with slight losses, the enemy retreating."

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BACK FROM THE PARIS SHOW

American Officials Say They Are Well Satisfied.

IT WAS A GREAT FAIR.

They Got All the Invitations They Could and Are Satisfied They Did Their Duty to Their Curious Countrymen--An Accident on Shipboard.

New York, Dec. 22--Ferdinand W. Peck, commissioner general to the Paris exposition; Mrs. Peck and Assistant Commissioner General Woodward were among the passengers on the St. Louis which arrived today. Commissioner Peck said: "We had a most delightful voyage and a thoroughly uneventful one, except that Commissioner General Woodward fell and broke his leg the second day out."

"With regard to Americans being disgruntled at being unable to get invitations to various functions in Paris, Mr. Peck said: "We always did the best for everyone that we could. First we looked after the national commissions, then the state officials and then the prominent Americans. We received a great many requests with which it was impossible for us to comply, but everyone understood the situation and there was no hard feeling."

"The exposition was grand beyond expectation. As an international exhibition in which a larger number of nations took part than heretofore and as an exposition of exhibits, both in quantity and quality, it was without precedent in the history of similar events."

"With regard to the part which the United States took in Paris, I will only say that we are well satisfied with the result. It was freely admitted that the display of the United States was the most prominent of the foreign nations."

"The total expenditures of Germany, Russia and the United States were but little. The real test of the relative position taken by the exhibitors of the United States in the exposition lies in the fact that the United States was in the vanguard toward those of Germany, Russia, Great Britain, Austria or any other foreign nation next to France. We feel that the commercial interests of our nation have been enhanced, our export trade increased and our international relations strengthened by the part which we have taken in this year's exhibition."

Assistant Commissioner General Woodward was lying in his bed in his state room on the ship arrived. He fell on the deck the second day out and broke his left ankle. In speaking of the accident he said:

"I was walking on the deck which was very wet. I had on a pair of rubber soled shoes and I slipped and fell. I am a very heavy man and as I fell I heard the bone crack."

DRYDOCK BUILDING. Contractors and Officials Differ at Philadelphia.

Washington, Dec. 22--Rear Admiral Endicott, chief of the bureau of yards and docks, has received the report of the special board, headed by Commander George A. Owens, which was appointed to look into certain disagreements between the contractors and the navy department concerning the construction of the League Island dock.

The dock was to be built originally of timber, but later it was decided to construct a stone dock. The contractors claimed that more money was needed for this reconstruction than the department was willing to allow. The board in its report recommends an increase of \$350,000 for the building of the stone concrete dock, this still being within the limit of cost allowed in the appropriation.

A TRAGEDY IN WASHINGTON.

A United States Auditor Killed in His Office.

REVENGE THE MOTIVE.

A Disbursing Clerk Charges the Auditor With Reducing His Income--The Assassin Shot Himself in the Stomach and Cut His Throat With a Penknife.

Washington, Dec. 22--Frank H. Morris of Ohio, auditor of the war department, was shot and instantly killed about 2:10 o'clock this afternoon by Samuel Macdonald, also of Ohio, recently a disbursing clerk of the treasury, in the former's office at the Winder Building.

Macdonald, before he was arrested, shot himself in the stomach and slashed his throat with a penknife. Auditor Morris was closeted alone with Macdonald when the shooting occurred. In trying to make his escape Macdonald also assaulted the watchman, Thomas Casich, with the butt of his revolver. He was arrested while leaving the building.

An eye witness says that he heard the first shot and upon entering the room he saw the two men struggling in each other's arms, Macdonald holding his revolver close to Morris' breast. Macdonald after firing again attempted to get out of the room, but encountered a number of employes attracted by the noise. He then turned and fired again. This is believed to have been the fatal shot.

Employes who knew Macdonald said he had a grievance against Morris, who, he claimed, was responsible for having his pay reduced. Others who knew him said that he could not attribute his deed to anything but the result of over-indulgence in liquor.

Frank H. Morris was a native of Cleveland, Ohio. He was 49 years of age and leaves a widow and two sons. He entered the government service at the beginning of the present administration as auditor for the navy department. A year and more ago Morris was made auditor of the war department. He was well regarded by the treasury officials but not popular with some of the subordinates in his office.

Macdonald is a brother of William H. Macdonald, the well-known baritone singer of the Bostonians, who is said to have educated him for the opera stage. He is unmarried, 38 years of age and is tall and thin looking. He is also from Ohio and has been in the government service since soon after the civil war. In 1897 he was made disbursing officer in the office of the auditor of the war department, receiving \$2,000 a year.

Macdonald's salary was \$2,000 a year. He was found short \$1,000 and upon being required to make an explanation he claimed that on one occasion he had forgotten to deposit his salary in his office and that it had been robbed of \$1,000. He produced evidence which tended to exonerate him from the charge of taking the money, but the amount nothing further was done except to reduce his salary to \$1,400 and transfer him to the office of the auditor of the treasury.

Germany Needs Watching. Russian Press Advises the Czar to Look After His Oriental Influence.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22--Taking for its text the unconfirmed rumor that Germany had recently sent a fleet of submarines to the Persian Gulf the Novoye Vremya urges that the Russian government exercise external watchfulness upon Germany's progress and designs in the near Orient, declaring the latter's industrial and commercial activity to be a cloak for political plans.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22--The Novosti, discussing the Nicaragua canal, says: "England is evidently incapable of opposing the United States, the fact being that America is rising proportionately as England is losing prestige."

GERMAN GOSSIPS IN CLOVER.

The Hand of the Law Has Been Laying Bare Vice.

MILLIONAIRE DEGENERATE

Sternberg Sent to Prison--Former Chief of the Criminal Department Dead--Wealth Usurers Are Now Trying to Fight the Law and Escape the Penitentiary.

Berlin, Dec. 22--Public attention was occupied wholly this week with crimes in high places. The sentence imposed on Sternberg, the millionaire banker, of two and a half years' imprisonment and five years' deprivation of civil rights, for crimes against morality, satisfies the public conscience and is well merited retribution. Sternberg rapidly acquired a fortune estimated at eighteen millions by shady methods and maintained social relations with high officials and military men for years. He was related by marriage to high officers and was a free giver for charitable purposes. It was said in his defence before the court that he made a will leaving to the Prussian government the bulk of his fortune, to establish an institution for insuring laborers against loss of work.

It is expected Sternberg will appeal again to a higher court. The death of Von Meerschmidt Huelles, the suspended chief of the criminal department, announced at the same hour as Sternberg's sentence, had a peculiar tragic effect. The public instantly assumed that he had committed suicide but the physicians certify that he died of apoplexy. Meerschmidt established a reputation by introducing the Bartillon anthropometric system in Germany.

The other great case this week, the arrest of mortgage bankers, attracts an immense amount of attention. The press is pointing out the resemblance to the case of the wealthy bankers, carrying on fraudulent practices for years. The chief offender, Sanden, made pretence of the greatest piety. He had a private chapel in a luxurious villa at Potsdam. His home was the centre of the highest military and aristocratic society. He was Potsdam's wealthiest citizen, paying 50,000 marks yearly in taxes. It has been shown that Sanden's business practices were most questionable. The fall in the value of the mortgage of the two banks already represents about 175,000 marks.

The tariff question was most actively discussed this week. The announcement of the Conservative leader, Herr Von Klinkowström, that the chancellor Count Von Duedow, is willing to compromise on the tariff, makes a deep impression. Signs multiply, however, that the commercial classes are growing more united against Agrarian demands.

Electoral College Vacancy. Governor Wolcott's Death Responsible for a Unique Condition in the Massachusetts Quota.

Boston, Dec. 22--The death of former Governor Roger Wolcott occasions a vacancy in the electoral college that is to cast the votes for Massachusetts for president and vice-president of the United States.

Governor Wolcott was elected as one of the two electors at large at the November election. It will be the first vacancy in the electoral college of Massachusetts occasioned by death in the revolution of the officials at the state house. But the law provides that in such a case, or in the absence of an elector, the president shall immediately choose from citizens of this commonwealth electors to complete the full quota.

The electors will meet at the state house on Saturday preceding the second Monday in January (January 12) at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and organize by the choice of a presiding officer and secretary.

The meeting will adjourn until January 14, when vacancies will be filled and vote by ballot for president and vice-president will be taken.

Governor Wolcott had been lived would undoubtedly have been chosen president of the electoral college.

THE NEW CONDITIONS UPON WHICH

THE POWERS WILL EVACUATE PEKING

Text of the Joint Note to the Chinese Government Signed by the Authorized Representatives of All Nations of the Chinese Capital.

Peking, Dec. 22--The last obstacle having been removed, the joint note was signed today by all the foreign ministers. The note will be delivered to Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, the Chinese plenipotentiaries, as soon as the former shall have sufficiently recovered from his indisposition. The Chinese close to Li Hung Chang still prefer to believe, despite the signing of the note, which they did not believe would take place, that the principal negotiations must be carried on in Europe or America. They resent the British modification of the note, for as they say some power or powers might not be satisfied until the indemnity had been paid in full, which would mean the occupation of Peking for an indefinite time, as it cannot be expected that China can raise what would be required--possibly 1,000,000,000 taels--for several years.

Li Hung Chang's condition is reported today to be so much improved that he can be taken to be out of bed for a short time.

Washington, Dec. 22--The state department today made public the text of the joint note to the powers to China. The official statement follows: "Department of state Washington. The following English version understood to be in substantial equivalence with the French text of the note to be addressed to the government of China, as agreed upon by the representatives of the co-operating powers at Peking, December 4, 1900, and subsequently amended before signature:

"During the months of May, June, July and August, of the current year, serious disturbances broke out in the northern provinces of China, in which atrocious crimes unparalleled in history and outrages against the laws of nations, against the laws of humanity and against civilization were committed under particularly odious circumstances. The principal of these crimes were the following: "1--On the 20th of June, His Excellency Baron Von Kettler, while on his way to the Tsung Li Yamen, in the performance of his official functions, was murdered by soldiers of the regular army, acting under orders of their chiefs."

"2--The same date foreign legations were attacked and besieged. The attacks continued without intermission until the 14th of August, on which date the arrival of the foreign forces put an end to them. These attacks were made by the regular troops, who joined the Boxers, and who obeyed the orders of the court emanating from the imperial palace. At the same time the Chinese government officially declared by its representatives abroad that it guaranteed the security of the legations."

"3--On the 11th of June, Mr. Sujiaya, chancellor of the legation of Japan, while in the discharge of an official mission, was killed by regulars at the gates of the city. In Peking and in several provinces foreigners were murdered, tortured or attacked by the Boxers and the regular troops, such as escaped death owed their salvation solely to their own determined resistance. Their establishments were looted and destroyed."

"4--Foreign cemeteries, at Peking especially, were desecrated, the graves opened and the remains scattered abroad. "These occurrences necessarily led the foreign powers to dispatch their troops to China to the end of protecting the lives of their representatives and nationals and restoring order. During their march to Peking, the allied forces met with resistance from the Chinese army and had to overcome it by force."

"Inasmuch as China has recognized her responsibility, expressed regret, and evidenced a desire to see an end put to the situation created by the aforesaid disturbances, the powers have determined to accede to her request upon the irrevocable conditions enumerated below, which they deem indispensable to expiate the crimes committed and to prevent their recurrence: "1. (a)--The dispatch to Peking of an extraordinary mission, headed by an imperial prince, in order to express the regrets of his majesty the emperor of China and of the Chinese government for the assassinations of his excellency, the late Baron Von Kettler, minister of Germany; (b)--the erection on the spot of assassination of a commemorative monument, befitting the rank of the deceased, bearing an inscription in the Latin, German and Chinese languages, expressing the regrets of the emperor of China for the murder."

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THE INVADING BOERS

Are Raiding Cape Colony Under Three Commandants.

Cape Town, Dec. 22--The Boer invaders of Cape Colony are commanded by Generals Heffag, Philipp Botha and Hansbroek. Besides the commandos already reported, a force has crossed at Zoutpans, to reinforce the Boers occupying Philippstown.

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MESSAGE FROM VON WALDERSEE

Commandant of the Allies Reports Another One-sided Fight.

Berlin, Dec. 22--The following dispatch from Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee, dated Peking, Friday, Dec. 21, has been received here: "A column dispatched from Pao Tsi Fu commanded by Major Hain, engaged a force of Chinese regulars Dec. 16 at Yung Tsiang Si, 60 kilometers northward of Pao Tsi Fu. Our losses were one officer and two non-commissioned officers wounded. The Chinese losses were considerable."

"The column was sent Dec. 19 from Hien Tsin, commanded by Col. Gruber, to Hu Tien Tsin, 100 kilometers northward of Pao Tsi Fu."

London, Dec. 24--Dr. Morrison, writes to the Times from Peking Saturday, saying that official Chinese figures show that the Chinese government declares that it will accept all the conditions of the joint note without "losing her face."

INEFFECTIVE SOLDIERS. Rebels Pillaging in Southern China.

Canton, Dec. 22--The rebels in the Wu Chon district descend from the hills and pillage the lowland people. The soldiers are unable to prevent their raids.

THE TURKISH BATTLESHIP. The Order Has Not Yet Been Placed With the Cramps.

Constantinople, Dec. 22--The expected imperial order authorizing the signature of the contract for the construction of a cruiser for the Ottoman navy by the Cramp Shipbuilding Company, London, with the initial deposit of 2,000,000, has not yet been issued.

It appears that the German embassy has protested to the powers against the payment to the Cramps before the amount owing to Herr Krupp for naval guns has been paid.

A FATAL SPARK. A Baby Girl's Clothing Set Afire from a Kitchen Stove.

Bangor, Me., Dec. 22--Kathleen, the 18-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Collins, of Bangor, was fearfully burned this morning by her clothing taking fire from a spark from the kitchen stove. The child was playing near the stove with her young brothers and sisters, who tried to extinguish the flames by rolling her on a rug. When the mother, who had been upstairs, returned, she found her child badly burned; that the doctors have no hope of recovery.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

THE HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK IN BRIEF.

Despatches from points of Interest in different parts of the World—Domestic and Foreign events—The Dark and Sunny Side of Life.

DOMESTIC.

Barrie, Ont., Dec. 20.—Thomas Lennox, a wealthy farmer of Ploa township, his daughter, daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Lennox, were killed on a railway crossing near Ploa, this morning.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—(Special)—John Morrison, Mosconin murderer who butchered a whole family, will be hanged on January 17. The government decided to allow the law to take its course.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—(Special)—Alderman Laroche, president of the Bachelors' Association, died today of pneumonia. His name was prominently associated with the recent civic investigation into the city market scandal.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 20.—The Whig says it has an intimation from Ottawa that Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, as senior party councillor of the Conservatives, will lead the party in the house until a leader is permanently named.

Fredericton, Dec. 21.—(Special)—The death occurred this morning of Mrs. Mary Canty, widow of the late James Canty, aged 75 years. She leaves a family of three sons and two daughters. The sons are Daniel of this city, James of Battle City, and John, also in Montana, and the daughters are Mrs. James Christie and Miss Christy of this city.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—(Special)—The marriage took place at St. Charles, Dartmouth, today, of George Frederic Pearson and Miss Ethel Belcher Miller. Mr. Pearson is the son of R. P. Pearson, director of the Nova Scotia Steel Company, one of the best known men in the province. Miss Miller is the eldest daughter of G. H. Miller, supervisor of the Dartmouth public schools, and lecturer in Dalhousie College.

Bristol, N. B., Dec. 19.—A quiet wedding took place yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mr. John Davis, when his second daughter, Miss Yella Davis, was married to A. B. Gains, the well-known and popular C. P. R. agent at Florenceville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. H. Hayward, pastor of the Baptist church. Only the relatives of the family were present. The bride received many beautiful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Gains will reside at Florenceville.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—(Special)—Albert Hudson, an ex-traveling engineer, and identified with labor interests, got one year imprisonment today for forgery.

The charge was that of forging the name of A. Bannerman, conductor on the Canadian Pacific Railway, to a note for \$25 and also for one of \$25. Hudson was given a year on each of these charges, the sentences to run concurrently. Hudson was also given six months on a charge of uttering the above notes knowing them to be forged. This also runs concurrent with the other sentences.

Auburn, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Netus and Claudius Jumpy, bachelor brothers, about 70 years old, were found dead by neighbors yesterday in separate rooms at their residence at King Ferry, this county. In two other rooms the unconscious Miss Susan Jumpy, their sister, and George Frank, a servant, who had been in their employ about 20 years. The four were the only occupants of the house. They all ate supper together the night before and it is believed that they were the victims of alcoholic poison in their food. Miss Jumpy has since recovered consciousness, but Frank is in an invalid, still unconscious. The coroner is investigating.

Hampton, Dec. 20.—In the Probate Court today before Judge George O. Gilbert, in the estate of John Richmond of Sussex, letters of administration were granted to his widow, Alberta T. Richmond. The estate is all personal and was sworn under \$2,000. Hon. A. S. White, proctor.

In the estate of Robert McMillan of Redwood, William McMillan and J. Newton Smith, M. D., executors, petitioned for the issue of an order to pass their accounts, which was granted and a caveat entered, and the executors were appointed in February. Stewart Fairweather, proctor.

In the estate of Henry Walton, of Greenwood, James N. Walton and F. Ernest Walton, administrators, prayed for an order empowering them to sell Henry Walton's interest in the right of redemption which he had on certain lands by mortgage and otherwise, the personal property being insufficient to pay the debts. A citation was directed to be issued returnable on the first Thursday in February. A. W. Ward, proctor.

The will of the late Jane Ernie, of the Upland, was proved, and Robert Simpson and Robert A. Tays, the executors, were sworn to administer the estate, which is valued under \$1,200, of which \$500 is real and \$700 personal property. F. M. Sprout for the petitioners.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—(Special)—The department of railways and canals is making good progress with the negotiations in connection with proposed new ferry on the Straits of Canso and which at the present time runs between Margate and Point Tupper. There is an agitation for a change in the route, but so far nothing definite has been reached. What has been done, however, is that a contract has been entered into to put on large steam ferry boat which will take over nine months to complete. The contract for the steamer has been given to Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitehead & Co., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. It will be ready for the 1st of June next summer.

Mr. Pottinger, the general manager of the Intercolonial, is now on a visit to certain points in the United States so as to obtain the best information possible as to the landing of traffic in connection with steam ferries by which trains are taken as they will be in this instance.

FOREIGN.

Cape Town, Dec. 21.—Marital law will be proclaimed in Worcester, Wellington and Stellenbosch. Rains are general and several heavy showers delay the movements of troops.

Cape Town, Dec. 20.—Marital law has been proclaimed in the following additional districts: Victoria West, Richmond, Hanover, Murrayburg, Graaffreinet, Abgrigien, Middleburg, Steinsburg, Cacadoc, Tarka and Molteno.

Antwerp, Dec. 20.—It is now estimated that there are 13,000 men on strike at Antwerp, including sailors, who have joined the dock laborers. Most of the unemployed laborers have been induced to join the union.

London, Dec. 21.—Lord Lansdowne, secretary of state for foreign affairs, has concluded negotiations, according to the Daily Mail, by which Russia will, on January 1, give Great Britain control of the railway from Peking to Shan Hai Kwan.

Galveston, Miss., Dec. 20.—Lewis, the young negro who last night shot and killed Marshal W. E. Richardson, was captured this afternoon, eight miles from town.

A mob which had followed the bloodhounds used to track the murderer, immediately took Lewis from the officers, dragged him back to town and hanged him to a tree near the scene of his crime.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—(Special)—The cornerstone of the new chapel and library of the Methodist University was laid this afternoon by Mrs. William McMaster, widow of the founder of the university. The new building will cost about fifty thousand dollars, the largest amount of which is already subscribed. A pleasing feature of the occasion was the presentation of a thousand dollars in gold by the students toward the cost of the new building.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—(Special)—A banquet was given by the Conservatives of Winnipeg last night to Sir Charles Tupper, the retiring opposition leader. It was attended by every member of the prominent party workers and leaders from western points were present. Premier Roblin presided and among those who responded to toasts were Hon. Hugh J. Macdonald, Army and Navy; Hon. Messrs. Rogers and Davidson, Local Government; Mayor Wilson, City Council; Dr. Roope, M. P.; Dominion Parliament.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—(Special)—In connection with the proposed steamship line between France and Canada, it is learned that the Franco-Canadian Company which talks of establishing a fortnightly service between the two countries has made application for a subsidy. There is an act on the statute book which permits the government to grant a subsidy of \$50,000 a year for such purposes and doubtless if the company in question gives a satisfactory guarantee that it will fulfill the necessary requirements it may be able to succeed in its application.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—(Special)—Hon. Charles Watson died here today in the action for alleged slander brought against him by Senator Fulford for stating that he (Fulford) paid \$50,000 for his seat in the senate. Mr. Watson denies his words were libellous, and claims he gave utterance to them simply as stating the existence of a rumor which was generally believed by the public to be true; and also that he spoke in good faith and in reasonable belief of the truth of what he said. He claims further that in speaking as he did, he spoke in discharge of his public duty as a former member of the Canadian House of Commons, and at the time a candidate for reelection. Wherefore, he pleads, in excuse, insanity, provocation and the privilege accorded.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Minister Wu called at the state department today to talk over the Chinese situation with Secretary Hay. He had no information from Peking and evidently was very nervous at the tedious delay that are being experienced in making three negotiations between the minister and the Chinese government. It is understood here that the agreement in its present form does not name any specific sum or sums to be paid by the Chinese government as indemnity on account of the suppression of the Boxer movement and the destruction of the foreign missions. That question is to be settled by negotiations between the ministers and the Chinese plenipotentiaries, with the provisions for its reference to the Hague tribunal in the event of a failure through that means.

The Bangor News reports the seizure at Brownville, Tuesday night, of a carload of poultry, which had been smuggled across the border near Houston.

The news says that the goods were brought to Bangor on Wednesday morning and the appraisal made and now the goods are waiting the action of the officials in Washington. The car contained 145 live turkeys, 2,774 pounds of dressed turkeys, and 500 dozen eggs. The goods were shipped from a little station near Houston and were consigned to Bangor parties as follows: The live turkeys to J. L. Ellingwood of Bangor; ten cases of dressed turkeys to George W. Leighton; five cases of dressed turkeys to Oscar Fickett, and ten barrels and two cases of eggs to J. E. Stockwell. The goods were shipped by J. L. Ellingwood.

Mr. Ellingwood, whom the live turkeys were billed and who shipped them was called and, after making a deposit of the appraisal value of the birds, was allowed to take care of them subject to the action of the government officials at Washington. The rest of the poultry and the eggs were placed in a special house also subject to the action of the government officials. With the exception of Mr. Ellingwood, those to whom the goods were consigned, did not appear.

MRS. DIXON WON

In the Divorce Proceedings Against Rev. Joseph K. Dixon.

Boston, Dec. 19.—Judge Fessenden of the Superior court today rendered a decree in favor of the libellant in the divorce proceedings brought by Mrs. Annie Dixon against the Rev. Joseph K. Dixon, former pastor of the Warren Avenue Baptist church.

Mrs. Dixon's libel charged adultery with a Mrs. Ammermann.

The cross-bill brought by Dr. Dixon, charging libel, was dismissed.

The court has made no disposition of the children, two of whom are now practically in control of their father, and the matter with her mother. The children will so remain unless either party wishes to be heard on the question of custody at some future time.

The question of alimony has not been passed upon, and Mrs. Dixon with her counsel may be heard on the matter again shortly. The questions of the custody of children and alimony are always open for the court to pass upon.

Mrs. Dixon's counsel asked for alimony at the time of the trial and said he hoped a substantial sum would be given to his client, as Mrs. Ammermann had given to Dr. Dixon a large amount, which was subsequently held against her before the court.

The amount which was left to Dr. Dixon—about \$20,000—is in litigation, and the will of Mrs. Ammermann is being fought by Mrs. Ammermann's relatives.

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The most interesting incident of the divorce trial was the introduction of love letters with a floral code, which Mrs. Dixon's side contended had been written by Dr. Dixon to Mrs. Ammermann, and which counsel for Dr. Dixon said were forgeries.

Dr. Dixon is a well-known writer on religious matters, as well as an exceptionally good public orator.

Mrs. Ammermann was the wife of Congressman Ammermann of Pennsylvania, who died soon after meeting Dr. Dixon.

Mrs. Ammermann had been well acquainted with Dr. Dixon while she was building a memorial chapel for her husband, for the purpose of which Dr. Dixon was pastor of the church.

When Mrs. Ammermann died she left an estate of about \$20,000, and Mrs. Ammermann's horses for hire and \$10,000 to copy the letters.

Previous to her death Mrs. Ammermann made a deed of trust for \$50,000 in favor of Dr. Dixon and herself, and Dr. Dixon had a great deal of aid for as stated so well in the Gazette the other day, he felt that sufficient assistance from the dominion and local governments would be given to place the steel shipbuilding industry on an equal footing with the yards of the old country.

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TWO GREAT SHIPYARDS

One Projected for St. John and One for Halifax.

MR. CHARLES BURRILL

Is Now Busy Interesting Capital, Securing Legislation and Forming a Company—He Interviewed the New Brunswick Government Last Evening in This City.

Mr. Charles Burrill, whom The Telegraph a short time ago stated was interested in the promotion of a company to establish a steel shipbuilding industry in St. John, was in the city Friday evening on the way to Halifax from Montreal.

In Upper Canada, Mr. Burrill has been busy interesting Canadian financiers in his project which is more extensive than at first reported, for it includes two steel ship building plants, one in Halifax and one in St. John. To a reporter last night Mr. Burrill said:

"At the last session of the Nova Scotia legislature very special aid was granted with respect to freedom of taxation. I have been reported by the Halifax Chronicle as forming a company to build steel ships in St. John, N. S. This is not quite correct, yet there are hopes that both St. John and Halifax will have their steel shipbuilding plants. The outcome of this industry will be of incalculable value to my native province, and I may tell you at once that we believe we can build up a large maritime fleet, which will be extensive enough, perhaps, to win back that maritime prestige which we possessed years ago. With this end in view, we are naturally tempted to take advantage of the new presence of the steel plates which the Dominion Iron & Steel Company will soon be able to supply, yet I believe the shipbuilding industry would thrive with us as we had to import the plates in question. In fact, the project is at times so enthralling that I can not at the early period of the enterprise almost see the ships under way."

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MORE HOME KNITTERS WANTED



The above cut shows a machine in operation and sample of work done at the home of a shareholder.

We want a few more workers in the locality, at once, and in order to secure your co-operation without the delay of correspondence, we herewith explain our full plan in this advertisement. The work is simple and the Machine is easily operated, and with the Guide requires no teacher. If you wish to join our staff workers let us hear from you promptly with the Application Form for Stock and Machine filled out and remittance, and we will allot you Stock and send you machine outfit to begin work at once.

THE PEOPLE'S KNITTING SYNDICATE

Incorporated by Provincial Charter under the Ontario Companies Act. Authorized Capital Stock, \$180,000 LIMITED

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The Syndicate is offering a limited amount of Stock at \$1.00 per share in lots of twenty shares. (Each subscriber of the twenty shares to be furnished a twenty-dollar knitting machine free to work for the Syndicate and to share in the net profits of all goods made.)

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EVENTS OF CITY LIFE.
THE PASSING NEWS OF A DAY
BRIEFLY TOLD.

Concerning People, Places And Things
of More than Ordinary Interest, Record-
ed in a Short Readable Form—
Notes of The News.

The Mispick pulp mill is closed down for
repairs.

There were two marriages and 23 births
registered in the city last week.

A Christmas present of a season ticket
for Victoria rink is greatly appreciated
by the children.

Rev. Dr. Wilson has accepted an invita-
tion to remain another year pastor of
St. John's Methodist church.

Miss Gertrude McDonald has received
notification of her appointment as special
court stenographer.

Mr. Alex. F. Robb has offered his ser-
vices to the Presbyterian church in
return for a call for help for the mission
in Corea.

Sydney Duncan, of Murray street, fell
on a slippery sidewalk on Main street
Saturday night and injured his leg. He
was removed to his home.

The I. C. R. is doing a big business in
connection with the winter port. Between
30 and 40 cars of western freight are daily
arriving for shipment to the United King-
dom from the I. C. R. terminals.

Miss Maude Thompson, of the Pitts-
field, Mass., General Public Hospital staff,
is in the city spending the Christmas
holidays with her mother, at 16 Castle
street.

In Sippell vs. Crawford, an action on
a promissory note, judgment for \$21 was
given for the plaintiff, Mr. H. H. Pickett
for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Scott E.
Morrill and H. W. Robertson for the de-
fendant.

There will be a Christmas entertain-
ment in St. Patrick's hall, Carleton, on
the evening of December 27th, by the
young ladies of the parish, assisted by
talent from the east side.

The committee who conducted the North
End Literary banquet have presented Mr.
James Boyd and Mr. Benjamin T. Logan
each with an umbrella, in token of their
interest in the work of decorating the
hall.

The board of health issued nine burial
permits last week. The cases were
caused one each by cancer of stomach,
arterio sclerosis, chronic gastritis, inflam-
mation of brain, tuberculosis, heart dis-
ease, congestion of lungs and two by con-
sumption.

The drawing to determine the winner of
the trip to Buffalo ticket in connection
with the recent St. Peter's church high
tea and sale was conducted Thursday
evening in the church basement. Mr. T.
O'Brien, editor of the Monitor, was the
winner.

Mr. O. H. Warwick, the treasurer of the
Protestant Orphan Asylum, acknowl-
edges with thanks the following subscrip-
tions: Charles F. Kinross, \$5; Emerson
& Fisher, \$15; Mrs. Lester, \$5; Miss
Lester, \$1; John E. Irvine, \$5; Miss Lou
Russell, \$5; Friend C. O. D., \$5.

On Saturday morning the members of
the local government, comprising the
Provincial Lunatic Asylum commission,
visited the institution and in the after-
noon they met in the city hall. Mr. H.
McCarthy, clerk of the city, was present
and transacted routine business in
connection with the asylum.

A man who gave his name as Thomas
McCarthy and having from Nova Scotia,
was arrested Saturday for stealing a
turkey from the door of Robert McCon-
nell's store, Main street. The bird was
McCarthy's possession when he was
arrested.

Prosperity in a general sense prevails
in St. John at present if the volume of
Canadian trade enjoyed by the merchan-
tise is an indication. With little ex-
ception all dealers, whose business natu-
rally increase in the festive season, report
the heaviest business in their history.

The Star Line Company has elected
Messrs. James Manchester, T. P. Taylor,
C. W. Starke, A. H. Harrington and F.
A. Baird directors. A dividend of 15 per
cent was declared. The directors appointed
Mr. James Manchester president; Mr. T.
P. Taylor, vice-president, and Mr. B.
S. Orchard, secretary-manager.

Bristol, Carleton County, Dec. 19.—
The funeral of Mrs. George Hopkins,
place at the Primitive Baptist church this
afternoon, and was largely attended. The
deceased had been in poor health for some
time. She was about 55 years of age and
leaves a husband and one son, besides
brothers and sisters.

Rev. T. Allen Hobson, son of Mr. Thom-
as Hobson, Gibson, superintendent of the
Canada Eastern Railway, was recently or-
dained at Milwaukee, and has assumed
the pastorate of the First Baptist church
in that city. Milwaukee papers mention
that he is engaged to be married to a
daughter of Mr. E. J. Lindsay, a promi-
nent member of his church.

Mr. Hazen Ritchie, a son of the late
chief justice, Sir William Ritchie, has
been appointed superintendent of the Mon-
real branch of the General Electric Co.
He was formerly chief engineer of the
company at Peterborough, and before leav-
ing was entertained at a banquet by the
citizens and presented with a signed ring
and a handsome watch chain.

The town of Sydney is asking for a loan
of \$235,000. Of this sum \$35,000 is for
paying the balance due the owners of the
site conveyed by the town to the Domini-
on Iron and Steel Company, Ltd.; \$75,000
for the extension of water works; \$75,000
for constructing sewers; \$27,500 for
additional school accommodation; \$12,500

FREE FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Public School Pupils Put Their Books
Away Friday.

The public schools closed Friday and
the pupils are free to enjoy all the
pleasures which attend the Christmas
season. The schools will re-open on Janu-
ary 7. In connection with the closing,
there were exercises in many schools.

At the High School there was a large
gathering of visitors.

Judge Trueman presided and on the
platform with him were Mrs. R. C. Skin-
ner, Mrs. Dever, Mayor Daniel, Dr.
Bridges, Mr. J. V. Ellis, Dr. W. P. Dole,
Dr. James Hannay, Mr. James Manning,
and Mr. N. Skinner, Q. C. In an en-
tertaining programme, Miss Ella Brown,
Miss Robina Burton, George Whittaker,
Miss Florence Evans, Miss Margaret Cum-
mings, Bernard Gallagher and the school
orchestra took part.

Senator Ellis was introduced and un-
veiled a portrait of Governor General
Dundas which the High School Alumnae
Society presented to the school. He
made a pleasing speech. Dr. Bridges, on
behalf of the High School, accepted the
gift with great pleasure.

Mr. Ellis stated that the portrait of
Governor Board had been presented by
Mr. Climo and that the ladies had
expressed the desire of framing it. A portrait
of Dr. Patterson could be procured he would
willingly bear the expense of framing and
hanging.

Judge Trueman, as president of the
school board, thanked the alumnae for
their gift. He then called upon Mayor
Daniel to present the Corporation gold
medals.

Miss Ella Smith, the winner, was called
to the platform. Mayor Daniel made the
presentation with many kind words and
good wishes. Dr. Dole then presented the
Parker silver medal, which was also won
by Miss Ella Smith. Miss Smith received
general applause.

The Governor General's medal for work
in grade X, was won by Miss May Per-
kins. Mr. Ellis made the presentation.

The winner of the gold medal awarded
by Mrs. R. C. Skinner and Mrs. Dever,
for proficiency in grade IX, was William
Morrell. Mrs. Dever presented the medal.

The medal awarded by Judge Trueman
for highest standing in the entrance ex-
amination was won by Miss Ida Mc-
Gerple, with the creditable total of 1,000.
Miss Mary Goggin being only a mark or
two behind. Mr. C. N. Skinner had award-
ed her a medal as well. Each gentleman
presented his own medal.

Dr. James Hannay was then called up-
on. His remarks were very brief.

After a few words by Judge Trueman
the gathering broke up with the National
 Anthem.

At the Centennial school, there was a
pleasing programme of recitations, songs
and carols. In Albert Schuchman's
programme, there were many good exer-
cises were gone through in the
rooms. In St. Patrick's school, there was
a very good programme after the
usual work before recitations.

At the Mason hall school, Carleton,
in Mr. G. E. Armstrong's room, there
were readings by Harry Macneil, Harris
Armstrong, Florence Tutts, Olive Purdy,
Eva Brown, Edna Clark, Florence Purdy
and others; recitations by George Lee,
James A. Sadler, Marie Morrison, Her-
bert Percy, Alfred Hardy and
most others of the school; short essays
by Harry Macneil, Harry Macneil,
Harris Armstrong, Florence Tutts, Eva
Brown and others; dialogues by Florence
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PRESBYTERY IN SESSION.

Special Meeting to Consider a Resigna-
tion and Call.

A special meeting of the Presbytery of
St. John was held Friday afternoon,
the moderator, Rev. Dr. D. J. Fraser,
presiding. The Presbytery accepted the
resignation of Rev. Dr. McKenzie, pastor
of the church at St. Stephen N. B. Rev.
F. P. Fotheringham paid a high tribute
to Dr. McKenzie. A call to Rev. A. H.
McKenzie was presented and accepted.
A report of the home missionary com-
mittee was read and approved. The
minutes of the previous meeting were
read and approved.

NO MAN'S CITY.

In Peking There Is Variety and
Absence of Law.

A CORRESPONDENT

Who Is Living in a Mandarin's
Palace, Attended by the Man-
darin's Servants, Tells How
Pleasant Life Is in the Chinese
Capital.

Peking, Sept. 7.—Peking has always been
a remarkable city. At the present mo-
ment it is the most remarkable city in all the world.
It belongs to no one. It is divided
into districts under British, American,
Japanese, Russian, and French jurisdic-
tion, and the streets are patrolled and
order, more or less, maintained by troops
of all complexions, from the white Wyom-
ing "cowboys" to the swartzy Sikh. But
the powers of the troops are undefined.
They are agreed only in one point—name-
ly, "that anything without an evident
claim to be appropriate—anything at all,
from a Chinaman to a "shoe" of sil-
ver, from a house or a horse to a bundle
of rags.

I am living in a mandarin's palace on
the Hai-tan-in road. The mandarin is, I
trust, in heaven. At least, he is not
here. He was a Boxer champion; Box-
ers may patrol, and Boxer arms are
stacked in corners of the rooms, and the
house has not been touched either by
Chinese or foreign troops. Very few
houses have thus remained unspoiled.

Soldiers on the Prowl.

Before the siege of the legations plac-
ards were posted up for the direction of
the population as to which were the houses
of friends—that is, Boxer sympathizers—
and which those of enemies, meaning ev-
erybody who in even the remotest way
had anything to do with foreigners.

My mandarin was left alone by the
Chinese, and his house, or my house,
is left alone by foreign troops, except by
occasional patrols who enter courtyard
and peer around inquiringly for loot.

Then the servants at the lodge—the
mandarin's servants at the mandarin's
lodge—that is to say, my servants at the
lodge—run across the three courtyards
into the mandarin's hall to me, and shout
"soldier! soldier!" and enter courtyard,
and inquire what business the soldiers
have here, and they walk slowly to the
gate, explaining in whatever language
they can understand that they were
merely patrolling. I stem the gate sharply
after them, and the servants bar it,
sighing.

All may they sigh, for if they had
been alone here they would probably
have been shot. The women would not
have been shot, but I am not a woman.
I will only say it is not Anglo-Saxon, nor
Japanese.

I do not feel free to say under which
of the great civilized powers of Europe
I have my jurisdiction. I am living
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A Lovely Garden.

As I write, I look out across my gar-
den, the mandarin's garden. He has
good taste, and I wish him well in his
future career. There are three fine trees
in the back garden; the house, with lovely
foliage, rustling in the cool wind. A fish-
pond lies in the middle, with a rustic
bridge just behind it, and a "willow-pret-
tiness" in the water is gone, the
fish gone, and long, reedy grass grows out
of the mud.

There is a curious wooden edifice in one
corner of the garden; it may be meant
for a tea-house or a band-stand—I do not
know. Fruit trees, which I cannot
name, bearing abundance of fruit, which
I do not eat, are heard of before,
are trained under the walls, and rock-
eries are artistically arranged here and
there.

In the paddock are about a dozen
ponies and mules, and in the stables a few
more. Some were found straggling over-
sights near the house, and one of
charity I appropriated them, and fed
them on the mandarin's fodder. Others
have been honestly bought, one pony for
a tin of cigarettes, a fine sturdy mule for
half a bottle of Scotch whiskey, and some
were left here by owners who have gone
to see their friends in Manchuria.

One affectionate old mule keeps coming
into the drawing-room to see me; he can
break any rope the stable-boys can tie,
and he persists in leaving his bay and
brown and eating the mandarin's choice
christianisms.

Salutes for Khaki.

I go out into the street; most of the
soldiers salute as I pass, for I
am in khaki uniform, which I borrowed
in Tien Tsin. It looks military, hence the
salute. It is the uniform the Tien Tsin
Volunteers, who were disbanded after
the taking of Tien Tsin native city, be-
cause the volunteers got ahead of the
regulars at the looting.

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not want them to pitance in the mud. I
ride passively into my courtyard, and
the servants run out to hold the stirrup
as I dismount, take my whip, and bring
me a fan and a light for my cigar. I
feel sorry for my mandarin. If he comes
back, I will allow him to sleep on the
band-stand floor.

Employ Your Idle Time.

"Work at home" is an idea that will
appeal to those who have a good deal of
spare time during the coming winter. To
secure the services of such the People's
Knitting Machine Co. of Toronto are
offering remunerative home work to
be done with their Automatic Seamless
Knitting Machine. Theirs is work that
any one can do, and it is done in the
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FASHION HINTS: New Ideas Regarding Decorations and Accessories. Modern gowns and gowns are filled by being applied on a ground of pale tinted tulle and outlined by a tiny cord or galleon of the same tint.



YOUR COSTUME: Here, tried to lengthen the period of their beauty. One method is to allow the dress to stand in alcohol for ten minutes, then to put them in gum water for one or two minutes.

Materials with perforated designs of lace, etc., are prepared for trimming winter costumes and are to be used over light or white garments of tulle, etc. The cut shows a gown of an old blue silk. The skirt of voile is gathered at the waist and embroidered around the hem with silk of a deeper blue.

They still cling and are longer than ever. With skirts of cloth, wool or silk velvet below are effectively worn. Boleros of fur will also be used this winter, especially of astrakhan.



BOLERO: All skirts is softness. No rigid lines are allowed, and the ample circumference trails upon the ground, even in the case of tailor made gowns.

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GIRLS' COSTUMES: Names Concerning the Wearing of Little Women. For children plain goods, Scotch plaids and cloth, with the usual cashmere and serges, are chiefly used.



WINTER COSTUME: The most prominent novelty in children's coats is a long, straight neck, double breasted and laid entirely in plaits.

ward the front, and the two forward ones frame the little tulle. Plaid silk is often used with gowns of plain goods and the vest and undersleeves, these latter being worn by little girls as well as women.

NEW MATERIALS: Various Goods to Be Employed For the Winter Wardrobe. A new variety of cloth is called "diamond."



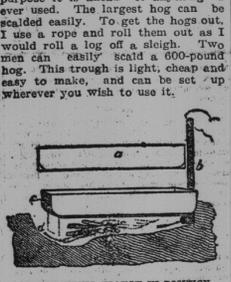
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A LABOR-SAVING: Scalding Troughs and Steam that is used to scald sheep. After the severe frosts heritage in the pastures, even if abundant, loses part of its nutritive qualities.



THE SCALDING TROUGH IN POSITION. For making, select two 2-inch pine boards, a each six feet long and two feet wide.

Place a piece of sheet iron 10 feet long and 23 inches wide on the boards, and commence nailing in the middle, nailing both sides along evenly, so that the iron will be wavy.

Walks and Drives Through Lawns: Walks and subsidiary drives must be provided where people want to walk or where they expect to drive. The artist in himself, every foot of walk or drive is a trouble, an expense and usually a distinct detriment from the artistic beauty of the lawn.

Small Barnyards Are Best: From an economic standpoint most barnyards are too large. The loss of fertility is far greater in a large yard than in a small one.

The Wife's Portion: By every right, though no law covers it, the wife has the right to the farm should have exclusive control of the money derived from the poultry.

Hired Man on Rainy Days: Another hired man wants to know if he has the right to make him work every minute during the rainy days.

Save the Leaves: Don't gather and burn the leaves in the fall and for that matter never burn them. The dead leaves and the snow are nature's protectors for all tender things.

A Giant Orchid: A giant orchid was the chief attraction at a recent horticultural display at London. It was a specimen of Veitch's variety of Cattleya Downiana.

Hoax—My wife's remarkable woman. She wanted to get off a car today, and she reached right up, pulled the strap and stopped it.

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TO LINK THE OCEANS: History of the Long Struggle to Build Nicaragua Canal. IDEA CENTURIES OLD. Spain's Efforts to Discover a Short Cut to India Gave It Birth—Many Countries Have Since Been Interested—France Is Now Digging a Trench.

One of the most important measures now before congress for decision is the Nicaragua canal bill, by which it is proposed to connect the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, says the New York Mail and Express.

It is safe to say that few persons realize that this plan is almost as old as the discovery of America, and that millions of dollars have already been expended in the effort to carry it out.

After Columbus discovered America the idea became widespread in Europe that there must be a passage of some kind which would enable ships to reach the Indies by a shorter route than the long and dangerous one around the Cape of Good Hope.

De Cordova followed in Davila's footsteps, under instructions from Charles V., king of Spain, to search for the supposed short cut to the Indies, and he did not return until 1524, when he reported that he had discovered a possible route.

There is no known record of any further explorations for many years, although the subject was not forgotten.

The German dairymen have a stall which seems nearly perfect. The platform is just the right height for the cow, and behind it is a deep ditch of six or eight inches, with a ledge part way down, so that the cow in slipping off does not slip clear to the bottom.

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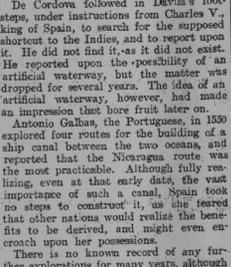
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The Late Bicycle Contest.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 20.—A special to the Express from New York says: Archie McEachern, of the team of Pierce and McEachern, winners of the second prize in the six-days' race at Madison Square Garden last week, declares that Floyd McFarland, of the winning team, agreed with him to combine and share first and second moneys alike. This statement is strenuously denied by the lanky Californian, his partner, Harry Elkes, and Tom Cooper, his manager. They unite in saying that the statement is out of reason. Either McFarland or Elkes, according to the trio, can outstrip the Canadian pair and as they were certain first prize would be won on the final sprint, such a proposition would be an act of philanthropy. The managers of the race, Jim Kennedy and P. W. Powers, deny any knowledge of such an arrangement, and say that if they were aware of it they would take measures to prevent any consummation.

Thistle Rink.

A special meeting of the Thistle Curling Club was held last evening and the following skips were chosen to compete for the McDonald and Thomson trophies: Messrs. A. B. Holly vs. D. McCelland; J. P. Sitaw vs. Andrew Malcolm; D. R. Willett vs. A. W. Sharp; J. S. Malcolm vs. J. H. Thomson; A. Macaulay vs. W. P. Robinson. The first match will be played on the 27th inst., providing the weather permits. A scratch match was played by some of the members of the club yesterday.

Princeton Football Receipts.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 19.—The statement showing the receipts from the Yale-Princeton football games was given out today. The statement shows that 13,008 tickets were sold at \$2 each, yielding a total of \$26,016, and the expenditures were \$1,440.24, leaving the net receipts \$24,575.76, which was equally divided between Yale and Princeton.

Andy Watson and Charley O'Rourke Draw.

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 20.—Before an audience of fully 1,500 people at the Opera House tonight, Andy Watson of Boston and Charley O'Rourke of Cambridge fought a fifteen round draw. O'Rourke had the best of the fighting but owing to an agreement between the men that if both were on their feet at the end of the fifteenth round the bout should be declared a draw. Referee Sullivan of Boston so decided.

The first preliminary bout was between Peter Brooks of Lawrence and Jimmie Stewart of Manchester, N. H., twelve rounds at 115 pounds. Stewart was no match for Brooks who had him on the floor frequently. The decision went to Brooks.

A National Jockey Club.

New York, Dec. 21.—According to a current report a movement may be started at the meeting of the Western Turf Congress next May looking to the formation of a national jockey club, to be composed of all the racing organizations in this country.

Little Wishes to Wrestle Pons.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Little gained two falls at catch-as-catch-can style tonight from Brodale in a mixed wrestling match, after which he announced that he would accept the challenge of Pons, the Frenchman, with a handicap to be decided on by W. A. Brady of New York.

After Yacht Defender.

New York, Dec. 20.—Joseph Samuels of M. Samuels & Sons of Newark, who recently purchased the former cup defender Defender, was summoned to New York Tuesday night, and at the Waldorf Astoria met Nat Herreshoff, one of her builders. Mr. Samuels' refusal to say what was discussed, except that Mr. Herreshoff questioned him relative to the condition of the yacht. He admits another meeting was arranged for. It is believed that the builder of the Defender seeks to purchase her from her present owners.

Ned Hanlan to Travel.

Ned Hanlan, the famous professional carman, will visit South Africa next summer as the guest of Oscar Ardal, who is prominent in the management of aquatics at Columbia. Mr. Ardal's home is in Pretoria, and he has recently fallen heir to a large sum of money. The men will leave New York in July and return before the time for fall training begins.

Yale to Row Annapolis.

New Haven, Dec. 19.—Arrangements have just been completed between Manager A. H. Richardson for Yale, and Manager Fisher for Annapolis for the third annual race between the carmen of Yale and Annapolis naval cadets. The race is to be rowed on either the James or the Severn river on Saturday May 11, 1901.

No Boxing in New York.

Those politicians and their hangers on who are talking much at the present time about getting a new boxing law enacted at the coming session of the legislature, appear to be bluffing or badly informed

as to how matters at New York despatch. Not publicans refuse to pass but Governor Odell will it even if they did cha

There is a movement for the purpose of influencing and former managers an alleged athletic clubs are suffer. They are told the power is open to conviction and judicious use of money will another Horton law. Acc are being pledged in Buffalo Brooklyn, Syracuse, and eve of any importance in the s keepers and gamblers are al give it liberal sums.

News of this effort at s they reached the Fifth Ave few days ago, so prominent declare, and it was decided warning to all intending contr their liberality will bring th in return. The Republican m great that members of that at the idea of a big enough raised to swing it into line fo sure of certain odious meml organization.

Governor Odell said it to think the measure would him. Granting, however, that would kill it. He said he st where he did a year ago on b is in favor of good clean sport, alterly opposed to fighting conducted here under the Hc The series of fakes pulled off h the last week or so in August him, according to a friend, as tiber of the men who were in co

Mr. Odell said that in a year would be in favor of a law p boxing, but it should not be suel sure as the last one, and that a set of men would have to be in He has seen much of the game recent years, and has very decide on the subject. The better class of ing men agree with him. They de, the awful state of affairs under the ton law, and were really glad when it killed. They say it was the old story the fool and the rope. They want to s boxing here, but under more auspicio circumstances.

"The old gang must go," said a wide-known racing man today. "They stoped at nothing contemned, and took part in all kinds of jobbery, and they got their deserts. We must have no more of them."

They Object to Pugilists.

Bensonhurst is up in arms again over the prize fighter question. This time it is confronted by the impending arrival of two at one time says the New York Telegraph.

James J. Corbett has just purchased a \$10,000 villa at Seventy-ninth street and Twenty-second avenue, while Augustus Ruhlin has secured title to an \$8,000 Queen Anne at Eighty-third street and Thirtieth avenue. Both Corbett and Ruhlin will shortly take up residence there, and the heretofore exclusive members of society threaten to move in a body.

Corbett's new home is a pretty two storied affair with cupola and a wide veranda. It was built by former Senator William G. Reynolds and fr him purchased by the pugilist o day. It is just two blocks distant from the present residence of another celeb exponent of fistie art, Mr. Bert Fitzsimmons, and from the upper es of both houses the owners of can easily survey each other. It is ly to be a chilly season in Benu next summer in consequence. I home is more removed, but it only him ten minutes to walk to a point way between both dwellings.

The New Cup Defender.

Priest, R. I., Dec. 20.—Walter Duncan, who has been at the Herreshoffs works all day, left tonight for New York. Asked when the lead keel for the new cup defender would be poured, now that the lead has arrived, he said it would probably be started very early Saturday morning, which would give the keel a chance to cool until after Christmas. The lead, about 100 tons, arrived this afternoon, coming from New York by rail Paul River where it was transferred to a steamer and brought down the bay, in order to facilitate delivery.

Mr. Duncan did not say whether was the lead that had been ordered the week, which the Herreshoffs had exp-cting for some time, but stated it had come from New York and arrived on scheduled time.

It is quite the general impression that the entire quantity of lead that goes to the keel is to be melted, butch is the fact, as fully a ton of pigs to be set on bulk, when the remainder is melted and poured over them.

Should the work of mould be commenced Saturday at 5 a. m. and probably be dark before the work is completed.

A report has been published that the blanking of the lead keel will run up and down instead of lengthwise. On the contrary, the mould is built that used for the Columbia, with blanking running lengthwise, the whole should be

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Dec. 21—General Frabant... the newly raised colonial troops been ordered to the front tomorrow.

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