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CHATHAM, ONT. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1899

# Sale of Ladies Ready-to-wear Skirts Brocaded Silks

On Friday morning we will place on sale 36 ladies' skirts, made of plain and figured lustres, black and navy serges and brocaded black goods, all well made, well lined and of good quality materials, worth \$2,00, \$2 50, \$3 00, on sale Friday morning for

\$1.25

#### On Sale

Friday Children's

Black

15 pieces Silk Plush, worth regular 50c. 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50 a yard, suitable for house waists, tancy work, etc, placed on sale Friday for

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# Ladies'

Our 1/2 Price Sale of Jackets is courting excitement, since being advertised about 50 Jackets have been sold. We will continue the sale until the stock is entirely sold out. You now can have your choice of 110 of the most stylish and up-to-date Jackets in the city, in black, fawn and blue, for

1-2 price

## New Tweeds And Homespuns

A new lot just to hand, of plain colors and invisible checks, in grays, fawns and browns, 56 inches wide, at 85c,

\$1.50 a yard



Which suffered so severely in the late Modder River reverse.

## British Troops at Chievely had Boer Beef for Christmas.

Lordon, Thursday, Dec. 28,4.40 a.m.

Winston Churchill's new arrival at Chieveley Camp is perhaps responsible for some over coloring of the gravity of the situation, but all the news conveys the impression that Gen. Buller may be intending another attack upon the Boer position. Certainly the Boers are not inactive. At both Modder River and the Tugela they are said to be advance. Doubtless he would be glad to retrieve the Colenso reverse before the arrival of Roberts; yet he is hardly likely to attempt another frontal attack. More likely that he is preparing to strike should the Boers make any offensive movement. In naval and military circles in London the campaign is regarded as a complete dead-lock, as owing to the dispersal of the Brttish forces and lack of transport, they believe it will be and the Tugela they are said to be strengthening their forces and extening defence works, which in both cases are

seemingly almost impregnable.

A dispatch from Chieveley dated Dec. 22, says our scouts having reported Boers in force on this side of the Tugels River, three regiments of regulars, supported by artillery and all the available mounted valuateers, under the able mounted volunteers, under the command of Lord Dundonald, advanc-The Boers retired across the river.

lize at Frere before attempting another shot.

transport, they believe it will be many weeks before Lord Roberts is able to reorganize and make an effective

The Boar trench work is so good that it enables the enemy to hold a long line with very few men and to travel great distances under perfect cover, so as rapidly to reinforce any point attacked.

The Timee, which comments editorially upon the savare strain.

ially upon the severe strain, says :- "It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that our troubles are due to the un ed. The Boers retired across that our proubles are that our provides are that our provid

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..Geo. W. Cowan



## Clearing Sale of Ladies'

# JACKETS

Fifty three only Ladies' Coats-Fine Kerseys, Beavers, Whipcords, Curls and Boucle Cloth-Fawns, Blacks, New Blues, Browns, and Navys, in latest and most fashionable styles, to be cleared without reserve. In order to dispose of the lot this week if possible we have cut the price in many lines to one-half -There's no excuse for wearing out-of date garments when you may have the very latest at prices like this.

11 only Fine Beaver Cloth Coats, in blacks, fawns and navys, this season's styles, perfect in fit and finish, worth up to \$6.50 at....

13 only Fine Tailored Jackets, in new blue, and black Beaver Cloth, latest New York cuts, lined with rich colored Roman satin, warm stylish garments, worth up to \$9.00, clearing at.....

17 only Fine Kersey and Beaver Coats, correct in style, perfect in fit and finish, silk lined and unlined, sold regular at \$8.50 and \$10.00, clearing at .... 7 only Frieze and Beaver Coats, with high storm collars, plain or braided, comfort-able and stylish garments, worth up to

1 only Ladies' Tailored Suit, in tweed mixtures, handsomely trimmed with black braid, coat lined with shot silk, extra full skirt, lineaette lining. velvet facing \$4.89 regular \$8.50 costume, clearing at .....

1 only Ladies' Costume, fine black Habit Cloth, latest cut in coat, with 3 row fine cording down front and around bot-tom, extra wide skirt, with cording to 

4 only Ladies' Costumes, in shades of myrtle and olive green cloth, fine quality, coat made with fly front, trimmed with fancy silk braid, lined with extra quality Roman satin, latest cut skirt, with braid trimming, deep Roman satin facings, velvet binding, regular \$12.00 and \$12.50

# ants, 1, Lieut. Van Straubenzie, R. C. D.; 2, Lieut. F. V. Young, Manitoba Dragoons; 3, Capt. R. G. W. Turner, Q. O., Canadian Hussars, Quebec; 4, Maj. H. L. Borden, Queen's Canadian Hussars, N. S. The other two reverses 1,247 Men.

SELECTED FOR IT-A RUSH OF RECRUITS.

Ottawa, Dec. 23 .- The list of officers of the second Canadian contingent. which was given out by Dr. Borden last night, with the exception of two squadrons from the Northwest, which have not yet been appointed, is as fol-

Canadian Mounted Rifles

squadrons. The staff-Lieut.-Col. Lessard, R. C. D.; second in command, Lieut.-Col. T. D. B. Evans, R. C. D.; Adjut.-Capt., C. M. Nelles, R. C. D.; transport officer, Capt. C. F. Harrison, t8h Princess cer, Capt. C. F. Harrison, 18h Princess Louise Hussars, N. B.; quartermaster, Capt. Wynne, Second Garrison Artil-lery, Montreal; medical officer, Sur-geon-Maj. H. R. Duff, 4th Hussars, Kingston; veterinary officer, Maj. Hall, R. C. R., Toronto.

The officers of the two squadrons are as follows :-"A" squadron-Major, Captain For-

rester, R. C. D., Toronto; captain, Capt. C. St. A. Pearce, R. C. D.; lieutenants, 1, Lieut. J. H. Elmsley, R. C. D.; 2, H. Z. C. Cockburn, G. G. B. G.; 3, Capt. W. D. Johnston, of the Prince of Wales Canadian Dragoons, Peterboro; 4, Maj. A. H. King. 1st Hussars, London.

London.

"B" squadron — Major, captain and local major, V. A. S. Williams, R. C. D., Winnipeg; captain, Maj. H. S. Greenwood, 3rd Prince of Wales Canadian Dragoons, Peterboro; lieuten-

The other two squadrons will be selected from the Northwest Mounted Police, ex mounted police, rough riders

THE ARTILLERY. The officers of the brigade division, Royal Canadian Artillery, are as fol-

The staff - In command; Lieut.-Col The staff — in command; Liedt.-Col. C. W. Drury, R. C. A.; adjutant, Capt. H. C. Thacker, R. C. A.; medical officer, Surgeon-Maj. Arthur Worthington, 53rd Batt., Sherbrooke; veterinary officer, Lieut. J. D. S. Massey, R. C. A. Kinggaton. A., Kingston.
The officers of the three batteries

The officers of the three batteries are as follows:—
"C" Battery—Major, Maj. J. A. G. Hudon, R. C. A. Quebec; captain, H. A. Panet, R. C. A. Quebec; lieutenants, 1, Lieut. J. N. S. Leslie, R. C. A., Montreal; 2, Lieut. W. B. King, 7th F. B., St. Catharines; 3, Lieut. L. E. W. Irving, reserve officer, Toronto Field Battery.
"D" Battery — Major, Maj. W. G.

W. Irving, reserve Orlica;

Field Battery — Major, Maj. W. G. Hurdman, 2nd Field Battery, Ottawa; captain, Capt. D. I. V. Eaton, R. C. A.; lieutenants, I, Capt. T. W. Van Tuyl, 6th Field Battery, London; 2. Lieut. E. W. B. Morrison, 2nd Field Battery, Ottawa; 3, Lieut. J. C. McRae, 16th Field Battery, Guelph.

"E" Battery—Major, Maj. C. H. Ogilvie, R. C. A.; captain, Maj. R. Costigan, 3rd Field Battery, Montgeal; lieutenants, I, Capt. E. L. Laliberte, 1st Field Battery, Quebec; 2, Lieut. A. T. Ogilvie, R. C. A.; 3, Capt. W. C. Good, 10th Field Battery, Woodstock, N. B.

N. B.

The following officers will be attached for duty:—Capt. H. J. Mackie, 42nd Batt., Lanark. He will take the place of Capt. Panet, who is now in Section 1. of Capt. Panet, who is now in South Africa with the infantry, but who is to be captain of "C" Battery, second con-All told, the force will number 1,247

officers and men.

#### To the Electors of Harwich. Ladies and Gentlemen:

Having consented to enter the arena of municipal politics, I respectfully, request your support and influence.

JIM McCORMICK. To the Electors of the Township of Harwich. 321 327 238 238 - 238 Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for the position of Reevee for the Township of Harwich for the coming year, I therefore solicit your votes and influence in my behalf, to secure my election. Thanking you for past bonors, if elected I will endeavor t oguard your interests to the very best of my ability. Believe me to be yours very truly.

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make their Holian purchases during the past week. The sup-ply has been equal to the heavy

# The Ark"

The Ark Block

She Shot Her Mistress Without the Least Cause.

Claimed a Tramp Committed the Crime and One was Arrested and Nearly Lynched.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 28.-Emily Hilda Blake was hanged yesterday morning at 8.40. She walked firmly to the scaffold without assistance, and was the coolest of the party, with the exception of Hangman Radeliffe. She

made no statement. Hilda Blake was a domestic ser-

vant, who shot and killed Mrs. John Lane, of Brandon, by whom she was employed, early in July last. The servant and her mistress were alone in the house and the latter was engaged in putting up curtains. On being shot, Mrs. Lane rushed screaming to the lawn, where her little children were having a hea-party, and

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fell dead.

Hilda Blake said a tramp had come to the house and asked for food, that Mrs. Lane told him she was too busy to attend to him, and that he then fired at her and ran away. The town turned out, caught a tramp and prepared to lynch him. He would have been lynched only Hilda said he was not the right man. not the right man.
On July 10 Hilda Blake was arrested and identified as a girl who, on June 20, had purchased a revolver and cartridges while in Winnipeg. After being arrested the girl made a complete confession, and begged to be al-

lowed to commit suicide. She said she had purchased the revolver with the intention of killing herself, but that in a fit of insene jealousy she went up to Mrs. Lane, kissed her, and then shot her. First she fired at her head, then, as her mistress fan away, she shet her in the back, the second shot having fatal effect.

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Hilda Blake was 22 years old, and an orphan, who was sent out to this country along with several other young girls from an English work-house by Lady Beauchamp, ten years

A despatch from Cape Town says that a plot was discovered there a few days ago to seize the forts, blow up the magazines and carry off Gen. Forestier-Walker and Sir Alfred Milner during the Christmas festivities. The affair was discovered just in the nick of time. CHICAGO MARKETS.

May. July. 692 Bept... Dec... May... ... 321 -Sept . .. Pork - Dec ... Jan ... 10.22 10 23 10 20 10 20 May ... 10.57 10 57 10 50 10 00 Jan... 5 62 5,83 5.83 5.82 5.82 .... . 5 35 5 35 ... . 5.53 5 55 5 52 5.52

Ask for Minard's and take no other.

## The Planet

McKINLEY'S ADMINISTRATION IN THE TOILS OF THE TRUSTS.

The finish of the grand old Republican party in the States is in sight. It appears to have fallen bodily under the control of the trusts: John D. Rockefeller seems to have more power in its councils than President McKinley. He has only to pull the string and the administration at Washington jumps. It is alleged that Secretary Gage, of the Treasury department, was simply used as a tool by the money trust to raid the New York market the other day. As a consequence the trust wrecked a Boston bank, ruined a number of people, forced the owners of a lot of independent coppper mines to sell out to the copper trust, of which Rockefeller is also the head, and incidentally made 106 per cent. per day during the squeeze on the millions they used to play the game. When an administration cannot rise above being parties to raids of this kind, beside which highway robbery is eminently respectable, its finish cannot be far off.

The Chatham Planet gives a list of inducements that that village offers to manufacturers seeking locations, and among other things states that it is the head of navigation on the Thames. They forgot to mention, however, that no vessel drawing over that no vessel drawing over the total value of the control nine feet of water, can come up the river to Chatham, and they never even mentioned the depth of mud on the streets. Now, no manufacturer in search of a location could be so blind to his own interests as to locate blind to his own interests as to locate in a muddy place like Chatham where navigation is so difficult, when within a fe w miles they can secure better inducements in every way, with the great advantage of a water way up which the largest vessels on the lakes, loaded to their fullest capacity, can come with ease. When pacity, can come with ease. When it comes to offering locations for fac-tories Chatham is not in it with Wallaceburg, and the people of that place are well aware of the fact.—Wallaceburg Herald.

Some of the above statements about Chatham are, of course, absurd. But we must say that Wallaceburg really is a lively, progressive place. In time, when Chatham expands, we have no doubt it will make one of the Maple City's finest suburbs, and we will be proud to annex it.

If the second Canadian Contingent is to be of any service to South Afri' ca, the Minister of Militia will have to put more life in the preparations. The delay in recruiting the force has been unaccountable.

The horrors of the South African war should be a lesson to partizan voters to put principle before party. The electors of Great Britain, who blindly indorsed the whim of an old man to make a dishonorable peace with the Boers two decades ago, are individually responsible for all the young lives that are now being blotted out in South Africa.

Not some wicked Tory journal but the respectable Liberal Kingston Whig, remarks: "It is not everything to say, as Mr. Tarte has done, that the Liberals have only added \$6,585,000 to to the public debt while the Conservatives added \$16,808,000. These latter have been years of plenty, and if the public debt cannot be pulled down al bit when is the operation to take place?" Joseph's policy was good einough for Egypt; but the Whig is fust a little too credulous in expecting its adoption by its friends in pow-

The death of Dwight L. Moody removes a notable figure from the list of modern evangelists. His name with that of his former colleague, Mr. Sankey, will long be memorable in the whole Protestant church as the leaders in the movement by which it was decided not to "let the devil have all the good music"-as the Salvationists have since said. The beautiful Moody and Sanky hymns have formed the model on which other hymnals have been arranged, but we can hardly re-

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alize that hymn tunes as they are now known, were not used in many denominational churches twenty-five

A story comes from Bowmanyille which doesn't show that place in a very favorable light. John Healey, a union glassblower from Findlay, Ohio, was found beside, the railway with his ankle mangled and his feet and hands frozen. He was taken to the Bowmanville station and, it is alleged, left lying on a bench there all day, the mayor refusing to send him to the Toronto General Hospital for fear the own would be charged with his mainenance. Finally Hon. John Dryden ame along, interfered, and induced his worship to take the awful risk. If this story is true Bowmanville easily takes the palm as the meanest place on earth. Even St. Thomas wouldn't be so inhuman,

"WOE UNTO YOU, LAWYERS."

Kingston Whig.

Eugene V. Brewster, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in a recent address said: "I don't pretend to be honest. Few men 'are, and a lawyer cannot be." What has the profession to say to that? Is it a libel or a give away?

POSSIBILITIES.

Toronto Telegram.

Things will look brighter 'Bobs' proceeds to string out his title to Lord Roberts of Kandahar and Pretoria.

Maybe the Conners contract will kili Buffalo, and it is the hope of Canadians that incidentally it will kill Inspector DeBarry of that place.

Numerous Grits will be shocked to earn that only \$150 a head is being paid for horses in war time. Many of them have known turkeys to run quite as high in the season of byeelections.

JOKES IN SEASON.

Selected.

The ground hog-sausage. It's easier to.win a girl's hand than to foot the bills afterward.

The candidate who boasts that his friends are a unit would be considerably surprised to get but one vote. When a husband and wife are continually patching up their difficulties their affections assume the kaleidascopic aspect of a matrimonial crazy

"Nay! do not touch me!" cried the rich wife. The impecunious husband groaned in an agony of spirit. "Not even for ten ?" he asked. "Remember, Christmas is only eight days distant."

CHARGE OF THE CHRISTMAS BRI-GADE.

Chicago Times-Herald. Half a foot, half a foot,

Half a foot onward! Down on the Christmas toys Swooped the six hundred. Grabbing for drum and horn-Many a skirt was torn. Many a toe was crushed By the six hundred!

Clerks to the right of them, Clerks to the left of them, Clerks massed in front of them Fumbled and blundered! Things ripped to pieces there, Arms reaching through the air, Mad women jamming and Grabbing things everywhere-Frightful six hundred.

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Extra croice cleaned Currants,	25c
Cross & B'ack veli's Peel	200
Shellen Almonds and Walnute,	35c
Dates, 3 pound for	250
TRY OUR CHOICE HAMS	AND

Lord Methuen may talk about the bloodiness of his South African battles, but he can never paint a picture vivid enough to efface from Detective James McGregor's mind the gory slopes of Waterloo, as he viewed them after the famous day when the Duke of Wellington and himself broke the power of Napoleon forever. All day long the French Chasseurs had charged and hacked at the British squares. Finally, when night and the Prussians were both in sight, with odds in faver of the former, Napoleon ordered up the Imperial Guard. But it was no use. 'As the eagles of France were rolled back again General Lord Arthur Wellesley—he was not a duke then— turned to Detective McGregor and ask-

"Jim, what had we better do now?" "Jim, what had we better do now?
"Charge, man, charge."
That stirred Wellesley up. Turning to the war correspondents he remarked, "Gentlemen, you may mention at this point that just here General Wellesley shouted, "Up, boys, and at em."
"The coded Waterloo, Wellesley

That ended Waterloo. Wellesley was made a duke and Detective Mc-Gregor came to Chatham. They have not met since, but if Lord Methuen wants any pointers on losses in bat-tle Mr. McGregor can furnish them on a magnitude that would make his

POR ALDERMEN.

To the Flectors of Chatham Ladies and Gentlemen:

I again solicit your vote and influence for alderman. Circumstances prevent a personal canvas, which I trust will not influence your support D. G. FLEMING.

To the Flectors of the City of Chat ham

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As I am running for the position of alderman for 1900, I respectfully ask for your vote and influence during the coming contest, and if elected will perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

JOHN HENDERSHOTT. To the Electors of the City of Chat-

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for alderman for 1900, and beg to solicit your vote and

Faithfully yours, W. E. McKEOUGH.

To the Electors of Chatham. Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for the council

for the ensuing year and shall be pleased to have your vote and influence. Wishing you the compliments of the season. I remain, Yours truly. GEO. G. TAYLOR.

To the Electors of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Having been unexpectedly nominated for alderman, and having been pressed by a number of my friends to remain in the field, have consented to do so. If elected will serve you to the best of my ability. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I remain.

Year, I remain. Your obedient servant, A. B. McCOIG. To the Electors of the City of Chatham

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I again solicit your vote and influence for one of the aldermen for the year 1900, As I will be out of the city during the incoming week, I will not have the pleasure of seeing you personally, but trust you will not forget me when marking your ballot. get me when marking your ballot. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New

Respectfully yours.
GEORGE STEPHENS. To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for alder-man for 1900. This being an extrememan for 1900. This being an extremely busy season of the year for me, I cannot make a personal canvass, but trust that my action in the council for this year will commend me for another term and promising you the you the strictest economy, and that I shall look more closely after the keeping of our extrest in letter shape than shall look more closely after the keep-ing of our streets in better shape than they are now, and asking you for your-vote and influence, I wish you all the compliments of the season. I am, Yours respectfully, W. S. MARSHALL.

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To the Electors of Ward No 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for school trustee.

ALEX. GREGORY. To the Electors of Wards No. 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen: Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for re-election as trustee in your ward. If my record in the past has been such as meets with your approval, I shall esteem it a favor if you can again give me a renewal of your confidence. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I remain, ladies and gentlemen,

Your obedient servant.

J. A. WILSON.

J. A. WILSON.

To the Electors of Ward No 3 Ladies and Gentlemen

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for school trustee. GEORGE T. McKEOUGH. To the Electors of Ward No 3

Ladies and Gentlemen :

At the request of a number of rate-payers, I am a candidate for the po-sition of School Trustee in your ward, and I will esteen it a great favor to have your vote and influence.

Yours sincerely,

ALEX. VONGUNTEN.

To the Electors of Ward No. 4

Ladies and Gentlemen: Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited for John Holmes for Public School Trustee.

To the Electors of Ward No 4.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for School
Trustee in No. 4 Ward, and respectfully solicit your support in the coming election. Having served on the
board faithfully for several years, my
record, I trust, will appeal to you
on my behalf. I trust you will see fit
to elect me for another term. Respectfully yours. spectfully yours.
ANDREW THOMSON.

To the Electors of Ward No. 5.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for School Trustee for your ward and respectfully solicit

your vote and influence.
ANDREW J. PIKE. To the Electors of Ward 5. Ladies and Gentlemen:

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## THE MESSENGER FROM KHARTOOM

BY ST. GEORGE RATHBORNE

Author of "Dr. Jack," "Dr. Jack's Wife," "Miss Caprice," Etc., Etc. **ŏooooooooooooooooo**ŏ

size: above and nastened on by ran-

to Cairo. This evening it arrived, and

the reis, or captain, called upon him at

the hotel here with certain news that

has given Tanner some uneasiness. He

was puzzled to know what use to make

of it, and, seeing me, put the whole case

in my hands. I have promised to go

down to the boat and interview the man

picked up affoat on the river far above

-and who they imagine is some sort of

messenger sent down from Khartoum

Sandy Barlow is out of his chair, like

"Come on." he exclaimed. "I'm in

this game. Great Caesar! If I can get

the only authentic account of that event! What keeps you, man?"

"I'm not ready to go yet.Don't make a

word of the truth. The False

scene, Sandy, and, above all, whisper

Prophet has many friends in Cairo who

would like nothing better than a chance

at this person who comes from the

outh, with scimiter or yataghan. Sit

Sandy has hard work subduing his in-

ense eagerness to discover the truth,

but he is equal to great emergencies,

and finally sinks back in his chair. As

for Mr. Grimes, the silver king, he

straddles a rattan seat and rests his

arms across the back in the most care-

"What did the old orator seem to

"He was wrathy at first, until he

found the man was a Frank, or fore gn-

er. That made it all right. He hates

these swarthy natives-Turks, fellah and

"Yes, I have heard him whisper gentle

words about them in his own peculiar

way. Lovely soft voice the Honorable

Demosthenes has. Reminds me of a

"Hush! Here comes his daughter!"
"Miss Molly, for all the world!" mut-

ters the correspondent between his teeth.

A vision in white floats up to where

they are seated, and both men spring

to their feet. This American girl is a

fair, fresh picture-a healthy daughter

of the land across the sea. She is not

actually beautiful, but there is a charm

about face and manner that draws hosts

of friends to her side. Mollie Tannor is

a taking girl, vivacious, quick, tender-

hearted-true. You can read her con-

stancy in the clear, frank, fearless gray

eyes. Lucky the man who wins her

eart. It will be for all time.
"Oh, Mr. Grimes, I have been looking

for you everywhere! I feared you had

gone!,, exclaims the young lady, laying

a white hand, which shows some traces

of sunburn, on the arm of the mining

what way can I do you a service?"

board our boat, and I feel sorry!

anything I can do for him."

change glances, and then smile.

accompany you to the boat?"

former.

"Fortune favors me, Miss Molly. In

"You see, the governor has just been

telling me all about that poor man on

would like to know whether there is

Some people might be shocked to hear

Molly Tanner thus designate her parent,

but the word is uttered with such ten-

derness that the same persons would

secretly listen in the hope of hearing it

Mr. Grimes and the correspondent ex-

"Really, until we have seen the party,

"That's just it! Why not allow me to

The girl speaks eagerly, as though

"Leave that to me-I can manage

"And I reckon you're about the only

one who can, Miss Molly. Outside of

that I don't believe it would be safe.

You see, to reach the river where the

boat is tied up, we have to pass through

one of the worst quarters of the city,

called Musr, and with a lady in our

company, there might be trouble. No,

I am sorry to refuse, but I must posi-

tively decline to accept the responsi-

laughs, proving that while the old gov-

ernor has done his best to spoil her, he

"Very well, I shall not insist, Mr.

Grimes; but when you return promise to

let me know who the young German

"Who said he is German; your father

"Perhaps I only judged it from his

"Even his name the governor neglect-

ed to state. What might it be, Miss

"I am sure he said Mynheer Joe."

"Mynheer Joe!" gasps Sandy Barlow.

"Mynheer Joe!" drops from the usu-

ally undemonstrative silver king, now

"Why gentlemen, what is the matter?

You seem to be astonished?" says Molly,

surveying first one and then the other

"'Astonished?' I'm dumfounded-

knocked all in a heap-flabbergasted!

To think that I should meet my dear

Joe again in this way!" bursts out the

And, on my part, after all I'm not

surprised. It's just what I might have

expected, knowing what I do of the

man. Yes, Mynheer Joe has been with

Gordon at Khartoom; he was last heard

impetuous correspondent.

name. You know the Germans and

Italians are working down along the

did not say anything of that sort to

me?" declares the stout silver king, in

has not yet succeeded.

pilgrim is," she says.

Molly?" asked Grimes.

greatly excited.

some surprise.

Molly Tanner does not pout, but

she has quite set her heart upon it.

"Your father would not consent."

we cannot exactly say," begins the

think of his men picking up a passen-

less manner imaginable.

ger?" asks Sandy.

steam foghorn."

Arab.

down again while we talk it over.

a shot, all eagerness and animation.

by General Gordon."

who is now asleep on board-a man they

CHAPTER 1.

"Backsheesh!" hoarsely whispered a stout, red-faced traveller, bending over a small, nervous man, who, seated on the piazza in front of the well-known Shepherd's Hotel in Cairo, Egypt, dashes off page after page of lead pencil work, aided by the lights that illumine the grand plaza.

The latter individual never raises his eyes, but with a groan and a mechanical movement of the arm, draws a plaster from his pocket and holds it up, which miserable coin is gravely taken by the man in the plaid suit and travelling helmet-hat. He does not move away, but stands there at the elbow of the scribe, waiting for that interminable scribbling to be done, and meanwhile watching the lively scene upon the great square of Esbehiyeh,

It is certainly a good sight for foreign eyes, and one that will never be for gotten. Although the month is February, a delicious, balmy atmosphere hangs over the old city on the Music throbs upon the air, and, judging from the gay scenes to be met with after night closes in, it would be hard to believe the Mohammedan fast corresponding to our Lent is in progress. The Koran, however, only demands observance of strict rules from sunrise to sunset, so that in all Oriental countries the devout worshippers make night a

period of feasting.

Just at the present period, many lanterns and flambeaux and lamps il lumine the grand square, from which arise discordant sounds, a perfect babe! of confusion. Here, under a cluster of palms, a snake-charmer handles his cobras with apparent impunity, boxing their heads and causing them to do all manner of strange things. Nearby are dragomans or guides haggling with owners of dorkeys, who, in turn, scold or cuff the little boys in charge of the little beasts.

Close by are fakirs, pretending to sell wonderful things for a trifle; mountebanks, dealers in turbans, fezes, relics and handkerchiefs, and a general conglomeration of idle, curious strollers. The lights disclose a picture that can

probably be looked upon in no other city save Damascus. Here mingle Turks with their red fez and national dress; Arabs in white bournous and turban; native fellahin, or Egyptians, wearing blue gowns and the everlasting brown skull-cap; Jews with long beards and sober garments; Nubians, Persians, Greeks and a sprinkling of foreigners. The red coats of British soldiers give way pretty much to the sensible white that is worn in all hot countries; still there is enough to lend color to the kaleidoscopic picture.

The stout man sees all this without emotion; he seldom, if ever allows himthing as to forget himself. Standing just back of the tilted chair of the smaller man, who writes sheet after sheet with railroad rapidity, he puffs at his cigar and calmly waits for the time to come when his friend will have exhausted the subject or blunted all his pencils. Everything comes to one who has patience, and this, is the most prominent trait in the character of the

"Eureka! I have done it! Glowing description! Berning rhetoric! Do you proud, my boy! Now, I'd give a plaster to run across Grimes."

He has hardly spoken these words, half aloud, when the man with the florid face and heavy hand deliberately raps him on the shoulder.

"Pay your debts, young man. I claim the reward by virtue of discovery. Here's one miserable Turkish coin you've shoved on me. French money is preferred," he says, solemnly.

"Oh! It was you who groaned Backsheesh," in my ear, was it? It's a howling paradise of boggars. I go to bed with a bag of piasters-give 'em out in my sleep. I assure you, Grimes."

Sandy Barlow is the correspondent of a great daily journal in the United States, and is never known to be in anything but a hurry. In piping times of peace he finds material to employ his pencil in various foreign countries, and his letters have been considered fine reading on account of their piquancy and crisp style, characteristic of everything the man does.

Those who know Sandy best have discovered that the war correspondent has a warm heart, and will readily go out of his way to help one whom he counts a friend. This stout gentleman whom he calls Grimes is-so rumor says-the wealthy owner of several mines in Colorado, about which he occasionally sreaks. He keeps his own counsel, however, and any one who is a good judge of physiognomy would have little difficulty in reading on his resolute face all the signs that go to make up a determined character.

"Are you at liberty, Barlow? If so. I'd like to have a little talk," remarks the silver king.

"Great Caesar! Why didn't you say so before? Singular man! Didn't want to interrupt the flow of genius, ch? But I'd drop even my pencil to oblige you.' "There was no great need of haste, You were the first one I thought of when old Tanner brought me the news.

You know him?" "Like a book! Gruff old party; lovely daughter, Molly. Go on! What was his news? Is England aroused at last to

the emergency?" "Just the contrary. Listen to what I say: Old Tanner tells me his dababeah, or house boat, has just come down the eyer; they left it some two hundred of there. Now we shall see what news he brings. I am ready if you are, Mr. Barlow?"

Sandy smiles as he remembers that this man, now eagerness to depart, was in no hurry before, but took things in # cool manner, as though the world was not made in a day, and Ched Grimes had no need of haste. Circumstances alter cases, and the mere mention of a name has put new energy in Mr.

Nor is the war correspondent less eager to be on the way. He has received something of a shock upon hearing Molly speak that name. Memories of the past are recalled, which take him to other scenes.

"You will pardon us for leaving you?" says the polite Mr. Grimes to the young

"Certainly. Indeed, you cannot go too soon to please me. I am anxious to hear what this poor man has to say. To me General Gordon has always been the hero of heroes, and any one who comes from him demands my attention and sympathy. Go then to this poor German, see what he most needs, and if Molly Tanner or her father can in any way help him, do not neglect to give

me notice. Again the two men glance toward each other and smile, but although she sees this, there is no explanation made of their actions.

Bowing to the young American girl, they turn away, leaving the piazza of the hotel.

"Remember!" floats her warning voice after them, and Mr. Grimes, turning

waves his hand. Then they are lost in the crowd that jostle elbows in the square called Esbehiyeh, in front of Shepherd's Hotel. Around them sound the voices of drago man and fakir, mule driver and peddler, mountebank and camel driver, while the barking of dogs can be heard everywhere, the streets of Cairo literally run-

ning wild with curs. . "Are you armed?" asks the correspon dent, as they cross the grand plaza and head into a street that leads from it down to the river Nile.

The silver king chuckles. "Never go without a revolver, my boy. Learned that habit years ago," he re-

"Yes, you Western men generally do carry a whole armory on deck. Beastly region we have to pass through. Black as-as-well, Egypt." "Let's hire a light-no getting around

in this quarter without one." They discover near by one of those link-boys, whose trade is fast dying out in Cairo since the improvements advanced by British rule. Time was, and not so very long ago either, when, after sunset on moonless nights, the great city on the Nile was wrapped in darkness, and the law compelled any one moving abroad to carry a lighted lantern or flambeau.

The city being divided into three distinct quarters, separated by gates, and known as the regions of Copts, Jews and Franks, no one could pass through after nightfall unless bearing a light. In many parts of the strange, whited

city on the east bank of the Nile, it is still necessary to carry a torch or lantern, unless one means to invite all manner of dangers, although the law with regard to this thing has fallen into desuctude since the English have made so many innovations with their charge of affairs after the bombardment of Alexandria in 1882.

boy is engaged to go and light, and the two Franks, as all foreigners are called in Egypt, boldly plunge into the lower region of Cairo, fronting on the Nile.

Now and then they pass remarks and joke, for the newspaper correspondent is nothing if not humorous. The frequent mention of that singular name, "Mynheer Joe," proclaims that they are exchanging confidences regarding their experiences in connection with this per-

Sandy is frank in all he says, and there can be no doubt regarding his fervid admiration for the man whom they expect to find on board the dahabeah of Demosthenes Tanner.

"It was at the storming of Alexandria I first met Mynheer Joe. I was then, as now, a correspondent, and ready to undergo all manner of dangers, in order to get the freshest news, even to holding a wire all day rather than let another man beat me. "When the time came to land, in order

to save the city from the mob, Arabi being defeated, I found myself thrown in the company of one who was a stranger to me. He came from a British war ship. Liked his looks from the first, and side by side we went through the streets of Alexandria. Firing all around us-got in numerous little engagements; was once surrounded by a pack of howling native troops, who thought they could wipe us out. Mr. Grimes, you missed the sight of your life in failing to see how Gordon's friend stood off those curs. Bless my soul! I can shut my eyes and look on the whole thing yet. I never saw such a fire-eater in action, and yet in repose Joe is as meek as a lamb.

"After that I froze to him. We saw some weeks in company-weeks I have never forgotten, because I loved that man. Then I was ordered to watch the Italian operations about Abyssinia, while Joe went to find Chinese Gordon. I lost track of him, but have never ceased to feel the deepest interest in his work, as an explorer second only to Stanley and Emin Paha. Now you can understand my intense delight upon hearing that the man we are going to see is no other than my comrade in Alexandria,

Mynheer Joe. This is about the longest consecutive parrative Mr. Grimes has ever beard Sandy give utterance to, which marks the power of that magical name. On his part, the silver king does not prove so confiding. He speaks of the man who interests them both as though acquainted with his past; but whether he has ever personally met him, Sandy

finds it impossible to say. Meanwhile, they have been making rogress in the direction of the river. A light of some sort is positively needed in these streets after nightfall, moon or no moon, on account of the peculiar

three stories in height. As the street itself is but an alley, barely ten feet in width, and each storey of the houses projects beyond the one below, it is easy to shake hands from the neighbor ing roofs. Even this small space is often covered with mats, to keep out the garish light of day, which, reflected from the

white walls, dazzles the eyes. In these narrow streets, men stand in groups engaged in discussion or barter now and then gently pushed aside by the nose of some camel advancing silently, the "ship of the desert" being, be sides the donkey, the only burden-bearer allowed in the native section

Here and there a light is seen moving along, as some shiek proceeds homeward; gayety abounds; but Arab and Moor believe in keeping their homes sacred from the public, and only huge piles of whitened bricks lie on every side

As yet they have met with no adven ture, and the distance between the grand square and the river has been diminished by half. This savors of rare good luck, for it is not always that Frank can traverse this region, at such an hour, unmolested. Cairo abounds in rascals who do not

fear the English law, however much they may respect the native koorbash and stocks. It is not a sin or a crime to rob a foreigner-unless caught in the act. That is the way they look at it.

Sandy knows this, if his companion does not happen to be so thoroughly posted with regard to the customs of the city on the Nile. He continues to keep his eyes about him, and does no let the Arab who carries the flambeau get beyond his reach, knowing that in all probability in case of an attack the first act of the dusky rascal will be to fly and leave them in darkness to meet the foe. They have even cut down the dist ance to a fourth and soon the light will fall upon the waters of the river, when the war correspondent bends suddenly forward and snatches the torch from the hand of the astonished bearer.

CHAPTER II.

Mr. Grimes sees the action and does not appear to be at all surprised-indeed, he rarely deviates from the steady repose that marks him as a wonderfully

nervy man. Something glistens in his hand-it is a revolver, and the light gives the blue steel a cruel as well as a cold look. Evidently the stout tourist is ready to

take care of himself. Sandy has clutched the torch, which he at once raises above his head. Half a dozen ragged forms have sprung into view beyond. Perhaps some arch has secreted them until now. There can be no mistking their intentions, for quickly they advance, spreading out as if to prevent the Franks, who have thus wandered into their net, from escaping. "Backsheesh!" they clatter like a lot

of monkeys, holding out begrimed hands and scowling. There is only one way to treat these rascals-if you comply with their de mands they grow more and more im portunate, until they finally proceed to

openly rob their victim. "Stand back!" cries Sandy, with roar, as he swings the flambeau around his head.

They understand enough English to know what he is saying-at any rate, his actions are doubly significant-but, believing they can rule the ranch by mere force of numbers, the ragged beggars continue to push forward, thus

hemming the two whites in. small in point of Sandy is a warrior, every inch of him, and, as might be expected from his nervous manner, possessed of an inflammable temper. When the nearest of the rogues pushes within reaching distance and clutches at him with bony fingers, the newspaper man brings the flaming torch, with a resounding thump, against the top of the beggar's head. It does not affect the link, beyond sending forth a shower of sparks, but the unfortunate recipient of the blow, finding sparks in his long hair, utters vociferous shouts

and dances with the fervor of a dervish. This is deemed a signal for a general assault all along the line, and for the space of sixty seconds there is seen a spectacle rarely equaled in the narrow

streets of old Cairo. At first the two foreigners are averse to using their firearms, and endeavor to inspire terror in the breasts of their enemies by a generous exhibition of

When Sandy has to dodge a fiendish blow from a wicked dagger, he thinks it about time they proceeded to sterner

measures. Sandy opens on the rag-tag-and-bob-

tail crowd, as he terms them, seeking to inflict wounds and create a diversion. immediately backed up by his ompanion. His strong, white teeth hold fast his eigar, and even as he lets drive at a dark-faced fellah who seeks to cleave him with an Algerian yataghan, the silver king puffs out a small cloud of smoke. Talk about coolness! Here you have it in a human iceberg. Sandy holds his breath while looking at this strange companion, and wonders whether he would show excitement in

the heat of battle. This sort of a reception is hardly to the liking of the cowardly curs who have appeared daring simply because

numbers gave them confidence. At the first shot most of them began to glance over their shoulders. This is a sure sign of a desire to retreat. Then comes hotter work. Sandy no longer waits for them to come to him, but with his revolver in one hand and the flaming torch whirling about his head he leaps toward the footpads.

This is too much for them-they break and fly with cries of terror, some spring ing up the street, while others go down in the direction of the river.

In a marvelously short space of time the street is empty save for one poor fellow, who, shot in the leg, is hopping off as fast as his good peg will carry him, calling on Mohammed to save him from the foreign tigers.

In any other city under the sun, such commetion at dead of night would create an intense excitement. Not se in Cairo. The white walls shut them in, pierced by minute windows that allow little chance of street gazing. Those who hear the sounds of war are dis-

creet enough to " and that they will b better off away.

"Look out behind you, sir!" calls Sandy, and the silver king turns sud denly to cover's creeping figure that has advanced from a dark-arched doorway. whereupon the most piteous jargon is heard, and behold the suspected assassin turns out to be their torch-bearer who, having witnessed the hot little affair from a place of security, is now crawling back to resume his interrupted

They welcomed him gladly, and Sandy relieves himself of the flambeau, glad to be rid of it. As there are no more footpads in view to give them battle they again take up their line of march the river, fortunately close at hand

Mr. Grimes has had explicit directions from Mr. Tanner how to reach the boat, and a suspicion has already entered his head that the ambuscade into which they ran may have been arranged by the reis of the sailing craft to relieve his rich employer of superfluous wealth. These Arabs and natives are up to all manner of tricks to gain filthy lucre, and old travellers become so accustomed to treachery that they are surprised at nothing, and learn to depend upon themselves entirely.

He even mentions the fact, as it occurs to him, to Sandy, who declares there is a strong element of probability about it, and in the same breath swears that, if the occasion offers, he will sift the matter to the bottom and wring the neck of the wily old reis if such a course is necessary to extract the truth.

"The river!" calls out their guide in his native tongue and the fact arouses the two men to new interest, as they remember why they have come here.

A minute later and they stand upor the edge of the Nile. Just here the bank is high, and at this season of the year the water reaches its lowest stage to the south, though at Cairo there is al-

ways plenty. Below them they can see lights upon numerous vessels, some anchored out in the river, others tied up at the docks. Voices, too, come over the water from the west-men are singing on some of the coasters that ascend the river from the Mediterranean. All the typical boats seen upon this great sea can be found on the lower Nile. Here are schooners brigs, ships, men-of-war-the baggala felucca, xebec, settee and even a patamer from India, while numerous smaller craft and dahabeahs suited to travel on the Nile dot the surface of the river by day, making a scene worth femember-

ing. Our two friends can discern nothing of this now since darkness rests like a pall over the water, relieved only by the riding lights and lamps on board the numerous craft. Their attention is directed at once to a point immediately below, where the gleam of several lights proclaims the presence of a boat.

As they advance, they make out the clean-cut model of a new dahabeah, and can see the dark-skinned Egyptian sailors squatted on deck forward, while aft, the cabin, painted snow-white, is easily distinguishable.

The boat is tied to a dilapidated dock, but, for some reason, is also anchored a dozen feet away. A long gang-plank leads from the shore on board. Sandy orders the torch-bearer to lead the way. and in order to make sure of the fellow's attendance when they have need of his services again, neglects to pay

Thus they trip across the plank and reach the roof of the cabin, where the captain meets them-a man with grizzled beard, white turban and flowing robes. Upon his face Sandy reads a look of perplexity and disappointment, and from this moment he knows the truth-that they really owe their adventure to this reis, who, believing millionaire Tanner would come to the boat arranged to have his pockets tapped

while en route. These captains all talk fairly good English, although their hatred for the foreigner seems to be an inherited quality. Outwardly they may appear jolly and as meek as lambs, but inwardly the

are ravenous wolves. Sandy has a habit of pushing himself forward; not that he means to be rude. but it is a characteristic of his impetusame thing urges him on in times of danger. He is always found in the van

"This boat is the Alice?" he asks boldly. The captain removes the stem of his long pipe from his mouth, and gravely nods his head in an affirmative way. "We have come direct from

Tanner, to whom you are engaged for the season." Another solemn nod.

"Unable to come himself, he has sent us to see the man you picked up on the Nile-a man who was once my friend. The native captain looks at him close

ly, as though mentally figuring just where he should place Sandy. Then he smiles blandly and holds out his hand. "If his friend, then mine. I have suf fered at the hands of El Mahdi, and he who is an enemy to the False Prophet is my brother. Shake!"

Sandy complies, and gives the old reis such a Freemason grip that it wrings groan from the dark-skinned owner of the dahabeah Alice.

"Now lead us to your guest. We are in haste," he says, with an assumption of authority that no one ventures to dispute; for, despite his lack of majestic proportions, the war correspondent has he air of one born to command. It is not stature that makes a leader like

"Follow,gentlemen," says the captain. with a majestic wave of his hand. They obey willingly. The door of the cabin is close by. On either side are the steps leading to the promenade on the roof, over which an awning is stretched, for it is here that the tourist lives during the day, for the cabin, be ginning amidships, extends to the stern When the cabin-door is opened, they be-hold a splendid interior. Money has not been spared in fitting out the Alice, and only a millionaire like Ttanner could engage such a lovely craft for the season. A lamp is turned low, so that some thing of a dimness rests upon the in terior, but the sharp eyes of Sandy have already discovered the figure of a man upon a divan.

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Henry Porter, late of Ridgetows, has removed his family to Detroit, where he will resume the practise of

Before Judge Bell in the county court this morning Thos. Arneau was charged with an offence under the Charlton Act upon one Emma Reaume, a girl of 14 years. W. F. Smith appeared for the accused, while J. B. Rankin, B. A., Q. C., was present on behalf of one Fred. Beachill, whom the defence alleged was connected with the defence alleged was connected with the offence. Arneau was convicted and sentenced to four years in the peni-

At the meeting of Court Unity, No. 6900, A. O. F., in the Oddfellow's block, last night, Chas. R. Cape was appointed Secretary pro. tem, necessitated by the death of the late Chas.

H. Sullivan, late secretary. The H. Sullivan, late secretary. The charter of the lodge was draped for the usual 30 days. A committee was appointed to get up a suitable letter of condolence to Mrs. Sullivan on the death of her husband. The smoker, which was to have taken place last evening, was postponed in deference to their late secretary.

OLDERSHAW-PAXTON.

Rosedale Farm, the residence of Isaac Oldershaw, Earwich, was the scene of a very pretty wedding last evening when Miss Minnie Oldershaw was united in marriage to James Paxton, of Dover. Rev. Dr. Hannon of ton, of Dover. Rev. Dr. Hannon of-ficiated. Miss Daisy Oldershaw acted as bridesmaid while the groom was ably supported by John McKerrall, of the firm of McCorvie & McKerrall. Over fifty guests were present. Every-one was in the best of spirits heightened by the music furnished by the mandolin and guitar club and by the sumptuous banquet which followed the ceremony. The presents were numerous and well chosen. The happy couple left at a late hour for their new home.

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W. S. PICHARDS . KENT BAKERY.

It was a Nuisance to General Metheun's Men

So They Dropped a Lyddite Shell on it -- A Reconnaissance.

Modder River, Dec. 25.-A reconnaissance by the British this morning drew out a heavier artillery fire than has been experienced since the Boers occupied Magersfontein.

The British had determined to destrog a house on the bank of the river that the Boers were using as a shelter from which their sharpshooters picked off incautious British soldiers.

At dawn the 12 pounders and the 4.7-inch lyddite gun, with three wagons, escorted by the 12th Lancers, moved F. Star Jarvis is stopping with Kingsley Holmes until to-morrow. Star is in the employ of the New York
Life in New York.

B. Star Jarvis is stopping with out to attack the Boer lines in front of the kopjes. The wagons were fastened behind the river bank.

As soon as the British were seen by the Boers they covered fire.

the Boers they opened fire upon them.
There was a party of Boers stationed 20 yards from the well, near Ganger's cottage. A detachment of Lancers attacked them, but they scattered The Boers worked another gun from

The Boers worked another gun from the railway track to the north.

Altogether they had four guns, besides two quick-firers. These guns were mostly mounted beyond the crest of the kopje. The heaviest fire was directed against the Lancers.

The object of the reconnaissance was recognized as a control of the reconnaissance was recognized by several or the house on

successfully carried out, the house on the bank being blown up, creating a great dust.

The Boers fired a few shots afterwards, but the British made no reply.

Four of the horses of the Lancers were hit by a shell. None of the men

were hit by a shell. None of the men were hurt.

The enemy have brought their trenches a thousand yards nearer to the British lines since the repulse of the English at Magersfontein.

The reconnaissance established the fact that they have not advanced many of their guns. Their vanishing gun is nearest the British lines. nearest the British lines.

CIVIL MARRIAGES.

Washington, Dec. 28 - Gen. Otis has issued a decree, authorizing the celebration of civil marriages in the Philippines, and Secretary Root has approved the action. Hitherto all marriages were calculated by the Catholical riages were celebrated by the Catholic Church, so that Protestants and non-Christians were prohibited from marry ing. The decree does not interfere with the Catholics, who may be married according to their own rites, but extends the privilege of civil marriages to those who desire it, just as is practiced in the United States.

## Do You Drink

We have without doubt the best Japan Tea . 5 at 258 lb. ever effered in the city.

Would be pleased to g ve you san ple.

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What we don't want to carry over we will place at 25 per cent off for this week

Now is the chance to secure things at your own figure.

W. J. KENNY,

KING STREET EAST.

# Dress Well!

It is poor economy to go around in ill-fitting, ready made clothing when you can have a sult made to order for the same

A tailor makes it his duty to remedy your bad points, while the ready-made suit is cut from one model and must serve all A tailor has the advantage as to style, because ready made clothes are made up at the beginning of the season and thus they miss the latest and ever changing fads.

MORLEY & CO.

The Leading Tailos

Canadian Contingent Have Lost Their Brigade Commender.

Lord Methuen Almost had the Boers Defented.

London, Dec. 28.-Cape Town des patches say: Col. Beesard, commanding the Canadian contingent of troops is to join the staff of Gen. Butler, all the members of which are proceeding to Natal, indicating that Gen. Buller's sphere will shortly be confined to Na-

A man named Green, a former sergeant-major of the British balloon department, is among the Boer prisoners captured at Magersfontein, Green, who deserted from Aldershot in Green, who deserted from Aldershot in 1893, admitted that he had been some time in the service of the Boers and had instructed them in trenching. He says there were 23,000 Boers at Magersfontein, 21,000 of whom were engaged the day of the battle. The Boer losses, he also asserts, were very heavy the trenches being full of dead. Green further declares that if the attack further declares that if the attack had been pressed the Boers would have yielded. He says the Boer horses have to be taken to the Modder river, as water is so scarce at Magersfontein.

London, Dec. 28. — The War Office has received the following from Cape Town, dated Wednesday, Dec. 27

"Gen. Methuen reports as follows:
"At 9.30 o'clock yesterday evening the
Boers on the south side of Magersfontein opened a very heavy fire for some
time. This morning the naval brigade time. This morning the naval of the fired at the enemy at the west part of Magersfontein. The cavairy bridge in a northeastgade is reconnoitering in a northeast

"Lieut. Masters has made an ex-tended reconnaissance westward and northward of Enslein, and reports all well. The farmers were glad to see our men. They were suffering from

want of food.

"I have established a market here, where I can purchase fresh milk and vegetables, selling to the farmers tea and other articles which they cannot otherwise purchase. Heavy rain fell last nigh?."

"Category and French report no

"Gatacre and French report no change in the situation. Buden-Pow-ell reports all well Dec. 12." A SECRET TREATY.

A SECRET TREAT!

New York, Dec. 28.—A despatch to the Herald from Berlin says: The Lokal Anzeiger publishes the contents of the Angiol German-Portugese secret treaty. This treaty will have executive force as soon as the Swiss jurists, Messrs. Blaesi, Hensler and Goldau, have given a decision in the Delagoa arbitration. The decision, it is expected will be given in January beiagoa arburation. The decision, it is expected, will be given in January or February, and will probably be in favor of England, in which case Portugal must pay to Great Britain and the United States an indemnity of \$9,500,000. Great Britain in 1891 obtained one of the first o lelagoa at once.

To prevent any interference by rance or Russia. Britain concluded secret treaty with Germany regardthe complete partition of the Por-se colonial possessions. Germany receive all Portugal's Asiatic pos-

Germany further receives in Africa. Germany farther, receives in Airiea all Portugese territory north of Mozambique except a strip of land three miles wide for Cécil Rhodests trans-African railway. For this the German government will pay Portugal 25,000,000 marks.

Britain receives the remaining African possessions of Portugal, which contain 2,000,000 square kilometers and have 13,000,000 inhibitants. The con-sent of Portugal to this arrangement has already been obtained in principle.

Gen. Warren has arrived at Chie-General White beliographed that al

vas well in Ladysmita on Tuesday A beliogram to the Daily Cronicie, from Ladysmith, explains the British casualties on Dec 22, reported yester-

KILLED BY A TRAIN.

day, eight of the Gloucestershire Regiment being killed by a single shell.

This morning, shortly after nine o'clock, Donald Burk, of Bothwell, a section man, was instantly killed about two miles west of the diamond on the G. T. R. Particulars of the accident are mongre, but Burk was facing the fast express and didn't notice it or hear it coming along, on account of the wind. The body was badly bruised, both legs were broken and ly bruised, both legs were broken and the face smashed. The remains were the face smashed. The remains were brought to Chatham, where they were taken in charge by Undertaker Jahn-ke. Coroner, Bray decided to hold an inquest and, with the assistance of Deinquest and, with the assistance of Detective McGregor, empanelled a jury this afternoon. The remains will be taken to Bothwell at 8 o'clock tonight. Burk was 57 years of age and leaves a family. The G. T. R. are laying new rails between Windsor and Chatham and every morning the con-Chatham, and every morning the con-struction train runs out from here with a force of laborers. Mr. Burk

At Hunterville the six year old son of J. T. Burke broke through the ice on the river and was drowned.

belonged to this force.

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We are also booking subscriptions now for Magazines, etc., for

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We also take subscriptions for any Newspaper or Magazine



#### **FILBURY.**

Dec. 28.—Rev. Robert Wilson, of Birr, is the guast of his brother here, Miss M. Kingswell and niece Maggia, of Chetham, are visiting relatives in

this vicinity. It appears we are to have a new election in the council after all, as Mr. Stewart who was elected reeve by ac-clamation, refuses to act Miss Irene Sadler, of Brandon, Man., is the guest of her sister here, Miss V.

Miss Maggie Courier, of Chatham, is visiting at home here.

The Chatham Dally Planet is on sale at Johnson's Drug Store.

#### BLENHEIM

Dec. 28.—At the Presbyterian manse last evening, Rev. J. W. McLaren married Miss Josie Sterling to Harvie Hildreth, a prosperous young farmer

living near town.

Master Clarence and Miss Rosa Higley are spending their holidays in Chatham, at Mr. Hughes'.

Installation of officers in Kent.

Men's Ulsters

Lodge, A. F. & A. M., was postpaned last night, the district deputy being unable to attend. After lodge duties were over the brethren adjourned to J. B. Pikercing's oyster parlors, where J. B. Pikercing's oyster parlors, where a very tasty supper had been gotten up. After ghe good things had dis-appeared R. L. Gosnell, Past Master, acted, in the capacity of chairman, Loyal and patriotic speeches were made by T. B. Shillington, R. M. Thompson, Dr. Storey, J. K. Morris and others.

And others.

H. L. Meggitt, the popular lumbers man of the West End, was made the recipient of a handsome chain and address last Tuesday evening at the Sheldon House by the employes of the

Miss A. L. Samson left last night for

hicago.

A live pigeon sheet took place A live pigeon sheet took place yesterday, under the auspices of the Blenheim Club on the Park grounds. After the shoot, Mine Host Vester, of the Rayal Hotel, furnished supper for 27 hungry marksmen. The following is the score \$\ilde{\ell}\$-E. Ramsden 6, W. E. Hall 7, C. Scorte 8, H. Boles 10, J. De Clute 7, J. Wetherfords 2, R. J. Johnston 6, W. Lane 5, W. Johnston 5, A. McRitchie 8, W. Bates 6, W. Samson 7, A. Vester 6, D. Bates 8, Sam Burke 4, McRitchie 8, W. Bates 6, W. Samson 7, A. Vester 6, D. Bates 8, Sam Burke 4, C. Lowes 3, M. Panica 3, C. Brown 3, M. Samson 5, Sim Burke 5, Marshall Burke 9, J. English 8, James Burke 5, A. Ranson 4. Shooters were present from Ridgetown, Merlin, Cedar Springs, Fargo and Bridge End.

The Daily Planet is on sale at J. N. Babcock's Drug Store, where subscriptions will be taken, and the paper delivered free to any part of the town.

Minard's Liniment Relieves Negral

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc

I wi'l pay \$100 re and for any information leading to the capture and con-viction of the parties who robbed my premises in Sletcher, on he night of Monday, Dec. 25th, taking money be-longing to myse't, my son P G Murphy and the C. M. B. A., and also for the recovery of the stolen money. Fletcher Dec 26th, 1898.

Cook's Cotton Root Compound 13 Is successfully used monthly by over Ploseo Ladies. Safe, effectual. Ladies ask your druggist for Coot's Cotea Rest Composad. Take no other, as all Mixtures, prils and imitations are dangerous. Price, No. 1, 31 per box; No. 2, 10 degrees stronger, 35 per box. No. 1 or 2, mailed on receipt of price and two 3-cent stamps. The Cook Company Windsor, Ont. 25 Nos. 1 and 2 sol. 1 and recommended by all responsible Druggists in Canada.

No. 1 and No. 2 sold in Chatham at Central Drug Store. C. H. Gunn & Co.

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#### One eye-witness is better than . ten heresays

That our business is increasing rapidly is not a matter of heresay. Hundreds of eye-witnesses (ustomers) testify to the fact that the place to buy Clothing and Men's Goods at the lowest prices and where all are treated courteously is at C. Austin & Co.'s

#### The Clear Point

That we want to emphasize in this advertisement is its truth, not strained, stretched or garbled, but plain unvar-

All through our store stand out items of interest to buyers, interesting because of their reasonable price and good quality.

## Here are some prices for the winding up days of the year:

Heavy all-wool f i zes in fawn, black, gray and clavet, regular values at \$6 50 and \$7.00, put in at

-\$5.00

Great \$7 50 Suit Sale-a hum

Over 100 Suits to choose from, made from all-weel tweeds, worsted and \$9, \$10 and \$12, olearing at

\$7.50

Men's Dress Overcoats \$13 00 worth for \$10.00

Men's special all-wool Beaver, Dress Coat in black and blue cloths, imported by ourselves, made qual to any custom made garment, all French faced and alik piped edger, perfect fitters, all a zes 34 to 44, our great special at

Boys' special 2 pc. Suits-\$2.50

Make from solid wearing Tweeds, double breasted style, dark colorings, values at \$3 50, all sizes for ages 7 to 13 years.

Boys' Pants

200 pairs Boys Tweed Pants, heavy, for ages 5 to 16 years, very special 50 cts.

Men's Pants

See our specials at 980, \$1.25, \$1.50 \$1.75

Men's Furnishings

Men's Underwear—a big lot of Men's heavy O.K. rib Shirts and Drawers, in gray and flash, good value at 50c and 75c, to be aleged at

47 cts.

Men's leather faced Mitts, 25c and 50c

All knitted and fleece lined, heavy leather facings, solid comfort

Leading and Reliable Clothiers

The Bargain Centre

The Ifoney Saving Spot for Hen

## Crawford's **Tatfies**

We received to-day by express. These, without doubt are the finest taffi s mide id Canada. The best materials, pare flavors, and the "know how" has made Crawford's Taffies perfect

Lomon Taffy. 15c a lb. Buter Sontch, 25c a lb. Peanut Brittle, 20c a pound. Choice Mixed Nuts, 15c a lb. Granoble Walnuts, 20c a lb. Table Raisine, 20c a lb. Table Figs, 15c and 20c a lb.

The Ontario Legislature will meet

The London Normal School will be ready for occupation by the students after the Christmas holidays.

Volunteers for South Africa are turn ing up by the dozen at London. Col. Holmes is still without orders concerning the number to enlist.

The German residents of Vancouver held a pro-Boer demonstration in a down-town cafe on Christmas night. Daring the evening some Britishers, who were also celebrating, broke in, and if the police had not interfered there would have been a free-for-all fight, with about a hundred people in the mix-up.

#### THE CANDIDATES.

The following candidates have issued ards to the the electors which may be found on page two of this issue: For Aldermen.

Ald Geo Stephens. Ald W S Marshall. Arch. B McCoig. Ex Ald. John Hendershott. Aid W E McKeough. Ex Ald G G Taylor. Ald Geo Sulman.

Ald D G Fleming, M D. For School Trusteet Ward 1-Wm Roberton.

Ward 2-J A Wilson, and Alex Gre Ward 3-A H Von Gunten and Dr. Geo T McKeough. Ward 4-Andrew Thompson and John

Ward 5-J E Johnson and A J Pike. Harwich.

For councillor-Jim McCormick. For Reeve-E B Tole.

### OUNGAH SCHOOL CONCERT.

It was a Great Success in Every way -Very Large Attendare :.

Never since Oungah had a school has there been held a concert which in any sense compares with that of Friday evening, Dec. 22, either in excellence of program or in proceeds. The chocert was held under the auspices of he Uungah public and Sunday chools, it was a brilliant affair and magnificent success. In anticipation of a large audience he school room was cleared of desks and seated in such a manner that

In anticipation of a large audence he school room was cleared of desks and seated in such a manner that number that every foot of space could be utilized. The walls were handsomely decorated with evergreens and with artistic streamers of "Red, White and Blue." The Christmas tree was a lovely sight, drooping with its burden of Christmas gifts.

At a very carly hour the see begen to-fill and long before he time of commencement every available inch of room was literally thronged with an expectant crowd. Some, even, were obliged to go away, being unable to get within the doors.

In due time, the chairman of the evening, James Clancy "M. P., arrived, and opened what proved to be an admirable program with a very appropriate andress. The music of the Bal-

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mirable program with a very appro-priate address. The music of the Bal-doon orehestra and the Sunday school choir, the solos of Mrs. Pardo, Mr. choir, the solos of Mrs. Pardo, Mr. Fred. Parkyn, and Mr. McCarty, and the recitations of Gordon Stewart and Miss Adams, were highly appreciated. Miss Adams, were highly appreciated.
The part taken by the school children was performed with credit to them-selves and to their teacher, J. C. Stewart. The dialogue, "The Somnambulist," and the farces, "That nambulist," and "No Cure No Pay," with their Irish witticisms and drolleries and negro burlesque, simply

with their Irish witticisms and drolleries and negro burlesque, simply
brought down the the house.

At the close of the program Santa
Clans made his appearance and cheered the hearts of the little people by
distributing the presents from the
tree. A vote of thanks was tendered
to the outside talent and to the chairman. Mr. Clancy fittingly responded
and advised the committee to take
their next concert to the Grand Opera House, Chatham, where there was
anple room for their many patrons.
Proceeds amounted to the handsome
sum of \$51.

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#### IRTHS. MARRIAGES AND DEATES

THORNTON.—On Wednesday, Dec 27, the wife of Dr. A. W. Thornton, of a daughter.

Read the Messenger from Khartoum n to-day's paper. Read the Messenger from Khartoum

n to-day's paper. Ald. E. W. Scane is in Ridgetown to-day on legal busines. The Planet's new story, The Messenger from Khartoum commences

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G. E. Young will have to-morrow fresh salt water blue fish and salmon, shrimps, oysters and clams in the

Geo. W. Quinn, of Brantford, who has been in St. J Oseph's Hospital, left to-day.

Peter Tschirhart, of Harbor, Mich., is visiting his son, Frank Tschirhart, Raleigh St. Post office store to rent in the vil-

lage of Port Alma. No opposition. Box C., Port Alma, Ont. 1w Miss Louise Hillman, William St., is spending the holiday vacation with friends in London.

Miss Mary Lecocq, of Fletcher, is spending a few days with her cousin, Miss Maud Dyer, of Grey St.

Master George Dyer is spending a few days with his cousin, Samuel Le-cocq, of Fletcher.

Miss Maggie Lecocq, of Fletcher, is spending a few days with her cousin, Miss Annie Kerr, Lacroix St. The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies for the Home will be held friday afternoon in council chambers at 3 o'clock.

Bruce Steele, of Syeamore Station, who has been ill with typhoid at St. Joseph's hospital, refurned home today fully recovered. Dr. Francis McDonell, House Surgeon at St. Mary's Hospital, returned to Detroit yesterday, after spending Xmas with his parents.

Thr Catholic Order of Foresters hold their annual meeting for the election of officers to-night. Re-freshments will be served at the con-

The spring assizes will be held before Chief Justice Armour and will open on April 24th. There will be no nonjury court until June, when Judge Meredith will preside.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dezelia enter-tained a large number of friends at their residence on the corner of Sin-clair and Lowe streets. About 40 guests were present, and a most en-joyable time was spent in pedro.

The great amount of design work done at the Victoria Avenue Green Houses is sufficient proof of the excellence of the work. Nothing but the best at the lowest prices. Phone 181.

The Poole Comedy Company, a local The Poole Comedy Company, a local organization, under the direction of Alfred Wrigley, who are reputed to have gained considerable skill in the dramatic art, will present "The Sly Detective" at the Grand on Friday

Toronto Saturday Night: The most successful canvasser for the Christmas number of Saturday Night was a lit tle Chatham girl, Miss Shirley Errett eant in the names of 12 rsand broke the record for this year. Miss Errett is a very bright and winome child, whose canvass was appar ently irresistible, and comes of narkably clever family. She is also our youngest agent.

London Free Press:—Matters were at a stand still at Wolseley Barracks yesterday with regard to recruiting for the second South African con-tingent. Official orders were not received up to noon, and Surgeon Belton did not examine any volunteers yes-If only ten men are to be terday. If only ten men are to be sent to the front from this district, the surgeon sees no good in examining the whole countryside.

The will of the late T. W. McKee, which was somewhat tangred, has been settled, and Mrs. McLeod, of Wood's stock, will receive her share, \$5,000. This was in stock in the Permanent oney had been placed there by Mr. Kee while he was acting as manag-of Mrs. McLeod's estate. The remainder of the estate goes to Mrs. Mc

"If your eyes could talk," what a story of suffering and of abuse they could tell. How we strained them; how we taxed them with overwork, and then, because they were tired w rubbed them to make irritation worse And to think that the most they need ed, in fact, all that they were asking for in their quiet way, was a rest, little help in the shape of a good pair of glasses, properly fitted. I have helped other tired eyes. I can help yours. Examination free. E. J. MacIntyre, leading optician, opposite Grand Opera House. Chatham.

#### WINDSOR IS GROWING.

Alex. Black, assessment commission Alex. Black, assessment commissioner of Windsor, has prepared some statistics in regard to the assessment and population of the city. The population is 11,446. Of this number, 3,398 are ratepayers. The religious classification is as follows: Roman Catholics, 3,499; Methodists, 1,976; Episcopalians, 1,899; Presbyterians, 1,696; Baptists, 1997, Interest 1777. Congregationals 1,889; Presbyterians, 1,696; Baptists, 510; Lutherans, 177; Congregational-ists, 30; Salvation Army, 71; Jews, 132; colored Methodists, 648; colored Baptists, 214; colored Catholics, 24, 38 scat-tered among several other denominations; 449 persons, religion unknown; 143 admit having none. The revised assessment of the city is placed at \$5, 315,530. The exempted properties assessment of the city is placed at \$9.315,530. The exempted property is valued at \$803,025. Of this, \$170,400 is in school properties, \$113,500 in churches, \$327,125 in city property, and \$75,000 in government property.

## HARWICH-TAX NOTICE

I will be at Geo. Stephens store, Chathan on Saturday Dec. 30th, and January 13th, from 9 a m. to 3 p m. to receive tax-s. WILBER J. HUFFMAN, lad lm3 s-w

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greatest care to avoid a misfit. A misfit would hurt your eyes and our reputation.

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#### DRESDEN.

Dec. 28.—Invitations have been issued by the married men of Wallaceburg for a ball to be given on January 10th. A number from here will

Miss Kate Garrett and Miss Cora Merritt, of Chatham, are the guests of Mrs. Joshua Wright, Hughes street. Mrs. Wright will entertain in their

Mrs. Wright with entering.

Mrs. Shain, and family, of Detroit, who have been spending several days with Mrs. S. Shaw, returns home to-morrow.

Messars. O. B. Cragg, T. N. Wilson, and R. McConnell, of Detroit, who spent Christmas in town, have return-

Candidates for the council of 1900 are busy canvassing for votes and in-W. R. Ward, of Toronto, is visiting his father, Wm. Ward.

#### WALLACEBURG

Dec. 28.-A large crowd skated on the river yesterday. The ice is the inest in many years. The Baptist S. S. entertainment is be given in the Opera House. Miss Ada Collinge has re has returned nome, after spending the summer and

fall in Detroit. The Separate school board held a meeting vesterday.

Mrs. A. Wills and Miss Graham, of London, are the guests of J. W.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the last regular meeting of the .M. C. C. the following officers were ected for the ensuing term:

Rev. Father De Paul-Spiritual Ad-Rev. Father Herman - Hon. Vice-

E. Donegan-President F. Crump-Vice-President. Harry Crump-Fin. Secretary. T. G. Roarke-Rec. Secretary.

Jacques Treasurer. as. Wood-Guard. Keenan-Marshal.

Executive Committee—M. J. Doyle, Brenan and Hy. O'Keeffe.

#### HIS SECRET DISCOVERED. . This extract is from the serial story, The Messenger from Khartoum, which

mmences in this issue. There is no need of concealment beween us, Mr. Grimes. You may de-eive these good people at the hotel, ut I have heard of you, sir."

mutters the individual addressed.
"Yes," Mynheer Joe goes on, quick-ly, as though his mind is made up; "you pass as a silver king at Cairo. cross the water, Mr. Grimes, you are nown as one of the shrewdest de-

ectives in the country."
He pauses again as if to let this shot to home. Both puff away at their sigars as though the action may clear hear brains. It is the explorer who

oreaks the silence.
"You don't deny the soft impeach-ment, Mr. Grimes?" he says, with a I have no reason to, with you, sir. although I should not fike this subject o become common property," replies he stout man, in a singularly cool

Perhaps I can even guess the object of your visit to Egypt in this year eighty-five."
"Make a try at it now."

## SMITH ACQUITTED.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 28.—At the police court here, when the case against J. Obed Smith, the Liberal organizer, charged with beibery in connection with the recent Provincial election, vas called, the prosecution announced that it had no evidence to offer, and Smith was accordingly discharged.

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Young Mr. Churchill Sets out to do it.

#### Mesonic Lodge Wiped Out-Plot at Cape Town Nipped in the Bud.

London, Dec. 28.—The Morning Post has received the following from Mr. Churchill, under date of Dec. 26, telegraphed from Chieveley Camp, where he has arrived:—"All ranks have complete confidence in Sir Redvers Buller, and there is a stern determination to succeed next time at all costs. A painful impression was caused by the announcement of the change of commanders-in-chief, and the soldiers here are resolved to vindicate their trusted leader. The situation, however, is are resolved to vindicate their trusted leader. The situation, however, is difficult, the Boer position being one of extraordinary strength, with high hills lined tier on tier with trenches and galleries rising from an an almost unfordable river and with a smooth he ranges marked, and many powerful guns dominate the various points of the river, while the drifts are com-manded by converging musketry fire from probably 12,000 Boers. There are sixteen miles of wild, broken country before reaching Ladysmith , which de mandss early relief."

WAR NOTES.

The Hindoos of Bombay are praying for the success of the British arms. The day after Christmas the naval Chieveley for two hours with lyddite. A cable from Belmont en Christmas day, says the Canadians are all right. This disposes of the story about the picker being captured.

M. Pere Perrit, recruiting for the ambulance corps for the Boer army, suspended operations to-day, on account of the fastere to receive an expected draft from Dr. Leyds, It is stated that every member of the well-known Ermle Netherlands Lodge of Freemasons has been killed while fighting on the side of the Boers, The fact is believed to be unique in the history of Freemasonry.

A special correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing from Stork-stroom, says:—Strong measures are necessary to check the hostile feeling among the Durch colonists, whose ser-dition is shown in the removal of rail-way bolts, the obstruction of bridges and culverts and attacks upon soli-tary horsemen. Chroniele, telegraphing from Stork

Lord Roterts, according to the Herald's London correspondent, absolutely refused to take command in South refused to take command in South Africa until this ultimatum was acceded to:—"The only conditions under which I will go out are that I shall have absolutely supreme command and receive no instructions from home."

FOR KINDNESS TO THE OLD PEO-PLE.

The undersigned, in behalf of the county of Kent, wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. Butler, who presented the inmates of the House of Refuge with candy and shawls. Also the Epworth League of Park St. Methodist Church, who contributed twenty-seven pairs of carpet slippers and magazines. A. T. Arnold, Mgr.

#### NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

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HORNE-THOMPSON. In the presence of about 70 invited guests, Miss Jennie Horne, youngest daughter of James Horne, Delaware united in marriage last evening. The bride presented a charming appearoride presented a charming once as she entered the parlor ther's arm, and took her stand with he groom beneath a beautiful arch of holly and mistletoe, where the Re-H. W. Crews, of St. Thomas, pronounced the potent words which made them man, and wife. The bridesmaid was Miss Bertha Coatsworth, and the groom was assisted by Alex McIntyre, of Morden, Man. Little Maud McCubbin, niece of the bride, made a pretty maid of honor, and Master Land McCubbin, nephew of the bride, #ulfilled the duties of page. The bride, #ulfilled the duties of page. d the duties of page. The bride was organdie trimmed with valen arried a bouquet of roses and chryscarried a bouquet of roses and chrys-anthonoums. The bridesmant, Miss-Bartha Coatsworth, wore a gown of white organdic adorned with a tor-quoise blue sash and collar and trim-med with lace. She carried chrysan-themums and carnations. The young themums and carnations. The young couple were the recipients of many tokens of esteem from Triends and relatives. The Victoria Ave. Methodist Church Epworth League, of which Mr. Thompson is president, sent a hautiful parlor lamp. The firm of Wilson, Kerr & Pike, of which Mr. Thompson is bookkeeper, sent a check for \$25. A delightful wedding repast was served after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will take up their residence on Head street.

GRANTED A PARDON. This morning Mayor Smith received of the Governor-General announcing the pardon of a lad named Arthur Darling, who went down to the Re-formatory for three years for theft. He has served about a year.

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ROW BREAKS OUT AGAIN. There is every likelihood of a lively time at Belle River before the Separ-ate school will be established in that village. Three of the trustees who are favorable to the Separate school have placed new locks on the doors and gate, and forbid the other trustees to ssion of the school in some way, as it s a public school and has been paid, or out of the general tax fund and

#### HAS A GRAND EFFECT.

Quebec, Dec 28 -W. H. Wiggs, of he Mechanics' Supply Co., of this city, has just received a personal letter from a prominent member of the Brit-ish House of Commons, Charles E. Shaw, in which the writer says :- "You cannot imagine bow the colonial aid. so freely and spontaneously given, has touched the heart of the people here. Deep, deep down it is, and will never be forgotten.'

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#### RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

SHOULD THE CZAR AND MIKADO COME TO BLOWS.

of the Military and Naval Forces Which They Could Put Into the Field - Russia's Ponderence Would Be Three and a Half Times That of Japan on Water and Seven and a Half Times

Constant rumors of war preparations on the part of Russia and Japan have turned the eyes of the civilized world castward. nations, one of which has figured prominently in all the modern' history of Europe, and the other of which has but recently awakened from a hibernating sleep of centuries, are the two powerful political factors in the eastern development, and both are seeking supremacy in the portion of the globe which they would dominate.

Close students of eastern politics have predicted that before the vex-ing questions were settled the two nations would clash over the con plications which the questions have produced. That such a thing is possible the continued rush of military preparations on the part of both nations only serves to illustrate. The news columns of the daily press tell us, and reiterate the story day after day, that the Japanese Government is issuing rush orders to the firms of shipbuilders who are constructing new vessels for the Japanese navy and the same thing is true of the Russian Government. Each day



COMPARISON OF THE NAVIES OF THE CZAR

AND MIKADO to the final arbitration of arms than to a peaceful diplomatic settlement of the questions causing the controversy. Japan is yet resentful over Russia's meddling with her settlement with China whereby she would have secured Corea had Russia she not prevented such a settlement of the war in which Japan was victor-

nuch to do towards raising the Japs' estimate of their powers is certain, but should the good opinion of themselves produced by that conflict carry them to a clash with Russia the estimate of their powers would probably have a rude shock, unless they could make alliances which would override the preponderance which favors Russia's naval and mil-

In view of the possibility of war between these two nations, a comparison of their naval and military strength is not without interest. On land both countries could put enormous armies in the field, but Russia's military resources in the number of men which she could muster for war if they were needed is so uch greater than the best that The total strength seems farcical. of the army which the Czar could put in the field should occasion require it would be 7½ times greater than any which the Mikado could muster to meet it. The total force available for the

military service of the Czar, including the active service, the reserves and men for the national defense, is 2,798,000. To meet this force Jajan could muster not more than 373,-720. Even these figures, great as comparison is, do not give the full extent of Russia's advantage. For the war of the present day the trained and organized troops are superior to the new levies, which lack not only the training and organization, but the equipments to fit them for the field as well. In this class Russia has still a greater advantage than that shown in the grand total of the forces of the two nations. In what she classes as her active service — that is, men thoroughly organized, disciplined and lying." equipped - she has the enormous number of 1,269,000, while in the same class Japan has but 78,540.
In naval strength the comparison is not nearly so one-sided, although the Russian navy is far ahead

that of Japan in both men and

THERE WOULD BE SEVEN TO ONE AGAINS

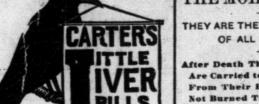
JAPAN ON LAND. The number of Russian is 31/2 times greater than that of is 3½ times greater than that of Japan, Russia having 240 vessels of all classes, to 70 for Japan. But such figures express a greater advantage than Russia possesses, for her navy is not as modern as that of Japan, and, besides, she has a greater proportion of light boats of the torpedo class than Japan has. Of the boats now being built both nations have almost an equal number. tions have almost an equal number, Russia baving 39 and Japan 36 now

Russia having 39 and Japan 36 now under construction.

In men Russia has a naval force of 41,915 enlisted men to man the guns of her fleet, while Japan has but about 15,000 in the same class. But Japan has a larger class of seafaring men to recruit her naval ser-vice from than has Russia. In case of war the little island empire could place a large force of seafaring men affoat, recruited from the multitude of fishing and coasting craft in Jap-

anese waters.

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ships between the two nations would be far from complete without some reference to the conditions under which they would probably fight, as well as the inability of Russia to utilize her entire army in a warfare

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with the Japs. A war between these two nations would undoubtedly be fought in the east, to reach which Russia would have to transport her troops across the wide reaches of Siberia. At the present time that would not be an easy matter to eccomplish, for as yet the Siberian railway, of which so much is expected, is far from complete, and even that part of it which is finished is not equipped for the transportation of large bodies of troops. Russia would also have to maintain garrisons along the line of this road to prevent its destruction by unfriendly natives of Siberia; it ould also be necessary to maintain the Russia. army in Poland and along the Turkish border, all of which would reduce the total of the Russian force to a great degree and bring it much nearer the maximum force which Japan could put in the field against the armies of the Car.

#### PERSONAL POINTS.

Henry Waters, of Baltimore, has given to that city \$15,000 to build two public bath-houses.

Rosa Bonheur made a particular study of lions, and literally lived among them. A lioness actually died in her arms, and she was greatly affected when the animal in its last moments licked her hand with its rough

The Earl of Rosebery has just pre-Japan could do that a comparison sented to the trustees of the British Museum an interesting autograph letter, which he received in 1893 from the late Prince Bismarck. It is a brief reply to a communication congratulating the aged ex-Chancellor on his birthday. The reply is exceedingly laconic, and written in a bold, firm hand, the letters averaging about half an inch in size and showing no signs of tailing strength.

"It is rather odd," says the Philadelphia Press, "that the next geological survey of Chester County is to be made by a woman-Florence Bascom, now a professor at Bryn Mawr college. She has been employed by the National Government to supervise this work, and it is said no complete survey of this county has been made since 1840. Dr. Hartman, of West Chester, however, made a good map of localities in 1857, showing where minerals are to be found and the kind of reck under-

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#### THE MOHAVE INDIANS

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ment special agent, says that the Mohaves are the most superstitious tribe of North American Indians.

"They believe that the spirit dead go up to White Mountain in smoke and that all the personal property destroyed in the flames with the deceased will go with him. There pots are constantly boiling, filled with the choicest things to eat. They invariably cremate their dead that Mas-zam-ho may be appeased, and the funeral pyre is made ready for the corpse as soon as life is extinct, in order that the spirit journey to White Mountain may be accelerated

"I witnessed about 12 months ago the cremation of an influential subchief. whose death was deeply mourned. The funeral pyre was made near the temporary village, just off the reservation at Fort Mohave. Shortly after night fall all the inhabitants of the village gathered about the pyre. The body, wrapped in a gorgeous Mohave blanket, with the fringes artistically worked in beads, was carried on the shoulders of four braves from the lodge to the plat-

form of inflammable firewood. "Following the pallbearers came the women and children and near relatives. The family group crouched near the pyre. The chief of the medicine men offered first words of praise and thanks to Mat-o-we-lia for making the elements favorable to an easy passage and then a supplication to Mas-zam-ho to receive the spirit of the departed chieftain with due honors at White

Mountain. "Then the dead body was placed on the pyre, the fire was lighted, the crackling flames swept flercely up about the corpse, and the spirit was on its way to its eternal home on White Mountain. Friends and relatives chanted songs of lamentation and moaned piteously while the flames devoured the body. At short intervals the four pallbearers cast upon the flames personal property of the deceased in the expectation of its going up in smoke with him to White Mountain, thereby adding to his comfort.

"The mourners also contributed some of their choicest personal belongings, so that in his new and eternal home the absent one might have about him remembrances of their affection. To the women of the immediate family was granted the privilege of contributing portions of their hair to the flames. After the incineration was complete etiquette forbade the friends and relatives to eat salt or wash them-

"It is a belief firmly fixed in the Mohave mind that all Mohaves who die and are not cremated turn into owls. When an owl is heard hooting at night near their village, they think it is the spirit of some dead Mohaye returned. If by chance an owl falls into their hands, the bird is properly cremated, in the belief that the wandering spirit of its Mohave occupant will thereby be quieted and thus enabled to approach Mas-zam-ho, confident that its petition to be allowed to enter the promised land and thereafter rest in peace among the other good Indians of White

"Until very recently the Mohaves held yearly a mourning festival. It was the annual burning of personal property in honor of the departed mem bers of the tribe. At the hour deemed most propitious by the medicine men to both Mat-o-we-lia and to Mas-zamho the Mohaves assembled in an open spot near their village, a high knoll usually being selected. The pyre had been prepared as though for the cremation of the dead. When the fire was hottest, each member of the tribe contributed to the flames some bit of per

sonal property held in choice esteem. "As the thick smoke floated skyward the mourning Indians were consoled for the loss of objects of personal adornment, apparel or of hunting implements by their firm belief that the curling smoke rings were wafted straight to Mas-zam-ho, king of the departed spirits, and that their loved ones on White Mountain were soon in possession of these proofs of their last-

"Under the influence of their agents the Mohaves have abandoned the annual sacrifice to the dead; and, except at Needles, off the reservation, it is not now observed."-Washington Letter in New York Sun.

Dancing. In the earlier ages dancing was advocated as a cure for sickness. Lycurgus brought back from India and Egypt to Lacedaemonia notions of medico-religious dances and enacted that the Spartan youth should be brought up gracefully and symmetrically. In Greece Socrates commended dancing with a view to educating the mind and body, for he looked on it as a health giving device.

sneer at golf know nothing about it But it may also be said that many who know nothing about the game are most enthusiastic in its praise.-Boston

fter Death Their Spirits. They Say. Are Carried to Heaven In the Smoke From Their Burning Sodies-Those Not Burned Turn to Owls.

J. K. Meekinson, formerly a govern

"The Mohaves," said he, "believe in a god Mat-o-we-lia. He is the maker of all things. He has a son, whom they call Mas-zam-ho, who is king of the departed spirits. Mat-o-we-lia, they say, conducts the movements of the sun, moon and stars. He sends the rain and the sunshine and decides whether the season shall bring feast or famine. He guards the hunting ground. Maszam-ho has full charge of affairs in heaven, or White Mountain, as they

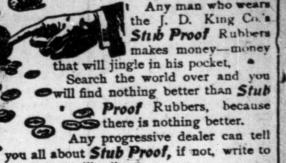
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"Oh," said his hearer, "If that is the case, I have a brother who is a tailor in London, and I will give you a letter of introduction and write him telling him to use you right."

In course of time the traveler stepped into the tailor shop in London and presented his letter of introduction. He got a warm bandsbake from the tailor, who said he had received a letter from his brother telling of the traveler's expected arrival, but could not understand part of the letter. The letter, when produced, read:

"Dear Brother-The bearer, Mr. is from our place and wishes to get a lot of clothes in London. He has all sorts of money. Soak him. Yours affectionately."

The part of the letter that could not be understood was the concluding phrase. The traveler of course understood the Americanism, but managed to keep his face straight while he gave it a favorable construction. He saved the laugh until he could have it on his American friend. - Chicago Inter

His Plea For Water. "If there is anything I dislike," remarked Colonel Stilweli, wiping his mustache with impressive deliberation, "It is a bigoted person. Some of the people at my home in Kentucky came very near taking permanent offense at me, but I held out and finally cen-

vinced them."

"What was the discussion about?" "It was the old controversy. Some body mentioned water, and Judge Morgan stated his opinion that it was something that ought to be abolished. The major argued for its use in mode? ation, but the judge wouldn't have it. I was sorry to disagree with the judge. but I stated my arguments and clitched them so that he had to give in. I called his attention to the greatachievements which all the world is now engaged in applanding. I recalled to his mind the glories of our naval heroes, the men who are so proud of their country, the men of whom their ccuntry is so proud. Then I pointed my; finger at the judge and asked him hew those naval heroes could have done these glorious deeds if there hadn't been plenty of water for them to sail

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swell restaurant (say, Simpson's). Waiter presents bill to swell who has been dining both "wise-

ly and well." Swell-Walter, just tell Mr. Simpson I should like a word with him. Ah, how do you do, Mr. Simpson? Some 12 months ago I dined here, but, unfortunately, was unable to pay. You made a few rather powerful remarks and then very properly kicked me

Jown stairs. Mr. Simpson-Ah, I do remember the matter, now you mention it. But, never mind, sir-never mind. Let by-

gone be bygones. Swell-Just so, sir. I have now to compliment you upon the charming dinner I have just enjoyed. The wine was really excellent, but I am sorry to say-er-that is, I regret-er-well, the fact is (lifting his coattails accommodatingly) I must trouble you again, Mr. Simpson.

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London, Dec. 27 .- The Times publishes the following despatches from its war correspondent:-"Arundel, Dec. 20 .- The force here,

"Arundel, Dec. 20.—The force here, consisting mostly of cavalry and horse artillery, have successfully checkmated a much larger force of Boers about Colesberg. The military situation demands a large increase in the cavalry. Experience here shows that the Boers greatly dread cavalry with horse artillery.

"The Boer positions here are strong, and an assault would involve terrible losses, but either flank could be read-

losses, but either flank could be read-ily turned and retreat cut off if our cavalry were sufficiently numerous and the horses fit. The Boers would then be forced to attack the British in their positions or disperse. Loya Boers say the enemy has gained few recruits in this neighborhood."

BOER SUPPLIES.

Shiploads Reported Sent From New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 27.-The British consul here is authority for the statement that New Orleans has been one of the chief ports used by Boer one of the caser ports used by use in agents for securing supplies for use in the Transvaal. Corn has been one of the principal staples bought and ship-ped, without creating comment or suspicion. The British authorities, however, appear to have possessed more or less information on the subject for some time, but have been powerless to stop the shipments. The plan, the British consul says, has been to ship the grain and other supplies from New Crleans to Rotterdam, and there re-ship to ports from which the Trans-vaal could be reached. British ships were used to carry the supplies as far as Rotterdam. Investigation last night revealed the fact that the quantity of corn shipped from New Orleans to Rotterdam this season has been in excess of 3,000,000 bushels, while the legitimate trade has never required more than 400,000 bushels.

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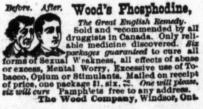
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LANGUID WOMEN.

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Miss Lucinda Butcher, of Teeswater, Ont., had a very severe attack of malarial fever. It left her very weak, languid, and threatened with nervous prostration. South American Nervine was recommended to her and she tried it. After taking a few doses she felt great benefit. She continued taking it until six bottles were used, when, to use her own words, "I was completely restored to health. I was recommend it as a great remedy."

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CHASED BY FANATICS.

This extract is from the serial story, The Messenger from Khartoum, which commences in this issue.
"Listen! Oh, Mr. Joe, it's the governor.!" cries the alarmed girl at his

Sure enough, Mynheer Joe has oc

Sure enough, Mynheer Joe has oc-casion to jump to that conclusion him-self, for that roar as of a bull cannot possibly come from anyone else. He looks closer, and discovers that two figures fly in front of the crowd, one tall and immense in stature, the other rather diminutive—in short, the fugi-tives can be no other than Mr. Tanner and Sandy.

What sort of a mess have they got-ten into now? The pursuers seem de-termined to wreak vengeance upon them, and it looks serious, for when once excited, these Mohammedans and disciples of Vishau are hard to control; an insult to saint or god is very apt to be followed by speedy vent geance upon the head of the thoughtless offender, for these Musselmans and idolators are more touchy about their religion than true believers. and idolators are more touchy about their religion than true believers.

"Come," mutters Joe, uneasily, "this looks like a serious business. If they overtake them, I am afraid murder will follow. Too bad! What have they been doing? Is this the work of that rascally Russian? Never mind crying over spilt milk. The only thing to be done is to save them—but how!

That is the rub—how?

Mynheer Joe has to think quickly, for the crowd, serges nearer with every minute. He has an idea which promises at least some hopes of success.

If he can delay matters-keep the enemies from coming into personal contact for a little while-all may

be well.
"Molly," he says quickly.
"Yes, Joe!" she replies.
In times like these etiquette is for-

gotten.

"It is your father's life that is in peril. I will be able to hold them in check for a time. Will you dare something for his sake?"

"Yes, yes! Only tell me!" she gasps.

"Run as fast as you can to yonder corner; then down the street to the left until you come to the cantonment.

Tell Col. O'Br'en it is Mynheer Joe who is in danger. He will send troops on the double quick."

# Windsorites Grow have there would never have been any wars." Another Irish Catholic who could

Mayor Davis, of Windsor, himself a Catholic, said: "I do not believe for a moment that the United States government would tolerate such a for a moment that the United States government would tolerate such a thing, but if they did, the invaders would find us thoroughly prepared to meet them. They could not choose a worse time than this, when the feeling of militarism is in the air, and our people are heart and sould with the British government in its war in South Africa. We have repelled such attacks in the past and we are ready to repel them again. The few thousand men we are sending to South Africa do not constitute our sole defense." sole defense."

sole defense."

Ex/Ald. Connolly, who was out in the last Fenian raid, declared himself ready to go out again if any attack on Canada was threatened.

"In the last raid," he said, "we Irish Catholics turned out to a man to resist the Fenians, and though we did

not have any actual fighting, we were ready to fight to the last breath. It was our misfortune that we were sta-tioned at Sandwich Point, where the Fenians did not attempt to make a landing. Let them come again, and they will find us as ready to meet them. But the Fenians are not themselves as ready as they were them. The civil war had just closed and there were a lot of professional soldiers in the United States who had no other means of making a living. It was easy to organize an armed force then for the most desperate undertaking. They had to make a living some way, and they invaded Canada to gain a little they invaded Canada to gain a little cheap notoriety. It is the same thing with these poor fellows now. They want to make some money out of the poor misguided creatures who think that by striking at Canada they can get a government for Ireland? Suppose Ireland had a government of its own, how long would it keep it? Not for 24 hours. This is a war to free the Catholics in the Transvaal, and I don't kno wof an Irishman in Canada who disapproves of it."

MEET WITH NO SYMPATHY. "I don't believe there are enough Fenians in the United States to make

Fenians in the United States to make a genuine invasion of Canuda," said H. A. Bradley, the leading jeweler in Windsor, and a prominent member of St. Alphonsus Church, "ever if the United States government permitted such a thing, which it assuredly would not the world into meet with the such a thing, which it assuredly would not. They would not meet with the slightest sympathy from any Irish Catholic here. We would all turn out to meet them. We have every liberty in Canada, and if these men are the patriots they pretend to be they will not attack us. If our co-religionists in the Transvaal had the same liberty we

One Man's Idea of What Is Right.

urham Brown, of Kenmore, was Cured Rheumatism and Backsche-Says it is His Duty to Recomm nd the Medicine That Cured Him-"Dodd's Kidney Pills do Even More Than is Claimed for

For some time past I have contem-For some time past I have contemplated writing concerning the merits of the well-known and wondeful medicine, Dodd's Kidney Pills, but through neglect have failed to accomplish what I now term my duty. During the last winter I was frequently troubled with lame back, so much so that I was unable at times to stoop without a great deal of pain and evertion. I experienced other well-known symptoms peculiar to kidney ertion. I experienced other well-known symptoms peculiar to kidney trouble. I also was afflicted with rheumatism in my right leg and hip to an extent that I was continually (while at my work) suffering agonizing pains in the parts affected. My work during the summer months consists of cheese-box making and this requires me to be seated driving nails. Previous to taking Dodd's Kidney Pills I was forced to look to the invention of a machine to nail covers on, Previous to taking Dodd's Kidney Pills I was forced to look to the invention of a machine to nail covers on, which I named Jack in a Pinch. After taking one box of Dodd's Kidney Pills I found an improvement in my condition, and before I had finished six boxes I found myself nailing in a natural way and Jack in a Pinch was discarded. I was able to sit up in my chair as of old and drive five hundred one-and-a-quarter-inch nails in eighteen minutes. My brother and I worked together, and if necessary, he can testify to the cure I have received from Dodd's Kidney Pills.

In conclusion I would say that Dodd's Kidney Pills are all and even more than is claimed for them. If this is of any benefit to the proprietors in any way they are at liberty to make use of it as they may deem advisable.

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Another Irish Catholic who could not allow hisname to be used on account of his being an officer of the Ontario Government, said: "There are a sufficient number of loyal Irish Catholics here to repuise any attack that may be made by the so-called Clan-na-Gael. Our religious liberties are guranteed to us by the British government, and we have nothing whatever to complain of. The war in South Africa, from a purely Catholic lie point of view, is an altogether justifiable one. The communication from the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Kimberley, to the effect that the the present war is justifiable on the part of England on the ground that it would result in bestowing religious freedom on all classes, especially Roman Catholics, who are practically disfranchised at present, ought to stimulate every one who has at heart his religious freedom, to give Great Britain his fullest support, financially and otherwise. I, for one, am ready to give my last dollar, and my life too, if need be, to help Britain in this war, and my dearest hope is that she will come out victorious."

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will come out victorious."
"I am really too busy to spend time discussing such twaddle as that of another Fenian invasion," said ex-Mayor Francis Cleary, an Irish Catholic and a nationalist. "Fenians and all other outsiders had better be wise and leave us alone. We are entirely satisfied with our position in Canada, and we will not tolerate any interference."

SILLY AND ARSURD. SILLY AND ABSURD.

Gaspard Pacaud, ex-M. L. A. and a French Roman Catholic, blazed up at French Roman Catholic, blazed up at the suggestion of a Fenian invasion. "If it were not so absurd, so silly," he said, "it would make my French blood boil. Just let the Fenians set foot in Canada, and they will see how much sympathy and support they will get from the French Canadians either here or in Quebec. The bare suggestion that the French Canadians give anything but the most unswerving loyalty to the British crown is a base loyalty to the British crown is a base libel on my countrymen. During the Femian raid of '66 three of my brothers enlisted in the volunteer service, and if there is to be another raid now I am

ready to shoulder a musket and defend my country."

Protestants of all denominations are naturally loyal to Britain.

"With the friendly feeling that now "With the friendly feeling that now prevails between Canada and the United States," said 'William Mac-Gregor, M. P., "there is not the slightest danger of another raid. Canadians are in favor of giving; a helping hand to Great Britain in giving the South African people as good and as liberal a government as we have here. It a government as we have here. It would be a godsend to the Transvaal to be brought under the British flag, which brings peace, liberty and good government to every nation that comes under its folds."

"Things have changed since the last Fenian raid," said Dr. Samson. "The United States government has attained a dignity and a sense of its responsibilities that it had not before, and it would not tolerate another invasion of a friendly country. If the Fenians did attempt it, they might/not find it so easy or so safe as they did before."

TALK OF SCALLAWAGS.

Magistrate Bartlet roared when heard of the proposed raid: "Why," he said, "it's only the talk of a lot of scallawags on the other side. The United States would not allow such a thing. If they want to come, let them come, and they will find us pre-

Chief of Police Wills, an Irish Presbyterian, said: "I don't know of a single Irishman in town who would sympathize with the Fenians. If they come they will find us ready to receive them."

"I was too young to carry arms at the last Fenian raid," said Ernest Wigle, an officer of the Essex Fusiliers, "but I remember that all the farmers around Kingsville turned out with shotguns and any other weapons they could pick up, to resist a landing. And I am sure that they would be easily ready to turn out again. receive them. be equally ready to turn out again. We would have plenty of military force to resist another raid. But that We would have plenty of minary force to resist another raid. But that talk of another raid is all buncombe."

Ex-Mayor O. E. Fleming: "The talk of making Canada independent is the veriest buncombe. Why, we Canadians are the most independent people on earth. We have all the advantages of an independent nation and enjoy the enormous prestige of being a part of the greatest empire in the world's history. Our form of government is much more democratic than that of the United States. When our government fails to represent the sentiment of the people it can be replaced at once, but that isn't possible in the United States, where one-third of congress is elected every two years. The people of this country are well satisfied with the present state of affairs and any body of men that undertakes to interfere will get a red-hot reception." a red-hot reception."
Dr. J. A. Smith: "It's just a bluff of Boer sympathizers to scare Canada into refusing to send troops to Brit-ain's aid in South Africa."

WHY NOT TAKE THEM ALL

Rush of Cowboys and flounted Police Men to Enlist.

Regins, N.W.T., Dec. 28.-Final instructions regarding the contingent have arrived, and the Northwest Mounted Police departments are full of business. Volunteering is proceeding by leaps and bounds, there being very many more personal volunteers than can be possibly accepted.

To show in what proportion, it may be mentioned that 60 have sent in their names from Moosemin, while ten only can be allowed that district; 75 from Calgary, from which-point 20 only will be received; 150 of the N. W. Police have sent in their names.

Many of the volunteers are cowboys, noted for their dash and skill. It is bored that Commissioner Herchmer or Major Steele may accompany the con-



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