#### What Is Going On In The Leading Churches Of The City.

ADELAIDE STREET BAPTIST Church - Pastor. Rev. Thomas S. Johnson. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sabbath School at 2:45 p.m.

ASKIN STREET METHODIST Church—Rev. J. W. Holmes, pastor, 11 a.m., subject, "Believers Here and Hereafter"; 7 p.m., "The City of God." 11 p.m. to 12:05 a.m., watch

CENTENNIAL METHODIST CHURCH -Rev. W. J. Ford, pastor. Rev. H. R. Moyer, of Delaware, will preach morning and evening on behalf of missions. Annual collections and subscriptions for the missionary work will be solicited. A watch meeting will be held at 11 o'clock

CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN
Church, corner Waterloo and Grey
streets—Rev. Walter Moffat, pastor.
11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Bible Class and
Salyhath Sahool 2 p.m. Visitors wal-Sabbath School, 3 p.m. Visitors welcome. Seats free.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, CORNER OF Dundas and Elizabeth streets-Rev. C. Sinclair, pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

COLBORNE STREET METHODIST Church—Rev. George Jackson, pastor, Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

DUNDAS CENTER METHODIST Church-The pastor, Rev. Dr. Saunders, will preach. Morning subject. 'The Call to Service'; evening subject, "Life's Battlefield." Watch night service from 11 to 12. Morning night service from 11 to 12. Morning Anthem, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (Sullivan); solo and chorus, "Sanctus" ("Holy City," Gaul). Evening—Solo and chorus, "Inflammatus" (Rossini); chorus, "Thine is the Kingdom" (Gaul); solo, "O Heavy Laden" (Pease).

DUNDAS CENTER SUNDAY SCHOOL tomorrow, 2:45-Review of last quarter's lessons and a review of first quarter of 1900 will be conducted in an interesting and original manner. Visitors and Home Department memthers welcomed.

DMPRESS AVENUE METHODIST Church-New Year's services. Morning, "Counting our days"; evening, '1900"; watch night, 11 p.m.

p.m. The subject for tomorrow will be "God." Wednesday evening (testimonial) meeting at 8 p.m. Sunday School immediately following morning service. D. S. Robb, C.S.B., First Reader; Mrs. Edne School of the Control of FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST morning service. D. S. Robb, C.S.B., First Reader; Mrs. Edna S. Robb, C.S., Second Reader, Residence, 293 Princess avenue. Christian Science Reading Room open daily from 2 to 6 p.m. Ail welcome.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH -Services tomorrow conducted by Rev. E. Clarence Oakley, pastor. Subjects: Morning, "The Great Quar-tet"; evening, "Written in the Books."

TYRIST METHODIST CHURCH-REV. J.V.Smith, D.D., pastor, will preach at both services. Morning subject. "The Larger Look." Evening subject. "Life: How is it Tested?" Morning—

Anthem, "Hark, Hark, With Harps" (Marston); solo, "Night of Nights" (Vanderwater). Evening — Anthem, "A Hymn of Praise" (Reutenber); solo and chorus, "The Star of Peace" (Parker). Watch night service at 10:45 p.m. Solo, "Ring Out, Wild Bells" (Gounod).

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-Rev. W. J. Clark, pastor. Public worship: 11 a.m., "The Past"; 7 p.m., "The Future." 3 p.m., Sabbath School and Society for Bible Study.

GOSPEL WAGON MISSION, 483 Richmond street—Gospel Meeting te-night, 8 o'clock. Grand Watch Night Meeting New Year's Eve, commencing at 7:30. Good singing, short addresses. Come.

HAMILTON ROAD METHODIST Church—Rev. J. G. Fallis, pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

KING STREET PRESBYTERIAN Church-Rev. Thomas Wilson, pastor. Morning, "Backward and Forward." Evening, "Words of Encouragement." Strangers welcome.

NOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, South London—Rev. J. G. Stuart, B.A., pastor. Morning, "Go For-ward"; evening, "Trust in the Lord.

MEMORIAL CHURCH - SERVICES tomorrow, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Right Rev. M. F. Baldwin will preach in the morning; the rector in the even-ing. Holy Communion after evening service. There will be a Sabbath School children's service at 3 in the afternoon.

SOUTHERN CONGREGATIONAL-Rev. W. H. Claris, pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. Robert Johnston, D.D., pastor.

Services in the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium. The pastor will preach at both ser-

11 a.m., "The True Estimate of Life." 7 p.m.. "The Last Invitation." Sabbath School at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, 8 p.m., prayer meeting. ST. JAMES' PRESBYTERIAN Church, corner Wellington and Oxford streets-Rev. A. J. McGillivray, M.A., pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., conducted by the pastor. Bible Class and Sunday School # 3

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL-MORN-ING—"Venite" (Monk). "Te Deum,"
(Roberts). "Jubilate" (Roberts). (Roberts). (Roberts). "Jubilate" (Roberts).

Preacher, the Dean. Evening—"Mag-

on the Cross"; 7 p.m. "The Old Patriarch's Trial"; 3 p.m., Bible School. Seats free and all welcome.

WELLINGTON STREET METHO-DIST CHURCH—Rev. J. Edge, pas-tor. Rev. G. T. A. Willoughby will preach morning and evening, Ep-worth League anniversary sermons. Morning-Anthem, "There were Shepherds" (Gaul); solo, "The Holy City." by request (Adams). Evening—Anthem, "The Hallowed Day Hath Shined Upon Us" (Stainer); solo, "Star of Bethlehem" (Adams); quartet and chorus, "How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me" (Pfleuger); solo, "Sleep Thou, My Son" (Piccolomini).

#### Births, Marriages, Death

MARRIED. WHITEHALL-TACKABURY-On Dec. 27, at the residence of the bride's father, "Riverview Farm," by Rev. J. W. Robinson, Mr. Frank Whitehall, to Miss Mabel L., eldest daughter of Mr. Samuel Tackabury, both of

CAMPBELL - McPHERSON - At the residence of the bride's parents, 387 Hill street, on Tuesday, Dec. 26, by Rev. Dr. Johnston, Mr. Neil Campbell, of Delaware, to Diana (Eanie) McPherson, eldest daughter of Mr G.

DIED. FLORY-At the family residence, 256 Grosvenor street, city, on Friday afternoon, Dec. 29, Harriet E, (Harrie), youngest daughter of Samuel and Eliza Flory, aged 21 years and 11

#### Amusements and Lectures

CRAND OPERA HOUSE-

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THE LONDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY—A meeting of the above society
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NOTICE is hereby given that a divided of three per cent upon the paid-up capital stock of this company has been declared for the current half year, ending 31st December, and that the same will be payable at the company's office on and after the 2nd day of January next.

The transfer books will be closed from the 15th to the 31st inst., both days inclusive.

By order of the Board.

C. P. BUTLER, Manager.

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## THE DOMINION

Dividend No. 55. NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum upon the paid-up capital stock of this society has been declared for the current half year, and that the same will be payable at the offices of the society, Masonic Temple Building, Richmond street, London, on and after the 2nd day of January. 1900.

January, 1900.

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NATHANIEL MILLS,

Manager.

London, Dec. 12, 1899.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of

We the undersigned citizens and electors of Ward No. 1, hereby request that a public mass meeting be called in the City Hall, on Saturday night, Dec. 30, to discuss municipal affairs. F. E. Lea, F. Hazelgrove Geo. W. Pitt, and

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the above request I have called a meeting of the electors of Ward No. 1, for Saturday, Dec. 30, at 8 p.m., in the City Hall.

JOHN D. WILSON, Mayor. Mayor's Office, Dec, 27, 1899. NOTICE-ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO NOTICE—ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO Aaron Griffith, late of the village of Thorndale, in the County of Middlesex, manufacturer, deceased, are hereby notified that they must settle their accounts with Robert Wright, one of the executors of the will of the said deceased, at the said village of Thorndale, on or before the 13th day of January, A. D. 1900, and any parties failing to settle their indebtedness on or before that date will be proceeded against in the usual way without further notice. Dated this 13th day of December, A. D. 1899. Robert Wright, Executor of the Estate of Aaron Griffith, Thorndale, Ont.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Section 4 of the Assessment Act, 1898, that the list of lands for sale in the municipality of the city of London for taxes has been prepared, and copies thereof may be had in my office, and that the advertisement embracing such list is being published in the Ontario Gazette on the Saturdays of Dec. 30, 1899, and of Jan. 6, 13 and 20, 1900, and that in default of payment of the taxes as shown in the said list, on or before the date fixed for the sale, the lands set out in the said list will be sold for taxes at such date. taxes at such date.

#### Dated at the city of London, Ontario, this 29th day of December. A. D., 1899. JOHN POPE, The Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Co.

DIVIDEND No. 71. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A dividend of FOUR AND ONE-HALF per cent for the current half year, upon the paid-up capital stock of this company, has been declared, and that the same will be payable at the company's office in this city, on and after

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1900. The transfer books will be closed from the 18th to the 31st December, both days inclusive. By order of the Board,

GEO. A. SOMERVILLE. London, Dec. 4th, 1899. 24u 9-30

CIVIL WAR IN NEW GUINEA. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 30.-News has been received by the steamer Aoranga of a bloody civil war, which has been raging among the natives of Kirwani, New Guinea. In the fighting the head chief was defeated and eleven villages in all were destroyed with heavy



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entative of the Associate ns that the wireless telegraph its recently captured from the nd described as Marconi's, were manufacture. They were made well-known German firm, whom coni once employed to experiment ith plans he afterwards discarded. Jarconi declares the instruments captured were not workable. Some feeling has been caused against the young in-ventor by the first report, the belief spreading that he had broken his agreement to supply only the British during the present war.

le Letter.]

London, Dec. 30 .- The death of the

Duke of Westminster, combined with

the mourning already prevalent on ac-

count of the war losses, left few of the

titled families of Great Britain free to

celebrate Christmas week with the us-

ual festivities. The Grosvenor family

has so many ramifications among the

LONG LIST OF FORTHCOMING

MARRIAGES.

whort engagements and sudden deaths.

Momentarily expecting orders to sail

for South Africa, the British officers

have apparently taken the opportunity

many a quiet marriage is now follow-

ed within a few days by a farewell at

Southampton. For instance, Major

defeat of the khalifa, returned to Eng-

land, married Lord Leconfield's daugh-

ter, and is now on his way to the

THE MATIAL SPIRIT REGNANT.

sire to serve the country at the front

shows no signs of abating. The action

of England's premier duke, the Duke

of Norfolk, who is postmaster-general,

and by no means a young man-he was

born in 1847-in volunteering for act-

ive service, is the latest example of

the spirit which pervades all classes.

The Duke of Norfolk's position in the

cabinet and his tremendous business

in this, to say nothing of his power as

lay head of the Catholic Church in

England, will probably prevent the ac-

The Duke of Connaught, whose ard-

Africa have been refused, is

ent requests to be allowed to go to

mentioned as likely to succeed Gen.

Roberts in command of the British

GUNNERS AND SAPPERS IN

FRONT.

cavalrymen or infantrymen. The country howled for Gen. Warren's ap-

pointment, and at last, the man who

knows South Africa topography better

than any other general received recognition. Then followed, in quick suc-

cession, Gen. Roberts, an artillery

man, and Generals Kitchener and Chernside, engineers, until the cam-

paign now bids fair to be chiefly di-

rected by the hitherto neglected "gun-ners and sappers."

SPECULATING ON WAR PLANS.

ground that Gen. Buller and his sub-

ordinates have been instructed to

andertake no important movement un-

il the arrival of Gen. Roberts, and

that Gen. Roberts will amalgamate

the divisions under Gens. Gatacre, Warren and French, subsequently

marching upon Bloemfontein to cap-

ture that place and draw off the Boers from Ladysmith. To accomp-

lish this, it is believed that Kimber-

ley and Mafeking may be sacrificed. Whether Gen. Buller will acquiesce to

will attempt to emulate Gen. Gough,

who, under similar circumstances, re-

trieved his reverses in India while Sir

Charles Nanier was coming out to

THE FLOUR SEIZURES.

The seizures of cargoes of Ameri-

can flour off Delagoa Bay fail to ex-

cite much popular interest in Eng-

land. It is generally looked upon as a

fine point of international law that

will be amicably settled. So far no of-

ficial steps in the matter have been

taken, owing to the non-arrival of

the necessary papers from Washing-

ton. The military and international

law authorities are almost unanimous

in declaring that Great Britain should

not declare foodstuffs contraband of

under this head, says today: "Fully 50 per cent of our food comes from Am-

erica, the colonies and other countries.

We have ceased to make any effort

From Heel to Toe a Mass of Raw

Flaming Flesh Refused to Heal

Unt.1 I Used DR. CHASE'S OINT-

Mr. William Higgins, baker, Wrox-

eter, Ont., Huron county, writes: "Salt Rheum started on my toe and spread

all over the foot and ankle. I spent

hundreds of dollars in trying to cure it.

but in vain. The itching became ter-

rible, almost beyond human endur-

began to use it, found quick reliew,

"Hearing of Dr. Chase's Ointment, I

OVER THE FOOT

SALT RHEUM ALL

MENT A Pertect Cure.

The Naval and Military Re

supercede him.

The impression continues to gain

war office's tardy recognition of the

ceptance of his offer.

forces in Ireland.

The martial spirit and universal de-

Maxse, who took part in the recent

of "striking while the iron is hot,

PEOPLE. Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein (Princess Helena of England), for the first time in twenty years, is sitting for a portrait, and to an Ameri-

nobility, and such a large number of During the recent visit to Windsor other titled people have recently died, of Mr. Conyngham Greene, former British agent at Pretoria, Queen Victhat one would almost think the court toria asked him a lot of questions rewas in mourning. To this condition of garding Mrs. Kruger, her housekeeping effairs a pathetic paradox is found in and personal characteristics. Greene entertained her majesty with the society news columns, which daily incidents showing the simplicity of Mrs. Kruger's home life, and ther personal attention to kitchen duties, detailing with special zest upon the excellence of a certain dessert which Mrs. Kruger the bridegrooms, in a majority of the cases, being soldiers. It is a season of

can painter, W. H. Funk.

The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough entertained a large Christmas house party at Blenheim this week. THEATRICAL.

The usual crowd of youngsters flocked to Drury Lane for the annual pantomime, though in the stalls and boxes there were many sad little faces and black frocks.

Madame Patti heads the list of 65 artists who will sing at Covent Garden on Feb. 22, under the patronage of the Marchioness of Landsdowne, in aid of the wives and families of officers killed during the war. On the same oc casion the Duchess of Marlborough will recite a patriotic poem.

## THE RECRUITING GOES ON RAPIDL'

The Second Canadian Contingent Very Nearly Complete.

An Offer of 200 Trained Men From Tennessee-Toronto's Quota Complete.

No little comment has been caused by Col. Hutchison, of Nashville, Tenn. engineers and artillery. Until Gen. offering 200 trained soldiers for South Warren of the engineers was sent out. Africa, with himself in command. They The war.

Enlistment of volunteers for artillery and Mounted Rifle service in South Africa was continued at the drill hall yesterday. The applications jectile are not confined to the file of the local regiments, but several holding commissions have signified their willingness to be enrolled as gunners in the artillery. Among those enrolled yesterday were: Elie Picot, carpenter, Second Field Battery; Michael Joseph Daly, laborer, Ottawa, Second Field Battery; Campbell Oliver, druggist, Prescott; George Graham, electrician, Ottawa; Eddie Holland, merchant, Ottawa; Arthur Lion, machinist, Ottawa; Lincoln Werely, Ottawa; Nicholas J. Slater, bank clerk, Ottawa. The Mounted Rifles contingent is to divided into two regiments. one drawn from points east of Manitoba, under Col. Lessard, with officers as already announced, and the mounted policemen, a separate regi-ment, under Commissioner Herchmer, this arrangement is seriously doubt-ed by many who know him, and they are rather inclined to believe that he if he will go, with Col. Steele second in

command. THE TRANSPORTS. The Laurentian and Montezuma will sail from Halifax on Jan. 15, having on board the artiflery and one squadron of mounted rifles.

COMMAND OF THE WESTERN SQUADRON. There may be a change in the command of the western squadron. Lieut .-Col. Steele is here. If Commissioner Herchmer will go in command-and it is thought he will-Lieut.-Col. Steele be second in command to him. Col. Steele approves of such an arrangement. It will be settled today.

ENLISTMENTS AT OTTAWA. About 75 men will be recruited to D Battery from this station. It was not expected that the number would be so large, as it was understood that A Battery, of Kingston, would furnish a nucleus of 55 men. A dispatch was received, however, to the effect that only 30 will be coming from that city, which necessitates the number of Ottawa re-cruits being augmented. Instructions have been given to enlist ten men for the mounted rifles, but it is probable that this number will be increased, as there is no place in the country which supply better material for cavalry than Ottawa.

The arrangements for the purchase of the horses needed from Ottawa for the South African contingent has been completed. The purchasing will be done on Tuesday next, and orders will be issued accordingly.

CALGARY'S QUOTA. Calgary, N. W. T., Dec. 30.—Out of 125 applicants for the contingent here, 86 passed the medical examination, and 34 have been accepted.

AT HALIFAX. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 30.-Applications for places on the second contingent keep pouring in to the brigade office. Lieut. Basil Courtney, now in Boston, son of the lord bishop of this diocese, offers to go. He was formerly attached to the First C. A. Hugh Allan arrived yesterday to superintend the fitting up of the transports.

AT KINGSTON. Kingston, Dec. 30 .- The work of recruiting for the artillery still goes on. Although the infantry quota for this district is full, about twenty gunners are still needed for C Battery. Yesterday morning five more Kingstonians and one outsider took the oath-Messrs. Mothers cure their little ones of Blackby, Birch, Armstrong, Gowdy, roup, bronchitis, coughs and colds, Eby and Snook, All recruits sworn in for the Kingston district will remain with C Battery. The right section of

tery, which forms the nucleus of www. battery, will leave on Monthe section, but not the guns. seventeen are wanted from n for the mounted rifles, but ally half that number have been . It is expected that Lieut. of the Toronto Field Battery,

e command of the fatigue hich will take care of A Bat-the absence of the volunteers. iton, Dec. 30 .- The men recruit-Cape Town. for the second contingent are in regular drill at the gun under excellent instructors, and the time they are ordered to Tonto it is expected they will be in fine shape. Major Hendrie is delighted with the way the boys responded to the call, and thinks, if it was necessary, the

whole contingent of either cavalry or artillery could be raised in Hamilton. AT GUELPH. Guelph, Dec. 30 .- A large number of applications have been received. Major Davidson, of No. 16 battery, has received 25 applications, four of which will be accepted. He is only required to provide four more. By Tuesday he thinks he will be able to furnish a list of the men. Lieut. McCrae, who will have command of this section of D Battery, R. C. A., has been ordered to report to the major this morning. The

ACCEPTED POSITIONS. Quebec, Dec. 30.-Major Ogilvie, Capt. Thacker and Lieut. Thacker, R. C. A., and Capt. Turner, Q. O. C. H., have accepted their appointments on the contingent. Lieut. Ogilvie is expected to reach town early next week from Enghand, being a passenger on the incoming Parisian. The board of officers on the purchase of mounts were hard at work yesterday examining animals to be purchased for the contingent. far twelve were secured, the average price paid being \$125. Nearly 100 more are required. Three or four troops of the Q. O. C. and one or two men from the 8th Royal Rifles have volunteered for service, but so far they have not been accepted. Work is being rushed at the B Field Battery barracks to get everything in order for the concentration of E Battery.

major has advertised for horses.

AT HAMILTON.

## LADY SARAH'S **EXPERIENCE**

While Among the Boers and at Mafeking.

She Believes the Burghers Are Heartily Sick of the War.

Departure of Mr. Hay and Other Prominent Men for South Africa- Iron Works. Strength of Buller's Force Recruiting in Cincinnati Stopped.

Mafeking, Sunday, Dec. 10 (By native runner to Mochudi)-Lady Sarah Wilson, who has returned here, is living in a bomb-proof shelter of her own, Ottawa, Dec. 30. - Geo. Holland, of constructed under the private residence this city, has received a letter from of Mr. Well. There she is able to exist with some degree of comfort, and if she chooses, to spend a part of the all the general officers in the field were served in the Cuban and Philippine time in the house where shelter is close enough to enable her to take cover between the ring of the warning bell and the arrival of the pro-

The correspondent of the Associated Press in Mafeking, to whom she granted an interview, was struck with the fact on entering her bomb-proof refuge that she is unquestionably an old campaigner. Even in this noisome, dark hole, dug under the ground, she manages to make herself comfortable.

THE LADY'S ADVENTURES. Lady Sarah's adventures were exciting, sometimes amusing and often spiced with considerable danger. It was on Thursday that she left Mafeking. She arrived at Settlagoli Hotel that night. Before morning she was attended by Dr. Arthur Roberts, of aroused by the rattle of musketry and the boom of guns. It was Captain Nesbitt, of the Mashonaland Mounted Police, now a prisoner in the hands of the Boers, who was fighting desperately, unable to get back or to go forward, but holding the wrecked armored train until the last. As soon as daylight would allow, Lady Sarah pluckily rode to the scene of action

PHOTOGRAPHED THE WRECK. Finding that her presence at Settlagoli exposed her to insults, the Boers moved her to Moshuti, where she enjoyed the hospitality of a colonial farmer. By means of heavy bribes she persuaded natives to carry information to and fro.

Extraordinary stories regarding her were circulated among the Boers. One was that she was the wife of an Enggeneral; another, that she was a granddaughter of the Queen, who had come to spy the doings of the Boers, and a third, that she was the only male survivor of Mafeking, having escaped in the guise of a woman. HER VISIT TO VRYBURG.

Lady Sarah visited Vryburg. She was driven there by a young Boer, who passed her off as his sister. She found loyalists, who gave her official dispatches and news. She stayed in the hotel all day, and stole out by night to do shopping. On visiting the hospital she found that orders had been issued that no one should leave the town. The gallant Boer had to answer some curious questions put by the landrost before he could get permission for himself and his "sister" to leave. They set out at 4 o'clock in the morning, in fear of being recognized, and got away safely.

After the Boers had discovered that

she had been mixed up in dispatchrunning she went to Commandant Snyman's camp with a view of getting back to Mafeking; but Snyman refused to let her go to Mafeking or even to Settlagoli. He proposed sendher to Zerust as a prisoner of war, or as an alternative, to release her if Viljoen were given up by the British.

At first she refused to ask Col. Baden-Powell to do this, but finally she changed her mind.

BOERS SICK OF THE WAR. Lady Sarah gathered from her varied experiences among the Boers that they are heartily sick of the war.

DEPARTURE OF MR. HAY. London, Dec. 30 .- Mr. Adelbert Hay, the new United States consul at Pretoria, left Waterloo railroad station here this morning for Southampton, on here this morning for Southampton, on that the conditions of the bubonic his way to Cape Town. Mr. Hay is charged with many commissions from not very alarming.

relatives and friends of the British prisoners at Pretoria. The same train prisoners at Pretoria. The same train took Lord Edward Stanley, one of the junior lords of the treasury and elder son of the Earl of Derby, formerly governor-general of Canada. Lord Stanley has been appointed to a posi-tion on Lord Roberts' staff.

Sir William Stokes, surgeon-in-ordinary to Queen Victoria in Ireland and surgeon to the Meath hospital.

Dublin, and a number of hospital nurses also left London for Southampton this morning en route for

BULLER HAS 28,000 MEN. In Natal, the censorship is again operating closely, and only minor camp incidents come through. The London press, having at last discovered that Gen. Warren is with Gen. Buller, is assuming that fighting will speedily be renewed on the Tugela. Every Ladysmith casualty list enforces the moral that a rescue can-not come too quickly. Today's record includes seven deaths from typhoid

Gen. Buller, when reinforced by the bulk of Warren's division, will have 28,000 men, exclusive of Gen. White's field force. There are more British soldiers than Boers on the Tugela, and now that a siege train has arrived at Cape Town there is no lack of guns of long range. If British generalship be equal to the crisis, the relief of Ladysmith ought to be the natural consequence of British superiority in num bers and artillery, bravely and ily as the Boers will contest the passage of the river and hold their scien-

BOER AGENT SHUT OFF. Cincinnati, Dec. 30.-M. Pierot was arraigned before United States Attorney W. E. Bundy, on a charge of violating the laws of neutrality. M. Pierot has been known as a recruiting officer here for the Boers for some time, and through him many men have been transported east. He claimed that he was engaging these men for the hospital corps, and not for enlistment in the army. Still he was advised by the United States district attorney that he must stop engaging men, even for the hospital corps, or he would at once be arraigned for contempt of the United States court that issued the order through Attorney Bundy.

GERMAN STEAMER CAPTURED. Lorenzo Marquez, Delagoa Bay, Dec. 30.—The German steamer Bundesrath, belonging to the German East African Line, has been captured as a prize and taken to Durban. The Bundesrath arrived here from Mozambique. The Bundesrath sailed from Hamburg, Nov. 8, for Tanga, East Africa.

The C. P. R. station in Drumbo was broken into by burglars Wednesday night. Brantford is to have a new industry.

the Pratt & Letchworth Malleable Chas. Heffernan, a hotel-keeper of

Arthur, was robbed of \$400 Thursday afternoon. The Galt poultry show opens on Tuesday of next week, continuing un-

til Thursday, inclusive. Major Weir, of Kincardine, has been named colonel of the 32nd battalion. Col. Scott's time having expired. The will of the late Mr. T. W. Mc-

Kee, of Windsor, leaves \$5,000 to Mrs. McLeod, of Woodstock, and \$20,000 to The other evening the employes of the Stratford woolen mills presented

Mr. E. T. Dufton with a handsome gold-headed cane as a token of their appreciation of their employer. The revised assessment of the city of Windsor is \$5,315,530. The popula-

tion is 11,446, and the number of rate-payers 3,398. The exempted property foots up to \$803.025, of which \$170,400 is represented in schools, \$113,500 in churches, \$327,125 in city property, \$75,-000 in government property and \$117,-000 miscellaneous. A pretty wedding was celebrated on

ednesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Pinch, corner Shrewsbury and Cambria streets, when her daughter, Miss Fannie K., was married to Dr. J. A. Bothwell, dentist. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. E. N. Baker, of the Central Methodist Church. The bride, who was given away by her cousin, Mr. Nelson Monteith, M. P. P. was attended by Miss Mame Thomson, of Pittsburg, Pa., as maid of honor, and by Miss Jean McLennan, of Stratford, as bridesmaid. The groom was

#### STRATHROY.

The following officers of the Woodmen of the World were elected for 1900: Joseph Smith; P.C.C.; H. Owens, C.C.; J. Moore, A. L.; J. Walker, escort; O. L. Berdan, physician; C. Grist, banker; F. L. E. Evans, clerk; W. H. try; R. Coutts, delegate; H. Owens, al-Pike, watchman; Nelson Hardy, senternate.

FIRE AT RIDGETOWN. Ridgetown, Dec. 30.-Fire broke out vesterday morning in the store occupied by T. G. Guest as a grocer. The brigade were promptly at work, and succeeded in distinguishing it in short order. Stock damaged by water and smoke. Loss not yet known.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES. London, Dec. 29.-At Liverpool, American cattle are quoted firm at 111/4c to 12½c per lib, dressed weight. In London tops are quoted firm, at 12½c to 12%c per lb. Sheep are quoted at 111/2c to 12c per Ib; lambs at 131/2c to 144c. dressed weight; refrigerator beef is higher, at 10%c per lb.

Father Malone, of New York, known as "the patriot priest," is dead. Why will you allow a cough to lacerate your throat or lungs and run the risk of filling a consumptive's grave, when by the timely use of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, the pain can be allayed and the danger avoided? This syrup is pleasant to the taste, and unsurpassed for relieving, healing and curing the affections of the throat and lungs, coughs, colds,

Thomas Arneau, of Tilbury East, charged with an offense under the Charlton act, was up before Judge Bell at Chatham, who found the prisoner guility and sentenced him to four years in the penitentiary. Complainant was a cousin of the prisoner, and under his protection when the offense was com-

A DINNER PILL - Many persons suffer excruciating agony after par-taking of a hearty dinner. The food partaken of is like a bail of lead upon the stomach, and instead of being a healing nutriment, it becomes a poison to the system. Dr. Parmelee's Vege-table Pills are wonderful correctives of such troubles. They correct acidity, open the secretions, and convey the food partaken of into healthy nutri-ment. They are just the medicine to take if troubled with indigestion.

Mail advices from Honolulu show

## STARTS TO WORK

As Second in Command of the New Contingent.

Dominion Authorities Will Get Their "Galloping" Guns From the Colts People-"Gat" Howard Will Look After Them.

[Special to The Advertiser per C.P.R.] Ottawa, Dec. 30.-A telegram was received last evening from Lieut.-Col. Evans, who goes second in command of the contingent. He said that he had just received information from the department in Ottawa asking him to go straight to Toronto and proceed to work. He will be in Toronto today, and will only have time to say goodbye on his way to Halifax to his Ot-

GALLOPING GUNS

The department of militia has decided to purchase from the Colts people in the United States the galloping guns which will accompany the contingent. These machines will be under the charge of Captain Howard, generally known as "Gat" Howard.

#### Matrimonial.

HATCH-BECKETT. Mr. Salem R. Hatch, a school teacher, of St. Thomas, was united in marriage, on Thursday night, to Miss Clara Beckett, of London, at the residence of Mrs. Askley, in this city. Rev. L. W. Wickett performed the ceremony in the presence of a few invited friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Hatch

will reside in St. Thomas.

SARE-MCEWEN.

Mr. David Sare. of Ingersoll, son of Mr. D. Sare, of this city, was married last Wednesday to Miss Adelaide Mc-Ewen, daughter of Mr. John McEwen, of the fifth concession of Dereham. Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Verschoyle, officiated at the wedding ceremony. Miss Lizzie Allen was bridesmaid, and Mr. Robert Frezell, of Ingersoll, supported the groom. The young couple left on a trip to Detroit and other western cities, and will afterwards make their home in Ingersoll.

MOORE-MORGAN.

At Ingersoll on Wednesday afternoon Miss Lizzie Morgan, daughter of Mr. D. Morgan, was married to Mr. James Moore, of this city. Miss Magge Murray was bridesmaid. The Wedding March was played by Miss Mary Anderston, of Woodstock. The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. Grant, pastor of the Baptist James Church in Ingersoll. Mr. and Mrs. Moore will spend their honeymoon in Detroit and in this city.

BOLES-ZIEGLER. A large and fashionable wedding

took place on Thursday at Trinity Methodist Church, says the Berlin News, when Miss Detta E. Ziegler, daughter of Mrs. Enoch Ziegler, of this town, and Mr. Arthur T. Boles, B.A., L.L.B., of Learnington, joined hands and hearts for life. The pretty ceremony took place at 1:30, Rev. J. S. Williamson, D.D., officiating, and was witnessed by a large number of guests. Among those from out of town were Mrs. M. Boles, mother of the groom, Ingersoll; the Misses Eva and Agnes Boles, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boles, of Ingersoll; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boles, the Misses Ollie and Eva Boles, of Stratford: Dr. and Mrs. O. Ziegler, Toronto; Dr. and Mrs. C. H Ziegler, London; Mr. and Mrs. Jenney, Galt, and others, besides a number from the Twin City. Mr. Walter Ziegler and Mr. H. Leslie Staebler were ushers, and the wedding march was exquisitely rendered by Prof. Blakeley, of the Sherbourne Street Methodist Church, Toronto. The bride, who was given away by Mayor J. R. Eden, was supported by her sister, Miss Lizzie Ziegler, and Miss Eva Boles, of Ingersoll, sister of the groom. The happy bride looked charming indeed; her rich bridal gown was of white duchesse satin, with train, and was trimmed with point lace and pearls. She wore a magnificent bridal veil, surmounted wreath of lily of the valley, and carried a shower bouquet of pink roses Mrs. Boles is a sister of Dr. C. H. Ziegler, of this city, and was formerly soloist in the Dundas Center Methodist choir.

STINSON-LORANGER A very pretty wedding was solemnized on Wednesday afternoon at the residence of the Misses Loranger, No. 25 Cartwright street, it being the marriage of Miss Jessie Loranger to Mr. James Stinson, a well-known and highly respected resident of Nissouri The bride's sister, Miss Lizzie Loranger, was bridesmaid, while Mr. James Talbot, of Wyton, support-Rev. M. Cluff, of ed the groom. Rev. M. Cluff, of Strathroy, officiated at the wedding ceremony, after which a dainty wed-ding breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Stinson left on a trip to eastern cities. Among the numerous presents received by them was a handsome silver service from the employes of the Bell Telephone Company, where the bride was chief operator for a number of years.

THOMPSON-McNAUGHTON. At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McNaughton, No. 189 St. James street, on Wednesday evening, their daughter, Miss Mayme, was married to Mr. Edward Thompson, of Cleveland, Ohio. Georgina McNaughton was bridesmaid. The groom was supported by Mr. Fred Wheatcroff. The cerewas performed by the Rev. A. J. McGillivray in the presence of a number of friends and relatives, who afterwards partook of a wedding supper. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will take up their residence in Cleveland.

BARBOUR-McGREGOR. St. Thomas Journ'al: On Wednesday afternoon Rev. D. R. Drummond. asssted by Rev. E. C. Gallup, of Ottawa. united in marriage Mr. David N. Barbour, of Fingal, and Miss Jessie Mc-Gregor, of Chesley. The young couple left by the evenng train for Chesley and points in Bruce county on their honeymoon trip.

FARR-RIPLEY.

St. Thomas Times: A pleasant event took place at the residence of Mrs. Henry Ripley, Springdale Farm, Coyne's Corners, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20, being the wedding of her

lanighter, Alice M., to Mr. Will Farr. The ceremony was performed be Rev. D. Keiso in the presence of m mediate friends. After tea the couple took the evening train for London and points east.

## WHAT SOUTH

A Vast Plateau 6,000 Feet Above the Sea-Bird's-Eye-View Showing the Lay of the Land.

Allen Sangree contributes to Ainslee's for January an article on South Africa. This is how the country appeared to

You land in South Africa at the foot of a mountain 3,600 feet high. They call it Table Mountain, and the veil of mist that, except on very clear days, overhangs it, South Africans are pleased to term the Tablecloth. ing a front of solid rock 1,000 feet in height, perpendicular as a wall, and for half a mile on top quite level, this mountain offers the best natural signboard on earth. Time and again have English firms attempted with fabulous sums to secure it for advertising purposes, but as yet there has been no such defacement.

"Table Mountain marks the tip end of the Dark Continent. Below it nestles the city of Cape Town, a beautiful bay stretching out in the foreground. On the west the mountain breaks off abruptly, and the railroad skirts about it to the interior. On the east it slopes off into a hilly, picturesque formation known as the 'Lion's Back,' and then gradually rises into the Drakensburg Mountains. This is the only great mountain range south of the Zambesi. and by noting its location, one may understand in a trice just what South

Africa is geographically. "Steaming along the east coast from Cape Colony, northward, you have the Drakensburg in view nearly all the way to Beira, a distance of 2,000 miles. In Cape Colony and Natal the mountains in many places dip to the water's edge, and with a field glass one may see on their crags and peaks smoke curling up from the native villages. In Portuguese territory the mountains recede slightly from the coast, and at Delagoa Bay there is an intervening stretch of lowland twenty miles wide. At Beira this has increased to 60 miles. At the Zambesi the Drakensburg ends.

THE PLATEAU. "To get into the interior of South Africa from any of the five east coast landing places, Port Elizabeth, East London, Durban, Delagoa Bay and Beira, one must first cross a short extent of lowland, and then ascend steep mountains. Having arrived there, the traveler is conscious of little or no descent, five-sixths of the whole interior being a vast plateau that extends to the Zambesi on the north, the Atlantic Ocean on the west, and varies in altitude from 3,000 to 6,000 feet above

the sea level.

'A fringe of tropical country, where bloom the magnolia and the rose, where flourish the orange, pineapple, lemon guano, grape, banana, the cotton and the tea plant; a long stretch of mountanis running parallel with the Indian Ocean, the highest peaks of which are capped with snow, and in whose valleys wave tracts of wheat and corn; a vast prairie, dotted here and there with patches of scrub woodland, mission stations and immense farms with millions of sheep and cattle grazing thereon; a few thousand hamlets scattered ke oases over a great landscape, m by the native Africans, who live in thatched huts and wear but a breechclout; a dozen large towns, where is heard the clang of the American trol-ley car and the clatter of the police patrol, and about which men cluster as flies gather to a jar of sweets: the remnants of a once mighty zoological garden, including many leopards, beautiful and lithe, baboons, antelopes, jackals and crocodiles, a less number of hippopotami, and a few herds of buffalo, elephants and giraffes; some iron ore, some coal, some copper and a little silver; forty miles of gold and one hundred acres of diamonds. That is South Africa."

#### QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

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Toronto's Hockey Team Were Easy for the Londons.

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Other Sporting Events.

HOCKEY. LONDON'S HOCKEY CLUB WON. When last night's game at Princess rink was concluded, London points and the Wellingtons of Toronto had 2. Great things were expected of the local team. Expectations became realizations. Dubious thoughts as to the outcome prevailed, when rumors of the Wellingtons' skill and endurance circulated. The mists of uncertainty were dispelled. London has an excellent hockey team. Its success last night over wha: has been called "Toronto's crack team," a success that was complete, that was apparently won with ease, is an assurance that London's bunch of rubber-punters will end high in an endeavor to make a repetition of

last year's unbroken series of victories. Neither team was in good condition. London was perhaps in slightly better trim, but both sides lacked the stamina necessary for the prolonged confusion of vim and alertness. This resulted in intervals of end to end puck-tossing, which, however, came no oftener than was to be expected, and were relieved by extended periods of fast work. this, Peel did most excellently, and carried the puck at will from goal to end with consummate skill. Hobbs and the two young aspirants for hockey honors that seem to be in their grasp, Ash-plant and Somerville, did splendid work and frequently elicited the approval of the onlookers who thronged the promenades and gallery. And the score would have shown greater difference had the forwards only of the Toronto team to be considered. Frequent incursions into their territory went unchecked until the puck reached Goalkeeper Beaulier, who made several brilliant stops. Chadwick and McCord did the fastest work for the

visitors. Somerville made the first successful goal shortly after the whistle sounded. The puck stayed closely by the Toronto goal until a Wellington forward brought it sharply up made a quick shot for goal that was

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#### cleverly parried by Johns. Then Peel punted the rubber rapidly down the rink, and combining with Gilmore, gave to Somerville an opportunity to shoot the second goal. The resultant cheers were still resounding when Mc-Cord made Toronto's first successful shot. A short period of undeterminate work followed, which was broken by Ashplant forcing the puck between the posts for goal No. 3. So the game continued with varying fortunes of play until well on in the second half, when the Wellingtons scored another goal. The feat was equaled by Peel, Ashplant, Hobbs and Gilmore so suc-

their credit, while their much-lauded opponents had but two. The teams LONDONS. WELLINGTONS. Beaulier Morphy Brown......Cover Point. .....Chadwick
....Moffatt
....J. McCord
....W. McCord Gilmore..... Hobbs.....

Forwards

Referes-Bert Little (McGill).

Somerville.

PUNTS. London has its habits on. Bert Little makes a satisfactory ref-

The ice was in first-class condition. The game was devoid of all rough Jack Gilmore did not play with his

usual brilliancy.
Somerville follows up effectively. His goal shots can be improved. Peel must be a lightning calculator.

Intuitively, he seems to make the right London's fresh blood will do still more effective work, for they are ambitious. London's team will do to others as they did to the Wellingtons, for it is made of good material, which is being abundantly developed.

TURF AT NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans. Dec. 30.-Five favorites met defeat in yesterday's racing. Summary: First race, selling, 7 furlongs—L. T. Caton won, Junetta 2, Uhlers 3. Time,

Second race, selling, 6 furlongs— Kindred won, Pythia 2, Matt Simpson Time 1:17%.
Third race, selling mile and 70 yards -Harry Preston won, Manlius 2, Frank McConnell 3. Time, 1:471/2.

Fourth race, handicap, 61/2 furlongs -Ed. Gartland II. won, Free Lady 2, Compensation 3. Time, 1:21½. Fifth race, selling, mile and six-teenth—David won, Belle Ward 2, Bill Jackson 3. Time, 1:50½. AT OAKLAND.

San Francisco, Dec. 30 .- Oakland results yesterday:
First race, % mile, selling—Merry
Boy won, Donator 2, Good Hope 3.
Time, 1:27½.

Second race, % mile, handicap, all ages—Aluminum won, Revanna 2, Magdalenas 3. Time, 1:00. Third race, 1 1-16 miles, 2-year-olds, purse-Flower of Gold won, Be Be 2, F. W. Brode 3. Time, 1:071/4.

Fourth race, mile and sixteenth,

selling—Horton won, Tirade 2, Favorsham 3. Time, 1:46½.

Fifth race, mile, selling—Wyoming won, Red Pirate 2, Recreation 3. Time,

1:04%.
Sixth race, Futurity course, selling—
St. Cuthbert won, True Blue 2, Del
Peso II. 3. Time, 1:10%. SKATING.

FASTEST ON RECORD.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 30.—The fastest skating ever done in the world half mile and quarter mile, straightaway, was accomplished on Thursday on Lake Minnetonka. Nor-val Baptie, of Bath Gate, N. D., lowered the one-quarter mile record of \$114 seconds, made by John S. Johnson, to 2816 seconds. After a rest of 20 minutes Baptie started for the half-mile record of Joe Donohue, of New York, and Olaf Rudd, of Minneapolis, and lowered it from 1:05% to 1:00%.

The records are official, and made

under the auspices of the Excelsior Ice Club. FISTIC. DIFFICULT TO DECIDE.

As the glove contests, which take place at the Grand Opera House next Thursday night, approach, considerable speculation as to the winners are indulged in. To decide upon the winners is a difficuit proposition. Smith's "go" at Ottawa and Snyder's at Grand Rapids show that both men are working hard. The management of the London Athletic Club have taken precautions to avoid another Reedy contest and, in fact, it was solely with

en precautions to avoid another Reedy contest and, in fact, it was solely with that end in view they refused to sign De May, of Rochester, the wisdom of which action was proven in his recent battle, when De May quit like a dead one. In his place, Smith will meet a hard, conscientious fighter, who can give and take a good punching. The other four men are also in fine condition. Arthur St. Pierre is in training with Snyder, and says he is confident of securing the decision, while Carroll writes that he is down to weight and ready to battle at any moment. and ready to battle at any moment. Tom Taylor is also working hard every day, and says he shall give a good account of himself in his coming battle, while Barber is equally sure of win-

> NOTES OF SPORT Dan Brouthers, the old Detroit first

baseman, has opened a hotel at Wappinger's Falls, N. J.

The Horton law is dangerously near the brink in New Orleans, and if it is repealed the fighters will have to look elsewhere for apportunities to make elsewhere for opportunities to make a The Ketcham farm, of Toledo, has been holding a sale of trotters, and

Walter Winans brought \$1,000 and Foxy Quiller (full brother to Cresus), sold for \$500.

August Koch has died at Denver. He was shortstop of the Athletics, and one of the most popular amateur ball players in Detroit. Three years ago consumption seized him and he went west. It was supposed he was on the road to recovery, from his letters.

#### **CUSTOMS RECEIPTS**

Dominion Returns Show a Large In crease Over the Figures for 1898.

[Special to The Advertiser per C.P.R.] Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The customs re-ceipts for the Dominion for the six months ending today, were \$14,445,571, compared with \$12,559,820 for the same time last year, an increase of \$1,885,551. The increase for this month alone was \$400,000.

## THE WRECK

Went Ashore in a Terrific Gale on the Kentish Coast No Lives Lost.

London, Dec. 30 .- The Hamburg and South American liner Peletas, from Santos for Rotterdam, struck on the sand on the east side of Dungeness, the southern extremity of Kent, soon The storm was the worst of the winter, and seas immediately began breaking over the steamer. For a time it appeared as though no one on board of her could be saved. The Dungeness coast guards, seeing the Peletas' sig-nals of distress, made desperate and for a long time unsuccessful efforts to launch the lifeboat in the heavy surf beating on the shore. Finally the coast guardsmen succeeded in reaching the Peletas. They remained alongside the steamer all night, and eventually put rocket apparatus in operation.

During the whole time the wind blew with hurricane force, accompanied by heavy rain and hail. When day broke cessfully that when the referee called time the Londoners had nine goals to the gale silghtly moderated, enabling the lifeboats to transfer those on board

to New Romney.

The Peletas carried a cargo of grain, and had no passengers on board. The Hamburg and South American Line, owners of the Peletas, have no connection whatever with the Hamburg-American Line, sailing to New York. This statement is made necessary by a number of inquiries on the subject.

#### STIR IN KENMORE.

Durham Brown's Letter Pub lished Last Week Cause of Comment.

One of Many Such Cases in Kenmore-Dodd's Kidney Pills Well Known There-Unanimous Corroboration of MATTER OF KITS Brown's Statement.

Kenmore, Dec. 29 .- No little comment has been caused here by the publication of a letter signed by Durhain Brown, in the papers last week. Mr. Brown is one of the most expert boxmakers in the county, his cheese boxes, while models of good workmanship, being turned out in remarkably quick time. He has the reputation of being able to drive one and a quarter-inch nails at the rate of five hundred in eighteen minutes, and keep it up stead-

enough in their favor. And he means every word of it. His brother also thoroughly believes in Dodd's Kidney Pills, having seen how they affected. Durham. Durham Brown's letter, as published last week, is corroborated by his brother and all who know him.

Many other people in Kenmore know from personal experience the value of Dodd's Kidney Pills. Whether for the two formerly incurable and fatal maladies. Bright's Disease and Diabetes, or for any other forms of Kidney Disease Rheumatism, Heart Disease, Dropsy, Urinary and Bladder Complaints, Female Troubles, Blood Disorders— Dodd's Kidney Pills is the only medicine that ever cured Bright's Disease or Diabetes, and the people here have a wonderful faith in them.

CHANGE OF BANK MANAGERS. Montreal, Dec. 30.-It has been officially announced that a Mr. Crombie, who has occupied the position of manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Montreal for a number of years past, will retire on Dec. 31 and be succeeded by F. A. Mathewson.

LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to Cameron writes: "I was confine my bed with inflammation of lungs and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas Eclectric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any

Prediction That It Will Take An American Paper Impressed Place About Jan. 7.

Indications That Buller Is Preparing for Another Advance.

Three German Officers and Twenty Men in Uniform on Board the Seized Steamer Blundesrath-Treatment of British Prisoners.

London, Dec. 30.—The reported sortie from Ladysmith, resulting in the capture of a Boer position, is not confirmed, and apparently is only a Kaffir story. A Chieveley dispatch dated Dec. 29 makes no mention of it. The some message shows renewed activity upon the part of the British, apparently preparatory to some action. The Boer position eastward of the camp was thoroughly reconnoitered Dec. 23 without drawing the enemy.

The naval guns engage in daily practice, and it is said on good authority that 30 or 40 Boers have been killed by the firing during two days.

A dispatch from Durban predicts that Ladysmith will be relieved on or about Jan. 7. While there is nothing to bear out this forecast, there is some disposition to believe Gen. Buller is preparing another attempt to advance, this time an attack on the Boer position on Inhlawe Mountain.

WHY THE BUNDESRATH WAS SEIZED.

A representative of the Associated Press has learned that there were three German officers and twenty men, attired in khaki uniform, and intending to serve the Boers, on board the Bundesrath, which explains her cap-

THE DELAGOA BAY QUESTION IN

PARIS. Paris, Dec. 30.—The virtual seizure by British officials of vessels laden with American flour, consigned to the Boers, and the statement of the Lokal Anzeiger, regarding an alleged Anglo-German-Portuguese treaty for the division of Portugal's colonies between Great Britain and Germany, has aroused renewed interest in Paris. While there is a desire to discredit the Lokal Anzeiger's statement, its publica-

tion has occasioned undoubted uneasiness, because the consummation of such a plan would be a diplomatic the southern extremity of Kent, soon after midnight, in the midst of a terrisia. The possession of Delagoa Bay is fic gale which raged all round the coast. believed to be as essential to British success in South Africa as a victory over the Boers is essential to Great Britain's international prestige. Therefore it is felt that, if necessary, Great Britain will take extreme measures. THE PRISONERS AT PRETORIA.

London, Dec. 30.-Winston Churchill, the correspondent of the Morning Post, in a dispatch detailing the position of the British prisoners at Pretoria, declares there is no cause for any anxiety concerning them. He adds the Boers are certainly not blood-thirsty people, and that they are most desirous of deserving the respect of European nations by correct observances of the usages of war.

The British officers at Pretoria are strongly guarded by police armed with rifles and revolvers. They are frequently visited. Their only exercise is a daily game of rounders. They are allowed to become members of the state library, where there are many good books.

The government allows them a daily ration of "bully beef" and groceries, but anything may be bought from the local tradesmen. As Great Britain does not pay her officers while they are prisoners, many of them are poorly off financially. All are despondent, and the inactivity of their life makes them dull. Exaggerated reports of Boer victories aggravate the general

melancholy.

Churchill describes the other ranks who are encamped at Waterfall as very unhappy, because they are without money and are unable to buy tobacco. Their rations are very scanty, but their health is good.

## AND CLOTHING

For the Members of the Second Canadian Contingent-Over 1,000 Men From Nova Scotia.

[Special to Advertiser per C. P. R.] Ottawa, Dec. 30.-Lieut.-Col. Mac-Donald, chief director of the stores, has arranged the kit and clothing for

The mounted rifles are to have their ily.

Mr. Brown is an enthusiast about podd's Kidney Pills. He cannot say above will be in addition to the khaki

NOVA SCOTIA OFFERS TO RAISE 1,000 MEN.

The Halifax Chronicle telegraphs the minister of militia that it is prepared to raise a regiment of 1.000 men in Nova Scotia, to go to the front, if the department will enroll and take charge of the same. Dr. Borden replied, stating the loyal sentiments expressed in the telegram were creditable and that the matter would have his consideration.

FATAL COLLISION.

Denver, Col., Dec. 29.-The Cheyenne Flyer, on the Union Pacific Railroad, crashed into the Boulder Valley train at Brighton, Colorado, today. gageman Wm. Rundleman was killed and eleven persons injured.

SMOTHERED IN AN ELEVATOR. Detroit, Dec. 30.-Theodore W. Hintz employed in the Union elevator, at the foot of Fifteenth and One-Half streets, was sufficient to death in a bin of oats yesterday noon. He was 52 years old and leaves a family.

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Say It Is Worthy of the Mother Country's Greatest Days-The. Kinship of Race.

[Louisville, Ky., Courier-Journal.]

The most inspiring spectacle on the globe is being presented now in England, where we see a nation roused to action under the scourge of temporary defeats. The call for volunteers is being responded to with an energy worthy of the greatest days of her great history. The Duke of Mariborough, who offers to equip and maintain 150 soldiers, is but one of thousands of the nobility and wealth of Great Britain who are tendering themselves and their fortunes to share the fate, if need be, of their countrymen at Magersfontein, Modder River and Tugeia. The same spirit inspires the petted darlings of fortune that has moved the peasantry to volunteer. The honor of the motherland has been threatened, and every man owning allegiance to the little island of glory is springing to her To be an Englishman has always been to be a patriot, but never more so than now, when man to man they stand together. We over here in America, three thousand miles away, behold this eagerness to sacrifice self in order that there may be no check in the work which the Anglo-Saxon has been carrying on in the world for three hundred years, and feel the same inspiration of race. We never felt our English kinship so strongly, even in the days of last year when the alliance of England warned off the continental foes that fain would have checked our work of liberation in Cuba. This is the centiment which years ago in times of peace Dr. Holmes brought out in wishing good-bye to a British friend whose

posed to ridicule: 'His home! the Western giant smiles, And twirls the spotty globe to find it-This little speck, the British Isles, 'Tis but a freckle—never mind it!

little island home some one was sup-

But Memory blushes at the sneer, And Honor turns with frown defiant And Freedom, leaning on her spear, Laughs louder than the laughing giant:

'An islet is a world,' she said. When glory with its dust has blend-

and Britain keeps her noble dead Till earth and seas and skies are rended!'

Beneath each swinging forest bough Some arm as stout in death reposes-From wave-washed foot to heavenkissed brow Her valor's life-blood runs in roses; Nay, let our brothers of the West

Write smiling in their florid pages, One-half her soil has walked the rest In poets, heroes, martyrs, sages! Hugged in the clinging billows' clasp From seaweed fringe to mountain

heather, The British oak, with rooted grasp, Her slender handful holds together-

And ocean narrowing to caress her, And hills and threaded stream's be-

Our little mother isle, God bless her!" The sympathy and good wishes of America go with the motherland be-cause, apart from her kinship with England, she knows that British defeat would be the greatest misfortune that could befall mankind. To be vanquished in South Africa now would

#### SIX TO TEN FEET OF SNOW

turn the clock of civilization back-

Cold Wave in Northern New York-

Mercury Ten Degrees Below Zero. Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 30.-With from four to six feet of snow on the level, Watertown and the surrounding country is now suffering with intense cold, this morning the mercury registered from 8 to 12 degrees below zero. Malone, N. Y., Dec. 30.-Northern New York is experiencing a cold wave. The mercury dropped to zero early last night and to 10 below this morning. TERRIBLE BLIZZARD IN PENN-

SYLVANIA. Corry, Pa., Dec. 29 .- A terrific blizzard, the worst in years, has been raging in Northwestern Pennsylvania for the past 24 hours, and still continues. About 18 inches of snow has fallen, and, with that already on the ground, makes the depth on the level four feet. Many villages are cut off from the outside world. All the roads leading into the city are blocked. The stages which carry the mails from Eating and Findlay Lake being snowed in. All the railroads are suffering.

Steamship Arrivals.

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Pomeranian New York Glasgow
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Mantinea Dublin St. John Dec. 30, At St. Louis.....New York...Southa

MILLIONS FOR EYESIGHT.

In the December number of the Na-

tional Magazine is an interesting article regarding the blind millionaire merchant of New York, who offers a million dollars to anyone who can restore his eyesight. The writer says: "A quarter of a century ago it was lawful to imprison a man for debt. It was an absurd and impracticable law, and Charles Broadway Rousss happened to be one of its victims. On the wall of one of the cells of the debtors' prison, Ludlow street jail, in New York, the following inscription may be traced to this day: "When I may be traced to this day: "When I leave here I shall become a rich man.' It was cut into the stone by Mr. Rouss, who was suffering temporary durance vile, not for any kind of crime or misdemeanor, but simply for dept, and the most honest form of debt at that. "True to his self-made promise, Charles Broadway Rouss became a rich man. Now six times a millionaire, he owes no man a panny and none owe him. Years ago he burned his ledger, and learned to say no, neither asking nor giving credit. He accumulated the greater portion of his fortune dollar by dollar in buying every kind of merchandise at bargain prices and selling the name at a small winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind Twenty-five cents a bottle.

Chicago retail grocers are forming a combination to buy stocks exclusively through a central distributing agency, abolianing jobbers.

every kind of merchandise at bargain prices and seling the same at a small profit. At his Broadway stores you can buy anything, from a sponge to an anvil. This big shop is the headquarters for Mr. Rouss' 30,000 shops, which form a chain around the carth."

#### The Canadian Order of Foresters.

("Assessment System.")

This popular fraternal insurance society was organized in November, 1879, and is now 20 years old, and each succeeding year it has been growing stronger numerically and financially. The society has a membership of upwards of 33,000 in the Dominion of Canada, to which its operations are confined. On Nov. 1, 1899, it had \$814, 826 08 on hand to pay death claims, 826 08 on hand to pay death claims,

which is invested as follows: Dominion of Canada stock..\$100,000 00 Deposit with Government, Province Quebec ......... Freehold L. and S. Company, 30,000 00 / 

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Toronto ..... Landed Banking Company, 20.000 60 10.000 00 London Loan Company of Canada, London ...... 10.000 00 10.000 00

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cliffs of white and bowers of to its members and their dependents upwards of two million dollars in insurance and sick and funeral bene-The society issues policies for \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500 and \$2,000, the latter sum being the limit of any life, and the premiums for the same are only 60 cents to \$1 per month per \$1,000, according to the age of the applicant. The death rate in the society was only 4.56 per 1,000 of the membership in 1898, and the average death rate since the organization of the society was

4.94. The Sick and Funeral Benefit Branch, though an optional feature, is very popular among the membership, upwards of 16,000 being enrolled in that department. The benefits are \$3 per week for the first two weeks of illness and \$5 per week for the succeeding ten weeks during any year, besides a funeral benefit of \$30. The fees for same, payable monthly, in advance, are from 25 to 45 cents, according to the age of the member when joining the branch. During the year 1898 over \$43,000 were paid out in sick and funeral benefits, and \$143,000 in in-

There are now about \$700 subordinate branches, or courts, as they are called, throughout Canada, and the order is now well established in the provinces and territories of the Dominion.

All physically and morally qualified males, between the ages of 18 and 45 years of age, who are not debarred on account of their occupation, are accepted for membership. For further particulars inquire of any of the officers or members of the order, or address

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London, Saturday, Dec. 30.

The Hero of Mafeking.

The most picturesque personality of the war is Colonel Baden-Powell, the defender of Mafeking. His little garrison is hemmed in by the Boers in a remote corner, 200 miles from the nearest British force, but the gallant comnander seems to glory in his isolation. In his dispatches there is a tone of cositive injury, because the Boers refuse to attack him. A few weeks ago he varied the monotony by a night sortie. The little party he sent out attacked a detachment of drowsy Boers, organized labor in the city. For the bayoneted half a hundred of them, blew up a gun, and returned for breakfast. This served to make the Boers more cautious instead of more aggressive. The latest dispatch from Mafeking, dated Dec. 12, which somehow got through the enemy's lines, shows that the colonel was still spoiling for a aght. He had just sent a message to General Snyman, the Boer commander, politely informing him that "sitting down and looking at a place was not the way to take it." With a magnificent display of nerve, he also offered amnesty to each burgher who would surrender his horse, his rifle and 150 rounds of ammunition, and return peaceably to his home. The burghers who did so, he added, would receive instant recognition, as their names would be taken by a secret service agent of the British within the Boer lines. This document made the Boers so angry that on receipt of it they opened fire again, and General Snyman sent a hot challenge to Colonel Baden-Powell to "come out and drive him away." There is no reason to think the British commander is posing for effect -it is the natural expression of the restless activity and high spirit, characteristic of the man. He has had an adventurous career, and can counter the Boers in their own style of fighting, his book on "Scouting" being the fruit of his own experience. Under the inspiration of such a leader, it is safe to say the little handful of Britishers

#### The Black Calendar.

will hold Maseking against the biggest

kind of odds.

According to an Ottawa correspondent, thirteen persons have been convicted of murder and sentenced to death during the year 1899, and of these all but one have been hanged. The ex- and Canada's part therein are disception was an Indian, who murdered a woman in a pagan camp in the unsurveyed territory on the borders of it was deemed just to advise a commutation of this man's sentence to life imprisonment. Of the persons executed, two were women, a very unusual circumstance in Canada, for till this year, for a quarter of a century, no woman had gone to the gallows, though several were condemned to be hanged, but had their sentences commuted. Four of the persons hanged were Indians.

The calendar is indeed a dark one, but it is made very much darker than it otherwise would have been by the fact that half of the murderers executed were "hold overs" from the year 1898. As there are at present no arrears in murder cases to be disposed of by the courts or by the governorgeneral-in-council, it is to be hoped that the number of hangings next year will be much decreased. It is certain that if it were not the fact that in Canada we deal with murderers promptly and justly, this species of crime would be far more prevalent than it is.

What the criminally-inclined may learn from the disposal of the murder cases for the year is that justice is swift and sure in Canada, and that technical pleadings will not avail the

#### Piling Up a War Dept.

At the close of the United States Civil War, the debt of that country had risen to nearly two billions of dollars. This was steadily decreased until the beginning of the Spanish-American conflict, since which time the debt has been jumping up, and how high it will go, despite the numerous special taxes, no one can foresee. How costly war is may be gathered from our neighbors' balance sheet. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, the income of the United States was \$610,-982,004 35. The outgo in the same per-10d was \$700,093,564 02, leaving a deficit of \$89,111,559 67, which has to be made up by taxation. Of the total expenditure, \$493,075,212 81 went for war, including about \$150,000,000 for pensions. Thus there was left only \$207,018,351 81 to be expended for the ordinary purposes of government. Not since 1882 has the national debt of the United States reached the amount at which It now stands. It is now \$1,987,994,-427 92. The average tax per head in the last five presidential terms was \$4 97. This, because of war expenditure solely, has risen to \$7 95 in the last fiscal year, and it will apparently go higher before our neighbors manage to re-establish peace in the possessions they have recently taken under their

These increased burdens are not often taken into account by those who counsel war, but they have to be met, win or lose. If the energies of a nation are diverted from active industry to the non-productive employment of war while the burdens on those who remain at work are increased, the purchasing power of the people will be decreased, and to that extent their warfare is injurious even to those who trade with them.

#### The Mayoral Campaign.

The electors are not showing an overpowering interest in municipal matters, but we look for an improveof the ward system, which, we trust, will be brought about by the vote on Monday. In the mayoral campaign, which is proceeding quietly, the average elector will probably be puzzled to find the dividing line between the two candidates. It can hardly be said to be a contest of a class against class, as some seek to represent it. Both men both are reputable citizens, ratepayers, and both are employers of labor, and in that sense "capitalists." Furthermore, although Mr. Darch is associated with what is called the Socialist Labor Party, that party, to judge by its campaign literature, is at enmity with the executive of average workingman, therefore, the situation is very much mixed. The probability is that most of the electors will prefer to judge the candidates on their personal merits. Ald. Rumball has the advantage over his opponent of having spent several terms in the City Council. Mr. Darch is a very young man, and though that is no crime—in fact, we should like to see more young men of ability aspire to municipal honors-it is a disqualification for the office of mayor, where he would have to control men older than himself, without having served an apprenticeship in the work. We understand Mr. Darch's object in running is to represent certain economic views. Some of them, especially the theory of municipal ownership, are good, and are by no means the exclusive property of the Socialists, but others have no immediate, practical bearing on the muni-

The Boers are long-distance fighters, but the British have the long-distance

cipal administration.

The city can begin the new year by giving up one bad habit-the ward

The Christmas greetings from the Canadian boys at the front show that they are not all absent-minded beg-

The Boers are reported to be tightening their lines around Mafeking and acting more aggressively. This ought to make Col. Baden-Powell happy.

Parliament is summoned to meet in February. Those who have been aspersing French-Canadian loyalty will be put to shame when the war

Service in the United States army Great Slave Lake. He thought his vic- must be irksome, for large numbers of Company on Thursday, remarked on tim was a "wendigo," and dispatched both regulars and volunteers desert al- the splendid evidence of the loyalty her accordingly. Under all the circum- most daily. The records for last year exhibited by Canada during the preshow the extraordinary number of 5 .-772 deserters.

> Another so-called elixir of life has been discovered, this time by Prof. and glorious desire to help support Metchnikoff, of Paris. Contemplation of these fairy specifics should not lead No action could prove more strongly people to neglect the ordinary precau- their desire to maintain the unity of tions against a cold.

Mr. J. W. Little and Mr. William Jones have been re-elected water commissioners by acclamation. As the members of this board are elected, not by the ward system, but by general vote, a second-class man seldom ventures into the contest.

It is said the Cabinet Ministers do not expect the session of the Ontario French liner, now in the harbor, is said Legislature to last more than six weeks. This is confirmed by the report that the Humber piggery is in a flourishing condition, and affords no basis for political agitation.

If Great Britain and Germany would seize or buy out Portuguese territory in East Africa, it would be a gain for progress and civilization. Africa stagnates wherever the flag of Portugal flies. It is only British energy that keeps Lorenzo Marquez alive.

The C. P. R. this year sold 410,000 acres in the Northwest, receiving \$1 .-350,000. In 1897 the land sales were 208,000 acres, and the receipts \$665,000. It is satisfactory to hear from a C. P. R. official that the improvement has been largely due to the increased immigration of a good class of settlers from the United States.

#### What Others Say.

Not a Preliminary Survey.

[From the Philadelphia Ledger.] Having carried the northern end of the Cape to Cairo Railway as far as he could, Kitchener is now on his way to do something for the southern sec-

Honored in England.

[Western Mail, Bristol, England.] Sir Wilfrid Laurier is the first French-Canadian Premier Canada has ever had. The French in Quebec helped to swell his majority. This is a fact the Canadian Opposition cannot forget, they will do no service to the empire by anything tending to reflect up-on a body of colonists we in England hold in honor. With all his love of Britain, Sir John A. Macdonald left it to his French-Canadian successor, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to formulate the polof joining in the empire's bat-

#### The Fenian Hoax.

[Detroit Free Press.] The suggestion itself appears to come under the familiar head of colossal bluffs. Many of the Irish in this country sympathize with the Boers and would like to see the Canadian contingent of the invading army kept at home. If a genunie Fenian scare could be created this end would be accomplished, but any attempt to carry out the suggestions of the fairy story would be mercilessly nipped in the bud, or, should at escape this fate, would

encounter that of a certain other Fen-ian raid that is still fragrant in local memory. This country has all that it can afford to do in fighting its own battles.

Wool Business Lively

[Hamilton Spectator.] Long & Bisby, the Hamilton wood merchants, are doing a large and profitable business in buying up the wool that has been stored in the principal wool centers in Ontario, and the other day they bought and shipped ten car loads from London, for which they paid loads from London, for which they paid twenty conts, aggregating over \$30,000. Within the past two months the same firm has shipped from Hamilton to the United States woolen mills over \$20,000 worth of wool, and they have their buyers out gathering up all they can find in Ontario. The farmer who has a flock of sheep is looking forward with pleasure to the time when the next clip will be marketed, for it brings him ready money at a season when he has nothing else to sell.

#### Light and Shade.

Landlady-Well, Mr. McGinnis, I hope you had something you liked for breakfast this morning? Boarder—Yes, indeed, Mrs. Irons, 1 had a magnificent appetite.

"I get along with quail well enough," said Uncle Jerry Peebles, grasping his knife and fork and looking at the dish before him. "And I can eat toast all right. But I'm durned if I know how to eat quail and toast together.

"She has a face that grows upon "Of course, you goose! How could it grow upon two?"

Tom-So you loved and lost, did you? Jack-On the contrary, I came ou winner. Tom-Why, how's that? Didn't you Just tell me you married another?

Jack—Yes; but she returned all my presents, and accidentally put in some of the other fellow's.

Their Loyalty Wins the Admiration of the Motherland.

Large German Mail Steamer Aground Off the English Coast.

Guns and Ammunition for the Boers Smuggled Into Delagoa Bay-An-Other Boundary Question,

London, Dec. 30.—Sir Robert Gillespie, presiding at a meeting of the Canada ent South Africa troubles. He sure that all who were identified with Canada, as well at the nation at large, felt proud of Canada's enthusiastic the mother country in her troubles. the empire. Their loyalty to the Queen was indeed a bright page in the history of Great Britain and her colonies. These remarks were enthusiastically received.

SMUGGLING ARMS. The London Times has the following, dated Dec. 27, from Lorenzo Marquez: The cargoes for the Transvaal have dwindled down to one-fifth of the average, but large shipments are expected

from Europe. Guns and ammunition are smuggled through for the Boers. A to have brought two large guns from Madagascar. The head of the customs assures me that there is absolutely no ground, however, for such rumors. All goods, he says, are discharged, examimed and dispatched by daylight. So great has been the stringency, according to this official, that even saddles and horseshoes are not delivered to local exporters, except in small lots and under written guarantee.

DOROTHY DENE, ACTRESS, DEAD. London, Dec. 30.—Miss Dorothy Dene, the actress, died Wednesday in Lon-don. She toured in the United States in 1893, and sat to the late Lord Frederick Leighton, the painter, as a model for some of his best pictures.

SETTLING DAY SUCCESSFULLY PASSED.

London, Dec. 30 .- The settlement has been concluded satisfactorily and the anticipation of numerous failures have not been fulfilled. The failure of principal importance was that of C. J. Allen, and there were three minor failures.

WATCHING FRANCE. London, Dec. 30.-It has been learned by a representative of the Associated Press that the United States cruiser Montgomery's visit to Liberia is apparently the result of overtures made to Washington by that republic. Though the British government is in complete ignorance of the purpose of the Montgomery's mission, the establishment of a coaling station - Liberia by the United States is regarded as scarcely probable, as, it is asserted, no Liberian port has any facilities for coaling, all of them being open and surf-bound. But the Associated Press learns that a far more important step is under consideration. It consists in a joint request of the United States and Great Britain on France to define the boundary between the territory she claims and that claimed by Liberia. This step is not yet decided upon, but Great Britain only awaits the United States' decision to become a party to such a request. It is alleged that France for many years has been

ENCROACHING ON LIBERIA, and it was only by the strenuous protest of the United States that she was

prevented from appropriating a large slice of Liberia in 1892. According to the Hon. Arthur Ponsonby, managing director of the Liberia rubber syndicate, which recently granted the interest of Liberia's public debt, the Montgomery's visit was probably prompted by a desire to ascertain the extent of French activ-Mr. Ponsonby said to a representative of the Associated Press: "Bishop Hartzel, while in Monrovia this year, strongly urged the govern-ment to interest the United States in preserving the boundaries. with the that Liberia appointed a mission to Washington. I believe it has already made representations, and as a result the commander of the Mont-

For Tuesday -AND-Wednesday, Jan. 2 and 3, 1900.

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We begin the new year with renewed vigor and stern enthusiasm, determined to do better than ever before. Our holiday trade has been away and beyond our most sanguine expectations. And we'll see to it that January is above high-water mark. We'll give such sterling values in seasonable goods that will surely make it one of the best months of the year.

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25 per cent off all Men's Frieze Ulsters and Tweed Overcoats. 15 per cent off Men's and Youths' Tweed Suits, Men's Black Suits and Waterproof Coats. Men's Black Worsted

10 per cent off Lace Curtains, Draperies, Cushions and Carpets.

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gomery investigated this, and a possibility of a coaing station. The latter could be used by the United States, but beyond hoisting her flag upon it, it would be of little service.' The feeling among American subjects interested in Liberia is that the republic's administration had better be

under the protection of the British government or the United States. But the idea of the British gov-ernment and those having in-terests there, is that so long as Liberia can struggle along herself everything should be done to support Liberia decorated Mr. Ponsonby this week with the Order of African Redemption, in recognition of his services against encroachments.

STEAMER AGROUND.

London, Dec. 30.-A large German mail steamer, whose name has not yet been ascertained, has gone aground during a terrific gale in East Bay, about a quarter of a mile off Dungeness, the southern extremity of Kent. Heavy seas are breaking over the vessel, and the lifeboats are unable to reach her. Fears are entertained for the safety of the passengers. It is believed that the grounded steamer is one of the Hamburg-American liners. It is reported that the position of the liner is very serious. Tugs and life-

## TILL RAW

boats were urgently in requisition from Dover and Folkestone, but they had

Eozema on Leg from Knee to Toe. No Rest Day or Night. Doctors, Salves, etc., Could Not Cure.

**CUTICURA REMEDIES CURED** 

About three years ago my husband's legs, from the knee down to his toes, were red and itching with Eczema. He had no rest day or night, and would scratch all the time, so his legs would be raw. He had a good many doctors. They told him there was nothing wrong with his blood, and they gave him salve and other things to rub on. He had about a peck of bottles and boxes of salve and none of them did him any good. He worried that way about one year, and gave the doctors quite a lot of money. I told him one day the trouble was all in his blood, and told him to try CUTICURA remedies. He went that d got Cuticura Soap, Cuticura (ointment), and CUTICURA RESOLVENT. That night he rested well, and kept getting better until he was cured, and it has not returned since. MRS. H. JENKINS,

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A friend of mine, Mrs. Staples, has a child two years old, whose almost entire face and head was covered with a mass of sores, which she had had for eight months. The doctors pronounced it Eczema, but did not relieve her any. She would scratch until the blood would rue. I told her to get Cuticura, and she did so, purchasing two boxes of Cuticura (ointment) and one cake of Cuticura Soap, and the child is well now.

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the utmost difficulty in getting off, ow-ing to the gale. The signals of distress observed from the Hang Head lightship.

HER PASSENGERS SAFE. London, Dec. 30.-The large mail steamer which went ashore last night in East Bay, about a quarter mile off Dungeness, the southern extremity of Kent, during a terrific gale, is the Peletas, of the Hamburg-South American Line. She was bound from Santos for Rotterdam. Her passengers are safe. The vessel's back is badly OFFICIAL DENIAL.

Berlin, Dec. 30.-The Reichsanzeiger publishes the following: "The Lokal Anzeiger continues, in spite of the contradiction of the Wolff bureau, to advertise itself with communications regarding the alleged contents of the Anglo-German treaty. We are authorized to declare that the statements in quesion are founded on

imprudent and clumsy invention.'

CABLE NOTES. The Kowalski family of nine perfound in the woods. He had been killsons were tortured and murdered by robbers in Oslek, Poland. Japan is reported gathering food and munitions of war in anticipation of war with Russia in the spring.

Rev. Alex. Gillis, one of four Presbyterian missionaries at Tanna, one of the New Hebrides islands, tells of the murder of a native preacher and the narrow escape of Rev. Frank Patton. The latter was holding a prayer meeting when surrounded by armed Kanakas, who made a hostile demonstra-tion, one leveling his rifle on Patton, who raised his hand and the native dropped his weapon. Another fired at him, but missed. A third shot a na-

#### GOT THEIR DESSERTS

Highwaymen Who Held Up a Street Car Shot-One Killed.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 29.-In an at-

tempt to hold up a Ballard street car late dast night a highwayman was shot and killed. There were eight passengers aboard, when two men, wearing masks, boarded the car, one at the front and the other at the rear. A passenger named Plimpton opened fire on the highwayman entering the car from the rear, and three shots were returned. One broke Plimpton's arm, and the other entered his breast. A passenger standing on the front platform fired on the robber at the front end of the car. At the first shot the robber on the front reeled from the car and fled to the woods. The second robber also took to the woods. highwaymen secured nothing. Later, the body of one of the robbers was

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### THE MARKETS

Local Market.

London, Saturday, Dec. 30. Apparently the local markets exhausted themselves just previous to Christmas. Then there two or three splendid days and now the reaction has set in. Today the attendance of farmers was such as to lead to the supposition that they are enjoying such a season of prosperity that they can well afford to miss such an opportunity as was presented to them this morning. It was a good chance to get rid of their surplus stock of poultry and butter and eggs, as well as other staples, for the demand in these lines was decidedly good. What poultry was brought in was quickly bought up. Provisions were eagerly sought after. and neither private individuals nor dealers were able to satisfy their re-Even in the butchers' stalls, where, according to their own statements, it is the usual thing to have an excessive abundance of meat, there was a very poor showing.

A. M. HAMILTON & SON'S REPORT. Wheat, white, per bu ......66c to 67c Wheat, red, per bu ..... 66c to 66c Oats per bu ...... 281/4c to 291/20 Corn, per bu .................281/2c to 30c Barley, per bu ......42c to 44c Rye, per bu ................................50c to 56c Beans, per bu ..... \$1 to \$1 35 Grain deliveries were about steady, and with the exception of oats, no changes are no in values.

Wheat sold at \$1 10, oats at 84c to

loads Straw was slim.

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GRAIN			
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Oats, per 100 lbs	84	0	88
Peas per 100 ths	96	100	1 00
Corn per 160 lbs	80	@	* 83
Barley, per 100 lbs	80		- 82
Rye per 100 lbs	85	0	1 00
Byckwheat, per 100 lbs	90	30	1 00
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PROVICIONS.			
Cheese, per lb	10	0	12
Eggs, single dozen	20	0	22
Eggs, fresh, basket, dozen	19	0	20
Butter, lb, large rolls or crocks	16		21
Butter, pound rolls, retail	20	(0)	23
Lart, per lb	8	0	10
Lard, 20 lb. lots	7	0	8
WHOLESALE DEALERS	PR	ICE	S.
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Butter, crock	19	(	. 21
Butter, rolls, store lots	18		19
FRUIT.			
Snow apples, per bbl 3	00	0	3 50
Dried apples, per lb	43%	0	5
Apples, per bbl 1	50	0	2 26
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VEGETABLES			
Potatoes, per bag	50	•	60
n	00		2 40

Turnips, new, per bag...... 30 Vegetable Marrow, per dec. 50 Cabbage per dos.
Caulthowers per dos.
Calcay, per dosen. Parsnips. 100
Citrons, per doz. 100
Vegeuable Oysters, per doz. 30
Artichokes, per bag. 75
Savory and Sage, per lb. 15
Suqash—Hubbards, per doz. 100
Pareley, per doz. 30 

Lambskins.

Wool, washed, per lb.

Wool, unwashed, per lb.

Turkeys, per lb.

**Buckwheat Flour** 

A. M. Hamilton & Son 373 Talbot street. Opposite market.

The Oil Market. PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 30.—Oil opened at 166 and closed at \$166. \$1 66 and closed at \$1 66. OH. CITY, Dec. 29.—Credit balances, \$1 66; certificates, no bids,

English Markets.

Liverpool, Dec. 30.—Closing. Wheat—Spot, steady; winter, firm; No. Cal., 6s 2½d to 6s 3d; No. 2red western, winter.

leng clear middles, light, 30 to 35 lbs, steady, 38 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, steady, 32; short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs, steady, 32s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 18 lbs, steady, 32s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 18 lbs, steady,

Shoulders—Square, 12 to 14 lbs, firm, 33s 6d.
Butter—Finest American, 96s; good, 75s.
Choese—American finest white, firm, 57s; colored, firm, 59s; do, old, firm, 54s 6d; ordinary, new, 43s 6d.
Tallow—Prime city, firm, 25s; Australian in London, firm, 26s 9d.
Hons—At London (Pacific coast), firm, £3 10s to £4 10s.
Cottonseed oil—Hull refined, firm, Dec. April, strong; 18s 6d.
Turpentine spirits—Steady, 38s.
Rosin—Common, firm, 4s 6d.
Linseed oil—23s.
Petroleum—Refined, 7%d.
St. Thomas Market.

St. Thomas Market. St. Thomas, Dec. 27.-Wheat, old, per bu, 67c; wheat, new, 67c; oats new, 28c to 30c; peas, 50c to 60c; barley, 35c to 40c; rye, 60c; corn, 40c; flaxseed, per cwt, \$2 45 to \$2 50; timothy seed, \$1 50 to \$1 75; clover seed, per bu, \$6 70.

American Markets CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The Liverpool advance and light receipts were a steadying influence to a very quiet wheat market today, May closing unchanged from yesterday. Corn closed a shade lower, and oats unchanged. At the close provisions were practically unchanged from yesterday. New York reported 21 loads taken for export. Seaboard clearances were equal in wheat and flour to 481,000 bu. Primary receipts were 450,800 bu, compared with 773,400 bu last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 333 cars, against 410 last week and 428 a year

ago. Local receipts were 119 cars, 20 of contract grade. of contract grade.

The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat, No. 2 Dec., 65½c; May, 69½c; July, 69¾c to 99%c. Corn—No. 2 Dec., 30½c; Jan., 30½c to 30½c; May, 32¾c. Oats—No. 2 Dec., 22c: May, 23¾c to 23¾c. Mess Pork—Jan., \$1012½; May, \$1047½. Lard—Jan., \$567½; May, \$582½. Short ribs—Jan., \$535; May, \$555. Cash quotations—Flour, steady: No. 3 spring wheat, nil: No. 2 red, 67½c to 68¾c. No. 2 corn, 30¾c to 31c; No. 2 yellow eorn, 31c to 31½c. No. 2 cats, 22½c to 22¾c; No. 2 white, 24½c to 25½c; No. 2 white, 24½c to 25½c; No. 2 white, 24½c to 25½c; No. 2 barley, 38c to 43c. Cloverseed, contract grade. No. 1 flaxseed, \$149½: No. 1 Northwest, \$149½. Prime timothy seed. \$235. Mess pork, \$886 to \$1029. Lard, \$530 to \$567½. Short rib sides, \$525 to \$545. Dry salted shoulders, 5¾c to 5½c. Short clear sides, \$550 to \$560. Sugars, cut loaf, \$570; granulated, \$510. Regss, firm. fresh, 7½c.

173/c.
RECEIPTS—Flour, 34,000 barrels; wheat, 75,000 bushels; corn, 252,000 bushels; oats, 219,000 bushels; parley, 75,000 bushels; barley, 75,000 bushels, 17c, 5,000 bushels; harley, 15,000 bushels. SHIPMENTS-Flour, 24,000 bushels; wheat, 2,000 bushels; corn, 7,000 bushels; oats, 137,000 bushels; rye, 41,000 bushels; barley, 13,000 bushels.

The Dairy Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec.29.—Butter strong; western creamery, 23c to 28c; do factory, 16c to 21c; June creamery, 22c to imitation creamery, 18c to 24c; state dairy, 18c to 26c; do creamery, 23c to 28c. Cheese firm; fall made fancy small, 12% c to 13c; fall made fancy, large, 12% to 13c; late made, small 12c to 121/4c; large late made, 11%c to

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Butter steady; creamery, 16c to 26c; dairies, 16c to 22c Cheese firm at 12c to 12%c.

Live stock Markets

TORONTO, Dec. 20. — There were about 75 cattle, 400 sheep and lambs, and 700 hogs at the western cattle mar-ket today. Trade was very dull, the small deliveries of cattle being suffi-88c; there was a good demand and cient for the demand. A few lots of only fair receipts.

Butchers and exports sold at nominal Peas were scarce, at 95c for feed. No prices. Hogs were dull, select weights of 160 to 200 pounds, natural weight, Hay sold freely at \$10 for all good selling at \$4 37½; thick fat, \$3 75 per Dressed hogs sold at \$5 to \$5 25 per port lambs, picked ewes and wethers. cwt, and light fats at \$4 per cwt. Exchers' lambs at \$3 55 to \$4 25 per cwt; export ewes sold at \$3 25 to \$3 60 per cwt, and bucks at \$2 25 to \$2 75 per cwt. Calves sold at \$4 to \$10. Fifty export sheep brought an average of \$3 40 per cwt, and 50 jambs at \$4 12½ per cwt. Eleven heafers, 500 lbs, sold at \$3 50 per cwt. Prices of cattle quoted in following table are nominal. We quote milch cows, each, \$30 to \$50; export cattle, choice, per cwt, \$4 50 to \$4 85; do light, \$4 15 to \$4 40; butchers' cattle, choice, \$3 25 to \$3 50; good, \$3 to \$3 25; medium mixed, per cwt, \$2 75 to \$3; common, per cwt, \$2 50 to \$2 75; bulls, export, \$4 25 to \$4 40; light, \$3 25 bulls, export, \$4 25 to \$4 20; light, \$3 25 to \$4; feeders, heavy, per cwt, \$3 60 to \$3 80; light, \$3 25 to \$3 40; stockers, 500 to 700 lbs, \$2 25 to \$2 70; 700 to 900 lbs, \$3 to \$3 40; feeding bulls, per cwt, \$2 25 to \$2 75; light bulls for Buffalo, per cwt, \$1 75 to \$2; light stock bulls. \$2 to \$2 25. Sheep—Expert ewes, per cwt, \$3 25 to \$3 60; bucks, \$2 50 to \$2 75; sheep, butchers, each, \$2 to \$2 50; lambs, per cwt, \$3 50 to \$3 75; ewes, wethers, \$4 25 to \$4 50; lambs, each, \$2 50 to \$3; bucks, per cwt, \$2 to \$2 50. Calves, per head, \$4 to \$10. Hogs—Choice, per cwt, \$4 37½; light fat, \$4; heavy fat, \$3 75; corn-fed, \$4; sows, \$3; stags, \$2.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29 .- Cattle-Good to choice, \$5 35 to \$6 50; poor to medium, \$4 75 to \$5 25; mixed stockers, \$3 to \$3 25; selected feeders, \$4 25 to \$4 85; good to choice cows, \$3 40 to \$4 60; heifers, \$3 to \$4 90; canners, \$2 to \$3 10; bulls. \$2 50 to \$4 50; calves, \$4 to \$7 35; fed Texas beeves, \$4 25 to \$5 35. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$4 10 to \$4 42½; good to choice, heavy, \$4 25 to \$4 45; rough heavy, \$4 10 to \$4 20; light, \$4 10 to \$4 20; bulk of sales, \$4 25 to \$4 35. Sheep—Native wethers, \$4 15 to \$4 60; native lambs, \$4 to \$5.75; western wethers, \$4.10 to \$4.60; do, lambs, \$5.25 to \$5.75. Receipts— Cattle, 3,000; hogs, 23.000; sheep, 11,000. FAST BUFFALO, Dec. 29.—Cattle—The offerings were 3 loads, which sold principally in bunches at steady prices: calves were in moderate supply, good demand and a quarter higher; choice to extra were quotable at \$8 to \$8.50; good to choice, \$7.50 to \$8. Sheep and ambs-The market was in good position, with 52 loads on sale and an active demand, the basis on choice to extra lambs being \$5 85; choice to extra were quotable at \$5 75 to \$5 85; good to choice, \$5 50 to \$5 75; common to fair, \$4 50 to \$5 40. Sheep—Choice to extra, \$4 25 to \$4 50; good to choice, \$4 to \$4 25; common to fair, \$2.50 to \$3.75; Canada lambs, \$5.85 to \$5.90; the close was full steady. Hogs—The trade was generally active and 5c to 10c higher, with about 40 loads on sale; heavy sold principally at \$4 35. with a few sales at \$4 60; Yorkers, \$4 45 to \$4 55, principally \$4 50; pigs, \$4 40 to \$4 45; roughs, \$3 90 to \$4 10; stags, \$3 25 to \$3 65; the offer-

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Beeves—Receipts, 3,004; good steers strong; others steady; closing slow; bulls firm; cows steady to strong; steers, \$4 50 to \$6 10; oxen, \$3 25; bulls, \$3 25 to \$4 25; cows, \$2 to \$4 50. Cables quote American cattle firm, at 11½c to 12½c; tops at London, 12¾c, dressed weights; refrigerator beef higher, at 10%c; live sheep selling at 11½c to 12%c; lambs at 13½c to 14½c, dressed weights. Shipments tomorrow, 1,120 cattle and 6,100 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 276; yeals firm; barnyard calves Wheat—spot, steady: Whiter, firm; No. 1 Cal. 68 2½d to 68 3½; No. 2 red western, winter. firm, os 10d; No. 1 red northern spring, firm, 68 1½d; No. 1 red northern, Duluth, steady, 68 10d; futures, quiet, Jan., 68 6½d; Feb., 68 3½d; March, 58 1½d; May, 58 10½d.

Corn—Spot, firm, American mixed, new, 28 5½d; do. 0ld, firm, 38 7d; futures, steady, Jan., easy, 38 5½d; Feb., 38 5½d; March, 38 5½d.

Peas—Western, 58 10½d. Canadian, 38 5d.
Plour—St. Louis fanes winter, firm, 78.
Beef—Prime mess, steady, 768 3d; extra India mess, steady, 328 6d.

Perk—Prime mess, fine western, steady 578 6d; do. medium, wes

ings were pretty well cleaned up at the close, and market was full steady to

#### VILLE MARIE BANK OFFICIALS

Ex-Telier Herbert and Ex-Accountant Lemieux Remanded for a Hearing.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—J. J. Herbert, exteller of the Ville Marie Bank, who was arrested on the charge of stealing \$58,000 of the bank's funds, appeared in the police court yesterday, and was remanded until Tuesday.

Ferdinand Lemiew, the ex-accountant of the bank now serving one senant of the bank, now serving one senant of the bank, how serving one sentence of three years, appeared to answer to a charge of stealing \$173,000. He also was remanded until Tuesday. A charge of stealing an additional \$20,000 was preferred against him by the present joint manager.

#### THE DOCTORS MUCH PUZZLED

By a Montreal Girl's Case-Has Beer Sleeping a Week.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—The medical profession is again being puzzled by the case of Miss Eva Roch, a young French-Canadian of this city, who, a year ago, fell into a profound sleep, which lasted 28 days. At 4 o'clock, on Dec. 24 last, Miss Roch again fell into a lethargic condition, and so far has not given any sign of knowing what is going on about her. Since her last long sleep Miss Roch has been subject to frequent hemorrhage, and has suffered almost continually from headaches. Dr. Rivet, who attended the patient in her first lethargy, and succeeded in awakening he by applying to her body the points of red-hot needles, has again been given the case. The father and mother of the girl will not permit the operation to be made for a few days, as they hope the girl will awaken. Naturally, Miss Roch, in her present condition, is insensible to the most violent shocks. She feels nothing. Last year's experience shows that a needle could be passed into her body without the patient giving the least sign of life or pain. It is different, however, if the head is touched. The mere applica-tion of the hand to the head of the patient causes her to move violently. She throws her head back and her hands twitch. When the hand is taken from the head Miss Roch again assumes perfect repose. The present sleep into which the girl has fallen is characterized by the same features as her sleep a year ago.

#### TOOK MANY PRISONERS

A Filipino Mountain Stronghold Captured by U. S. Forces.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Gen. Otis cables news of the capture of a mountain stronghold beyond Montalban, northeast of San Mateo, formerly supposed to be impregnable, and the capture of many prisoners and large quantities of arms and ammunition. Manila, Dec. 29.—Col. Lockett, with his regiment, two battalions of the 46th, one of the 45th, and a company of the 27th Infantry and two guns, attacked the enemy, 600 strong on mountain stronghold beyond Montalban, northeast San Mateo. A large number of the rebels were killed and wounded; 20,000 rounds of ammunition, 500 pounds of powder, arsenal fortifications, all food supplies, and considerable other property. This captured point is located on a mountain trall and was formerly supposed to be impregnable. Our casualties, Lieut. Enslow, 11th Cavalry and five enlisted men wounded, mostly slight. Private Matson, 45th Infantry, drowned. GEN. LAWTON'S FUNERAL.

Manila, Dec. 39.-The funeral of the late Gen. Henry Lawton, who was killed at San Mateo Dec. 18, was held this morning with impressive ceremonies. The remains were conveyed from the Paco Cemetery down to the Luneta, to Pasig, and thence to the transport Thomas, which sails this

#### THE RAILWAYS

Big Increase in C. P. R. Earnings This

The traffic returns of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the month of November are as follows: Gross earnings, \$2,977,404; working expenses, \$1,-695,168; net profit, \$1,282,236. In November, 1898, the net profits were \$1,-080,569. For the eleven months ended Nov. 30, 1899, the figures are as follows: Gross earnings, \$26,259,819; working expenses, \$15,405,635; net profits, \$10,854,184. For the eleven months ended Nov. 30, 1888, there was a net profit of \$9,196,261. The increase in net profits over the same period last year is therefore, for November, \$201,727; and from Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, there was an increase of \$1,657,923.

The executive board of the Federation of Railway Employes is conferring with the officials of the various railroads in Pittsburg on the wage question. The original demands of the employes have been somewhat modified, and the railroad officials are now figuring on them. The members appear to be firm in their belief that there will be no trouble, and that the matter will be adjusted.

FOR THE CONTINGENT.

#### Montreal Recruit to Swell the Ranks of Cures by Dodd's Kidney Fills.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—Robert S. Thomson, employed at Auld's Factory, 642 Laugehietiere street, is the latest recruit to the army who have indorsed Dodd's Kidney Pills in this city. Gradvally but surely all prejudiced persons are being won over to the side of the conqueror of Bright's Disease and Diabetes, the two former tyrants of the human race.

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HICCOUGHING FOR TWO WEEKS. Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 30.—The unusual case of Miss Annie Lee, daughter of Hamilton Lee, a retired resident of Stoney Creek, is interesting city and county physicians. The girl has been hiccoughing incessantly for two weeks, being unable to get rest or sleep. The medical men have been unable to stop it, and the patient's condition is critical. An expert from the United States has been sent for.

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### JOTTINGS FROM **NEAR-BY PLACES**

SABNIA.

Sarnia Reserve, Dec. 29, 1899.—Ben Bressette is visiting his parents at Kettle Point.

Mrs. Jabez Nahmabin is visiting her on in Pinconning, Mich. Rev. J. A. Ferguson will preach an anniversary sermon at Corunna on Sunday morning next.

The Christmas tree entertainment on Monday evening passed off quietly. Christmas gift—On the 25th, a boy's arrival to Mr. John Thomas and wife. Silas Waubamong will preach next Sunday morning at the M. E. Church. The Swamp Club had a big Christmas dinner at the residence of Mrs. John Summer.

Charlie Miskokomon left here for his home at Murray, to spend the Christmas holidays.

#### MOUNT BRYDGES.

Mount Brydges, Dec. 30.—Mount Brydges Lodge, No. 217, LO.O.F., has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: N. G., Walter Watson; V. G., John Trott; recording secretary, Jas. Elsey, P.G.; financial secretary, Jas. Bond, P.G.; treasurer, William Nagle, P.G. Installation will take place next Friday evening. place next Friday evening.

Wednesday was a busy day for Rev. J. E. Holmes. He officiated at a bap-J. E. Holmes. He officiated at a baptism, burial and two weddings.
Installation of officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 21, A., F. and A. M., Mount Brydges: P. M., Wor. Bro. George Lipsit; W. M., Bro. H. Badge; S. W., Bro. J. R. Veale; J. W., Bro. W. Dingman; treasurer, Bro. F. Thompson; secretary, Wor. Bro. T. C. West; S. D., Bro. George Badge; J. D. Bro. Nelson Vrooman; stewards, Bros. B. W. Fisher and J. K. Kidd: D. of C. W. Fisher and J. K. Kidd; D. of C., W. Bro. W. Young; board of relief, W. Bro. J. Betts, W. Bro. T. C. West.

#### LAMBETH.

M. Vandelinder, of Lambeth, has sold his farm of 75 acres to E. Baynard, of Glanworth, the price being \$5,100. Mr. Vandelinder intends retiring from farming, and in the spring will take up his residence in South London New Year's Day of the state of th London. New Year's Day a family gathering will be held at the old homestead, where the children and grand-children will assemble for perhaps the last time. Without a doubt the affair will be a pleasant one.

#### MELBOURNE.

Melbourne, Dec. 29.-The spacious Sunday school hall of Guthrie Presbyterian Church was filled to overflow-ing on Christmas night, the occasion being the annual Sabbath school entertainment. Rev. R. Stewart, B.A., pastor, occupied the chair. The programme was long, and consisted of songs and recitations by the citidren, a fearner's drill by ten boys, a red, white and blue drill by eight girls, five good dialogues, and instrumental and

diers of the Queen" and "Asleep on the French P. D. Corsets. Deep." Five good dialogues were given—"A Scene in the Railway Stagiven—"A Scene in the Railway Station," "From the School for Scandal," "Trapped," "The Novel-Reader" and "Dictating an Item." "The School for Scandal" was well acted by the following: Sir Peter Zeagle, J. R. McLeod; Lady Zeagle, Miss E. Fletcher; Lady Sneerwell, Miss Annie Nagle; Mrs. Candor, Mamie Lockwood; Sir Ben Backbite, Joseph Nagle; Crabtree, Mervyn Long; Joseph Surface, Gilbert Fletcher; Maria, Miss Vida Bennet. Great credit is due to the teachers of Great credit is due to the teachers of the drills, Miss Eva Cooper and Miss Conn, and to the accompanists, Miss Hester Lockwood and Miss Maggie Coulter. Net proceeds, \$35.

#### GLANWORTH.

Glanworth, Dec. 30.—An assembly was held in the half on Wednesday evening, in which 40 couples participated. Russell Lee, of Nilestown, of-ficiated as master of ceremonies, while Messrs. Currie brothers, of Derwent, furnished the music. Mrs. Duncan Grey, of Brandon, accompanied by a daughter, is visiting

her mother, Mrs. Rome. Mr. John Duguid, of Edmonton, Alberta, is visiting the scenes of

#### BELMONT. Belmont, Dec. 30.-Mrs. Legg, relict

of the late George Legg, passed peacefully away on Dec. 26 at the residence of her son, Charles Legg, after an ill-ness of four weeks from heart affection. The deceased was born in Staf-fordshire, England, on July 3, 1824. She came to Canada in 1833, settling in Westminster with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Bratt. At the age of 19 she married George Legg. They had five children, two of whom are dead. Mr. Legg has been dead thirteen years. Deceased cast her lot in with the Disciple brethren. Messrs. Samuel Legg and Charles Legg, of South Dorchester, are her sons, and Mrs. Randall, of Aylmer, is her daughter. Interment occurred on Wednesday to the Disciple cemetery, Rev. Wm. Charlton conducting the obsequies in the church and at the grave. The floral tributes were beautiful. The casket was borne by Messrs. Duncan Ferguson, Darius Appleford, James Meikle, William Charlton, Hugh McKillop and John Carter. J. W. Snyder had charge.

An enjoyable social was held at the home of Mr. John G. Thompson, under the auspices of the Union Sunday school, with Wm. Fowler in the chair. The programme included a duet by Ansel Charlton and Miss Kate Charlton; Miss Kate Charlton, solos; Mrs. (Rev.) Charlton, accompanist. Addresses were also delivered by Messrs. Noble, James Thompson and James Fowler. Lunch-eon was served ad libitum. Santa Claus was ushered upon the scene, with welcome donations to the children Frank Carrothers, T. D. S., of Northville, Mich., has arrived at his paternal home, accompanied by his wife and

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LOOKING FOR TROUBLE. St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 30.-The modus vivendi respecting the Newfoundland French shore lobster fisheries will expire Dec. 31. Serious trouble will arise on the coast if this agreement is not renewed. The British Government is now anxious regarding the action the colonial authorities propose to take. It is likely the colony will agree to compromise the question, in view of

British difficulties in South Africa. BLIZZARD AT ST. JOSEPH. St. Joseph. Mich., Dec. 30.-The first genuine northwest blizzard of the season has been raging the last twelve hours, with the temperature near zero. The steamer City of Louisville been lying at the docks the past three days awaiting a chance to make her last trip of the season to Chicago. The discontinuing of the winter line re-presents a loss of hundreds of dellars to the Stevedores' Union of this city.

BANK CLEARINGS. New York, Dec. 29.-Bank clearances

at the principal United States cities, for the week ended Dec. 20, show a total of \$1,599,878,229, an increase of 13,3 per cent, as compared with the corresponding period last year. Outside of New York city the clearances were \$581,595,319, increase 14.6 per cent. For the Dominion of Canada the clearances were as follows; Montreal, \$13,500,641, increase, 7.0 per cent; Toronto, \$9,120,990, increase, 26.5 per cent; Winnipeg, \$2,365,829, increase, 30.3 per cent; Halifax, \$1,448,652, increase, 40 per cent; crease, 37.1 per cent; Victoria, 6541,234, decrease, 12.0 per cent.

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Toronto Produce Market

Toronto, Dec. 30.-Wheat is dull at 65c for red and white west; goose wheat is steady at 69c to 70c west. Manitoba wheat is steady at 78c for No. 1 hard, grinding, in transit. Flour-The market is quiet; cars of straight roller in barrels are quoted at \$2 80 to \$2 85 west. Millfeed is firm at \$14 to \$15 for shorts, and \$12 50 to \$13 for bran west. Barley is quiet at 38c for No. 2 and 39c for No. 1 west. Buckwheat is duil at 47c Rye-Market quiet at 49c west. Corn dull; 31c for Canada yellow west; American is unchanged at 40% for old No. 3, 41c for No. 2, and 39c to 33% for new, Toronto. Oats are lower at 24½c to 25c for mixed and 25c to 25½c for white west. Peas are quiet at 47c west. Eggs steady at 16c to 19c for fresh gathered and 16c for limed. Butter steady at 16c to 18c for medium to choice dairy tub and 17c for large rolls. Creamery is steady at 21c to 211/2c for hogs are steady at \$5 15 to \$5 20 for cars of mixed weights here.

American Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Opening—Wheat. May.
69%c to 69%c. Corn. May. 32%c: Dec., 30%c.
Oats, May. 23%c to 23%c. Pork, Jan., \$10 67%;
May. \$10 42% to \$10 45. Lard, May. \$5 80 to
\$5 82%; now, \$5 80.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 30-Cattle-Receipts, 300; market generally steady; beeves, \$415 to \$650; cows, \$3 to \$4; heifers, \$3 to \$4 90; canners, \$2 to \$3 10; stockers and beeves, \$3 to \$4 85; Texas-fed beeves, \$4 25 to \$5 35. Hogs-Receipts today, 24,000; tomorrow, 40,000; left over, 2,100; market active, 5c lower; mixed and butchers, \$410 to \$4371/2; good to choive heavy, \$4 20 to \$4 49; rough heavy, \$4 05 to \$4 15; light, \$4 05 to \$4 35; bulk of sales, \$4 20 to \$4 30.

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There are two Christmas stories-

#### Latest Probabilities.

Toronto, Dec. 20-10 a.m.—Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the lower lakes region: North to west winds; fine and continued decidedly cold today and to-morrow, with light snowfalls in a

-Miss May Butler, of Hamilton, is visiting Miss Francis, of East London. -A song service will be held tomorafternoon at 4:15 in the Auditor-

-The Bishop of Huron will preach at the Memorial Church tomorrow even-

-Mrs. Caldwell, the celebrated prano, of Toronto, will sing at both services in Dundas Center Methodist Church tomorrow.

-Miss Jennie Campbell, of Blanshard, and Miss Annie McDougald, of Lucan, are visiting Mrs. James Campbell, Argyle street, West London.

-Mr. C. S. Cunningham, formerly trainmaster on the G. T. R. here, has been appointed trainmaster on the western division of the Chicago and Grand Trunk Railway.

-Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Jones and son, of Brantford, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Milks and son, of Hamilton, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Woods, 286 Dufferin avenue. -Mr. R. J. Colgrove, of this city, and for the past two years and a half, principal of Dorchester public school, was presented with an address and an elegant volume of Tennyson's works by the pupils of the senior room, re-

cently. -The death of Miss Harriet E. Flory occurred last evening at the home of her father, Mr. Samuel Flory, of 256 Grosvenor street, after a lingering illness. She was in her 22nd year. The funeral will take place on Tuesday to Woodland cemetery.

-The remains of the late Enid Mc-Bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McBride, were interred in Mount Pleasant Cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Holmes, pastor of the Askin Street Methodist Church.

-The prospects for Ald. Plant's reelection in ward five, on Monday, are particularly bright. Mr. Plant has been an active and conscientious worker on the council, and has served the electors without fear or favor. He is the author of the resolution calling for the vote on the question of the abolition

of wards. -The funeral of the late William Grant took place this morning from the family residence, No. 27 Maitland street, to St. Peter's Cathedral. Rev. Father Ladouceur conducted the mass for the dead. The pall-bearers were William Fitzhenry, John Harter, Hugh McLaren, Daniel O'Sullivan, John At the Talbot Street Baptist Sabbath

Brown and John Unger. -Messrs. Dayton & McCormick's annual holiday hop last night proved to be most enjoyable. The latest music and dances made it very pleasurable, and Mr. James McCormick made, its success more thorough by his careful attention to the guests. The music was academy orchestra.

Alterations in the dining hall have

made a decided improvement. -About 4 o'clock 'yesterday afternoon a cutter in which were Mrs. A. Brener and her sister was overturned at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets. One of the runners caught in the groove of the street car track and the ladies, together with the robes and cushions of the vehicle, were left on the pavement, while the horse continued east at a lively clip. The ladies were uninjured and the runaway horse did no damage.

-The relatives of the late Mrs. John Siddons have to acknowledge, among others, the receipt of a beautiful memorial wreath of white roses, from the Companions of St. John's R. A. Chapter of Masons, of this city, of which body Mr. Siddons has been a member for nearly forty years. The deceased Mrs. Siddons was sister-in-law of the late Herman Khordes, professor of music, and sister of the late Henry J. Milburn, of Detroit. She was born in Amburn, in 1825.

in Amherstburg in 1835. WATCH-NIGHT SERVICES.

A watch-night service will be held at First Methodist Church tomorrow night, commencing at 10:45 o'clock. There will be a watch-night service New Year's Eve at the Gospel Wagon Mission on Richmond street. POLICE COURT NEWS.

Thomas Hatter, charged with insanity, was the only offender at the police court today. Hatter was hurt some weeks ago while working on the Springbank dam, and the injuries he received affected his mind. He became very violent last night, and threatened to take the life of a number of persons at his boarding house on York street. He was remanded for a week. NEW YEAR'S AT ASSOCIATION

HALL. The Y. M. C. A. will be at home to its friends on New Year's Day. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. the handsome building will be open to the public, and very attractive programmes have been provided. Among the features will be an international spectacle comprising five handsomely decorated booths, a flag drill by twenty young ladies, football, basketball and other diversions. The ladies have spared no pains to make

the day attractive. COL. BUCHAN MAY COMMAND. Woodstock Sentinel-Review: The

cabled message received yesterday to the effect that Col. Otter had been made a member of Gen. Buller's staff came as a surprise and the exact meaning of the change has yet to be explained. As Col. Buchan of Wolse-ley Barracks, London, is second in command it is probably that he will take Col. Otter's place. He is a soldier of great ability and well known and much esteemed in this district. If it is true that he has been advanced there are many who will predict that in his new capacity he will have a most brilliant career. Col. Otter's promotion is no small honor either to himself or to the country which sent him to South Africa. Buller has great work ahead of him and requires good men about him. One at least he will have in the Canadian colonel.

KNOX SCHOLARS ENTERTAINED. The annual entertainment of Knox Church Sunday school, South London, took place in the lecture room of the church last evening. The building was filled to its utmost capacity with children and parents A rich repast was served by the ladies of the congregation. The tea being over a most excellent and interesting programme was grief.

pupils obtaining the highest percent-age in the examination on the Short-er Catechism. The winners, in the or-der of merit, were Jennette Monaghan, Kate Sutherland, Myrtle McMillan, Allen Clark and Maud Davidson. The Allan Clark and Maud Davidson. schoolroom was tastefully decorated. Rev. J. G. Stuart presided.

#### LETTERS FROM CAPE TOWN

Foldiers From London With the Canadian Contingent Heard From.

Sergeant-Major Adams, of the police force, today received a bulky letter from his son, William George, who is with the Canadian contingent in South Africa. The letter was posted at Cape Town immediately after the arrival of the Sardinian. Will was not sick an hour of the voyage. He says they were greeted at Cape Town by enormous crowds, who showed great

enthusiasm. Dr. Piper has just received the following letter from Cape Town from Major Stuart, of the first Canadian Contingent, in reference to two young Londoners, who were members of the Seventh Fusiliers:

"Steamer Sardinian, "Off St. Helena, Nov. 22, 1899.

"Dr. Piper: Dear Sir,-I am looking after Coles and Wardell. They are good boys and are externely well liked. 'I hate to lose them, to let them go into the hospital corps, but will try

to get them in.
"Tell their folks I am looking after them. Yours sincerely, "DUNCAN STUART."

#### LARGE INCREASE

In Customs at the Port of London for December and the Past Six Months.

The following returns from the London custom house need no explanation: Customs duties for six months from July to December, 1899,

Increase in 1899 ..... \$15,148 49

#### CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

School-A Splendid Programme Given.

The annual Christmas entertainment and tea in connection with the Talbot Street Baptist Church was held last evening, and was a most successful and pleasant affair. Mr. J. W. Westervelt, ties at various other battles, fought jun., superintendent, presided, and introduced a splendid programme. The opening number was an address of welopening number was an address of wel-come by Master Melville Sayer. Reci-tations were given by Miss Ethel Hud-son. Roy Dale and Miss Sadie Thoson, Roy Dale and Miss Sadie Thomas, and Miss Olive Neill gave a solo.

A number of delightful kindergarten exercises were gone through by the little folks, under the direction of Miss Gertie Buttrey. One of the pleasant features of the evening was the exhibition drill by twelve small boys, dressed as soldiers, and carrying small rifles. While going through the drill the lads sang "Soldiers of the Queen. They were given an ovation. The drill was under the direction of Miss C. Jeffrey, and much credit is due her for her efforts. The wand drill, by nine young ladies, under the direction of Miss Jeffrey, was very pretty, and the movements were nicely executed. The concluding number was the best of the evening. It was a flag drill by twenty young ladies, under the direction of Miss Doty. The novel and difficult moves were nearly executed, and evidenced much effort on the part of the young ladies and Miss Doty.

At the conclusion of the programme.

At the conclusion of the programme the children were treated to an abundance of candles and nuts, and went home delighted with their annual treat

#### WHISPERINGS OF THE WIRES

Fire in a wholesale grocery in Burlington, Ia., caused a loss of \$150.000. On New Year's Day the first American bank of Hawaii begins business in Honolulu.

Sousa's band has been designated as the official American band to play at the Paris exposition.

Thread goes up 15 cents per dozen spools, cotton variety, by action of the eastern thread combine. Baptists get \$350,000 and the Youth's Companion, by the will of the late publisher, Daniel S. Ford, of Boston.

Stalwart disciples, 300 in number, armed with rifles, are to guard Divine Healer Dowie from Chicago mobs

Steve Taylor, once a famous prize-fighter, is dead in a Boston hospital from pneumonia, after a drunken debauch. He once toured with John L.

of Erastus Wiman, who 63 claims of \$913,000 they will get \$6,658 70.

Mrs. Alfred Morrison, who was on Thursday night shot by her husband at Mount Vernon, who claims to have mistaken her for a burghar, died from her injuries today (Saturday). She made an ante-mortem statement exonerating her husband from all blame.

E. L. Packard gets eighteen months in Sing Sing for running in New York the "Robinson Investment and Security Company," a get-rich-suddenly swind-E. Goldsmith, assistant cashier of the

Port Jervis National Bank, Port Jervis, N. Y., who is alleged to have robbed that institution of \$54,000, and also to have falsified the bank's books, has surrendered himself. Alfred Morrison, a professor of languages, mistook his wife for a burglar Friday night, and shot her at their home in Mount Vernon, N. Y. Mrs. Morrison exonerated her husband from

all blame, but he is almost insane from

James Gresham, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is about to exploit a "corkscrew boat," which he claims will shoot through the water at the rate of 50 miles an hour. Zachary Cason, of Butte, Mont., says he was paid \$400 to falsely testify that W. A. Clark told him he would pay for senatorial votes in the Montana Legislature.

#### ARTILLERY DUEL

Boer Shells Drop Dangerously Near the British Naval Guns at 6,000 Yards Range - Transvasiers and Free Staters Fall Out.

Modder River, Dec. 28, 4:15 p.m.-The Boers again fired several rifle volleys uselessly last night.

Four British guns on the north line, a 4-7 inch gun and two 12-pounders from the warship Monarch, and an-other 4.7-inch gun on the right of the railway, were ordered successively to shell the Boers.

The firing began on the left of the line by a 4.7-inch gun. Then the 12-pounders dropped shrapnell apparently over the Boer trenches.

The enemy broke into a heavy and continuous fusillade along three miles of their trenches, evidently thinking that the British were advancing. As a matter of fact, the British infantry did not fire a shot. The Boers kept up an intermittent rifle fire until mid-

night. It is evident that they live in their trenches. The Boer artillery was well served. In the morning the enemy found the range and dropped a number of shells dangerously near the British naval guns. Some of them fell within 20 yards of those guns. The range was

6.000 yards.

Natives from the Boer Taager says that the enemy is becoming hungrier daily. They are allowed only two panrikins of meat daily between four men and one lean leg of mutton be-tween eight men. The natives add that there is much confusion in the Boer camp.

The shooting by the enemy Tuesday night ended in a quarrel between the Transvaal and Free State Boers. Both had fired on their own store wagons from Jacobsdal, which had gone astray in the darkness.

The Free State Boers complain that the Transvaalers are better treated than they, and that their hardships are unbearable. The Transvaalers quelled the grumbling, but the Free Staters are dispersing in greater numbers than heretofore.

#### BATTLES OF THE CENTURY

Some of the Bloodiest-Modder River Not in It.

The British losses in the present conflict in South Africa have caused, in some quarters, severe criticism of the Imperial authorities, who are accused of being dilatory in the campaign. Considering the vast difference in the strength of the nations, engaged in this warfare, the loss of close on five thousand British, does appear enormous. This number is, however, very small in comparison with the casual

were 13,000, and at Wagram, in 1809, they lost 18,000, although in that battle they took 20,000 Austrians prisoners. At the Moscova, on the retreat from Moscow, they lost 30,000. At the great battle of Leipsic, in 1813, a three days' battle, the French losses were 65,000. More than 40,000 of the French perished on the field, altogether 80,000 men perishing on the field.

At Waterloo the British lost 6,932, the French 28,850. The total losses of the allied armies there were 4,266 killed and 14,539 wounded, besides 4,231 miss-In the last great attack on Sebastopol, Sept. 8, 1655, the French lost 1,646 killed and 4,500 wounded, besides 1,400 missing, and the English lost 385 killed, 1,886 wounded and 176 missing. At Plevna between 18,000 and 20,000 Russians were killed and wounded, the Turkish loss being about 5,000 less than the Russian. About 16,000 men were killed on both sides. In the war be-tween Germany and Austria in 1866 the Prussians lost 9,172 and the Austrians 44,314 at Koniggratz; at Nachod the Prussians 1,332 and the Austrians 4,787, and at Skalitz the Prussians 1,365 and

the Austrians 5,577.

In the Franco-Prussian war the Gerand the Franco-Frussian war the Germans at Weissenburg-Worth lost 12,914 and the French 5,000 in killed and wounded, besides which the French lost 55,000 prisoners. At Vionville-Mars la Tour the Germans lost 15,799 or 22 per cent of their army, the French loss being equally great. The Germans at Colombey-Nouilly lost 4,907, and at Spickern 4,871. At Gravelot-St. Privat the Germans' loss, according to a German authority, was 20,173. Another authority puts it at 25,000, and the French loss at 19,000. At Sedan the Germans lost 8,931. The French army of the north consisted of 150,000 men, and the three armies of Germany of 250,000 men in that three days' battle, in which 23,000 French were taken

prisoners. In the American civil war the aggregate losses at the battle of Stone's River were 13,249 on the Union side and 10,266 on the Confederate side. These figures include killed, wounded, captured and missing. The Union killed were 1,730 and the Confederate 1,-294. At Antietam the Union killed nubered 2,108, the wounded 9,549. At the first Bull Run battle 470 Union men were killed and 1,071 were wounded, the Confederate figures were 387 killed and 1,582 wounded. At Fredericksburg 1,284 Union men were killed and 596 Confederate, the wounded numberfailed in New York some years ago. ing 9,600 on the Union side and 4,068 have just been notified that for their on the Confederate. The total losses at on the Confederate. The total losses at this battle were 12,653 for the North and 5,315 for the South. Five hundred were killed on the Union side at Fort Donelson, and 466 on the side of the South, the wounded numbering respectively 2,108 and 1,534. The South lost in captured and missing 13,829 and the North 224. In the two days' battle of Shiboh the Northern dead numbered 1,754, the Southern 1,723; the Northern wounded 8,408, and the Southern 8,012. At Fair Oaks 790 Northern men and 980 Southern were killed, the North losing in wounded 3,594 and the South 4,749. At Gain's mill the North's aggregate loss was 6,837 and the South's 8,751. At Coder Creek 844 ways killed 8,751. At Cedar Creek 644 were killed in the Northern army, and 320 in the Southern, the wounded being 3,430 and 1,540. Chickamauga's two days' battle resulted in dead, 1,656; wounded, 9,749, on the Union side, and 2,312 dead and 14,674 wounded on the side of the Confederates. At Gettysburg the Union losses in killed were ,3,070; wounded, 14,497, and the Confederates', 2,592 dead, 12,760 wounded. The kalled in the Union army at the Wilderness numbered 2,of the West and railroad life—both original in incidents and genial in spirit and outcome. There is a sweet and continuous poem, and there is a characteristic poem by the author of The Man With the Hoe." Many other took part. At the conclusion of the programme prizes were distributed to the programme prizes were distributed to the programme prizes were distributed by the superintendents, Messrs. The Man With the Hoe." Many other took part. At the conclusion of the programme prizes were distributed by the superintendents, Messrs. The Man With the Hoe." Many other took part. At the conclusion of the programme prizes were distributed by the superintendents, Messrs. The Man With the Hoe." Many other took part. At the conclusion of the programme prizes were distributed by the superintendents, Messrs. The Man With the Hoe." Many other took part. At the conclusion of the programme prizes were distributed by the superintendents, Messrs. The Man With the Hoe." Many other took part. At the conclusion of the programme prizes were distributed by the superintendents, Messrs. The Man With the Hoe." Many other took part. At the conclusion of the programme prizes were distributed by the superintendents, Messrs. The Man With the Hoe." Many other took part. At the conclusion of the programme prizes were distributed by the superintendents, Messrs. The Man With the Hoe." Many other took part. At the conclusion of the programme prizes were distributed by the superintendents, Messrs. The Man With the Hoe." Many other took part. At the conclusion of the programme prizes were distributed by the superintendents of the programme prizes were distributed by the superintendents of the programme prizes were distributed by the superintendents of the programme prizes were distributed by the superintendents of the programme prizes were distributed by the superintendents of the programme prizes were distributed by the superintendents of the programme prizes were distributed by the superintendents of the programme prizes were distributed by the 246; wounded, 12,087. This, like that of

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Vote for men above suspicion-Men of "Progress!" No! not wire-pullers! nay, forsooth, But men who from their early youth, Lov'd Justice, Honor, God and Truth,-Fought for "Progress!"

That man who sells his vote for gold Should be a slave! What! sell thy birthright for a bribe, And kinship claim with Esau's tribe, Such meanness we can scarce describe,-Both fool and knave!

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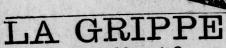
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## Behind the Mask

A Romance.

"Well, what do you wish to know?" "Madam, we are in the street." "Sir, I am aware of that. Pray pro-

Will you not have the goodness to permit us to enter?" said Sir Norman, inclined to feel offended. "How can you tell us what we wish to know.

"That is my secret," said the sweet pice. "Probably Sir Norman Kingsley wishes to know something of the fair lady I showed him some time

"Madam, you have guessed it. It is for that purpose I have sought you now."
"Then you have seen her already?"

"And love her?"

"With all my heart." "A rapid flame," said the musical voice, in a tone that had just a thought of sarcasm, "for one of whose very existence you did not dream of two hours ago.'

"Madam Le Masque," said Sir Nor-man, flushed and haughty, "love is not a question of time." Sir Norman Kingsley," said the lady, somewhat sadly, "I am aware of that. Tell me what you wish to know, and if it be in my power, you shall

"A thousand thanks! Tell me, then, is she whom I seek living or dead?" "She has the plague?" said Sir Nor-

'I know it."

"Will she recover?"
"She will."

"Where is she now?" La Masque hesitated, and seemed uncertain whether or not to reply. Sir Norman passionately broke in:

Tell me, madam, for I must know!" "Then you shall; but, remember, if you get into danger, you must not

blame me." "Blame you? No, I think I would hardly do that. Where am I to seek "Two miles from London, beyond

Newgate," said the mask. "There stands the ruins of what was once long ago a hunting-lodge, now a crumbling skeleton, roofless and win-dowless, and said, by rumor, to be haunted. Perhaps you have seen or heard of it?" "I have seen it a hundred times,"

broke in Sir Norman. "Surely you do not mean to say she is there?" "Go there and you will see. Go there tonight, and lose no time—that is supposing you can procure a license.

"I have one already. I have a pass from the Lord Mayor to come and go from the city when I please. "Good! Then, you'll go tonight?"
"I will go. I might as well do that

as anything else, I suppose; but it is quite impossible," said Sir Norman firmly, not to say obstinately, "that she can be there. Very well-you'll see. You had bet-

ter go on horseback, if you desire to be back in time to witness the illum-

" I don't particularly desire to see the illumination, as I know of; but I will ride, nevertheless. What am I to do when I get there?" "You will ented the .uin and go on until you discover a spiral staircase

leading to what was once the vaults. The flags of these vaults are loose from age, and if you should desire to remove any of them, you will probadly not find it an impossibility." "Why should I desire to remove them? asked Sir Norman, who felt dubious, and disappointed, and inclin-

ed to be dogmatical. Why, you may see a glimmering light-hear strange noises; and ir you remove the stones, may possibly see strange sights. As I told you before, It is rumored to be haunted, which is true enough, though not in the way they suspect; and so the fools and the

common herd stay away."

"And if I am discovered peeping like a rascally valet, what will be the consequences?" Very unpleasant ones to you; but

you need not be discovered if you take care. Ah! Look there!" She pointed to the river, and both her companions tooked. A barge gayly painted and gilded, with a light in prow and stern, came gliding up among less pretentious craft, and stopped at a flight of stairs leading to bridge. It contained four persons—the oarsman, two cavaliers sit-ting in the stern, and a lad in the rich livery of a court page in the act of springing out. Nothing very wonder-

ful in all this; and Sir Norman and Ormiston looked at her for an explanation "Do you know those two gentlemen?" she asked. "Certainly," replied Sir Norman, romptly; "one is the Duke of York, promptly: the other is the Earl of Rochester." "And that page, to which of them

does he belong?"
"The page?" said Sir Norman, with a stare, as he leaned forward to look;

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"pray, madam, what has the page to

"pray, madam, what has the page to do with it?"
The two peers had ascended the stairs, and was already on the bridge.
The page loitered behind, talking, as it seemed, to the waterman.
"He wears the livery of the Earl of Rochester," said Ormiston, speaking for the first time, "but I cannot see his face." his face.'

"He will follow presently, and be sure you see it then; possibly you may not find it entirely new to you." She drew back into the shadow as she spoke; and the two nobles, as they advanced, talking earnestly beheld Sir Norman and Ormiston. Both raised their hats with a look of re-

ously returned by the others.
"Good night, gentlemen," said Lord Rochester; "a hot evening, is it not? Have you come here to witness the "Really," said Sir Norman; "we have come for a very different pur-

pose, my lord."
"The fires will have one good effect," said Ormiston, laughing; if they clear the air and drive away this

stiffling atmosphere." "Pray God they drive away the plague!" said the Duke of York, as he and his companion passed from

view. The page sprang up the stairs after them, humming, as he came, one of his master's love ditties—songs, saith tradition, savoring anything but the odor of sanctity. With the warning odor of sanctity. With the warning of La Masque fresh in their minds, both looked at him earnestly. His gay livery was that of Lord Rochester, and became his graceful figure well, as he marched along with a jaunty swagger, one hand on his side and the other toying with a beautiful little spaniel, that frisked in open violation of the Lord Mayor's orders, commanding all dogs, great and small, to be put to death as propogators of the pestilence. In passing, the lad turned his face toward them for a moment—a bright, saucy, handsome face it was—and the next instant he went round an angle and disappeared. Ormiston suppressed an oath. Sir Norman stifled a cry of amazement—for both recognized that beautiful colorless face, those of perfect features and great, black, lus-

trous eyes. It was the face of the lady they had saved from the plague-pit:
"Am I same or mad?" inquired Sir Norman, looking helplessly about him for information. "Surely that is she we were in same of?" we were in search of?" "It certainly is," said Ormiston.
"Where are the wonders of this night

to end?" "Satan and La Masque only know; for they both seem to have united to drive me mad. Where is she?" "Where, indeed?" said Ormiston;
"where is last year's snow?" And Sir
Norman, looking round at the spot where she had stood a moment before, found that she, too, had disappeared.

CHAPTER IV.

The two friends looked at each other in impressive silence for a moment, and spake never a word. Not that they were astonished—they were long past the power of that emotion; and, if a cloud had dropped from the sky at their feet, they would probably have looked at it passivly, and vague ly wondered if the rest would follow. Sir Norman, especially, had sunk into a state of mind that words are faint and feeble to describe. Ormiston, not being quite so far gone, was the first to open his lips.

"Upon my honor, Sir Norman, this is the most astonishing thing ever I heard of. That certainly was the face of our half-dead bride! What, in the name of all the gods, can it mean, I wonder?"

"I have given up wondering," said Sir Norman, in the same helpless tone. "And if the earth were to open and swallow London up I would not be the least surprised. One thing is certain, the lady we are seeking and that page are one and the same.'

"And yet La Masque told you she was two miles from the city, in the haunted ruin; and La Masque most assuredly knows." I have no doubt she is there. I shall

not be the least astonished if I find her

in every street between this and New-

"Really, it is a most singular affair! First you see her in the magic caldron, then we find her dead; then, when within an ace of being buried, she comes to life; then we leave her lifeless as a marble statue, shut up in your room, and fifteen minutes after, she vanishes as mysteriously as a fairy in a nursery legand. And, lastly, she turns up in the shape of a court page, and swaggers along London Bridge at this hour of the night, chanting a love song. Faith! it would puzzle the sphinx herself to read this riddle, I've

a notion!' "I for one, shall never try to read it," said Sir Norman. "I am about tired of this labyrinth of mysteries, and shall leave time and La Masque to unravel them at their leisure." "Then you mean to give up the pur-

"Not exactly! I love this mysterious beauty too well to do that, and when next I find her, be it where it may, I shall take care she does not slip so easily through my fingers."

"I cannot forget that page," said Ormiston, musingly. "It is singular, since he wears the Earl of Rochester's livery, that we have never seen him before among his followers. Are you quite sure, Sir Norman, that you have

"Seen him? Don't be absurd, Ormiston! Do you think I could ever forget such a face as that?"
"It would not be easy, I confess. One does not see such every day. And yet-and yet-it is most extraordinary!

"I shall ask Rochester about him the first thing tomorrow; and unless he is an optical illusion—which I vow I half believe is the case-I will come to the truth in spite of your demoniac friend, La Masque."

"Then you do not mean to look for him tonight?" "Look for him? I might as well look for a needle in a haystack. Not I! I have promised La Masque to visit the old ruins, and there I shall go forthwith. Will you accompany me?"
"I think not. I have a word to say

to La Masque; and you and she kept talking so busily, I had no chance to "Besides.I have no doubt it is a word you would not like to utter in the presence of a third party, even though that third party be your friend and Pythias, Kingsley. Do you mean to

stay here like a plague-sentinel until she returns?" "Possibly: or if I get tired I may set out in search of her. When do you re-

"The fates, that seem to make a football of my best affections, and kick them as they please, only know. If nothing happens—which, being inter-preted, means if I am still in the land of the living—I shall surely be back by daylight."

"And I shall be anxious about that time to hear the result of your night's adventure: so where shall we meet?"

(To be Continued.)

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Frightful Poverty of the People in Saxony Who Make Toys.

A Wage of One Cent an Hour-12,000 Persons Are Suffering.

Berlin, Germany, Dec. 29.—Where the government district of Zwickau, belonging to royal Saxony, borders Bo-hemia, famine stalks abroad. And this is Doll Land, the birthplace of "mamma" and "papa" squeaking pup-pets, of toy arks and wagons, impossible ships. black mice that run up one's sleeve, 'jumping frogs, funny, climbing monkeys, red sheep and pur-

ple camels.
"The people thereabouts," said Reich stag Deputy Rosenow, just returned from an extended tour of the Erzge-"have never known anything birge, "have never known anything better than a potato and chicory die:. Their highest ambition is not to be hungry on high days and on holidays. If it weren't for an occasional hunk of American bacon smuggled over the frontier they would know meat by name only. In Dresden they call a red herring the Doll Landers' carp. 'Ah, but this 'carp' is almost as much of a rarity on their bill of fare as salmon, costing five marks a pound.'

Continuing, the deputy reports that he made it his business to drop in on the people at meal times. There was no bread for breakfast except on Sundays. In the Erzgebirge the "staff of life" is a luxury, and the first meal of the day consists of potatoes boiled in "their jackets," salt, and an in-famous concoction styled coffee. For dinner they have potato dump-

lings, winding up the day on indigestible "Tausch," that is, grated raw potatoes mixed with thick buttermilk and baked in linseed oil. "The season being bad," the people told Herr Rosenow, "we had to give up buying lard or other fat months

ago. Linseed oil is all we can afford. and many families have to go without In the village of Rosenthal the burgmaster has oleomargarine for breakfast every Sunday morning-hence he marches at the head of local culture. The pastor comes next, as he buys a pound of butter each time his salary

is paid. Then there are the "regular bacon" families—"regular" refers to Sundays and holidays—and "lucky hunters," who steal dogs for food and thrive on their meat. "No person brought up under half favorable circumstances can have an idea how few wants, or what we consider necessaries of life, these people have," says Rosenow. "They don't know what it is to rise from the table fully satisfied; the village grocer's stock is unusually complete if, besides herrings, salt and chicory, it contains

sugar, pepper, rice and flour. Not only

the children, but the men and women,

too, walk barefoot at home and to the factory town where their goods are accepted or rejected by the broker." SICKNESS CAUSED BY POVERTY. The flesh of these people is heir to all ills, infirmities and weaknesses sulting from want of sufficient nourishment. Consumption carries off an unof crooked and bent legs among the children is unusually large, their mortality being large enough to attract the attention of physicians in all parts of Europe. Numerous babies die be-cause their mothers can't nurse them.

Young men and women with gray hair, the result of anxiety and deprivations, are everywhere. The deputy happened to arrive at Grunhainchen on the day the glass works were closed because dolls' eyes are a drug in the market. The grief of the people was heartrending, he says. He met gloomy reports in the villages of Waldkirchen, Bornstendorn, Boernichen, Pobershau and others that are hardly significant enough for any map to notice them. In some of these places the humble makers of dolls and toys in wood, cardboard and leatherette were already suffering from want of food and fuel, while the staple food,

potatoes, was uncommonly high, owing to insufficient crops. The Doll Land of the Erzgebirgethat is the frontier district between royal Saxony and Bohemia—comprises nineteen widely separated mountain villages with about 12,000 inhabitants, each village cultivating a specialty like arm and leg making, match boxes, toy guns, drums, doll dresses, making arks, animals, etc. The workers live in little cottages surrounded by an acre or so of stony land, too poor to grow any-thing but grass and herbs, and to obtain the necessaries of life they must needs adopt some industry independent

of home consumption. So all the men are "masters" of one or another of the artifices mentioned, while wives and children help, as without additional hands paterfamilias would be wholly unable to provide for the house. The investigator from the reichstag says there is no branch of trade or business where women and children's work is so shamelessly ap-propriated as in the toy-making industry, which means long hours and slow starvation to all engaged in it. Everybody knows how ridiculously cheap wooden toys, including ordinary dolls, are nowadays.

WAGES OF THE WORKERS.

Besides the manufacturer, at least three other persons-broker, whole-saler and retailer, not to mention transportation companies-profit on them. The workmen's wage is therefore necessarily trifling. Expert workers make 360 trees per day, or 500 match boxes, or 240 pin boxes, or 200 horses, dogs, sheep, etc. Men toil twelve to thirteen hours daily, assisted by the wife and four or five little ones. Even If the youngest, hardly able to run, can do no more than paint uniform buttons. or eyebrows, his little share counts.

At doll making the whole family, from the grandfather to the children in arms almost, work hand in hand. The mother makes the bodies and the girls fill them, the boys carve the joints and wire them together; while the fatints the faces and puts on the finishing touches.

The deputy visited a family of five in the village of Seiffen, working on a wooden plaything, styled in the cata-logues, "horse with wagon," whose actual weekly earnings are not more than \$3 for 390 to 400 work hours, or three-fourths of a cent to a cent per

hour. The animal carving families earn, on an average not more than five marks per week, and to do that they must turn out 6,000 wooden beasts. Of jumping Jacks, a family of six can make 1,800 per week, which bring in nine marks in wages; but one-third of this sum must be deducted for wood, etc. A soldier-making family, consisting of father, mother and three small children, can turn out 6,400 wooden Tommy Atkins per week, thereby earning 15 marks, less eight marks for meterial.

EARNING ONLY \$125 A YEAR. The tax lists of the village of Heidel-

berg and Seiffen show that only seven families earn above \$125 per annum. To ascertain their work hours, Herr Rosenow visited the toymakers as late as 9 and 10 o'cleck in the evening, when he usually found father and mother still engaged on the bench, while, in some cases, the bigger children also were doing night work by the light of ill-smelling kerosehe lamps.

Children are put to work in their

Children are put to work in their third and fourth year; at the age of five and six they must be able to carve legs and arms.
In Rothenthal, a manufacturing town

with but two independent workmen, while men and women work in the factories at wages varying between eleven and thirteen marks for a grown up person, the children stay at home and decorate the pen and pencil holders made in the factory with metal hinges, locks, joints, etc., receiving seven and a half cents per gross; that is, twelve dozens, which require the use of 1,900 to 2,500 little nails.

"On my tour in Doll Land I saw indications of famine and impending famine all round me," continues Herr Rosenow. "The more careful householders had already begun to cut down their allowance of food in anticipation of the still more markets. of the still more meager months to

What a sorry Christmas they will spend, these poor folk of Doll Land, who, with their diligent hands and dexterous needles and brushes, have made our children happy this year, as in the past. And all they ask is to be allowed to work from 7 o'clock in the morning until late at night at a wage for a whole family that an American office boy would scorn.

"Through the shadow of the globe we sweep into the younger day."--

As usual in London another gay week ends the old year. Just as well. It leaves us little time for vague regrets over lost opportunities and broken resolutions. Never mind. One more year and we shall reach the twentieth century-and laying aside "childish things," set about life in earnest. At least let us comfort ourselves by so believing.

Mrs. D. M. Cameron, of "The Beeches," Grand avenue, was hostess of a pleasant dance on Wednesday evening, when a genial host and hostess, a good floor, any number of partners, and a congenial throng of young people insured a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Mrs. Cameron, in a handsome gown of pink brocaded satin, received her guests in the library, assisted by her daughters. The hall was draped with flags and the dancing-rooms—the library and the drawingroom-were bright with smilax and flowers. An elaborate supper was excellently served from the large center table in the dining-room, with its trailing green and showers of red carnations. The dainty menu cards were white, tied with red ribbon and a sprig of holly. An abundance of the sterner and more useful (at a dance) sex added to the cheeriness of the affair, and noble work was done by a red-coated and lively contingent from the R. M. C., at Kingston, whose names figured prominently on many a programme. The gowns were, many of them, de-lightfully pretty and becoming. Probably the dream of pink chiffon, ruffled and ruched into a delicate creation. which Miss Francie Macbeth wore, was the chef d'oeuvre of the occasion. Miss Macdonald, dark-haired and graceful in a pink gown with a long string of pearls around her throat; Miss Mabel Moore and Miss Nita Hunt, two happy-looking and popular debutantes; Miss Josephine Macfie, looking so well in a becoming black satin, and Miss Helen Gibbons in white with glistening silver wings in her dark hair, were a few of those whose pigrammes were filled to overflowing. pro-

Dr. Parfitt is visiting his parents in this city for a few days.

Mr. Lorne Becher is also at home after a prolonged absence, and was heartily welcomed by his many friends the other evening at Mrs. Reid's

Miss Maude Dwight, of Toronto, is the guest of Mrs. C. S. Hyman for a

Miss Pearl Spink, of Toronto, is the guest of Mrs. C. B. Hunt, of Wortley

Miss Vickers, of Toronto, is the guest of Miss Mackenzie, of Wortley road. South London. Mr. Walter Reid and Mr. Alan Ma-

gee are amongst those who are enjoying their Christmas holidays at home. Everyone agreed that the dance given by Mrs. W. J. Reid in her delightful home, "Carisbrooke," on Thursday

evening, was one of the most enjoy able ever given in London. Over the polished floors to the strains of most delicious music glided the "fair women and brave men" till an early hour indeed. Mrs. Reid. a handsomelygowned, pleasant hostess, was assisted in receiving her guests by her niece, Miss Nellie Waterman, the honored debutante of the evening, a tall, striking girl in her white satin gown with its overdress of embroidered chiffon and silvered shirred knots of chiffon on the skirt. She carried a lovely boquet of white roses and fern, and many eyes followed the graceful figure about the room.

The two popular sons of the hostess, Mr. Frank and Dr. Walter, did all in their power for their guests' enjoyment, and whether in the maze of the dances, in the cozy sitting-rooms with their inviting receivers, "Give room enough for two," or upstairs in the large billiard rooms where the supper was served under the flag-draped ceiling, all was merriment and pleasant

chat and laughter. The girls were all looking well, and new gowns were the order of the day. I can only give you a wee bit of a description—they were all so deserving of notice. Mrs. Adam Beck, lovely as ever, in pink with overdress of embroidered chiffon of the same shade;

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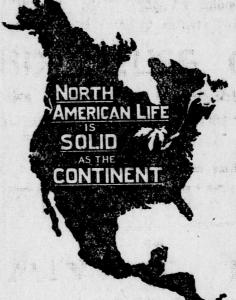
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Miss Helen Gibbons, with a remarkably becoming gown of bright blue silk, trimmed with white silk fringe; Miss Ruby Michie, in white satin-always bright and popular-and the lovely debutante, Miss Beatrice Richardson, whose white gown and fair face were for the first time seen amongst the butterflies of society; Miss Lena Labatt, in a trailing white gown, embroidered profusly with silvery sequins; Miss Regan, in blue silk, trimmed with chiffon rushings, and wearing crimson roses; Miss Ethel Magee, in vellow-figured silk, with orange velvet on the bodice, these were amongst the number whom I noticed. Surely, never a brighter or prettier throng met in a more hospitable house!

Mrs. George B. Harris gave a large "At Home" on Christmas day, which was well attended in spite of the absence of so many people from the city.

Mr. Fred Henry has been spending a few days in New York.

Capt. Pearce and Capt. Thacker, both of Toronto, who many will remember, as they were stationed at the barracks here for some time, are going out with the contingent to Africa.

#### **PRIZE EARS**

Of Wheat and Oats-Collected by Can adian Boys and Girls.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.-It will be remem-

bered that in October last Prof. Robertson, commissioner of agriculture and dairying, Ottawa, personally offered one hundred dollars in twenty-four prizes to boys and girls for the one hundred heads of wheat and oats bearing the largest number of seeds. The farmers' boys and girls took the matter up with interest. All the provinces were represented in the competition. British Columbia took first prize for both wheat and oats. The prizes went to the provinces in the following order. Ontario, 13; British Columbia, 3; Northwest Territories, 2; Manitoba, 2; New Brunswick, 2: Nova Scotia, 1; Quebec, 1. Many very superior samples of grain were submitted, and some of the competitors showed much skill and taste in arranging the heads daintily and packing them carefully. However lots arrived in poor coverings and a generally dilipated condition. The list of prize-winners is as follows: Dats—I. Albert Norton, Salt Spring Librat, B. C.; 2, Henry Lennox, Magneta ween. Ont.; 3, R. E. McLennan, Beaver Point, B. C.; 4, A. H. Bourne, Innisfail, Alberta; 6, Alex. Munroe, Trout Lake, Ont.; 6, Alice Westney, Pickering. Ont.; 7, Walter Gordon, Colling, N. B.; 8, Andring Farquharson, Wandfurd. Ont.; 9 Alex. Chilsholm.

Woodford, Ont.; 9, Alex. Chisholm, North Intervale, N. S.; 10, G. W. Jef-frey, Brooklin, Ont.; 11, Nellie Mc-

Beath, North Bay, Ont.; 12, Florence Hay, Newgate, Manitoba Wheat-1, Donald and David Graham. Spallumcheen, B. C.; 2, G. H. Bayliss, Wetaskiwin, N. W. T.; 3, Pearl Heinrichs, Meaford, Ont.; 4 Curnel Carr, Woodford, Ont.; 5, Fred C. Montgomery, Meaford, Ont.; nie Davis, Avening, Ont.: 7. Charlotte St. George, Tramore, Ont.; 8, Jessik Coombs, Brandon, Man.; 9. Thos Rowen, Glen Almond, Que.; 10, Leverett Shaw, Avandale, N. B.; 11, Howard Zavitz, Coldstream, Ont.; 12, Andrina Farquharson, Woodharson, Ont Prof. Robertson says that a generous friend, who has the best interests of the farmers' girls and boys and of the agricultural community closely at heart, has made it possible for him to offer cash prizes to the amount of ten thousand dollars for a competition in the selection of seed grain in all the provinces during the next three years. Full particulars regarding this splenencouragement to farmers's boys and girls will be published early next month.

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10-18; Halifax, 16-32. Local temperatures: The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory here on Friday, Dec. 29, were: Highest, 14.5°; lowest, 7°. Sun rises today at 7:52, and sets at 4:50. Moon rises at 5:54 a.m., and sets

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-Miss Sarah McDolwela, of this city, left on Thursday for Sacramento, Cal. where she will reside. -Mr. Thomas Gerry, of this city, sails for England from Partland to-

-Miss Susie McVicar, of the city hospital staff of nurses, is at Wards-ville for the holidays.

-Mr. John Fleming and wife, of this city, visited his brother, James Fleming, at Bothwell this week. -Miss Maud Howell, of this city, is

spending a few weeks with her bro-ther, F. L. Howell, of Windsor. -Mr. Archie Treleaven, of the G. T. R. freight office, is on a visit to his brother Richard, of Montreal. -Rev. Mr. Walker, South London,

conducts anniversary services at the Paris Eaptist Church tomorrow. -A watchnight service will be held Dundas Center Methodist Church on Sunday evening, from 11

-Squire Lacey yesterday afternoon fined George Watson, of London town-ship, \$1, for trespassing on the prop-erty of Margaret Ironsides.

-Windsor Record: Miss Laura King, of Kingsville, gave a picasant party last evening, at which her engagement was announced to Mr. Reid, of Lon-

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-Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Best, of Detroit, are spending the holidays in this city, the guests of Mrs. Best's father, Mr. Peter Toll, of Elizabeth street. -Miss Jessie Marks, who has been dangerously ill at Victoria Hospital for ten weeks, has recovered sufficiently to be removed to her home on Ridout

-Mrs. F. C. Jarvis, 23 Wortley road, city, is spending the holidays with her daughters, Mrs. (Dr.) J. E. Gray and Mrs. (Dr.) H. W. Calkins, in Roches-

-The Clinton New Era understands that Dr. Ern Holmes has rented an office in the Smith Block there. He is a son of Rev. J. W. Holmes, of this city, and has been practicing at Blenheim.

-Mr. Wm. Morley, of New York Mr. Wm. Weldon, of this city; Mr. Mark Smith, of Sparta; Dr. Arkell, of Belmont, South Africa, spent Christmas at Mrs. A. C. Morley's, in Port Stanley.

-The pupils and teachers of the London West Methodist Sunday school presented Miss Sophia Berry, one of the teachers, with a beautiful silver cream and sugar service, on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. George Dean, which was chronicled yester-

-Special Christmas music will be given next Sunday in St.James' Church (South London). The choir is one of the best in the city, and is under the direction of Mr. Vivian Reeve. Miss Minnie Fox, who is a pupil of Mr. Stevens, of Detroit, will sing at both ser-

-The employes of the McCormick Manufacturing Company were not for-gotten by the firm at Christmas. As has been the custom for a number of years past, each married their employ received a Christmas turkey and a supply of creams and choćolates, every other employe receiving the candy and a dollar in cash in lieu of the turkey.

-On Wednesday evening, at the residence of Mr. Wm. Traver, con. 5, Westminster, a large number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Summers assembled and were regaled with an oyster supper. After this a programme of music, songs, etc., were rendered. Mr. and Mrs. Summers will soon leave the neighborhood, and will be much missed by their many friends.

-The Woodbine Club of South London held their first annual supper last night. The following toast list was introduced and responded to: "Our Queen," J. Macarthur; "Our Country," A. E. Shoebotham; "Our Soldier Boys in Africa," P. D. McLaren; "Our Sol-dier Boys at Home," Sergt. Ingsley, 7th Battalion; "Our Guests," Mr. Ar-diel; "Our Sister Clubs," F. Matheson; "Our Club," E. A. Crow. Interspersed with the toasts were instrumental and vocal selections.

-An enthusiastic meeting of the ratepayers of Arkona was held on Tuesday evening last, in Showler's Hall, to discuss the problem of a railway to the village. During the discussion H. J. Pettypiece, M.P.P., said, "the most feasible project would be an electric line from London, through Arkona to the lake, and as such a line would probably be of more benefit to London than any other place, London capital should be interested. Any defined portion of any municipality might grant such aid as a ma-jority of the property owners in such portion saw fit, and if the localities which would be benefitted would supplement the government grant sufficiently the line would no doubt be built."

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have an opportunity. The members of the First Hussars who have already enlisted are:

Lieutenant Wigle. Sergeant-Major W. Tilley. Sergeant Angus McDonald. Sergeant Campbell. Corporal Ardiel.

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ancies, and they can be filled in a Fine specimens of artillerymen have been chosen.

J. A. Brown, of Clarksburg, Ont., has sworn in as a member of the 6th Field Battery, in order to go to the

Col. Holmes does not know definitely when the men will leave London. He hopes to have them in condition in a

#### short time. REMEMBERED THE CHILDREN

Donations Received by the Aid Society Acknowledged. The Children's Aid Society desire to acknowledge the following donations to the shelter: Miss Trott, books; Miss Cora Beattie, books and mitts; Mrs. Yarker, books and candies, boys' clothing and stockings, and white collars; Doris Yarker, toys; Jack Yarker, toys; Clara Bailey, games; Mrs. T. R. Parker, clothing, etc.; Mrs. McIntosh, boys' clothing and mitts; Mrs. J. Puddicomfoe, girls' clothing; Mrs. Callard, mitts; Miss Mattinson, stockings; Mrs. Arthur, boys' clothing and caps; Mrs. McBride, cards and books; Martin Bleuthner, toys; Ernest Bleuthner, toys; Lena Whindell, candies; Hobbs Hardware Company, jackknives and girls' sets; Mrs. Hunt, sen., books and toys; Miss Hunt, toys; W. T. Strong & Co., turkeys; Mrs. Gower, toys; Rev. Dean Innes, books; Miss Lizzie Ross, scrap-book; Mr. E. Beltz, hats; a

friend, hats, books and games; Mrs. Rossie, clothing; Harding Hali kindergarten, oranges and dates; Mrs. (Dr.) Piper, preserves; Miss Corcan, or-anges; Mrs. A. E. Carr, turkey; Talbot street school, books, puzzle and clothing; Mrs. D. Regan, turkey; Mrs. McCauley, preserves; Mrs. R. K. Cowan, preserves; Mrs. (Capt.) Wilson, oranges; Talbot street kindergerten, books, preserves and clothing; Mrs. Leonard, ham; Robinson, Little & Co., turkey; Mrs. Little, boys' clothing; Mrs. Callard, mince pies and Christmas cake and pudding; Miss Dillon, candy; Miss ris, toys; Mrs. J. Labatt, turkey; Mrs. is that to delight everyone.
M. J. Kent, clothing and toys; Mr. Break, clothing and toys; Mrs. G. B. Harris, beef and oranges; Mrs. Saul, milk; Mrs. T. Kent, books; Mrs. Mahill, rubbers; Mr. G. W. Armstrong, pictures; Rev. Archdeacon Davis, cakes, nuts and oranges; St. George's cakes, nuts and oranges; St. George's Society, 150 pounds of flour, beef and bread; Irish Benevolent Society, one basket of cheer; Mrs. J. Tamton, clothing; Ald. Plant, \$1; R. Clieve, \$1; T. Brown, \$2; a friend, "B." \$2 25; Mrs. Beattie, \$1; Mrs. A. E. Welch, \$2; Mrs. James C. Duffield, \$1; a friend, 25 cents; Mrs. Boomer, \$1; Mrs. Graydon, \$1; a friend, \$2; Mrs. Dillon, \$1; St. Paul's friend, \$1; Miss Dillon, \$1; St. Paul's Cathedral Sunday School tree, presents and candies; Master R. Cumberland,

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There should be joy for the people of this city in the announcement that one of the best laugh-makers of our gener-"What Happened to Jones," is ation. booked for another appearance at the Grand New Year's matinee. The author has succeeded in putting the most mirtful scenes and situations ever devised into the shortest space of time. In fact, the curtain has scarcely arisen upon the first act before there is a chuckle, which presently broadens into a roar, which is kept up without subsiding for two hours and a half. The fun is clean and intelligent. The spectator thinks while he laughs. There McDonald, toys and books: Miss Har- is nothing to offend anyone, and there

Aiden Benedict's "Fabio Romani," which will be presented at the Grand next Tuesday, Jan. 2, is a spectacular production, being an adaptation of the novel, "The Vendetta." The story of the play is sad, weird and interesting, but with the dark passages of the story are many enlivening scenes, that help to make the whole a pleasant entertainment. The promised realism comes at the end of the drama in the earthquake scene. The last act commences with a mausoleum scene, which occupies the entire stage. At the climax of the commotion, the whole tomb sinks out of sight and reveals dwellings falling in ruins, the earth rocking, and rent with fury and fiery fissures, while Mount Vesuvius in the background belches forth huge columns of fire and smoke, and pours red streams of lava on the city of Naples at its feet.

DROWNED.

Hamilton, Dec. 30. - Percy Burrows, 12 years of age, who resided with his parents on East Cannon street, was drowned in the inlet near the smelting works dock yesterday morning. Burrows, with other lads, was skating on thin ice, when his brother Willie went through, and Percy jumped in to rescue him. Willie was pulled out by a man named Clendenning, who witnessed the accident from the University of London.

his barn close by, but before he could reach Percy the latter went down for the last time. The body was recovered shortly afterwards by the police.

London, Ont

SUDDEN DEATH IN SEAFORTH. Seaforth, Dec. 30.-While Mrs. Chapman, aged 62 years, of Tuckersmith township, was attending to some purchases Thursday evening in A. G. Auld's grocery store here, she was suddenly taken ill. Medical aid was quickly summoned, and the lady was conveyed to the house of a friend, where she died at midnight. Heart trouble is given as the cause of death,

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The Elizabeth Stage Society of London has just performed "Richard IL" with scenery, in the lecture room of

## Boers Showing More Boldness

Moving Their Laagers Closer to Ladysmith.

Boer Shells Have Done Some Damage Recently in ed any Boer to lay a finger on him. the Town==Enemy's Provision Wagons Captured and Taken Into Frere Camp --Boers on Modder River Showing Nervousness.

Indications of Treachery-Enemy Well Posted on British Army Movements-A Consul at Pretoria Suspected-Boers and Kaffirs Come in Conflict-A Sortie From Mafeking-Russian Sympathy for the Enemy-Earl Rosebery on the Contraband Food Question.

London, Dec. 30 .- The Times pub- | frontal attack, especially now that the lishes the following dispatch from Chieveley camp, dated Dec. 24: Parties | the fact that he has removed his headof Boers appeared today within three miles of Chieveley camp, threatening River are quite in keeping with the our watering parties, who are compelled to go some two miles, owing to the scarcity of water.

TREACHERY.

The Times has a dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez, dated Dec. 28, which says that the suspicion that the Boer intelligence department is in close touch with a foreign consulate in Pretoria, is confirmed by the fact that the news of the appointment of Lord Roberts as commander-in-chief in South Africa was generally known in Pretoria on Dec. 20, indirectly reaching Delagoa Bay from the Transvaal two days later. Suspicion rests upon a consul who has been notorious for his Boer sympathies. There is reason to believe ther of Lord Lansdowne, says the war office would countenance a scheme to with regard to military movements.

With reference to the rumors of smuggling contraband, it is significant ! that Major Erasmus, of the Free State artillery, is here, his arrival being coincident with that of the French liner. Considering the freedom with which the Transvaal secret service fund is spent, considerable mischief may be London, Dec. 29.—A dispatch from done unless cargoes are inspected by Chieveley camp, dated Dec. 27, says spent, considerable mischief may be British searchers who understand foreign bills of lading. It is felt here that all mining and all machinery should be stopped owing to the possibility of hoodwinking the officials. The consulwho represents the Transvaal and the Orange Free State in Lorenzo Marquez | ply from the British. still continues to act in the same capacity for Holland.

IMPORTANT BRITISH MOVEMENT HINTED AT.

London, Saturday, Dec. 30-5 a.m.— The latest special dispatches from Chieveley camp hint at some important movement as imminent. This is interpreted to mean that Gen. Buller contemplates a renewal of his attempt to relieve Ladysmith. It is reported by the same dispatches that the Boers have now retired to the north bank of the Tugela, being afraid that the swollen river may bar their retreat. They are also moving their laagers nearer Ladysmith, probably with the intention of bringing further pressure on the garrison, which now seems to be suffering pretty heavily from the bom-

is difficult, however, to conceive that Gen. Buller would make another

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river is rising, and an additional indication that this is not his purpose is quarters back to Frere. The Boer movements northward from the Tugela enemy's usual plan of securing a safe line of retreat. It is known that further artillery is due to arrive for Gen. Buller, but the belief here is that his

THE SINEWS OF WAR. The Rothschilds have donated \$2,000 the Buckinghamshire volunteer fund. It is estimated that £200,000 will contributed privately to volunteer funds throughout the country. ready the fund for the relief of the

forces even then will be too weak.

families of soldiers exceeds £500.000. William Waldorf Astor has subscribed £1,000 to the Buckinghamshire fund to equip the county's contingent of yeomanry.

Lord Salisbury presided at a meet-ing of the national defense committee yesterday (Friday) afternoon. The Prince of Wales has accepted the chief colonelcy of the Imperial

Yeomanry, and has contributed £100 for the use of the organization. The Earl of Mount-Edgeumbe, broenroll volunteers in a sort of preparatory stage in order to learn drills and

the like. The number of members of the House of Commons who have volunteered for the front threatens seriously to reduce the government's majority when parliament reassembles.

BOER PROVISIONS CAPTURED. six wagons conveying provisions to the Boers were captured last night and taken to Frere camp. Last night the Boers heliographed, among other questions, "How is Bul-

The ruse failed to draw any re-Major Chichester has been appointed provost marshal of Natal. All the troops attended divine service on the 24th. It is still very hot, and the

grass is badly burned up.
It is reported that the Ladysmith garrison made a sortie on Thursday and captured a hill.

ENEMY'S FIRE EFFECTIVE. Ladysmith, Sunday, Dec. 24, via Pietermaritzburg. — Gen. White has had a slight attack of fever, but he is now convalescent.

The Boer shell fire has been very damaging recently. On Friday, one shell killed six men and wounded nine. The same missile killed fourteen horses. Another just missed the 5th Lancers' lines, slightly wounding six officers. Several shells have fallen close to Gen. White's house, compelling the removal of headquarters to another point.

It is reported that Gen. Joubert is again in command of the Boers here. The military authorities appear confident, but they are very reticent. Boers have been observed moving northward and westward in large numbers.

#### Boer Reports.

HAD A FIGHT WITH KAFFIRS. Pretoria, Tuesday, Dec. 26, by way of Lorenzo Marquez, Thursday, Dec. - Commandant Swartz reports from the laager at Alowyn's Kop; near Zee-orust: Had an engagement on Friday, Dec. 22, with Kaffirs in the neighborhood of Derderpoort. The Kaffirs occupied a strongly fortified ridge, and were well prepared for emergencies.
After heavy fighting the burghers captured the Kaffir position, losing three killed and five wounded.

AT MAFEKING. Commandant Snyman reports as follows from Molopo: On Monday morning the enemy from Mafeking attacked one of our forts in force, with cannon, Maxims and an armored train, and so persistently that there was fighting right on the walls of the fort. But we have retained our fort. The British loss is reported as 55.

The other commandos report "all uiet," with the exception of the usual bombardment of Ladysmith. Gen. Lucas Meyer has recovered and returned to the front.

COLONIALS WITH THE BOERS. London, Saturday, Dec. 30, 4:30 a.m. -The Cape Town Correspondent of the Daily News says: "A leading resident of Vryburg, who was released by the Boers, saw 20,000 collonials from Griqualand West. He says colonial faces are to be seen everywhere

in the Boer ranks.' The war office has received this dispatch: "Cape Town, Thursday, Dec. 28.—The Indwe colliery line is now working again."

The Daily Mail asserts that several guns have been removed from the forts at Plymouth by night, and that these will be sent to Cape Town. A dispatch received by the war department, dated Cape Town, Thursday, Dec. 28, says there is no change in the situation so far as Generals Gatacre and French are concerned.

by a desire to secure property. Not only were men and women driven from their homes, with nothing except what they stood in, and placed under ar-rest, but all household articles which were not looted, were smashed to pieces. All agree that the behavior of the Natal Dutch is infinitely worse than that of the republican soldiers. A mass of evidence is already obtainable against the colonial rebels. Several marauding

ing parties admit that they are more anxious to secure plunder than assist in the fighting. A German priest in charge of a mission station refused to surrender British subjects who sought Still shelter with him, saying, "If you are going to shoot them you must shoot me first." He was seized and kept six days in a Kaffir cell at the Newcastle

The Volkstem praises theb ravery of Col. Bullock, of the Devonshire Regiment. When his comrades in arms surrendered, Col. Bullock refused to do so, and, drawing his revolver, dar-A burgher succeeded in wounding and disarming the colonel with the buttend of his rifle, refusing to shoot so brave a foe. His wound is not seri-

BOER NERVOUSNESS. London, Dec. 30.-The Modder River correspondent of the Times, referring to the scare-firing of the Boers, says; "Their nervousness causes much amusement among the British. It is quite certain that half the Boer force employed watching by day and the other half by night. Probably the consequent weariness, with the scarcity of water and the presence of typhoid fever, will render the Boer posi-tions intolerable. Their present action is due either to a scare, or to a wish to cover retirement to Spytfon-

ALL WELL AT KIMBERLEY. London, Dec. 29. -- A Modder River dispatch of Dec. 24 says: In reply to a heliograph inquiry last night as to the health of the garrison, Kimberley signaled "Thanks; all well." The 9th Lancers gave a concert last night. The camp was crowded and there was great enthusiasm, especially during the singing of the "National Anthem."

ARTILLERY DUEL. Kimberley, Friday, Dec. 22, via Modder River, Weanesday, Dec. 27. Before dawn today a detchment of the mounted forces, with artillery and light infantry, moved out in a western direction. Boer artillery from Kamperdam opened fire at Otto's kopje, Kimberley fort replying with twenty shells. The British force reconnoitershells. ed outposts along Lazaretto ridge, the Boer patrols retreating. Having accomplished this and having discovered Boer reimforcements approaching from Wimbledon ridge, Col. Chamier, with the Royal Artillery, exchanged a -dozen shells as soon as the guns could be limbered up. Some 500 Boers poured in a heavy fire from their earthworks, the British finally retiring with the loss of one horse. This movement showed that the Boers kere still keeping three guns in the direction of Kimberley, and are able to summon reinforce. ments rapidly. It also showed their proneness to vacate a position immediately when weaker than the opposing

POWELL'S PROCLAMATION. London, Dec. 29 .- The text of Col. Baden-Powell's proclamation to the burghers besieging Mafeking, the gist of which has already been cabled, comes from Lorenzo Marquez today. His assertions are calculated to surprise others besides the Boer General Lecline, Lost Manhood, Varicocela and all Disease Synman, who has alread voiced the and Weaknesses of Men or Women from whatever anger of the recipients. After assertnig that the republics cannot hope for foreign intervention, and pretending to WEAK MEN STRENGTHENED. relate the exact attitude of all European powers, including Emperor William, who. the colonel said, ' sympathizes with England," Baden-Powell makes the extraordinary state-"that the American government has warned the others of her intention to side with England should any of them interfere."

A GERMAN KICK. Berlin, Dec. 30 .- The Neuste Nachrichten questions the right of Great Britain to confiscate gold ingots which are being transported from the Transvaal to Europe. It says it regards the discussion in the English press concerning Delagoa Bay as purely tentative, as Great Britain has given no signs that she will infringe on neutral

territory. RUSSIAN SYMPATHY WITH THE BOERS.

London, Dec. 30.-The Marseilles correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing the substance of an interview with the Russian Gen. Gourke, eldest son of the famous Gourke, who is now about starting for Pretoria. says that the Russian officer made the following statement: "I have been offered the command of a Boer army corps. In my own mind I am absolutely confident of the success of the Boers. You may take my word for it, that thousands of Russians are now fighting under Gen. Joubert." DILKE'S OPINION.

London, Dec. 30 .- Sir Charles Dilke, in the Daily Chronicle this morning, discusses Great Britain's relation to Delagoa Bay with regard to the food question. He says: "It would be one of the greatest follies the country could commit to disregard the possibility of a war some day against a powerful mayal coalition, in which event it would be to the interts of the United States to feed Great Britain. Great Britain must endure the present conditions, possibly doing something by pressure on the Portuguese officials and strengthening the British consular staff CALVERT'S at Delagoa Bay."

#### Those Seizures.

LETTER FROM LORD ROSEBERY. London, Dec. 30. - Lord Rosebery writes as follows this morning to the Times: "There are disquieting intimations which appear to point to our government having treated foodstuffs as contraband of war. As this is a matter of supreme importance, I ven-ture to address this line to you in the hope that it may elicit an authoritative statement on the subject."

The Times, commenting editorially on Lord Rosebery's letter, says: "Too little is known of the seizures for any valid inference safely to be drawn. An occasion might arise when certain foodstuffs would be regarded as contraband, while others would not, especially if the latter were intended for non-combatants. There might, for instance, be reasonable grounds treating canned goods as contraband.

and flour as legitimate." After admitting that "it would be unadvisable to create a precedent which might some day be invoked against us, the article concludes:
"While we fully share the view that no serious change of policy should occur without cogent rea-sons, and ample consideration, we cannot but ask ourselves whether, in the event of Great Britain being engaged in a war, the action, either of the enemy, or even of neutral powers, Lorenzo Marquez, Dec. 30.—Experi- divergence of opinion still exists, is

ences related by British subjects ex-pelied from Northern Natal show the brutal conduct of the Boers inspired the past, rather than by the immediate interests of the moment

> BUGLE BLASTS. Thomas C. Orondorff, manufacturer of cartridge belts in Worcester, Mcss., has received an order from the British Government for 45,000 double bandelier

The reports that the Boer authorities have threatened to reduce the rations of the British prisoners at Pre-toria, in case Great Britain stops the entry of food supplies at Delagoa Bay, is not borne out by the official communications of United States Consul Hollis, at Pretoria. Mr. Hollis is looking after the British interests and, in particular, is seeing that the British prisoners are afforded every proper facility and personal attention.

#### WHAT LEYDS SAYS

Boers Have Plenty of Fighting Men and Material-Plans for the Future.

Vienna, Dec. 29.—The Wiener Journal prints an interview with Dr. Leyds, in which the latter makes the following statement

"I have no instructions concerning mediation, and as all telegrams pass through the hands of the English authorities, President Kruger could not communicate with me on the subject. "As regards my estimate of the situ-

ation, I may tell you that both the republics are resolved to continue the war, as they lack neither men nor ammunition, nor are they alarmed by the appointment of Generals Roberts and Kitchener.

"Both these officers will meet much more determined resistance than their predecessors, and many Boers in Cape Colony and Natal will seize the opportunity offered by Gen. Roberts' ap-pointment, which signifies a war of extermination against us, to join our

army. Being asked whether he thought an attempt at mediation would be fruitless. Dr. Leyds answers:

"As regards England, certainly. The English want to retrieve their reverses, but the South African republics would impose as the first condition to any offer of mediation that there should be no return to a status quo, and something better would be required, and they would have to extend foreign independence to both republics.' Dr. Leyds concluded that in the in-

terests of both belligerents a speedy termination of the war was desirable, as they are threatened in the same degree by a general rising of the black races.



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### FIGHTING PASTOR

Jay J. Axtell, of Royal Oak, Mich., Knocks Out a ·Saloonist.

tory of a Congregational Preacher Who Enforced His Moral Arguments by Clinching Home the Truth That He Was Not a Physical Coward-A Man Whose Story Reads Aright.

Jay J. Axtell, a Royal Oak, Mich., Congregational preacher, leaped from comparative obscurity to fame in a five-round prize right with a saloon-

If reports be correct the parson has rubbed up against the seamy side of life with anything but pleasant experiences. After he had spent his patrimony in assisting promoters of warious enterprises, he gathered his wife and two bright children to him and wended his way to Royal Oak, where he found a church with a vacant pulpit.

He asked the poor privilege of being permitted to preach to earn bread or himself and family, which was accorded him.

Without license or consecration he mounted the pulpit the following Sunday and preached a sermon which, for scholarliness and deep sincerity, had never been surpassed in that vil-

After the service he was unanimously invited to remain and preach to the congregation, which he consented to do, but not until after he had told the communicants who he was and what his previous career had been.

But the popularity of the new preacher waned early, and he noticed after awhile that his congregations began to grow markedly smaller in size, and finally found himself preaching to none but women.

He determined to investigate. One Sunday evening, before services at church, he dropped into the saloon kept by Hupert, and there he found, leaning against the bar, the marshal and the president of the village, and seated about the room several pillars of the church.

The preacher called for a bottle of cocktails, which was prepared and



JAY J. AXTELL.

panded to him, the saloonist waivng the price because it was for the village parson, who is a devilish good fellow."

Axtell chatted with the men in the saloon and departed, carrying with him the admiration of the motley assembly, which affirmed that, although "a pious cuss, he was not a Puritan."

Axtell took the bottle of cocktails to his home, and, as he says, prayerfully debated with himself what his duty was. His decision was that he must, as a God-fearing and serving man, expose the wickedness of the saloonist and the men who broke the Sabbath by lounging in his place and

drinking beer. On the 19th of November he went to his church, carrying with him the bottle of cocktails, and in a powerful sermon-lecture arraigned the saloonists for violating the law and enticing away from the house of God those who had previously been regular in their attendance.

This sermon was like a cyclone in a calm-it created consternation in the church and indignation in the saloons.

The women of the church rallied about the preacher and pledged him their undivided support in a crusade to close the two saloons on Sunday. The saloonists sent him word that he must give an account of himself or they would ride him out of town

on a rail. He accepted the proffered co-operation of the women and at once served notice on the saloonists that if they kept open saloons again on Sunday he would file complaints against

them. The saloonist, Dondero and Hupert, were wroth.

Dondero told Dick Kenney, the only friend the preacher had left remaining among the frequenters of the saloons, that he would "tweak" tell's nose if he met him on

street. To all this Axtell made no reply. His friend, Kenney, was one day accosted by Dondero, who boasted that he could whip the preacher, and that he would do it if the preacher would "stand for a fight." Kenney, there-upon, without consulting Axtell, wagered \$40 that Dondero could not put him out.

The saloon men took it for granted that Axtell would fight, if challenged, and went ahead with arrangements. They fixed up a ring in Kenney's barn, and when all was ready invited a nondescript crowd of villagers to go to the barn to see the

A committe, with Kenney as chairmen, was appointed to wait upon re preacher to inform him that a had been pitched, wagers laid the result, and that he must fight edero to a finish or else confess that he was a chicken-hearted cow-

Axtell refused at first to be a party to the affair, but upon being assured that it would be a fair fight, yielded at 11 o'clock Saturday night and

went to the barn. Preacher Axtell on edvancing into

"Gentlemen, by threats and taunts you have forced me to come here, he said, "much against my will. Now that I am here I propose to give Mr. Dondero a fair chance to prove that I am a coward. We fight, gentlemen, under the Marquiz of Queensberry rules, with 6-ounce, not 8-ounce gloves, and if my antagonist fouls me I shall claim the fight."

Dondero came from his corner, where he had been seated on a keg, and declared that he would sub-scribe to the terms. The gloves were examined and approved, after which William McCavey was named referee by Dondero, and Herman Bartello timekeeper. Axtell made no objection to either.

"Who'll you have for second?" queried Dondero.

"Guess I can get along without a second," responded the preacher. It was stipulated, however that Kenney, who recently served a term of 30 days in the Detroit House of Correction for wife beating, and who did all the betting on the domine, should be his esquire.

Time having been given for bets at odds of 5 to 1 on the saloonist, who weighed 35 pounds more than Axtell, the referee called upon the men to shake hands. Axtell sprang to the centre of the ring and extended his gloved hands, but Dondero refused to shake. The timekeeper jingled a sleigh-bell and the men confronted each other.

In the third round a deputy sheriff interfered, but Axtell requested him to let the mill go on for two rounds

anyway. Axtell had the better of the fight from the start, and in the fifth round landed his right squarely on the point of the saloonkeeper's jaw, throwing him up against the buggy, where he caught on the wheel and step. The village marshal here ordered a stop of the mill, and the referee, McCavey a friend of Dondero, declared the fight a draw, although Don was in a heap in his corner unable to say a word.

The referee was hissed by the crowd, who gathered about Axtell and jollied him with expressions of admiration and approval. Dondero was taken out of his corner and through a back door of the barn to

his saloon. Now Axtell has been asked to preach in many other places, with a view to settling in them but his congregation have doubled his salary. The management of a Detroit theatre has offered him a big fee to appear on the stage for a week, making a short talk explaining the trouble. He declined it.

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DRIFTWOOD FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD entire trees 150 feet long are there, uplifted by the roots, cast into the sea by some terrible tempest and sent floating round the world. Often persons on the beach descry big trees floating shoreward, with fantastic roots above the waves, like some sea monster. One beach after another has been formed by the floating timbers, and a little distance back from the shore the deposits are so old that the wood in some places is petrified, while a little deeper in the earth it has turned into coal. The newer logs are without bark and as hard as stone, due, it is thought, to their long immersion in salt water. They have all taken on a whitish appearance. In places the timbers are piled twenty feet high; at other points they rise to a height of only four or five feet. Under this wonderful beach is found large quantities of dark, ruby sand, rich in fine particles of gold, for the separation of which no successful process has yet been discovered.

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What Kitchener's Brilliant Campaign Means to That Country.

The World Rejeiced When He Telegraphed That "The Soudan May Now Be Said to Be Open"-The Black Fanatics Scattered in the Death of the Khalifa, Never to Meet Again.

"The Soudan may now be said to be open." Such was the final sentence in the despatch of Gen. Kitchener announcing the brilliant victory of his army over the fanatical fol-lowers of the Mahdi.

The world rejoiced with England and Egypt over the brilliant victory that killed, captured or scattered the black army, of the Soudan, and yet it is safe to say that the majority of the people of the world, aside from those who have closely followed Soudanese history, but little realized what such a victory meant.

Ever since before the death of brave Gen. Gordon there have come from the Soudan little dribblings of



startled the world for the moment and were then forgotten. During Gen. Kitchener's long campaign that has so gloriously avenged the death of Gordon the telegraph has flashed back from across the desert bits of encouraging news to which the press of the world has given more or less prominence for a day, and then continued the constant scramble for something fresh, and so allowed Kitchener and his little band of English and Egyptian soldiers to be forgotten until they had won another victory worthy of a front page posi-

tion. But to-day their work has been completed. The army of black fana-tics has been scattered, never to meet again, in all probability; leader, including the Khalifa himself, have been slain with but one exception, and that one is a fugitive; England has touched the country with her magic wand and the result is peace after centuries of strife and oppression.

Geographers have never attempted to define the boundaries of what has been termed "The Empire of the Mahdi." It has been shown rather indefinitely as a broad stretch of territory around the sources and junction of the Nile territorymminm junction of the Nile rivers and stretching far out across the sandy wastes of the Great Sahara desert. In fact it is an empire that has known no boundaries. During the reign of the Turk his soldiers collected tribute wherever they met with no resistance. Before the advent of the Turk the Soudan sisted of but hundreds of little scattered commonwealths v ich recognized no higher authorit than the head man of each village, and when the Mahdi came in the garb of his religion, and collected these small commonwealths into a mighty force that crushed the Turkish taskmaster, he, like his predecessor, collected revenue wherever he was unopposed, and knew or recognized no boundaries except the stone wall of armed force. But the territory over which he exercised a questionable jurisdiction stretches north and west across the sands of Sahara, and south and cast to beyond the Nile and into the very centre of the continent.

Now that the army of blacks has been scattered the railroad which Kitchener built as a military necessity will be maintained as the first



A BLACK FOLLOWER OF THE MAHDY.

link in the chain of Anglo-Saxon civilization which will rapidly supersede barbarism. The steel rails which quer the country will now carry into it traders and the wares from the factories of the world with which to maintain it and will carry again the rich stores of ivory, of india rubber, of gold and silver, of cereals for which much of the vast territory is well adapted, of ebony and other valuable woods which abound in the forests, and of gum.

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"The brilliant spectacle of the Leonid meteors has been announced one year too soon," says Dr. B. J. See, one of the most advanced astronomers in the United States service. Dr. See has charge of the 26inch equatorial telescope at the naval observatory at Washington. He intimated that he was able to reach a conclusion concerning the Leonids, based upon careful astronomical calculations that would not harmonize views heretofore held by astronomers. He stated with great positiveness that the meteoric display, which has been a mere sputter this year, would be repeated in November next year, with a brilliancy quite equal, if not superior, to any of the tricentury displays with which the modern world has been startled.

"Astronomical calculations have not erred as to the periodicity of the Leonids." said Dr. Sec. "But the generally accepted conclusion as to the time it takes the Leonids to pass the earth's orbit has been wrong. After the most careful observations, made with the best instruments in the service of the Government, and after the most unerring calculations in a strict conformity to astronomical laws, I am thoroughly convinced that the period of passage is two years instead of one year, as heretofore believed.

The Leonids have been within the earth's orbit for a year now, and will remain with us for another 12 months. The meteoric shower has not been as heavy this time as there was good scientific reason for believing it would be. That is because we have not yet struck the thick part of the trail.

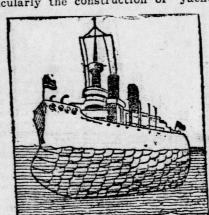
By my calculations this collision will occur in the middle of November, 1900. Then the resultant display of burning meteors will be as brilliant as the one observed Humboldt in Venezuela in 1799.

"The present visitation is counterpart of that in 1863. At that time there were displays in two years. That of 1832 was about as feeble as the present has been and that of the succeeding year being nearly as striking as that recorded by Humboldt."

NEW VESSEL COVERING.

Its Inventor Expects That It Will Revolutionize Ship Bailding.

We go abroad for news. An American paper says: A Canadian inventor from Toronto, who evidently believes that nature's methods are the most perfect to secure any given end, has patented a covering for vessels, which it is expected will revolutionize the maritime industry, and particularly the construction of yachts



FISH SCALE HULL PLATING. and other speedy craft. This consists of a disposition of the material se as to conform, as nearly as possible, to the scales of a fish. Many of the mechanical and engineering problems of the day are found to have been solved long ago by nature, but even so this proposition to follow nature and cover a ship with scales is rather startling, to say the least. The inventor claims that great speed may be obtained by following this construction, which consists essentially in covering the hull with small plates of any suitable material, arranged like shingles, so as to overlap each other. Perhaps the twentieth century cup defender will be built on such lines, but why nature in her perfect work did not make whales with scales is another question.

Confidence and Coolness.

If you desire to become a finished rider, cultivate coolness. The wheelman who loses his head when he gets in a tight place and allows excitement to get the better of him, is almost certain to come to grief eventually, and it is an undoubted fact that a good many of the cycling accidents chronicled could casily be avoided if a little coolness and judgment were exercised. Many riders never feel the slightest uneasiness in the thick of busy street traffic, as they have complete confidence in their ability to manipulate their machines with safety. Confidence and coolness go hand in hand, and the wheetman who is of a nervous and excitable qualities.

Distance to the Pole Star.

As to the distance of the present pole star from the earth, it may be mentioned that its light requires about 44.6 years to reach the earth, notwithstanding the fact that light dashes along with such inconceivable speed that it will cover 185,000 miles per second. The light from Vega, the next pole star, required 18 years to traverse the distance between it and the earth. As a consequence, we do not see the present pole star as it is at the present time, but as it was 44.6 years ago. Indeed, if the pole star were blotted out from existence to-day, it would still continue to shine out as vividly ly as ever for 44.6 years. So it is with all other stars according to their distances.

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"Signs of Progress Among the Negroes" is the title of an authoritative article in the January Century from the pen of Booker T. Washington, president of Tuskegee Institute.

At Tuskegee, Alabama, starting fif-teen years ago in a little shanty with one teacher and thirty students, with no property, there has grown up an industrial and educational where the ideas that I have referred to are put into the heads, hearts, and hands of an army of colored men and women, with the purpose of having them become centers of light and civfilization in every part of the South.
One visiting the Tuskegee Normal and
Industrial Institute today will find 850. students gathered from 24 states, with 88 teachers and officers training these students in literary, religous and in-

dustrial work. Counting the students and the families of the instructors, the visitor will find a black village of about 1,200 people. Instead of the old worn-out plantation that was there fifteen years ago, there is a modern farm of 700 acres cultivated by student labor. are Jersey and Holstein cows and Berkshire pigs, and the butter used is made by the most modern process.

Aside from the dozens of neat, comfortable cottages owned by individual species has its own habits and tastes, teachers and other persons, who have settled in this village for the purpose of educating their children, he will find 36 building of various kinds and sizes, owned and built by the school, property valued at \$300,000. Perhaps the most interesting thing in connection with these buildings is, that, with the exception of three, they have been built by student labor. The friends of the school have furnished money to pay the teachers and furnish ma-

When the student is through with his course of training he goes out feeling that the just as honorable to labor with the hands as with the head, and instead of his having to look for a place, the place usually seeks him, because he has to give that which the South wants. One other thing should not be overlooked in our effort to develop the black man. As bad as slavery was, almost every large plantation in the South during that time was, in a measure, an industrial school. It had its farming department, its blacksmith, wheelwright, brickmaking, carpentry, and sewing departments. Thus at the close of the war our people were in possession of all the common and skilled labor in the South. For nearly twenty years after the war we over-looked the value of the ante-bellum training, and no one was trained to replace these skilled men and women who were soon to pass away; and now, as skilled laborers from foreign countries, with not only educated hands but trained brains, begin to come into the South and take these positions once held by us, we are gradually waking up to the fact that we must compete with the white man in the industrial world if we would hold our own. No one understands his value in the labor world better than the old colored man. Recently, when a convention was held in the South by the white people for the purpose ducing white settlers from the North and West to settle in the South, one of these men said to the president of the convention: "'Fore de L, boss, we's got as many white peo down here now as we niggers can support.'

#### A CHRISTMAS ACCIDENT

Little Willie was having a splendid time. Sitting up in bed, he was licking the yellow paint off a jumping Jack, that Santa Claus, with a careless disregard of the rules of hygiene, had left at the foot of the bed for him. It was just daylight, and at the rate was traveling it was quite possible he would need a Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablet before breakfast. He would if he persevered with his intention of licking all the color off his Noah's Ark after he had finished his

jumping Jack. Willie was not particularly fond of yellow paint; in fact, he was rather impartial as to color. But he did enjoy paint of some kind, if only harmless red stuff on the back of his mother's hand mirror.

There was one thing Willie couldn't stand, however-rattles. Egad, give him no rattles! There was no taste to 'em. He liked a good rich brown temperament should cultivate these paint like they put on wooden horses. or a dark Paris green. It was a lucky thing for Willie that his mother al-ways kept Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets in the house.

This jumping Jack, however, was something new. It was of a good rich yellow, thick and oily. It was beginning to creep across Willie's mind that he couldn't quite grasp the flavor. It was a little beyond him. As a matter of simple fact the jumping Jack was too strong for Willie. He was getting sick before he had finished the job, and in urgent need of a Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablet already.
Willie felt deeply humiliated. Besides that he felt a peculiar and decidedly unpleasant sensation in his lit-

tle stomach. So coming to the conclusion that the jumping Jack was a snare and a fraud, little Willie raised his voice basvled lustily. Of course there was a great to do. His mother said it was his father's fault-the poor precious innocent lamb -and incoherent words to that effect

However, Willie's digestive system was strong, and a couple of Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets had him all right by dinner time. High heels originated in Persia

where they were worn to raise the feet from the burning sands.

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#### A BUTTERFLY FARM

The Only Place of Its Kind in This Country.

In the garden of Jacob Doll, in Brooklyn, there is no ruthless rout of caterpillars, nor are they considered unwelcome guests. On the contrary, their differing and exacting appetites have been carefully considered, and everything is grown with reference to them. "Caterpillars' Paradise" it has been well called. There is no other place of the kind in this country.

Mr. Doll said to me during a recent visit to his home: "I never could understand why people feel disgust for a caterpillar. They are the neatest animals in the world, and they have the daintiest of habits. The cages in which they are confined must be brushed out every day, and scrubbed with soap and water, and fumigated with sulphur at least twice a week. Some require that it shall be done daily. To neglect them is to allow every insect in the cage to die.'

While he was talking he picked from the under side of a leaf a great green worm, from which half the population would turn with a shudder, and laid it on his open palm, regarding it with much the air that a farmer would exhibit for a thoroughbred.

"This fellow, for instance, wants the sassafras," he continued, "and if it is not forthcoming he dies. He is protected from greedy enemies by the scent organs in the back of his head, from which, when startled, he ejects an unpleasant odor, which makes him undesirable as a morsel of food. Each which render its life history different from that of all others. This caterpillar," he said, as he placed it on a leaf, 'conceals himself among the foliage by drawing together the edges of the leaf upon which he rests and feeds. His butterfly is the spice bush swallow-tail, which is black, with large, bluish-green spots on the hind wings."—The

#### LATEST THING IN BICYCLES

Wheels Are Now Built That Overcome All Obstacles.

A large number of people yesterday witnessed on the horse guards parade the application of a series of severe tests to a new patent cycle, so designed that it may with safety be ridden over obstacles of considerable size and

One of the main objects of the inventor was to produce a machine suitable for military purposes, and the military authorities sent a cycle orde ly to participate in the tests, with a view, it is understood, of using the cycles in South Africa if they found to be all that was claimed for them. Among those who were present were Schomberg K. McDonnell, Lord Salisbury's principal private secretary,

and a number of military officers. The machine has an absolutely rigid frame, hung on springs, much in the same manner as a locomotive and its tender, the hubs of the wheels sliding in grooves. It is cleaimed that an average amateur cyclist can ride along a thirty or forty rung ladder, lying on the ground, without dismounting, and that even an elderly rider can negotiate bricks, four of five-inch curbs, deep ruts and obstacles which would ruin an ordinary machine and risk loss of life or limbs.

There was several machines under The weights varied from 32 to test. 38 pounds and there were solid, cushion and pneumatic tires. The objects used were blocks of timber nine inches wide by eight inches thick, placed singly, and a pile of bricks about six inches high and a three-inch take off. Over all these obstacles numerous riders passed in safety, and although it appeared to onlookers that there was a tremendous jar in the case of the larger obstacles, there was no discom-

Mr. McDonald tried a couple of machines and rode at first at a great rate and then more slowly over all the obstacles. He expressed surprise that obstructions of such bulk could be negotiated withou't difficulty or danger and said he regarded the invention as a very remarkable one. A number o the officers also applied practical tests with remarkable results. The machine it is claimed, is equally availabe for military and general purposes. In ape it is very little different from an ordinary high-class bics cycle orderly did his riding tied to his machine.-London

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### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* OUR SHORT STORY

"The Blacklisted Man."

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plaster and ne leg in a sustaining jacket, he lay propped up on a cot of the company's hospital, waiting impatiently for his hurts to heal.

Burling was a Yale man. He had the college football team, and, what was perhaps of smaller account in the memories of his fellows, had won a sprig or two of laurel in the great school's debates. His success in orascory had not lessened his love of action, Mr. Anderson?" he queried.

"No. I have never yet asked any man for a thing of that sort," said Anderson. He looked into Burling's face with steady, level gaze. ed purpose of following the law as a life work. So, then Purvis Hume, superintendent of the Coast Range Division, and long-time friend of Bur-ling's father, sent for him to come out and employ his experience as a "rush' in hunting up lost freight, and his eloquence in composing irritated makers of claims against the A. and

L. S., he accepted with promptness. That his energies had not missed the mark seemed obvious from the favor with which our higher officials viewed him. We operators in the dispatcher's office, in sheer helplessness, acknowledged him first in the line of promotion; yet we all liked him and stating that Mr. Anderson's name was wished him success, save, I think, that not listed. I secretely wished that he might not win Sally Hume, the superintendent's daughter. That, however, looked quite as probable as the rest-at least, until Jack Anderson came and began being the Sixty-eight, and mingling reluctently in the narrow social life of our little mountain town,

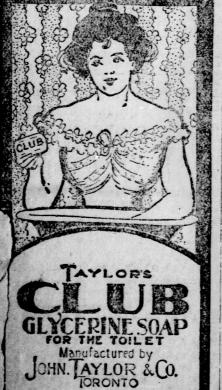
That a fireman should be of any moment in the matter of Miss Sally's choice of men seemed rather out of reason, yet with the first glance I celt that Burling had a rival in the Norseman. Anderson, though American born, was clearly of old Berserker stock; a quiet, blue-eved young giant, with a certain completeness and nobility of body and face that I find no word for. He was kind, but sad and indifferent, not at all like a fighting Berserker-but we did not know the

I chanced to be very near when Miss Hume first saw him. She was humming a tune and had a bunch of roses in her hand, though the pink blossoms were more common than grass in that balmy coast country, and, with a smile, she threw me one of the flowers. Clumsily, I let it fall to the floor. At the same instant Anderson sprang down from the engine with a long-necked oil-can in his hand, and as I stooped to pick up the rose his big foot inadvertently crushed it flat. When he saw the girl—herself like a rose—his face flushed, and he prompty proffered us both an apology strode around to the opposite side of the engine. I saw the girl's lips open addly, and the pupils of her eyes expand and change as she looked at him. Then, as he disappeared, she laughingly selected another rose and pinned it to my coat, commenting pertinently on the awkwardness of big men, and then went her way, but—without the tune.

Now, three months afterward, as I eat by Burling's cot such phases of the affair as were within my knowledge ran by me waveringly like pictures seen in water. I remembered how Anderson had plainly tried with all his might to keep from showing Miss Hume attention, and how, at times, he had palpably failed. Clearly he did not think it fitting that one holding his position should aspire to the favor of a girl so much above him in social rank, and as clearly his attitude disquieted her. Perhaps on that account she had been the more favorable to Burling, and, at times, had seemed open even to my timid attentions.

Burling had been with the company two years, and was, I think, twentysix; yet, as I glanced at his strong face, I now saw many gray hairs about his temples. He was not himself aware that these were there, for he had not faced a mirror for two weeks -not since the Sixty'-eight went down with the seventh Los Streamos bridge and put silver among his hair in an hour as terrible as perhaps any man ever lived through.

Some weeks previous to Anderson's advent to the division station, Burling had been called in by Hume and made time-keeper. One of our men in the dispatcher's office wanted the position, but Hume explained that he desired Burling to handle the department for a time, simply that he might get insight into it; that later he would probably have something better for Mr. Burling. It looked dishearteningly as ultimate "something better" might be the position of son-in-law to



Burling told me his part of the Then Anderson came. I happened story, as, with both arms in casts of to be in Burling's department when the young Norseman entered, bearing a note from the master mechanic, the implication of which was that should it transpire that the bearer's record was clear the motive department could probably use the applicant. Burling looked the kingly young fellow over and I saw instant admiration reflected

face with steady, level gaze.
"What road did you last work for?" "The T. T. and G."
"Oh! They have recently had strike down there, I believe?"

"And the road whipped the men into line?

"Not all of them." "Yourself, for instance?" "Yes."

Burling opened a drawer in his desk and drew a thin, black book from it. The book was filled with columns or names. His eye dropped down the columns; he mused a moment, then wrote a note to the master mechanic

That night Anderson went out on the Sixty-eight as fireman. Four weeks later Burling received from the T. T. and G. a new sheet to be pasted in the fatal black book. Anderson's name was among the others. Burling sat looking at it a long time. The evening before he had noted something that had set a queer ferment in his blood, an irritant with which he was unfamiliar. Burling had remarked the eyes of the superintendent's daughter turing often in the young Norseman's direction, and once when talking to Burling she had said: "That's the man who crushed my rose. I don't like him very well, do you?" She had shrugged her beautiful shoulders and turned her back, but Burling noticed that her eyes soon furitively sought Anderson's face again.

And Anderson was a blacklisted man? How easy to get him dismissed and out of the way; besides, it was Burling's duty to the road. "If it were not for her I could do it," he thought. "If the case were reversed if he were reversed, if he were in my place, I don't believe he would do it.' He sat struggling. At last he threw the black book in its place and banged the drawer shut. "I can't; I banged the drawer shut. "I can't; I won't!" he exclaimed, and got up and

But he did. No man really knows himself. Given pressure enough, the straightest beam will bend and finally snap. Burling thought a very great deal of Miss Hume; she iay in the line of his promotion, the fairest acquisition among all the profits that he hoped for. From the chestnut ripples above her white brow to the tips of her dainty shoe she vas sweet. Who could be blamed for fighting for her?

She was immeasurably worth while. It took nearly two months of time and events to bring Burling to the breaking point; then he told Hume.

"You say Anderson is on the blacklist?" the superintendent demanded.
"Yes," said Burling reluctantly. "For what cause?"

"Leading the strike on the T. T. and Hume's big eyes gleamed angrily. "How does it come that he has worked

here so long?" Did you know this?" "Yes, sir." "Why didn't you report it?"

"I-I-Poole said he was first-class.

I've been told that he was one of the crack engineers on the T. T. It seem-Hume looked at him steadily for several seconds. "Well, you've been a mighty long time making up your mind," he blurted. "When he comes in for his run send him to me."

Burling went out feeling unhappy and mean. "I've done my duty, anyway," he reflected gloomily. When he went to see Sally Hume that evening he felt small and villainous, yet he proposed to her, while Anderson was still in the field. He couldn't be

entirely a coward.

The girl heard him blushingly and with visible emotion. She looked at the flood for a moment, then lifted her eyes. "I'll give you my answer Sunday evening when—when you call," she said. "Will that do?"

Burling assented and went away, restless, prickling with expectancy, a man who had tossed for life's greatest stake and was waiting the fall and Anderson came into the superintendent's office in the morning and stood looking the official in the face. Even Hume, than even no man seemed usually more decisive, fidgeted a little before commencing.

"Mr. Anderson, your name is on the blacklist, I believe?" ite began.
"I am not surprised," said the fireman quietly.
"You expected it?"

"I thought it probable."

"It must have been justified, then?" 'I couldn't be honest and admit

"What have you to offer in explanation? Had you a personal grievance?" "No. The firemen of the road were unjustly treated; 'twas they who

You were an engineer?"

"Yes.
"And you led the engineers to quit
in support of the firemen?"
"I did what I could."

Hume ruminated, turning his watch-fob between his fingers and looking at it. When he looked up Anderson's eyes were fixed on his face.

"Well, Mr. Anderson you will have to quit. Saturday night you will be given your time." said Hume. "Good-

even, quiet voice. He turned to go, then hesitated. "Mr. Hume, to whom am I indebted for having been permitted to work here through these three months? May I know?" asked the young man.

"You may be grateful to Burling, if you wish."

was on a Friday. The following morning the Sixty-eight was ordered out and up the Los Streamos branch, preceding a special bearing the superin-tendent, a hundred or more prominent daughters. The excursion was planned by Hume, and the plan was to meet the citizens of West Plumas, the ter-minal of the branch, in a neighborly banquet arranged in honor of the for-mal opening of the division. The building of the line of sixty miles of canon had been an engineering feat.

At nine o'clock I gave the Sixtyeight an order to run wild to West Plumas thirty minutes ahead of the By Hume's instruction, the engine was to precede the excursion train as a sort of track-walker, taking three cars of coal to the terminal for engine use. Anderson fired the Sixty-eight. It was to be his last trip. The station platform was gay with excursionists when the Sixty-eight pulled

Thirty minutes later the excursion rolled out with flags and bunting fluttering, voices cheering, a band playing, and a clamor of laughter and happy cries. Then the two trains were rushing toward the tragedy at the seventh Los Streamos bridge.

Now, after two weeks had gone, Burling lay looking at me from one of the company's cots, a cast of retrospection in his even.

spection in his eyes. At the other end of the long room, nearly a hundred feet away, I could see the still outline of Anderson's form under a white counterpane. His cot was near a window, and he was apparently watching the summer clouds drift along the lifted mountain tops, shredding their lace skirts on the green spires of pine.

I saw the light dying in the waves of his hair as in little yellow cups.

A kind of dim smile crept around Burling's mouth. "It's been over two weeks now since I asked her, and she hasn't given me her answer yet," he said. "I think I know what it will be. I went down on the engine, you know, that I should not seem to press my suit by dangling after her. I wonder if she'll come up here one of these days? I wish now that I had quit my position and let someone else report Ander-son's case. It would have looked more honorable.

I assented. I couldn't help it. "What is your idea of the cause of the wreck, Burling?" I asked, changing the sub-

"I've been thinking about it," he replied, "and I've made up my mind that it was caused by one of those little earthquake waves that occasionally flow down the coast. I felt it, I think, in a peculiar surge that the engine gave just before we reached number seven bridge. I fancy that the heave of the canon walls crushed the bridge forward and cut off some of the bolts at the west end."

"That seems possible. If Poole were alive he could probably throw some light on the matter. Poor Poole! Hume has asked me to prepare a careful report on the disaster; it is to go to the president. I should like your account of it, Burling, especially your personal experience. You haven't told me that, you know."

"I've been trying to forget it, but I never shall until my eyes close for the last time. And if there is a life after this I fancy I shall remember it then." He rolled his head back and forth on the pillow in a pathetic way.

"We went up the canon at a good pace," he resumed presently. "You know the day was lovely. I sat up on the right-hand side by Poole, watching the walls of rock rush by, noting how sturdily the pines set their revices, how dark and glistening were the pools down at the canon's bottom, and how like striking a mighty drum was the hol-low roar of the bridges when the engine leaped upon them. I was thinking of Miss Sally and—and of Anderson. Say, Al, what a center-rush he would have been! He'd have gone through all, wouldn't he?"

"Judging from what he did up at the bridge, I fancy he would," I said, smiling.
"Sure." He lay gazing mistily at

the white counterpane for a moment. "Well, whatever happens, he's all right. I'll stand by him. He can have my heart itself if he needs it. I don't remember that I looked at him that day as we were going up the canon. I couldn't; you know what I'd done! He said nothing to me. I suppose he was busy keeping her hot. Well, we'd gone about forty miles, thundering along and waking echoes that filled the gorge, when the Sixty-eight gave a peculiar heave over a billow. We must have been within about one hun-

dred feet of bridge number seven. "Poole's face flashed an odd hue, and he instantly threw her over and plugged her. The next instant the en-gine roared on the bridge, there was a terrible crash, and we were rushing downward through the air. The sudden lurch threw me on my back in the forward part of the tender, and as we rushed through the air my face was turned upward, and I saw two of the cars of coal shoot out into space above us. I distinctly remember seeing the wheels of those cars still run-

ning as they descended. "The next instant we struck. The thing was indescribable. There was a thundering boom and crash as the firebox and boiler drove into the water and mud. Poole was in his seat, and fancy was clinging to the trottle lever. Involuntarily an engineer holds to that, you know. He was thrown through the cab window and under the engine as she turned over. The canted the other way, and struck on its left-hand edge, ripping forward into the engine. I bounced like a ball when we struck, and just as helplessly. Somehow, I doubled up against the bottom of one of the coal cars as they swept over us, and then I fell like a rag into the water beside the tender. A lot of stuff poured down upon me-coal, and iron things. I felt both my arms snap and one of my legs break, and then I lay pinioned and

"Anderson struck face downward six or eight feet back of me. He had leaped over the side of the tender as we were faling. Both his legs were brok-en just below the knees. He came down across an iron stringer of the bridge. Do you know, Al, the first thing that fellow did was to crawl over and try to get me loose! He couldn't do it. He dug at the coal about me like a mole, but it was no use; the iron rods had me nipped hard and solid. And what do you think he said? 'My heavens, what will she say if I let him die?' That was it. Queer and pitiful, wasn't it? I'll never forget the look in his face as it hung above me with blood dripping from the point of his chin. I tell you, he can have anything I've got!

"Well, we lay in one of these still pools. It was about fifty feet long and the water was maybe a foot deep. The first car of coal had leaped square on top of the engine, tearing the top of it to pieces as a tiger might the back of a rabbit. The second car rammed into the boiler head and fell upon the "Good-morning," said Anderson, in even, quiet voice. He turned to go, then hesitated. "Mr. Hume, to whom am I indebted for having been permitted to work here through these three months? May I know?" asked the young man.

"You may be grateful to Burling, if you wish."

Anderson bowed and went out. That into the boiler head and fell upon the tender, spilling a lot of its coal down upon me. Poor Poole, as you know, was killed instantly. But the third car of coal. Old man, I never expect to look upon anything more terrible than that. It hung over the broken end of the bridge, seventy feet above us, ready to fall, apparently at the lightest touch! Every bolt in the bottom of that car seemed riveted to my

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brain. I believe I hall see it as long

"I was in no particular pain, only sort of sleephy numb, but my brain was frightfully awake. I was conscious that I was sinking slowly, and presently the water was close about my lips and nostrils. If I sank another half inch I should drown! But I seemed to have reached bottom. I I seemed to have reached bottom. I lay there with my breath rippling the fluid about my nostrils, watching the car hanging above me in the air, and horrified with the thought that if anything should make the water a little it. thing should raise the water a little it would flow into my lungs and strangle "All above me was a chaos of stone,

seams, shelves and blocks, shattered by the blasting, and towering toward the track from which we had plunged.
"When I looked again at Anderson he was lying with his face among the stones, perfectly still. He was horribly hurt. He remained still but a few minutes though when he began dragminutes, though, when he began drag-ging himself forward and upward by his hands. He went half way up the side of the canon without stopping, then, I think he fainted, for his face dropped among some stones again and he lay motionless. After a few minutes he began to move, pushing his face along through the rocks, as if the impulse to gat to the tracks, impulse to get to the top actuated his body while he was still unconscious. Then he lifted his head and began to struggle upward. I have never seen nor even conceived of human effort that in the least approached it. In spite of my terrible situation it fas-cinated me. You see, he was going to keep the special from leaping down upon me and to save her! And I got him discharged!

"He stopped many times as he crawled back and forth and upward. It would have been a hard climb for a man without broken legs. Something had torn his shirt down the back, and I could see his white muscles working, and a red rill between his shoulderblades. He only looked toward me once. He only looked toward me once. He face was like paper, and his lips moved, but I couldn't hear what he said. I blew the water from about my mouth and shouted, "God bless you, Anderson!" but I don't know if he heard me or not. I thought he would die before he reached the top. He went slower and slower, now stopping, and again crawling forward, his breast heaving and his arms and shoulders quivering like a man's when he draws himself up to put his chin over a bar for the hundredth time. When he got to the top I thought he would never get over the edge. He would never get over the edge. He tried it a number of times, poor fellow, only to sink back. It was a hard When finally he drew himself over the edge he sank forward on his face and lay sort of hanging. He had fainted again. I wondered if he would ever come to. I forgot about the car in the air above me in my anxiety lest he should not be the should not be should not b he should never stir again. After what seemed a long time he slowly dragged himself out of sight, and I lay alone in the canon, pinioned in the mud, with the water trying to creep in at my lips.

"I think Anderson was twenty or twenty-five minutes getting to the top of the canon wall. You'd ordered the special to run thirty minutes behind us, but I hoped it would be forty. As soon as Anderson was out of sight I began to expect with every moment to see the engine and coaches of the excursion shoot out into space above me and come down with that car of coal upon me. Maybe I didn't try to get loose! But it was no use. My arm sockets burned like fire, and one of my legs seemed ready to burst. I kept my eyes on that car hanging away up there above me. It seemed to waver and stir, but I guess the trouble was in my head. I got to be a coward then. I confess that I didn't think about her safety or the lives of the others on the train. It was being ground up there in the mud by the falling train that appalled me. He offered his life willingly for love of her. I guess I couldn't have done it. Anyway, I know I broke down and amed when the coal car got to making faces at me, and shouted for Poole-poor Poole, under the enginewhen the ripples about my mouth and nostrils got to seem billows running

mountains high. "Well, the train didn't come. I suppose Hume has told you the condition was in when they found me and pried the stuff off me?" I nodded my head. He lay a moment in silence. "No; the train didn't reach the bridge. You know why?" Yes, I knew. Adams, the engineer of the special, and others had told me. Anderson had dragged himself nearly

three hundred feet down the track, and having no signal of any sort, fixed himself between the tails, to be run over if necessary in order to save the They found him sitting in the middle of the track, grasping the rails on either side, lurching forward, in-sensible. Adams saw him as they came around the bend, and reversed. The pilot of the train almost touched Anderson when they came to a standsill. It would not be easy to tell just what happened when Hume saw the blacklisted man sitting there, apparently dead, clutching the rails. One thing he did—he went by him on up to the bridge and looked down, then looked back at Anderson and burst in-

As for Miss Sally, she had come up to the hospital with me, and all the time that Burling had been talking I knew she was down in the reception-room. I was jotting down some notes when I saw her come, almost in silence, into the great room. She looked timidly about, and seeing Burling and me, gave us a smile. She hesitated a moment, then seeing Anderson's face turn toward her from his distant cot, she went lightly and quickly toward him. I don't know what occurred. I turned in my chair and tried to write. After a little I heard ker soft footfall by Burling's cot and looked up. She was very sweet. I cannot describe how gently she did it, but it was not "Yes." When she went away she left a bunch of roses lying against his cheek. There were gray lines of pain about his mouth, and he turned his face and kissed the flowers. "She will be happy with him," he said. "All the while she really cared

for no one else, I have known it. It's right. Neither she nor I would be living now but for him. I hope I am brave enough to give her to him like a man. God bless them both! "Amen!" I said, and rose, a choking ache in my throat.

As the reader may believe, Ander-son's name came off the list, and he went up the ladder of promotion. He was weighed in more than one balance and not found wanting. Doubtless his blood was of a stream more ancient and heroic than that which ran in the viens of any of us. Burling did not lag behind. At thirty-five he is a division superintendent, and not so very long ago was married. He has a little son, and with true grit and loyalty has named him Anderson.—Saturday

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How the Kaffirs Are Watched.

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### DANGEROUS PROCEEDING

Nerve Needed by the Steeple-Climber.

How the Professionals Overcome Fear of Falling.

Some 250 feet above the sidewalks of Washington street, on a little rope hung staging at the top of a steel pole, sits P. F. O'Neil, of Charlestown. ing alone. He said there were too O'Neil is a painter at work on the staff which holds the gigantic weather- said commerce was the thing for a vane on top of the Ames building. He was working in the building with other painters, when Supt. Mackay said that the weather-vane starf on the roof would have to be painted and "I can do it for you," said any troub O'Neil. When he began to examine the holes in its steel support. The bullets asked me why I didn't take up medihad gone through one side of the support and flattened against the other. They were evidently hrea from the harbor by some marksman who wished a

small taget at long range. 'And a very dangerous proceeding, said O'Neil, when he was on the roof again, "for a bullet has almost velocity when falling from a height as when shot from a gun. remember once a girl, standing in voice. yard, was severely wounded by a mysterious bullet. No one ever discovered where it came from, but four months later I was working on a church steeple not 200 yards from her house, and around the openings where the pigeons go in and out I found the wood riddled with bullet

O'Neil has been climbing steeples, chimneys and other high places for more than 25 years. He began life as a sailor, going out from Newfoundland on a ship when a boy, drifting to this country in time to enlist for the civil war, and at last taking up with his present occupation, in which he com-bines the trade of mason—for he has built the tops of many high chimneysof painter, of carpenter, of mechanic

and worker in metal. The most natural question to ask O'Neil was about fear; did he ever Some of Their Amusing Antics on the feel fear in high places? "Of course, Battle Field. he answered. I feel fear at times," Fear is common to all mankind. Not to feel fear is not courage; to overcome fear is the true quality of cour-Not long ago Prof. Taussig, of Harvard, who is interested in the matter from a psychological standpoint, wrote to me a similar question. What

I told him I will tell you. "I divide the nerve force of a man into two parts-the impelling force and the restraining force—the same impelling force that causes a body of recruits at first to run under fire, and the restraining force that causes them to overcome for various reasons the first natural fear. So in climbing, one unused to it is by the natural impelling force of his nervous system afraid -afraid that his legs, his arms, his support will give way and plunge him Shakespeare, who touched on all human emotions, touched on this feeling of fear in high places, when in King Lear he pictured Edward at

the Cliffs of Dover. The one way to get over the natural fear is by some restraining force from either within or without. I remember once when a new boy at sea ordered aloft by the mate he trembled with fear and begged to be let cut of it. 'Upon my soul, sir, I cannot go up there.' This was his first But when the mate impelling force. touched him with a rope's end he was at the top of the mast so quick that the mate could not follow him. The pain on his outer nerves brought him to his senses and made him exert his restraining force. So if you happen to be with anyone who shows fear in a high place, a few smart slaps on the face will bring him to for un-The right medicine conquerable fear in a high place is immediate pain on the outside nerves.

"Fear can be overcome like any atural passion. I remember that hen I began to climb I felt sensations of numbness in the back of my head, and at such times I used to stop devote myself to restoring cour-The way to do this is to remember that support is at hand and that it depends only upon yourself to make use of it. Climbing is, in fact, really a less dangerous occupation than driving a restive horse or an electric car; for the safety of the climber depends elmost entirely on himself, while the other case many chances of accident are beyond his control."-Boston

Transcript.

GETTING STARTED. A strong inclination toward a trace profession is often one of the surest signs that a young person will succed in it, and if the inclination is strong enough, and shows signs of permanence, perhaps the young person cannot do better than to follow it, no matter what some of his advisers may say to the contrary.

A young man with mild manners stepped into the office of his somewhat crusty uncle, who was engaged in the practice of law.

"Well," said the old gentleman, "active of law.

that you are out of college, what are you going to do for a living?"

"I think I'll study some more, and adopt the profession of law." "That's right," was the sarcastic re-"Go ahead and have your joinder. "Go ahead and have your own way. Don't take any advice. I thought we had a talk about that the other day. I told you the profession was overcrowded. But you won't believe me, of course. You've got to go ahead and put in a few years unding out for yourself."

I am willing to take advice," replied the nephew, mildly. "The fact is I'm trying to take all the advice I can get. When you told me to give up the idea of practicing law, I went to a friend, who is a civil engineer. He said my general education ought to give me a good foundation for any profession, but he advised me to let civil engineermany people in the business now. He man, and he gave me the ad-of a friend of his who keeps a young dress

drug store druggist said that I could go a college of pharmacy without through but he wouldn't advise me to do it, as there were as many people vane he found three or four bullet in the business as it would stand. He cine. went to see our family physician. He told me it was an exacting life, in which the percentage of eminent success was small. In fact, he said that there were more physicians now than there was practice for. He had heard me sing, and asked me if I had never thought of a career in music. I went to see a musician, and he tried my

"What did he say?" 'He wasn't as gen the others. He said there were hundreds of people with better voices than mine, looking for work. He thought I might make a good bricklayer, or something of that kind. So I hunted up a bricklayer, and talked it over with him. He said the brick-laying business was overcrowded, and that should think a man with my training would be a lawyer. So I came back here, and I'm willing to start in and go to work studying with you. or go through the list again, getting more advice, whichever you think

#### **MULES AS CLOWNS**

That mules may often turn the tide of battle has received new demonstration in South Africa. Mules were the clowns of the American civil war, and many stories are told of them. Brigadier General John D. Imboden, Confederate States army, was ordered by Stonewall Jackson to place 12-pound frowitzers on the backs of pack mules and drive them down into a defile on the Luray road, near Port Republic. in the rear of Prague's battery. boden, somewhat skeptical concerning the mule's reliability as a gun carriage, rendered implicite obedience to his chief's orders and the weapons were taken safely to the point designated, when to the consternation of the command, the Federals began to shell the ravine. The mules could not run on account of their heavy loads, and so securely were these bound upon them that it was impossible to shake them off. Terror stricken, some of them lay down and wallowed, while the others kicked and pranced about,

aiming at all points of the compass in quick succession. It was a grand old circus according to Imboden. Some of the men sat down on the heads of the prostrate Others threw themselves animals. with might and main on the bridles of the main performers, while the re mainder of the detail vainly essayed to dodge the flying heels. In the midst of the excitement Stonewall Jackson himself passed along the bank of the ravine above, grave and preoccupied. It was one of the most critical situations of the war for the Confederates, when their great commander chanced to look down and see what was going on in the defile he halted

and laughed long and loud. The most famous mule episode in history is probably the celebrated of the mules after the battle charge of Missionary Ridge. An attack had been made on Geary by Longstreet's corps, and for three hours Geary's valiant band had been standing off forces vastly superior in number. Hooker ordered Gen. Howard up from Brown's ferry to Geary's relief. The latter had three miles of rough country to cover and was obliged to stop on the way and capture a hill from which rebel shot was raining down. Leaving a detachment to hold this position and taking a company of Confederate prisoners with him, he pressed on in a night so dark that only by the light of muskets could forms be distinguish-

In the darkness Hooker's teamsters became frightened and descried their charges. The mules, finding them-selves no longer under the lash of a master, started on a wild run, and, soon breaking loose from the wagons, stampeded directly toward the enemy. In the darkness the southern boys took the onslaught for a cavalry charge and in turn stampeded, leaving the mules victors in possession of the field.

#### Boys and Girls.

A Miracle.

One eve the west was golden red, And just before I went to bed I planned to rise with early light And travel all the day till night; And where the sun had set I'd find What pretty wonders lay behind.

But when I woke, and looked to see How far by day the west might be, I found I'd reached it, for, alack! The sun was now behind my back—Yet sky and trees and grass, some

way,
Were quite the same as every day!
—E. L. Sabin.

What Happened to Jimsey. By Clara O. Lyon.

There was no place where Robbie liked better to visit than at Aunt Mary's house. In the first place, there was dear Aunt Mary herself, who was fond of all boys, and particularly fond of Robbie. In the next place, there was the cooky-jar, which had a wonderful way of never being empty no matter how often he visited it; and, last of all, there was the Rinkum was a parrot that always made Robbie laugh by exclaiming, in odd imitation of Aunt Mary,

"Mercy, how you've grown!"

He liked Rinkum, but he liked the mocking-bird, Jimsey, too, though Jimsey couldn't talk; but he would hold his head on one side and peer at Robbie with his bright eyes to make sure it was he, and then hop gayly about his cage as if glad that the boy had come again.

Now, one day something happened. Aunt Mary washed the dishes, swept the kitchen, set her bread by the stove to rise, and, telling Jimsey and Rinkum, who had been let out of their cages, to behave themselves, went upstairs, never dreaming that two such well-behaved birds would get into trouble while she was gone. But pretty soon she heard Rinkum's loud screeches, which told her something was the matter. "Fire! fire! throw on water!" cried

Polly as she entered.

"Where are you Rinkum, where's Jimsey?" "Mercy, how you've grown! Fire! Fire!' screamed Rinkum from a dark corner of the room under the table, where she had retreated as if in fear. But Jimsey was not with her, and Aunt Mary grew alarmed, as she saw, what had escaped her notice when she went upstairs, that the side win-dow was open several inches. "Some cat has got him, or else he has flown She started toward the winaway." to look out, but as she went she noticed a strange heaving of the napkin over her bread. She whisked it off, and there was poor Jimsey up to his neck in the soft sponge, struggling to free himself, but sink-ing deeper and deeper. Rinkum had watched him fly down to the edge of the pan, pick up a corner of the napkin in his bill, peck at the dough daintily to see if it were good, and then hop down into the sticky stuff, which held him fast. She did all she could by giving the alarm, and Aunt Mary soon had the bird out of his queer bath; but Jimsey's feathers had to be cut, and he was never quite so lively again, so that Robbie, when he "Aunt Mary, It seems to me that Jimsey's getting old; he acts like an

And I'm getting old, too. Do you know I'll be six years old to-"Mercy, how you've grown!" said the parrot.—The Outlook.

The Society Mother My mother is the prettiest thing-She still looks but a girl, folks say.

I wish she was a girl, for then Together we could play! I'm six years old-or will be soon-And I am all the child she's got: And sometimes when ft's lonery, why,

I wish there was a lot! For mother has to work so hard, A-dancing nights, or pouring tea Each afternoon, she has no time

To play and romp with me I wish some nights she'd stay at home, And when it's time to go to bed, She'd hear my prayers instead of

nurse. Then when it's dark I'd have no dread.

Her pretty hand with all its rings. And I can go right off to sleep If mother only sings! But mother has no time, she says,

If she'd jes let me hold her hand-

To humor little girls, 'cos she Gets tired out with balls and things That keep her up till three. I hark each night for mother's step

And then I call out, loud and clear, "Hope you'll have a lovely time," "Good-night, mother dear!" But when she's gone, and down below

I hear the carriage door slam to, I feel so lonely I could cry, And sometimes p'r'haps I do. -Harper's Bazar.

Sharing Their Christmas Gifts Two eager little girls sat on Ruth's one morning before drinking in every word of the story one was telling them about some people who lived near her, "who were very poor and had several little children, one a tiny little baby, and who were not going to have any Christmas presents, nor any Christmas dinner, nor even anything in their stockings, because it had been such a hard winter, and work was so scarce, that Mr. Roth, the father, couldn't find anything to do, and he had tried so hard

to get work, too."
"You see," continued Ruth, "my sister is a doctor, and she goes there often, because the little baby sick, and she really knows they are poor, and she knows how badly they about it, too, because she said Mr. Roth told her he had always had money enough to take care of his family and buy them Christmas presents until this year, but sister says times are very hard, and she feels so sorry for them. She thought," Ruth went on, "that maybe the girls here would each bring an apple and a potato to school, for that would make quite a big basket for Mrs. Roth, you and might save some money know. for Christmas," and she stopped, out

of breath.

"Oh, no," cried Milly and Ruth at nce, "don't ask the girls to do that, we'll fix it." And they did.
The day before Christmas I wish you could have seen them, they wanted to buy the store out. Of course their mother helped them to choose the things, and first they bought a splendid big turkey and cranberries for cranberry sauce, and sugar, and tea, and coffee, rice and flour, potatoes, apples, nuts and oranges; then some lovely candy, toys for the stockings, and they put in some of their own books, too, and several pairs of nice warm mittens.

But that wasn't all, their mother

tic and taking out of the chest some of the many little garments she had stowed away as souvenirs of the babyhood of her own children; and several dainty little dresses, a pink and white sack, and a little pair of socks were put on top of the basket. Then the address was given to the butcher boy, with full instructions to leave the basket at Mrs. Roth's, no

matter what she said.

It was Christmas eve, and Mr. Roth had just come in. He tried to smile as he greeted his wife's expectant look, but then he caught sight of the little empty stockings over the fire-place, and sat down and buried his head in his hands instead. She knew what it meant, and for a moment it seemed as if it were of no use to try to be brave, and she broke down and

Then suddenly there came a rap at the street door. Who could it be? Mrs. Roth rose and opened it, and there on the step stood a merry, rosycheeked boy, with a great big basket, who said: "Good evening m'am, I believe this is for you, and with an effort he lifted it into the room, and stood smiling up at her.

"Why, no," she exclaimed, "you have made a mistake. I never ordered those things; there must be something

"No, m'am," he said, smiling more broadly than ever; "it's all right, they are for you, m'am. A merry Christmas to you, and good night," and he With trembling hands she took off

the cover, and realized in a minute what it all meant.
"Oh, husband," she said, "he was he Christmas angel."
And as she lifted out a dainty, llt-

tle white, baby's dress, she looked toward the room where the children were sleeping, and there were tears in her eyes again, but this time they were tears of joy.

#### **WOMAN LEGISLATOR**

Mother of Five Children, She Serves in the Legislature of Colorao.

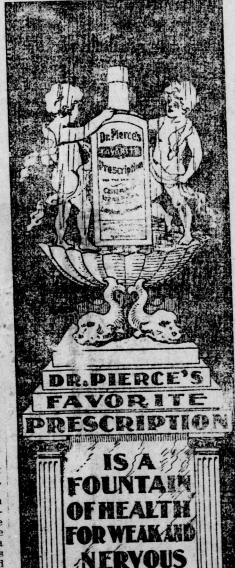
There are three women in the house representatives of Colorado. Mary H. Kinkaid, in Ainslee's for January, gives this account of the Hon. Frances S. Lee, member from Arapahoe:
"Mrs. Frances S. Lee, who is the youngest of the three women representatives, was born in Chicago less than thirty years ago. When 11 years old she went to Colorado with her parents, who settled in Denver. She was graduated from the West Denver school and taught for a short time before her marriage to Frank W. Lee, a leader in the Colorado State Federation of Labor. Mrs. Lee is the mother of five children. The youngest was 3 years old when the campaign of 1898 began. Although her home duties had kept her busy for a number of years, she had been a conscientious student. Through her husband's affiliations she had acquired a wide knowledge of labor conditions. She joined the Colorado Woman's Democratic Club, be cause she felt it to be her duty to do her part as a citizen. She soon gained the friendship of the members, who put her forward as their candidate for the legislature. Mrs. Lee was slow to accept the honor, for she had been too much occupied to cultivate the art of public speaking, and she hesitated to assume duties so at variance with her quiet habits. The club had chosen its hear of her refusal to run for office.

When Mrs. Lee pleaded that she could children, there were members who offered to stay with the each mea, and before retiring baby if necessary. Mrs. Lee was reminded that where there is a will there —IT'S NERVES. is always a way. Her name was presented to the Democratic convention, and she was nominated without opposi-"The campaign showed that the woman who could manage a house suc-

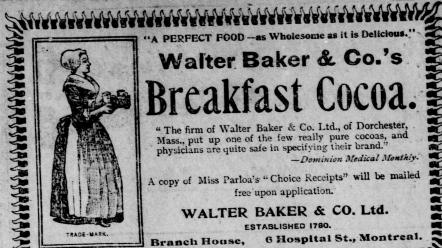
cessfully, and who could care for a family of children, had the qualities of a leader. When the time came for her to take up her public duties it was evidence that the retiring home woman could be trusted to do her part in the

"Mrs. Lee introduced five bills touching educational and latter questions. None was passed, although each was the subject of earnest debate. With other women legislators Mrs. Lee did much toward the pushing of the reform measures that became laws. A WOMAN IN THE SPEAKER'S

CHAIR. "Mrs. Lee is of medium height and slender form. Her features are delicate and her face shows that she is of a high-strung, sensitive nature. By her womanliness and her gentleness, she won the chivalrous regard of the men who were her colleagues. She was the first woman ever called to the chair of the house during a session of the committee of the whole. The other women members had often presided during the regular discussions, but when Mrs. Le was asked to take the gavel during the consideration of an important question



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there was a momentary sensation. The honorable member from Arapahoe blushed and showed some hesitation. Then she ascended the steps leading to the speaker's stand, and took the big chair as if it were her habit.

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