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TERRIBLE BOG SLIDE

Causes the Death of a Number of Persons Near Castle Island, Ireland.

Roaring Like the Ocean It Carries Everything Before it to Destruction.

Houses and Their Occupants Carried Into the Lanes of Killarney - The Homeless.

Dublin, Dec. 29.—A family of ten persons and a number of cattle were engulfed by the sliding of a bog of one hundred acres near Castle Island, County Kerry, yesterday. It is estimated that other persons were drowned at the same time and place. There were terrible storms throughout the night and about 3 o'clock in the morning the people of the district were alarmed by an unusual rumbling which they feared was caused by an earthquake. The bog, which was believed to be thirty feet deep, and which had long supplied the whole neighborhood with peat, was moved several miles along an old watercourse, filling a quarry 20 feet deep on the way, and filling the rivers of the country with peaty water and doing a great deal of damage. At the Donnelly homestead ten persons have disappeared, leaving no traces.

During last night and this morning the bog-slide continued unchanged. A copious rainfall is helping the movement of the mass of bog a mile and a half wide, which roars like the ocean and carries away bridges and roads, destroying houses and farms, sweeping through Flesk valley and emptying peat, carcasses of cows, sheep and donkeys and debris of the houses of Killarney.

Reaction in which anti-clerical feeling have fled and the approach to the sides. Lord of a cabin of granite the slide in order of life. The greatest excitement prevails in the vicinity, and all houses are open to receive the hundreds of people rendered homeless by the disaster.

IMPROVING THEIR LINE. Contracts Let for the Approaches to the Great Northern tunnel.

Seattle, Dec. 28.—H. C. Henry, the millionaire contractor, has secured a contract to build the approaches to the Great Northern railroad tunnel through the Cascade mountains. It will take six months to do the work and then everything will be ready to commence work on the track, which, it is said, will be one of the greatest engineering feats in history. The tunnel will be two and a half miles long.

TURKISH BUDGET. Large Decrease in the Proposed Expenditures and Increased Taxes.

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—It is announced today that the Turkish budget estimates for 1897 show that the assets exceed the expenditures by £2,000,000 Turkish. This result has been brought about by reducing the war estimates £1,000,000, by making economies in other departments and by an increase in taxes.

SIBERIAN RAILWAY. The Constructor Undertakes to Build a Line through Manchuria.

London, Dec. 28.—The constructor of the Siberian railway undertakes to build a line through Manchuria, starting from a point on the river where the Siberian road joins the trans-Baikal line, and terminating at Nikolayskaya, south of the Ussuriyskaya line. Of this proposed new line 1,425 out of a total of 10,820 versts are in Chinese territory. The Russian ministerial press points out that this line will make Russia the intermediary of peaceful civilization between Europe and Asia.

CLASSED AS PIRATES. The Men Who Were on Board the Fish-buster Three Friends.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 28.—A special to the Citizen from Tampa says: The developments in Cuban circles to-day have been startling, and the actors in the recent sea tragedy, who were held in honor by the Three Friends, are badly frightened over the gravity of the situation in which they have been involved. They find themselves instead of being merely in the position of filibusters, to be in the unenviable position of pirates, and the wisest Cuban heads have been summoned in consultation. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Scott Wilke was at Key West investigating the matter, but the absence of a district attorney at that place made the detention a farce. Mr. Wilke stopped at Jacksonville yesterday afternoon and consulted the district attorney at that place for having no representatives at Key West. He arrived here this morning and has been in consultation with the collector of cus-

oms. This morning the affair presented the following aspect: No denial has been made of the story by the officers of the Three Friends. Their silence was an admission. In that case Spain may make requisitions upon this country for the persons who were on board, and the government has no alternative but their delivery. Mr. Wilke is to leave to-morrow on the cutter Forward for Key West, where the fullest possible details of the serious situation will be made.

When the Olivette arrived this afternoon Colonel Emilio Nunez Carrillo and several other Cubans were on board. Captain O'Brien, of the Three Friends, was also a prisoner. Col. Nunez admitted that the story of the engagement was true, and appeared particularly proud. He had been the custodian of all the recent expeditions. When they learned of Assistant Secretary Wilke's presence, the boasting changed to consternation, as the light in which they were regarded dawned upon them.

Nunez and the Cubans came to Tampa to consult with the leading Cubans. They left for Jacksonville to-night, where they go to confer with the owner of the Three Friends. The admission of Col. Nunez and the non-denial of the captain is regarded as substantiating the story of the fight. The other passengers besides Nunez confirm the story. It is also learned that the arms of the last expedition fell into Spanish hands. Francis Lynde Stetson, President Cleveland's law partner, was at Port Tampa to-day. When this was learned it was said he had been sent as a special emissary to look into the case. This helped to increase the fright of the Cubans. The Three Friends left Key West to-day for Jacksonville.

HAS RAISED A STORM

French Congregations Refused to Listen to the Bishops' Mandaments.

L'Electeur Has Many Sympathizers and Supporters among Catholics.

The first bugle anti-clerical fight in Canada was ex-Mayor Beaupre's challenge to the bishop. He was a candidate for election to the Quebec house on an anti-clerical platform. Mr. Beaupre has been for years at the head of and instigator of radical movements among the French-Canadians and they have usually been successful.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The Montreal correspondent of the Mail and Empire says, discussing the L'Electeur matter: "The action has caused a tremendous sensation in Quebec. In the city churches the fulmination was, as a general rule, received solemnly, while in St. John's church, in Quebec Centre, and St. Roch's and St. Saviour churches in Quebec, at all masses the congregation marked their displeasure by interrupting its reading by frequent fits of coughing, in which all seemed to join, so as to completely drown the voices of the priestly readers, but it was after divine service that popular indignation found its chief vent. The excited members of the different French congregations gathered in groups and knots on the street and angrily discussed the mandament, using rather strong language. L'Electeur evidently had thousands of abettors and sympathizers, who openly declared their determination, no matter at what cost, to read and support it, and to resist ecclesiastical terrorism and despotism to the bitter end. Hundreds who have never patronized L'Electeur announced their intention of doing so in the future.

It is no light matter for a French newspaper to attempt to do so, and under the circumstances it has been decided all the more judicious and politic by cooler heads to bow to the storm. Consequently it has been decided that L'Electeur shall disappear together with its proprietor, Pacaud, who will return to practice his original profession as a lawyer, but without a moment's interruption or loss of time. The work will be taken up and continued by a new Liberal paper, under the new management and under the name of the Soleil. Pacaud claims to have been ruined financially for the future in his future journalistic career and has announced his fixed determination to immediately institute a claim for \$25,000 damages each against the archbishop of Quebec and the five other bishops who signed the mandament with him in order to test the questions of the legal right of ecclesiastical authority in this country.

ARCHBISHOP FABRE. He Has Taken a Turn for the Worse and Cannot Last Long.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—The condition of His Grace Archbishop Fabre has taken a turn for the worse and though he perfectly conscious, it is officially stated that he can only last a few hours.

After hearing some friends continually praising Dr. Chamberlain's Cough, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. For sale by all druggists. Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

FROM THE CAPITAL

Mr. Maxwell of Vancouver to Attend the Banquet to Mr. Laurier To-morrow Evening.

Number of Appointments to Customs Service Put Through by the Controller.

Emigrants from Quebec to Brazil to be Brought Home by the Government.

Ottawa, Dec. 29. (Special).—Mr. Maxwell, M.P., leaves this afternoon for Montreal to attend the banquet to Hon. Mr. Laurier to-morrow evening. While in Montreal Mr. Maxwell will be the guest of Hon. Mr. Tharte. Controller Paterson has put through a number of new departmental appointments, among them being Peter Grant, to be collector at New Westminster; Leader P. Shaffner, collector at Middleton; U. S. Fred Colquhoun, collector at Berlin, where a former appointee refused to act; Mr. Forbes, ex-M.P., sub-collector at Grand River, P. E. I.; Peter McMillan is appointed to take Forbes' former office. Frank A. Osborne has been made sub-collector at Edmonton, N.W.T., the new port of entry recently established by the department.

Hon. Mr. Sifton has looked into the case of the Brazil emigrants and decided to repatriate thirteen adults and nine children out of the 400 who went there. It is hoped the loss which these sustained will be a warning to all others not to go to Brazil and to appreciate their own country.

Wm. A. Austin, chief draughtsman for the inspector of Indian surveys, died yesterday.

It is reported that Hon. Mr. Mullock, postmaster-general, and his deputy, Colonel White, will be the Canadian delegates to the international postal union to be held in Washington next summer. James Johnson, formerly commissioner of customs, died at San Francisco Sunday. He was a New Brunswicker by birth. Nearly all the plans for the Bixley building show structures of a more pretentious character than the committee intended, and it is questionable whether any one set can be carried out for the amount fixed by the association, viz., \$7,500.

PLEA FOR ASSISTANCE. For People of the Azores who Suffered from Floods.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 29.—The Portuguese consul in this city has received a letter from Michael's Azore Islands. It was sent by the Portuguese governor of the province of Don Jacinto do Terres Azo, asking for aid for the thousands of suffering inhabitants, who lived in the province of Ribeira, who lost their property by the coast of lives were lost at that time; part of the city of Poverico, with a population of 25,000 was carried away, as was also the small town of Ribeira. The fishermen of the coast had practically all their boats and equipment destroyed. So great is the suffering for want of food, clothing and shelter that the authorities decided to ask Americans to send aid through the various Portuguese consuls.

NEW CARDINALATE. Archbishop Corrigan of New York to be Elevated.

New York, Dec. 29.—A special to the Journal from Rome says: "Italian newspapers announce the pending elevation to the cardinalate, with respect to this matter the Arena, one of the best informed journals of the Vatican affairs, makes the following remarks: 'Every one who knows of the conflict which has long existed in the American episcopate relative to certain doctrines, the principal apostles of which were the ex-rector of the Catholic University at Washington, Bishop Keene, and Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul. It is also known that the pope recently had an interview with Mr. Keene, who has given His Holiness such explanations that Leo XIII. has completely absolved him of the alleged errors of which he was accused. This event certainly produced a great impression among American bishops who, up to the present have been opposed to Keene and Ireland. In pardoning these prelates, the pope has, so to speak, disapproved of the conduct of their accusers. To lessen, however, the effect which the pardon may have produced on the American episcopate, His Holiness has decided to raise to the cardinalate Monsignor Corrigan, who represents the party hostile to Keene and Ireland.'

PRINCETON EXPLOSION. Not as Serious as at First Reported—Six Miners Killed.

Princeton, Ind., Dec. 28.—The explosion of gas in the Princeton shaft Saturday night was not so serious as supposed. Six miners were killed, while one is missing and is believed to be dead. Eight men were rescued almost lifeless, but it is thought they will recover. The dead are: James Reil, Theodore Faber, John Holmes, Carl Poneylite, John Ernest and Robert Manle, son of the president, and secretary of the company. Those rescued were: William Grill, Frank Tubie, Thomas Thice, William Booker, James Turner, David Nolan, Arthur Colgate, James Cruse (colored), Robert Poneylite, head blacksmith, is still missing. The first men brought up alive were William Grill, Frank Tubie, Thomas Thice and William Booker. They said the others were all dead. The rescuers brought up the bodies of James Reil, Theodore Faber, Carl Poneylite, John Holmes and John Ernest. These bodies were mutilated beyond recognition. The next trip down the rescuers reported they could hear groans. This was joyous news and hope was again revived. The crowd waited in breathless suspense while the bucket came up. It contained the almost lifeless bodies of James Turner, David Nolan, Arthur Colgate and James Cruse. The first two were only slightly burned, while the others were more seriously injured. "Living corpses" were rescued, besides their severe burns. They can give no account of the explosion. The body of Robert Manle was found lying at the foot of the shaft with a beam across his breast, his skull crushed in and numerous bones broken. The injuries of some of the rescued men are very serious, but unless complications arise all will ultimately recover.

PACAUD EXPLAINS

Why he Thought it Advisable to Suspend the Publication of L'Electeur.

He is Advised to go to England and Lay the Case Before the British Authorities.

Liberals to Hold a Meeting in Quebec to Take the Question Under Consideration.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—Mr. Pacaud, late editor of L'Electeur, writes in the first issue of Soleil to the proprietors of the paper: "Will you permit me to explain through the columns of your paper the so sudden disappearance of L'Electeur. Every Catholic heard the reading of the mandament interdicting the reading of my paper. Of course I appeal from that condemnation to the Roman court. Still I am informed my appeal will not suspend the effect of the censure. From this moment there are no means left me but to suspend publication of L'Electeur, or to exclude myself from the publication of L'Electeur to which I have been deeply attached by seventeen years' constant labors and great sacrifice."

EAST OF THE ROCKIES

Hon. Mr. Blair, Minister of Railways on the Prospects of British Columbia.

Candidates For Mayors in a Number of the Ontario Cities—Other Events.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Hon. A. G. Blair, Col. Donville and party reached here today, en route home. Mr. Blair is enthusiastic over the mining prospects of British Columbia, and said that he had met in the city of Quebec on January 7 to discuss the situation and all the leaders of the province will be present. It is understood that a firm stand will be taken against the attitude of the bishops in political matters, but their lordships will, it is said, be treated with respect. Mr. Laurier being anxious that no extreme or offensive language be used. The discussion will include the history of the whole school question and the interference of the bishops in the late election.

Mr. Beaupre will to-morrow address an open letter to Mr. Laurier on the banning of L'Electeur. In an editorial to-night he severely scores Mr. Pacaud for bowing to the ban, and advises him to take the first ship for London and lay the matter before the privy council of Great Britain.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The following towns elected mayors by acclamation: Newmarket, H. S. Kane; Thornbury, Andrew Grier; Goderich, J. B. Shannon; Dundas, T. A. Wardell; North Toronto, J. A. Davis; Berlin, J. C. Breithaupt; Meaford, Dr. Hammill; Ingersoll, W. H. Jones; Penetanguishene, S. Abell; Lis-towel, W. Scott; Belleville, J. W. Johnston; St. Catharines, W. B. Gilleland; Perth, J. A. Allan; Niagara Falls, Chas. C. Cole; Brantford, T. E. Elliott; Simcoe, W. E. Tisdale; Aurora, H. H. Fleury.

Hamilton, Dec. 29.—The wife of Samuel Astle has been burned to death. It is supposed she fell down stairs with a lighted lamp. Montreal, Dec. 29.—G. M. Raymond, one of the agents of the Phoenix Insurance Company, of London, is missing. His accounts are badly tangled. He is supposed to have gone to Mexico. Grenfell, Assa., Dec. 29.—Captain Meek has been committed for trial for shooting Norman McLeod. Port Arthur, Dec. 29.—George Marks has been re-elected mayor by acclamation A. C. Russell having retired.

MRS. BEECHER INJURED. Probably Crippled for Life as the Result of a Fall.

Stamford, Conn., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, of Brooklyn, who is residing at the residence of her brother-in-law, Rev. Samuel Scoville, in this city, was attacked with dizziness yesterday, and in falling broke her hip in such a manner that she probably never will walk again without crutches. Owing to her advanced age, 84 years, Mrs. Beecher's condition is serious, although there is thought to be no immediate danger.

TWO SYSTEMS CONNECTED. Reorganization of the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo, Company.

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and the Niagara frontier, and to the Vanderbilt system connection with Hamilton, Toronto and all points in Ontario. The road has been built from Welland, Ont., to Hamilton, then west to Waterford, on the Michigan Central railway. From Hamilton the road reaches northward to connect with the Canadian Pacific. Through freight and passenger service will be had between Toronto and Buffalo as well as from Hamilton west over the Michigan Central to Detroit and Chicago. Eighty miles has been operated for some months. The remainder is now completed and will go into operation January 1st.

THE PLAGUE. People are Still Leaving Bombay by the Hundreds.

Bombay, Dec. 28.—The bubonic plague is increasing. There have been 2,094 cases and 1,404 deaths from that cause up to this date. The exodus from this city continues, and the newspapers threaten the natives with martial law if they do not conform to sanitary regulations.

ADMIRAL MILNE DEAD. Held Many Important Positions in the Admiralty.

London, Dec. 29.—Sir Alexander Milne, admiral of the fleet, once in command of the North American station, is dead. He was born in 1806 and in 1847 he was junior lord of the admiralty; from 1866 to 1868 senior naval lord of the admiralty and he held the same office from 1872 to 1876, when he retired. While in command of the North Pacific station he received the Prince of Wales at Halifax upon the occasion of the latter's visit to America. Sir Alexander was the first admiral on the North American station who officially visited any ports of the United States after the war of 1812, when he arrived in New York in 1803, at the time of the civil war. He was subsequently cordially received at Washington. On his return to England he received the commendations of the admiralty. In 1868 he was appointed commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean station.

ANOTHER FAILURE. Caused by the Suspension of the Atlas National Bank of Chicago.

Batavia, Ill., Dec. 29.—The liquidation of the Atlas National Bank of Chicago precipitated the suspension of the Van Nortwick Bank of Batavia and the assignment of William M. and John S. Van Nortwick of their vast property interests aggregating \$2,500,000 to the Equitable Trust Company of Chicago. The liabilities are said to aggregate \$2,000,000. The Van Nortwick interests, aside from the Batavia property, are largely in paper mills and manufacturing interests. The last statement of the assets prepared a year ago placed their wealth at \$2,500,000. They owned several business blocks, residences and farms in Batavia township, also the Western Paper Bag Factory of Batavia, the largest of the kind in the world, with a daily output of 2,000,000 bags, also a straw board mill. Their Wisconsin paper mills at Appleton, Wis., are valued at \$800,000. They own valuable pine lands in Wisconsin and have stock in the old Second National Bank of Aurora, cotton mills and Kaukauna and Appleton banks. They are the principal owners of the Appleton Manufacturing Company of Geneva. The brothers own 404 shares in the Atlas National Bank of Chicago.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS. To be Started in the Different Chinese Provinces by the Government.

Washington, Dec. 28.—According to the news received here from unofficial sources, Li Hung Chang's visit to England and the United States has already borne fruit in the decision of the Chinese government to gradually Anglicize the Chinese people, at least so far as the language is concerned. The Pekin government recently issued instructions to various viceroys and governors of provinces of the empire to establish schools for the teaching of the English language and foreign sciences in all the principal cities of the country. According to the wording of one clause in the general instructions, the reason for this is that China, in order to keep herself on terms of equality and in touch with the great powers of Europe, must educate the masses and encourage foreign learning among her people, together with the love of country and home, and that devoted patriotism so conspicuously ingrained in the hearts of those who have studied such languages and sciences.

TRAVELED HALF THE GLOBE TO FIND HEALTH WITHOUT SUCCESS.

Took the Advice of a Friend and Now Proclaims It from the House—"South American Nerve" Saved My Life.

Mrs. H. Stapleton of Wingham writes: "I have been very much troubled for years—since 1878—with nervous debility and dyspepsia. Had been treated in Canada and England by some of the best physicians without permanent relief. I was advised about three months ago to take South American Nerve, and I firmly believe that I owe my life to it to-day. I can truthfully say that I have derived more benefit from it than from any treatment I ever had. I can strongly recommend it, and will never be without it myself."

BUILDINGS - ERECTED

Carpenters and Masons Kept Busy in Victoria During the Past Year.

A Number of Large Business Blocks and Neat Residences Built in the City.

Building operations in Victoria during 1896 were general and extensive...

The most important buildings erected in 1896 by private enterprise are the Leiser and the Yates blocks...

Another handsome structure which is nearing completion is the new Bank of Montreal...

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A. & J. Parfitt, house, Fern-wood road...

PREPARING FOR WAR

Chinese Revolutionary Party to Establish Their Headquarters in Chicago.

Sun Yat Sen to Visit America After He Has Organized His Party in Europe.

Information of the Chinese Empire the Object of the Powerful Party.

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SEARCHLIGHTS FOR TUGS

Puget Sound Company to Provide Their Boats with Them

Port Townsend, Dec. 30.—The Puget Sound Tugboat company is having installed on the tug Tye—which is now at Taylor street wharf—an electric light plant with sufficient capacity for fifty lights on the basis of sixteen candle power each...

This machine is capable of throwing its ray forward, port or starboard, a distance of three miles...

Referring to the attitude of those who claim the concessions in the Manitoba school settlement are insufficient...

Special set of reflectors has been provided which condenses the current thus causing a one hundred-fold intensification of the light on this machine...

It will undoubtedly be an agency of much saving to the tug boat company in the consumption of fuel...

Yet, from a still more important point the use of the searchlight will enable the captains of tugs in dark nights to see vessels that may be in distress or piled on the rocky shores of Cape Flattery...

Hon. Mr. Laurier's closing remarks were as follows: "The reason which made me accept this legislation on these concessions made to our compatriots was that it was better than to continue the state of war and animosity which paralyzed our national progress..."

NEW MOTIVE POWER. An Invention that is Said Will Replace Steam.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 31.—J. G. Keller, of Mankato, Minn., has applied for a patent for an invention which he says will take the place of steam engines and electric motors...

THE GUERRILLAS. Spanish guerrillas, commanded by Pierron, visited the place at night and searched for valuables, the women and girls being subjected to indignities...

THE GUERRILLAS. The guerrillas then fired the houses throwing the dead bodies in the buildings, drove off the cattle, destroyed the crops and trampled their horses over the potato patches...

THE GUERRILLAS. The letter told of other outrages, and stated that for miles and miles formerly happy homes and flourishing fields, not a house nor a living being is to be seen.

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Papers Which Were Ready to Accept Tupper Compromise Charge Treason.

But the Charges do Not Annoy Premier—Banquet Adjourned at an Early Hour.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The banquet to Hon. Wilfrid Laurier last evening was one of the most brilliant affairs of the kind that has been held in this city...

The company is also having built a special searchlight of three thousand candle power, which consumes about 100 amperes of current...

Referring to the attitude of those who claim the concessions in the Manitoba school settlement are insufficient...

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The Premier and Ministers Return to the Capital from Montreal This Afternoon.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—(Special)—Hon. Mr. Borden, minister of militia, and Major Kitson, commander of the Kingston Military College, had their first conference at 2:30 to-day in the minister's office of the militia department...

Charles Herbert, caretaker of the Calgary immigrant building, has been dismissed.

Hon. Mr. Laurier and the other ministers returned from Montreal this afternoon and will attend His Excellency's reception in the senate tomorrow.

Archer Martin, solicitor, Victoria, makes application in to-morrow's Canada Gazette for a charter for a railway from Lethbridge through Crow's Nest Pass to the Columbia river...

The fisheries department is advised that a Newfoundland company proposes to exploit the whale fishery off the Labrador coast.

The corporation of Ottawa intends to ask the Dominion government for a new financial arrangement with the city. Communications have been sent to the principal capitals of the empire...

The sub-committee of the council of the Dominion rifle association has decided to recommend one set of plans for the proposed Bisley building as coming within the requirements of the conditions both as regards appearance and cost.

The city council presented a colleague institute boy, Douglas Lyon with a gold watch for attempting to save the lives of two boys in the Rideau canal last month.

A Number of Christmas Trees Stripped Last Night.

Last evening, the children of Christ Church Sunday school enjoyed their Christmas tree service...

At six o'clock last evening the children of the First Congregational church Sunday school, in the gymnasium hall and for the next two hours enjoyed themselves with games of all sorts...

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Italian Harpist Uses a Razor on Clement J. Hancock.

Rossland, Dec. 30.—At an early hour this morning a stabbing affair took place in the barroom of the International Hotel. Victor Capobianca, an Italian harpist, was on a spree all the evening, and about five in the morning got into a quarrel with Clement J. Hancock. Drawing a razor he attacked Hancock viciously and cut him across the head and arm. Officer Webb, who saw the scuffle, attempted to arrest the Italian, but, as he had no weapon, he was unsuccessful...

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ALL ARE BIGAMISTS

People Who Obtained Divorces in Dakota and Oklahoma in Unenviable Positions.

Judge Causes a Sensation by Saying the Divorces Have No Standing in Law.

New York, Dec. 29.—Great excitement has been created in the ranks of the "Four Hundred" by the decision of one of the New York judges in a recent case involving the validity of divorces granted in North Dakota and Oklahoma.

Said Justice Russell after reviewing these facts: "Henry McGown and Mary McGown were husband and wife. Neither of them could voluntarily free himself from those obligations. It could not be done by mutual consent. It could not, under the laws of this state, be done by evasive action designed to circumvent the public policy of the state of New York in respect to bigamy."

"By the laws of North Dakota, therefore, she is the lawful wife in that state of Mr. Bell. By the laws of the state of New York she is the lawful wife of Mr. McGown. Now that inconsistent relation is something that is very difficult to obviate, but I know of no way, except by adhering first to the ancient rule of the state of New York that the marital bond cannot be dissolved by such actions on the part of either persons to that contract, no matter what the consequences are; therefore I say that under the laws of this state, under the decisions of this state in the highest courts, this lady is yet the lawful wife of the plaintiff in this action."

"Therefore if she has lived in the marital relation with another man, she has violated that obligation, which gives just cause to her husband for a divorce. Now, that divorce obtained, which follows the marital tie is dissolved, not only in the state of North Dakota, but also in the state of New York, and all that remains is the usual prohibition against the party marrying again."

"The instant the decree of divorce is obtained in this state, so far as I can discover, there is no state in the union where these parties must not be regarded as divorced from each other. How far that prohibition will extend in the state of New York to anything like questions of property I do not undertake to say; nor is it necessary."

"I have no doubt that under the present laws a divorce obtained in the state of New York, obtained by the husband, without collusion for the instant, and the marital tie being dissolved, hereafter this lady, having obtained a divorce in South Dakota and there married, any issue of that second marriage would be legitimate anywhere."

Said Justice Russell himself yesterday: "I think it would be an admirable thing if the marriage and divorce laws of this country were in the hands of congress."

Here is Frederick B. House's opinion of a federal law, and Mr. House has had much practice in the divorce courts. "In this state," said Mr. House, "the divorce laws are not in the hands of other states they amount to nothing. You can get a divorce in this state upon only one ground, while in other states you can get one almost on any ground, or upon no ground at all."

There should be a federal enactment by which the whole of these United States would have the same marriage and divorce laws. Then a man married in New York State would be married everywhere, and a man divorced in New York state would be divorced everywhere.

"Such a law would do away with common law marriages, and the fact name of many a good man would be saved. Nowadays any woman can come forward with a child and declare that she was the common law wife of some man. The man is dead, and cannot answer his accuser. His family is shocked and mortified and his rightful heirs are kept out of the money and property that should come to them."

"If congress had the power to pass such a law, I think there should be a meeting of the governors of the states at which some agreement could be arrived at to give the different states the same divorce and marriage laws."

And mighty good lawyers commend and endorse Judge Russell's opinion. "The ruling of Mr. Justice Russell," said Lawyer Abraham Levy yesterday, "is in accordance with the established law of New York state. The decisions in this state uniformly have been that where a divorce was rendered in another state against a resident of this state, there being no personal service of process within the state, and the resident of this state, husband or wife, as the case may be, not having himself or herself, within the jurisdiction of the court granting the divorce, that the decree is invalid and inoperative within our territory. One of the latest cases, sustaining this contention, was passed upon by the court of appeals in 1891. It is the case of Williams vs. Williams, and is to be found in the New York report, volume 130. This position was also upheld in earlier cases, such as those of O'Dea vs. O'Dea, reported in the 10th New York, in Jones vs. Jones, reported in the 109th New York, and in Cross vs. Cross reported in the same volume. Then there is also the earlier case of the people vs. Baker, reported in the 70th New York."

But lawyers and jurists were not alone interested in this ruling. It was the gossip in parlors; it was the talk in the clubs. Society discussed it for days. The divorce laws have been discussed in Western states and then remarried. Mme. De Stuers, for instance, she is a close relative to the Astors and was a

Miss Carey. She had a handsome fortune. It was the general impression that her marriage with the foreign diplomat, de Stuers, was forced on her by her father. For this reason everyone was glad when the rich, handsome daughter of the Duke of Devonshire appeared on the Dakota scene and married Mme. de Stuers off-hand the day after the divorce was granted. This was in 1891 and the charge brought was adultery. Mrs. George Seligman passed much of her time abroad with her pleasant relatives, the Zborovskis, while in exile. Then she was Mrs. Coleman Drayton.

Miss Helen Edwards is the young and beautiful bride of Archibald Mackay. This couple were married at Watkins, N.Y., and have just returned from their honeymoon trip, and located in town for the winter. Archibald Mackay a few years ago married Miss Rita Home, an old New York family. The then Mrs. Mackay went to Dakota a couple of years later and procured a divorce, presumably to marry a young New Yorker. She became acquainted with a man named Wilks while she was in the west and was married to him. Later she procured her second divorce and was married in New York within the last couple of years to Mr. Floyd Home.

The Dakota divorce of Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr. is a cause celebre. Mrs. Blaine was at Sioux Falls, S.D., at the same time as Madame de Stuers. Mrs. Blaine was a Miss Norris, and like other women who went in search of a divorce, was commonly pretty. Her divorced husband has not been remarried, although there has been an expectation that he would marry a very rich young woman of Washington.

After Mrs. Blaine's divorce she wished to go on the stage, but was frustrated by an attack of inflammatory rheumatism. Dr. William G. Bull, prominent physician of this city, attended her, became devoted to her, and they were married.

But in society and out New York people have been more cautious about getting divorced outside of this state, since the Baker case. Frank M. Baker and his wife were residents of New York state. Baker went to Connecticut, where he sued for divorce on the ground of incompatibility of temper. He got his divorce and married. He was prosecuted for bigamy and found guilty on the ground that the laws of this state did not recognize incompatibility of temper as a ground for divorce, and that under the laws of this state, under the decisions of this state in the highest courts, this lady is yet the lawful wife of the plaintiff in this action.

The case was argued before the New York court of appeals in December, 1878, and the decision was rendered in January, 1879. The case was decided against the husband and the verdict of bigamy sustained. The decision was rendered by Judge Polger, and was concurred in by Justices Rapala, Andrews, Miller, Earl and Danforth. The dissenting vote was by Chief Justice Church.

"My boy was all crippled up and suffered with rheumatism," writes Mrs. E. Wells of Chesley, Ont. "I also had a touch of diabetes. The doctors could do him no good, but Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills completely cured him."

Sold by all dealers and Edmanston, Bates & Co., Toronto, 25c.

CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.

An exhibition was made last evening before the County Medical Society at its scientific meeting of a new method of treating rheumatic affections which have heretofore been considered incurable.

The method consists in the local application of heat to the affected part. The apparatus by which this is accomplished consists of a copper cylinder, under which several gas jets are kept burning. Into this cylinder the limb is inserted and the end of the cylinder is closed. Stopcocks are arranged to let out moisture exuding from the skin, and the temperature is raised 250 to 260 degrees.

Precautions are taken to prevent the limb from coming in contact with the hot metal, and the application is continued for fully forty minutes.

Two patients were brought in for the experiment. One was a man who had been under the care of a physician, who was present, for several months, and had been gradually growing worse. He was unable to move his leg or his ankle, and any motion of the limb caused excruciating pain. At the end of forty minutes, during which time the temperature was raised nearly two degrees, as shown by the month thermometer and his pulse increased about fifteen beats per minute, the limb was taken out of the cylinder and the patient moved as freely as does a child, bent his ankle without difficulty and walked with ease feeling no pain. Other rheumatic pains in other portions of the body had also disappeared.

The second patient was a negro who was suffering from a long-continued lumbago, and who had uttered many groans as he was being placed on an apparatus which included his back. He also was subjected to the heat for forty minutes, and when told to rise sat up as readily as when in perfect health.

The temperature in the first case was from 245 to 260 degrees Fahrenheit. In the discussion which followed it was stated by the exhibitor that these men would probably be better this morning than they appeared to be when the experiment closed, and that in most diseases one application is sufficient. Where extensive deposits have been made several applications were necessary to remove them.

The system has been in use in the public hospitals in London, and accounts of wonderful cures made in those hospitals included cases of chronic rheumatoid arthritis, old tuberculous knee-joint, chronic rheumatism of the hip, acute rheumatism, following sprain, sprains, chronic rheumatism, arthritis deformans, duration thirty years; sub acute articular rheumatism and many other cases of a similar character. The results shown in the two cases last evening before the society were regarded as very convincing as to the benefit of heat so applied.

A SECRET ALLIANCE.

Said by a Turkish Official to Exist Between Germany and Turkey.

Object of the Alliance to Ward Off Great Britain, Russia and France.

New York, Dec. 29.—A special to the World from Washington says: The statement made that a secret alliance exists between Germany and the Sultan of Turkey is made in a letter from Constantinople received by a prominent official of the state department. The letter was written by one high in authority in the Turkish government, and explains that the alliance is for the purpose of thwarting Russian and English encroachments in the Sultan's dominions. The writer gives an insight into present affairs in Turkey. After the great powers had sent through their ambassadors in Constantinople a collective note to the Sultan, insisting on his giving reforms, and on an absolute guarantee in the future for the lives and property of all his subjects, the Eastern question again became the great centre of European diplomacy.

The Sultan gave his promise. The sublime porte entered on the reform with a feverish energy which surprised all Europe. Garriano, however, and the outcasts of the empire, and the whole country was placed under a practical military rule. The sublime porte removed governors and lesser officials with a dispatch astounding in its delays in Eastern diplomacy. An amnesty was promised towards Armenian prisoners, and over 1300 of them have already been set at liberty.

England, France and Russia, were not, however, absolutely confident of the Sultan's perseverance in this work. Sir Philip Currie, the English ambassador, intimated to the minister of foreign affairs in England, although displeased with what had already been accomplished, was fearful that the Sultan would not be strong enough to insure the permanent enforcement of these measures. It was, therefore, desirable that the most vital interests in Turkey, namely, England, France and Russia, should have a written guarantee on the subject. To agree to this proposal would mean that Turkey would tacitly consent to a protectorate, composed of these three powers. In case she failed to fulfill her contract, she would be virtually at the mercy of the triumvirate.

The sublime porte was much disturbed by Sir Philip's visit, and for a time it seemed that English diplomacy would succeed. Suddenly the Sultan assumed a defensive attitude. Sir Philip was informed that the sublime porte would continue the reforms on the lines which had been laid down, that it guaranteed absolute protection of life and property to all its subjects, and that any further assaults on the empire would be met with a firm hand.

It is now generally known in Constantinople, the letter says, that Abdul Hamid acted on instructions received from the German government, and no little chagrin is felt among the British, the English, Russian and French plans. Diplomats there, according to the writer, are now recalling that a year and a half ago Emperor William of Germany visited Constantinople with a retinue with extravagant honors. It was hinted then that perhaps a secret treaty had been formed between the two monarchs to prevent both Russian and English encroachments.

The Sultan, while not yet completely reassured that he will be left in peaceful control of his domain, will of the privilege of butchering the whole empire, if he so desires, is always enough to keep the powers of Europe hate each other much more than they hate him.

The conclusion of the letter is that no matter what happens, the great western powers will not become embroiled with each other. Russia, at least of all, hummed in as she is on all sides by enemies, cannot afford the luxury of war, much as she desires it.

It is not clear from the letter in what event it would not be a question of the dismemberment of Turkey, but of the dismemberment of Russia.

A MESSAGE TO MEN.

Proving That True Honesty and True Philanthropy Still Exist.

If any man who is weak, nervous and debilitated, or who is suffering from any of the various troubles resulting from youthful folly, excesses or overwork, will take heart and write to me, I will send him confidentially and free of charge the plan pursued by which I was completely restored to perfect health and manhood, after years of suffering from Nervous Debility, Loss of Vigor and Organic Weakness.

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PLAGUE STRICKEN ORIENT.

Cholera has Revived in Hongkong—Famine in Western China.

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A severe famine is reported from western China. It is particularly severe in the provinces of Chung Tung, Szechuan and Szechwan. There have been floods which have spread over large areas of country, destroying almost the entire rice and vegetable crops. The inhabitants are dying by scores from starvation. A large portion of the city, situated on a bluff at the bend of the Kinshasha river, was carried under the flood by a landslide and about 3,000 of the starving Chinese were drowned. The flood has undermined the base of the bluff and a portion of the bluff about five acres in extent, fell into the water.

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Chicago, Dec. 26.—When the mist which has overhung the affairs of the collapsed National Bank of Illinois began to clear up it was evident that the institution had been wrecked by W. W. Hammond, its second vice-president.

Mr. Hammond, so the light of investigation shows, has played the role of a "kiter" and speculator with other people's money. He is a man who has received his own directors; a man who has violated wilfully and to protect the law which is supposed to protect the public from the operations of such as

The bank was not wrecked in a week or a month, but in years, during which Hammond and his associates had been used to speculate upon the far-reaching speculations of the second vice-president and chief executive officer. Bank examiners and directors were alike hoodwinked into the belief that a cautious, safe business was being done.

The conditions of accounts, which astonished the directors last week and caused the warmest of words to pass between them and the second vice-president, was not new thing. Four years ago, when he first emerged upon the scene of financing the Calumet Electric, it was stated how the controller of the bank had just at that time when Hammond allowed overdrafts amounting to \$175,000. He rose to the occasion, and by carrying the overdrafts to a foreign exchange, the statement was made to appear entirely innocent.

Mr. Hammond's business career began in the Congregational church. He was a bank man. He was the son of Rev. W. L. Hammond, prominent for many years in the Congregational church. He went to the Illinois National bank when it was organized and took a bank position as clerk. He was a successful clerk and saved his money. No one would have supposed then that the man who had worked so hard to become the manager of the institution and be the cause of its ruin.

Fifteen years ago he ventured forth from his ways of careful living and, in a business career, he was widely respected. He was a successful speculator, and his schemes in such speculations, this one was a success and Hammond made a good sum. Then he rose to be cashier, and later a second vice-president. As a banker he was regarded as a man who came in contact with him in the capacity speculator and shrewdness in buying commercial paper and in making money directly.

The Chicago Tribune editorially says: "The Illinois National has come to grief solely because of inexcusably bad banking. The president of the bank is feeble headed and not so prudent as he had been in his younger days. The second vice-president was unscrupulous and was unmindful of the provisions of the national bank act. When these conditions exist, neither in Chicago or in any other place, the failure is inevitable. The bad assets of the burst bank cost \$4,543,000. There may be realized on them in the course of time \$1,500,000. The highest single item cost \$250,000 bonds of the Calumet Electric railroad, on which the bank advanced \$2,475,000."

Had there been no world's fair the bank would not have been caught in the net of a speculation. But for the fair the Calumet Electric would not have been organized. The bad debt account stands as follows: Calumet Electric \$2,475,000 The two bonds 1,000,000 Total \$3,475,000

Net loss \$3,118,000 By the last statement the capital stock, surplus and undivided profits amounted to \$2,315,000, or a million dollars less than the shortage. In order that the depositors may be paid in full and the shareholders who are good for the amount, that million must be raised. It will have to be done by assessing the stockholders, who are good for the amount.

BRIEF LOCALS

Glamlings of City and Provincial News in a Concise Form.

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This act repeals section 4 of the act of 1890, which reads: "That this Company shall commence the construction of the work on or before 5 years, and shall complete the same on or before 5 years from passing of this act; the time being declared material and of the essence of the contract under which this act is passed, and enacts in lieu thereof that the Company shall construct and equip the Eastern section of the railway on or before 31 December, 1896, the Central section by 31 December, 1897, and the Western section by 31 December, 1898.

The schedule to this act defines what portions of the railway are contained in each section. They are:

A.—The Eastern section is to commence at the junction of Summit creek and the Fraser river, and thence by way of Michel creek, Elk river, and the upper Kootenay river to the 49th parallel and the Tobacco Plains.

B.—The Central section is to commence at a point on the Elk river near the junction of the Elk river with the Kootenay river, thence in a northerly direction to a point at or near Cranbrook, thence by the Moyee Pass to the lower Kootenay river, or by the alternate route from Cranbrook by way of St. Mary's river to Pilot Bay on Kootenay lake or to Lardo river.

C.—The Western section shall consist of that portion of the railway commencing from the Western terminus of the Central section to the coast by the most convenient route, to a favorable place for crossing the Fraser river to the city of New Westminster, thence to a suitable terminus on Burrard Inlet, and shall include the branch line to Nelson via Salmon river.

This 1893 act also grants the Company many additional powers, the most important of which are operating lumber mills; working mines of all kinds, erecting and running smelters, operating tramways, electric plants, petroleum works, etc.

1893, Chap. 36.—Makes further provision for a land subsidy in aid of the British Columbia Southern railway, namely, 20,000 acres for each mile of railway to be constructed in the Eastern and Central sections, that is to say, from Crow's Nest Pass to Pilot Bay, Kootenay lake, or to the Lardo river. This land to be taken in East and West Kootenay and made by the company's own means.

It will be observed that this act in effect doubles the land grant if gauge of railway is less than 4 feet 8 1/2 inches, as the act of 1890, Chap. 34, gave the Company 10,000 acres for any gauge less than 4 feet 8 1/2 inches.

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Smith is resting easily this afternoon and the medical men who are in attendance think that he may recover.

DEATH BY HIS OWN HAND.

John W. Griffith Commits Suicide Yesterday Evening.

John W. Griffith was found dead this morning in his room at the Occidental Hotel. It was a clear case of suicide, a letter which he left for his wife, who resides with her family in Port Townsend, telling of his intention to take his life, but giving no reason therefor. A large revolver, one which he had evidently carried on his prospecting-trips, was found on the floor, it having dropped from his hand after the fatal shot had been fired. He had placed the revolver to the side of his head, the bullet entering just above the ear. He deceased returned on the last trip on the steamer Tees from the southwest coast of the Island, where he is said to have located some promising mineral claims, and where he had spent the greater part of last summer. Yesterday he gave evidence before the sealing commission as to the value of the machinery in the seized schooners. He was apparently in his usual jovial mood and no one would have suspected that he intended to take his life. It is true the world had not treated him as well during the last couple of years as he was used to, but he took his reverses philosophically and was enthusiastic over the prospects of doing well with his claims. The letter he left was rather rambling, and was written on leaves torn from a small note book. In it he gives no reason for wishing to die. Mr. Griffith was very well known and popular both in Victoria and on the Sound. In the seventies he was engaged in the office of the Albion Iron Works, and later as bookkeeper for Messrs. Goodacre & Dooley, now L. Goodacre. A few years ago he went to Port Townsend to take a similar position, and at one time possessed considerable property, which, however, he lost with the collapse of the boom. Since then he has held several positions, but latterly has spent considerable time in the mountains, and it is possible that to this lonely life, to which he was not used, can be assigned the aberration which led to his act. The last seen of the deceased was at about three o'clock yesterday afternoon, when he went to his room. It was then he wrote the letter to his wife. The body was found this morning by the Chinaman who makes up the rooms. Deceased leaves a large family, a brother in Indiana and a sister, Mrs. William Denny, of this city.

INLAND REVENUE.

The exchequer of the Dominion government has received a greater amount from the Inland revenue department at Victoria during 1896 than for the four preceding years. The total revenue was \$145,647; for total revenue was \$156,000, in 1894 it amounted to \$148,231, and last year to \$154,846, but in 1896 the total is \$168,861.88. Below are the revenue by months:

January	\$18,401.01
February	13,116.40
March	13,737.87
April	14,919.83
May	12,363.62
June	16,158.70
July	15,671.78
August	15,487.75
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Neill; "Adieu" recitation, by Ida Clifford. Three handsomely bound volumes of "Waverley Novels" were presented to M. and Wm. O'Neill and R. Alexander by Rev. Stephenson. The entertainment was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

Captain Madden's family have moved here from Georgetown to spend Christmas and New Years.

A very interesting bazaar was held at the rectory on the afternoon of the 21st for the benefit of St. Catherine's church. The stalls were daintily draped and decorated and filled with the most tempting wares of all kinds and descriptions. The stall holders were Mrs. Stephenson and the Misses C. M. Hall, M. Alexander and M. O'Neill.

A Christmas entertainment was given at the Girls' Home this afternoon. Little Harold Crosby is at present very low with typhoid fever, his being the first case ever recorded here.

The Roscovits arrived safely this evening after an absence of eleven days, with about twenty tons of coal. She will leave in a few days for Victoria.

SLOGAN.

Mr. R. Shell, who was in last Wednesday from the Whitewater district, furnished the following details of that district:

The Whitewater mine has never looked better and is improving as it goes down. Thirty men are employed and

an assay office in Whitewater. The Eldon Gold and Silver Mining Company is working six or eight men. They are running a crosscut and expect to strike the ore body every day. The Brennan group of Liddell creek, two miles this side of Whitewater, is working steadily and has shipped some ore. They expect to be steady shippers in the future. The Jackson mine in Jackson basin has struck a good body of ore and is taking out from six to eight tons per day.

NELSON.

J. A. Whittier was in Nelson to-day and says the Goodenough claim is looking well. Three cars of ore have been shipped this month with more to follow and fifteen men are at work on the property.

The Exchequer Company is working two shifts on its mine on Toad Mountain and the management is expecting that the ledge will be struck sometime today. The men are now running through well mineralized rock and the last assay is said to run \$78 in gold.

NELSON MINER.

A diamond drill is at work on the Silver Queen, adjoining the Hall Mines and indications look favorable for a strike. Mr. Fred Stone has the contract for 1000 feet of drilling and he expects to strike the same class of ore that has been found in the Kootenay Bonanza. The Northern Light on Goat Mountain

has residence to present him with a purse of money subscribed by some of his friends and admirers. Mr. Morrison handed the purse to Mr. Gowen, and at the same time made a short and very appropriate speech, in which he stated that the few present, representing very many more, were met to express the regret of the community at large at Mr. Gowen's departure from New Westminster. The reverend gentleman, who was much affected, made a feeling reply. Rev. Mr. Gowen was also presented with a handsome umbrella by the penitentiary staff.

Have You Ever Tried?

Have you ever tried to dye your cast-off garments? Thousands in Canada answer "Yes, and very successfully, too." To those who have not attempted the work we would say, "There is money in it if you use Diamond Dyes." Old dresses, mantles, jackets, coats, pants and vests, and other articles of wearing apparel can easily be recreated and made fit for wear at a trifling cost. Ten cents expended for some fashionable color of Diamond Dyes will save you several dollars. This wonderful transformation and money-saving work can be done perfectly only by using the Diamond Dyes. Ask your dealer

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KATE FIELD'S ASHES.

Are Being Taken East in a Small Urn by Editor Taylor.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Kate Field's ashes are speeding eastward in charge of General Charles H. Taylor, proprietor of the Boston Globe. The remains are locked in a small cylindrical jar of polished copper. There is no inscription. Passing over the top of the cover, and through three little clasps, one on the cover and one on each side, is a narrow lavender ribbon, to which is attached a card bearing the customary record of the crematory, together with this name and date. The ends of the ribbon are fastened together below the card by a disc of black sealing wax, upon which is the lettered impress of the Odd Fellows' emblem. A small brass padlock clasped through staples holds the jar securely in place. The urn is nine inches in length by six in diameter.

General Taylor will deliver the urn to Editor Kobiasat, of the Chicago Times-Herald, who, as an old friend of the deceased will see that the remains, according to Miss Field's wish, are interred at Mount Auburn cemetery.

TEACHER FOR PARALYTIKS.

Education Department Supplies Teacher for the Keepers' Children.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Miss Daisy Doud will soon occupy a unique position in the educational world. She has been appointed school teacher for the Paralytic Islands and will have ten children, the offspring of the lighthouse keepers, in her charge. The Paralytics have been put on the map as part of the First Ward of San Francisco, although thirty miles out at sea, and the lighthouse keepers have always voted here.

But when it comes to a question of school the board of education has always fought shy and the children of the islands have had to depend upon the instruction of an occasional teacher, hired to their dreary home by the small salary the lighthouse keepers were able to contribute. Now, however, the teacher will be paid by the board of education, and school will keep all the year round.

TO LIVE AMONG LEPEERS.

A Missionary to Spend the Rest of Her Life on Marquessa Island.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Sarah J. Hutchinson, well known in Los Angeles as a preacher of the Holiness church, intends to devote the remainder of her life as a missionary among the lepers of the Marquessa islands in the South Pacific. She is now in this city preparatory to sailing for the islands on the bark Tropic Bird on Thursday. It was her original intention to become a missionary among the Hawaiian lepers on the island of Molokai, and she spent a year at Honolulu in trying to induce President Smith of the board of health to permit her to carry out her intention. He was obstinate, however, and she began looking elsewhere to find another leper field. Her attention was called to the Marquessa islands lepers through correspondence with the Rev. Z. Haputu, who was originally sent among them as a missionary by the Central Union church of Honolulu. The lepers on these islands are not segregated from the healthy natives. She will make it her life's duty to ostracize the lepers and convert them according to her ideas of Christianity. She goes to her new field of labor without any financial backing and says that she trusts to the Lord to send her whatever assistance she may need in carrying out her work.

ARMENIAN EMIGRANTS.

Government Will Not Give Any Assistance to Bring Them to Canada.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Rev. R. Chambers, of Woodstock, Ont., a Presbyterian missionary to Turkey, has communicated a suggestion to the department of the interior that the government might assist in the transportation of a number of Armenians to the Northwest or if they could not do that to give a block of land to a company who would do so. A reply was made to Mr. Chambers that it was impracticable to do this. A dispatch was recently received by the government from the colonial secretary, Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, asking what has been done in the matter, and if Mr. Chamberlain's suggestion had been acted upon. In reply to this the Laurier government have passed an order-in-council and forwarded it to Mr. Chamberlain, setting forth that, as there was no appropriation for assisting emigrants to Canada from Turkey, it might not be in the interests of the Armenians themselves to bring them to Canada. At the same time it was pointed out that private companies and individuals under the existing law could take up land and homesteads in the Northwest. Copies of the land act and other information were attached to the order-in-council and sent to Mr. Chamberlain.

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But My Wife Persuaded Me to Try the Great South American Rheumatic Cure and My Aching Pain Was Gone in 19 Hours, and Gone for Good.

J. D. McLeod, of Leith, Ont., says: "I have been a victim of rheumatism for seven years—confined to my bed for months at a time; unable to turn myself. Have been treated by many physicians without any benefit. I had no faith in rheumatic cure I saw advertised, but my wife induced me to get a bottle of South American Rheumatic Cure from Mr. Taylor, druggist, in Owen Sound. As that time I was in agony with pain inside of 12 hours after I had taken the first dose the pain had all left me. I continued until I had used three bottles, and I now consider myself completely cured."



REFUSING THE PROFFERED "PIECE."

Master Hierarchy expressed himself as pleased and satisfied with the "piece" Grandma Tupper had prepared for him, but now sulkily rejects the much larger slice of much superior bread—with extra jam and sugar on it—offered by Mme. Premier. The fact is, Master Hierarchy is not hungry for "peace" so much as for Tory political success.

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The Wellington is employing about twenty-five men and is shipping about two cars per week. Assays average about \$500.

The Charleston, which is under bond to Winnipeg, people, has six men at work and between \$6000 and \$7000 has been spent in tunnels. There is a show ing of ore in five tunnels and some of the carbonates runs as high as 4500 ounces.

The Corunna, adjoining the Charleston, is under bond to Toronto and Spokane parties and a tunnel is now being driven.

The Hansard Gold and Copper Mining Company is working seven men on the Lone Star mineral claim. A cross-cut tunnel is being run and Manager Shiell expects to strike the lead in a little while. The mine is getting fine indications and expects to be a shipper in the spring.

The Colorado, which is under bond to Mr. McCleary, and other Vancouver people, is now working six men. The Sunset has started up work and has got the cabins built. It is owned by R. E. Lemon and D. McDonald and is under bond to a Mr. Eckert of Minneapolis.

The Elkhorn Mining Company, of Spokane, is pushing work on its property. It is looking well and under the management of Mr. Winstead, who has

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The Dominion government is applying for a lease of a portion of the fore-shore of Lulu Island, within the city limits. The government want a frontage of 1200 feet below the bridge, and offer a nominal rental. It is the intention of the government to make snug quarters for all government plant, such as snag-boats, dredges, mattresses, skips, etc., when not in use, the amount of which has been felt for some time.

The steamship Lakme, drawing thirteen feet of water—which arrived at this port on Tuesday last, from San Francisco, with machinery, etc.; for the Argemac Cdn. Co., and cleared on Thursday afternoon—both entered the river and went out without the aid of a pilot. The master of the vessel, Captain Anderson, who has never before been to this port, says he found the channel well buoyed, ample depth of water, and no difficulty at all in navigating without a pilot.

The "floating" population of this city is considerable. The census enumerators disclose the fact that there are 6000 inhabitants on the Fraser river within the city limits.

Mayor Shiell and Messrs. Anley Morrison, M.P., R. E. Reid, A. Shepherd, W. A. Dashwood-Jones, J. D. B. Thompson and Captain Knight waited upon Rev. H. H. Gowen, F.R.G.S., at

for them; be sure you refuse all substitutes.

TREADWELL MINE.

The Plant of Alaska's Big Mine to be Enlarged and Improved.

THE CITY COUNCIL

City Engineer Wilcox's Report In Reference to the Lanes Along Main Road.

He Claims That His Recommendations Were Not Carried Out.

The regular meeting of the board of aldermen was held yesterday evening at the city hall, all of the members being present save Ald. Glover.

A letter was received from A. Foster Bartram complaining of the obstruction of Beacon and St. Andrew's streets.

R. P. Rither, M.P.P., wrote acknowledging the letter re Admiralty House and asking for information as to the cost, etc.

The following report was read from the city engineer and referred to the streets committee:

December 28, 1896. Gentlemen: With regard to the subject-matter of a communication referred to in the report of the streets committee, calling attention to the dangerous state of Lansdowne road, etc., I beg to enclose herewith my report of September 19, 1896, bearing on that subject, as follows: "In compliance with a resolution passed by the council on the 16th inst. to the effect that the city engineer be requested to furnish the council with a report as to what he considers the best method of dealing with the open watercourse on Lansdowne road, with an estimate of the cost of carrying out the work."

"I have the honor to report that I examined the site referred to, and, in my opinion, the best way to deal with the matter, having due regard to economy and efficiency, would be to plank over the watercourse, the planking to rest on caps 4 feet by 6 inches, extending across the top of the watercourse, and supported by posts well sunk into the ground, leaving a width for the waterway of 5 feet 6 inches, the posts to be boarded up for a height of three feet from the bottom of the watercourse, and thus confine the channel and prevent the water from cutting away the earth from the sides."

Mr. Macmillan said the only way the city engineer was interfered with was that a railing had been put up to them which would never have been put up to them.

Ald. Williams wanted to know if the streets committee had been engineering on their own account.

Advertisement for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, mentioning it as a 'Most Perfect Made' pure grape cream of tartar powder.

THE WORK OF FIENDS

Passenger Train Plunges Into a Ravine—Twenty-One Bodies Already Found.

Remains of Kate Field Incinerated at Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 28.—Fleets in lumber form wrecked the Birmingham Mineral passenger train No. 4 at Cahaba river bridge, twenty-seven miles from here, Sunday, and twenty-one lives were lost.

The wreck is regarded as almost certainly accomplished by the removal of a rail on the middle span of the trestle. This derailed the train which caused it to fall into the two spans and precipitated it into the river 110 feet below.

It is not known, and may never be ascertained, just how many passengers were on the train. Most of them were miners and residents of mining towns in this district, who had round trip tickets and were returning to their homes along the line of the Birmingham Mineral road.

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One of the survivors, Sam Spencer, was the only one of the train crew who escaped alive. He recovered and further search may swell the list of dead.

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Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 28.—A special dispatch from Fort Erie, Ont., says the memorial presented by Geo. G. Tait, of Bridgeburg, for presentation to the premier of Ontario and cabinet and to the minister of the interior in the Dominion cabinet, for the preservation

TALKING TAXATION

Cedar Hill Electors Discuss Method of Assessing Property in District.

They Pass a Resolution Protesting Against the Assessor's High Valuations.

the boisterousness of the weather probably accounted for the small attendance at the meeting held in the Cedar Hill school house last evening for the purpose of discussing the rate of assessment levied on property throughout the Victoria electoral district.

There were not more than a score of electors present. Mr. Munro Miller was elected to the chair and Mr. Sears was elected secretary.

Mr. Miller hoped that good would come from discussing taxation at public meetings. Their representative would receive some good suggestions.

Mr. Munro Miller then read a letter from Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken in which he regretted his inability to be present on account of illness.

Mr. David Stevens in response to a general invitation delivered an interesting address in which he pointed out the disadvantages under which the farmers labored.

Mr. Stevens also thought it advisable to write the resolution. The committee was that the lands were not assessed properly and they were anxious to see a man who could assess them properly.

After a vote of thanks to the electors the meeting adjourned.

Advertisement for Hood's Pills, describing it as a cure for various ailments like nausea, sick headache, and indigestion.

Victorian Markets

Retail Quotations for Farmer's Produce Carefully Corrected.

Table listing various agricultural products such as flour, wheat, and butter with their respective prices and market trends.

WEEK IN EUROPE

MacLaren Gives His Impressions of the United States and Her Public Men.

MacLaren, in the western question, says that the policy of Great Britain is the times and the government are to take existing facts into account.

St. James's Gazette makes reference to Venezuela, and says it is right now to arbitrate on terms suggested by the United States.

Lord Salisbury emphatically repudiated the Secretary Olney's demand.

St. James's Gazette notes that the Times in its New Year editorial regarding the former relations of Great Britain to the United States.

WEDDINGS

Announcements of various marriages, including those of Miss Ada Powers, Mrs. L. N. Powers, and others.

KIDNAPING A CHILD

Utah Couple Create a Scene at the Kingston Wharf. Those who were down at the wharf witnessed the rather unusual spectacle of a father getting on board the steamer with a six-year-old daughter.

AWARDED HIGHEST HONORS—WORLD'S FAIR—DR.

Advertisement for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, mentioning its recognition at the World's Fair.