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GREAT STORMS SWEEP THE WEST NO SANTA CLAUS FOR OLD LONDON

Railway Traffic Tied Up—Intense Cold Prevails.

IS THE COLDEST SINCE 1876

Switchmen Frozen to Death at Chicago—Cleveland Hard Hit—Heavy Atlantic Weather.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 14.—The severest wind and rain for this season over portions of Ohio Saturday night. At Akron fifteen persons were injured by contact with electric wires, two of them fatally. Street car service is suspended. At Delaware the wind blew down the brick smokestack of the Slocum library of the Ohio Wesleyan University, wrecking the college hotel, and business was paralyzed for several hours. At Zanesville the roof of the Smith block was blown off, blocking the streets for hours, and traffic over the high Fifth street bridge was suspended owing to its weakening.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 14.—Detroit last night had its first winter weather. A 20-mile wind prevailed.

COLDEST SINCE 1876

Chicago, Dec. 14.—This was the coldest day in Chicago for this season, the year since 1876. At 8 o'clock yesterday morning the thermometer registered 13 below. During the day the mercury moderated, and last night the mercury hovered around the zero mark. So far but one death has been reported that of a switchman who was found frozen to death in the Chicago and Northwestern yards.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 14.—The Northwest yesterday experienced the coldest weather of the season, the thermometer ranging from 4 to 24 degrees below zero at the various stations of the weather bureau. There is apparently no prospect of immediate relief. Trains on all railroads are delayed. Reports from Central Wisconsin and Northern Michigan report a terrific blizzard delaying traffic. Zero weather prevails in St. Paul.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 14.—The worst blizzard in many years is raging throughout Central Illinois tonight, and transportation lines are badly hampered. The Chicago and Alton is ordered to move only stock or perishable freight, and then in light trains. Snowplows were placed in use by this road for the first time in ten years, and were kept moving through the night in the hope of keeping the line open for passenger traffic. All passenger trains are badly delayed and are being operated by double-headed.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14.—The temperature was 3 below and falling steadily—a drop in 24 hours of 29 degrees.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 14.—The first genuine blizzard of the season prevailed in portions of Northern, Central and Western Kansas Saturday, having raged for the past five hours. The thermometer last night fell to 10 below, and at some points dropped 40 degrees and blocked the latter fell exhausted, and turning his revolver on himself fired a bullet into his brain. It was then discovered that the man was John C. King, a member of the local police force. Kressenberg was taken to a hospital where physicians announced he had only a slight chance to live. One of the bullets passed through his neck and the second entered his body. No cause is known for King's attack upon Kressenberg.

London, Dec. 14.—The steamer Menominee, for New York from London, which put into Falmouth yesterday, reports that she encountered heavy gales during the voyage across, and that when 560 miles west of Scilly Islands, Dec. 7, one wave smashing the rudder head and rendering the ship totally unmanageable. After the storm had somewhat abated the repairs, but the Menominee drifted at the mercy of the sea for several days, being impossible to steer her, and she was driven back within 360 miles of Scilly Islands. Temporary repairs were eventually made, and Captain Lucas decided to return to the nearest port. It is reported that the passengers are all well.

LIVED OVER CRIME IN A TRANCE; FRENCH HYPNOTIC EXPERIMENT

Gabrielle Bompard's Story of Murder Put to Test of Hypnotism.

Paris, Dec. 14.—The famous trial of Gabrielle Bompard and a man of the name of Eyraud for the murder of a bailiff by strangulation has been recalled in a strange fashion. Gabrielle Bompard and Eyraud escaped to America, where they were captured. Eyraud was guillotined in Paris. Gabrielle Bompard pleaded that she committed the crime under the hypnotic influence of Eyraud. She was sentenced to penal servitude, but was released a few months ago.

Her counsel recently arranged with Prof. Siegois to hypnotize her to prove that her unsuccessful plea in regard to hypnotism was true. The professor placed her in a hypnotic state and recalled her mind to the day immediately preceding the crime. The woman then lived the crime again with fearful mental torture. She showed how she had been quarreling with Eyraud about the subject, and had refused again and again to assist his murderous scheme. She pleaded shrieked and wept in vain. Then it was evident that Eyraud sprang at her throat. "Oh, he is strangling me," she cried, writhing in imaginary pain. "Let me go. I'll bring him; you are killing me." Then she enacted the scene of the murder, and showed how she left all night with the corpse, she was about to commit suicide. She also described his flight to America.

The sight of the writhing, struggling woman enacting the scenes of horror, both before and after the crime, was startling and weird. Photographers took snapshots of her throughout, and stenographers reported her words verbatim. When a weird photograph of Gabrielle Bompard showed no trace of the severe ordeal and recollected nothing. Prof. Siegois is convinced that she

SPENCER'S BODY CREMATED

A Spencer Lectureship for Oxford May be Established.

London, Dec. 14.—The remains of Herbert Spencer were cremated at Hampstead today, a few invited guests attending the closing rites. Leonard Courtney, M. P., made a brief address on the life and work of the dead philosopher. An Indian gentleman who was present offered to donate \$5,000 to endow a Spencer lectureship at Oxford University.

A ROUGH PASSAGE

Heavy Seas Bombard American Liner New York.

New York, Dec. 14.—The American liner steamer New York, which arrived last night from Southampton and Cherbourg, after a passage of 7 days and 18 hours, reports having encountered heavy gales from the northwest and southwest with high dangerous seas, which boarded the ship, flooded the officers' rooms, stove a boat, carried away rails, and caused considerable minor damages about the decks.

DEAD MEN STREW A BARK'S DECK

Vessel With Her Crew Helpless, From Beri Beri, Found Drifting at Sea.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 14.—Capt. Lofgren, of the Swedish bark P. Wilstrom, Jan., had a terrible experience while on the voyage from South America to Pensacola, Fla., where the vessel is taking cargo. While on the voyage the crew were attacked with beri beri, a disease which the sailor fears as none other. All of the men were taken down, and within a short time they were unable to navigate the vessel.

A French steamer sighted the bark drifting about and towed her into Port of Spain, Trinidad, and when the vessel was boarded there five men were found dead on deck and others were in a terrible condition. The captain as well as the crew were half-dead, and he left his home in Sweden in order to recuperate.

JAP MARINES FIGHT KOREANS

Land to Break Up a Riot Amongst Laborers and Shoot Into Crowd.

Seoul, Dec. 14.—The Japanese landed marines at Mokpho yesterday to suppress rioting during a strike among laborers. It is reported that they fired upon the mob, killing several. The strike was among Korean coolies employed in the foreign concession, which precipitated clashes among the Koreans and Japanese. The affair, it is thought, may cause local complications, and it is possible Russia may send a warship to Korea to prevent the further landing of marines.

London, Dec. 14.—The terms of Russia's reply to Japan have been communicated to the Japanese minister here, Baron Hayashi, by the Government at Tokyo. The minister subsequently said the negotiations were still incomplete, but he significantly added that he saw no reason to change his previously expressed opinion that a peaceful issue would result therefrom.

PIUS PLAYS THE PIANO

Gets Composer Mascagni to Run Over Operas.

Rome, Dec. 14.—Amid the numerous engagements of his daily life at the Vatican Pius XI. finds a little time to cultivate his love for music. It is not generally known that the new pope is a fine pianist and that one of his favorite amusements is to sit down before the instrument which he has installed in his private apartment. He has invited the celebrated Maestro Mascagni to the Vatican the other day as soon as it became known that the composer had arrived in Rome. The Pope received the young musician with great consideration and personally led him to his private apartment, where he invited him to sit at the piano and perform some airs from his new operas "Iris" and "Vestiboli," the latter of which has not yet been produced.

The piano which the Pope uses is a small upright, worth at the most a couple of hundred dollars.

HUGH MCKINNON DEAD

One Time Heavy Weight Champion of Canada and United States.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 14.—Hugh McKinnon, once a famous athlete, is dead at Dawson. For the last two years he has been chief officer in the Yukon to prevent the establishment of illicit distilleries, and smuggling of liquors into the territory.

From 1874 to 1879 McKinnon held the heavy-weight championship as an all-round athlete in the United States and Canada. He was awarded more than a thousand prizes in clubs, the Philadelphia and European sweepstakes. He retired in 1893, undefeated. McKinnon was born in Ontario in 1842. He was a giant in stature, 5'8".

WARM FIGHT AT NORTH RENFREW

Premier's Presence Strengthens Government's Forces.

THE CONSERVATIVE MACHINE

Progress Under Liberal Administration Winning Over Many Old-Time Conservatives.

Pembroke, Dec. 14.—The campaign, although moving steadily for the past three weeks, has taken new life from the visit of Premier Ross on Friday. The impetus to the Conservative forces will undoubtedly be furnished by the visit of Mr. Whitney and another batch of his lieutenants tonight. The addresses of Mr. Ross aroused great enthusiasm in the Liberal ranks, and awakened to thought many Conservatives who had been blinded by the exaggerated arguments of the Opposition speakers. The afternoon gathering at Beachburg was what politicians called a "soil" meeting, where an audience of voters listened with unbroken attention to the Premier's statements. The gathering in the evening at Pembroke was limited only by the size of the hall and hundreds stood throughout the meeting. The enthusiasm for the Liberal speakers was intense, and frequently manifested. There was a considerable reportorial no-hunt of interruption. The day's work will tell largely in the interests of the Liberal candidate, Mr. Lorne Lewis.

This riding is closely identified with the Government's progressive policy, and has been years ago a hotbed of shantymen. The Premier's announcements of new forest reserves and of a new forestry policy aroused much interest, and brings home to the electors the real value of the Government's educational campaign, and in his reply to the statement that the construction of the Government railway from North Bay, instead of Mattawa, to Eastern Ontario, he showed that the latter course was physically impossible, and that the selected route was the only one. The Premier settled a petty cry raised purely for local election purposes. The Liberal speakers in the riding are conducting an educational campaign, and are winning support in many hands from those who have heard from Conservative speakers. The Government's policy is to investigate the alleged irregularities of the Government and its workers.

The Opposition press have said much of the Liberal "machine," but a more complete working outfit than they themselves have moved here would be hard to find. The Government has been here for months, and is now camped steadily in one of the hotels in Pembroke, where the Government has been for a few months following the election in North Renfrew in 1892, when he defeated Mr. Peter White. He spoke against the riding against Sir Francis Hincks in 1893, but was defeated. It was thus that he formed the acquaintance of Mr. Hincks, while the latter was in the Dominion Parliament. Mr. Findlay held on his political friends who were not been regarded as a Liberal, and since then he has fought against Mr. Barr, former Liberal member of the House of Commons, who was not been regarded as a Liberal, and there was therefore nothing of "sudden conversion" about his action.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Tomorrow—Fine and Cold.

London, Monday, Dec. 14. Sun rises, 7:43 a.m. Moon sets, 3:37 p.m. Sun sets, 4:40 p.m. Moon rises, 2:37 p.m.

Toronto, Dec. 13-3 p.m. Decidely cold weather prevails in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba, where the maximum temperatures today arrived in Rome. The Pope received the young musician with great consideration and personally led him to his private apartment, where he invited him to sit at the piano and perform some airs from his new operas "Iris" and "Vestiboli," the latter of which has not yet been produced.

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MME. HUMBERT'S COLLARS

Famous French Swindler Now Earns Sixty Cents a Day.

Paris, Dec. 14.—The American and Journal correspondent has been permitted to see the great Therese Humbert at the Rennes Penitentiary. Her hair has been cut off, and she wears a gray dress made of sackcloth, in one piece. On her head is a white cap, which she must wash and iron daily.

She has been set to work at collar-making, and may earn 60 centimes daily by working hard. Half of that sum she must lay up for a rainy day; the other half may be used to buy "extras" in the shape of food. There, like her husband, Frederic, who works at making corsets at Thours, receives four meals daily, namely, vegetable soup twice and dry bread and water twice. On Wednesdays and Sundays a little piece of meat is added to the soup.

The distinguished prisoners die at 5:30 in the morning. In summer they will have to rise at 5 o'clock every day.

Seddon Is Angry.

London, Dec. 14.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Wellington, N. Z., says that Premier Seddon has drawn Colonial Secretary Lyttelton's attention to the case of Harper, the New Zealand bank clerk, who was prevented by the United States laws from landing at San Francisco. The correspondent adds that the case has created greater indignation, and that Premier Seddon has declared that such treatment will not be tolerated.

FATE'S LITTLE TRICKS

Escaped Death in One Way to Meet It in Another.

Middleboro, Mass., Dec. 14.—After being blown more than half a mile yesterday over the surface of Lake Assawampsett on a piece of ice, which had broken away from the shore while the men were standing upon it, Harry Haskins, aged 22, and Frank Allen, aged 24, were rescued from their dangerous position by Mr. Lewis, who rowed out to them, only to lose their lives by drowning when the boat was swamped by a squall. Lewis clung to the craft and was rescued.

LOOKS LIKE A PLOT

Mysterious Explosions and Dynamite in New York Buildings.

New York, Dec. 14.—Two one-pound sticks of dynamite with fuelling caps and fuses attached were found today by laborers in the Acker Merrill and Condit building in process of construction at Forty-third street and Broadway.

LIQUIDATION FOR THE "SOO" WORKS

The Courts Grant Application of Shareholders—Interim Liquidator Appointed.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—An order was made by Mr. Justice MacMahon, here, today to wind up the Consolidated Lake Superior Company. The application was made by W. Barwick, K.C., acting on behalf of Wm. Kurtz, Wm. Rother Wister, and Nicholas Bryce, shareholders, all of Philadelphia. Spencer Love, a local solicitor, appeared for the company and consented to the application. The court granted the application, and appointed Mr. J. G. Carruthers, of the State of Connecticut, as interim liquidator. The company was declared insolvent, and John G. Carruthers, of the State of Connecticut, was appointed as interim liquidator. The matter was referred to the master-in-ordinary to investigate and appoint a permanent liquidator.

CANADIANS TO COMMAND MILITIA

Sir F. Borden Announces Changes in Rules Regarding Army Matters.

London, Dec. 14.—Sir Frederick Borden gives the C.A.P. leave to announce the result of his mission as follows:

1. There will be no restriction or limitation in future in the selection of an officer to command the Canadian militia.

2. The date of appointment controls the precedence between an officer of the imperial army and of the Canadian militia.

3. All references to the position of the officer commanding at Halifax is omitted.

Increased facilities for educational purposes at the staff college, etc., will be given to all branches of the Canadian militia in exchange for staff appointments between the two military forces.

It is rumored at the London military headquarters that the British Government is not indisposed to hand over the responsibility for the maintenance of the fortresses at Halifax and Esquimaux to the Canadian Government.

Sir Frederick has been made a member of the permanent committee on imperial defense. It is the first time a colonial minister has been honored in this way. He is pleased with the result of his visit, and sails on Wednesday.

FOR THE BLIND

The Sightless Will "Feel" Their Christmas Cards.

London, Dec. 14.—Christmas cards are not by any means such a popular institution as in years past, but there are some wonderful new specimens just out. One of the professors at a great college for the blind has had the splendid idea of cards for his pupils and others. They are very pretty in every kind of design, mostly, of course, with the conventional holly and bells and stars, all in response, and the verse or inscription in Braille.

It is a good thought, and will help to bring the idea of Christmas home to lives which must of necessity be more or less colorless.

FOREIGN TRADE IS EXPANDING

Five Months Returns Show Enormous Increase.

EXPORTS EXCEED THE IMPORTS

Close to the Half Billion Mark—Canadian Flour in Japan—The G. T. P. Deposit.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The latest returns show no falling off in Canada's foreign trade. On the contrary the abnormal expansion which has been so marked under the present Government continues to display itself. For the five months which terminated Nov. 30, the aggregate foreign trade on the basis of imports for consumption, amounted to \$221,878,793, an increase of \$28,857,776, as compared with the same period of last year. If the increase is maintained for the rest of the year at the same rate customs officials say by the end of the twelve months, viz. on the 30th of June next, a total of \$500,000,000 will be reached.

For the five months the domestic exports exceeded the imports by \$121,819,010. The exports of domestic products were \$105,388,512, or \$3,850,018 more than for the same five months of last year. The imports for consumption amounted to \$184,166,600, being a gain of \$17,536,522. The imports of dutiable goods show an increase of \$8,586,428, and the free goods an increase of \$8,265,094. The exports for the month of November alone reveal a gain of nearly \$2,000,000.

Mr. Tamura, the Japanese merchant who is visiting Ottawa, says he expects to see a large demand created in Japan for flour from Manitoba No. 1 hard wheat.

THE SEALERS' CLAIMS

The Russian Government have initiated their acceptance of January as the date for the meeting of a representative named by them with Mr. Little, of Woodstock, the representative of the Canadian Government, to adjust the claims for the seizure of Canadian sealers in the Asiatic waters of the Pacific. Russia has admitted the justice of the Canadian claims to compensation, and the only thing which remains to be done is to assess the damages to be paid for each vessel seized. The meeting will be held in London.

G. T. PACIFIC DEPOSIT

Mr. G. T. Pacific, vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific, has been interviewed by the Prime Minister yesterday morning. The interview had reference to the \$5,000,000 of securities which the Grand Trunk Pacific had put up. Neither gentleman would make any statement for publication, but it is absolutely certain that an announcement of the Government's acceptance of the securities will soon be forthcoming.

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JULIA DANCED BEFORE THE JUDGE,

LOST HER SUIT, BUT WON HIM

A Musical Prodigy.

Paris, Dec. 14.—Renee Billard, a beautiful girl of 13, has just secured the first place in a higher violin examination at the Paris Conservatory, beating 180 older competitors. Her father gave her a violin on her 8th birthday, and her wonderful aptitude immediately became apparent. At the age of 10 she got the second violin prize at the Bordeaux Conservatory.

HENLEY UNDERMINED

A Citizen Sinks Through Street Into Coal Pits.

London, Dec. 14.—There is consternation in the town of Henley, in Staffordshire. A man while walking through a street yesterday sank through the footway into the earth and was suffocated by the gas which issued from the coal pits. All attempts to rescue him were fruitless, owing to the poisonous gases. A funeral service was held today near the spot where the man sank. It was attended by the mayor and the members of the corporation. The town council is now facing the problem of how to deal with the disused coal pits which undermine the district.

Spanks Not Welcome.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 14.—May Rice, a pretty girl, 16 years of age, in court on Saturday, said she would not live with her mother, who is divorced from her father, because her parent spanked her so frequently and so strenuously that she could not bear it. She asked the court for a change of guardian.

MYSTERY OF DRUCKER'S DEATH

Ex-British M. P. Insured for Millions Dies Strangely.

HAD DEALINGS WITH HOOLEY

London Companies Order That an Investigation Be Made Before Money Be Paid.

London, Dec. 14.—A great international million dollar insurance mystery was developed today in the announcement that Adolphus Drucker, a former member of Parliament and leading London clubman, who died in Bellevue Hospital, in New York City, was one of the most heavily insured men in London.

Ernest Terah Hooley, the promoter, in whose enterprises Drucker sunk his fortune, is said to hold a \$500,000 policy on Drucker's life.

New York representatives of the big English insurance companies were called today for all the details of Drucker's death and a thorough investigation was ordered.

The circumstances of Drucker's death are so strange and suspicious that they have resulted in the payment of the enormous policies on his life being held up until the mystery is cleared.

Several weeks ago Drucker arrived in this country, and went to Roseville, British Columbia, where he had large interests. He returned to New York three weeks ago and registered at the Grand Union Hotel from Roseville.

After spending a week at the hotel he left and was not seen again for nearly two weeks. On Monday he was found wandering between the Grand Central station and the Hotel Manhattan, muttering to himself. His death followed on Wednesday from chronic meningitis and alcoholism in Bellevue Hospital.

Where he had been during the time between his disappearance from the hotel and his arrest, what had become of his baggage, how he had been transformed within two weeks from a level-headed business man to a chronic alcoholic, are questions that the insurance companies intend shall be definitely answered.

Little of his insurance is held by re-insurers. The bulk of it is held by a professor in the University at London, who has a small policy. The others are held by creditors, who insured Drucker's life years ago to reimburse themselves for losses sustained through his failure. When he confessed bankruptcy in December, 1907, owing to the collapse of his promotion of British Columbia mines and ranch lands, he had unsecured liabilities of \$1,750,000.

The enormous policy held by Hooley was due to the fact that Drucker had got the big promoter into his British Columbia scheme. Hooley's policy was having let him into the scheme which ended in the loss of \$100,000 inheritance.

This method of insurance is very common in England, where people gamble on the lives of well-known persons as eagerly as Americans play the stock and grain markets.

Drucker was a member of Parliament from Northampton, a leading member of the Carlton and other leading London clubs and a prominent financier until his collapse two years ago. Many wealthy Englishmen were caught by his failure, and the heavy insurance on his life resulted.

The only person in New York known to have seen Drucker was a man out of the Grand Union Hotel in Henry David, a manufacturer at No. 6 Dunne street.

"Drucker came to my office ten days ago," he said. "He was exceedingly well dressed and showed no signs of drinking or mental distress. He told me he was here to finish some literary work and in the interest of several patents. I know nothing about his insurance."

Drucker's body has been removed to an undertaking place to await word from his friends and relatives.

Miss Tomaska Pleaded That the

Terpsichorean Taste of the Public Was Depraved.

Budapest, Hungary, Dec. 14.—Julia Tomaska, an operatic singer, was sued by the manager of the theater at Nagy Arad for not dancing according to the best traditions of her art, and in consequence rendering his theater unpopular. The manager had a written contract with her, providing that she was to dance in certain operas the traditional dances required by the public.

The jurors would have liked to give judgment for Julia, as she is a lovely girl, and gave her evidence with much animation and wit, but they could not agree as to which side was right.

So the judge asked the parties if they would consent to try the case again in his private room and submit the matter to his final judgment.

They consented and a day was appointed for the new trial.

The judge said the only way he could decide was to see Julia dance both styles of dancing.

Julia was only too willing, and prostrated in front of the judge to his complete satisfaction.

Then he felt constrained to decide that the theater manager was right, and that the new dancing was no improvement. When he gave judgment against the fair Julia he asked her to remain in his room a few minutes, as he wished to speak to her alone.

Miss Julia's surprise was great when she received an offer of marriage from the judge, who had been fascinated by her beauty and beauty. She accepted him on the spot, and her husband paid the fine imposed on her by the theater manager.

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Fine Black Serge, one piece only; 40 inches wide; regular 35c; splendid goods marked to clear at per yard 25c
Serges, Cashmeres, and Figured Lustres, special lines; regular price 25c per yd. Marked to clear this week at per yd. 15c

GAUNTLETS AND MITS.

Misses' Cardinal and White Astrachan Gauntlets, splendid value; regular price 50, per pair. 39c
Black Astrachan Gauntlets for boys and girls. Special at 23c
Men's Home-Made Woolen Mitts, regular 25c lines, reduced to 15c per pair.

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Girls' Plain Cashmere Hose, in sizes 6 1/2, 7, 7 1/2, 8, 8 1/2; regular 35c lines, reduced to per pair 25c

Children's Plain Cashmere Hose in sizes 5, 5 1/2, 6, 6 1/2, 7, 7 1/2; regular 25c. Special to clear; per pair 19c

Heavy Ribbed Woolen Hose, double knitted, size 8 only, seamless feet; worth 35c, for per pair 19c

Ladies' Ribbed Woolen Hose in sizes 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2; seamless feet; regular 40c. Marked to clear at 25c per pair.

Ladies' Worsted Hose in sizes 8, 8 1/2, 9; seamless feet; regular 25c pair, for 19c

FOUR NEW BRIDGES ARE TO BE BUILT BY COUNTY COUNCIL

One of the Last Decisions Reached at December Session—
The Warden Thanked.

The December session of the County Council of Middlesex closed Saturday, after a two hours' session, in which time a number of matters were disposed of, including the decision to build four new bridges. The adjournment was made until the third Monday in January.

The agricultural committee recommended a grant of \$25 each to the North, West and East Middlesex Farmers' Institutes. Their report was adopted.

The finance committee in its first report recommended payment of a number of accounts; also that the contract with the Bell Telephone Company be continued on condition intimated by them; that the petition of Jessie McDonald, matron of Salvation Army Rescue Home and Children's Shelter be laid over until January; that no action be taken on the petition of the Prisoners' Aid Society; that \$500 be paid on account of county rates to Victoria Hospital; that the account of \$117.26 for county patients in the Children's Aid Society care be paid; that the communication from the County of London re the frontage tax for cement sidewalks be referred to the clerk, to notify them that the county are not liable for frontage tax; that the account is not rendered in accordance with the county's understanding with the city; that upon the communication from J. Sinclair, re his expenses in connection with the apprehension of a thief who had stolen clothes from him, no action be taken.

NEW BRIDGES TO BE BUILT.
The board of road directors presented an important report. The board recommended that the bridge commissioners prepare plans and specifications for the following bridges: Vauxhall Bridge over the River Thames, two bridges over Dingman's Creek, between the Townships of Westminister and Delaware, and a bridge on the line between the Town of Stratford and the Township of Carleton Place, to be opened and awarded at the January session of the council, bridges to be built of concrete and iron. The committee further recommended that the consideration of the balance of the bridges reported be laid over until the January session; that C. G. Garnett be paid \$125, being the amount retained for non-completion of his contract within specified time; that the bridge on the Eglar and Carleton townline which did not comply with specifications be accepted and paid for at the reduced price of \$100; that the commissioners be authorized to act with the corporation of Lambton to have both the bridge on the line between the Township of Carleton Place and the Township of Lambton removed, provided owners of bridge permit; that the commissioners be authorized to arrange for the construction of a bridge on the line between the Township of Carleton Place and the Township of Lambton to arrange for erection of a

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Accept no substitute, but be sure to get Hood's, and get it today.

FATAL SPANISH WRECK

Train Does Down Embankment—
Fourteen Killed.

Madrid, Dec. 14.—The collapse of an embankment near Cordova yesterday derailed a train, killing fourteen persons and injuring many others.

ALICE WON'T WANT

Will Inherit Large Sum From Duke of Saxe-Coburg.

London, Dec. 14.—Instead of being a dowryless bride, the Princess Alice of Albany has, or will have, a large fortune, as, being the only sister of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg, she inherits the entire sum which has been set apart for the younger children of the Coburg family. Princess Alice will also, probably, inherit the Claremont. Prince Alexander of Teck has an income of less than \$100,000 a year.

It is said that as one of her wedding gifts the Princess may receive from her mother, the Duchess of Albany, a superb bracelet in the form of a serpent, which was given the Duchess on her marriage by the Windsor people. This bracelet was worn by the Duchess at her wedding in 1882, and twenty years later, in 1902, it was included among the jewels she donated to the coronation of her brother-in-law, King Edward VII.

HERE'S FURTHER PROOF

Drops and Rheumatism Come From Diseased Kidneys and Are Cured by

Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 14.—That rheumatism and Dropsy are both the result of diseased kidneys and consequent uric acid in the blood, is a fact which has been proved by the case of Mr. Robertson, 35 St. Antoine street, who is speaking of his case, Mr. Robertson said.

"I had been troubled with Rheumatism and Dropsy for five years. I got so bad that I could hardly put my feet to the floor, they were so swollen with Dropsy. My arms were so swollen at times so that I could not put my coat on."

"Before I had used the second box of Dodd's Kidney Pills I felt a great improvement. I took seven boxes in all, and I don't know what it is to be sick since."

WIRELESS FOR PEELE

Government May Erect a Plant Next Summer.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 14.—If the present plans of Mr. K. C. Cowan, M. P., of North Essex, are carried out, the difficulty of communication between Pelee Island and the mainland will be overcome by the use of wireless telegraphy. Although time and time again a telegraph cable has been laid from the island to the mainland, the heavy ice in the winter or vessels anchoring in the natural harbor on the lee of the island, have broken the wires. The population of the island is in the neighborhood of two thousand, and since the cable service is so unsatisfactory they are constantly clamoring for some remedy to the evil. The Minister of Public Works has approved of Mr. Cowan's plans, and it is possible that the system will be established next summer.

His Majesty's Pastimes

Just Now They Are Prize Cattle and Electric Baths.

London, Dec. 14.—The fact that King Edward goes through so much work and yet retains unimpaired his elasticity and vigor has been a source of wonder for a long time, even to members of the medical profession. The explanation of the mystery is offered at last. For a month past his majesty is said to have been taking electric light baths. These scientific rejuvenators are installed at Windsor Castle and at Buckingham Palace. They are both of the double-light variety, with a projector of 2,500 candle-power, for use in local affections of the body. Inside the bath in which a sitting posture is adopted, there are fifty-two electric lamps which radiate any colored light desired. The light not only permeates every part of the body, but has a sort of Turkish bath effect. The lights are of colors which scientists say have curative effects on certain ailments.

The King was present at the Islington cattle show last week and many were the comments expressed on his well being. He was one of the keenest spectators, and moved about the pens with an activity that would have done credit to a man of his age. Few men on this side under stand cattle so well as the King. He looks after the breeding of his own cattle and knows as much about it as any farmer among his servants. The show was those of an acute observer. Talking of what he knows, Sir Nigel Kingscote, who has devoted his life to the subject, confessed that he knew less than the King. The King won many cups for cattle at the show.

In connection with the celebration of St. Petersburg's 200th anniversary, the Russian Academy of Sciences offers a prize of 12,000 roubles for the best history of that city.

STILL GUESSING AS TO FAR EAST

Although British and Japanese Cruisers Don War Paint.

RUSSIA'S REPLY IS AT TOKYO

It Is Supposed to Contain Concessions in Regard to Manchuria—Japan Is Quieter.

[By Associated Press.]
London, Dec. 14.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from one of its correspondents in the far east asserts that warships of both Russia and Japanese, now in Chefoo, have been painted black, their war color.

London, Dec. 14.—The Jiji Shimpō's Seoul correspondent reports that the Korean war minister, Shin-Keulson, and M. Pavloff, the Russian minister to Korea, have entered into an agreement, by the terms of which, in the event of an emergency, Russian officers will be employed to guard the royal palace.

Tokio, Dec. 13.—Russia's reply has been received. The Russian minister informed Premier Katsura Friday that Russia entertains Japan's proposal, probably with modifications.

The general election has been fixed for March 1. There is no excitement here, notwithstanding the dissolution of the Diet, which it is expected will have little effect on the diplomatic situation. The Government is calm and confident, and apparently resolved to prosecute the negotiations according to the original plan.

London, Dec. 14.—A special dispatch from correspondents in Japan received this morning indicate that the nature of Russia's reply to Japan will not be permitted to leak out in the latter country. The Daily Mail's Tokyo correspondent believes, however, the reply to be of a satisfactory nature, and that an amicable settlement of existing differences will result. He adds: "As far as I can ascertain Russia has made concessions to Japan concerning the Manchurian situation. The Russian position is shown by the distinctly sanguine feeling of the stock markets. Contrary to what might have been expected, the effect of the dissolution of the Diet in Japan is being favorably received. During the week ended Dec. 8, 14,000 tons of coal were sent from Japan to Port Arthur. Doubtless if the Japanese Government had anticipated war it would have found means to prevent this shipment. The Premier has received an imperial mandate to carry the negotiations with Russia to a conclusion."

Petersburg, Dec. 13.—It is said at the foreign office here that the reply has been received by Admiral Alexieff, the Russian viceroy, in the far east, from the Japanese proposals submitted by Admiral Alexieff to Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan. It is presumed here that Baron de Rosen might informally consult the Japanese authorities, but it is not known if he will pursue this course. The Japanese office deems that China and Russia have reached an agreement covering the Manchurian situation.

According to the Vladivostok correspondent of Novoe Vremya, Admiral Alexieff, the Russian viceroy in the far east, has just returned from St. Petersburg until January.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—The Novoe Vremya, in an article on the Japanese budget, says that the ridiculously small surplus taken in connection with the practical impossibility of floating another loan abroad makes it certain that war would be ruinous to Japan now that the United States has declined to support that country, and expresses the hope that the better sense of Japan will rescue the empire from ruin.

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The Protestants of Boston are making contributions to a fund of \$50,000 to erect a monument to the memory of the cruiser Boyarin, the auxiliary cruiser Poltava, and the gunboat Bohr.

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MARRIAGES.
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DEATHS.
ESCOTT—At the home of his parents, "Oakhurst," Saturday morning, Dec. 12, 1903, T. Garret H. Escott, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Escott.
Burial at Mount Pleasant cemetery, on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Private.
Chatham and Wallaceburg papers please copy.

THRAPLETON—At Battle Creek, Mich., on Dec. 12, 1903, Lottie Georgina, wife of James Thrapleton, and eldest daughter of C. H. Fawcett, of this city, aged 22 years.

Funeral on Tuesday at 2:30, from her father's residence, 122 Elmwood avenue. Private.

McKAY—On Sunday morning, Dec. 13, 1903, Nellie Irene, second daughter of the late Hugh McKay, aged 15 years and 3 months.

Funeral from the family residence, 329 Piccadilly street, Tuesday afternoon, at 2:30; service at 2 o'clock.
PLATT—At his late residence, 122 Tecumseh avenue, on Sunday, Dec. 13, 1903, William, beloved husband of Susan Platt, aged 80 years, 5 months and 19 days.

Funeral notice later.

MOIR—In this city, on Dec. 13, 1903, Mary, widow of the late James Moir, aged 80 years.

Funeral from her late residence, 117 Wharfside road, West London, on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 2:30 a.m., to St. Peter's Cathedral; Mass at 9 a.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

VINCENT—In this city, on Dec. 13, 1903, Mary Jane, beloved wife of Hugh Edward Vincent, aged 45 years.

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A Great Ideal.

The relative value to Canada of the United States and the British markets has been always a much-discussed question, which would become an exceedingly live issue if the United States should try to forestall Chamberlain by offering Canada a liberal measure of reciprocity. If it were put to the farmers of Ontario they would say that free admission to the American market would be the greatest boon that could be conferred upon them, granting that the British market also remained open to them. The argument that the American market could not be profitable because the products of both countries are similar and because both produce a surplus for export, will not stand the test of facts. Ontario and Quebec have a geographical advantage over the Western States in relation to the great New England market and Canadian superiority has been established in nearly every branch of husbandry. Those who speak of trade being unprofitable between countries of similar products suffer from a confusion of ideas. They forget that every exchange is a bargain between individuals, not between countries, and that there would be no barrier unless each party to it believed he was profiting. Any Canadian cattle dealer, for instance, whether free entrance to the Buffalo market would be an advantage to him and he will tell you that it would increase the value of every head of stock he owns on this side of the line by the amount of the American duty. He will tell you that the duty he pays is practically an extra freight charge. It is one case where it is paid by the exporter, the purchaser and consumers not being dependent upon Canadian supplies.

While the value of the American market must be admitted, there is some reason for much of the current objection to reciprocity with the United States. The great drawback is the absence of any guarantee of stability in commercial relations with that country. Under a reciprocity treaty Canadian producers would adapt themselves to the American market and would become to a great degree dependent upon it. Unfortunately they would be dependent also on the whim of Congress. A swing in the party pendulum, or a gust of anti-British or anti-Canadian feeling, might throw up the barriers against us once more. The hope of living or starving Canada into the United States inspired the non-renewal of the reciprocity treaty in 1896, and history might repeat itself. The McKinley tariff struck a heavy blow at this country, and it was some years before the Canadian farmers adjusted themselves to new conditions and found compensation in the British market. Reciprocity would divert much of their export trade to the United States with increased profit, but they would abandon ground in Great Britain, which has been won with much effort and which could not be readily regained in case they were shut back upon the mother country. The liability of a disastrous disturbance of this kind is the main objection against a reciprocity treaty with the United States.

Sir Richard Cartwright, in his great speech at Toronto, touched this question in an illuminating manner. He suggested that a resort to retaliatory tariffs by Great Britain would open up a new prospect. A tax on the American farmer, in his opinion would bring about the downfall of the present tariff system in the United States, which is supported by the great agricultural states of the middle west. As Sir Richard so cogently put it:

"I will venture to say that there is one thing we can do which would teach the United States how intimately their interests depend on the maintenance of the tariff which is their best customer, and that is the imposition of such a tax. One thing is very certain. You will not have any material effect on the United States policies by taxing the manufacturers. If you want to hit the United States you must hit the farmer. The farmer exports to Great Britain. Do that and the protected manufacturers would have no market. The farmer would close upon a generation in telling the farmer that the consumer pays the duty. Tax all the food products of all countries, and there is no doubt that the prices would go up; tax it from one country alone, and the producer cannot escape being burdened. The question is whether the producer has any other market to go to. In the case of the United States farmer there is no other market. France and Germany are closed to him by high tariffs, and Russia is practically closed.

"Remember, this is one of the cases in which the prices received for foreign exports regulate the prices at home, and if once the United States farmer finds he loses 10 per cent of his gross profits by taxes on food products in England, and loses 30 per cent of the net profits he expects to make, and is also taxed for the goods purchased in exchange, there is little doubt that the people of Great Britain would not reciprocate with the people of the United States. I do not pretend to say that the experiment will not be attended with risks. It must be done mutually. The United States can have no fault to find with England if this is done. My own opinion is that they will respect her all the more if she does it. Canada can help. Such a policy would be a practical adoption of our own British policy, and the preferential policy generally."

The gist of this argument is that the United States cannot afford a commercial quarrel with its best customer, the British Empire, and would make great concessions rather than lose its favorable position in British markets. The

British Government has a great power in its hands which, if wisely used, will make the United States a supplicant for reciprocity with the British Empire. There would be no danger of the United States abruptly terminating such an arrangement to the discomfort of this country, since it would have more to lose than Great Britain by depriving itself of the favored treatment in the markets of the empire. Sir Richard Cartwright held up the ideal of a commercial federation of the English-speaking nations, and expressed the hope that it would lead to their friendly alliance. Is the ideal too visionary? If the United States should be constrained by the British tariff to seek a commercial alliance with the British Empire, which would be a stable and permanent and would be the strongest bond of friendship—the bond of self-interest—Canada would surely not stand in the way.

Gamey Turned Down.

Gamey has abandoned his intention of stumping in North Renfrew and has returned home in a fit of the sulks. In an interview with the Toronto Telegram he says he was invited to the riding by the Conservative organizer, but as it was evident that some Conservatives did not want him there, he would stay away rather than go where he was not entirely welcome. It appears that the Conservatives of the riding, to their credit, objected to his presence. Mr. W. R. White, K.C., of Pembroke, one of the most prominent members of the party, publicly asserted that the "Conservative of North Renfrew" had not been invited so low as to require the services or assistance of a man like Gamey. "What the managers of the Opposition have not had the moral courage to do, the self-respect of private members of the party has done. The wonder is that Gamey, with his forehead of brass, is at all abashed by the scorn of decent Conservatives. He was given control of the Muskoka bye-election by Mr. Whitney, and has been so lionized by the machine that he would have had a good excuse for ignoring the protests of Conservatives who have some regard for party and personal honor. It is not to be expected that he will stay squelched, however. The Opposition cannot hope for any such luck. He will return to plague them as sure as fate."

Callaghan has been sent to jail and Gamey has retired to the solitudes of Manitoulin. This is the 21st day since the Toronto News let the cat out of the bag by telling how the Conservative party raised a great campaign fund.

Canadian public men speak to a far larger audience than they did a year ago. The recent speeches by Mr. Sir. and Sir Richard Cartwright are canvassed by the British press and discussed from the British platform.

Does the London Advertiser still think that for Mr. Hays and his associates to enter into a contract to spend over \$100,000,000 without seeing their own clear to raise a preliminary \$20,000,000 is the conduct of "mere adventurers?"—Vancouver Telegram.

It would be if they could not raise the five millions, but the Winnipeg Telegram and the London Free Press are the only papers that profess to believe Mr. Hays and his associates cannot scrape up the money. Their assertions are ridiculous.

Here is a record of Canada's progress in a nutshell. The figures stand for millions:

Total foreign trade	1896, 1902
Total exports	229 421
Total imports	121 211
Bank assets	321 583
Total bank deposits	154 399
Total bank discounts	213 471
Notes in circulation	71 55
Clearance of railways	50 84
Railway freight tonnage	24 42
Total letters posted	116 213

Sir Richard Cartwright urges the cultivation of friendly relations with the United States, and hopes for an alliance of the Republic and the British Empire. But he does not share Lord Rosebery's view, that Great Britain should not tax American imports for fear of American retaliation. Sir Richard holds that the best way of securing American friendship is by showing the United States how dependent it is upon the markets of the British Empire. The Canadian statesman takes the more courageous view, at any rate.

Herbert Spencer's "Relaxation."
[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]
Herbert Spencer first proclaimed the gospel of relaxation. He worked but three hours a day and lived to be 84 years of age. Spencer worked, visibly, three hours a day, but his intellect continued at its full overtime, and he never succeeded in making his gospel of relaxation popular with his own kind. Intellectual toil goes on at other times than when the pen is in the hand, or the book spread open under the library lamp. When idleness seems most apparent, thoughts may be framing that are worth while. A good mind should be permitted its "think-fests." There is a time for incubation as well as lucubration.

This is what Herbert Spencer called "relaxation." He may have devoted ten hours a day to pondering on his philosophy and but three hours committing the result of his ponderings to paper. At any rate, it is certain that the poet, when he frames poetry to their will or to the philosophy which he elucidated so voluminously and strikingly, he could not stop the process. Poets must frame poetry whether they will or no, and philosophers must philosophize whether they will or no. Their toil is their relaxation and their relaxation their toil. It is only daily set tasks on subjects arbitrarily chosen that dull all the edges of the intellect.

A Quick Lie.

[Toronto Telegram.]
The absurd story that Peter Ryan received \$25,000 for an afternoon's work

selling timber limits is the sort of lie that will travel several concessions while the contradiction is putting on its running shoes.

Laurier's Health.

[Toronto News.]
We understand that the health of the Prime Minister has greatly improved, that the apprehension of an early breakdown has quite disappeared, and that for many years to come, with his health as it is now, he is likely to remain in Parliament as the leader of the Liberal party. To the mass of Conservatives this good news will be as welcome as it is to Liberals.

The Cook's Faith.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"Really," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "your little dinner last night was quite recherche."
"Oh, dear," her mistress groaned, "I just knew the new cook would make a botch of it some way."

Ma's Error.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"Papa," asked the little son of the board of trade man, "are you a bull or a bear?"
"I'm a bull, just now."
"There! I told mamma she was mistaken when she said you were a bear, after you went away this morning."

Not a Slang Word.

[Washington Star.]
Boston authorities announce that "grat" has ceased to be slang. Slang is usually supposed to possess more or less of a humorous significance, and grat has become very serious indeed.

What Sh. Was In.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"Your daughter seemed to be in a reverie when this picture was taken," said Mrs. Oldcastle.
"Oh, no; you see it was a snapshot that her cousin took when she was just layin' around in a kimona."

Women Physicians in America and in England.

[Medical Record.]
There exists a prejudice in Great Britain against women as physicians and surgeons, a feeling which is especially strong among members of their own sex. Women in the United States practicing as physicians or surgeons are in a far better position. There is little or no prejudice against them, but like other women workers, they must stand or fall upon their own merits. Some of them are prosperous members of the community. Of 100 graduates of the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, 76 stated the monetary value of their practice in a year: 24 made \$1,000 a year or more; 20 as much as \$2,000 and less than \$3,000; 10 as much as \$3,000 and less than \$4,000; 5 as much as \$4,000 and less than \$5,000; 3 as much as \$5,000 and less than \$10,000; 4 reported sums varying from \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year. Ten reported less than \$1,000 a year. The average income was found to be \$2,907.30.

Undoubtedly there is a large field everywhere for women of the medical profession, and it is just as certain that they are here to stay.

Where the Line Is Drawn.

[Judge.]
Crabshaw—Miss Purseprodder has taken up philanthropy.

Crawford—Does she really associate with the poor?
Crabshaw—Well, of course, she draws the line at her poor relations.

The Horse Also Waited.

[Detroit Free Press.]
Chauncey Olcott is telling his friends about two green youths of his acquaintance who, having taken a horse and trap for a day's outing, found themselves at the close of the expedition confronted with the bewildering problem of reharnessing the animal.

The bit proved their chief difficulty for the horse made no response whatever to their overtures.
"Well, there's nothing for it but to wait," said one.
"Wait for what?" grumbled the other.
"For the horse to yawn," replied his companion.

FORTUNES OF THE PIPES

Daughters May Be Raised to Rank of Princesses.

London, Dec. 14.—The rise of the Fife family has been one of the most remarkable examples of the success which can be attained by thoughtful matrimonial alliances. It was a great heiress who brought fame, power and influence to the Fife family. She founded the Fife family a very few generations ago, and the engagement of the Earl of Fife to the King's eldest daughter, Princess Louise, brought the present head of the family a dukedom.

Now comes the whispered news that in the King's wedding, the marriage of the two little daughters of the Duke and Duchess of Fife—Lady Alexandra Duff and Lady Maud Duff—to the rank of royal princesses. The betrothal of each of the children's royal mother, Princess Louise, just before her

marriage, headed hard with the King to be allowed to depend upon all the trappings and surroundings of royalty. The princess, in fact, would have to drop the title, "Her Royal Highness," for this, of course, could not be allowed.

If by some extraordinary chain of circumstances the Princess Louise, Duchess of Fife, as the eldest daughter of the King, should ascend the throne, as she has no son, her daughter, Lady Alexandra Duff, would succeed her as Queen of England. The King, therefore, could be putting aside such improbable contingencies, desires that his grandchildren should take their proper place in future tables of precedence.

The great and ancient Scottish families who are proud of their royal blood and who look upon the Fife family as "very new and unimportant," will shrink still further into their shells when the announcement is made.

DR. OSLER GETS

A \$10,000 FEE

He Was Called From Baltimore to Milwaukee for 5 Minutes Consultation.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Dr. William Osler, a native of Dundas, Ont., who has been for some years dean of the medical department of the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., and who delivered the address at the opening of the new medical building here this fall, was called into consultation with physicians of Capt. Fred. Fabst at Milwaukee, Wis., on Tuesday last.

While the captain's condition was not considered desperate, yet his family would not be satisfied until the best consulted the highest authority in the country. Dr. Osler arrived here Tuesday afternoon, had a consultation with the other physicians, saw the patient for about five minutes, pocketed a fee of \$10,000, and returned home in the morning.

FLATS ON WHEELS

Great Western Railway Introduces an Up-To-Date Train.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Beginning next Sunday the entire Great Western system will be equipped with new combination cafe, parlor and observation cars, embodying all the characteristics of an up-to-date four-room flat.

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For those who do not care for the "home" car there has been arranged a "club" car, which embraces all the luxuries to be found in the average club.

LAUGH FORTS TO SCORN

Submarine Dives Like a Duck, Outwitting Fleet.

Marseilles, Dec. 14.—French naval experts are discussing with some glee the feat of the French submarine torpedo boat Korrigan, that succeeded in entering the harbor of Bizerta, in Tunis, recently, in spite of the watchfulness of the crews of three men-of-war, including that of Rear-Admiral Auber, in charge of the naval division of Tunis.

The Korrigan had been ordered by M. Pellaton, the Minister of Marine, to proceed from Rochefort to Bizerta and enter the harbor secretly, in order to demonstrate that it would be possible for a submarine to blow up the warships there stationed.

The captain of the Korrigan submerged his vessel to a depth of one fathom, and at this depth ran to the entrance of Bizerta harbor. Passing to the eastward of the frowning forts at the entrance, he stole by the partially constructed jetty without being detected.

Then the submarine softly worked her way to the starboard side of the cruiser Tempeste, the flagship, and came up alongside. Having demonstrated that the flagship could easily have been torpedoed and sunk, the Korrigan sank again to the bottom before the astonished officers and crew of the Tempeste fully realized what had happened.

Paid for Being Painted.

Clyde, N. Y., Dec. 14.—William B. Jackson, a youth of 18, living near the neighboring village of North Rose, was initiated recently into the order of the Ya Hooes. As part of the ceremony the candidate said to have been stripped of his clothing, hung up by his brother and then painted in variegated colors, some of which, it is said, were of a very brilliant blue. Jackson secured a barber's pole, and craftsmen, charging them with assault, were arrested. The incident was the work of the jokers making a substantial money payment to the victim.

THE PASSING OF THADY

By Miss Maude Regan.

The following story, which shows fine literary talent, appears in Donohoe's Magazine for November. It is from the pen of Miss Maude Regan, of this city.

Thady's cabin, poor enough in creature comforts, is tucked away in one of the many windings of the prettiest road in Ireland, therefore in the world.

The road leads ultimately to the sea, but pursues its course with leisurely indirectness, as though it were of little consequence where it leads, and its destination, today, tomorrow or next week, and when you have hummed it away for hours and hours, and as often as I have, you won't think it matters either.

For if it takes its own time about bringing you to the Irish peasant and the crofters, to the scarred cliffs against which the ocean beats in impotent wrath, to vindictive fury, and to the peace of the sea, it is wended to the holy well—beyond the little turning that leads one to the flower-paved, leaf-thatched thicket where the good people of the land sit at their moon-lit revels—lies that unexplored mystery, the "saw." In one-lined heaving splendor my fancy pictures it a lovely vision which I am consciously loath to compass with

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Mitts, Referee's Whistles.

A. Westman.

on the gray loneliness of her future, Thady had the best of it, and this conviction, hinged to her unflinching heart, gave her courage to speed him on his way.

Although I had realized in a dim sort of way that Thady's days were to be few, the news brought by a neighbor's child, one July evening, that he was "going fast," found me strangely unprepared. When I reached the cabin I found, gathered in the outer room, with Molly in the middle, the group of friendly neighbors whom Thady never failed to assemble in the dear old land.

Through the open door I could see Thady propped up in his chair by the window, because it was easier to breathe so, and beside him Father John, who had married him to Molly fifteen years before, young and strong, and never to grow ill or old. I do not think that many of us came to the end of their earthly wayfaring so little travel, staid as the unworried Thady. "He'll be with God and his blessed mother tonight," Father John whispered brokenly to Molly as he beckoned us into the little room on whose threshold the death angel hovered with the outspread pinions. With a love stronger than death, Molly fought back the rising sob and began in steady tones the prayer for a soul departing.

"He'll know my voice best," she said, answering Father John's kindly remonstrance, and Thady, on the borderland, lingered a moment, held by the spell of the familiar tones. They never spoke of self, they never broke in sob or cry, but rose and fell with a sort of despairing intensity, as she followed Thady to the very edge of the world, and marshaled with splendid confidence the hosts of heaven to help him on his way.

"Let the splendid company of angels meet thy soul at its departure, let the court of the apostles receive thee, let the triumphant army of glorious martyrs conduct thee, let the crowds of joyful confessors encompass thee, let the choir of blessed virgins go before thee. No stranger, they, to these simple Irish peasants, but lifelong friends to be counted on in time of need."

"Let thy place be in peace and thy abode in Holy Zion," Molly prayed, striving with tearful eyes to pierce the veil that hid the splendid abode whose gates were wide for Thady.

One by one the old women holding him were parting; it almost seemed as though the earth and its gates had slipped away from Thady, who suddenly groped his way out of the mist back to the world where Molly was to live out her days. With something of their old light, his eyes turned from the window as the mellow glow of sunset, to behold which lay the potato plot, a great, dense, despairing gaze.

"They're coming up finely, glory be to God!" said Thady, quite naturally, as the last strand snapped, and calm and unafraid he drifted out to the infinite.

As Molly once said to me, looking out

Boils were so painful
could not sleep
at night.

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The splendid list of Bargains Saturday will be continued this week, with additions such as these:

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BAYLEY'S.

CALLAGHAN WAS FOUND GUILTY

Theft From Crossin Piano Co.
the Charge—Jury Out
Six Minutes.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—After being out only six minutes the jury in the general sessions Friday night brought in a verdict of guilty in the case of W. H. Callaghan, charged with the theft of \$180 from the Crossin Piano Company. There was no political evidence, and the jury were apparently influenced by the defendant's admissions in cross-examination. The defendant's claim was that he had bought the piano from the company, while Crossin's claim was that Callaghan said he bought the piano for \$180 cash, or \$195 on time, but as he sold it for \$135, the inference drawn by the prosecution was that Callaghan had intended to pay \$180 cash, or there would be no profit in the deal for him. Callaghan also admitted that he had afterward offered Crossin \$100 cash and an order on E. F. B. Johnston for \$80, which Crossin refused. Callaghan claimed a contra account for commission on the sale of Mr. Game's stock in the company, through introducing Crossin to E. F. B. Johnston, but could not say who the purchaser was, and admitted that Crossin had given him a letter of introduction to Johnston. Alex. Gibbs, who bought the 60 shares of Game's stock in the company, was called by the defense, but swore that he had not known Callaghan in the transaction at all. He declined to say

for whom he bought the stock. Mr. Johnston was not called. Callaghan will appear for sentence on Wednesday. He is out on his own bail.

Republican Convention.
Washington, Dec. 14.—The Republican national convention will be held in Chicago, beginning at noon on June 23 next, the national committee reaching this conclusion Saturday and adjourning subject to call. Pittsburgh and St. Louis were rivals of Chicago for the convention.

Drought in Quebec.
Quebec, Dec. 14.—The counties immediately surrounding the City of Quebec on the south side of the St. Lawrence have been seriously affected by the continued drought, and the farmers, unable to keep their cattle any longer, are trying to sell them as quickly as possible. The four counties that have been the most affected are Levis, Beauce, Megantic and Dorchester.

Costly Potatoes.
London, Dec. 14.—Some extraordinary prices were realized at the Smithfield show for a few pounds of potatoes. A York firm sold four pounds of El Dorado potatoes for £600, of £150 a pound. This works out £36,000 a ton, or about three times its weight in gold. The raiser of these remarkable tubers declined an offer of £70 for a single potato. The sum of £3,000 was paid for ten tons of the Northern Star variety.

Death of Lord Abinger.
Paris, Dec. 14.—Lord Abinger died in the Lariboisiere Hospital here Saturday from heart failure, brought on by the shock of a fall downstairs in a restaurant. Lord Abinger was unmarried, and usually lived with his mother in London. He will be succeeded by S. L. Scarlett, a distant relative. He was 82 years of age.

The Mainstay of Age

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BRITAIN TO BUY MORE CRUISERS

Is After Two Being Built for Argentine Republic.

RENAMING OF THE NEW SHIPS

The Libertad and the Constitution Will Become Swiftsure and Triumph—Both Are Fast.

[By Associated Press.]
London, Dec. 14.—An offer has been made to the Argentine Government by an English firm for the purchase of two cruisers now being built for Argentina at Genoa. These vessels are called the Moreno and the Rivadavia. They are each of about 3,000 tons, and were contracted for during the crisis between Chile and Argentina. About the same time the Chilean Government ordered the construction of the two battleships purchased by Great Britain. It is not known on behalf of what country the present offer has been made, but it is generally believed to be for the British Admiralty.

In naval circles it is expected that the admiralty will insist on the new battleships Libertad and Constitution, purchased from Chile, two of the most honored names in the British signal book, Swiftsure and Triumph. Two old battleships were thus styled when they were launched at Jarrow in 1870. One is now at the torpedo depot at Devonport, and the other serves as offices for the fleet reserve at Portsmouth. Since the Armada was defeated, never has a British fleet been without its Swiftsure, and the name Triumph also has associations that go back to the times of Hawkins and Drake. The Libertad's recent trials demonstrated that she is the swiftest ship afloat. These trials consisted of a measured mile, in which she ran over a measured mile, in 17 1/2 minutes, proving an exceptional speed of 20 1/2 knots. The total weight of one minute's fire of all guns is 10 1/2 tons. Taking the primary guns only, one minute's fire totals 10 projectiles, equaling 25,000 pounds.

"HOW OLD IS ANN?" HITS HIAWATHA

Teacher Says 18, School Board Chairman 14, and Now It's in Politics.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Hiawatha, Kan., where the song comes from, is disrupted over "How old is Ann?" When the query reached there every man, woman and child in the place, lead pencil in hand, began to figure on the problem.

One bright schoolgirl asked the principal of the public school, "How old is Ann?" The principal figured and then announced that Ann is 18. The child went home and told her father, a banker, who is chairman of the school board, that Ann is 18.

"Not for me," answered the proud father, who had figured it out. He filed charges against the principal, alleging that anyone who figures Ann out is unfit to teach school.

The school board wrestled with the problem, but were unable to determine whether Ann is 18 or 14, but as the man who made the complaint, the considerable influence the board is disposed to call it 14 and dismiss the principal. The latter wrote Representative Curtis, requesting him to use his influence with the school board to hold him his job.

"But no matter what the decision," he adds, "I am convinced that Ann is 18."

Mr. Curtis is friendly to the principal, who has considerable influence in politics.

"How old is Ann?" Mr. Curtis asked his friends. They figured, and the result was a majority of 18 to 14.

Mr. Curtis is friendly to the principal, who has considerable influence in politics. Mr. Curtis dropped deficiencies and surpluses and worked on the problem for hours. He finally gave his verdict that Ann might be either 18 or 14. "That suits me," declared Mr. Curtis. "I can give a decision. Both sides are right."

COURTS FINE A UNION

Unusual Ruling by a Chicago Judge—Establishes Precedent.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—One thousand dollars fine for illegal acts as a corporate body was imposed upon Franklin Union, No. 4, press feeders, by Judge Holdom on Saturday. The court found the union as a corporation guilty of contempt of court for violating an injunction restraining it as an organization from interfering with the business of employees of ten printing firms, members of the Chicago Typographical Union. Judge Holdom's action creates a precedent, being the first time in the history of trade unionism in this country that a court has fined a union as a corporation. An immediate appeal was taken from the action of Judge Holdom. Judge Holdom, in giving his decision, said: "There is no reported case that I have been able to find of a fine having been imposed upon a labor union. Probably this is the reason that few of them are incorporated. The consequences of violation of the injunction by the union have been many assaults on innocent persons seeking to work under contracts satisfactory to themselves and their employers."

Train Collision.
Chicago, Dec. 14.—Six persons were injured, one or two seriously, while many others were considerably shaken up, in a rear-end collision on the south side elevated railroad on Saturday.

NEW PHASE OF "SOO" SITUATION

Canadian Creditors Will Apply for Liquidators.

UNLESS SPEYER ALTERS PLAN

Putting Works Up at Auction—Want All Concerned in Company To Be Benefited.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—There will be an application made this morning in the high court for the appointment of liquidators for the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, unless by 10 o'clock the negotiations for the organization of a new company reach a successful issue, or unless Speyer & Co., of New York, reconsider their decision to sell the property at auction under the \$5,000,000 mortgage on Tuesday next.

One of the heaviest of the Canadian creditors stated Saturday that they did not propose to stand idly by and see the property sacrificed at auction. They had done everything in their power to bring about a reorganization, and had offered to take stock in the new company for the amount of their claims, but had found it necessary to protect themselves and would wait no longer. The statement was also made that representatives of the United States Steel Corporation were prepared to buy the property at the public sale.

If the order to liquidate be obtained, the purchaser or purchasers will have to buy from the liquidators, and the profits, if any, will go to all concerned, instead of the Speyer syndicate. In any event, the proceedings would prevent the giving of a clear title to the plant by Speyer & Co. The present receiver of the corporation, J. H. Macdonald, who is the liquidator of the property, and they will sell the assets of the corporation on behalf of all the creditors, without preference. A member of the committee said that the sale of the property would carry with it a large number of lawsuits. He pointed out that the Imperial Bank of Canada, which holds a first lien on the property by reason of \$250,000 wage claims, without preference. An important factor in the situation. The bank will insist upon immediate payment of its claims.

RAILWAY HORRORS EAST AND WEST

Three Killed and Ten Injured in Iowa—Five Dead in West Virginia Wreck.

Piedmont, W. Va., Dec. 14.—Five men were killed and several injured by the overturning of two engines attached to a heavy passenger and freight train on the "17-mile grade" yesterday, near this city.

The dead are: Engineer Ernest D. Ervin, 38 years old, of Cumberland, Ind.; Engineer Samuel D. Ervin, 32, W. Va.; Fireman Walter B. Nine, 22, W. Va.; Fireman J. V. Carter, 23, North Carolina; Brakeman John Hayes, 23, St. Louis.

While descending the "17-mile grade" the train, to which were attached two engines, left the track. The engines, and nearly all of 24 loaded cars, tumbled into a deep ravine, carrying the trainmen with them.

The wrecked passenger train was derailed while running on to the Cedar Creek bridge, and five cars were wrecked by collision with the bridge girders. The wreckage immediately took fire and several of the victims were badly burned.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—Three persons were killed and ten were injured in a wreck yesterday on the C. & B. and Railroad, three miles west of Albia. The westbound passenger train was derailed while running on to the Cedar Creek bridge, and five cars were wrecked by collision with the bridge girders. The wreckage immediately took fire and several of the victims were badly burned.

Albia, Ia., buried to death: Mildred Mitchem, 3 years old, burned to death; Thomas Beatty, killed in the wreck of smoking car.

None of the injured persons will die, it is believed.

To what the derauling was due is a mystery. As soon as the engineer noticed there was something wrong he applied the airbrakes, but was unable to stop the train. Five cars were completely burned. The work of rescue was carried on with difficulty.

NEARLY SUFFOCATED

Walkerville, Ont., Dec. 14.—The family of Mr. W. E. Gladstone, who had a narrow escape from gas asphyxiation. A member of the family was awakened by the smell of gas, and, rising, aroused the others. A physician was called, and all were soon out of danger.

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A FISHERY DISPUTE

Another Rumpus Is Reported From Newfoundland.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 14.—A serious fishery dispute has arisen here owing to the action of French fishermen in refusing to leave the treaty shore of Newfoundland. Since the British warships stationed here have gone south, the Frenchmen have destroyed the nets of the settlers and defy the local authorities to take any steps in the matter. The Colonial Government has appealed to the Admiralty, and the gunboat Fantome may be ordered back to drive off the Frenchmen.

LAKE STEAMER AGROUND

At Port of Mud Lake—Early Closing of Soo Canal.

Detroit, Dec. 12.—The Canadian passenger steamer Monarch grounded at the port of Mud Lake yesterday, according to a dispatch from the Soo, and will have to be lighted before she can be raised. The vessel was carrying 100 passengers and 100 crew. The ship was damaged, but no lives were lost. The Soo Canal will be closed for several days.

REFUSED TOAST

TO OLD GLORY

As an Emblem of Liberty the Stars and Stripes Is Declared To Be a Farce.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Wm. D. O'Brien, toastmaster at the banquet of contractors and builders, refused to toast the American flag as an emblem of liberty. "Why, the emblem of liberty is a farce," he cried, "when men are shot down in the streets because they are trying to earn an honest living; when we are afraid to assert our rights for fear some labor organization will oppose us. 'It is ridiculous,' he declared, 'to think you should be obliged to waste your time discussing your rights with walking delegates, business agents and labor leaders. You have your rights, and you should be able to step in and dictate to you, and tell you where your rights begin and end. We want to make this national organization so strong that it will never again be necessary for us to confer day after day with labor leaders to obtain our rights. If a man is not a union member and is loyal to you, you must be loyal to him. We must be able to obtain liberty in every sense of the word and not merely privileges. The conditions are disgraceful which make it necessary for us to consult with our employees at every step.' Contractor William Grace, of Chicago, declared that he was tired of being told what to do by Gompers and Mitchell and other labor leaders. Mr. Grace declared that the running of the United States mail cars, without police protection during the recent strike, had made him think that his rights and the rights of every American citizen were just as sacred as the mail cars. By other speakers all the troubles of the builders were laid at the door of organized labor. The feeling for the 'open shop' was strong.

Mr. Sifton's Speech.

London, Dec. 14.—The Yorkshire Post (London) in an editorial comments on the speeches of Clifford Sifton, Richard Harcourt and Sir Richard Cartwright. It says that the Canadian ministers are apparently laying down their policy with a view to their own elections, but what they say is sure to be carefully canvassed here.

The Saturday Review says: So far as Mr. Sifton opposed any scheme for welding the commerce of the empire, he did it on grounds consonant with Canadian dignity."

The Spectator thinks that, not many Canadian statesmen will agree with Sifton that Canada needs no protection by sea.

U. S. EXPECTS WAR

Preparing for a Campaign Against Colombia.

Washington, Dec. 14.—General Bell, commander at Port Leavenworth, Kansas, has been called to Washington, and while his coming has more to do with matters connected with the general staff college, it is admitted tonight by officers of the general staff to be for the purpose of consulting the officials regarding a probable campaign against Colombia, should the country continue the movement of troops toward the isthmus. It was intimated that matters had reached the point where troops might be moved at any time, which would seem to indicate that the department is in possession of information of the tenor of which justifies actual preparations for the movement of United States troops toward Panama. Although the fact was not disclosed, the presumption is that in the event of troops being sent Gen. Bell will be put in command.

Kaiser at Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—Berlin was agreeably surprised Saturday afternoon by the sudden visit of Emperor William and the Empress, most people being incredulous regarding the presence of the sovereigns, although the imperial flag was flying from the castle. He looked perfectly strong and healthy. Spontaneous cheers broke out as the Emperor became visible in the doorway of the railway station, and while he was on the way to the Royal Academy of Arts.

MULLAH'S WOMEN

EAT A CAPTIVE

Mullah Executes the Cannibals and Camp Followers Dine Off the Women.

New York, Dec. 14.—Advices from Somaliland, East Africa, say that the Mad Mullah's camp followers have taken to cannibalism, owing to the shortage of supplies. The body of a captive recently executed by the Mullah was immediately carried off and eaten by camp followers. The feast was participated in by women, whom the Mullah subsequently ordered to be executed. These were in turn cooked and eaten by their late comrades.

According to deserters, the Mullah is not suffering from actual scarcity of food, but restricting the distribution of food strictly to the fighting men, leaving the camp followers to shift for themselves.

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The Kishineff Trial.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—According to the Government's advices dated Dec. 11, the Kishineff trial is proceeding quietly and slowly. The authorities say there has been absolutely no interference by the Government to secure the vindication of the accused. The proceedings are behind closed doors and will not be made public until finished.

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—F. C. Wolcott, of Utica, N. Y., is
visiting his brother-in-law, N. M. Lock-
hart, 470 Ridout street.

—Rev. H. T. and Mrs. Leslie, of Win-
nipeg, are the guests of Mrs. Leslie's
sister, Mrs. James Ross, 455 Piccadilly
street.

—Alex. Le Brea, from Sault Ste.
Marie, was remanded for another week
when brought before Squire Lacey on a
charge of vagrancy on Saturday.

A meeting of the London and
Middlesex Historical Society will be
held in the public library tomorrow
evening. Papers on pioneer days are to
be given by A. H. Lyden and others.

—Rev. S. T. Bartlett, of Nanapanee,
was in the city over Sunday. He has
been on a visit to his mother, Mrs.
Bartlett, Maitland street north, who
has been ill.

—George Jeffery, the Canadaw farmer,
who threatened to take his life, was
remanded for another week by Squire
Smyth on a charge of insanity on Sat-
urday.

—Farmer Irwin, of Westminster, had a
narrow escape from serious injury
at the Rectory street crossing of the
Grand Trunk on Saturday. While turn-
ing back from the tracks, owing to
the approach of an engine, his rig was
struck and slightly damaged. Irwin
received nothing worse than a severe
shaking up.

MAY COME HERE.

Mr. Elnos, of Fansville, has dispo-
sed of his fine farm to Mr. Partridge,
of Cliford, for \$7,500. He intends re-
tiring to Zurich or London. — Dresden
Standard.

REMANDED A WEEK.

On a charge of being implicated in
the stealing of a corn planter from
Robert Allan, of Canadaw, Joseph
Henry, a young Onondaga Indian, was on
Saturday remanded for a week.

A CHIMNEY BLAZE.

Saturday evening about six o'clock
the firemen were called to a blazing
chimney at J. H. Hunt's store, 619
Richmond street. There was no dam-

Pearl Brooches
PEARL CRESCENTS
PEARL SUNBURSTS
PEARL STARS
Gents' Pearl Stickpins, in 18K
gold, make a neat and useful
Christmas present.
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gold and gold-filled.
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FURS.
Sest, Rabbit, Fox, Otter, Mole-
skin, Gray Squirrel, Thicket Grey
Lamb, Russian Lamb and the
finest collection of Persian skins
all made into the newest Fur
styles.

**Leading
Beltz, Farrier.**

LITTLE GIRL'S DEATH.
The death of Miss Nellie Irene Mc-
Kay, second daughter of Mrs. Hugh
McKay, 359 Piccadilly street, took
place yesterday. She was a very
bright girl, though an invalid almost
all her life. She was in her 16th year.
VISITOR INJURED.
Mr. Chatterton, manager of the
Metropolitan Bank at Petrolia, was in
the city on Sunday and in the after-
noon drove out to the Kennels. Re-
turning home he made a bolt
forward and Mr. Chatterton, who was
sitting with his back to the horse, was
kicked in the side over the lung. Dr.
John D. Wilson attended to him and
had him removed to Victoria Hospital,
where he was reported this morning as
settling along very well.

FUNERAL OF MISS HOWELL.
The funeral of the late Miss Maude
Margaret Howell took place yester-
day afternoon from her late home 131
Maple street. The service was con-
ducted by Rev. W. G. Howson, and
acted by Rev. W. G. Howson, and
the following were the pallbearers:
Messrs. Charles Turner, Leonard
Rowntree, Charles Jones, Will Hick-
son, Will Earle and Sam. Chivers. In-
terment was made in Mount Pleasant
Cemetery.

MISS TREBILCOCK'S FUNERAL.
The funeral of the late Miss Matilda
Trebilcock took place yesterday after-
noon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, and
was attended by many relatives and
friends. The services at the house were
conducted by Rev. Mr. Salton and Rev.
J. H. Orme, and at the graveside Rev.
Mr. Salton officiated. The pallbearers
—all cousins of deceased—were Messrs.
John and Harper Trebilcock, James
F. and John K. Story, Robert G. Col-
lins and Ernest Skinner.

WILL BE BIG BANQUET.
The Travelers' Club have selected
some of the speakers for their big ban-
quet in the city hall on Tuesday, Dec.
22, among whom will be Hon. Col.
Thomson, of Cayuga; Sir John Car-
ling, of this city; Mr. J. D. Al-
lan, of Toronto; Mr. W. F. Cock-
shutt, Senator; Mr. J. H. Orme, of
this city; Rev. W. J. Clark, of
Coffey, of this city; Rev. W. J. Clark,
of this city; Mr. C. S. Hyman, of May-
nor, P. P. Mr. Wm. Turnbull and Mr.
J. H. Orme, of this city. The program-
me, no doubt, this travelers are leaving
nothing undone and an unusually good
program will be given.

HIGGINSON—COMPLIN.
Miss May Complin, daughter of
Mr. Charles F. Complin, Ridout street,
was married on Saturday afternoon to
Mr. William Higginson, of Sarnia, B.
C., by Rev. Lawrence Skeay, of Toron-
to, cousin of the bride. The brides-
maid was her sister, Miss Edith Com-
plin, and the groom was attended by
Mr. Samuel Stevens, Hawkbury. The
bride was given in cream voile over
white silk, and the bridesmaid wore
old rose crepe de chine. Among the
guests present were: Miss Gordon, of
Toronto; Miss Ada Pope, and Miss
Frances Macbeth, of this city. Mr.
Harvey Skeay and Mr. Oliver Complin,
both of Toronto, and Mr. Montague
DEATH OF MRS. MOIR.
Mrs. Mary Moir, one of the oldest and
most respected residents of West Lon-
don, died at her late residence, 117
Wharncliffe road Sunday. Deceased,
who was a native of Ireland, had lived
in West London for 60 years, her hus-
band, the late James Moir, having pass-
ed away 38 years ago. Mrs. Moir, who
was eighty years of age, is survived
by four sons—James, of St. Marys,
Ont.; John, of this city; Charles, of
Cal.; Dr. Charles, of Louisville,
Kentucky, and John, of this city.
The funeral takes place on
Tuesday morning from her late re-
sidence, 117 Wharncliffe road, at 9
o'clock, thence to the Roman Catholic
Cemetery.

MRS. VINCENT'S DEATH.
Mrs. Mary J. Vincent, wife of Mr.
Hugh E. Vincent, died yesterday af-
ternoon at her late residence, 78
Waterloo street. The deceased was
well-known in Dorchester as well as
in the city. Her mother, Mrs. Sus-
anne, and her brother, Charles, sur-
vive her at Dorchester, also a brother,
Thomas Connor, at Mosley, and one
sister, Mrs. James Beacham, of
Dorchester. The funeral will take place
tomorrow at 2 p. m. to Dor-
chester Cemetery.

TO PRISON AS A MARTYR

Says That He Confessed Crime to
Save Young Friend.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 14.—In the district
court recently George Grant pleaded
guilty to a burglary and was sentenced
to the penitentiary on the reformatory
plan. He expects to die in prison. After
being returned to jail he told a reporter
that he was not guilty of the crime
which he confessed, but that the bur-
glary was committed by a man who had
befriended him. That this man had a
wife and children, and knowing he soon
would die, and rather than see his friend
separated from his family, Grant decided
to go to prison in his friend's place.

In 30 years 1,201,076 Italians have gone
to the United States. This immigration
has a very peculiar character. Until 1890
the percentage of males was less than
50, but now it has increased to 53. This
indicates that the immigration has a
marked tendency to become permanent.

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These have been packed ex-
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20-ounce bottle50c
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**Londoners Experience a Great
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**Heavy Rain Threatened the
Sleighting Saturday Night.**

**Sunday Morning a Biting Storm Blew
—Coldest of the Winter—On
the Railroads.**

From Saturday night at six o'clock
to Monday morning, the mercury at the
official thermometer dropped 37.5 de-
grees, and during the same period Lon-
doners experienced a variety of weather.
The day was a continuation of the
weather of Saturday, with a continued
high wind, and this morning the thermometer
registered the coldest of the winter, 1.5 de-
grees above zero.

So sudden was the change that many
people were ready to believe the tem-
perature was away below zero, when, as a
matter of fact, it did not even touch
zero.

The London Street Railway Company
felt the effects of the storm severely.
All day Saturday the schedule was
topsy-turvy, and many complaints were
heard. It was the weather, however,
that was to blame, as when the snow
was falling it was necessary to keep
the big broom in constant operation
over the lines.

During a part of Sunday the com-
pany also had a car running over their
lines to prevent ice forming in the
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by crippling the service today. In
the result being that it was impos-
sible for them to run anywhere close
to schedule time. No. 3, due at 11
o'clock, was 2 hours and 20 minutes
behind, and No. 5, due at 6 o'clock,
was considerably late.

At one time during Sunday, sever-
al westbound freights were stalled at
points on the Copetown grade, the
climb and the wind being too much
for them.

Today, No. 4 express did not leave
until 9 o'clock, 5 1/2 hours late, and No.
6 was 1 hour and 10 minutes behind.
No. 7 express was 2 hours and 25 min-
utes late.

The troubles of the train crews on
the L. H. and B. have commenced.
Much snow has fallen at some points
on the line, and drifting has result-
ed in the delay of the trains. This
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50 minutes late, the appearance of the
locomotive indicating that it had some
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drifts.

Storms are being experienced on the
old main line, between Sarnia and
Toronto, and south from Stratford to
Paris. Passenger trains out of Strat-
ford were double-headed. Freight
trains were tied up in some instances.

ON THE RAILROADS.

The sudden drop in the thermom-
eter made work in the local yards rat-
her difficult and unpleasant on Sun-
day, and the men on the through
trains also suffered more or less from
the biting blasts. All eastbound trains
were running behind time, owing to
the heavy snowstorms in Michigan.
No. 4 express, due out of here for the
Bridge at 3:32 a. m., did not leave
until 5:30 a. m., and No. 5, due at 10:25,
did not arrive until 1:45, and No. 2, due at 4:25,
was far behind time.

The greatest difficulty experienced
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DEBENTURES AWARDED.

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vertised to be sold at the recent ses-
sion of the county council, were
awarded to Messrs. Hanson Bros., of
Montreal, the being the highest bid-
ders, bidding \$38.10.

noon the thermometer at the South
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