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Births, Marriages, Deaths

MARRIED.

SAUNDERS-HOWARD—On March 16, at the British Consulate, Vera Cruz, Mexico, by the Rev. Edward Cree, rector of Christ Church, Mexico City, George Wilson Saunders, son of Thomas W. Saunders, of Guelph, to Jane Matilda, eldest daughter of the late G. H. Howard, and granddaughter of the late Mrs. McLaren, of Oak Bank, Hamilton.

DIED.

GREEN—At Kansas City, Mo., March 27, Mary Helen, beloved wife of A. H. Green.

GRIFFITHS—In this city, on March 27, 1898, Elmer Edward, infant son of Edward and Nellie Griffiths, aged 7 months and 2 weeks. Funeral from his father's residence, 17 Mount Pleasant avenue, West London, on Tuesday. Service at 2 and funeral at 2:30.

CHILDS—At Woodstock, March 26, Annie L. Taafe, beloved wife of George Childs, aged 36 years.

Amusements and Lectures

Advertisements under this heading, two cents per word, or ten cents per line, each insertion.

MUSIC HALL.

THE WESLEY STOCK COMPANY.
One Solid Week,
commencing Monday, March 28. Prices 10c, 15c and 25c. A Red Bird bicycle given away on Saturday evening, April 2. 90l

DR. WOOLVERTON WILL GIVE HIS interesting talk on "The Mammoth Cave of Kentucky," and exhibit a number of curios and specimens, in St. James' Presbyterian Church, Monday evening, March 28. Admission 10 cents. 90a

THE CULTURE OF NATURAL BEAUTY Madame Kennedy's lecture at the Auditorium. "How to Acquire and Preserve Beauty" is the title of the lecture to be given by Madame Kennedy, on Wednesday afternoon, the 30th inst., at 2:30 o'clock. This clever lady is eminent as a complexion specialist and whilst handling so delicate a subject can also be highly diverting and entertaining. The lecture is free for ladies only, and each lady attending will receive gratis, a sample of Madame Kennedy's world-famous face medic. Mothers and daughters should under no circumstances miss so fine an opportunity. 87n

STEAMSHIP SAILINGS—GALLIA, March 23; California, March 26; Lake Ontario, March 30; Parisian, April 2. Very low rates to or from the Old Country. F. B. Clarke, Richmond street, next door to Advertiser Office.

PALACE DANCING ACADEMY—PRIMARY classes—Gentlemen, Monday evening; ladies, Tuesday evening; ladies and children, Saturday afternoon; advanced class, Wednesday evening. Dayton & McCormick.

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING BY Mr. H. B. Millard, at his residence, 345 Princess avenue. Special attention given to the waltz, two-step, two-step Jersey and the cycle. Satisfaction guaranteed. Lessons any hour.

Meetings.

PEW HOLDERS, MEMBERS AND CONGREGATION of the First Methodist Church, city, are all cordially invited to their meeting in church auditorium, on Wednesday evening March 30, to have submitted for their adoption and consideration a full financial statement of expenditure and receipts since burning of Queen's Avenue Church, Feb. 3, 1895. Organist and full choir in attendance. 91n

LAST OF THE SPECIAL SERVICES WILL be held in St. James' Church, South London, this evening. b

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. A. M. A. will be held at Bishop Cronyn Hall, on Tuesday next, March 29. Holy communion and an address by his Lordship the Bishop at St. Paul's Cathedral, at 11 a.m. On Tuesday evening a meeting in Bishop Cronyn Hall, at 8 o'clock; papers by Miss Geeson and Mrs. Tilley and an address by Rev. Mr. Westgate. General missionary meeting, to which all are invited, on Wednesday evening at Bishop Cronyn Hall, at 8 o'clock, the Lord Bishop in the chair, addresses by Rev. H. J. Cody, of Toronto, and Rev. J. H. McLeod, of Lion's Head. 90k

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Male Help Wanted.

WANTED—AT CAMPBELL'S CARRIAGE factory—Two stout boys to work in paint shop. 91c

FIRST-CLASS MACHINIST AND LATHE hand. Only experienced men need apply. Give qualifications and wages expected. C. A. Schooley, Box 1,084, St. Thomas. 91c

WANTED—SALESMAN FOR GENT'S furnishings, first-class, good window dresser. None other need apply. Grafton & Co., London. 91c

Female Help Wanted.

WANTED—TWO APPRENTICES FOR the millinery. Apply Whiskard's, 230 Dundas street. 91c

FIRST-CLASS MILLINER WANTED AT once for out of city. Apply at 224 Dundas street. 89c

Wanted.

WANTED—SMALL GROCERY—ALSO market garden with orchard; near city. Appy Business Exchange, 372 Richmond.

WANTED TO PURCHASE—GOOD light dray for delivery purposes. Apply Welford Bros., Glebe street. 90u

WANTED—ONE LARGE-SIZED REFRIGERATOR, cheap. Box 41, Advertiser. 89c

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Men's Chocolate Kid, laced, vesting top 2 50

And hundreds of other styles—in fact, if you don't know what you want, ask us.

J. P. COOK,

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Articles For Sale.

FOR SALE—TWO GENTLEMEN'S, TWO ladies' wheels at Hutchinson's bicycle repair shop, 651 Dundas street.

FRESH OYSTERS EVERY DAY—CALIFORNIA Navel Oranges and Lemons for sale at very low prices. Wholesale and retail. Catalano & Sansone, 206 Dundas street.

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FIRST-CLASS DRIVER OR DELIVERY horse for sale; 7 years old. Also delivery wagon and harness. Apply 8 Market Lane. 91c

FOR SALE—STRAWBERRY PLANTS—Williams, Wilson, Capt. Jack, Michel's Early, Timbrell, Jessie, Princess, Bederwood, Splendid, Beverley, Brandywine, Gandy, Warfield, Bubach. Main & Collyer, South London. Phone 782. 90bu tzx

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Houses, Etc., To Let.

STORE TO LET—AT PRESENT OCCUPIED by D. McMillan, 120 Dundas street. Apply to Arch. Sharp. 91tf

NEW BRICK HOUSE—NINE ROOMS—modern conveniences, large lawn, shade trees, 60 Elmwood avenue. Rent low. H. A. Stringer.

TO LET—PRINCESS AVENUE—NO. 410—Two-story brick; double parlor; large bedrooms; very central; rent low. 88n

TO LET—INSIDE HALF OF TWO-STORY brick house, No. 411 King street. Inquire at 409 King street. 87bu

TO LET—298 PRINCESS AVENUE, NINE rooms, all modern conveniences. Apply J. R. Shuttleworth. 84tf

TO LET—OFFICE ON FIRST FLAT IN Ontario Loan and Debenture Co. Building, corner Dundas street and Market Lane. Apply Wm. F. Bullen, manager. 77tf

Lost and Found.

LOST—ON FRIDAY NIGHT—ROLL OF blue music. Finder will oblige by leaving at this office. b

INFORMATION WANTED OF GEORGE Hutchinson, aged 11 years, of 4 Maitland terrace, who left his home March 3. Had on light gray suit, plaid cap, black stockings. Please inform Mrs. F. Hutchinson, 256 Hill street. b

LOST—LADY'S GOLD WATCH—WITH fob attached. Reward at 295 Dufferin avenue. 89c

Business Chances.

DRUG STORE TO LET—ONE OF THE best business stands in Hamilton, corner of York and McNab streets. Been a drug store 25 years. To a live business man this is the chance of a lifetime. Investigate. Charles Hardy, 30 Hess street south, Hamilton. 88k

Real Estate.

FOR SALE—FIVE-ACRE FARM ON Wharncliffe road, 1½ miles from city; brick cottage, barn and orchard. Apply Geo. Pace, on premises. 89k

FOR SALE—NEW TWO-STORY BRICK house, with all modern conveniences, will offer for this week at $1,750. Easy terms. If you are looking for a bargain go no farther. J. F. Sangster, 403 Richmond street.

SALE OR RENT—A TWO-STORY DETACHED brick residence; twelve rooms, 525 Queen's avenue; all modern improvements. Cronyn & Betts. 2xt

RESIDENCE FOR SALE—312 HILL street. Modern, convenient. Half block from street cars. Apply on premises. 67tf

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NEIL COOPER, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS from Mrs. Gauld, will sell the contents of her residence, corner Teresa street and Byron avenue, on Tuesday next, March 29, comprising in part: Parlor suite, Brussels carpets, curtains, blinds, fancy table, hall rack, sideboard, contents of three bedrooms, hair mattresses, feather beds, pillows, No. 9 cookstove, with reservoir, refrigerator, kitchen utensils, phaeton, garden tools and a lot of other useful articles. Sale at 10:30 a.m.
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AQUILA O. GRAYDON,
City Engineer.
ALD. CHAS. TAYLOR,
Chairman No. 3 Com.
87e sod

Russia's Latest Cinch.

Lease of Port Arthur and Talien-Wan to Russia Concluded.

Keen Criticism by the No-Concession Press.

Mr. Gladstone's Condition Continues Critical.

Charles Stewart Parnell's Mother Fatally Burned.

Salisbury's Departure Delayed by Bad Weather—Spanish Government Sustained in the General Elections—Zola May Have a New Trial.

LORD SALISBURY.

London, March 28.—In consequence of the stormy weather Lord Salisbury has postponed his departure for the continent.

ZOLA MAY HAVE A NEW TRIAL.

Paris, March 28.—The Matin says the Court of Appeal will quash the conviction of M. Emile Zola, and order a new trial.

MR. GLADSTONE.

London, March 28.—Elaborate precautions are being taken to keep any information from reaching the press concerning Mr. Gladstone, but it is learned that his condition today is most critical.

THE SPANISH ELECTIONS.

Madrid, March 28.—The elections for the popular branch of the Cortes have passed off, on the whole, quietly. The indications are that the Government of Senor Sagasta will have an enormous majority, estimated at 300, of the 432 seats in the Congress.

ANOTHER VACANCY.

London, March 28.—A vacancy has been caused in the House of Commons by the acceptance of the Chiltern Hundreds by Henry Seaton-Karr (Conservative), who had occupied the seat for St. Helens since 1885. Mr. Seton-Karr's resignation is due to ill-health.

STARVATION IN HAYTI.

Kingston, Jamaica, March 28.—Advices received here from Port au Prince, Hayti, report a terrible financial condition to be existing there. The premium on gold is 220 per cent, the greatest misery and starvation prevails in the interior, and flour costs $30 a barrel, according to these advices.

CONSERVATIVE ELECTED.

London, March 28.—In the election for the seat in the House of Commons for Maidstone, formerly held by Sir Frederick Seager Hunt (Conservative), F. W. Cornwallis, the Conservative candidate, defeated his Radical opponent, John Barker, by a majority of 178 votes. Sir Frederick Hunt was returned without opposition at the last election.

GERMANY'S NAVY.

Berlin, March 28.—The debate in the German Reichstag on the second reading of the navy bill was only a sham fight, and its acceptance is a foregone conclusion. The Reichstag yesterday adopted clause two of the navy bill, fixing the periods in which the new vessels are to replace the old, the vote being 193 to 118.

MRS. PARNELL FATALLY BURNED.

Dublin, March 28.—Mrs. Della T. Stewart Parnell, mother of the late Charles Stewart Parnell, leader of the Irish home rule party, was fatally injured at the Parnell homestead, Avondale, county Wicklow, Saturday. She was sitting by the fire, when her clothing was caught by the flames, and in an instant her garments were ablaze. Assistance was near at hand, but before the flames could be extinguished the venerable lady was so badly burned that she died this evening.

THE EASTERN TROUBLE.

Caustic Criticism of the Government by English Newspapers.

London, March 28.—The news from China has revived the warlike spirit of the no-concession party. The Globe, in an editorial, headed "Face to Face," says: "We are in a corner, and apparently there is only one way out. The ministers have spoken brave words as regards the only possible course for England to take in such circumstances as the present. Now is the time for the government to justify their words. Are Port Arthur and Talien Wan worth going to war for? A negative answer would humiliate all patriotic Englishmen. Now is the critical moment. Let it be known that we will fight at once unless Russia gives way."

A dispatch to the Times from St. Petersburg says it is being impressed upon China that the situation requires Russia's presence in the Liao Tong Peninsula as absolutely necessary to China's protection in the future. There is no doubt that Russia has bound herself to protect China. It is believed that negotiations are proceeding between Great Britain and Russia for the purpose of coming to a more definite understanding respecting the freedom of trade through Port Arthur. The Times says: "Russian statesmen, in their moments of candid deliberation, will probably confess that they were astonished by the facility by which they acquired these enormous advantages. They can have scarcely anticipated that the British Government, with its immense resources, with immense interests at stake, and with power to exert at Pekin pressure quite as great as any that can be brought to bear by Russia, Germany and France, would stand a mere spectator of a political and economic revolution. Yet this is what has happened. By vacillation, inaction, combined with persistent adherence to a theory which it did little to realize, the government of this country has simply, as the French say, assisted at carrying out changes vitally affecting not only our more immediate commercial interests, but our political position and prestige throughout the far east. We can only hope that the government is now at last aware of the importance of the changes effected in Northern China, and of the necessity of taking some steps more effectual than negotiations with the Tsung Li Yamen or the perusal of the perfunctory and ambiguous assurances of Downing street."

"How shall England preserve her trade supremacy in China?" is a question which the Daily News (Liberal) answers thus: "First, by an open trade door in China; secondly, by a British sphere of influence in the background; thirdly, by the maintenance of the balance of naval power in the Pacific, which the creation of a Russian arsenal of Port Arthur must disturb. Negotiations now pending with St. Petersburg will, the government expects, secure an open trade door, though how long the door will remain open, in the face of the general commercial exclusiveness of the European powers, must largely depend upon the third point in England's policy—the maintenance of her sea supremacy on the Pacific. The second point is nothing else than England's complicity in the general game of grab and counter-grab. Her grab is the Yang Tse Valley."

Pekin, March 28.—M. Pavloff, the Russian charge d'affaires, signed yesterday the agreement regarding the lease of Port Arthur and Talien Wan, and the railway concession. Port Arthur will be given over today. Chin Chou will remain Chinese, but the Russians will establish a small station in the environs. China will retain sovereign rights generally, and Port Arthur and Talien Wan will be open to the warships of all nations. The Russians reserve to themselves the collection of the duties.

Up Goes the Flag Of Russia.

Chinese Garrisons Withdrawn From Port Arthur and Talien Wan.

London Times' Comments On the Serious Situation in the Far East.

DEPARTURE OF LORD SALISBURY

London, March 28.—The Marquis of Salisbury started for Beaulieu today.

HOISTED THE RUSSIAN FLAG.

Pekin, March 28.—The Chinese garrisons were withdrawn today from Port Arthur and Talien Wan. The Russians landed and the Russian flag was hoisted at both places.

CHINA HELPLESS.

The Pekin correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "Sir Claude Macdonald has advised China to refuse to lease Port Arthur, as it is unnecessary, since Talien Wan has been conceded, but China has replied that she is powerless to resist the Russian demands."

WITHOUT A HEAD.

London, March 28.—The Daily News says this morning, it understands that after Friday's Cabinet council, orders were dispatched to the British fleet in Chinese waters to rendezvous in the Gulf of Pe Chi Li, with a view of strengthening the diplomacy of Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister in China.

The Times, commenting editorially on the extremely serious situation in the far East where, it assumes, the British fleet will now resume the attitude in the Gulf of Pe Chi Li, which should never have been abandoned, says: "England at the present moment possesses practically neither a prime minister nor a foreign minister. Mr. Arthur Balfour would make a capital foreign minister, if appointed permanently; but he cannot be spared from the leadership of the House of Commons. We hope, therefore, that Lord Salisbury will, ere long, devolve the foreign secretaryship upon one of his colleagues."

Buried Alive In the Klondike.

Chicago Boy Writes of Hardships Before the Gold-Seekers.

Walks Miles Through Ice and Slush and Lucky to Find Scraps of Food.

Hanover, N. H., March 28.—Frank C. Staley, of Chicago, a Dartmouth junior, who left for the Klondike last fall, writes a letter to two chums, Walter R. Eastman and Robert F. Marden, on the hardships and sufferings of the struggle for gold. His letter is dated Rampart City, Dec. 6, and in it he says:

"I have been buried alive for three months, without any communication whatever with the outside world. All of us have been busy since our arrival in chasing around the country staking claims and building log cabins. I have built two cabins, one on my Alder Creed claim, and the other on Third avenue, Rampart City.

"I have had some pretty tough experiences since I landed, but they were principally during my first month, while I was hustling around staking claims. The trails were something fearful—all water and slush. Sometimes you would sink down above your knees.

"On my first trip I walked about five miles in ice water and slush in my stocking feet. My heels were too sore to wear the boots with which I started out. I spent the night in the woods with the mercury 20 degrees above zero without a blanket.

"My next trip took a little longer than I had planned for, and my companion and I were mighty glad to pick up and eat the scraps of old bread in a deserted camp—scraps that even the dogs had passed by. Although we had blankets with us on that trip we were well-nigh frozen before we got back.

"Prices are high, and the great majority of residents who have been here but a short time are entirely poor. A man who owns a cabin, stove, blanket and a winter's supply of food just now is considered pretty wealthy. Every man who has found gold has earned all he got."

Oshkosh, Wis., March 24.—The Winnie H., a steam yacht owned by Col. Seymour W. Hollister, has been sold to Chicago parties for use in the Klondike gold region. The sale has been consummated, and the craft will be loaded on a flat car this week and shipped to the Pacific coast. Terms of the sale are private.

Vancouver Barracks, Wash., March 24.—Orders have been issued by Gen. Merriam for the Alaskan exploring expedition, known as expedition No. 3, to leave here about March 29. Capt. E. F. Glenn, of the Twenty-fifth infantry, will have charge of the expedition, and will have two officers and nineteen enlisted men under him.

Spain Asks For More Time

Before Uncle Sam Takes Action Regarding Cuba.

The President Anxious to Avert War —Press Comment on the Situation —Misconception Corrected.

New York, March 28.—Spain, although apparently defiant, has asked for further delay before the United States does anything more about Cuba, says the Washington correspondent of the Herald. The request was made through Senor Polo y Bernabe, the Spanish minister in Washington. He promises in Spain's behalf that she would lay before the state department at an early day a plan for a more liberal government of Cuba. Spain's proposal is generally believed in Washington to have

COME TOO LATE.

President McKinley and the Spanish diplomats are, however, still hopeful. The president has not given up hope of averting war, and is ready to consider anything that might lead to a peaceful solution of the Cuban question. Minister Bernabe explained to Assistant Secretary of State Day that Spain would not yield her sovereignty over Cuba. She would give the island home rule, withdraw her troops and exercise the most limited authority, but her flag must remain over Cuba. It was also stated plainly by the minister that the independence of Cuba could not be bought with money.

SPANISH PRESS COMMENT.

Madrid, March 28.—The Imparcial and the Liberal today agree in saying that the mediation of the European powers will be difficult, in view of the crisis in the far east, adding: "Anyway, Spain is able herself to resist insults and repudiate unjust pretension."

FRENCH VIEWS.

Paris, March 28.—The Figaro, commenting upon the Cuban situation, says: "There is more reason today than yesterday to suppose that the ostentatious policy of the United States will be transformed into a ready, active policy. The sole danger of war lies in the new cortes allowing themselves to be drawn into replying to the impertinences addresses to Spain."

The Eclair says that "In spite of the pessimistic cable dispatches, we do not believe war is inevitable."

The Journal approves of M. Hanotaux's adoption of neutrality. "The moral standpoint of which permits him to assist in solving the difficulty."

Late last night is was rumored that a government crisis had occurred in Porto Rico.

ENGLISH OPINION.

The Globe thinks the report "gives Spain ground for maintaining that it shows bias," adding: "The evidence that a mine caused the explosion is meager, unconvincing, and not born out by previous experiences of the effects caused by mine explosion." In conclusion, the Globe says: "Whichever way we look at the matter, it is hard to agree with the verdict of the court of inquiry."

The Westminster Gazette says: "The resources of diplomacy ought not yet to be exhausted. We trust President McKinley will maintain his unexceptionable example, and not allow himself to be jingoed into war."

The St. James' Gazette says: "There can be no doubt Spain owes reparation to the American Government, to say nothing of the most humble apologies and the most extreme consideration for the feelings of the nation which has lost a fine cruiser, lying in peace in a presumably friendly harbor. The outlook is as threatening as could be: but Spain is in the wrong, and it is for Spain to walk warily."

A MISCONCEPTION.

Washington, March 28.—One of the main points brought out by the testimony in the Maine case, which will go to congress today with the report of the board of inquiry, will correct an important impression which has prevailed all over the country. The testimony will prove that the battleship's position was not changed after she entered the harbor. She was moored to a buoy and remained there until blown up. The statement has been made repeatedly in the press that her position was changed the night before the explosion by the direction of the harbor master of Havana.

A WOMAN LEAVES $40,000,000.

New Haven, Conn., March 28.—Mrs. Jane Winchester, a venerable widow of 91, and proprietor of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, said to be the wealthiest woman in the world, has died at her home here. Fabulous estimates of her wealth are made, one placing it at $40,000,000 Mrs. Winchester leaves one daughter, Mrs. Thomas G. Bennett, wife of the president of the Winchester Arms Company. Mrs. Winchester has given $250,000 to Yale during the past ten years.

RAILWAY DETECTIVE SHOT.

Laporte, Ind., March 28.—Chief of Detectives Starke, of the Michigan Central Railway, was probably fatally shot in an affray with tramps Thursday night near Furnessville, a small station near Michigan City. Starke attempted to arrest a number of car breakers, and a fusillade of bullets followed, a total of 22 shots being exchanged. Starke's most serious wound was caused by a bullet entering his mouth, and passing through, came out of his neck.

THE C. P. R. SMASHUP.

Winnipeg, March 28.—The passengers on the wrecked C. P. R. train have arrived in the city. The injured had all been carefully attended to by the doctors, who went out on the wrecking train from Fort William, Rat Portage and Winnipeg. It seems that Mardian, the passenger who was killed, was on the platform of the car at the time of the accident, and either jumped or was thrown off. The next car fell on him and squeezed him to death. Mr. C. W. Markss, of Detroit, who was severely hurt, was found, after examination, to have very serious bruises on the back, but the back bone was not broken. He may recover.

Insurance.

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A Yukon Miner's Valuation of the Land Granted to Mackenzie.

He Discredits Livernash — Miners Would Not Support the Statements He Has Made to the Senate.

Ottawa, March 28.—T. W. O'Brien, who has resided in the Yukon district for over 11 years as trader and miner, arrived in this city last evening. O'Brien left Dawson City on Jan. 20. He took about 20 days to drive by dog team to Skaguay. He says that there will be enough food in Dawson to supply the wants of people until such time as boats arrive.

Asked as to the necessity of a railway, O'Brien said that the miners were all in favor of getting some railway connection, and they were not bothering themselves about the cost. In his own opinion there was but one route, and that was the one the government had selected. Americans, he said, will make strong efforts to keep the trade of the country to themselves, and it would be a mistake to have the line running to Dyea or Skaguay, although it would be the easiest road to build.

As to land grant, he says that the land is not worth five cents an acre, and miners could make just as good arrangements with Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann for its development as they could with the government. Of course he had not seen the contract, and knew very little about the details. He had met Livernash, who had spent some two months in Yukon, in the interests of the San Francisco Examiner, which was owned or controlled by the Alaska Commercial Company.

O'Brien says that the stories told by returning miners of their great wealth are largely fakes. He got a claim on Eldorado Creek, from which has been taken $65,000 in gold, but it has cost over $50,000 to get it.

O'Brien goes out and into the Klondike country at any season of the year. He is a strong, heavily-built man, and residence in that country evidently agrees with him. Livernash, he says, never did any mining in the Yukon, and miners would never support statements he made before the senate.

COMING BACK.

Windsor, March 28.—A letter was received in Windsor yesterday from Charles R. Dougall, who left for the Klondike two weeks ago, stating that the La Force party has broken up, and that most of them will return home. There are also quite a few of the Johnston party, which left South Essex in February returning. The letter states that many gold seekers, after having undergone the hardships of a few miles on the trail from Edmonton, make tracks for home.

GOOD GOING ON THE ICE.

Victoria, B. C., March 28.—The steamer Ningchow arrived at Comox Friday, making the fastest trip on record from Skaguay. She reports miners getting over the trail, and confirms the recent reports as to the Stikine, where the weather is cold and clear and good traveling over the ice. About 1,500 are on the trail, all getting through. Mackenzie & Mann's advance guard is reported to have reached Telegraph Creek.

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In the World Of Amusement.

Much-Heralded Wrestling Match Ends in a Fizzle.

Unequaled Record of the Lindsay Curling Club—Various Sporting Events.

AQUATIC.

OXFORD WINS.

London, March 28.—Oxford won the 55th annual boat race with Cambridge today by twelve lengths. The weather was stormy.

The Oxford crew crossed the line 12 lengths ahead. Oxford has now won 32 out of the 55 races rowed, and has been the winner nine years in succession.

The Cambridge crew stopped off the ship at Mortlake, thoroughly exhausted, and with their boat half full of water.

BASEBALL.

SNYDER AT WASHINGTON.

Mail and Empire: Frank Snyder, the Toronto catcher drafted to Washington last fall, has at last come to terms with Washington. As already announced, he, Dineen and Wagner refused to sign the contracts Washington sent them a couple of weeks ago, as the salary was not satisfactory. Yesterday's mail brought another offer, and as the terms were satisfactory, Snyder accepted them, and will leave for Washington on Monday. National League patrons will see in Snyder the best throwing catcher since the days of Buck Ewing.

AYLMER'S CLUB.

At a meeting of the Aylmer baseball cranks it was decided to form one baseball club, to be known as the Aylmer Baseball Club, with a membership fee of 50 cents, to include both senior and junior players, and to be under one management, the same having power to draft members to play other junior or senior teams. These officers were elected: Honorary president, W. W. White; president, D. H. Price; first vice-president, J. Lowe; secretary-treasurer, Walter Stewart.

UMPIRES.

The following are President Nick Young's selections as umpires in the National League for this season: Emslie, Lynch, McDonald, O'Day, Connolly, Heydler, Woods, Cushman, Snyder, Curry, Swartwood, and Ed. Andrews. Twelve men are required under the double umpire system. There were over 600 applicants, and from them the names of the lucky dozen were chosen.

FLYS.

Globe: Toronto's specialty seems to be the turning out of catchers. No less than six catchers from this city have caught on with league teams—Holden and Strowger go to Taunton, Lyons to Paterson, Gordon to St. Thomas, Snyder to Washington, and Reid to Toronto.

Catcher Casey's contract has been received by Manager Irwin, of the Torontos. The little backstop's agreement calls for a liberal advance over last year.

Andy Reid is said to be rapidly rounding into shape.

Sockalexis has already reformed and taken pledge number one for the season.

The Detroit team played its first game of the season at Nashville with the Vanderbilt University team, and had a close call. Score 2 to 1 in favor of Detroit.

Pitcher Hart, of Pittsburg, had his jaw broken in practice at Little Rock by a ball from Schriver's bat.

Pitcher Griffith, of Chicago, has been showing up in great form. In five innings the other day there were only fifteen men at the bat, and not a hit was made off him.

Montreal has signed Pitcher Foster, of Georgia University, upon recommendation of Hugh Jennings.

Another old timer is going down the line. Gil Hatfield, it is announced, has been released by Newark.

Princetown played her first baseball game of the season Saturday against Rutgers, the Tigers winning, 22 to 0.

Tom Burns, of Chicago, wants to keep seven pitchers on his staff, five of them, Calahan, Friend, Briggs, Griffith and Thornton, as regulars, and Isbell and Woods as subs.

President Ban Johnson, of the Western League, talks of offering a prize of $100 to the umpire in his league who does not miss a game this year. He thinks the bonus will stir the umpires up and make them more regular in attending games.

Rettger was offered $160 to play in Milwaukee this year, but says he will work at his trade in Cleveland rather than sign for that sum.

Bierbauer is playing at first for St. Louis now, and may fill that place permanently.

WRESTLING.

WON ON A FOUL.

New York, March 28.—Fifteen thousand people crowded into Madison Square Garden Saturday night to witness the Greco-Roman wrestling match between Yousouf, the Turk, and Ernest Roeber, the American champion. Yousouf threw Roeber out of the arena in the second minute. Roeber claimed the bout by reason of the foul. Yousouf was willing to have the fall given to Roeber. The referee said that two doctors who examined Roeber had declared him to be in unfit condition to go back on the mat, and that the referee had finally decided to award the match to Roeber, as it was evident to him that the Turk had deliberately fouled his opponent. This announcement was received with mingled hisses and cheers, but the former predominated.

ATHLETICS

MONEY IN FIGHTS.

San Francisco, March 28.—The National Club announces that the receipts of the Jeffries-Jackson fight were $10,434. Of the amount Jeffries will receive $4,382, and Jackson $1,878. The club's share amounts to $4,174.

BLOWS.

Jake Kilrain is pressing his challenge to John L. Sullivan and a match may yet be the outcome.

The latest thing on Bob Fitzsimmons' brain is a contemplated trip to Europe and South Africa.

The attorney-general of Louisiana threatens to get out an injunction against the McCoy-Bonner fight.

George Lawler, former sparring partner for Fitzsimmons, knocked out Bob Douglass in the fourth round the other night in the fast bout at Fremont, O.

CURLING.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S PRIZE.

Lindsay, March 28.—The Lindsay curlers won the governor-general's cup in Orillia, their opponents being the Churchill team. Lindsay won by a majority of 15 shots. The Lindsay curlers have won every trophy competed for this year, including the Ontario tankard. They have won the governor-general's cup five times, the Ontario tankard twice in succession, something which no other club in Canada has been able to accomplish.

TURF.

HOUSE OF COMMONS STEEPLECHASE.

London, March 28.—The House of Commons point-to-point steeplechase at Buckingham Saturday was won by J. W. Philip's Oliver, ridden by Jos. A. Pease, Liberal member for the Tyneside division of Northumberland. Six horses started.

AT NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, March 28.—Carrie Lyle and Jim Hogg were the winning favorites Saturday. At an auction sale in the paddock before the racing, C. B. Morris' Lobengula, 6 years old, by Hudson—Hulu, was sold to Wm. Hoffman for $950. Twelve others realized $895. Other winners: Frank Bell, Blacking Brush, Fervor and Bagpipe.

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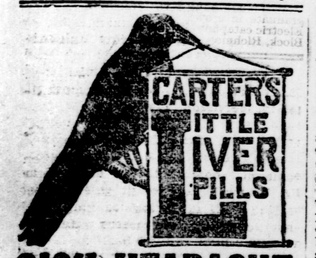
George Voorhees, of Highland Park, has sold Exponent, by Antevola, to Capt. W. A. Dunn for $500. Exponent is a 6-year-old, and can beat 2:30.

There is some talk of organizing a turf association at Tilbury.

The fair grounds and trotting track at Paris, Ky., which have been in use for racing purposes over 50 years, are to be sold.

Last year Omaha tried the plan of ending every race after three heats had been decided. In 1898 the regular three-in-five system will be used.

There is a 2-year-old colt in Ed. Geer's stable at Selma, Ala., that has been entered in $70,000 worth of stakes for this year. The colt is owned by C. D. Creig, of Paris, Ky., and is said to be possessed of wonderful speed.



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Was Caused By a Mine.

How the U. S. Cruiser Maine Met Its Fate.

Summary of the Court of Inquiry's Report.

President McKinley Will Inform Spain That the Present State of Affairs in Cuba Must Not Continue.

Washington, D. C., March 28.—The Associated Press presents an abstract of the court of inquiry which investigated the wrecking of the battleship Maine. The abstract is made from the report itself:

1. The court finds that at the time of the explosion the battleship Maine was lying in five and a half to six fathoms of water.

2. The discipline aboard the ship was excellent; everything stowed according to orders; ammunition, guns, stores, etc. The temperature of the magazines at 8 p.m. was normal, except in the after ten-inch magazine, and that did not explode.

3. The explosion occurred at 9:40 o'clock on the evening of Feb. 15. There were two explosions, with a very short interval between them; the ship was lifted on the first explosion.

4. The court can form no definite opinion of the condition of the wreck from the divers' evidence.

5. Technical details of wreckage, from which the court deduces that a mine was exploded under the ship on the port side.

6. The explosion was due to no fault of those on board.

7. Opinion of the court, stating that explosion of the mine caused the explosion of two magazines.

8. The court declares that it cannot find evidence to fix responsibility.

The report is unanimous, and is signed by all the members of the court. It does not refer to the existence or non-existence of mines in the harbor of Havana, except in the specific finding that a mine was exploded under the ship, and the opinion that the explosion of the two magazines was caused by the explosion of a mine. The report, as a whole, is a formal, dispassionate recital of facts, and bears the stamp of that strict officialism which marks naval procedure. It is brief, not exceeding 1,800 words, and among the eight parts goes to the greatest length under the second heading, which deals with the discipline and order of the ship. This the court specifies with extreme minuteness the least detail of the satisfactory condition of everything on board being given. The normal temperature of the large forward magazines at 8 o'clock—only an hour and 40 minues before the explosion—disposes of the question of accidental combustion within those magazines. While the court holds that these magazines did not explode from internal causes, they nevertheless are of the opinion that the explosion of the mine under the port side of the ship caused the explosion of the two magazines. This will explain the remarkable destruction wrought, the explosion thus being shown to have combined the force of a mine without and two magazines within. The two explosions, which the court finds to have occurred within a very short interval between them, is an additional detail, showing that the ship lifted on the first explosion, indicating an external source, and one of tremendous power to be able to lift a battleship of thousands of tons. The character of the wreckage, technically described in the fifth part of the report, from which the court deduces that a mine was exploded under the ship on the port side, sustains the view taken by some experts shortly after the disaster, that the force of the explosion was exerted from port to starboard. The feature of the report of the deepest interest to the navy is the complete exoneration of Capt. Sigsbee and all on board, contained in the second finding, setting forth the perfect order and discipline prevailing on the ship, and more directly stated in the sixth finding, which declares the disaster to be due to no fault of those on board. The inability of the court to find evidence to fix responsibility, as stated in the eighth part, makes the report so guarded in expression of blame that neither Spain nor the Spanish are mentioned throughout.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAMME.

President McKinley has determined upon a programme which involves three separate movements to be executed in succession, and in such a manner that if war follows the responsibility will rest upon Spain in the eyes of the civilized world.

The president will forward to congress the report of the court of inquiry as to the cause of the loss of the Maine, and probably state that the contents of the report have been cabled to Minister Woodford to be laid before the Spanish Government. He will not state, what is the fact, that Minister Woodford has been instructed to intimate to the Spanish Government that the United States will be pleased to receive any explanation regarding the occurrence that Spain is prepared to offer. This intimation is not intended as a threat, and will not be communicated in such form by Minister Woodford. The president's purpose is simply to give the Spanish Government an opportunity of taking such action with reference to the report as may seem proper to the premier and his council. The United States does not purpose to ask an indemnity for the loss of the Maine.

The president's second step will be to send a message to congress on Tuesday or Wednesday asking the appropriation of a substantial sum to defray the expense of a systematic plan of providing relief for the starving women and children of Cuba.

AN IMPORTANT STEP.

The third step of the president's programme will be the most important one. He proposes to notify the Spanish Government that the present state of affairs in Cuba cannot be permitted to continue. American trade with the island has been totally destroyed, while the interests of American citizens both in Havana and the provinces have suffered disastrously. Large sums of money have been spent by the United States to prevent the landing of filibustering expeditions on the island, and the burden of patrolling the high seas between the United States and Cuba has fallen upon this government rather than upon Spain. The terrible condition of the starving Cubans, nearly all of whom are non-combatants, has become a scandal and a reproach throughout the world, and with Cuba lying within less than 100 miles of our own shores, we cannot, as a nation, the president contends, ignore the fact that lives are being wasted by the thousand, which the whole world believes could be saved by the intervention of this government. The president, therefore, proposes to inform Spain that the United States intends to feed the starving Cubans for a reasonable length of time, but not indefinitely. The condition of the inhabitants of Cuba is the result of a cause which the president will ask the Spanish Government to remove.

INTERVENTION.

Spain, therefore, will be notified that peace must be brought about in the Island of Cuba within a reasonable length of time, which will probably be fixed by the president in the formal instructions to be forwarded to Minister Woodford. Whether peace is to be secured through the speedy triumph of the Spanish arms in Cuba, the acceptance of full autonomy by the insurgents or the acknowledgment by Spain of the independence of the Cuban republic, is a matter which the president does not feel called on at this time to determine. The triumph of Spain in the island is regarded as so remote a contingency that it is not now seriously considered. Should Spain refuse to accede to the demands of the United States, active intervention will follow, but the president has strong hopes that this course will not be necessary, and that the Spanish Government will come to terms.

It is stated that Spain is prepared to offer a test of practically unlimited autonomy to the Cubans, with the understanding that if this plan fails the Spanish armies are to be withdrawn from the island and its independence recognized. The part of the United States in this programme will be to stand as arbitrator between Spain and the Cuban insurgents to determine the conditions and result of the test of full autonomy.

The last step in the president's programme will not be taken within the next fortnight, if it is possible to postpone action.

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Springfield, Mass., March 26. — The common house mouse, which infests our homes, has never until within a year had a value upon the market, unless, perhaps, in the Chinese quarter. The invention and introduction of the attractive little device now often seen in store windows, a tilted disk being turned by the running of mice upon its surface, has, however, set the laws of supply and demand in operation, and the formerly despised mouse now represents a monetary value of from 5 to 15 cents, according to the demand and available supply of the animals, says the Republican.

The mouse-propelled machine, patented by a Westfield man as a "device propelled by living creatures," consists simply of a cage or box with glass sides, in the bottom of which stands an upright metal post upon which is set a cloth-covered disk, at such an angle that the least weight upon any part of its surface will cause it to rotate. Into each of these cages are placed five or six lively rodents and without any previous instruction they always mount the wheel and run upon its surface as if their lives were dependent upon it.

They sometimes put on so much speed one can scarcely see their legs, and at times they get a little careless in propelling the machine and are thrown off the revolving surface. This happens rarely after the mice have had a little experience, but in the experimental stage they have much the same sort of trouble as a boy learning to skate.

The action of the mice is so novel that a cage attracts more attention in proportion to the number of performers, and the quantity of apparatus than the biggest circus on the road. People stand for hours sometimes watching the whirling wheel, and many curious ideas have been advanced as to the device. Some people have supposed the mice to be made of wood and run by electricity, and others have believed that the particular rodent exhibited had been carefully educated to the work by some expert in mouse culture.

RUN WITH THE SUN.

One peculiar circumstance has been noted by nearly everyone who has had anything to do with the cage, for any length of time—the mice always run the same way the sun goes, from east to west, or more correctly, opposite to the direction of the earth's rotation. If they happen to start the wheel the other way its revolution will be checked as soon as possible and a start made in the opposite direction.

Another characteristic of the mice is their desire to run the wheel without any interlopers. If a team of half a dozen mice live together in a cage for a time and another one is put in to aid them, the original team will immediately attack the new arrival and will usually kill it. They want to be masters of their own wheel. In one instance a mouse escaped from a cage in a store window when the daily rations were being served and on being returned half an hour later was not recognized by his old associates, and was chased around the cage for some time.

A toy company of Westfield manufactures the cages and rents them for exhibition in store windows. They have had a little trouble in several cities where the cages have been placed owing to the authorities making the claim that it was cruelty to animals to allow the mice to run the wheel. In Richmond, Va., a vigorous protest was made against it, but after an investigation the authorities decided that there was no cruelty about it, as the mice were not compelled to run any more than they desired, and could rest as often as they liked. The tender-hearted people of Providence, R. I., also believed it was cruelty to exercise the mice, but after hearing the verdict from Richmond concluded they were mistaken.

FUN FOR THE MICE.

The mice seem to enjoy the work upon the wheel very much in the same way that a squirrel delights in turning the revolving part of his cage. In addition to the regular disk, hats, umbrellas, and a shoe mounted on a disk have been used in the cages and are propelled equally as well as the original disk. The company plans to locate a number of their cages at parks and resorts during the coming summer, and is already preparing for the season's business. The most important consideration has been to secure a suitable supply of mice and during the winter the upper floor of the company's shop has been turned into a sort of "mouse farm." Here are placed about twenty cages, nearly all of them occupied by a number of mice. There are gray mice and white mice, long mice and short mice, for it is a remarkable fact that after a mouse has run on a wheel for a time his body lengthens out considerably, making it possible to distinguish the trained from the untrained.

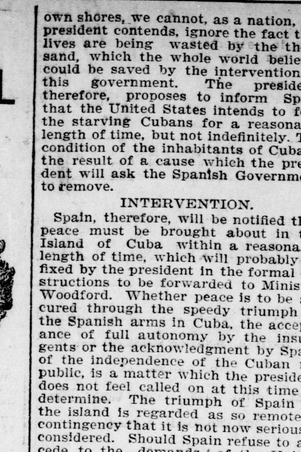
The breeding of mice has been successfully carried on all winter and on opening little cotton-filled boxes, with which each cage is equipped, there can be seen mice in all stages of development, from a day old to the age of maturity and ability to frisk on the whirling disk. By crossing the gray and white mice it is soon expected to produce some freaks in this line in the form of spotted animals that will be very attractive for the work for which they are wanted.

The mice in the cages are very wild, but at the same time seem to like to be patted and are very fond of having their heads rubbed. They never attempt to nip at the fingers, but are always ready to jump out of the cage it they see an opportunity, and an attendant's coat sleeve sometimes offers a tempting chance to get away. Some of the cages are used for practice, and teams of mice are made up and placed together to allow them an opportunity to become accustomed to the disk, though they can always run it the first time they try. But practice makes perfect with mice, as well as with men.

WHITE MICE.

White mice have been found to be inferior to their gray cousins for work in the cages, as they not only tire out more easily, but they are not as nimble and run the disk with less speed. They make a pretty display for a time, but are, on the whole not as satisfactory. One of the cages was returned from Brattleboro, Vt., containing several large white rats, and today the toy company has in one cage not less than twenty rats of this kind, some of them monsters. They are not a success as disk propellers, being too large and too slow in their motions.

When the supply of mice becomes short the company furnishes traps to the Westfield school children, and makes an offer to pay 5, 10 and 15 cents each, according to the demand for mice. The children seek out the haunts of mice in their homes, and it is not many days before there is a glut in the market, even when the price has dropped to 5 cents.





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April 10, 1897.

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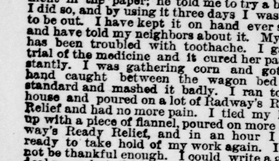
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Salisbury On the Mend—Rumors of His Retirement as Premier Unfounded—Change in the Foreign Office Probable.

London, March 28.—The revived report of Lord Salisbury's permanent retirement from the foreign office, and virtually from public life, was one of those badly conceived guesses for which the Chronicle is becoming quite famous. Earlier in the week the correspondent learned of a circumstance which tended to justify the assumption of the Chronicle. Lord Salisbury was having his private room at the foreign office cleared of the accumulation of personal papers and confidential documents that is usually the prelude to the retirement of any head of a government department. But inquiry elicited the information that this process had been going on since Christmas, and had recently become active, simply because Lord Salisbury thought that going through these papers would afford relaxation during his recent weary convalescence. Lord Rosebery's tenure of the foreign office was brief, but he managed to get together a mass of private papers, which filled several big hampers, which were taken in a wagon to his house in Berkely Square. It took Lord Rosebery a week to winnow them. Most of the papers were destroyed as so-called rubbish, though they would be worth a big price to any newspaper or maker of history. Regarding the health of Lord Salisbury, it is said on good authority that there is considerable amelioration in the diabetic symptoms, and Dr. Broadbent has strong hopes that his patient will be able to resume at least a portion of his public duties in a few weeks.

RUSSIA'S HOLD ON CHINA.

The report that Russia had really acquired Port Arthur and Talien Wan surprised no one with even a moderate knowledge of events. Russia seems to have first "squared" Japan by clearing out of Corea. It is self-evident, of course, that Russia meant to have Port Arthur sooner or later, but the imagination of some writers has been fired by the oft-repeated assertions that Pekin is dangerously near Port Arthur, whence the government of the czar could and would dictate his imperial will to the Chinese dynasty. It never strikes these good people that the Chinese court is not immovably fixed at Pekin, or that the emperor is actually anxious to move further south. It also escapes them that even with Russia at Port Arthur and Talien Wan, it is to British merchantmen that the great bulk of trade will inevitably fall. Figures upon which reliance may be placed, published today, show that the British dominions have about 68 per cent of the Chinese foreign trade and Russia little more than 5 per cent. Moreover, to the shipping trade of China, the British flag contributes between 60 and 65 per cent of the total tonnage, against Germany's 6 per cent, and of the total value Great Britain contributes 54 per cent, as compared with Germany's 5 per cent. Russia's share of shipping is insignificant. That bugbear, the Trans-Siberian Railway, evidently is not merely a military road, but twisted minds here refuse to look at it in any other light save as a huge pipe, pouring Russian soldiers into a continent whence the British flag has been chucked.

FRANCE IS BRITAIN'S FOE.

In spite of M. Hanotaux's gracious speeches on royal guests and English friendship, it is with France instead of Russia that this country may shortly have to reckon. Not in West Africa alone is the situation awkward, but in China the terms asked for are such as to constitute a real threat for Great Britain. Unless the French demands are modified, it is difficult to see how Britain can tolerate with dignity the Chinese concessions, which, among other things, practically involve the dominating of Hong Kong, and cutting it off from the mainland. It is said that they will be modified, but this country may have to practice a meek and sham toleration for some weeks. The French republic cannot at this juncture afford the appearance of backing down between now and May 8, the date fixed for the French elections. The dramatic doings of M. Meline's ministry will have much to do in deciding whether it stands or falls, and a fine show of power in the interval will alone save it.

CRISIS IN WEST AFRICA.

Reading between the lines of the recent ministerial statements, it seems pretty clear that a report, referred to a couple of weeks ago, that Britain had yielded to Frence pressure by consenting to refer her rights at Boussa to arbitration, was incorrect. The Anglo-French situation, therefore, is nearer the crisis stage than ever, and war can be averted only by some kind of surrender on the part of France. The immediate question of interest is, Can M. Hanotaux afford to surrender before the general election? One thing certain at this moment is that the French Government has at length made up its mind as to the British intentions and the limits of British forbearance. Baron de Courcel, the French ambassador here, undoubtedly received an intimation, which might almost be described as an ultimatum, during his two hours' interview on last Tuesday with Mr. Balfour and Mr. Sanderson. It is rumored now that Baron de Courcel has made arrangements, by which the French claims to Boussa and Nikki have been formally withdrawn, upon the understanding that no public announcement of the surrender will be made until after the general election in France; and meantime Captain Lugard, now on the way to take charge of the British forces in the Niger region, will make no aggressive move which might embarrass M. Hanotaux at home.

A VISION OF WAR.

The Spectator has apparently decided that war is inevitable, especially with France. It says: "To most of our countrymen a war with France is almost an inconceivable idea. They feel no hostility towards France, have no fear of France, and no desire for anything that France possesses. They are hardly able, therefore, to believe that a war with France is among the possibilities. Unfortunately, their cheerfulness is ill-founded. In the judgment of the government, which is the judgment of the people, Boussa belongs to Great Britain by treaty rights, known to, if not recognized by, the French foreign office, and Hong Kong will never be safe unless Kau Lung, just behind her, is in British hands. The French Government, nevertheless, has occupied Boussa and has also asked terms from China, which, if conceded, will completely cut off Hong Kong from any expansion on the mainland. These acts are distinctly unfriendly. France will hear no argument, accept no change. As we cannot yield up property in that way, whether we value it or not, there is, if France does not give way, no end to this conflict except war.

DISPATCHES TAMPERED WITH.

When events in the far East began to assume a serious aspect, the British foreign office made the unpleasant discovery that its dispatches were being tampered with. It became necessary to discard the old cipher code and devise a special one. Proceeding upon the assumption that the operators in the service of the Eastern Telegraph Company were British born and might be trusted, the foreign office concluded that the tampering occurred in China, and that the probability was that the wires between Pekin and Shanghai had been tapped, but discovery, so far, has gone no further. A week ago an important dispatch addressed to the British minister at Pekin, disappeared on the way, and efforts are now being made to find it. The disappearance was probably accidental, but the foreign office was much perturbed.

THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE.

Another correspondent says: Rumors of Lord Salisbury's retirement as prime minister are unfounded, but a change in the foreign office is probable, although not until the Queen's return from the Riviera. Lord Salisbury's health is mending slowly, but the strain of filling two exhausting offices is too great. A younger man is needed in the foreign office. Mr. Balfour would be the natural successor, if the traditions did not connect the office with the upper house; otherwise Lord Lansdowne is the more probable choice, unless Lord Cromer be called in. Lord Dufferin is mentioned, but this is almost as fantastic as the rumor that Lord Rosebery will serve under Lord Salisbury. Lords Ashbourne and Harriss are candidates for the succession as viceroy of India. The known devotion of the Queen to Lord Salisbury, and her absolute confidence in him as the one man capable of preventing the political situation from drifting from the safe haven of diplomatic pourparlers into the unknown waters of war, lend color to the rumors that the Queen herself had intervened with such an effect that Lord Salisbury was prevailed upon to defer his resignation till after he should have an opportunity of consulting with his sovereign on the Riviera.

DANGERS OF COMPARTMENT CARRIAGES.

The numerous railroad mysteries (there have been five of them since last Sunday) have caused a renewed outcry against the dangers of compartment carriages, and there are demands that legislation compel the railroads to adopt corridor cars. The bodies of three male passengers have been found this week on railroad tracks in different parts of the country, under circumstances pointing to foul play, and two men have been shot in railroad carriages.

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San Francisco, March 28.—The other night, in the presence of ten thousand people, Gold Hunter Henry Miller and Gold Huntress Frances Turner were made man and wife. The ceremony was performed in the main exhibition room of the Golden Jubilee Fair. The place was packed. The platform, on which stood Rev. Frank S. Ford, was gay with Klondike trappings and wreathed with smilax. First came a wedge of policemen, then many children in Arctic dress, then the bride and groom.

To heighten the Klondike effect a man in Alaskan costume walked through the crowd on snowshoes. Four beautiful dogs drew a sled that was to carry the bride and groom from the platform to their dressing rooms. But it was too difficult an undertaking to get through the crowd, and the couple had to walk. On the platform was a sled with a camping outfit, and in another corner was a mammoth wedding cake.

It was a picturesque group that assembled on the rug-covered platform. The bride wore bloomers, had a brown skirt and jacket, yellow leggings, a fur bonnet and a pair of gloves. The groom was attired in a sealskin coat, woolly trousers, high rubber boots and mittens. His face was almost entirely concealed by his hood, and he looked much like a young seal about to make a plunge.

The spectators cheered lustily at the conclusion of the ceremony. Among the wedding presents were two through tickets to the Klondike and many articles of use in the Arctic regions. The next morning the couple started for Dawson City.

Row Among Royal Templars.

Two Factions in the Society Get Into Conflict.

One Result the Dismissal of George Wrigley From the Editorship of the Templar.

Hamilton, March 28.—The Herald gives the following account of the trouble among the Royal Templar managers: "Royal Templars are not a happy family just now, and if present indications go for anything it will be a good while before they are pulling together in the cause of cold water. The trouble has been brewing for some time, if the Templars will excuse the expression, and it has resulted in great changes, the latest being the dismissal of Editor Wrigley from the editorial management of the Templar newspaper.

"Mr. Wrigley was notified yesterday that his services would be dispensed with at once, and he was given a check for $100 to pay him for this month's work, and another check for $100 to take the place of a month's notice, he having been engaged by the month. This action was decided on by the new board of directors of the Templar Publishing Company last Monday night, but the editor was not notified of his decapitation until yesterday, when he received a letter written by Secretary John W. Jones and signed by President Fred W. Watkins.' No reason was given in the letter for Mr. Wrigley's dismissal.

"That gentleman naturally feels sore over his treatment. He said today that it was an unheard-of thing for a publishing company to dismiss an editor without giving him an opportunity to publish his valedictory, and he felt that it was an unpleasant position in which he had been placed. He had not been told by the board of directors that his policy on the Templar was unsatisfactory, and the first intimation he had of it was at the annual meeting of the shareholders last Monday afternoon. Although his course had been criticised there, no resolution was passed finding fault with him. The shareholders wanted a more aggressive policy, and he was prepared to give them it.

"Editor Wrigley intimated that his dismissal was the outcome of a fight with which he had nothing to do, and in which he was not concerned, the disputants being W. W. Buchanan, and George H. Lees. Mr. Lees' party had turned down the Buchanan officials in the Dominion Council, and the Templar Publishing Company, whose board of directors consisted chiefly of Mr. Buchanan's friends, had taken revenge by turning Mr. Lees out of the presidency. Editor Wrigley, of course, having been in harmony with Mr. Lees' ideas, and he being supposed to be friendly to the ex-president of the publishing company, he had been made the scapegoat in the trouble.

"W. W. Buchanan was asked about the matter previous to the Herald reporter's interview with Mr. Wrigley, and Mr. Buchanan intimated that an editorial in this week's Templar had been the culmination of the trouble. The majority of the directors were not satisfied with the Templar's editorial policy, and Mr. Wrigley had been criticised at the shareholders' meeting. His criticism of this criticism in the Templar was the last straw, etc. Mr. Buchanan admitted that he himself was in editorial charge for the present.

"In view of Mr. Wrigley's notification of dismussal, the editorial in the Templar this week followed the directors' decision. It does not appear to contain anything meriting such summary punishment, being rather inclined to favor the wished-for aggressiveness.

"The trouble is not over yet, the two factions of the Royal Templars, pulling in opposite ways, and there will likely be more ruptures before it is ended."

Dr. Emory, who was the Ontario grand secretary of the R. T. of T. order until his appointment as general Dominion secretary, has resigned. At a meeting of the Ontario executive committee yesterday the vacancy was filled by the appointment of W. N. McMullen, of Toronto. G. M. Baird, of Blenheim, was a close second in the race for the position.

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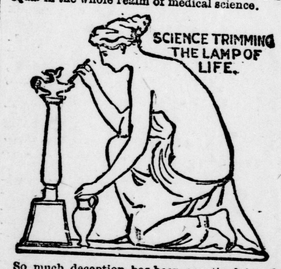
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If the higher court has reached the conclusion that the reputation of the army, and of the entire country, is far more seriously menaced by the concealment of the truth in regard to this extraordinary case, its reasoning is creditable. But it seems almost too much to hope that after all that has occurred a full, free and untrammeled inquiry into the whole matter, from start to finish, will be obtained.

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Bradstreet's, referring to the business outlook in this Province, asserts that "the prospects for the ensuing season's business have seldom been more encouraging than they are now."

Refuses to be Bulldozed.

Sir Frank Smith supports the Government policy to supply speedy entrance to the Yukon territory, so as to keep Canadian trade for Canadian business men and Canadian workers. He is a Conservative, but he holds that it is most unreasonable for his fellow-Senators to vote against the agreement made by the Government, under the pressing circumstances known to all. For taking this stand our former fellow-townsman is denounced by Conservative newspapers, in common with the Government of the day. His patriotic course is, however, in marked contrast with that of the bitter partisans, who, judging by past experience, if this bargain had been made by Sir Charles Tupper or any other Conservative leader, would have passed it without question.

Lady Aberdeen's Appeal.

Lady Aberdeen writes to The Advertiser to say that the four nurses who are to form the first contingent for service in the Klondike have been appointed, and the Dominion Government has kindly arranged that they should accompany the detachment of Canadian troops which is shortly to start for the Yukon. The names of these ladies are as follows: Miss Powell, from Nova Scotia, who is to act as district lady superintendent; Miss Payson, from New Brunswick; Miss Hannah, from Toronto, and Miss Scott, who came out from England some years ago, and who has since been nursing in or near Toronto. All are highly competent in their profession, and possess first-rate testimonials from leading physicians under whom they have worked. It is likely that the headquarters of the nurses will be at Fort Selkirk, the probable capital of the Yukon district. Dawson City has already a Roman Catholic hospitals, and when the nursing sisters get there this spring, it will in some measure be supplied. Lady Aberdeen adduces the testimony of Rev. R. M. Dickey, Presbyterian missionary at Skaguay, as to the pressing need for nurses, and in appreciation of the prompt action of the Victorian Order. Her Excellency requests subscription for the work. So far $600 has been received; but Lady Aberdeen says $5,000 will be needed for this year. No doubt many of the miners who become sick will be able to pay their way; but as is ever the case there will be unfortunates who will have to be cared for or they will die of want and disease.

The announcement made that the United States battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor by a submarine mine, suggests the questions, "Who put the mine there?" "When was it put there?" "If established by the Spanish, why was the Maine captain not told of its presence when his ship was anchored, by order of the Spanish authorities, over the mine?" It is apparent that if the United States commission has reached correct conclusions, a great deal of explaining has yet to be undertaken by Spain.

Hon. John Dryden.

"Farming," in its issue of this week, makes a strong plea for the retention of Hon. John Dryden in the Ontario Government. It points out that the Minister of Agriculture has served his native Province faithfully and well, and it affirms that Mr. Dryden is "the very best man for the position on the Government side of the House." Certainly his repuation as a devisor of legislation to help the great staple industry of the country and as an administrator has been without a flaw. It is too bad that owing to local causes he was defeated by a small majority.

Says the Brantford Expositor: "London Conservatives declared, prior to March 1, that the Provincial Government was not sincere in its promise to locate the Western Normal School in that city. Yet only this week, Hon. George W. Ross, the Minister of Education, was in that city arranging for the site, and intimating that the intention was to have the building up and ready for occupation by August, 1899. The present Ontario Government does not use provincial buildings as an agency for bribing electors; neither does it make any promises that it does not propose to honorably carry out.

A CUSTOM, NOT A DUTY.

[Toronto News.]

The customs authorities at Windsor say that:

Lovely women, nobly planned,
Are great at hiding contraband.

DOMESTIC EPISODE

[Detroit Journal.]

Papa (to mamma)—Poor Birks has a wife who holds his nose to the grindstone.

The Little One—Is that what makes it so red, papa?

GIRLS, GET YOUR GUN.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]

A troop of cavalry composed exclusively of women will be formed in Denver in case of war. Mrs. Shute will command it, and a better name for a belligerent leader couldn't be found.

POSSIBILITIES IN JURIES.

[Tit-Bits.]

"The jury was out several days and then failed to agree."

"That shows the folly of masculine juries. A jury of women would have disagreed much sooner than that."

A SURE THING.

[Cleveland Leader.]

The New Jersey man who has made seven unsuccessful attempts to commit suicide might indulge in a sure shot now by taking off his winter flannels.

A MAN OF RESOURCES.

[Chicago Tribune.]

"I don't know that I need any work done about the house. What can you do, my good fellow?"

"Sir, in my day I've been a carpenter, a barber and a school teacher. I can shingle your house, your hair, or your boy."

WHY SHE WAS SAD.

[Good News.]

"What's the matter, Brusee? You look sad."

"I am sad. I decorated a set of soup plates for Mrs. Boudelle, and what do you suppose she does with them?"

"Give it up. What?"

"Uses 'em for soup."

THE COLONEL'S OPINION.

[Atlanta Constitution.]

"War," said the old colonel, as he stirred his toddy, "is too terrible to contemplate. It should not be lightly spoken of, sir; it is a serious, sad affair. I have two graves in Virginia, one in Tennessee, and three in Kentucky, and but for war the men who fill them would be living yet!"

"Your sons, colonel?" asked the listener, in an awed voice.

The colonel tossed off his toddy neat, and stroking his gray beard, said:

"No, sir; my substitutes; the brave men who fought, bled and died for me."

Then the listener coughed and observed that whisky was not as good now as it was before the war.

POSTMASTER PUNISHED.

Thomas Goffatt, of Orillia, Will Serve a Year in Prison.

Barrie, Ont., March 28.—Thos. Goffatt, Orillia's ex-postmaster, who was found guilty of aiding Fanny Young to perform an operation, from which she afterwards died, was sentenced to one year in the Central. The prisoner, who made an attempt to commit suicide by cutting his throat the other day, was quite unmoved when he heard his sentence, but it was evidently much lighter than expected. An appeal on his behalf is spoken of.

A FATAL DOSE.

Toronto, March 28.—Hannah Lebar, a young domestic from Port Perry, took a morphine powder in mistake for a quinine powder on Friday night before going to bed. In spite of the efforts of several doctors, she died on Saturday night. The powder was intended to be used by Mrs. Carven, wife of the caretaker of the Manchester building, who was injured in the great Osgoodby fire a few years ago, and who died on Saturday week.

The Rumble Of the Railways.

Electricity Being Introduced in the Local Premises of the G. T. R.

Increased Earnings of the Canadian Roads—Death of a Veteran Road Master.

The Grand Trunk Railway is introducing electricity on the freight and passenger premises in this city, entirely doing away with gas. This will be a decided improvement.

This is a sample of the way the old reliable Grand Trunk Railway is handling Ottawa business from London: Two cars loaded with different commodities left here at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, arrived, and were delivered to consignees at Ottawa next day at 4:50 p.m.

Mayor Shaw (Toronto) has been in communication since November last with General Manager Hays, of the G. T. R., regarding the removal of the head offices of the road from Montreal to Toronto, and has hopes of succeeding.

A Savage, for the past 30 years road master on the Brantford section of the G. T. R., died there on Saturday, aged 70 years. He was well known and highly respected in railroad circles. He leaves a wife, three daughters and four sons.

The Grand Trunk's earnings for the week ending March 21, 1898, amounted to $453,470, aganist $410,545 for the same period last year, an increase of $42,925. The Canadian Pacific's earnings for the same period this year were $463,000; last year the figures were $325,000, an increase of $138,000.

Solicitor Leggatt, of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway, was in Dutton the other day for the purpose of securing signatures to a petition asking the council to submit a bylaw to the ratepayers for the granting of a bonus of $5,000 towards the proposed extension of the road.

Grand Trunk trainmen are still discussing the record of last week's business through the tunnel. The sending through of 54 trains, with 1,356 cars, was a good day's work, but this record was beaten on another day with 62 trains of 1,560 cars. In other days when the car ferry was in use if 500 cars per day were handled the day's work was considered a very good one indeed.

Egypt follows the lead of China, Japan, India, Russia, Finland and, indeed, most other countries in ordering fifteen American locomotives, which will be speedily turned out, and which in no long time will fly screaming along the Egyptian state railway, waking Memnonian echoes along the slumbrous Nile loud enough to rouse its mummied Pharaohs and awaken anew the bellowings of Osiris, suspended without date some thousands of years ago.

Mr. McNicoll, chairman of the subcommittee of the Trunk Line Passenger committee, announced that the delayed meeting of the sub-committee in reference to the rate war will take place in Buffalo on Monday or Tuesday, when the different interests will be represented. Mr. McNicoll, speaking for the C. P. R., states that local rates will be restored when the other rates are restored which disposes of the report that local rates might be put back to their former basis prior to settlement of the trans-continental trouble.

There are few people who have not at some time or other been the victims of anxiety as to whether or not the long line of ticket purchasers in front of them at the ticket window would not cause them to lose the train they had intended to travel on. An attempt to bring about a reform in this branch of railway work has been made in French stations by the adoption of a new apparatus, which consists essentially of a drum carrying tickets for all stations, and turned by hand. When a ticket is required the clerk turns the drum until the ticket presents itself at a window or slot. He then stamps it by depressing one of three handles, according to the class, and delivers it to the customer. A record of the ticket sold is made automatically by the machine, which is said to have proved a complete success.

WESTERN ONTARIO

Sarah Benner, relict of the late Augustus Benner, died on Thursday at the homestead, near Luton postoffice.

No less than four women were admitted to the Huron house of refuge last week, and one man from Wingham, making 85 inmates in all.

John Radcliffe, of West Wawanosh, sold his farm of 100 acres to Robert Purdon, for the sum of $3,600. Mr. Radcliffe and family intend moving to Manitoba next month.

At a public meeting, held Thursday evening in Stratford, it was decided to have the walls and foundation of the burned city hall examined by an expert with a view to their use.

The Sarnia Observer says Mrs. Laycock, an old lady, while crossing the G. T. R. tracks in the bay shore vicinity, on Friday afternoon, was struck by a train and fatally injured.

J. W. Frank's hardware store, Woodbridge, Ont., was burglarized Friday night, about $25 worth of knives, razors and revolvers being taken, besides $6 in cash, out of the till.

John Wright, ex-warden of the county of Kent, died Friday after a lingering illness. He was born in Yorkshire, Eng., 69 years ago, came to Canada in 1853, and settled in Dover township.

George Beckett, Goderich, was wedded a few evenings ago to Miss Gavenna Wilson, at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Barfield road, Goderich. Rev. James A. Anderson, B. A., officiated.

Friday afternoon a barn belonging to James Turner, of Point Edward, was discovered to be in flames. The Grand Grand Trunk fire brigade turned out promptly and prevented the further spread of the flames.

A monster delegation will leave Leamington on Tuesday afternoon by special train for Ottawa to interview the government for the purpose of inducing them to altogether prohibit the export of natural gas to Detroit, Toledo and other Michigan cities.

On Wednesday one of Vienna's most eligible young men, Mr. Wm. Chute, was united in marriage to Miss Anna Franklin, daughter of Mr. J. A. Franklin, near Port Rowan. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's father, Rev. Arthur Shore, of Port Rowan, officiating.

James Love, who works at O. & W. McVean's hub and spoke works, Dresden, had a marvelous escape Friday morning from losing his left eye. He was working on one of the machines, when a sliver flew, striking him in the eyeball about an eighth of an inch from the sight, cutting a nasty gash.

The Galt Reformer says: The water in the river is not warm, and there are few who would enjoy even a very brief bath in it just now. There is one here, however, who evidently does. He is Tom Melross, eight years old, and he had his first swim this year on March 16. This is the boy who saved young Watt from drowning last year.

A day or so ago Messrs. E. Wakeford and C. H. Cawthrop arrived in Sarnia from Ridgetown and put up at the St. Clair House. The object of their visit to Sarnia was for the purpose of leasing the Hill mills. Mr. Wakeford wore a pair of top boots that were hard to take off, and in endeavoring to remove them he broke his leg.

Sarnia Observer: There is some talk of the formation of a company here for the purpose of manufacturing vitrified brick. Mr. J. E. W. Branan, of Alvinston, has been here this week with the above object in view. A large deposit of the crude material has been located on the Branan farm, adjoining Alvinston, and it is said the brick could be manufactured here a great deal cheaper than it could be done at Alvinston, owing to Sarnia's many advantages as a distributing point.

A correspondent of the Chatham Planet says: "Wheat is looking better than I have ever seen it at this season of the year. Every man's crop is showing up well, and shows no damage. The last flood was the only drawback. There are small spots here and there where the water stood in a low part of some of the fields, and these spots look bad; but they are few and far between, and the crop on the whole gives promise of being a particularly good one. The meadows also look promising; but the roads are in a perfectly horrible condition."

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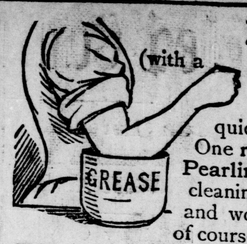
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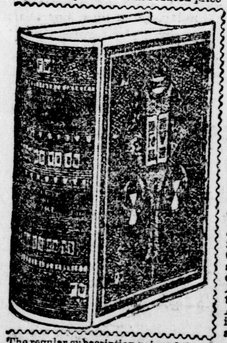
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Wheat, red fall, per bu	78c to 84c
Wheat, spring, per bu	78c to 84c
Oats, per bu	29½c to 30c
Peas, per bu	54c to 60c
Corn, per bu	44c to 44c
Barley, per bu	33½c to 33½c
Rye, per bu	39c to 39c
Buckwheat, per bu	36c to 38½c
Beans, per bu	40c to 60c

The receipts were light, as usual on Monday. No change from Saturday. Quotations.

GRAIN.

Wheat, white, fall, per 100 lbs	1 30	@	1 38
Wheat, red, fall, per 100 lbs	1 38	@	1 40
Wheat, spring, per 100 lbs	1 39	@	1 40
Wheat, new	1 35	@	1 42
Oats, per 100 lbs	90	@	90
Peas, per 100 lbs	90	@	1 00
Corn, per 100 lbs	80	@	80
Barley, per 100 lbs	70	@	70
Rye, per 100 lbs	70	@	70
Beans, per bu	40	@	60
Buckwheat, per 100 lbs	75	@	80

PROVISIONS.

Honey, comb	9	@	11
Honey, extracted	7	@	10
Cheese, per lb, wholesale	8	@	10
Eggs, single dozen	11	@	12
Eggs, fresh, basket, dozen	9	@	9
Eggs, per dozen, basket, pkd		@	
Eggs, fresh, store lots, doz	8	@	8
Butter, per lb, retail	21	@	22
Butter, pound rolls, baskets	18	@	18
Butter, lb, large rolls or crocks	16	@	17
Butter, per lb, tubs or firkins	15	@	17
Lard, per lb	7	@	10
Chickens, per pair	40	@	70
Ducks, per pair	60	@	70
Turkeys, per lb	9	@	11
Geese, per lb	7	@	8

LIVE STOCK.

Young pigs, per pair	3 00	@	5 50
Cows, each	20 00	@	33 00
Beef, per lb		@	
Pigs, young, per pair	2¾	@	3¼
Hogs, per 100 lbs	3 50	@	7 60
Sows, per 100	4 25	@	4 50
Chickens, per pair	3 50	@	3 50
Hens, per pair	45	@	60
Ducks, per pair	30	@	35
	35	@	45

HAY AND SEEDS.

Hay, per ton	5 50	@	7 00
Straw, per load	3 00	@	3 00
Clover seed, red, per bu	3 00	@	3 35
Clover seed, Alsike, per bu	3 50	@	3 60

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.

Apples, per bag	75	@	1 25
Apples, per bbl	2 50	@	2 75
Celery, per dozen bunches	25	@	30
Carrots, per bu	12½	@	30
Potatoes, per bag	70	@	80
Pumpkins, per dozen	40	@	75
Parsnips, bu	30	@	40
Turnips, per bag	25	@	25
Cabbage, per doz	25	@	40
Onions, per bu	70	@	85

MEAT, HIDES, ETC.

Beef, quarters, per lb	4	@	6
Mutton, quarters, per lb	6	@	7
Veal, quarters, per lb	6	@	8
Lamb, quarter	9	@	10
Dressed hogs, 100 lbs, light	5 25	@	5 50
Dressed hogs, 100 lbs, heavy	5 00	@	5 25
Hides, No. 1, per lb	8	@	8
Hides, No. 2, per lb	6	@	6
Hides, No. 3, per lb	5½	@	5¾
Calfskins, green	6	@	7
Calfskins, dry, each	4	@	5

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Oil Markets.

PETROLIA, March 28.—Oil opened and closed at $1 40.

American Markets.

CHICAGO, March 28.—The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—No 2 May, $1 04; July, 83¾c; sept., 76¾c. Dec., 77¼c. Corn—No. 2 May, 26⅝c to 26¾c; July, 30c; Sept., 31½c. Oats—May, 25⅝c; July, 23c to 23½c. Mess pork—May, $9 37½; July, $9 45. Lard—May, $4 92½; July, $5. Short ribs—May, $4 97½; July, $5. Cash quotations: Flour, dull; southern patents, $4 90 to $5; do, straights, $4 40 to $4 50; bakers', $3 40 to $3 50; clear do, $4 30 to $4 40; spring patents, $4 90 to $5 40. No. 2 spring wheat, 85c; No. 3 spring wheat, 86c to 97c; No. 2 red, $1 01. No. 2 corn, 28¾c; No. 2 yellow corn, 28½c. No. 2 oats, 25½c to 26c; No. 2 white, 29c to 30c; No. 3 white, 27½c to 28½c. No. 2 rye, 49c. No. 2 barley, 37c to 43c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1 17 to $1 19½. Prime timothy seed, $2 85 to $2 90. Mess pork, $9 35 to $9 40. Lard, $4 87½ to $4 90. Short rib sides, $4 77½ to $5 05. Dry salted shoulders, 4½c to 4¾c. Short clear sides, $5 25 to $5 40. Sugar, cut-loaf, $5 88; granulated, $5 38; standard A, $5 26. Eggs, firm; fresh, 9½c.

Receipts—Flour, 20,000 bbls; wheat, 92,000 bushels; corn, 110,000 bushels; oats, 242,000 bushels; rye, 10,000 bushels; barley, 44,000 bushels.

Shipments—Flour, 47,000 bbls.; wheat, 226,000 bushels, corn, 110,000 bushels, oats, 224,000 bushels; rye, 3,000 bushels, barley, 11,000 bushels.

CHICAGO, March 28.—Opening.—Wheat, May, $1 03½; July, 86½c; Sept., 76¾c; Dec., 77½c. Corn, May, 28¾c; July, 30½c; Sept., 31¾c. Oats, May, 25¼c; July, 23½c; Sept., 22c. Pork, July, $9 25. May, $9 27½. Lard, May, $4 87½; July, $4 92½. Ribs, May, $4 85; July, $4 92½c.

English Markets.

Ruling prices for the past four market days—The following table shows the quotations per cental at Liverpool for the three previous market days. In the case of wheat highest prices are given:

	Mar. 23.	Mar. 24.	Mar. 25.	Mar. 28.
WHEAT—				
Red Winter	7 9½	7 9½	7 9½	7 7½
No. 1 Cal	7 10	7 10	7 10	7 10
March	7 9⅝	7 9⅝	7 9	7 9⅛
May	7 5⅝	7 5	7 4½	7 4⅜
July	7 1⅜	7 0¼	6 11⅝	7 7
CORN—				
Old	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
New	3 4	3 4	3 4	3 4
March	3 4	3 4	3 3½	3 3½
April	3 3¾	3 3¾	3 3¼	3 3⅛
May	3 3½	3 3½	3 3	3 3
July	3 2⅝	3 2⅝	3 0	3 2⅝
Sept	3 2½	3 2½	3 2	3 2½
Flour	3 3½	3 2⅞	3 2¾	3 4½
Peas	25 0	25 0	25 0	25 0
Pork	5 4	5 4	5 4	5 4½
Lard	27 3	27 3	27 3	27 3
Tallow	27 0	26 9	26 6	26 3
Bacon, light	29 6	29 6	29 6	29 6
Bacon, heavy	28 6	28 6	28 6	28 6
Cheese, both	38 0	38 0	39 0	38 0

Liverpool, March 28, 12:30 p.m.

Wheat—Spot, firm; No. 1 Cal., 7s 9d to 7s 10d; No. 2 red western winter, 7s 7½d; No. 1 red northern spring, 7d 11s.

Corn—Spot American mixed, new, steady, 2s 3¼d; do, old, nominal; March, steady, 2s 3½d; May, steady, 3s 2¾d; July, steady, 2s 2½d.

Peas—Canadian, 5s 4¼d.

Beef—Extra India mess, 63s 9d; prime mess, 56s 3d.

Pork—Prime mess, fine western, 51s 3d.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs, dull, 30s; long clear heavy, 40 to 45 lbs, 28s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 18lbs, 29s; long clear light, 35 to 38 lbs, 29s; short ribs, firm, 29s; clear bellies steady, 32s 6d.

Hams—Steady; short cut, 32s 6d.

Lard—Prime western, 26s 3d.

Butter—Finest United States, 84s; good, 60s.

Cheese—American finest, white and colored, 38s.

Tallow—Fine American, city, 20s 6d.

Turpentine—Spirits, 25s.

Rosin—Common, 4s 1½d.

Petroleum—Refined, 5¼d.

Linseed Oil—16s 6d.

Dairy Markets.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Butter is steady; western creamery, 15½c to 19c; factory, 12c to 14½c; Elgins, 19c; imitation creamery, 14c to 15½c; state dairy, 14c to 18c; do, creamery, 15½c to 19c. Cheese quiet; large white and colored, Sept., 7½c; small do, 8c to 8¼c; large Oct., 7c to 7¼c; small Oct., 7¾c to 8c; light skims, 5¾c to 6¼c; part skims, 4c to 6c; full skims, 2c to 3c.

CHICAGO, March 26.—Butter firm; creamery, 13c to 18½c; dairies, 10½c to 16c. Cheese quiet at 8c to 8¼c.

St. Thomas Market.

St. Thomas, March 26.—Wheat, per bu, 85c to 86c; oats, 30c to 32c; peas, 45c to 50c; barley, 40c; corn, 40c; beans, 60c to 80c; clover seed, $3 to $3 25.

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Live Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Beeves—Receipts, 763; no trading; exports, 1,350 cattle and 1,730 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 42; no trading; city dressed veals, 8c to 11c. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 2,738; sheep firm; lambs higher; sheep, $4 to $4 87½; lambs, $6 to $6 60; clipped, $5 40. Hogs—Receipts, 2,686; none on sale; nominally steady, at $4 10 to $4 40.

EAST BUFFALO, March 26.—Cattle—Receipts, all consigned through; nothing doing. Hogs—Receipts, 30 cars; market dull and slow, and prices ruled lower; good to choice Yorkers, $4 05 to $4 10; prime selected light Yorkers, $4 to $4 05; mixed packers' grades, $4 05 to $4 10; medium weights, $4 05 $4 12; heavy hogs, $4 10 to $4 12; roughs, $3 25 to $3 75; stags, $2 90 to $3 15; pigs, $3 25 to $3 80. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 18 cars; fair inquiry from all sources and prices were steady for wooled stocks; native lambs, choice to extra, $6 15 to $6 20; fair to good, $5 80 to $6 10; culls to common, $5 25 to $5 75; yearlings, common to choice, $4 90 to $5 35; native sheep, choice to selected wethers, $4 90 to $5; good to choice mixed sheep, $4 60 to $4 85; common to fair, $4 35 to $4 50; culls to common sheep, $3 50 to $4 25.

CHICAGO, March 26.—Trade in cattle was dull, at steady prices; extra choice steers, $5 50 to $5 75; choice to good, $4 80 to $5 40; fair to good, $4 20 to $4 75; cows and heifers, $3 50 to $4; calves, $4 to $6 90. Hogs declined about 2½c to 5c; poorest to best, $3 80 to $3 90; extreme range, $3 65 to $3 95; pigs, mostly at $3 50 to $3 80. Sheep sold at $4 to $4 75 for wooled, and at $3 to $3 90 for shorn rams, bringing $2 to $4; yearling lambs brought $4 50 to $5, and lambs, $4 75 to $5 60. Receipts—Cattle, 360; hogs, 15,000; sheep, 6,000.

The Pass Is Impassable.

Carcasses of Dead Horses Line the Trail.

Vancouver, B. C., March 26.—Eight complete stocks for general supply stores have just been landed at Wrangel for Glenora and Teslin Lake, consigned to Yankee traders, who intend establishing themselves at those points. The latest reports from Wrangel are that many people are returning from Dyea and Skaguay to go up the Stikine River to the gold fields.

At Wrangel Canadian outfits are bonded through without delay. It is expected the Stikeen will open early this year, probably about April 25.

The reports of widespread sickness at Wrangel are unfounded.

The Skaguay route is becoming worse with the setting in of warm weather, and now it is almost impassable. There are 2,700 dead horses on the trail, and when uncovered by snow the carcasses will emit a horrible stench.

Tilsonburg, March 26.—Mr. William Thompson, of the Klondike party, writes from Edmonton that they have abandoned the overland route, and will go by boat from Athabasca landing. They built two boats in Edmonton, and Messrs. Hawkins and Allen took them to the landing. The rest of the party leave Edmonton today, where they were detained awaiting the arrival of the boiler and engine. The party are all in good health and spirits, and will start as soon as the river is clear.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—An agreement has been reached by the conference committee of the house and senate on the Alaska land bill to insert a provision, allowing Canadian miners the same rights in Alaska as are given by the Canadian Government to the American miners. Canadians will not have to be naturalized to take up mines in Alaska.

WARNING TO SPAIN!

Conditions in Cuba Are Intolerable — Hostilities on the Island Must Cease.

Washington, March 26.—It can be stated on positive information that the United States Government will—if, indeed, it has not already done so—inform Spain that the conditions now existing in Cuba have become intolerable to the people of this country, and that hostilities on the island must cease. This policy is in direct line with the views of the president, as expressed in his last message to Congress on Dec. 6.

Madrid, March 26.—El Liberal, the organ of Premier Sagasta, has published a paragraph which is attracting much attention. It says: "The alarmist impressions continued late yesterday evening, affecting even official centers. The ministers saw nothing to relieve the situation of things. Thus, at 11 p.m., when a person in the confidence of the queen-regent visited Senor Sagasta, and had a long conference with him, great importance was attached thereto."

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A Preacher's Resignation.

Rev. Thomas Wilson, of the King Street Presbyterian Church, Steps Out.

A Difference Between Him and the Church Session.

The Immediate Cause Relates to the Organ—Contention Over the Choir—Mr. Wilson Says His Step Is Definite.

At its May meeting, the Presbytery of London will have to deal with the resignation of Rev. Thomas Wilson, of the King street Presbyterian Church. Mr. Wilson notified the church session board of this step last evening. No announcement of it was made from the pulpit. Mr. Wilson has occupied the position since Aug. 11, 1896, coming here from Dutton. The resignation will take effect either in May, or at the close of Mr. Wilson's second year.

Though not thought of at the present time, Mr. Wilson's action was not altogether unexpected, as he had previously stated to members of his congregation that it was his intention to resign in July if certain conditions occurred. Mr. Wilson says that it is simply a lack of harmony between the church board and himself. "They have refused to comply with my wishes in certain matters, and the course I am about to take is the only way out of it." Mr. Wilson states that he is not leaving King Street for something better, having nothing in view.

Every department of the church went along smoothly since Mr. Wilson's pastorate, until recently. At that time Mr. Joseph Saunders, a brother-in-law of Mr. Wilson, was in the position of choirmaster. Mr. Wilson says that Mr. Saunders brought the choir to a high state of efficiency during his term, but that the session had stated at times that the congregation were complaining of the poor work of the choir. The result was so unpleasant that Mr. Saunders tendered his resignation, and the choir dispersed.

Some time ago a number of the members of the congregation conceived the idea that a new organ was necessary. They wanted one purchased at a cost of $500. Mr. Wilson strongly opposed this move, as there was $3,500 of a mortgage on the church property. He did not feel, until that was paid off, the church was in a position to purchase an organ. The question was taken up by the Ladies' Aid Society, at a meeting on Friday last, when a motion to secure the organ was defeated, the society only having $25 in the treasury.

"Ever since I came here," said Mr. Wilson, "I have worked hard to have the debt wiped out, and they now want to add $500 to it, which I opposed until the church was financially better able to do it. What is vitally necessary to the success of the church is the remodeling of the different boards. There are some who have been a great trouble to the church, and always will be, now officiating on those boards."

Mr. Wilson also states that the trouble existing in the congregation has been kept in the background until he could bear it no longer. The choir has been a bone of contention all along. He felt sorry that such a step had become necessary, as he had come to the city to build up a church. He had hoped that it would have been his last charge, with a large and prosperous congregation.

When Mr. Wilson accepted the call to King Street, the mortgage on the church was $3,500, and there were floating debts of $700. The latter have been wiped out. Mr. Wilson has received an increase of $300 on his salary and the augmentation grant of $200 a year from the London Presbytery has been cut off. The membership roll has increased from 133 in August, 1896, to 279 at the present time, and the plate collections of his first year exceeded those of the previous year by $800.

"I have fully considered the stand I have taken in the matter, and nothing will induce me to part from it," were Mr. Wilson's concluding words when seen this morning.

THE SESSION'S SIDE.

"The sole and only cause of the trouble between Rev. Mr. Wilson and the church management," said a member of the session of King Street Presbyterian Church this morning, in speaking of the pastor's notice of resignation, "is the disturbing faction formed by some persons closely connected with him. Outside of that, there has always been perfect harmony between Mr. Wilson and his people. I have yet to find one person in the church who has a word to say against Mr. Wilson personally. He has worked hard and done well, but he seems determined to stand by certain people to whom the congregation were opposed. Mr. Joseph Saunders, his brother-in-law, came to the church about the same time as Mr. Wilson, and was made choir master. The choir was then in a good state of efficiency, but the members gradually dropped out, until only a handful remained. Twenty-three in all dropped out because of their dislike for the leader, until finally the session could not condone the matter any longer, and Mr. Saunders was deposed some months ago. Unpleasantness, however, continued to exist, and the work of building up a new choir was made as difficult as possible. This trouble was not forgotten, and is in reality the sole trouble today. The board of managers and the session have always supported Mr. Wilson to a unit, excepting on this one question. When he came many of the members doubled their subscriptions and worked hard to assist in every way possible. He is a good organizer, and increased the contributions remarkably well, until now we could not want much better. And we tried to do our best. We increased his salary $200, and have always been ready to support his suggestions. The question about the new organ is but secondary. The Ladies' Aid Society were anxious to procure it, and intended to do so without touching the general finances, yet they were quite ready to let the project wait, in deference to Mr. Wilson's wishes."

A meeting of the board of managers will be held on Friday evening.

A NOTED ARCHITECT DEAD.

Alameda, Cal., March 28.—Augustus Laver, the architect, died at his home in Alameda. Among the notable structures he designed was the Canadian Parliament Buildings and the state capitol at Albany, New York.

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The Police After Bicyclists of Both Sexes.

A Number Fined—Benjamin Tripp Fined for Assaulting Mrs. Fellew—Trouble Over a Dollar.

The first crop of erring bicyclists for the season of 1898 was lined up before Magistrate Parke at the police court this morning. Complaints have reached police headquarters of reckless riders who rolled along the sidewalk, knocking children down, and compelling ladies and others to get off the sidewalk into the mud. The magistrate has taken a decided stand, and promises future offenders that a heavy penalty awaits them. No exception will be made this year. Last year the ladies were allowed to ride on the walks and go unpunished, but the chief of police has given orders to have every one of them summoned. The offenders this morning were fined $2 and $3.

FOUGHT A WOMAN.

Benjamin Tripp was charged by Georgina Fellew with assault. The plaintiff keeps a restaurant on Richmond street, near the G. T. R. depot. She deposed that on Friday night about 10 o'clock, Tripp came to her place with a woman who was not in a very presentable condition. Tripp was drunk, and demanded sandwiches. While she went to get them the woman who came with Tripp was taken suddenly ill, a crowd gathered, and she asked Tripp to take the woman into one of the back rooms, where she would be away from the gaze of curious spectators. Tripp became violent, and knocked Mrs. Fellew down two or three times with a small valise. She yelled "Murder" and Tripp and his "lady" friend went to the G. T. R. depot, where he was arrested.

Tripp pleaded guilty to assault, but not to knocking Mrs. Fellow down, and said: "I was under the influence of liquor at the time."

"Don't offer drunkenness to me as an excuse for such conduct," said the magistrate. "Where is the woman? Where did she come from?"

Tripp explained that she came from Woodstock, and he supposed she was either in Woodstock or St. Thomas.

Tripp was fined $5 or 20 days.

ANOTHER FRACAS.

Joseph Copeland and Frank Lewis, a painter, were arrested for fighting on Richmond street, near the city hall. Copeland said Lewis had given him a black eye because he had not paid a dollar that he borrowed from Lewis. Copeland borrowed the money a long time ago, and although asked for it several times would not pay it.

"Why didn't you pay?" was the police magistrate's question to Copeland.

"Because he always struck me for it when I did not have it."

"Why didn't you make an effort to strike him when you did have it?"

An answer was not forthcoming, and both men were fined $1 each.

Wm. Peterson, of Alvinston, was fined $2 or a week for being drunk. Daniel Joyce, of the Gore road, was charged with a similar offense and allowed to go. Thomas Hill, a negro mute, was remanded for a week as a drunk. Clayton Scott, a cripple, with only one leg, up for being drunk and disorderly at the G. T. R. station, was discharged.

13 LIVES LOST.

Ohio Floods Have Been Disastrous So Far.

Cincinnati, March 26. — Loss of life is reported at Hamilton, O., where the Great Miami swept away two cottages and drowned six inmates, namely; Mrs. Charles Whitman and her three small children, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Springmon.

At Zanesville, fifteen hundred families are homeless, five lives have been lost, and nearly $1,000,000 worth of property has been destroyed by the flood. The dead are Mrs. James Brennan and child, John Leach, Mrs. Nancy Church and Tim Jones.

At New Hagerstown, Samuel Hagey and wife were drowned while crossing McGuire Creek.

ASKS GOD'S BLESSING

For the Wonderful Gift of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Newmarket, March 28.—"May God bless the man that put Dodd's Kidney Pills within the reach of suffering humanity," was the sentiment expressed by Mr. Peter Taylor, of this town, to a party of friends today.

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MIDDLESEX.

A lot of New Jersey quail were liberated on the Muncey preserve Thursday afternoon.

Moore Bros., undertakers, of Glencoe, remove to St. Thomas, and will open a business there on April 1.

The large gravel pit belonging to Mr. Arch. Graham, south of the town limits, is at present flooded to a depth of four or five feet. One day recently three of Mr. Wm. Newport's children constructed a raft from several planks and started for a ride across the pond. When near the middle of the pond the two younger children fell off the raft into the water. The eldest boy got off the raft, and by dint of hard work managed to hold the heads of the other children above water, one under each arm, until they were rescued from their cold and perilous position. Little Bessie Graham, who happened to see his embarrassing situation, waded into the pond, the water reaching to her shoulders, and placing the children on the raft, shoved all to the shore. Had it not been for Miss Graham's timely assistance, the children would in all probability have been drowned. — Glencoe Transcript.

John Johnson, of the sixth concession of Lobo, died on March 20, at the age of 83 years. He was one of the pioneers of Middlesex. Born in Argyleshire, Scotland, Feb. 12, 1805, he came with his father's family to Canada in 1820, and settled in Lobo, of which he had been a continuous resident for almost 78 years. He married Isabella Leitch, and of their children two sons are dead. A daughter, Mrs. Hall, was one of the victims of the Victoria disaster in 1881. Those surviving are Mrs. J. Taylor, in Detroit, Archibald in St. Paul, Minn, Dugald at Helena, Montana, Sarah and John at home. Some four years ago the mother died. In the early twenties at the great awakening under the preaching of Elder Dugald Campbell, and other pioneers of the Gospel, Mr. Johnson was converted, and joined the Covenanted Baptist Church, of which he was a consistent member, and part of the time a deacon, for over 70 years. He was a man of great intelligence, good judgment, and remarkably even and genial temperament, and his record as a neighbor and a citizen is blameless.

ILDERTON.

A "Church Wedding"—Interesting Presentation to the Young Couple.

The following fuller account of a wedding already referred to in these columns is furnished by an occasional correspondent: A "church wedding," particularly when the bride is young and pretty, is one of those social functions which always causes a flutter of excitement in any community, and the quiet little village of Ilderton has proved itself no exception to the general rule. On the afternoon of March 9, beautiful Grace Church, Ilderton, tastefully adorned with floral decorations, was completely filled to the doors by an expectant assemblage, who had come to witness the marriage of Miss Frances Frith, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Frith, of Ilderton, to Mr. George Hendry, of Riverside Farm, Aberdeen, Ont. Punctually at 3 o'clock, the bridal party entered the church, the Wedding March being played by the organist, Mrs. James Skinner. The bride was given away by her father, while the impressive service of the Church of England was read by the rector, Rev. Arthur E. Rhodes. The bride was tastefully attired in a travelling dress of brown, trimmed with fur, and wore roses and smilax, while the bridesmaid, Miss Nettie Dinsmore, of London, Ont., and the maid of honor, Miss Rosie Clatworthy, of Ilderton, were gowned in blue and pink respectively, with carnations and roses. Mr. Bert Little, of Ilderton, ably supported the groom. At the conclusion of the marriage ceremony, which was the first that had been solemnized in Grace Church, the wardens, Mr. T. J. Clatworthy and Mr. G. W. Knight, presented the bride, in accordance with a time honored custom, with a large, handsome family Bible and address. The bridal party then retired while Mendelssohn's Wedding March was rendered. At the home of the bride's father a recherche wedding repast was afterwards served to a few invited guests, who accompanied the newly-wedded pair to the station, where they took the 6 o'clock train for London to visit friends of the groom at Woodstock. The bride, who was a general favorite, was the recipient of numerous gifts, among them being a handsome brass parlor lamp from the choir of Grace Church, with which she had long been connected. Accompanying the lamp was a kindly-worded and appropriate address. On the following Monday evening, upon the return of Mr. and Mrs. Hendry to Ilderton a reception was tendered to them at the home of Mr. Frith. Mr. and Mrs. Hendry now reside at Aberdeen, Ont. Accompanying the gift of the Bible was a beautiful address, signed on behalf of the congregation by Rev. Arthur Hughes Rhodes, pastor, and T. J. Clatworthy and G. W. Knight, wardens.

LAMBETH.

Lambeth, March 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edwards, of Lobo, are visiting their uncle, Mr. James Harrison.

Mrs. W. S. Evans and daughter Reta, of 374 Waterloo street, London, are renewing old acquaintances here.

Mr. William Brown, of Victoria, B. C., is here on a few weeks' visit to his parents and sister, Mrs. Alf. Jones.

Special meetings will be continued each evening this week, commencing at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Alex. Malcolm will move this week to one of Mr. R. M. Piper's farms.

Mr. Robert Flawn will move this week to Mr. D. Patrick's farm.

Mr. Walter White will move to his farm, purchased from Mr. Flawn.

BELMONT.

Belmont, March 28.—The entertainment in aid of the public library, which was postponed on account of the bad weather, will be held on Friday evening, April 8.

It is reported that Mr. G. W. Falls, butcher, has sold his business to Mr. Dell Shain.

Mr. Miller, of Crediton, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Sambrook, of this village.

Mr. Thomas Warren, con. 6, Westminster, intends having a wood bee next Tuesday, when a sawing match will be held, for which prizes will be offered.

Mr. Wat Goodwin, of Middlemarch, is visiting his friends in this vicinity.

COSTLY KISSING.

Mrs. Jacobson Demands $1,200 for Being Kissed in an Icebox.

Eau Claire, Wis., March 28.—In the circuit court the case of Mrs. Olegard Jacobson against John Keldahl is in progress before Judge O'Neill and a jury. The plaintiff is the wife of a shoemaker, and sues the defendant for $1,200 damages. She alleges that the defendant, who is the proprietor of a meat market, induced her one day to step in the ice-box on pretense of showing her something, and then kissed her.

WINTER AT THE WEST

Six C. P. R. Trains Snowbound Between Broadview and Swift Current.

Winnipeg, Man., March 28.—There is a snow blockade on the C. P. R. west of Broadview. Six west-bound trains—continental trains—are held between there and Swift Current.

$1,000 DAMAGES FOR ARREST.

Windsor, March 28.—At the Essex assize court in Sandwich on Saturday, the case of Brett vs. Fleming was concluded. The action was brought by the plaintiff for false arrest and imprisonment. W. J. Brett, D. W. Mason, Peter McEwen and George Thompson were carting fixtures from one of the stores in the Fleming block one night last year, and all four were arrested, on a warrant sworn out by C. E. Fleming. Afterwards action was brought, but the case was settled with all but Brett. He claimed damages, and the jury brought in a verdict for plaintiff for $1,000 damages and costs of the action. The costs will amount to $700. It is understood the case will be appealed.



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Commercial Registered Bonds	..	..
Montreal Telegraph	..	..
Richelieu and Ontario	100	97½
London Street Railway	184	181¾
Montreal Street Railway	256	254
Montreal Street Railway, new	256	251
Toronto Railway, xd	94¼	93¾
Montreal Gas Company	192½	189
Bell Telephone	177½	174
Royal Electric, xd	155	154
Bank of Montreal	240	237
Ontario Bank	110	102
Molsons Bank, xd	206	196
Bank of Toronto	235	227
Merchants' Bank	182	177
Merchants' Bank of Halifax	..	190
Quebec Bank	..	120
Union Bank	115	103
Bank of Commerce	140½	138¾
Northwest Land, pref	..	..
Montreal Cotton Company	..	140
Canada Colored Cotton	75	45
Dominion Cotton	95	90

SALES—C. P. R., 675 at 80, 50 at 80¼, 400 at 81, 300 at 81¼, 400 at 81½, 50 at 80⅝; Com. Cable, 25 at 168, 30 at 169; Mont. Street Ry., 157 at 254½; Toronto Ry., 914 at 94; Mont. Gas, 55 at 188, 25 at 189¼, 325 at 190; Bell Tel., 14 at 175; Merchants Bank, 6 at 173½.

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COMMERCIAL.

Toronto Produce Market.

Toronto, March 28.—Wheat is steady at 84c to 84½c for No. 2 red winter, west. Manitoba wheat is steady at $1 10 for No. 1 hard, North Bay, and $1 05, Midland. Flour is dull and easy at $3 90 to $3 95 for cars of straight roller in bbls west. Millfeed steady at $13 for shorts and $11 for bran west. Corn steady at 31c for Canada yellow west, and 36c for American, Toronto. Oats steady at 28½c to 29c for white west. Peas steady at 56c, north and west. Eggs steady at 10c to 10½c for new-laid here. Butter scarce and firm at 18½c to 19c for large rolls; 22c for creamery prints.

American Markets.

BUFFALO, March 28.—Spring wheat No. 1 hard, $1 04½; No. 1 northern, $1 04. Winter wheat—No. 2 red, 98c; No. 1 white, 98c. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 33½c; No. 3 yellow, 33c; No. 2 corn, 32½c; No. 3 corn, 32c. Oats—No. 2 white, 31c; No. 3 white, 30½c; No. 2 mixed, 28½c on track.

DETROIT, March 23.—Wheat—No. 1 white cash, 93¾c; No. 2 red cash and May, 95c; July, 80½c.

TOLEDO, March 28.—Wheat—Cash and May, 96½c; July, 80⅝c. Corn—Cash, 29½c; May, 29¾c. Oats—Cash and May, 26c.

MILWAUKEE, March 28.—Wheat—Cash, 98c; May, $1.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Flour—Receipts, 22,401 bbls; sales, 3,100 pkgs; state and western quiet and fairly steady; city mills patents, $5 75 to $6; city mill clears, $5 50 to $5 65; Minnesota patents, $5 10 to $5 40; Minnesota bakers', $4 30 to $4 50; winter patents, $4 85 to $5 25; winter straights, $4 50 to $4 60; winter extras, $3 70 to $4 10; winter low grades, $2 90 to $3. Rye flour steady; fancy, $2 85 to $3 25. Wheat—Receipts, 91,575 bu; sales, 1,100,000 bu; options, No. 2 red opened firmer on cables, and cold weather, but weakened later under realizing; May, 98c to 99⅜c; July, 85⅝c to 86 3-16c; Sept., 79⅝c to 80¼c; Dec., 81c. Rye, market steady; state and western, 57c to 58c, f. o. b., afloat and to arrive. Corn—Receipts, 149,175 bu; sales, 10,000 bu; options opened steady with wheat, but declined under liquidation; May, 33 7-16c. Oats—Receipts, 124,000 bu; options were dull and nominal; track, white state and western, 32c to 38c. Butter—8,116 pkgs; market firmer; state dairy, 14c to 18c; state creamery, 15½c to 19½c; western, do, 15½c to 19½c; Elgins, 19½c; factory, 12c to 14½c. Cheese—Receipts, 1,036 pkgs; quiet and steady; large white, Sept., 7½c; small white, Sept., 8c to 8¼c; light skims, 5¾c to 6¼c; large colored, Sept., 7¼c; small colored, Sept., 8c to 8¼c; large, Oct., 7c to 7¼c; small, Oct., 7¾c to 8c. Eggs—Receipts, 15,106 pkgs; firm; state and Pennsylvania, 10c to 10¼c; western, 10½c; southern, 10c to 10¼c. Sugar—Raw quiet and firm; fair refining, 3½c; refined steady; crushed, 5⅝c; granulated, 5⅛c. Hops quiet; state common to choice, 1896 crop, 7c to 9c; 1897 crop, 17c to 18c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 8c to 10c; 1897 crop, 17c to 18c. Lead quiet; bullion price, $3 50; exchange price, $3 72½ to $3 77½.

Chicago Exchange.

CHICAGO, March 26.

Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, broker, Masonic Temple. Phone 1,278.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—May	1 02⅝	1 05½	1 03¾	1 05¼
July	83¼	84⅝	82⅝	84
Sept	76⅜	78	76⅜	77⅞
Corn—May	28¾	29¾	28⅝	29⅝
July	30	30½	30	30½
Oats—May	25¾	25⅝	24½	25¼
July	23¼	23¾	22⅝	23⅝
Pork—May	9 27	9 60	9 25	9 50
July	9 35	9 65	9 30	9 57
Lard—May	4 87	4 95	4 85	4 95
July	4 92	5 05	4 92	5 02
Ribs—May	4 85	5 00	4 85	5 00
July	4 95	5 07	4 95	5 07

Puts—82¾. Calls—85.

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March 26.	At	From.
State of Nebraska	New York	Glasgow
Etruria	Queenstown	New York
La Normandie	Havre	New York
Scotsman	Halifax	Liverpool
Umbria	New York	Liverpool
March 27.	At	From
Lake Superior	Moville	St. John
Barcelona	Halifax	Liverpool
March 28.	At	From
Michigan	New York	London
Lake Superior	Liverpool	New York
Pomeranian	Liverpool	New York
Mongolian	Liverpool	Portland

Topics of Today.

The Ontario Government majority is now 8. At the general election it was 5. Russell made it 6. West Huron makes it 8.

Dr. Jessop, Conservative M. P. P.-elect for Lincoln, who was hurt in an accident recently, is still very ill. His condition has not improved.

The Board of Trade of Montreal has sent the Prime Minister a resolution strongly favoring the construction of the all-Canadian route by Fort Simpson and Teslin Lake.

LATEST WEATHER FORECAST.

Toronto, March 28.—10 a.m.—Probabilities for the lower lakes region for the next 24 hours: Strong winds from the westward, showery today, considerably lower temperature tonight. Fair and colder on Tuesday.

Around the City

—Mr. John Bland is very ill.

—Mr. James R. Gillean, of Amherstburg, was in town today.

—Mr. Charles B. Dennis left for Vancouver, B. C., today by the C. P. R.

—Mr. Chas. W. Leonard is ill with diphtheria, but is holding his own.

—Mr. John Bullen, of Hamilton, district freight agent, was in the city today.

—Mr. Ruthven McDonald will sing at St. James' Church, South London, this evening.

—Mr. Roy Walsh, son of Mr. Harry Walsh, hotel-keeper, is seriously ill with meningitis.

—Mr. W. S. Weldon, manager of the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, is stopping at the Tecumseh House.

—Rev. W. J. Ford, of the Centennial Methodist Church, preached a special sermon to young men last night.

—It is stated that Mr. A. B. Powell, of this city, will at an early date make his headquarters at Berlin, Ont.

—Messrs. Levi Perkins and John McFie, of Delaware, will leave London on Tuesday morning for Victoria, B. C.

—Miss Lottie Griffith, of 177 Wortley road, returned home Saturday, after a month's visit to friends in Detroit and Pontiac.

—Mr. M. Shoebotham, of Woodstock, has returned home, after attending the funeral of his niece, Miss Jennie Campbell, of Birr.

—Miss D. Kelly, of Chatham, who has been visiting Mrs. I. P. Marlatt, of 428 Rectory street, for the past week, has returned home.

—The Wesley Stock Company will open a week's engagement at the Music Hall this evening. Popular prices will prevail all week.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Emerson, of New York, who will appear at the Music Hall this week, are registered at the Grigg House.

—Mr. Joseph Fife, of West London, left this morning for Edmonton, N. W. T., via the C. P. R. He intends to make Edmonton his home.

—The slingshot has again made its appearance among the small boys. Mr. Jennings, of the Western Hotel, has had several windows broken as a consequence.

—The death of Mary Jane, wife of Wm. Jeffries, occurred yesterday at the family residence near Pottersburg. Mrs. Jeffries was 42 years of age, and had been ailing for some time.

—The friends of Mr. John Gillean, Waterloo street, will be pleased to learn that his daughter, who has been ill, is now recovering, but at no time was her case as serious as was reported in an exchange.

—Messrs. Fred Wheeler and P. E. Bucke started the fishing season Saturday, the former catching a beautiful four-pound bass. It was of the large mouth species, and took Mr. Wheeler some minutes to land it.

—Among those who left by the G. T. R. today for the west were Mrs. W. Wellman, Mr. James Wellman and Mr. Lorne Wellman, of Byron avenue, who go to Fowler, Cal., and Mr. Ernest Williams, of Birr, for Mission, B. C.

—Mr. W. G. McNeill, late of Dr. Martin's Ophthalmic College and Hospital, Chicago, has been engaged by Messrs. A. Morphy & Co. to take charge of their optical department, which will receive undivided attention at his hands in the future.

—Mr. W. Armstrong, who resides near Pottersburg, was driving in to work the other morning, when his horse took fright and ran away, dragging him over the frozen ground about 200 yards, and severely injuring his left leg and side.

—The funeral of the late James Leslie was held this afternoon from the residence, 267 Clarence street, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Rev. Robt. Johnston conducted the services, and four sons of the deceased, James, William, Alex. and George, were the pallbearers.

—A Winnipeg dispatch says: H. A. Costigan, collector of inland revenue here, has been transferred to Ottawa, and is succeeded by Collector Gosnell, Calgary. Deputy Collector Christie (formerly of London) goes to Brandon, and his place here will be taken by W. W. Watson, formerly implement agent.

—Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Augustus Green at Kansas City. Mrs. Green, who was formerly Miss Nellie Baker, of St. Thomas, was well known in London, where she and her husband lived prior to their removal to Kansas City about ten years ago. She was visiting in London last fall. One child survives her. Her husband is a son of Mr. H. C. Green, of this city.

—Now that the warm weather is approaching tramps have begun to migrate, with the usual result that robberies have been commenced in the villages and outlying country districts. On Saturday night the residence of Mr. Joseph Cunningham, a farmer, living near Thorndale, was entered while the family were away and two silver watches were stolen. One is a Columbus watch, No. 281,403, with A. Morphy's name on the dial. The other is a double case, bull's-eye watch.

—The alleged "joker" and the fire alarm were the cause of a needless run by the brigade at 8:25 on Saturday night. The alarm was pulled from box 73, which is directly across the road from a well-lighted grocery store. It is a long lane that is without a turn, and sooner or later those who tamper with the fire alarm boxes will find their amusement most expensive. One of the horses of the brigade is on the sick list, owing to heavy and needless work entailed by these miscreants.

—A special children's service was held in the Southern Congregational Church yesterday morning, Rev. Mr. Claris preaching a sermon appropriate to the occasion. The Sunday school choir, under the direction of Miss Fowler, led the singing, and the school orchestra rendered a number of pleasing selections. Miss Mary Pary and Walter Anderson each rendered a solo in good voice. All the children of the Sabbath school occupied the front seats of the church and took part in the singing. The edifice was prettily decorated.

EAST MIDDLESEX PROTEST.

A protest against the election of T. D. Hodgens in East Middlesex has been forwarded to Toronto, and will be filed in a few days. Many charges of bribery and corruption have been made by the petitioner for the Liberals.

LAID AT REST.

The funeral of the late Ethol Howay, a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Howay, of Nissouri town line, who was frozen to death at Moline, Man., on March 14, took place from Ferguson's undertaking rooms at 2:30 p.m. yesterday to Rebecca cemetery. Six brothers of the deceased acted as pall-bearers. Mr. Thomas Howay, of the city police force, is a brother of deceased.

GLASSFORD'S CONDITION.

John Glassford, the wounded prisoner, was up this morning for the first time since he was shot. His condition is much improved. He is very anxious to get up. He feels all right, he says, and thinks he can walk around without any injury to himself. Dr. Macarthur has given strict orders that the prisoner must be kept in bed, as he is not yet out of danger. The doctor expects that he will pull through all right.

A RUNAWAY.

Considerable excitement was caused on Queen's avenue, near Wellington street, on Saturday afternoon, about 4 o'clock by the running away of two teams. Mr. Jack Smallman, accompanied by a young lady, was driving a tandem up the avenue, and in some manner one of the wheels of his carriage became entangled in the wheel of a farmer's wagon, which was standing on the roadside. Mr. Smallman's rig was overturned and the occupants thrown to the pavement, while both teams started off up the street, but were soon captured before any damage resulted.

The Yukon.

Dominion Senate Will Kill the Government Measure.

Thereby Doing Great Damage to Canadian Trade.

The Majority of the Senators Capitulate to United States Lobbyists.

Hon. David Mills On the Gravity of the Situation.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 28.—The general opinion here today is that the Senate will throw out the Yukon bill. It is said that a majority in favor of the six months' hoist first moved by Senator Macdonald (British Columbia) will be about 20. In view of this state of affairs, your correspondent asked Hon. Mr. Mills, minister of justice and leader of the upper chamber, what he had to say on the subject. "This measure," said Mr. Mills, "for the construction of a road into the Yukon country on Canadian soil is a necessary part of the work of administration. It is scarcely possible to believe that the Senate will commit the folly of rejecting the bill. So high-handed a course is without precedent in the history of the United Kingdom for 100 years. The government have come down to parliament with this measure to enable them to carry on the business of administration. It is eminently a measure connected with the exercise of executive authority. Without it, it is impossible that executive authority can with any degree of certainty be used. Under our constitution we have responsible government. The officers of the crown are responsible for the work of the administration. The Senate, if it rejects the bill, is usurping our authority. It is relieving us from responsibility, and it is assuming that responsibility without the power to act. It is a dangerous business for the House of Commons to usurp an executive authority. It is indeed a perilous business for the Senate to do so, and if any resistance to local officers should arise, the Senate will understand that they have taken their political lives in their hands. It is not merely a hostile attitude against the government. It is also a hostile attitude to the empire. We have had men here from Washington and San Francisco lobbying against our action. To come here for the purpose of opposing ministers of the crown in their policy is an indecent proceeding, but it is even more scandalous to encourage foreigners who do so by becoming their allies."

"What will be the effect of the rejection of the measure?"

"I suppose the first effect will be that Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann, the contractors, will withdraw the 2,000 men they have at present at work on the road. The market for supplies which their employment has created will at once come to an end. There will be stagnation where hitherto there has been comercial activity. The 5,000 or 6,000 people bound for the Yukon who were unable to get there by Dyea and Skaguay, who are moving up the Stikine at Telegraph Creek, will find themselves unable to proceed. There will be agitation and discontent. Millions of dollars worth of goods which have been purchased to be brought into the country to supply the miners will be left on the shelves of the merchants. It is not too much to say that the defeat of this measure will affect the trade of Canada for the current year by millions of dollars. The loss occasioned in this way will be at least equal to the cost of the railway, and it will fall entirely upon the people of this country. The action of the Senate will in point of wickedness be unsurpassed in the history of this continent. Not even the 'Copperhead' politicians of the United States who were northern men with southern sympathies could compare with it for disloyalty, for in this case it would be men who claimed to be loyal above everything else becoming allies of foreigners who are aiming not only to control the trade, but to control the political fortunes of that distant portion of Canada."

"In case of defeat, what do you think the government will do?"

"The government are not called on to do anything. They have submitted their measure, and if the Senate chooses to wrench the authority which is asked out of the hands of the government, the consequences of that must abide with them."

The End Is Not Far Distant.

Mr. Gladstone's Illness Likely to Soon Prove Fatal.

The Grand Old Man in a Peaceful Frame of Mind.

London, March 28.—The Westminster Gazette this afternoon, referring to the health of Mr. Gladstone, says: "It is no news, we fear to say, that Mr. Gladstone's illness must necessarily be fatal in a comparatively short time. Mr. Gladstone is fully informed as to his own condition. He asked the doctors to tell him the truth, and he was thankful when informed that he had no chance of recovery.

"His state of mind is one of complete happiness. His life goes on quietly and evenly. Music is his chief solace; it soothes the pain.

"The death of a black Pomeranian pet dog, which for nine years had been a constant companion of Mr. Gladstone, has been an additional pang to the whole family. When Mr. Gladstone went to Cannes the pet was left with the Drews, but the animal pined, would not eat, and was returned to Hawarden the day Mr. Gladstone returned; but it died on Friday."

BIG FALL IN SPANISH FOURS.

Barcelona, March 28.—Spanish fours on the bourse today were quoted at 68.85, against 73, the closing rate on Saturday.

DEATH OF SIR JOHN ARNOTT.

London, March 28.—Sir John Arnott, Bart., proprietor of the Irish Times, is dead. He was born in 1817, was knighted in 1859, and was created a baronet in 1896.

McKinley's Message.

Accompanying the Report of the Maine Inquiry.

Expects the Spanish Nation Will Pursue an Honorable Course.

Washington, March 28.—The report of the court of inquiry was accompanied by a message from President McKinley addressed to congress. The negotiations between the United States and Spain for a resumption of the friendly visits of warships are first dealt with. Then follows in detail an account of the visit of the Maine to Havana, and her subsequent destruction on the night of Feb. 15.

The president then refers to at length, and favorably comments upon, the assistance rendered by the neighboring vessels anchored in the harbor, especially by the boats of the Spanish cruisers, to the wounded, and tributes of grief and sympathy offered from all official quarters of the island. The effect of the disaster upon the people of the United States is touched upon, and the president extolls the self-control of the nation, and the determination expressed on all sides to await material proof before forming a judgment as to the cause, the responsibility, the facts warranted and the remedy due.

"This course," the president says, "necessarily recommended itself from the outset to the executive, for only in the light of a dispassionately ascertained certainty could it determine the nature and measure of its full duty in the matter."

The message concludes as follows: "I have directed that the findings of the court of inquiry and the views of this government thereon be communicated to the government of her majesty, the queen-regent, and I do not permit myself to doubt that the sense of justice of the Spanish nation will dictate a course of action suggested by honor and the friendly relations of the two governments.

"It will be the duty of the executive to advise the congress of the result, and in the meantime deliberate consideration is invoked. (Signed)

"WILLIAM McKINLEY."

Both in the house and senate the report of the Maine court of inquiry and the president's accompanying message were referred to the committee on foreign affairs, without debate or comment of any kind. The house immediately adjourned.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVETIES

The funeral of the late Louis P. Kribs, the well-known journalist, who died at Ottawa on Thursday, took place at Hespeler on Saturday afternoon and was very largely attended.

Ed. Williams, one of the most prominent members of the Hamilton Trades and Labor Council, was expelled from that organization Friday evening for making a partisan speech in the recent election in that city.

The Essex county deputation will meet with strong opposition when it goes to Ottawa to ask the government to prohibit or limit the exportation of natural gas. The people of Welland have rich gas fields, and are only too glad to get rid of it to people who will pay for it. They will send a counter deputation.

The coroner's jury that investigated the death of Henry Braum, pugilist, Trenton, N. J., returned a verdict that Braum's death was caused either by a blow or a fall, the jurors were unable to determine which. John Smith, who was engaged in a bout with Braum, was held without bail on a charge of manslaughter.

At the residence of Archbishop Walsh, Toronto, on Friday, a very important meeting of Catholic prelates was held. The object was to select three names which would be forwarded to the pope, from which he would select one to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Archbishop Cleary, of Kingston. The prelates present were Archbishops Walsh, who presided; Bishop Connor, of Peterboro; Dowling, of Hamilton, and Macdonnell, of Alexandria.

The funeral of the late Joseph De Gurse, engineer of the L. E. and D. R. R., took place on Friday morning at Windsor. The pall-bearers were Wm. McGregor, M.P., Judge McHugh, A. P. E. Panet, W. W. Woollatt, Dr. Reaume and Dr. Dewar.

James Pollard, a motorman on the Toronto street railway, living on Hackney street, in the western part of the city, was attacked by four men as he left his house on Saturday morning, and $200 was stolen from him. He was struck on the head and received a serious wound.

London Signs Another Pitcher.

A Left-Hander—The Local Grounds Being Put in Good Shape—Bradford With Hamilton.

Carl Rock, of Charlottesville, a left-handed pitcher, is the most recent addition to the London basball team. Rock comes well recommended. He is 5 feet 11 inches in height, and weighs 180 pounds. Last season he held down the box for Fort Wayne, Indiana, and did excellent work, winning three consecutive games from Columbus, Ohio. On one occasion he shut the latter team out, the score being 1 to 0. This makes four pitchers now on the staff. Rock is the only left-hander.

George Bradford, of last year's Guelph team, has been signed by Hamilton.

The local ball grounds are being put in splendid shape. A gang of men were at work all last week repairing fences and leveling the diamond. The track will be rolled and made better than ever. A much needed alteration is to be made, by which the press box will be enlarged and inclosed.

There is only one left-handed batter on the London team, so that left-handed pitchers will have no terrors for Manager Holman's men.

The London players will begin to arrive about April 20.

BASKET BALL.

BOTH WINNERS.

Two teams of London basket ball players went to Chatham on Saturday and gained fresh laurels, winning both games. The first game was between the Chatham Y. M. C. A. boys and A. Williams' team, the latter winning by a score of 10 to 2. The line-up for London was as follows: Williams (captain), Clarke, Cooper, Wilson and Tambling. In the evening a game was played between the London and the Chatham boards of directors, which resulted in a victory for the Londoners by a close finish of 13 to 11. The team was composed of Messrs. Holman (captain), Westervelt, Wilson, Daly and Lloyd. Both games were fast and exciting, London showing up better in combination play than their opponents. The visitors were treated right royally by the Chathamites to a supper at the conclusion of the games. Two return games will likely be played here some evening this week. Arrangements are also pending with Toronto and Brantford for games here at an early date.

AT DEATH'S DOOR.

Fanny Davenport, the Actress, Believed to be Dying.

Chicago, March 28.—It was acknowledged today by those in attendance upon Fanny Davenport, the actress, that the patient was at death's door, and slender hopes of her recovery are entertained.

SAVED THEIR BOY.

Rector and His Wife Rescue Their Child From Their Burning Home.

Magnetawan, Ont., March 28.—St. John's rectory, barn and stables, North Seguin, were totally destroyed by fire on Saturday at 6 p.m. In half an hour the house was burned to the ground. Little or nothing was saved. Two hundred volumes of a valuable library were destroyed. The total loss is about $2,000; no insurance. The rector, Rev. A. J. Cobb, and his wife were seriously injured. On going upstairs Mrs. Cobb found the little 3-year-old boy in flames, and in trying to rescue the child was severely burned about the head, face and hands, and, being overcome by the smoke, fell downstairs, receiving a severe scalp wound about five inches long, which required a number of stitches. The child was badly burned about the head, hands and body. Mr. Cobb was also overcome by the smoke and fell downstairs, severely injuring his back. The family were taken to Mr. Vickers' house, near by, and the wounds dressed. The doctor thinks their injuries, though very serious will not prove fatal.

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THE CURSE OF INSOMNIA

A Russian Woman Who Has Studied the Subject Writes a Book About It.

[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]

A mine of information concerning various treatments prescribed for victims of insomnia is contained in a new scientific work by Marie de Menaccine, a Russian woman who has consulted hundreds of the highest authorities on the subject and who has made many original experiments. Her work has just been translated into English. The first copy to reach Washington was received at the library of the surgeon-general of the army recently.

Cold-water bags applied to the forehead and hot ones to the back of the neck are recommended to produce sleep, since by their means the blood is driven from the brain. Hot baths increase the size of the blood vessels of the skin and produce the same effect. Another method of freeing the brain and causing sleep—one which will be found acceptable to every one is the eating of a light supper just before retiring. The blood in this case is sent from the brain to the stomach, where it is needed in digestion.

Experiments prove that monotony is an effective source of fatigue to the brain, which organ appears to automatically drain off its blood when fatigued to a normal degree. Almost every one has tried the experiment of counting himself to sleep. Men have been readily put to sleep by being made to hear water drop constantly. A watch ticking under the pillow will produce the same result, until one becomes so accustomed to the monotony that it is no longer heard. According to the Russian authority, old-time nobles of her country were put to sleep by their servants, commanded to scratch their heels until lapse of consciousness occurred. The lullaby of the American mother produces sleep because of its monotony. A Papago Indian recently told the writer that the native doctors among his people sit at the bedside of the sick and sing monotonous chants, repeated over and over, throughout the whole night. No additional treatment, beyond conjuring, is applied. Many patients are doubtless cured, the only virtue of the treatment being the relief of pain and the nourishment of the system by sleep produced by monotony. Repeated rocking produces sleep, as does repeated brushing of the hair. Corean mothers put their infants to sleep by scratching them monotonously upon their abdomens. Spanish mothers accomplish the same result by continuously stroking the spines of their infants. In the last two cases sleep is produced not only by monotony, but by the attraction of the blood to the body by the stimulus of touch.

The manipulations of the hypnotist tend to fatigue the mind through monotony. The writer has seen subjects hypnotized while counting their breaths. Hypnotic sleep, however, like sleep produced by narcotics, or anaesthetics, injures rather than refreshes the mind as a rule. Sufferers from insomnia should never court sleep in a lighted room. Experiments show that light falling upon the eyelids causes a rush of blood to the brain. The head should not be kept too low less gravity produce the same result.

Insomnia is found to be characteristic of persons who blush, laugh, or weep readily, and whose pulse is apt to quicken upon the slightest provocation. Loss of sleep most frequently results from overwork either of mind or body. Overstrain of either kind dilates the blood vessels of the brain and eventually paralyzes them. Extreme cold produces the same result. Experiments also show that exercise of the emotions causes rush of blood to the brain and sleeplessness, if occurring near bedtime.

There is an interesting theory that we require sleep in proportion to the scarcity of red corpuscles in our blood. All people, therefore, do not correspond in their need of sleep. Many authorities agree that the degree to which sleep is needed depends upon the strength of consciousness. Children, savages and idiots readily fall asleep because their consciousness is ill-developed, and therefore readily fatigued.

The evidence in the case proves Hood's Sarsaparilla cures scrofula, salt rheum, boils, humors, and all eruptions.

IN LONDON.

A Welshman, walking through a fashionable street in London, noticed at the side of the bell were these words: "Please ring the bell." He rang the bell. In a second a powdered footman appeared and asked him what he wanted.

"Nothing," said the Welshman. "But I rang the bell because it says so."

"Oh," said the footman, with a smile, "I see you come from the country where nanny goats grow on gooseberry bushes."

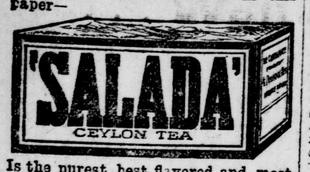
"Yes," said the Welshman; "but in London there are many more wonderful sights. You have only to ring a bell and a monkey pops out."

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A Woman's Love

For the last few days David Palmer had been happy with a childlike lightheartedness, which had great charm. He had talked much of his early life, and often quoted both prose and poetry which had attracted him as a young man. He was talking now with Felix in tow tones, and the murmur of their voices reached me with a soothing sound. At last I heard the old feeble voice raise a little. He was reciting some lines I did not know:

"Then was the truth received into my heart,
That under heaviest sorrow earth can bring,
If from the afflictions somewhere do not grow
Honor which could not else have been a fait
An elevation and a sanctity;
If new strength be not given, nor old restored,
The blame is ours, not nature's."

"This is the honor that cometh from God only," he said devoutly. "Think of it, Felix. Honor, that is a faith, an elevation, and a sanctity."

They were silent for some minutes. A cloud passed over the moon, and the oriel window looked dark. But still they did not move or speak until suddenly Felix cried out, in a tone of deep anguish:

"Father, will you leave me alone?"

"No, my boy," said his father. "'Who hath the Father and the Son may be left, but not alone.' You have been sowing; now you will begin to reap. I leave my dear child Phebe,and my dear friend Miss 'A Bricot. They will not forsake you."

"No," I said, going to them, and laying my hands on the dying man's shoulder. "We shall be his friends, and fellow-workers, as long as we live, father."

His eye brightened, and he looked up at me, with a smile; whilst Felix, who had never heard me call him father before, lifted my other hand to his lips.

"You have made me very happy, and I intrust him to you, Phebe and Abby," said David Palmer. "I will call you Abby now, if you will permit me," he added, with a gentle courtesy, as she came forward, and tenderly adjusted a pillow behind his snow-white head.

"Oh, yes," she sobbed, "call me Abby. You don't know how happy I have been; happier than in all my life. Oh, my dear, my dear, we all love you so! Don't go away and leave us."

"I would stay with you if I could," he answered; "to be sure I would stay with my beloved friend, and my dear child, and my boy. Be quite assured of that, each one of you. But my feet have reached the margin of the river, and I must cross over to that bourne from whence no traveler returns. Would you not have me go bravely to my God?"

"Do you feel worse, father?" Felix asked.

"Not worse, but better," he answered cheerfully. "I see your life in a clearer light, my boy. Ah, Felix, my son, learn thou to despise the shame. Do not let it stand in the way of your usefulness or happiness. It is a lesson you find harder to get by heart than most men do. But it is your father's last charge."

He seemed so worn out and weary after this brief conversation that Abby and I left him, for Felix to help him into bed. I kissed him fondly, and as he held out his thin hand to Abby, he whispered with a pitiful, pathetic smile, "Do you kiss me, too, dear friend."

I saw the mingled terror and joy that shone out in Abby's eyes as she stooped down and gave the man she loved a farewell kiss. Then Felix supported her to the door, and left me to take care of her. The door was shut, and the father and son were left to meet the last hour alone.

For I knew the last hour must be at hand, though Abby did not. We sat over the fire in the Prior's parlor for a time, and heard Felix sing to his father. Then Abby left me, saying she must keep up her strength to nurse him tomorrow. She was sorrowful, though there was a great satisfaction in her heart. As for me, I resolved to share his watch with Felix.

I sat there alone, trembling at the thought of the dreadful visitant who had already entered the house. I fancied I could feel the icy chill of his presence. Though I kept lamps lighted and the logs blazing, I thought darkness triumphed, and a silence as of the grave enfolded me. I crept up the secret staircase alone, and I listened at the closed door. There was no sound, but I dared not interrupt the sacred silence. I went lingeringly down again, pausing on each step in the hope of something; I knew not what. Death was passing by, and could not go without the soul he came for.

How long that night lasted. At length the wintry dawn began to show itself in the gray sky, and then I heard Felix come out of the Prior's chamber. And soon there were those sounds about the house which told me all was over. I hastened to Abby's room, fearful of her hearing of it from some careless servant. She was asleep, with a smile upon her faded face, but she awoke almost instantly. She listened with unexpected calmness to what I had to break to her.

"Leave me, dear Phebe," she said.

I went back to the Prior's parlor. There was Felix, who had come down from the chamber overhead. He had thrown himself down upon a chair beside the table, and buried his face in his arms, which were flung across it. He was listening to the movements of the women in the room above, and did not hear me as I softly opened the door and stole to his side. My heart was full of love and pity and reverence for him. I laid my hand on his bowed head.

"Felix!" I cried.

He turned, and stretched out his arms to me. At that movement there was no thought in our hearts but Love and Death. The two greatest of mysteries obliterated all earthly influences. Disgrace and glory, riches and poverty, sin itself and expiation all rolled away from us as a scroll that perishes in fire. The world was no longer with us, but we looked through the gates of death, through which our father had just passed, and there streamed from them the light which transforms the life of man.

CHAPTER XXVII.

So Felix Palmer never asked me to be his wife. But in the days that followed we discussed our future life as one that would be spent together.

There was a right of sepulture in the old churchyard, where the monks lay buried, within the precincts of the Priory; ground that had been consecrated centuries ago, where our father had delighted to wander. We buried him in it. It was such a quiet, simple funeral as he would have desired. Only his old friend, Mr. Manning, attended it.

This grave made the Priory a sacred spot for us. Perhaps but for that Felix might have wished to part with it, for our plan of life would not permit us to make it our constant home, for he and I felt he must stand at his post, as a poor man among the work-people of East London. The good he had done, and could still do there, was worth any sacrifice. It was true he had never contemplated having a rich wife, but then he had never thought of having a wife at all.

"I shall only be playing at poverty now," he said, with a touch of vexation, "and it is needful to be actually poor to know what can be done and what cannot. You do not know what it is to be uncertain where you will get your next day's meal, when you have money in the bank or friends at your back."

"But you were really poor for ten years," I reminded him.

"Thank God!" he exclaimed. "I had neither silver nor gold to give, and they knew it. I could not pauperise them. Phebe, it is no easy task to work among the poor and outcast."

"There's one thing I want to ask for," said Abby, who was listening to us. She was wearing the deepest mourning, and I am sure she felt almost the widow of David Palmer.

"I want to live in Churchwarden Street," she continued in a tremulous voice. "I couldn't bear to think that room, printing room, you know, was papered over with common paper. I believe I could get my living by the shop, and I couldn't be so happy anywhere else."

"We will keep the house," I answered. "I should never like any other place in London as well. And nobody will think we are rich people if we live there."

Yet I was often glad to know I had money in my purse. There were many cases in which it was just the help that was needed. Felix sometimes said his work was hampered by our riches, but he was glad occasionally to draw upon them; and I was distinctly happier in having ample means at our disposal.

There were two persons I could help who would otherwise have suffered greatly. These were my stepmother and my old friend Mr. Templeton. Our own expenses were so simple that we could afford to make their old age more comfortable than it could have been without our help.

Abby never left the house in Churchwarden street; though after a time we moved into a large, old-fashioned dwelling, on the outskirts of East London, where the air was better for our children. But very frequently Felix and I would visit her in the old home, and mount up to the little attic, and read the hymns which our father had printed there and pasted on the walls and sloping ceiling. There was to us a sacred atmosphere about the humble place, as if it had been a consecrated cathedral.

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St. Johns, Nfld., March 27.—The steamer Greenland, returning from the seal fishery, put into Bay de Verde last night, and reported a terrible disaster. On Wednesday last, while her crew were traveling about the floes in search of seals, a storm arose, accompanied by a blinding snow, which drifted rapidly, accompanied by a severe frost. The members of the crew who were on the ice could not regain the vessel and were exposed to the terrible weather throughout the night and all the next day. Forty-eight men perished, and between 50 and 60 were so badly frost-bitten that the amputation of one or more of their limbs will have to be undergone by all of them. Yesterday the Greenland succeeded in recovering the bodies of 25 of the victims, but the remaining 23 were buried beneath the snow drifts.

All of the frost-bitten men are now aboard the steamer, and are suffering terribly, having been without proper medical attendance.

From the circumstances of the disaster it is feared that other steamers have suffered in a similar manner. The city is in a state of great excitement. The disaster is the worst recorded in the history of the sealing industry. Most of the victims were married men.

The Greenland is expected to arrive here today, and the government is making preparations for the accommodation of the frost-bitten sufferers. The steamer is lying off Bay de Verde.

SCENE OF THE CATASTROPHE.

Bay de Verde is a small harbor opening on Conception Bay, Newfoundland. So far the details of the calamity received in Halifax are quite meager, but they show the story to be one of the most agonizing ever brought to port by a sea-going vessel.

THE DISASTER.

The disaster occurred Tuesday night. The Greenland's crew, consisting of about 300 men—trained seal-hunters—and the vessel sailed for the sealing grounds on March 1. The first three weeks of the present voyage were disappointing. The floating ice was as plentiful as it usually is, but the seals were scarce; last Tuesday their luck changed, the Greenland skirting the edge of a vast field of thick ice, upon a section of which immense herds of seals were disporting.

As rapidly as possible the eager crew got on to the ice, and the work of killing and securing their prey began, and continued all through the day.

OVERTAKEN BY DARKNESS.

Anxious to secure as large a catch as possible, and afraid that their good fortune would not continue on the following day, the brave sealers continued at their work, without heeding the approach of darkness, nor the threatening clouds that were gathering overhead. It was late, almost night, before they gave a thought to their personal safety.

Suddenly, several men on one piece of ice, a mile or more, distant, discovered they were

ADRIFT.

The alarm spread quickly, but the danger had been realized too late. The ice floe on which they worked had broken away from the main field, which stretched for miles behind them. Darkness was shutting down, and they were hardly able to discern the lines of the Greenland, which was some distance away, picking up men from other sections of ice. From the story that comes to Halifax it appears that those remaining on the Greenland also failed to discover the danger that had befallen part of her crew until it was

TOO LATE

to render them any assistance. It is supposed that they did not know of the breaking away of a part of the field ice, and intended picking up all the men as she moved along.

THE STORM BURST ON THEM.

With the closing in of night a storm burst, and the high wind carried them swiftly away from the only help that until then was near at hand. The lusty throats of the hardy sealers almost burst with the frantic shouts they raised to bring assistance from their steamer. For an hour or more their cries of distress could be faintly heard aboard the Greenland as she plowed her way through the tempest-beaten sea, searching vainly in the darkness to locate the drifting ice-floe. Perhaps it was only imagined on board the Greenland that the cries could be heard, for she

FAILED TO FIND THE HELPLESS MEN,

though the search was continued unceasingly till morning.

Piercing cold added its horrors to the crowd adrift on the open sea. Rain came in a pitiless downpour. Their clothing froze to their bodies, and they cast themselves on the ice in despair. As night advanced the storm became worse, and by midnight a terrific gale was blowing. Then the ice-floe began to separate into small sections, on which were anywhere from a score to half a hundred men, who by this time were perishing from the frightful exposure. They kept up their calls for help, but all in vain.

A NIGHT OF TERROR.

Those who managed to keep their feet wandered continuously over the ice in the vain hope of reaching help and sending succor to those whom they feared were dying, and some of those who survived owe their lives to the efforts made to keep in motion and prevent the blood from freezing in their bodies. No pen can picture the awful suffering of those on the drifting floes.

WHEN MORNING CAME.

The night seemed without end. When morning came it found corpses strewn over the face of the ice, while half-unconscious men were lying around in scores, and those still living were struggling aimlessly hither and thither, seeking to keep life into their bodies. It was a spectacle which those who witnessed will never forget.

PICKING UP THE DEAD.

The Greenland was not long in sighting the drifting ice, and hurried to the rescue. Then the sad work of picking up the dead and half-dead victims commenced. It was a task that occupied several hours. Late reports state that no less than 48 lost their lives, while 60 to 70 more of the sealers are terribly injured by the effects of the exposure. The limbs of the larger number of them have been so fearfully frozen that amputation of scores of legs and arms will be necessary. Some of the men were frozen in all parts of the body and in the face.

THE DEAD.

The names of the Greenland's dead are:

Bodies recovered and brought to port: Richard Pynn, James Mahar, of St. Johns; Walter Murphy, Alfred Mutey, of Carbonear; Wm. Vasey, of Quidi Vidi; Edwin Davis, John Thomas, John Pinsent, of Save Harbor; Joseph Osborne, James Howell, Thomas White, Wm. Gallaway, of Poole's Island; Chas. Rolph, of Flat Island; A. Courage, Wm. Heath, of Harbor Grace; W. Woldendridge, of Trinity; Edwin Hunt, Joseph Vincent, of Cape Island; Isaac Green, Kenneth Parsons, George Norris, Henry Curtis, of Newtown; Fred Howze, of Gooseberry Island; Jacob Hond, of Green's Pond; Walter Norris, of Pond Cove.

The following were not recovered: Benjamin Brown, of Poole's Island; Albert Bowlen, T. Norris, of Pound Cove; George Bungey, James Chicks, H. Norris, of Newtown; Michael Hennessey, of St. Brendan's. Herbert Ryan, of Ship Cove; Matthew Wells, L. Wells, N. Mortimer, George Penn, of Harbor Grace; John Wicks, of Wesleyville; Alex. Andrews, of Cape Island: Wm. Blackwood, of Green's Pond; Stephen Squires, of Salvage; George W. Penn, of Hunt's Harbor; James Mallard, of St. Johns; Ambrose Rogers, of Lower Island Cove; Wm. Sanders, of Trinity; Wm. Cullen, of Trinity; Thomas Ricketts, of King's Cove; James Conway, of Turk's Cove.

THE SURVIVORS.

The suffering of the helpless men during the day and two nights they spent on the drifting ice defy description. Those who still live say words could never tell the complete story. The injuries of those are not so serious as the advices from Bale de Verde yesterday would indicate. The frost bitten men number 55, most of whom will recover.

Another tragedy occurred as the Greenland was moving up the harbor. A small boy named McDonald, who had mounted into the rigging of a schooner to watch the steamer, fell to the deck, and was so badly injured that he died on the way to the hospital.

MOURNING AT ST. JOHNS.

Halifax, N. S., March 27.—A special from St. Johns, Nfld.,says that city was wrapped in the emblems of mourning today. Hundreds of flags were hoisted at half-mast, and clusters of crape fluttered from the door-knobs of more than a score of houses. Many of the 48 victims of the Greenland tragedy lived in the city of St. Johns, the remainder belonging mainly to the outports. All were poor men, and most of them had families, who are left in reduced circumstances.

A FLOATING CHARNEL HOUSE.

The Greenland's deck, deck-houses and small cabin presented the grim appearance of a charnel house. The corpses were disposed of in all of the available space, covered with canvas and cloths. There were 25 of them on board, while there were 23 others somewhere on the waste of ice drifting on the Atlantic, or at the bottom of the sea, few of which will ever likely be recovered.

PITIFUL SCENES

which rent the hearts of the onlookers were enacted on the wharf as the Greenland steamed up to the dock of St. Johns. Relatives and friends, mostly men and boys, but including a number of women and girls, pressed forward to board the steamer and claim their dead. Sobs and wails came from bereaved women and children, and tears streamed down the cheeks of big sunburned and horny-handed men. An agonizing spectacle was witnessed when the wailing people reached the deck, and began to pick out and remove the lifeless bodies of the victims. It was a scene of mourning unparalleled by anything ever before witnessed by those present.



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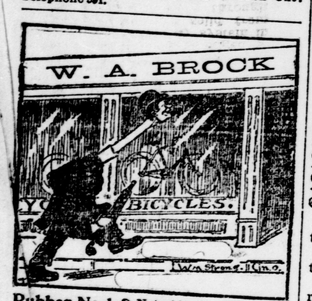
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Probabilities: Toronto, March 28—1 a.m.—Lower lakes: Strong winds from east to south; mostly cloudy and mild, with occasional showers.

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—Miss Kate Wilson, of Brussels, has returned home after visiting relatives in this city.

—Miss Adele Spry, Waterloo street, is visiting Mrs. Fred Jacob, 73 Collier street, Toronto.

—Mr. Joseph Gould, of this city, purposes leaving shortly for Vancouver, where he will reside.

—Mr. John A. Leitch, of Glencoe, is registered at the Tecumseh. He has recovered from his recent illness.

—Mrs. B. B. Cronyn and three children, of Toronto, are spending a month here with Mr. and Mrs. Verschoyle Cronyn.

—Mrs. B. Broadbent, of London, is renewing old friendships in the city, the guest of her son, Mr. Joe Broadbent.—Brantford Courier.

—Thirty inmates of the London Asylum went via the G. T. R. to the Brockville Asylum Saturday. They were in charge of half a dozen attendants.

—At 4:20 Saturday afternoon, the fire brigade was called to the Wortman & Ward foundry on York street, where the roof of the building had caught fire. It was quickly extinguished, and the damage will be slight.

—The assault case between Wm. Eddington and Geo. Henderson, school teacher at Lobo village, has been dismissed by Squire Lacey, with costs assessed to the former. It was shown from the evidence that Mrs. Eddington was not assaulted, and had threatened to scald the school master with a dish of hot water.

—It is announced that Miss Erie Turner, daughter of the late Hon. Jas. Turner, Highfield, Hamilton, well known to many in this city, will be married in Glasgow, Scotland, on the 12th of April, to Dr. Thomas Macpherson, of Douglas, Isle of Man. Dr. Macpherson is a nephew of T. H. Macpherson, M. P., Hamilton.

—An old resident of London, Mr. Jas. Leslie, of 267 Clarence street, died Saturday morning, after a very brief illness. He was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and came to Canada in 1851, settling in London, where he had ever since resided. He was a carpenter by trade, and leaves a family of five sons and one daughter, viz.: James, William, Alexander, of London; John, Winnipeg; George, fireman on the G. T. R., Niagara Falls, and Miss Maggie, of Winnipeg.

—Mr. Claude Brown, son of Mr. Jas. H. Brown, of this city, has passed his examination most creditably at the Philadelphia Dental College, acquiring the degree of D. D. S. In a class of 160 Mr. Brown stood fourth or fifth, making 89 marks out of a possible 100. The distinction is the greater, as he was the youngest competitor. He will now return to Toronto to take the final year of his Canadian course. Claude's London friends congratulate him on his successful college career.

—The death is announced of Mrs. Eliza Charnock, relict of the late Robt. Charnock, of this city. Deceased was 68 years old, and had resided in London for nearly 40 years, coming here from England. She first settled in Montreal, then moved to Buffalo, before finally taking up her residence in this city. She leaves a grown-up family to mourn her loss. The children are: Mrs. Wm. Angus, Mrs. R. Lilley, Mrs. Chris. Ward, London; Mrs. Ottwell, Buffalo; and William, in Buffalo.

—The following, which is clipped from the Simcoe Reformer, has reference to Mr. John O'Neil, who is a member of the Orient quartet in this city. In speaking of the St. Patrick's concert held there, the Reformer says: "Of Mr. O'Neil not much need be said. He was given a most enthusiastic reception, and his rendition of the 'Kerry Dance' and 'Say Not Farewell' was such as to highly delight the audience, who gave him vociferous encores on each occasion. John is sure of a warm welcome whenever he appears in Simcoe."

—At a meeting of the Western Fair Board on Saturday afternoon it was decided to charge horse trainers using Queen's Park $3 for the first horse and $2 for each additional one, instead of $5 and $3, as decided a week ago. Mr. J. H. Brown, Secretary Browne and the city engineer will report on the advisability of providing a movable fence, in order to inclose the ring for special exhibitions. This would prevent hiring special constables. Those present were Ald. Carrothers, Messrs. R. Shaw-Wood, Allan Bogue, John Durand, Chas. Trebilcock, John Kennedy, J. H. Brown and Secretary T. A. Browne.

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In City Church Circles.

Special Appeals On Behalf of the Y. M. C. A.

Capt. Kimball at the Auditorium—Chalmers Church Anniversary—A Temperance Rally—Musical Services at Dundas Center—A Choir Rebuked—Baptist Missionary Workers Meet.

At a large number of Protestant churches special reference was made from the pulpits to the work of the Y. M. C. A., which was heartily commended to the sympathy and support of church members. The special mission of the Y. M. C. A. in its threefold character of spiritual, mental and physical culture, was fully explained, and several of the ministers, who are active members, testified to the benefits conferred on them by the institution. The board of the Y. M. C. A. are entering upon a campaign to wipe out the $25,000 debt on the new building.

At the Auditorium.

Rev. Capt. Kimball, a member of Berdan's Sharpshooters, gave an address to men in the Auditorium yesterday afternoon. He is a man of deep convictions, and was listened to with interest. He spoke with a fervor that made a deep impression on the minds of those in attendance. The meeting was opened by Mr. A. J. Watson, who offered up prayer. Secretary Sayer then sang a solo while the offertory was being taken. "Some thousand years ago," the speaker said, "a great king lay dying, and when his last hours had come, he called his son, who was to be his heir, to the kingdom, to give him advice and counsel as to his rulership. His concluding words were, 'Show thyself a man.' God meant us to be men in every sense of the word. It is of great benefit to have a strong constitution, and although I am endowed with a good physical constitution, I wish that 25 years ago I had the advantages of the gymnasium and physical appliances you now have. I feel that if I had I would have been some ten or twelve years younger today. But as much as I like to see strong physical strength, ten thousand times more do I appreciate moral strength. You would not say a man was unmanly for not carrying a burden, which was too heavy physically for him. It is the man of evil deeds and actions who is unmanly. In how much are you faithful to Christ? Strength, faithfulness and moral character are what make the man. I have found it much harder to be a Christian while serving in the army than to rush into the thickest of the fight. I was never afraid of going to the front of battle, but often failed to recognize Christ. It was lack of moral courage. There are many men today who have convictions, but are afraid to have them recognized for Christ. My message to you today is: 'Show thyself a man.' You never can be a true man without the power of God, and with true moral convictions."

Capt. Kimball will give his illustrated lecture on "The Battle of Gettysburg" on Tuesday evening in the Auditorium.

Temperance Rally.

Yesterday afternoon a temperance rally of children was held in the Sunday school of the Colborne Street Methodist Church. It was an open session, and very interesting. Mr. Joseph Nicholson, the energetic superintendent, presided, and in a few well-timed remarks introduced an interesting programme, all of which was most appropriate for the occasion. The first was a duet by Mrs. Wallace and Miss Crawford, followed by an address by W. D. Buckle, from the text, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging." He dwelt upon the wisdom of Solomon. Willie Scarrow and Harold Garner sang a duet, and Miss Harpin gave an interesting account of some of her work among the haunts of Whitechapel, old London. She described some prison scenes enacted in her presence, and these brought tears to many eyes. She spoke strongly against the introduction of liquor at the table. This was the cause of many a boy's downfall and thirst for strong drink. Master Wallace gave a recitation entitled "Something for Everybody," and Miss Florence Haystead also recited "I Will Not Drink, Mother." Mr. Henry Pratt spoke for a short time on "The Narcotics," condemning the pipe, cigar and cigarette. Mr. Jackson brought the session to a close by commenting on some of the strong points brought out by the speakers.

At Dundas Center.

Great congregations filled the Dundas Center Methodist Church yesterday, especially in the evening. It was announced that Master Ulley, the boy soprano, and Mr. J. Marshall Williams, the former basso of the choir, would sing. Master Ulley went to Niagara Falls from Woodstock on Saturday morning with Mr. Stephens, the organist, promising to return in time for the services here. He did not come back, perhaps having missed the train. Mr. Williams, however, sang with his old-time effectiveness, and the music by the choir was superb.

Chalmers' Anniversary.

Chalmers Church celebrated its first aniversary yesterday, Rev. W. J. Clark preaching in the morning, and Rev. Richard Hobbs in the evening. Both referred with pleasure to the progress the youngest member of the Presbyterian family had made. The attendance was large, and the music special. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Moffat, preached at the Askin Street Church. On Tuesday evening, Rev. Mr. Clark will deliver his lecture on "The Boy I Knew."

Baptist Mission Circles.

The Women's Mission Circles of the city Baptist churches held their quarterly union meeting in the Wortley Road Church on Friday. In the afternoon papers were read by members. Tea was served in the basement of the church, and on reassembling in the evening Mr. McDermid, of Toronto, general secretary of foreign missions, gave an interesting review of missionary work in India. Rev. Mr. Walker presided. Music was rendered by the choir, and a trio by Messrs. Macpherson, Johnson and Janes.

Notes.

Rev. Dr. Daniel, pastor of the First Methodist Church, preached to large congregations at the First Methodist Church, Hamilton, yesterday.

Rev. G. Fillan, the Armenian exile, preached at the Centennial Church yesterday morning, and at the First Methodist Church in the evening.

Rev. E. W. Williams, of Abbeville, South Carolina, a colored preacher of much ability and oratorical power, preached at the First Presbyterian Church yesterday morning, and at the King Street Presbyterian Church at night. Mr. Williams was for 15 years a slave, and vividly described his experiences.

Rev. George Jackson, at the morning service of the Colborne Street Methodist Church, gave the choir a lesson in punctuality yesterday. It was 11 o'clock, the congregation had gathered, and the preacher took his seat behind the pulpit. The organist, at a minute or two after eleven began the prelude, and while it was being played, the preacher looked anxiously for singers, who at seven minutes after eleven had not taken their seats. Rev. Mr. Jackson rose and gave out the first hymn, to the surprise of the congregation. The organist played the tune through, and the congregation had risen to sing, when the choir filed in, and took up the hymn in the middle of the first verse. In the course of his remarks, he said he should perhaps apologize to the organist for the abrupt manner in which the service began. He thought that if a prelude was to be played it should be begun at 5 minutes to 11, and the service should start sharp on time. They did so in other churches. He wished it understood that he had nothing against the choir, which was as good a choir as there was in the city. He liked the choir and the choir liked him. He hoped all would be punctual in the future.

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Drowning of David Holmes—Kicked Into the River by His Horse.

David Holmes, one of the oldest farmers of Middlemiss, was drowned in the River Thames on Friday evening. Deceased was getting out timber. With a team he was hauling up a piece from the water, when one of the horses stumbled on the crumbling clay bank. The fallen horse became entangled in the harness, and Mr. Holmes, with the aid of an Indian, was endeavoring to save the animal by loosening the straps. Just as the harness was removed, the horse struck Holmes, sending him into the water, the horse following. The unfortunate man came to the surface, but once, and the frightened Indian was unable to afford any assistance. The horse sank like a log.

An alarm was given, and in a short time a large crowd of villagers were on the scene. It was, however, too dark to attempt to recover the body. The accident occurred just below John Albert's flats. Deceased was a widower, and leaves one son, John, of Southwold, and an only daughter, Sarah, who kept house. Deceased was well known and very highly respected.

A COSTLY WREATH

For Sir John Thompson's Coffin, Which the Late Government Ordered and Refused to Pay For.

Ottawa, March 28.—A writ has been issued in the county court by Ann Davidson, widow of the late W. R. Davidson, florist, Montreal, against all the members of the late government for $1,041, the price of the wreath ordered by them to be placed on the coffin of the late Sir John Thompson as a token of their affection and esteem, and for which they have never paid.

THE LATEST.

She—Is my hat on straight?
He—Yes.
She—Then it isn't right. Wait till I go upstairs and tip it up over my left ear.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

The Allan Line has given a contract for another steamship designed for the St. Lawrence route.

The total British Columbia salmon pack for the summer was 1,015,477 cases, compared with 601,570 the previous season.

The convent of St. Maurice, Que., was burned, also two houses occupied by John Cailloux, tailor, and J. A. Carignan, butcher. No loss of life.

David Manson, late of the Seaforth Highlanders, has been appointed pipe-major of the Montreal Royal Scots, in succession to Pipe-Major Matheson, who resigned last year.

Truman P. Handy, who held the distinction of being the oldest active banker in the United States, died at his home on Euclid avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, today (Saturday), aged 91 years.

Judge Brentano, of Chicago, granted to Claudia Carlstedt, the actress, a divorce from her husband, after a hearing lasting but a few minutes. It is said she will marry Albert Gallatin Wheeler, the New York millionaire.

The Chinese colony at Victoria, B. C., has received advices that the "Hakas" are again raiding in the three great districts of Sun Ning, Ying Ping and Hoi Ping. They have raided the town of Hong Mai and massacred all its inhabitants.

Among the graduates of the Ontario Veterinary College are the following: W. D. Brand, Forest; Samuel Caldbeck, Brussels; George K. Cranston, Atwood; O. A. Delong, Florence; A. R. Jordan, Dutton; Arch. D. McLachlan, Crampton; Louis Paquette, St. Thomas; Dan Allen, Chesley, and J. D. Bell, Port Elgin.

James Stanlic, who lives two miles east of Forest, attempted suicide by hanging himself the other morning. His wife found him hanging in a stable, and immediately cut the rope. Had he been left a few minutes later death would have occurred. Despondency, caused by financial trouble, was the cause.

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