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**JUDGE BARRON
TO INVESTIGATE****Accepts President Hays' Request
Regarding Strikers Not Yet
Reinstated By Company.****BEGINS WORK NEW YEAR'S****Evidence Will Be Secured From the
Men and the Grand Trunk Rail-
way Company.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Stratford, Dec. 24.—Judge Barron today sent a letter to President Charles M. Hays, accepting his request to conduct a full investigation into the cases of the G. T. R. strikers not yet reinstated at Toronto, London, Stratford, Sarnia, Brockville and other points, provided he is given a free hand in the matter.

His honor expects to begin his work about New Year's, and will take evidence both from the men and the company's officials, and will report in each individual case to the president.

Local Grand Trunk strikers are keenly interested in the announcement that Judge Barron has accepted the request of President Charles M. Hays to conduct an investigation into the case of the men arrested during the case of the men. The men intimated that they rather expected that Judge Barron or some other legal gentleman would be asked to look into the matter. They also stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that so far they had taken no steps to present their case for consideration.

**THE GRAFT INQUIRY
SWITCHED TO HAMILTON****The Sawyer-Massey Company's
Books Examined by
Commission.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Judge Snider continued the Oxford County graft inquiry this morning. The proceedings centre around an investigation into sales made by the Sawyer-Massey Company to the county, while M. I. Buchanan was chairman of the property committee. Since 1906 over \$11,000 worth of machinery had been sold by an agent named Alexander Calder, a bookkeeper of the company, testified. Following the year 1906, \$742 was granted to Calder in bonuses. The company's books did not show any bonuses to Calder in 1909 or 1910.

**PEOPLE BOUGHT CANDY
FOR THIS LITTLE GIRL****Annie Sullivan, of East London,
Struck by a Sleigh.**

Annie Sullivan, a 10-year-old girl living on Charlotte street, was struck by a sleigh driven by Ernest Hicks, 26 Dundas street, shortly after noon today in front of Smallman & Ingram's, and painfully bruised. She was taken to a nearby store, but was able to be removed to her home in a few minutes. The little girl had been into a store nearby and had purchased some candy. As she was crossing the street a sleigh in charge of Mr. Hicks, who was driving a sleigh, struck her, and she was thrown to the ground. She was not badly injured.

**NINE DRUNKS APPEAR
IN THE POLICE COURT****Christmas Season Appears To
Be Causing a Crop of
Inebriates.**

Nine drunks and one drunk and disorderly appeared for their names in the police court this morning. Michael White, an Indian-lister, was fined \$5 or ten days. Jeremiah Brown, who told the court last Saturday that he had been in the hospital, was brought in again, and was fined \$10 or 21 days.

Patrick Ryan, of West London, while intoxicated, used unseemly language on a street car, and in consequence had to pay \$2 or do ten days.

"I am a little unsteady on my legs," said Ryan to Mayor Beattie and Chief Williams, and I want you to give me protection from the police, who arrest me because I don't walk steady."

Chief Williams was of the opinion, however, that Ryan was arrested for other reasons.

A real Indian.

Nelson Brach, a husky-looking young redskin from Southwold, was allowed to go after he pleaded guilty to a charge of intoxication.

George Able pleaded not guilty to the same charge, and claimed that an officer had arrested him on his way to the police station, where he was going to lay a charge against his son, who had assaulted him while intoxicated. On the evidence of the constable who arrested him, Able was found guilty but allowed to go without fine or imprisonment.

Before leaving the court he asked to have his son's name added to the probationary list.

Robert McKee, who had already spent a week in jail, was discharged this morning.

Isaac Good (colored), wanted the privilege of fixing his own punishment. "Let me go," he said to the magistrate, "and if I come back within two months, send me to the Central Prison for six months." Mayor Beattie thought otherwise and called for \$2 or 10 days.

Several other drunks were dismissed with a warning.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.
Baltimore, Dec. 23.—Pretoria.
Liverpool—Mauretania leave today.
A. Amouth—Royal George.
Plymouth—Philadelphia.
Naples—Princess Irene.
New York—Lusitania.
St. John—Empress of Ireland.
Sandy Hook—St. Louis (dock today).
Cape Race—Tunisian (for Halifax).

**A SINGLE SURVIVOR
OF MARINE DISASTER****French Ship Goes to Bottom Off
the Coast of Algeria.**

Valencia, Spain, Dec. 24.—The steamer Yao has landed here the sole survivor of the French steamer Jean Concel. The man says his vessel was run down by an unknown craft off Oran, Algeria, and sank in a few minutes, carrying down all hands except himself.

**CATHOLIC MISSIONARY
MURDERED BY CHINESE****Father Merigot Put to Death By
Natives of Yunnan.**

Hong Kong, Dec. 24.—Father Merigot, who had been a French missionary in China, since 1903, was murdered Thursday by natives at Yungpeh, in the Province of Yunnan. An investigation into the cause of the murder is proceeding. The district about Yungpeh is quiet.

**SIX PEOPLE KILLED
IN AN OHIO WRECK****Train of Pullmans on the Penn
System Hits an Express.**

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Pennsylvania train No. 15 ran into an express train eight miles west of Upper Sandusky at Nevada, Ohio, at 2 o'clock this morning and six people were killed and twelve seriously injured. The engineers of both trains were killed. Three of the dead are said to be passengers. The train consisted of all Pullman cars and was running from New York to Chicago.

**ANOTHER RAILWAYMAN
KILLED AT TORONTO****C. P. R. Yardman Falls Beneath
Engine Wheels.**

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Geo. Armstrong, aged 22 years, was the third railway man killed in Toronto this week while engaged in his duties.

Armstrong was a C. P. R. yardman, who lived at 38 Oak avenue. At 6:29 this morning, while he was trying to climb on a freight car being shunted by an engine, he fell and his head was crushed by the engine wheels. The accident happened at the yards in King street west.

**THE BARREL MYSTERY
HAS BEEN SOLVED****Matthew Johnson's Body Ident-
ified by His Son at
Montreal.**

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Matthew Johnson, jun., living, identified Matthew Johnson, sen., deceased, at the morgue today and the barrel mystery was officially cleared up. Mr. Johnson arrived in Montreal this morning from Toronto, having been sent down by the Provincial Government of Ontario to identify his father. He came from Jarvis to have this turned over to the Provincial authorities of Ontario, the crime, if any, having been committed there.

**MR. FIELDING BACK
AND LOOKING WELL****Health of the Minister of Finance
Has Greatly Improved.**

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Hon. W. S. Fielding, who returned to Ottawa last night after a month's complete rest in the Southern Atlantic States, actively resumed his departmental duties this afternoon. The Minister of Finance looks and feels greatly improved in health as a result of his holiday. There is but a slight trace left of the facial paralysis which attacked him last September, and this is gradually disappearing.

Mr. Fielding had a long conference with the Minister of Customs this afternoon, and the resumption of the trade negotiations with the United States in Washington next month. The exact date of the coming conference of Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Peterson with President Taft and Secretary Knox and their tariff advisers has not yet been fixed, but it will probably begin during the second week in January.

**WHITE STAR LINERS
FOR ST. LAWRENCE****The Teutonic and the Majestic To
Run Next Summer.**

Montreal, Dec. 24.—It is announced that next summer in recognition of the growing importance of transatlantic passenger business by the St. Lawrence route, the White Star Steamship Company will withdraw the steamship Teutonic from the New York service, and put her on the route to Montreal. This will be the largest and best boat yet placed on the route by this company. She will be followed later by the steamship Majestic.

**THE SCOTCH EXPRESS WRECKED
AND EIGHT PERSONS KILLED****Famous English Railway Flyer Collides With Engine and Fire
Which Follows Destroys the Entire Train.**

Kirby Stephen, England, Dec. 24.—Eight passengers were killed, some of them instantly, and twenty-five more injured, in the wreck of the Scotch express near Hawes Junction today.

The express carried 500 persons, the locomotive and baggage car, was bound for their homes in Scotland, reduced to ashes.

**CITY COUNCIL'S SURPLUS \$11,000
RECEIPTS EXCEEDED ESTIMATES!**

The city council will quit this year with a surplus of approximately \$11,000.

This is practically the same as last year and will give the incoming council a good start.

It is due to the fact that the receipts have been much above the estimates. For instance, the water commissioners will give to the council about \$8,500

**HUNT FOR VOTES
IN FULL SWING****Municipal Candidates Deep in
the Election Campaign.****THE RACE AN OPEN ONE****Few Rush Enough to Make Predictions
But New Faces May Adorn Council.**

The election campaign is now in full swing. The busy candidate is making the most of his opportunities, and today the air is filled with exclamations of goodwill for the voter and his family.

There is going to be much canvassing done, if today's proceedings are any criterion, and it looks like a still hunt for ballots by all parties concerned.

The election will be held on the 1st of January, and his support solicited.

The race is an open one, so far as the council is concerned. With twice as many candidates as there are positions to fill, almost anything is liable to happen.

Few are willing to prophesy as to the results. A number of the new men running are undoubtedly strong, and it is likely that next year's council will see some new faces.

The water commissioners will have an interesting contest. Messrs. Wright and Marr have been brought out against their will by the members of the present board, and are certain to poll many votes. Dr. H. A. Stevenson is running independently, and as he has had much municipal experience he will poll a considerable vote, it is claimed.

In any event, with the multiplicity of candidates in the field, the average elector will not be allowed to forget that there is an election on. There will be much excitement, but there are many under the impression that they will have their bearing on the final results.

**THINKS HYDRO LINE
IS DANGEROUS****Toronto Resident Complains That It Is
Weakly Constructed.**

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Alleging that the hydro-electric power line passing his property in South Parkdale is weakly constructed, and a source of danger to himself and family, Mr. G. P. Morgann has entered a complaint with the department of public works at Ottawa. The result will be a delay in the approval of the power line plans, and will prevent the turning on of the new current on New Year's night.

On Dec. 20, Mr. H. H. Dewar, K.C., counsel for Mr. Morgann, will appear in court. Mr. Win. Pugsley, minister of public works, and ask that the plans be not approved, and that a special commission be appointed to investigate the stability of the wire towers.

The fact that the power line runs along the shore of the lake, and is a dangerous territory, is said to place the matter within the jurisdiction of the Federal Government.

THE WEATHER**Tomorrow—Very Cold.
FORECAST.**

Toronto, Dec. 24.—8 a.m. to strong west wind, but some light snowfalls or flurries, and becoming much colder. Sunday—Fine and decidedly cold.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations	Max.	Min.	Weather
Calgary	42	18	Cloudy
Winnipeg	36	12	Clear
Port Arthur	32	16	Clear
Perry Sound	32	28	Cloudy
Toronto	38	28	Cloudy
Ottawa	34	29	Cloudy
Montreal	30	20	Rain
Quebec	26	24	Rain
Pointe St. Charles	24	20	Rain
Minus	—	—	—

WEATHER NOTES.

The disturbance mentioned yesterday is now centred over Northern Quebec, and has been accompanied by mild weather, with snow and rain throughout Ontario. Low temperatures prevail in Northern Ontario and Manitoba, while further west mild conditions obtain.

Cautionary signals are displayed at Atlantic ports.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.
A disturbance centred over Lake Huron last evening was accompanied by mild weather, with rain and snow in Ontario, and promises to give stormy conditions in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Temperatures were considerably below zero in Manitoba yesterday, but further west are more general, and in Southern Alberta it was mild.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 38-25; Dawson, 18 below-8 below; Atlin, 8-4; Edmonton, 8-25; Battleford, 2 below-12; Prince Albert, zero-16; Calgary, 38-22; Moose Jaw, 7 below-7; Qu'Appelle, 19 below-8; Winnipeg, 14 below-6 below; Pelly Sound, 22-32; Toronto, 38-28; Ottawa, 34-29; Montreal, 30-20; Quebec, 26-24; Pointe St. Charles, 24-20; Halifax, 10-24.

TODAY'S PROBS.
The East—Winds increasing to strong breezes and gales, southeasterly and southwesterly; mild, with sleet, and colder on Sunday.

Lake Superior—Fair and very cold today and on Sunday.

Manitoba—Fair and decidedly cold. Sunday—Moderating.

Saskatchewan—Fair, with higher temperature.

Alberta—Fair and mild.

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**WOMAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE
PLUCKED FROM BEFORE CAR**

The prompt action of Mr. James Gillean this morning shortly after eleven o'clock saved an unknown woman from death, or at best very serious injuries, at the corner of Maitland and Dundas streets. He pulled her from before a street car just in time to prevent her being run over.

**EIGHTY YEARS
IN FOREST CITY****Interesting Story of Mr. Finlay
Perrin, London's Oldest
Native Born Citizen.****WORKED WITH 1st MAYOR****Was an Apprentice With Late Murray
Anderson—Some McClary History.**

Mr. Finlay E. Perrin, of 317 King street, is today celebrating his 80th birthday, and is receiving the congratulations of a host of friends all through the city. For 73 years and six months Mr. Perrin has made his home in London, and may truly be said to be one of London's pioneer residents.

It is a far cry back to 1831 the year in which Mr. Perrin came to London, a baby six months old, and there are only a few citizens living here now who can go back with him to those early days and trace the growth of the city since that time.

Mr. Perrin spent his boyhood, his youth and his manhood here, and is now enjoying the evening of his life here. Time has dealt kindly with him, and few people would think that the active man, who is frequently to be seen about the city streets, is 80 years old. Mr. Perrin's step is brisk, and he enjoys excellent health. He enjoys the distinction of being the oldest employee of the McClary Manufacturing Company, and can go back in memory to the days when one of Canada's greatest industries was in its infancy.

When Mr. Perrin was 17 years old he went to learn his trade with the late Murray Anderson, first mayor of London, who did a very extensive trade in the city. Mr. Perrin remembers well how Mr. Anderson would pay for their tinware in all kinds of things, particularly hides, wool and other commodities.

It was while he was employed with Mr. Anderson that Mr. Perrin met Mr. Oliver McClary in 1848. Mr. McClary used to do business with Mr. Perrin's father.

Mr. Perrin did not take Mr. McClary long to find out that there was money in tinware and stoves," said Mr. Perrin, "and soon after I met him he erected a little frame shop on York street, where he sold tinware. Mr. Perrin now stands to be a big swamp, and I remember thinking it was a funny place to build a tin shop. I have since, however, had reason to change my mind."

The late D. S. Perrin was a brother of Mr. Finlay Perrin, and at his solicitation left McClary's, with whom he was employed, and worked with the Perrin firm for twenty years.

At the end of that time he went back again with McClary's, and remained with them until a few years ago, when he retired from active work. Mr. Perrin takes a keen interest in all that interests London, and nothing pleases him better than to meet an old friend and exchange reminiscences of the old days, and retrace the growth of the city.

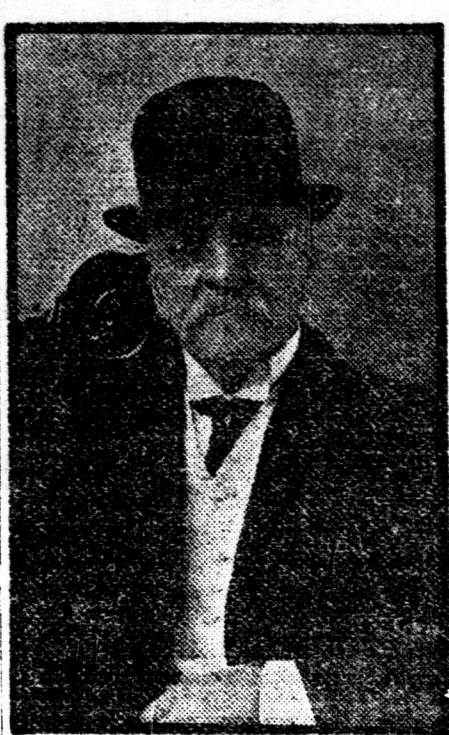
**WALTER MARCHUM
ALLOWED TO GO****Gave Personal Bail in Sum of \$100 to
Be Good.**

Walter Marchum, the man who has figured in a court of exciting incidents in county magistrates' courts during the past couple of months, and who has been confined in the county jail for the past three weeks for want of sureties to keep the peace, was disposed of at noon today by Judge Macdonald. He was allowed to go. He supplied personal sureties for \$100 to be "a perfect gentleman" for one year to come.

Marchum was committed by Squire Chittick, who found him guilty of threatening Leonard Hughes, of Iderton, who employed him. He told the judge today that he is a Socialist, but not an anarchist, and that his doctrine is "do unto others as you would be done by."

Employees Remembered.
The employees of the London Bolt and Hedge Works were not forgotten by their employers at the Christmas season. Mr. T. S. Hobbs, ex-M. P. P., the owner, and Mr. W. A. Tanner, the manager, arranged to give the single men \$1 each and the married men \$2 as a Christmas token.

Appreciation from the men was forwarded to Mr. Tanner. In addition, the latter sent out very handsome Christmas greetings to each person in the employ of the company.



MR. FINLAY PERRIN
Who Has Lived Eighty Years in London.

**GREAT SCARCITY
OF TURKEYS****Very Few On the Market Today
and Prices High.****MR. FARMER WAS WARY****Did Not Intend To Be Caught as Was
the Case Last Year.**

"The farmers cannot be fooled two years in succession," was the reply of one of them on the market this morning when asked why turkeys were so scarce. He explained that last year the farmers had held back the birds until the last day in order to get the high price, but the supply was so great that the price dropped, and consequently they lost money. This year it was different. In the fall the country was full of buyers who offered the farmers 20 and 21 cents per pound for all the turkeys they could supply. Many farmers accepted the offers, with the result that they had none to bring to the city for Christmas. Another thing that has caused a scarcity is the fact that many of the young turkeys died in the spring.

Turkeys were very scarce today; in fact, they have been pretty scarce for the last week or so, and consequently high prices were asked. The prices this morning were 22 to 24 cents per pound, and there was little demand.

There were no lower prices, many of the farmers declaring they would take the birds home and eat them themselves rather than sell at a sacrifice. There were many people on the market looking for turkeys with the expectation that the high prices of the week would be reduced, but when they learned the figure they preferred roast beef or something less expensive. The demand for geese and chickens is exceedingly good, and these birds will no doubt occupy the position on the tables of many families that turkey has hitherto held.

**SHOOTS POLICEMAN
IS SHOT HIMSELF****Burglar at Bay in Detroit House
Fires at Patrolman.**

Detroit, Dec. 24.—Lack of money to buy Christmas gifts, caused by the loss of his position and by gambling, led Louis A. Krauss, alias George White, aged 20, formerly of Bellefleur, to turn burglar early yesterday morning. In the battle with the police, when he was captured, he and Patrolman William B. McAlonan were seriously, perhaps fatally, wounded. The officer, who was shot through the breast, is at Grace Hospital, where it is said he has a chance of recovery. Krauss was shot through the left lung and there is little hope of saving his life.

**TWO MEETINGS WILL
BE HELD NEXT WEEK****One in the City Hall and One in the
East End Hall.**

There will be two public meetings this coming week to discuss city matters. This morning Mayor Beattie received requisitions to hold a meeting in the city hall on Thursday, Dec. 29, for these meetings, and it is expected that large crowds will attend both.

**ROBERT HUGHES
GAVE HIMSELF UP****Surrendered to the Police On an Old
Charge.**

Robert Hughes, charged with seducing a young girl of 15 years, was bailed out of the police court this morning to appear again on Dec. 30. A warrant has been standing for his arrest for some time, but he has been unable to get apprehended until he came back and gave himself up voluntarily. Magistrate George H. Macdonald, who set the amount of \$1,000, in two securities, given by himself and his mother for \$500 each.

NEW ELECTRIC LINE.**Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—** Toronto may have a second electric railway running towards Lake Simcoe. A company was incorporated last session to build a line from Toronto to Orillia.

Now it is announced a company, which Messrs. Ritchie, Ludwig and Ballantyne are solicitors, propose to apply to the Legislature next session for an act to incorporate a company to build a line, either electric or steam, from this city through the northern townships to the town of Barrie.

**BIG FIELD WILL
GO TO PEOPLE!****New Blood Is Out For Municipal
Positions of Importance.****FIGHT ALL ALONG LINE****Col. Gartshore, Manager of McClary
Manufacturing Company, Is Out
For Hospital Trustee.****FOR WATER COMMISSIONERS.**
John Marr, of Elliott, Marr & Co., wholesale grocers.
William Wright, of Jas. Wright & Co., wholesale hardware.
Dr. H. A. Stevenson, physician.**FOR HOSPITAL TRUST.**
Col. W. M. Gartshore, manager McClary Manufacturing Company.
Richard Booth, painter.
Geo. T. Hiscox, gentleman.**FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES.**
W. W. Gammage, florist.
C. M. R. Graham, merchant.
John M. Gunn, barrister.
Dr. A. J. Wyckoff, dentist.
W. T. Strong, druggist.
H. B. Archer, printer.**FOR ALDERMEN.**
Hubert Ashplant, merchant.
Burley W. Bennett, railway conductor.
Richard C. Eckert, manufacturer.
Fred J. Fitzgerald, painter.
James Fitzgerald, gentleman.
Robert Fraser, gentleman.
William Hayman, contractor.
James Jeffries, clerk.
William J. Lashbrook, blacksmith.
James Luney, contractor.
Fred G. Mitchell, merchant.
Charles G. Moorhead, checker.
Andrew J. Morgan, merchant.
Henry Pocock, manufacturer.
John G. Richter, insurance manager.
George E. Rose, liveryman.
John H. Saunders, carriage-maker.
William Scarrow, real estate.
James A. Tancock, veterinary surgeon.
W. J. Underwood, insurance agent.
W. H. Ward, contractor.
William A. Wilson, traveller.
Dr. W. J. Stevenson, physician.

There will be contests for the board of education, the hospital trust, the council, and the water commission of 1911.

Six candidates are running for the board of education of whom five have to be elected. The old members whose terms have just expired are again in the field. They are Messrs. Gammage, Gunn, Graham, Strong and Wyckoff. Mr. H. B. Archer, the Labor man, makes the only new candidate. There are three aspirants for the water commission. Yesterday afternoon it was announced that Mr. John Marr and Mr. William Wright would not run. Mr. Marr had officially withdrawn, and Mr. Wright stated positively that he would not be a candidate. However, later in the afternoon, much influence was brought to bear upon the gentlemen by those interested in the success of this commission, and they consented.

New Men in Field.
"I had no intention of running—I did not want to run," said Mr. Marr. "I had withdrawn my name, but they kept after me until at last I consented. I am in the field now."

Mr. Wright was practically of the same mind. Ald. Fitzgerald and John M. Parsons had qualified for this position, but as soon as the above-named gentlemen were nominated, they withdrew. Two of the three nominees will be elected.

There will be a contest for the hospital trust vacancy. Last night, Col. W. M. Gartshore qualified, and will remain in the field. Mr. Richard Booth qualified earlier in the day. Later Mr. Geo. T. Hiscox decided to run, making a three-cornered fight.

There is an unusually large field—four more than last year.

The whole council of 1910 are in the field again. Some of them had aspirations for other boards, but they decided to take one more chance at this council.

The Aldermanic Field.
Among the candidates are several ex-aldermen. They are Mr. F. J. Fitzgerald, of the Hamilton road; Neil Cooper, Charles G. Moorhead, and James Luney. This quartette have all had considerable municipal experience. W. A. Wilson has been a candidate on other occasions, and was a member of the council of Petrolia at one time.

Some of the slates have made their appearance. The Citizens' League have at least saved William Scarrow, William Hayman, F. J. Fitzgerald, Robert Fraser, and also Ald. Richter, Ald. Tancock and Ald. Ashplant. They will also support Geo. T. Hiscox for hospital trustee.

The Labor Slate.
The Labor slate for the council consists of Ald. G. E. Rose, Burley Bennett and James Donnelly, while they are endorsed H. B. Archer as school trustee.

All the others are free lances, and are running without the indorsement of any organization.

CAN'T FIND GRACE.
London, Dec. 24.—The search for Cecil Grace, the amateur aviator, who lost his way in a fog while attempting to return over the English Channel to Dover Thursday, was continued today without success.

Knott & Sangster

ROOM 101, MASONIC TEMPLE, PHONE 650.

GROSVENOR STREET—New two-story red brick. This is a first-class house in every respect; hardwood finish downstairs, slate roof. Price, \$5,000.00.

LONDON NORTH—1½-story brick-veneer, all modern conveniences; worth \$2,400; will sell for \$1,500. Call at once if you want to get this great bargain.

VACANT LOT—Marley Place, opposite Normal School, 60x200 feet, to lane in rear. One of the best vacant lots in South London. \$30 per foot.

COLBOURNE STREET, CENTRAL—Fine new two-story red brick. This is in the very best residential part of the city, and the price is very reasonable. Call for particulars.

ELMWOOD AVENUE—2½-story brick, stone foundation, 4 bedrooms, modern conveniences, lot 65x100 feet. Price, \$5,500.

COLBOURNE STREET—2-story red brick, 4 bedrooms, all modern conveniences, verandah, mantel and grate. Lot 50x55 feet. Price, \$3,500.

ELIAS STREET—1½-story brick veneer, cement block foundation, 2 bedrooms, modern conveniences, porch, lot 33x100 feet. Price, \$2,300.

ONTARIO STREET—1½-story brick veneer, stone foundation, 4 bedrooms, front and back verandah, modern conveniences, lot 50x100 feet. Price, \$2,900.

TALBOT STREET—2-story brick, cellar under all, 4 bedrooms, modern conveniences, 2 grates and mantels, laundry. Lot 23x100 feet. Price, \$4,000.

WANTED—Farms for sale and exchange. We have a large number of people inquiring for farms. We have sold quite a number lately, and have customers for quite a number more. If you have a farm you wish to sell, exchange, kindly call and give it to us for sale, and we will push the property for you.

One of the best corners in the North End, 2½-story red pressed brick house, stone foundation, 4 bedrooms, modern conveniences, lot water heated, lot 50x45 feet. Call for particulars.

QUEEN STREET—1½-story brick veneer, cement block foundation, four bedrooms, modern conveniences, lot 22x100 feet. Price, \$2,500.

17 acres of good garden land, nice brick house, hard and soft water, bank barn, drive house, log pen, good orchard, all kinds of fruit. Situated just outside of good town of over 2,000 population. Call for particulars.

SIXTY ACRES—Black muck, clay loam and sandy loam and sand and gravel pit; good new windmill, cement and brick reservoir, spring, 3 or 4 acres of hard wood. Will exchange for city property. Call for particulars.

Safer Than a Bank

There is no safer and at the same time more profitable investment today than an improved Ontario farm. The financial disasters which overtake so many people in other occupations seldom disturb the owners of Ontario farms, because they stand on a safe and solid foundation. We have some splendid farms for sale through Western Ontario at bargain prices.

The following are short descriptions of a few of the farms we have for sale:

No. 412—50 acres in the Township of Zone, in the County of Kent, soil sand loam, all drained by open ditches, 2 acres of mixed fruit, 12x12, log barn 14x20, 4 miles to Bothwell market and railway station, 2½ miles to Dantz P. O.

No. 447—55 acres in the Township of Moore, County of Lambton, soil clay loam, 7 acres timber, 12 acres of mixed fruit, 12x12, log barn 14x20, 7 miles to Brigidon railway station, 3 miles to Kilmahilly market.

No. 412—100 acres in the Township of Sombra, County of Lambton, soil clay loam, 10 acres timber, 1 acre of mixed fruit, 2-story frame house, 2 barns, 20x20, a number of other outbuildings, 5 miles to Brigidon market, 2 miles to Wilkesboro P. O.

No. 447—100 acres in the Township of Zone, in the County of Kent, soil sand and clay loam, 8 acres beech and maple timber, 2 acres of mixed fruit, 12x12, log barn 14x20, 4 miles to Bothwell market and railway station, 2½ miles to Florence P. O.

For further list of farms which we have for sale, see today's Free Press, or send for catalogue of farms for sale.

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RADIANT POSSIBILITIES.

An esteemed correspondent mentions some uses of Niagara power which perhaps have not occurred to Mr. Beck and his commission. As the member for London is expatiating on the advantages of electrical energy to the farming community, we pass on our correspondent's ideas:

"It (electrical power) is already being used for milking purposes, and calves will soon be fed by a new electric contrivance that will prevent the most obstreperous bovine from blowing half its vitals up one's sleeve as in the old method. Later on there may be electric appliances for killing hogs, rendering lard, and jarring the hired man into consciousness at 4 a.m. The time too, would be opportune for introducing the American plan for increasing egg production. At an uncanny hour in the morning the farmer presses a button near his bed, when presto! his henhouse, half a mile away, is brilliantly lighted up. The pullets, businesslike, and thinking it is daylight, hop down and lay an egg. Late at night, the same result is repeated with the same result, thus doubling the day's output."

Our correspondent signs himself "Romeo," a name which suggests that he may be romancing. Farmers will be more interested than city folk in the problem of getting more work out of the hired man, but city dwellers, having regard to the present price of eggs, will welcome any scheme that will get more work out of the hen.

A VOICE FROM THE WEST.

There are multiplying tokens that those who aspire to give the conservative party a lead in the west intend to try to outbid the Government in any appeal to low tariff sentiment.

All the Opposition members in the prairie provinces, with one exception, declared for tariff reduction in a recent issue of the Grain Growers' Journal. The chief Conservative organ between Toronto and Vancouver, the Winnipeg Telegram, has been crying that the protective system has been abused, and has been waging war in particular upon the implement duties. The Edmonton Journal goes to the extreme of counselling the Conservative party to take advantage of the farmers' agitation and make imperial free trade its platform. It says that by taking such a course the party would be "immensely strengthening itself in the west," and "by promoting the imperial cause most effectively it would live most faithfully up to its historic mission."

The Journal's allusion to the "historic mission" of its party shows a rollicking disregard of historic accuracy. Does it forget Sir Louis (then Hon. Louis) Davies' resolution in 1894, calling for the reduction of duties upon British imports, which was unanimously squelched by the Conservative majority in the House of Commons? To go further back, there is the classic retort of the Toronto Mail, "So much the worse for British connection," when it was shown that the National Policy would strike a blow at British commerce. The denunciation of the present British preference by Sir Charles Tupper and other Opposition leaders in 1897 may also be cited against the Journal. Is there anything in Mr. Borden's utterances to warrant the inference that he is prepared to advise his party to lower the barriers against British goods?

The Government is under a cross-fire on the naval question. Will it have to fight the same tactics on the tariff question? It looks as though "adequate protection," "practical protection," and the other variants will continue to do service in Eastern Canada, while in the west the party will trim its sails to catch the low tariff gales. Is this the Journal's idea of the "historic mission" of the party?

THE CASE OF MR. GRAYDON.

The position of city engineer is a very important one, and during the past fifty years it has been filled by several first-class men. The late William Robinson was city engineer fifty years ago. He trained up under him several of his successors and others who made good places for themselves in other cities. Mr. Thomas H. Tracey after completing his studies spent some time in Toronto, Albany and Chicago, and then returned to London to form a partnership with Mr. Robinson. Mr. Tracey, a man of marked ability, was city engineer for several years, leaving London to take the position of city engineer of Vancouver. Mr. George F. Durand, a first-class architect; Richard Purdom, H. S. Scatterd, John P. Moore, R. P. Fairbairn, now engineers for the province of Ontario; Samuel Campbell and others, were among the numbers not forgetting Mr. John Kendrick, Mr. Robinson's assistant, who died recently

in London at an advanced age, and who was the friend of all the students.

After experience for several years in the Merchants Bank and in his father's law office, Mr. A. O. Graydon became a student of civil engineering in the city engineer's office. He was an apt student. Those who have known Mr. Graydon all his life know that he is possessed of much more than average ability and a high order of integrity. His student work was a gift to the city. There was no remuneration. He later assisted in the building of the Hamilton, Grey and Bruce Railway. A vacancy occurring in the office of city engineer for London, Mr. Graydon was appointed. As student and engineer he has given the city about a quarter of a century of his life's best work.

Mr. Graydon's father, Mr. Simpson H. Graydon, was a member of the city council for several years, and one of the very best mayors London ever had. From him the city engineer inherited his ability and probity, and a spirit of loyalty to his friends. Mr. Simpson H. Graydon was mayor of London when Prince Arthur visited the city as governor-general.

The city engineer's retirement should be marked by an appropriate recognition of his services. It was customary for many years in the provincial service to give a month's pay for every year's service. A somewhat similar rule was observed in the Dominion service. Cities have been governed by the circumstances of each case. Banks are all establishing superannuation funds. Religious bodies all have such funds. It is becoming a custom with commercial and manufacturing firms and corporations to fittingly recognize their old employees. The motives which prompt such a policy are creditable, and the city should in some substantial manner recognize the services of one like Mr. Graydon, who has spent the best of his life in its employment.

No one can occupy the position of city engineer without incurring opposition, and perhaps the ill-will of persons clothed in a little brief authority, who want him to do something he does not believe he ought to do. Mr. Graydon had his opponents, but on the whole it must be admitted he filled the position with marked ability. Had the same effort been put into private practice, his income would in all likelihood have been greater. His successor's salary to begin with is much higher. It is too late for the council of 1910 to do the right thing, but it is to be hoped the council of 1911 will, following the practice of governments, cities, banks, religious bodies and commercial corporations, grant such a sum as will suitably recognize Mr. Graydon's long service.

The fixed assessment bylaws, if carried, will fix eight factories in London for at least fifteen years.

Children in comfortable homes are not profiting by Christmas unless they are giving as well as receiving.

The world is certainly growing better. Public authorities are becoming almost as concerned to stamp out tuberculosis in human beings as in cattle.

The Toronto World advocates export duties on wheat and flour. If Billy Maclean has a spite against R. L. Borden he should press this policy upon him.

Another Canadian steel merger is being formed. The steel business is only an infant industry in this country, but hasn't the child been spoiled a little by too much pap?

The Anglo-German millionaire, Sir Ernest Cassel, has given a million dollars to aid poor Germans seeking work in England. But Englishmen are told by some politicians that there is plenty of work for Germans at home.

The Hamilton Times says truly that there are many opportunities for the development of power from the rapids between Niagara Falls and Queenston. Certainly, there is enough power at the Falls and below it to serve half the Province, and half the Province should have it.

A 2-cent stamp carries a letter to any part of Canada, and there is no reason why hydro-electric power could not be delivered on the same principle—London Advertiser.

This is the argument of the distant municipalities for power at the same rate as those near to the falls. The Socialistic idea appears to be growing—Hamilton Times.

is at work in the country which is fortunate enough to have such a minister as Lloyd-George.

NOT MUCH TO HIM.
[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"What kind of a fellow is he, anyhow?"
"One of these people who can go out of a room without leaving a vacancy of any kind."

NOT AS BAD AS IT MIGHT BE.
[S. E. Kiser.]
THE PESSIMIST.
The Christmas spirit? Tell me how you think that I might win it. I'll hang my Christmas stocking high. But Santa Claus will pass it by. And I'll find nothing in it.

THE OPTIMIST.
Cease, cease, O brother, cease to doubt. And cease your foolish knocking; your stocking may be empty, yet be filled with cheer and don't forget That you possess the stocking.

HAD HIM GUESSING.
[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"What do you look so worried, Tom?"
"I went round today to ask your father for your hand in marriage?"
"Did—did he refuse?"
"No. He wanted me to put it in writing."

THE FUTILE BLUFF.
[Chicago Record-Herald.]
Many a man has gone through life on nothing but a bare-faced bluff. Except in dealing with his wife—We'll say no more—we've said enough.

EARL GREY'S WISE WORDS.
[Toronto Telegram.]
"Futiful are the words of a friend," and Earl Grey proved himself a friend to Canada when he told his hearers yesterday that too many of the children of this nation are growing up in a state of "silly servitude" to the fallacy that civility is a sign of servility. The boy enters life half and maimed who has not been taught to take his hat off when he goes into a private office, and to speak kindly and courteously to all comers. Canadian children are not surpassed by the sons and daughters of any land on earth in the central qualities of true character. They lack the outward adornments of courteous manner and kindly speech.

IN THE WOODS.
[Toronto Telegram.]
Yes, R. L. Borden & Co. have been a long time in the woods, and the latter are not entirely composed of Christmas trees.

NEW COUNTRY SCHOOL.
[J. W. Foley, in Life.]
The walls and the ceiling they're scrubbing.
The scrubbing the woodwork and floors.
A stream on the blackboard is playing. They're boiling the desks and the doors.
The old water pail has been scalded. A cup for each child has been sold.
And not one may drink, as we all did. From that old tin dipper we had.

They've cleaned every pointer and fork.
The tin-kettles are scrubbed out with lye.
The books and the slates are made sterile.
The old well is filled up and dry.
The girls have to wear, willy-nilly, A button that bears the bold sign:
"The lips that touch germs or bacilli Are lips that will never touch mine."

The dunes cap is boiled every morning (They're the individual kind).
The front door is set with this warning: "Who enters here leaves germs behind."
No apple is smuggled for sharing. As was in the school days of yore. Until they've made sterile the paring. And quite disinfected the core.

Alas! the old pump is discarded. And gone in the flight of the years; The new drinking fountains is guarded. As the Anti-Germans' frontiers.
The "chines from the windows they're stripping.
Lest germ-breeding insects might stay. The eaves and the rafters are dripping. All wet with a sterilized spray.

Oh, come in the joy of the morning. What secrets of school days we'll tell. That tickling virus gives warning. That teacher is not to be defied. It's time for the B class in scrubbing. The A class is set out to cool. From its recent boiling and scrubbing— "Three cheers for the Sterilized School!"

REDUNDANT.
[Punch.]
From a New Cookery Book:
"Next, from the front of the stove and stir constantly."
The advice contained in the last two words is unnecessary. One would.

THE LORDS' RECORD.
[Ottawa Free Press.]
Winston Churchill having stated that "no single important measure passed by the Commons can be carried into law when the Liberals are in office," an examination of the British Parliamentary records reveals the interesting fact that of important Liberal measures sent up since 1888 the Lords have vetoed only one. That one bill sent up by Tory Governments in the same period has either been mutilated or slaughtered. How long would the Canadian people stand for such a disgraceful favoritism? The records show that when the Conservatives control the Commons, England has a single chamber government, and that the protective powers of the Upper House are only exerted when the Liberals have the popular majority.

STRENGTH.
[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"Do you know that one egg has all the strength of a pound of beef?"
"I've come in contact with eggs," replied the ex-actor, "that had all the strength of the stockyards."

CRUEL GIRL.
[S. E. Kiser.]
"You are old, Father William," the fair maiden said.
To the bald-headed, tottering firt; Her poke bonnet totally hid her fair head.
She was wearing a green hobbie skirt.

"You are old, Father William," he heard her declare;
By her words he was pained through and through;
He was old, as she said, but he dyed his scant hair,
And fancied that nobody knew."

ANSWERED.
[Detroit Free Press.]
Marion Harland wants to know who will rock the cradle when woman goes to Congress. The same person who rocks it now when she's out playing bridge.

PRACTICAL PAPA.
[Pittsburg Post.]
"So, Johnnie, you wish to be a boy scout?"
"Yes, dad."

"Well, those tall weeds in the backyard would make excellent cover for an enemy. I think it would be good military tactics for you to cut 'em down."

INSANE WOMEN ACT SANEST IN STORES

That Is the Verdict of St. Louis Clerks Who Have Been Serving Them Two Weeks.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 23.—For two weeks favored women patients in the City Sanatorium for the Insane have been permitted to go to the business district under the care of a nurse to do Christmas shopping. Clerks in the department stores who have waited on the patients, who go in groups of ten, have reached these conclusions:

First, that the women have acted far more sanely than any other Christmas shoppers; that every one has come with definite ideas of desired presents, and that all have shown pure sense and judgment in the outlay of their money.

Beaming and bundle laden, these women have returned each day to the institution. The shopping trips, like many novel entertainments calculated to relieve mental strain, leave an effect which, if not actually curative, afford recreation and are believed by the superintendent, Dr. H. S. Atkins, to be highly beneficial.

As little restraint as possible has been placed on those thus favored. The nurse has discarded her official garb, and the patients have been allowed to mingle with the shoppers, visit such stores as they elected, and they have purchased what their fancies and purses permitted.

"The insane are supersensitive to a degree, and the fact that they are not made conspicuous by having with them a nurse in the regulation uniform seems to have been appreciated," Dr. Atkins said.

"They have their own money and are allowed to spend it after their own tastes. The excursions are enjoyed immensely by them, probably more from the fact that they feel they are doing what others are than because of the temporary liberty they enjoy outside the confines of the sanatorium."

Not a single complaint has been caused by the experiment.

A NEW FORM OF GOING ON STRIKE

Mixing of Duty and Disobedience Under the Cloak of Accident.

Paris, Dec. 24.—A new form of striking is now being inaugurated in France under the style of the greve police, which is a strike of extremely delicate and perfect point-like character.

The "pearly strike" is no turning out in mass, no noisy threat of suspending services, and no violent sabotage. It is a subtle mixing up of duty and disobedience, or of mischief done under cloak of natural accident. For instance, there may be three trucks full of goods starting from one station in three different directions. Nothing is easier than to make a mistake in affixing the labels of destination and sending the one that was meant for Calais to Nantes, the Nancy one to Bordeaux, and the Bordeaux one to Calais; or the dispatch sheet may be lost, and without it no conductor can take charge of any wagons.

A case for each kind of mischief is applied to a few thousand men, and wagons which have been sent in wrong directions all over France, the confusion and difficulty of remedying the mistake is imagined. Then there is the Italian method, by which the employee displays excess of zeal, according to the strict letter of the regulations. The engine-driver is bound to stop at every station at every engine is tight, and at every station he proceeds to inspect, losing hours of time. A conductor also may spend an hour or two in going through every carriage to see that nobody has offended against the rule of not spitting on the floor, or make a long inquiry to find out if anybody has lit a cigarette in a non-smoker's carriage.

There is no end to the variety and diversity of mischief introduced into the new sport of greve police, and the only remedy that appears to be possible is immediate dismissal for "excess of zeal." A new form of strike is inaugurated, and only call forth a new means of finding out how to repress it.

PHONE DISPATCHING

New System Used With Great Success on Michigan Roads.

New York, Dec. 24.—The value of the telephone method of dispatching trains, which has superseded the old familiar telegraph on many of the largest railroads of the country, has been demonstrated by the behavior of this system on the Great Northern during recent street storms. The telegraph was put out of commission, but the telephone circuit worked continuously and received many words of praise from the railroad people. Telephone and selector have been placed in service along 126 miles of this road, between Saginaw, Mich., and Toledo, Ohio.

Telephones have been installed at thirty way-stations and four sidings. The service on this division will be watched with interest, as the traffic on the Toledo division is unusually heavy. Several times in the past the railway has found it necessary to cut the telegraph train wire into two sections in order to handle the traffic, but it is believed that the telephone equipment will enable the work to be handled entirely with one circuit.

The Michigan Central has recently installed train dispatching telephone circuits between Jackson and Niles, Michigan, 105 miles, with 34 telephone stations; between Jackson and Bay City, Michigan, 115 miles, with 23 stations; and Jackson and Grand Rapids, Michigan, 84 miles, with 21 stations. Equipment has been ordered for a telephone line between Windsor and St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, 111 miles, with 20 stations. Plans have been made for the installation of a number of other circuits during the coming year.

The Lake Shore is operating with great success by telephone from Buffalo through to Chicago. Circuits have been put into service between Buffalo and Erie, Erie and Cleveland, Cleveland and Toledo, on both the Sandusky and the Norfolk divisions, between Toledo and Elkhart on the Air Line, and between Elkhart and Chicago. A branch will soon be established between Elkhart and Grand Rapids, Michigan.



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Wertheimer's Gloves, Beautiful Handkerchiefs, Morley's Hosiery, Quality Leather Goods, Ladies' Collars and Ties, Men's Wear.

THE HOUSE OF QUALITY.

Kingsmill's

2,700 GUESS WINS THE PERCOLATOR

Mr. William Thomson, 125 Briscoe Street, Takes Prize Given by Purdom Hardware Company.

Mr. William Thomson, 125 Briscoe street, was the winner (with a guess of 2,700) of the handsome copper coffee percolator presented by the Purdom Hardware Company, 124 Dundas street. This morning two local newspaper representatives counted the beans in the glass top, and found 2,723 coffee beans.

To show the interest of the citizens and residents from all over the western district, several thousand guesses were handed into the store and sent in by mail. The contest in guesses was very large indeed, running from 12 up to 20,000. Telephone messages were received by the Purdom Hardware people since the closing of the contest, asking for the name of the winner.

Mr. Thomson gains for his home a very handsome article, as it is a splendid Christmas present, and is a very useful table convenience. Below is a record of some of the guesses:

Number of beans in jar, 2,723.
Winner—William Thomson, 125 Briscoe street, 2,700.
Nearest guesses:
J. A. Thomas, 19 Becher street 2,671
J. A. Frezel, Talbot street 2,672
Thomas Brady, 329 St. James 2,673
W. Wheatley, 229 Horton 2,750
A. M. Towe, 492 Princess avenue 2,762
S. M. Mann, 368 King street 2,775
J. W. Duncan, 11 Thornton ave. 2,783
Mrs. I. Wildren, 23 Cathcart 2,829
George Warner, 481 Queen's 2,875
E. George, 79 Wellington 2,875

It was astonishing to see the number of guesses that ran from one to two thousand, and from three thousand and upwards. Competitors seemed to fight shy of guessing between two thousand and three thousand. The lowest guess of 12 was sent by mail, while the guess of 20,000 was handed into the store.

MOUSE CAUSES BLOCK

Humane Woman Would Not Let the Motorman Run Over It.

New York, Dec. 24.—A tiny mouse, half-frozen and almost starved to death, blocked the cross-town Forty-second street trolleys for more than a quarter of an hour, and sent a crowd of women shoppers to the Sixth avenue corner scurrying in all directions.

A handsomely-gowned woman, her arms filled with bundles, discovered the mouse weakly crawling across the sidewalk. She screamed, dropped her bundles, and sought refuge in a convenient hallway. The mouse, unaware of the disturbance he was causing, walked across the sidewalk, tumbled over the curbstone and took up a position in the centre of the trolley tracks. A car was approaching, and the mouse seemed doomed. As it reached the corner, a woman ran to the middle of the street and signalled to the motorman to stop. He thought something was wrong, and applied the emergency brakes.

Meanwhile the mouse was walking unconcernedly along the slippery rail, while a crowd of curious shoppers thronged the street. When the motorman learned why he had been held he wanted to go ahead, but the woman refused to budge from the tracks. A long line of stalled cars began to form, and the mirth of the delayed passengers showed symptoms of turning to indignation. Mr. Mouse himself relieved the situation by obligingly dropping down the trolley slot.

The Frank Cooper Studio will close for Christmas Day.

MR. ALFORD CHAIRED

Presented With a Gift and Address by Men of His Department.

Mr. Charles W. Alford, superintendent of construction for the city's electrical department, was surprised by the men employed by him last night in the city hall, and presented with a handsome chair, and an address. Mr. Alford responded to the presentation in a suitable manner, and wished all the compliments of the season to the men of his department.

The address was as follows:
London, Dec. 23, 1910.
Mr. Charles W. Alford:

It is with great pleasure that we, your employees, address you for the purpose of expressing, not only our goodwill, but also our admiration of you as an employer.

While you have always insisted on having your work faithfully and properly performed by us, your manner in addressing your men has been such as to command their respect in a marked degree, naturally creating a bond between us, as employer and employees, which guarantees harmony and a pleasure in discharging our duties.

In confirmation of what we have already expressed, we ask your acceptance of this chair, and rest assured that our best wishes accompany this slight token of our respect and esteem for you, and we hope many years to enjoy the use of it.

Wishing you and yours a merry Christmas and a happy new year, signed on behalf of your employees, Victor Chamberlain, A. Alford, James Hamilton, W. Grassick, W. Dope, Geo. Marsh, Sid Marsh, Jack Everett, J. Chambers, W. Mitchell, V. Bosser, H. Pryce, T. Veitch, W. Blanchard, G. Johnson, G. Buckle, T. Barrett, J. Andrews, F. MacMillan, C. Gray, W. Footitt, C. Wray, J. Christie, C. Watts.

COLDSTREAM.

The home of Mrs. John Forbes, of Coldstream, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21, when her youngest daughter, Myrtle A., was united in marriage to Walter R. Campbell, of Lobo.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. James Argo, of Ivan, and was witnessed only by the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. To the strains of the Wedding March, played by Mrs. J. Sinclair, the party entered the parlor and took their places beneath a huge arch of evergreens. The bride, who looked girlish and pretty in her simple white gown, was attended by her sister, Miss Sadie, of London, while Mr. W. A. Campbell, of Stratford, supported the groom.

During the signing of the register, Miss Florence Tuckey sang "Love's Coronation" very sweetly. The groom's gift to the bride was a magnificent silver manicule set and brushes. To the bridesmaid a gold bracelet, and to the groomsmen gold cuff links and scarfpin.

After congratulations the usual wedding breakfast was served and a pleasing evening spent by all. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell will reside at Lobo.

The public school Christmas entertainment was held in the schoolhouse on Thursday afternoon, and was attended by the parents and guardians of the pupils, and the children themselves to a goodly number. Col. Little's usual Christmas boxes for the little ones were productive of lively exhibitions of pleasure. The teachers deserve great credit for the success of the entertainment. There are about 75 pupils on the roll and all took part in the songs, recitations, choruses, etc.

The Methodist Sunday school Christmas entertainment was held in the town hall on Thursday evening, Rev. Mr. Barnaby acting as chairman

ST. MARYS.

St. Marys, Dec. 24.—P. R. Engle, Newman of the St. Marys-Woodstock branch, will spend the Christmas holidays in Toronto.

Cecil Duffin has returned from the west.

Mr. Wm. Kemp, of Winnipeg, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Joseph Beavers, Water street north.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Young will spend Christmas at London.

Thomas Wood, a pioneer farmer of the river road, Blanshard, is dead at the age of 76 years. The funeral takes place this afternoon.

Miss Ethel Judd, of Hamilton, is home to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Judd, of Water street.

Mrs. A. Bowles, Water street, will spend Christmas at Granton.

Mr. Ed Stone is visiting his mother, Mrs. Joseph Beavers, Water street north.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Walks, of Elgin street, will spend Christmas at Anderson.

Miss Bella Young, teacher, base line Blanshard, has secured a school near Stratford.

Mr. Wm. Anderson and bride, of the Western States, are on a bridal tour to friends in the Stone Town. Mr. Anderson was formerly a resident here and resided in the eastern part of Queen street.

Miss Mary White, Sunday school teacher at the Methodist Church, was presented by her class with a gold-headed hatpin.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Fulcher have returned from their bridal tour, and will take up their residence north of the G. T. R. junction.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben McGivern, of Wellington street south, will celebrate the fifth anniversary of their wedding next week, a large number of invitations have been sent out. Mr. McGivern is the late Harold Ed. win Moyes, of the Traders' Bank staff, son of Wm. Moyes, chief of the St. Marys fire department, took place yesterday under Masonic auspices. Rev. D. N. McCamus, of the Methodist church, officiated at the house and grave.

CLINTON.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Clinton, Dec. 22.—The Clinton Council of the Woodmen of the World has elected the following officers for the new year: C. Commander, W. Ladd; A. Lieut., C. E. White, clerk, T. Cotter, escort, R. A. Bell, banker, O. Crich, watchman, W. Slowman; secretary, T. H. Watt; managers, Dr. Evans, Dr. Ball and J. Fair.

Lorne McKimble and wife, of Winnipeg, have been visiting relatives in town. On their return trip they will spend a few days in Toronto.

At the meeting of the Huron Deanery Chapter held in St. Paul's Church, a very complimentary resolution was presented to Rev. C. R. Gunne, Sr. A. B. D., who is leaving Clinton to take charge of the parish of Christ Church, London. Rev. Mr. Gunne made a fitting reply.

THE WOMAN'S CORNER

CUTE LITTLE CAP FOR EVENING WEAR



Almost monastic in its simplicity is this graceful little headress. It is made of velvet, lined with soft silk, fastened with a narrow velvet throat band, and decorated with a jeweled pendant.

One good point is the fact that the clever girl can make one for herself with little cash outlay. A width of velvet and a generous measurement from ear to ear across the top of the head, will make it.

The pendant is made of silk cord, fringe, chenille braid and jewels, and can be made at home or bought at any furnishing store.

CYNTHIA GREY'S CORRESPONDENTS

Dear Miss Grey: I am an appreciative reader of your column, and would be grateful if you would answer these questions: 1. I have heavy hair and have been wearing the turban and coronet braid. Is that out of style? 2. Is it entirely improper for a girl to receive jewelry as a gift from a young man, if they are not engaged? 3. Can one stencil on silk satisfactorily with common stencil paint? M. P. W.

A.—1. The turban and coronet braid is as popular as the Empire coil and curls; a tendency for a simple way of dressing the hair seems to prevail. 2. Mrs. Malaprop frowns upon this practice, and it certainly is not in good taste to accept expensive gifts from a gentleman who is nothing more to you than an acquaintance. Your common sense will tell you why. 3. Yes.

Dear Miss Grey: I am soon to live in a city where I have a number of acquaintances. How shall I let them know I have moved to their city? Thinking you in advance, NADINE.

A.—Best send each acquaintance two cards—one giving your former and one your new address. For more intimate friends write a little note stating that you are now settled in your new quarters and would be pleased to have them call.

Dear Miss Grey: Would you please inform me what would stop a repulsive hair? Much worried, MAY.

A.—First cleanse the affected spots with soapy warm water containing a few drops of ammonia; then apply hydrogen peroxide with a soft brush. I am told, however, that the most lasting results are obtained by electric treatment.

Dear Miss Grey: How do you dry shampooed hair? Does it injure the hair to put powder on it? What will keep it from falling out? 2. Can you give me a permanent cure for white lice on house plants? DORIS.

A.—1. Part the hair in several places and dust talcum powder or orris root onto the scalp. In about half an hour shake and brush out. Several specialists do not recommend the use of the dry shampoo, especially if the scalp is of a dry nature. 2. Florists sell a preparation called "Tobacco extract," which is to be sprayed on the affected leaves and stems. I have heard it highly praised. A simple homemade remedy is to spray with soap suds, afterwards rinsing with clear lukewarm water.

Dear Miss Grey: Please publish a recipe for flour pancakes? Can you give me some facts regarding Marie Corelli, the novelist, and her home life? What is the story of her life? November and March? Will Paisley trimmings be as fashionable as ever this winter? Thanking you in advance, SUSIE.

A.—1. One cup flour, one cup sour milk, 1-2 teaspoon soda, little salt, stir well, adding more flour if necessary to make a smooth batter. Have frying pan hot and well greased with butter before commencing to make the cakes. 2. Marie Corelli is unmarried and a man hater. She lives alone at Stratford-on-Avon, close to Shakespeare's home. She is very fond of animals. 3. November, toz; chrysanthemum, March, bloodstone; violet, 4. Yes, extremely popular.

Hatpins and Hairpins. There are all sorts of cushions and holders now made for holding those necessities of feminine life, hatpins and hairpins. Many of these can be made at home for Christmas gifts.

There is the hatpin cushion, which is really an elongated cushion, made of soft plush and padded over a basket or cardboard ring, covered with damask and bordered with gimp or galloon stuff.

Then there is the combined hatpin and bathholder, which is really a cushion of the sort just described, with a cretonne-covered stick fastened to its back, and surmounted by a padded circle of wood or heavy cardboard. On this the hat is placed.

Hairpins also have their cushions nowadays. They are very much like small round cushions, and so any variety of style is permissible. The novelty, however, consists in the cushion tops, which may be of light burlap, net or a kindred wide-meshed material (one I saw recently was really a wire strainer over thin silk, with its binding concealed by a lace ruffle); and in the stuffing, which must be very loose and yet compact, bran or cotton waste is best.

A sprained ankle will usually disable the injured person for three or four weeks. This is due to lack of proper treatment. When Chamberlain's Liniment is applied a cure may be effected in three or four days. This Liniment is one of the best and most remarkable preparations in use. Sold by all dealers.

DAILY MENU

BREAKFAST.
Baked Apples, Stuffed with Dates.
Hominy and Cereals.
Horned Beef Hash.
Graham Raised Gems.
Coffee.

LUNCHEON.
Fried Hominy, Cold Boiled Tongue.
Baking Powder Biscuits.
Pineapple Gelatine Pudding.
Peanut Cookies.
Cocoa.

DINNER.
Raw Clams. Wafers.
Roasted Saddle of Lamb.
Turnip and Mashed Potatoes.
Buttered String Beans.
Waldorf Salad.
Cottage Cheese. Wafers.
Pumpkin Pie.
Coffee.

CHRISTMAS SALADS

Remove Malaga grapes from stems, wipe each one separately, and take out seeds. Make a cut in each grape, beginning at the stem end and extending the entire length. Insert in the cut a narrow strip of canned pimiento. Part white portion from core and remove the seeds. Peel and wash the grapes. Arrange the fruit into sections, discarding the leaves and pour over it a well-blended French dressing.

Procure a firm, round green pepper. Cut off the stem end and remove the pulp. Let it stand in salted water ten minutes. Wipe dry and then separate the following mixture: Cream cheese mixed with chopped walnut meat and mixed with French dressing. Pack tightly into pepper case and let stand three or four hours. Slice with a sharp knife. Make an attractive dish. Garnish with tiny stars cut from canned pimientos. Serve with French dressing.

HANGING THE HOLLY

One of the delights connected with Christmas is hanging the holly and other greens.

Holly wreaths form part of the decorations and are to be hung in the windows, placed there outside and they will remain fresh for a longer period. What is the story of the holly? It is a holly leaf, the same as if they are hung inside.

A novelty in decorations is to place a holly or ground pine wreath on the door, and use a big brass bowl full of holly and mistletoe. If there is a mirror above the door, hang a wreath of holly, covering the frame entirely. A large bowl of crimson mallow at the top.

To ornament the dining-room between meals in Christmas week, fill a huge silver glass or brass bowl full of holly and mistletoe. It gives a touch of hospital-ity, and if there is a table light the spray of holly and the red bows could be made into a sort of centerpiece.

"MISS MARGARET"
"Miss Margaret" is a wonderful personage who teaches a class of little tenniseers in one of the mission Sunday schools on the south side of London. "Miss Margaret" wears "real for real" green gingham, and is all over nice smells of perfume and water. She is a wonderful being in the world to the little immigrant girls who are the objects of her charity.

"Miss Margaret's" slightest whim is law to her charges. Every chance word she utters is held in sacred silence, and she is obeyed with the most perfect obedience. She is a wonderful being in the world to the little immigrant girls who are the objects of her charity.

A serious little miss of "Miss Margaret's" following was asked if she liked to go to Sunday school, and so I got to go.

"For sure, no," she answered.

"Then why do you go?"

"Cause I got to go," she made answer. "Miss Margaret" told me that I should go to Sunday school, and so I got to go.

The height of the ambition of each of the twelve misses of the class is to attract "Miss Margaret's" favorable notice, whether by zeal in biblical recitation or attire. "Miss Margaret" was incensed enough recently to admire the new shoes of one of her children.

"Them's nothing," she jealously declared another little girl. "Shoes is nothing. Everybody has to wear shoes most winter. My papa tells me that come by next pay day he gets me a pair of rubbers. Shiny rubbers, all over shiny."

Pay day came to be two or three Sundays off and the proud little miss occupied the time of her rubbers upon the virtues of the rubbers that were to be. When the day of her triumph came, however, she found that she had taken the edge from her enjoyment by too much anticipation. For six other little misses had procured rubbers like-wise, and when "Miss Margaret's" soft words were heard, she was heard, seven little feet were held up for her inspection instead of one.—Chicago News.

Fur Combinations.
Combinations of fur are many in long coats, short coats, and small fur, the last a decided misnomer, for the neck pieces and muffs are in most cases anything but small. Scarves three-quarters of a yard, or even a yard wide, are not unusual, and these are proportionately long, long enough

to drape around the shoulders and fall almost to the floor, or at least to the knees in front, or to be worn crossed on the shoulder, with one end falling down the back. These ample scarves, if they are to be worn gracefully, must be of extreme suppleness, and one of the fine short furs is generally used for the body of the scarf, while either a long hair or short hair contrasting fur may form a border.

The Penniless Millionaire

BY DAVID CHRISTIE MURRAY.
(Author of "Joseph's Coat," "Aunt Rachael," "Rainbow Gold," Etc.
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The hue and cry which had followed so loudly on the discovery of the theft of the Dragon's Horn had fallen silent more than a year ago, but odd paragraphs in the newspapers had turned up every now and then to show that the sufferers by the loss were indefatigable in their efforts for the gem's recovery; and there was not a dealer or a worker in precious stones in the whole world who was not more or less on the outlook for intelligence of the whereabouts of the gem. It was a bitter cold morning. The fire in the rusty grate had fallen to dead ashes. Bernheim yawned loudly, shivered, and pulled his tatters closer around him. Muffled in the fur which lay before him, he felt once more into a sick half-slumber, only to find himself startled suddenly wide awake and shivering at intense excitement from head to foot.

A voice spoke from the bunk beneath that on which he rested.

"Before you went to sleep last night, over your ninth or tenth plan," said the voice, "you were speaking of the Dragon's Horn."

"Was I?" said another voice, with a dreamy intonation as of one not yet quite awake. "Ah, yes, I remember. 'I have been dreaming of it,' said the first voice, 'dreaming of it as if for a hundred years.'"

The speaker addressed each other in a language which his six years residence in Shanghai had made as familiar to Bernheim as his own.

The owner of the sleepy voice yawned as if he were going to pieces, and then for a while there was silence. Bernheim lay quivering in anticipation of a renewal of the talk, and, after a long pause, the sleepy voice asked:

"What did you dream?"

"I dreamed a thousand things," said the other. The stone was always there, and always just falling into my hands."

"Nothing has ever been heard of it."

"Nothing."

The conversation went laxly on with all the tinsel and embroideries of Oriental speech, to this effect:

"You have looked upon that wonder?"

"Twice I have seen it. It was like a lake of green water, cold as ice, like the sea when it lies in deep shadow under great rocks and a light plays in the quiet depths of it."

And what of its value?"

"Inestimable. There is no monarch in the world whose treasury could provide its worth, as I saw it, whole and unbroken."

Reassured that that which is absolute and has no name: If a king could lay hold on it the world would of itself submit to him. That say I of the great jewel of the Yellow Monastery, the Horn of the Dragon."

Bernheim lay listening with closed eyes. He could tell by the sound of their movement that each of the speakers had deserted the recumbent position.

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position. Raising his eyelids almost imperceptibly, he could make them out dimly as they sat facing each other, the small Chinese noses close together, their shaven heads just furled with a single day's growth of hair.

"In the hands of a thief," said one, "what would be its value?"

"By comparison with the other, 'nothing.' And yet a fortune for an emperor. It would cut into many stones of great price."

"Is there anywhere in the world a great dealer in precious gems who is not sworn to us?"

"There are anywhere great emeralds to be bought whose history is not known."

"That is well said," the other answered.

"Listen to me. Were the thief himself a man skilled in the cutting of jewels, there would by this time have been some new great stones heard of. I tell you, the robber has found no courage to show his spoil to any man. He will hide it, perchance, for many years; but the priests of the Yellow Monastery will not forget the Horn of the Dragon, and when a thousand years have gone by they will have vengeance on the man who holds it, who breaks it and who offers it for sale."

"He who runs no risk makes no gain," said the second speaker. "If the Dragon's Horn came my way I should know what to do with it."

His companion let out a thrill and crackling laugh, dry and mirthless as the sound of breaking twigs.

There is no such fortune as that for a thief or a man of no faith.

There the conversation ceased abruptly, and Bernheim thought that they could scarcely fail to hear the beating of the heart which throbbed so wildly in his own.

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CLOSING EXERCISES OF SIMCOE ST. SCHOOL

Programmes Carried Out By the Pupils of the Different Grades.

The following programmes were carried out by the pupils of Simcoe street school:

Grade VI.
Chairman's address, Kenneth Munnoch; opening chorus, "Christmas Bells"; class; reading, "Bill Smith"; Fred Barker; recitation, "Dolly's Letter"; George Gauld; dialogue, "Railway Matinee"; Clifford Curcio, George Gauld, George Murray, Clarence Campbell and Ora Sullivan; chorus, "Come, Let Us All Be Merry"; class; dance, Highland Fling, Gladys Comber; reading, "Teddy Bear Story"; Ora Sullivan; quartette, "Canada"; George Murray, Ora Sullivan, Clifford Curcio, Clarence Campbell; reading, "What a Pansy Said"; Fred Barker; recitation, "The Oriole's Christmas Box"; Leonard Glass; reading, "Little Nell"; Vera Worch; reading, "Christmas"; Vera Frank; chorus, "Old Santa Claus"; class; recitation, "Christmas Eve"; Roy Anderson; song, "The Sweetest Song of All"; Rose Burns; reading, "The Great Secret"; Lillian Penne; recitation, "Annie and Willie's Prayer"; Marjorie Croden; dialogue, "Dollies Doctor"; Maud Jupp and Clifford Hamlyn; dialogue, "Christmas Lesson"; Marjorie Wingett, Marjorie Croden, Ella Sweeny, Freda Boyce, Ora Sullivan, Ella Stokes, Vera Frank, Maud Jupp and George Murray; reading, "A Christmas Box From Home"; Wilfred Wheatcroft; reading, "A Question"; Ella Stokes; reading, "Harry's Garden"; Vera Frank; reading, "Christmas is Coming"; class; reading, "Grandma's Gift"; Celia Taylor; recitation, "Santa Claus"; Maud Jupp; chorus, "We Happiness"; class; reading, "A Christmas Eve"; Vera Frank; recitation, "The Old Year and the New"; Pearl Spindler; reading, "Christmas is Here"; Ella Sweeny; reading, "Mischievous Storeaway"; George Murray; closing round, "The Bell Doh Toll"; class.

Grade V.
Chairman's address, George Kirk; song, "Old Santa Claus"; class; recitation, "A Greivous Complaint"; Myra Vesel; song, "Sunshine"; Jean McGillivray; reading, "The Brownie's Kind Deed"; Bessie Weidenbaum; recitation, "Santa Claus and the Lady of the House"; Maud Jupp, Weidenbaum, Amy Tichbourne; recitation, "Christmas"; Jean McGillivray; recitation, "Daddy is Calling"; Walter Bradley; song, "Kris Kringle"; Maud Jupp; reading, "Catharine's Visit to New York"; Eualie Baker; recitation, "Mother's Christmas Eve"; Celia Taylor; recitation, selected, "Ethel Temple"; song, Albert Nopper and Frank Tucker; song, Eualie Baker; closing song, class.

Grade IV.
George Walton, chairman. Song, "Old Santa Claus"; by the class; recitation, "The First Christmas"; Eualie Baker; song, "The Christmas Stars"; four girls; recitation, Willie McConnell; song, "While Shepherds Watched"; the class; song, "The Angels' Song"; two girls and two boys; recitation, "The Candles"; five boys and girls; song, "Many Years Ago"; two girls; reading, George Walton; song, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"; class; recitation, "Merry Christmas"; fourteen boys and girls; reading, Fred Horsteln; song, "Little Christmas, Sing the class"; reading, Alton Klueber; recitation, Florence Medley; reading, Charlie Arnold.

Grade II.
The programme of the entertainment of Grade II, Simcoe street school, consisted of choruses, songs and recitations. The following took part: Flossie Brooks, Olive Walton, Earl Ryckman, Laura Johnston, Cecil Moore, Madeline Rankin, Ewart George, Velda Wheatcroft, Willie Green, Russell Jackson, Mollie Goldstein, Ernest Kirk, Lloyd Merritt, Gordon Hunter, Gordon Norman, Cecil Macintosh, Nevada Hunter, Adeline Goldsmith, Archie Cunningham, Kathleen Paul, Hayden Best.

Grade I.B.
Chorus, "Away in a Manger"; recitation, "The Christmas Story"; recitation, "Once in Royal David's City"; recitation, "Merry Christmas"; Ada Ashton; dialogue, "Mother Goose's Children"; Eva Harris, Celia Harris, Walter Long, Elsie Hunter, Rita Logan, Gladys Harding, Hilda Harding, Eugene Schuyler, Max Gobel; chorus, "Christmas Bells"; recitation, "Dutch Santa Claus"; Grace Smith; recitation, "December"; Clarence Stewart; chorus, "Christmas Story"; recitation, "Little Miss Muffet"; Valeria Hoffman; recitation, "Curly Locks"; Bessie Vesel; dialogue, "Merry Christmas"; Carl Avey, Carl Lowry, Rena Wilson, Mabel Heatherly, Beatrice Heatherly, Ray Hurling, Jessie Burke, Thma Holt, Marcella Warjefeld; chorus, "Christmas Star"; dialogue, "Song of Christmas"; Florence Johnson, Norah Elliott, Elaine Hansen; chorus, "Little Town of Bethlehem"; dialogue, "Christmas Candles"; Eleanor McCormick, Edith Holiday, Helen Smith, Laura Pearce, Mary McNeil, Helen York; recitation, "Cranberry Sauce"; Harry Smithson; chorus, "The Air is Filled With the Echoes."

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Grade I.

COOK DECIDES TO LIVE IN UNITED STATES

North Pole Fakir Says He Will Devote His Life to "Explaining."

New York, Dec. 23.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, from a temporary refuge at the home of his brother in Brooklyn, today telephoned to his interviewers that he intended to devote his life to convincing the American people that he really thought he had reached the North Pole.

When the Brooklyn traveller arrived last night from Europe he announced that he would go to the Waldorf Astoria to spend the night. Instead, Dr. Cook went to the home of his brother in Brooklyn. Asked over the telephone if he was going to stay in America, Dr. Cook said:

FUR TRADE IS HIT BY MILD WINTER

As a Result Ermine Will Be in Short Supply at English Coronation.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—An official of the Hudson Bay Company, who arrived here today said that in the experience of Norway house, district headquarters of the company for north-western territories, there had never been such a mild December as this.

"There has been no snow," said he, "and as a consequence the outposts are suffering for want of provisions due to their being unable to dispatch dogs to the north. The outlook for another big season's catch for fur does not look any too good on account of this."

"The Christmas shipments of fur usually made by the Hudson Bay Company will fall far below the average this season. Few of the Indians returned from their fall hunt have brought anything near the quantity of fur they did last year."

"The company offered extra inducements for ermine skins, which are in big demand for the British coronation next June. The company doubts being able to supply much more than ten per cent of the big order received a few months ago."

ROCKEFELLER INSISTS ON \$1,500,000 CHAPEL

Rest of Gift May Be Used For Anything But Current Expenses.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—President Harry Pratt Judson, of the University of Chicago, today made public the letter from John D. Rockefeller, suggesting how his last gift of \$10,000,000 to the university should be spent.

The letter, which was dated Dec. 13, at No. 26 Broadway, New York, says:

"It is my desire that at least \$1,500,000 be used for the erection and furnishing of a university chapel. As the spirit of religion should penetrate and control the university, so that building which represents religion ought to be the central and dominant feature of the university group."

"The remainder of the fund may be used, in the discretion of the trustees, for land, buildings or endowment, but no part of the principal sum shall be used for current expenses."

"No doubt other donors will offer the university many, if not all, of its needed buildings. Legacies now written in wills, or to be written, will become available from time to time for these and other purposes. I hope, therefore, that this final gift from me may not be used for endowment, as far as practical."

"Any changes which the future may make advisable in the disposition of these funds may be made by mutual consent. For such purpose I now appoint my son as my representative, and in case of my own death and of his death, he is to be succeeded by my executors."

GAMBLING RAIDS

The Montreal Police Clean Out Suspected Premises.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—In pursuance of their sudden activity in dealing with gambling the police today made a couple of notable arrests. Martin Fin and Eddie Sullivan being arrested on the charge of conducting a gambling place at 47 St. John street. Both men pleaded not guilty when arraigned in court and their hearings were not over for a few days. No. 47 St. John street has quite a history as regards gambling, and has been several times raided by the police. It was one time one of the most extensive pool rooms in the city. It is situated in the heart of the banking and financial community, between St. James and Notre Dame streets.

A STEEL AMALGAMATION.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—A plan is on foot to amalgamate the Ontario Steel Company, of Welland, Ontario, and the Montreal Steel Company, and with that purpose in view a syndicate has made an offer to the Montreal Steel shareholders of 137½ for the preferred and 162½ for the common stock. The price will be paid in cash on or before March 25 in 55 per cent of the shareholders assent to the plan.

KEPT COLLECTIONS.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—George Baines, who comes from Guelph was remanded from sentence by Magistrate Denison this morning in the police court on charges of theft of \$185 from E. Marsh, and \$25 from W. H. Martin. Baines represented himself in Toronto as an automobile agent, and he pleaded guilty this morning to collecting the amounts in advance, and not delivering the automobiles.

No better proposition was ever made the city of London than that of the Midland Railway. By guaranteeing the company's bonds to the extent of \$200,000 the city will be brought into business contact with a rich district that is now difficult of access. Ad.

Many persons find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of influenza. As this cough can be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it should not be allowed to run on until it becomes troublesome. Sold by all druggists.

NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY

General Literature.
Shuman—How to Judge a Book. A handy method of criticism for the ordinary reader. The author believes our present age produces books worthy of reading, and he wishes to assist the reader to choose the right book for his hours of leisure. In art, drama, fiction, romance, the morality, atmosphere and setting of fiction and short story, are given sensible rules as to their general standard. Index.
Sell—The World's Press, 1910. A comprehensive directory of the British, colonial and foreign press.

Philosophy.
Knowlton—The Origin of Popular Superstitions and Customs.
Dewey—How We Think. A study of the nature and logical process of reflective thinking as applied to the problem of training children to scientific habits of thought.
MacPhail—Essays in Fallacy. The four subjects treated by this British essayist are: The American woman, the psychology of the suffragette, the fallacy in education, and the fallacy in theology. The author is an essayist of the old school.

Religion.
The World's Christian Conference (Edinburgh, 1910), nine volumes. The complete report of the Edinburgh conference is here issued in attractive form and presents a library on miscellaneous and important and comprehensive than anything attempted heretofore.
Rice—Crusaders of the Twentieth Century. The Christian Missionary and the Muslim. An exhaustive, practical work on work among Mohammedans by a missionary of over thirty years' experience.

Educational.
Allen—Manual Training for Common Schools. A course in woodwork, very thorough, but limited in scope, emphasizes materials, joints, and well finishing, and gives fully illustrated exercises in the use of tools.
Beard—Little Folks' Handy Book. Simple handicraft for little children. The toys suggested are made from empty spools, clothespins, kindling-wood, etc., encouraging resourcefulness in play.

Lyman—Story-Telling, What to Tell and How to Tell it.
Dorr—What Eight Million Women Want (the franchise).
Ebbett—Halo-Myths and Legends of the British Race. Some of those ancient tales which have given pleasure to story-lovers of all countries are here refreshed that we may more fully understand the medieval mind with its elementary conceptions of honor, loyalty, devotion and duty. Suitably illustrated.

Philology.
Maxim—The Science of Poetry and Philosophy of Language. An attempt to provide a practical method for literary criticism and analysis, and a standard of uniform judgment for literary productions. The book will be found interesting, but cannot be considered of great scientific value.

Useful Arts.
Hall—Model Making. Instructions for building a steam locomotive, a model steamboat, electric motor, telephone, turbine, etc. For the use of beginners.

Electricity Experimentally and Practically Applied. Principles, experiments, practical application and problems. The chapters on incandescent illuminants and motors are especially good. Examination questions at the end of each chapter.

Balmer—The Science of Advertising. The force of advertising, the influence of the economic causes for its rise to its present place.

Fine Arts.
Feltner—British Floral Decoration. This admirably illustrated work is by the florist to the late King Edward VII.

Johnston—Manuscript and Inscription Letters. These plates contain examples of various kinds of alphabet for pen, brush, stone-work, styles appropriate for engraving, painting, sign-writing, etc.; each plate is fully annotated.

Dick—Comic Dialogues.
Dick—Dramatic Dialogues. A collection of dramatic selections.
Kroeker—Alice in Wonderland and Other Fairy Plays.

St. Nicholas—Book of Plays and Operettas. Simple plays and operettas, shadow puppets, tableaux, a children's symphony, etc.

Literature.
Hanson—Frontier Ballads. Songs of the American west, cowboy life, deeds of heroes.

Canning—Sir Walter Scott Studied in Eight Novels. An analytical study of the following: Guy Mannering, The Two Rovers, The Black Dwarf, The Heart of Midlothian, The Bride of Lammermoor, A Legend of Montrose, The Pirate, and The Surgeon's Daughter.

Newbolt—Collected Poems. By the author of Admirals All, and Vital Lampada.

Chisholm—The Golden Staircase: Poems for Children.
Carter—Stories from Shakespeare Retold. The following stories told in prose for young people: The Merchant of Venice, King Lear, The Winter's Tale, Hamlet, As You Like It, Macbeth, A Midsummer's Night Dream, Julius Caesar, The Comedy of Errors, Romeo and Juliet, and The Tempest.

Luffman—Quiet Days in Spain. A year's wanderings through the provinces of Spain. The less familiar by-paths have been visited as well as the inevitable "Seville Fair, Valencia, etc."

Niedieck—Cruises in the Bering Sea. In this well-illustrated, handsome volume, the author takes us hunting bear, bighorn sheep, and walrus. The second part of the book relates to Alaska, its history and development, mythology, industries, and manners and customs of people. The last part tells of adventures in the moose country.

Bradley—Worcestershire. The Dictionary of English History. A useful reference work brought up to the death of King Edward VII.

Biography.
Milbourne—Heraldry for Amateurs. A sketch of pedigree tracing is given.
Chubb—Stories of Authors, British and American. Anecdotal sketches dealing with characteristic traits of great authors or notable incidents in their careers; good introduction of authors to young people.

Brace—Daniel Boone and the Wilderness Road. This book is intended to

prove the double purpose of a biography, and a story of the first phase of the territorial growth of the United States. Every effort has been made to present an accurate account of Boone's life, and also to estimate his specific contributions to the progress of the nation historically. The author's aim has been to describe the process of expansion in its military, political, economical, and social aspects.

Children's Department.
Farrao—Little Talks to Little People. Talks or sermons for children, one for every Sunday of the year; Dr. Farrao has had marked success in interesting the youth of his church in Christian work and living.

Philippine—The Flint Heart. A whimsical fairy story of a prehistoric Amulet with curious powers, dug up on Dartmoor, in the present day.

Rogers—Earth and Sky. Every Child Should Know. Easy studies of the earth and the stars for any time and place. Illustrated.

Redway—All Around Asia. By means of imaginary journeyings we are introduced to the industries, customs and present and past conditions of this continent. The style is clear and direct and the illustrations help.

Dale—Stories From European History. Short accounts of a number of historical events and sketches of national heroes, attractively illustrated.

Fiction.
Bell—Angela's Quest. The adventures of a young convent-bred girl in the search for her father, of whose identity she is ignorant.

Crockett—Love's Young Dream. A story of rural Scotland. A girl had won a girl of noble birth whom he finds in a haunted house with his little brother beset by a villain who is both a cousin of the girl and a smuggler. The story is like the best of Mr. Crockett's earlier work.

De Morgan—An Affair of Dishonor. (Duplicate).
Galsworthy—Island Pharisees. Richard Shelton, born to a life of idleness, who has it that morality is fixed; joins the ten Pharisees who grope for a philosophy that "All things that are, are wrong." The story depicts subjectively the struggle as it is between social conventionalities and allegiance to one with whose philosophy his whole nature sympathizes.

Garland—Other Main. Travelled Roads. Short stories of the west.

Hume—The Peacock of Jewels. A story of love and mystery. The plot starts with a murder in a sailor's boarding house. By the author of "Mystery of a Handsome Cab."

Maertens—The Healers. The healing of the body and mind is dealt with; nearly every character stands for some variety of scientific life.

Mason—The Courtship of Morrice Buckler. A semi-historical romance, after the style of Dumas. Opens tragically with a story of Monmouth's rebellion (1685), and passes, with episodes of exciting and unexpected incidents, from England to the Tyrol.

Nicholson—Siege of the Seven Sultans. Nothing short of a trust of suitors who unite for a raid for Miss Hollister's hand. The hero is a young architect who comes to correct fumes and fire-places in the house—his specialty is chimneys. By the author of the "House of a Thousand Candles."

Oppenheim—The Lost Ambassador. The story begins in Paris—then in London. An ambassador of the Brazilian Government arranges the sale of two magnificent new battleships.

Paine—Fugitive Freshman. Another of Ralph Delahaye Paine's college stories.

Seaman—Jacqueline of the Carrier Pigeons. Describes the part played by two children in saving Leyden from the Spanish invaders. It is a moving story of the miseries and heroisms of the siege, and introduces some great personages of the time. Will be enjoyed by some adults as well as young people.

Waller—Flamsted Quarries. Deals with social and industrial life. The nobility and dignity of work with its healing power, is faithfully delineated. The story is one of beauty, tenderness and sweetness, which is characteristic of the work of Mrs. Waller. The author of "The Woodcarver of Lynpus."

MADMAN RUNS AMUCK

Four Seriously Injured During Terrific Struggle in an Asylum.

Cincinnati, Dec. 23.—Serious injury to two nurses and two patients, and minor hurts to several other inmates of the "strong" ward of the city hospital, resulted today from a life and death fight with an insane man, weighing 215 pounds, and armed with a lance.

The fight lasted more than fifteen minutes and during it beds, tables and chairs were upset.

Following are the seriously injured: T. N. Smith, nurse, tendons and arteries of wrist severed.

F. F. Mitchell, nurse, artery in right thigh cut, five other stab wounds in side and hands.

Will Howe, patient, stabbed in left side below heart; may die.

Ferdinand Hoffman, patient, cuts and bruises over the head, received while being subdued.

manner and cut his bonds, hurling himself upon Smith. Mitchell and Howe were cut when they went to Smith's aid, Hoffman keeping up the struggle until William Kuhlmann, nurse in an adjoining ward, struck him on the head with a heavy cane.

The Merchants' Bank of Canada

ANNUAL MEETING

The forty-seventh annual meeting of the Merchants' Bank of Canada was held at noon on December 21st, at the head offices of the bank, the President, Sir Hugh Montagu Allan, taking the chair. Mr. J. M. Kilbourn was appointed secretary.

There were also present Messrs. Jonathan Hodgson, Thomas Long, C. F. Smith, A. Barnett, K. W. Blackwell, Edward Fiske, John Patterson, C. W. Lindsay, A. McDiarmid, A. Piddington, D. Kinghorn, M. S. Foley, T. E. Merret, D. C. Macarow, H. B. Loucks, and others.

After the Secretary had read the notice calling the meeting, the minutes of the last previous annual report were taken as read.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The President then read the Directors' report, as follows: The Directors have much pleasure in presenting to the Shareholders the forty-seventh Annual Report of the Bank, showing the result of the year's business up to the close of books on Nov. 30th, 1910. I trust you will find the exhibit satisfactory.

In view of the improved earnings, the Board thought it well in the last half of the year to increase the dividend to 9 per cent. Regarding the coming twelve months, I can venture no confident forecast. A fair result is hoped for, business being generally good at the present time. There is still much railway construction in prospect, and more and more land is coming under cultivation. The tide of immigration turned this way is altogether likely to continue, and, generally, prospects for the next twelve months' business may be considered as bright.

All the branches of the Bank, including Head Office, have been inspected during the year, and we have opened since last coming together the following offices, namely: In British Columbia—Chilliwack and Elko. In Alberta—Nanaimo Avenue (Edmonton), Brooks, Edson, Fox Coulee, Islay, New Norway, and Strathmore. In Saskatchewan—Antler, Gull Lake, and Saskatoon; and a sub-office on Dundas Street, Toronto, and Branches at Halifax, N. S., and St. John, N. B.; the last two signalling our first appearance in the Maritime Provinces. We have now a chain of Branch Banks from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.

The Directors have much pleasure in testifying to the good work performed by the staff during the past twelve months.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. MONTAGUE ALLAN, President.

Statement of the Result of the Business of the Bank for the Year Ending 30th November, 1910.

The net profits of the year, after payment of charges, rebate on discounts, interest on deposits, and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts, have amounted to	\$1,057,129 54
The balance brought forward from 30th November, 1909, was	402,157 01
Making a total of	\$1,459,286 55

This has been disposed of as follows:

Dividend No. 90, at the rate of 8% per annum	\$120,000 00
Dividend No. 91, at the rate of 8% per annum	120,000 00
Dividend No. 92, at the rate of 9% per annum	125,000 00
Dividend No. 93, at the rate of 9% per annum	135,000 00
Transferred to Reserve Fund	400,000 00
Written off Bank Premises Account	100,000 00
Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund	50,000 00
Balance carried forward	98,286 55
	\$1,459,286 55

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS AT 30th NOVEMBER, 1910.

Liabilities.		
1. To the Public—		
Notes in Circulation	\$1,457,362 03	\$1,457,362 03
Deposits at Call	22,623,223 45	22,623,223 45
Deposits subject to notice (secured interest to date included)	657,768 58	657,768 58
Deposits by other Banks in Canada	54,779,044 01	54,779,044 01
Deposits due to Agents in Great Britain	386,968 09	386,968 09
Deposits due to Agents in the United States and elsewhere	114,132 35	114,132 35
Dividend No. 92, at the rate of 9% per annum	125,000 00	125,000 00
Dividends unclaimed	2,046 50	2,046 50
	\$60,600,761 59	\$60,600,761 59
2. To the Stockholders—		
Capital paid up	\$5,000,000 00	\$5,000,000 00
Reserve Fund	4,900,000 00	4,900,000 00
Balance of Profits carried forward	98,286 55	98,286 55
	\$10,998,286 55	\$10,998,286 55
	\$71,600,058 74	\$71,600,058 74

Assets.		
Gold and Silver Coin on hand	\$2,102,075 99	\$2,102,075 99
Domestic Notes on hand	3,196,058 50	3,196,058 50
Notes and Checks of other Banks	2,328,742 42	2,328,742 42
Deposits due by other Banks in Canada	304,112 02	304,112 02
Deposits due by Banks and Agents in the United States and elsewhere	358,700 88	358,700 88
Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks in Canada	\$4,745,472 80	\$4,745,472 80
Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks elsewhere than in Canada	8,135,770 67	8,135,770 67
Government, Municipal, Railway and other Bonds and Debentures	12,851,243 47	12,851,243 47
	\$28,214,039 41	\$28,214,039 41
Current Loans and Discounts (less Rebate of Interest reserved)	41,196,537 61	41,196,537 61
Loans to other Banks, secured	232,545 61	232,545 61
Notes and Discounts overdue (less fully provided for)	47,550 49	47,550 49
Deposits with Dominion Government for security of Note Circulation	247,000 00	247,000 00
Mortgages and other Securities the property of the Bank	105,208 45	105,208 45
Real Estate	33,511 77	33,511 77
Bank Premises and Furniture	1,428,742 29	1,428,742 29
Other Assets	56,408 71	56,408 71
	\$71,600,058 74	\$71,600,058 74

The President expressed the hope that the Shareholders would be pleased with the year's result, and likewise the opinion that the future looked promising for a continuation of reasonably good business conditions, and testified to the good work performed by the staff the previous twelve months.

The report was then unanimously adopted.

The General Manager, Mr. E. F. Hebdon, followed with remarks to the Shareholders bearing upon the profits, reserve fund, dividend, and other matters of interest to the Stockholders, concluding with a testimony to the work and zeal of the staff generally.

It was moved by C. F. Smith and seconded by Thos. Long that Messrs. A. Piddington and D. Kinghorn be appointed scrutineers for the election of directors about to take place, and that they proceed to take votes immediately, that the ballot shall close at 3 p.m., but if an interval of ten minutes elapse without a vote being tendered, the ballot shall close immediately. (Carried.)

Moved by John Patterson, and seconded by Dr. McDiarmid that the scrutineers cast one ballot in favor of the following persons as directors, viz.: Sir H. Montagu Allan, Mr. Jonathan Hodgson, Mr. Thomas Long, Mr. C. F. Smith, Mr. Hugh A. Allan, Mr. C. M. Hays, Mr. Alex. Barnett, Mr. F. Orr Lewis, Mr. K. W. Blackwell.

The ballot was accordingly signed by the scrutineers, and the old Board of Directors declared unanimously re-elected.

MR. PATTERSON—I would like to move a very cordial vote of thanks to the President, Vice-President, the Board of Directors, the General Manager and the staff generally for their services during the past year, and to tell them how much the shareholders appreciate their excellent services.

The motion was adopted.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors, Sir H. Montagu Allan was re-elected President, and Mr. Jonathan Hodgson, Vice-President of the Bank.



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Maple Leaf Biscuits

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Five cents per kilowatt hour, less 10 per cent, for prompt payment, and no minimum charge. Also, remember, there is no charge for floor space, service connection or use of meter.

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NEW STOCK ISSUE

Out of an authorized stock issue of \$500,000 there now remains only

\$25,000.00

for allotment. Subscriptions for that amount are now invited in one or more share lots.

SALIENT POINTS

Par value of shares, \$100.
Present premium, \$10 per share.
Amount to be paid on allotment, \$20 per share.
Balance in one sum, or stated payments if desired.
Corporation has paid 31 consecutive half-yearly dividends at rate of 6% per annum.
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London is noted as the home of ably-managed loan companies.
London is the Second Largest Loan Company Centre in Canada.
The Paid-Up Capital of Chartered Banks in Canada is \$95,000,000, and of Loan Corporations \$56,000,000. Have you ever considered the strong position that Loan Corporations occupy in Canada which these figures disclose?
This will be the last opportunity to secure any of "The PEOPLES" new stock, as the directors do not intend to make any further issues.
Annual Financial Statement and any further particulars furnished upon application, either personally or by letter.

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MILLION FOR COLUMBIA.
New York, Dec. 24.—In behalf of a donor who withholds his name, Geo. L. Rives, chairman of the board of directors of Columbia University, and Robert W. DeForest, president of the Presbyterian Hospital, announced tonight that \$1,300,000 had been pledged for the perfection of an affiliation between the hospital and the medical school of the university.

The Midland Railway bond guarantee is a business proposition, and a good one, and should be so regarded by the ratepayers. Vote for the guarantee.

All the Latest News and Gossip of the World of Sport

BERLIN TIES WITH THE INTERMEDIATES

Dutchmen Brought Down Goal-Tender Who Could Stop a Train.

A FINE CROWD ATTENDS

London Players All in Fine Form, But Local Management Has Not Shown Everything at That.

London hockey fans were given an opportunity to get a fairly direct line to the prospects of the local O. H. A. intermediates for the coming season, when the home ice crew held Eddie Wettlaufer's Berlin pits to a 2-to-2 tie before a very fair crowd at the Princess rink last night. The match was on the whole very fast, but it is not reasonable to suppose that the players will show their best in the initial contest.

Seven Londoners were put on the ice last night, but a dozen others are under cover, and some of these may yet make the grade for the championship matches. Reinhardt, the Dutchman who played on the western All-Star team at the close of last season was in the net for the visitors, and his work was chiefly responsible for London's failure to pick off an easy victory. He stopped over a dozen shots travelling at bullet speed in the last half, both London's points being made in the last minutes of play. As soon as he settled down he spread out completely across the nets, and there was no possible chance to get one through him from any position.

LONDON LED 2 TO 1 AT HALF-TIME.

The score at half-time was 2 to 1, with London on the long end. But the Berlin men evoked up a few minutes after play resumed, and despite the fact that they were played off their feet, they froze to the open break and held it to the finish.

Eddie Wettlaufer was well pleased with his crew, and expects to develop a championship set when the season opens. Being an experienced referee, Mr. Wettlaufer never looks on a decision as a realization that it is impossible to please every person. At the close of last night's match, Newman Seibert was the referee, and he was penalized when he did not intend to slash. "The referee is no mind-reader, so you have to take your own chances when it looks bad," the boss told him.

Procter, he of the Klondike clutch, played power for the London seven, and made things lively for the visitors. His work was very fast, and he appears to be in good condition already. Watts did the goal work, and looks like the makings of a top-notch. "Hank" Wagner, the Medley, and in fact the whole team showed up very satisfactorily.

CARROTHERS DREW SEASON'S FIRST PENALTY.

"Crow" Carrothers drew the first penalty, and his penalty was called to the fact by several of the rooters.

Speaking of rooters, it might be well to remark that there are many fair fans in this city who voice their appreciation of the fine points of a contest in the regulation fashion. Last evening one young lady aroused the neighborhood by uttering a beautiful scream as a shot missed the Berlin nets by an inch. Her coach should be an efficient one, as he has been listed among London's stars.

Referee Archie McMahon officiated in a very satisfactory manner, and enforced the new rule regarding the stopping of play when the puck strikes an official, early in the second half. A shot in the vicinity of the referees' whistled was the cause.

The London officials are well pleased, but are satisfied that the local team has yet to show its best.

The following was the line-up:

Berlin—Reinhardt, goal; Brown, point; Higgins and Boettger, cover; Frank Seibert, rover; Boettger and Norman Seibert, centre; Trushinski, right wing; and "O. Solmen, left wing.

London—Watts, goal; Carrothers, point; Wagner, cover; Procter, rover; Cossey, centre; Orr right, and Collins, left.

HACK WINS IN STRAIGHT FALLS.

[Associated Press.]

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 23.—George Hackenschmidt, the Russian wrestler, won in straight falls last night from Albert Mandino, Italian. The first fall came after ten minutes, and the second in half that time.

Eddie Sweeney Star Backstop



EDDIE SWEENEY.

This is the boy good baseball judges say is going to be king pin of them all. He is looked on as the best in the American League, and it is predicted that next season he will be crowned King. Sweeney is the star of the New York American League team. Comiskey looked him over about four years ago, and hasn't ceased reaping yet—for not signing and developing him.

GRANT CASE IS WORRYING GARRY

The Reds Newly-Acquired Third Sacker May Have To Be Traded Off.

EDWARD IS ANGERED

Does Not Relish Nicknames and He Resents Reflections on Personal Appearance.

[By Associated Press.]

New York, Dec. 23.—Garry Herrmann, owner of the Cincinnati club, appears to be worrying over the reported unwillingness of Edward G. Grant to play with the Reds next season.

Grant's case is a peculiar one and is interesting to the baseball world not a little. The young man was traded together with McQuillen, Moren and Bates to Cincinnati last fall by the Philadelphia club in exchange for Fisk, Beebe, Rowan and Lobert. He was not consulted in the matter and the deal was a big surprise to him. He is a good salary man, but he is not a player, and as soon as the deal was made he received word from President Herrmann that he was to be a Cincinnati catcher for 1911 calling for a substantial increase in salary.

Grant is a graduate of the Harvard law school, and has been admitted to the bar in Massachusetts. He took up the practice of law in Boston when last season closed and announced to his friends that he would not rejoin the Philadelphia club. But he had no idea then that he would have to play in Cincinnati or retire from the national game.

To his further discomfiture several facetious persons in Philadelphia attempted to have some fun at his expense by digging up a nickname proposed by his personal appearance.

This nickname found its way into the Cincinnati newspapers, and when Grant heard of it he declared that he could not accept President Herrmann's terms under any consideration.

Herrmann Worried.

During the recent National League meeting in this city Mr. Herrmann sent a letter to Grant asking him to accept terms but the letter has not been answered. Herrmann also requested William A. Murray who discovered Grant and developed him as a member of the Jersey City and Philadelphia teams, to visit the young lawyer and induce him to sign a contract. But so far, it is said, Murray has failed to accomplish anything. A number of Philadelphia critics are scoring Grant for his backwardness and are accusing him of timidity.

They say he should not mind nicknames and fun-making because of his physiognomy and should be willing to resign. Grant is advised to sign with Cincinnati and in fact the whole team showed up very satisfactorily.

Should Have Been Consulted.

Grant also expresses the opinion that a ball player should not be "sold" without his consent, and should not be placed in a position which means servility or compulsory retirement.

He is not, however, to hold out because of the bitter feeling that exists, it is thought that President Herrmann will finally be compelled to trade him either to Pittsburgh or Philadelphia in exchange for Robert Manager Griffith does not favor exchanging the Philadelphia players, and as Grant has sourced on Cincinnati because of the ridicule heaped upon him, Grant may leave the Reds owner to make a change. Grant is one of the best third basemen in the profession. He is a clean, well-behaved player, and has a big following.

His present embarrassment is pointed to as further evidence that a ball player should not be sold for ball players who object to caustic criticism which involves personality.

Buy Johnson.

Before Manager Chase, of the Highlanders left here for his home in California last week he admitted that he would try out Otis Johnson at short, and if the latter came up to expectations he would buy him. Johnson is a position while Jack Knight would be moved over to second base. Chase also said that Elliott, the Chicago pitcher who is highly regarded by all the scouts who have seen him in action, would have a chance to displace Jimmy Austin at that corner of the diamond.

Chase expressed the belief that Bert Daniels would do better work in centre field and that Fred Schiffo to left would be an improvement. The Highlanders' manager seemed to be particularly enthusiastic over the strength of his pitchers and said that Ray Fisher would give Russell Ford a hard fight for leading honors in the box.

"I can't see where the team will be weak," said Chase. "We have a world of experience gained last season and that will improve us a lot. If we get a good start I think we will make it hot for the Athletics all the way."

"LARRY" McLEAN'S PARTY SEARCHED BY POLICE

Dentist Missed Gold Fillings and Reported Matter to Officers.

[By Associated Press.]

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The police of McLean yesterday intercepted "Larry" McLean, a party who was known to the police as "Larry" McLean, who is pool champion of Ohio, and Edward Schuler, this city, and searched them for gold tooth fillings which Dr. Heene, of Hamilton, said had been taken from his pocket.

After they had searched the automobile carefully the police said they could not find the fillings, and the party were allowed to proceed after the occupants gave their names and addresses. Tonight both "Chapman" McLean and Schuler say they will bring suit against the police of Hamilton for intercepting them without a warrant.

The party left Cincinnati in the morning for an automobile ride up the state. When they reached Hamilton they met Dr. Heene, invited him to go along with them to Miami, and he did so. On the way back to Hamilton he searched his pockets for his fillings, but could not find them. He telephoned to a hotel where they had stopped in Miami, and the hotel man telephoned the Hamilton police to search the McLean party for the fillings.

JOHNSON IS CRUEL

"Champagne" Sends Telegrams to Jeffries and T. Burns.

[By Associated Press.]

Chicago, Dec. 23.—While doing some Christmas shopping yesterday Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion, did not overlook the men from whom he has won the greatest honor in pugilism. The champion sent Christmas telegrams to James J. Jeffries and Tommy Burns and other men who have been the indirect means of his gaining the heavyweight title. The suit which George Little has brought against the champion for the recovery of a diamond ring, scheduled to be heard yesterday before Municipal Judge Goodnow, was postponed until Jan. 3.

This Big Husky Made "Hack" Go Some



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All of these companies were making automobiles before the war, and many of them are now being shipped to America, and many of them are now being shipped to America, and many of them are now being shipped to America.

During the month of November our company shipped 102 cars to foreign lands, and it is estimated that we will ship out 100 cars in December.

Mr. Couzens knows the foreign market better than any other automobile man in this country. He has made two trips abroad, and during which he has studied the methods of manufacture of the companies in Germany, Italy, France and Belgium.

American Invasion.

"You can no longer see any foreign country without seeing upon its streets automobiles of American manufacture," declares H. B. Harper, export manager for the Ford Company, located in New York. "Turkey, which for many years barred the automobile, has removed its ban, and a Ford car is now owned by the Greek army officer. Its first appearance has always been the signal for a riot, and the Turkish police reserves. The island of Barbados did not contain a motor car until three years ago, when a Ford car was shipped to the island. The original buyer having taken the agency, the Ford car was shipped to the island, and the Ford car was shipped to the island, and the Ford car was shipped to the island.

Where They Go.

Copenhagen, Denmark, 2 cars; Brazil, 2 cars; Port Elizabeth, South Africa, 10 cars; India, 1 car; Adelaide, Australia, 5 cars; Manila, P. I., 5 cars; Wilmington, N. Z., 12 cars; London, 10 cars; Melbourne, Australia, 10 cars; Kingston, Jamaica, 1 car; Barbados, W. I., 1 car; P. I., 1 car; P. I., 1 car; Valencia, Spain, 1 car; Cagliari, Sardinia, 1 car; Monterrey, Mexico, 2 cars; Turin, Italy, 1 car; Bangkok, Siam, 1 car; total, 102 cars.

December (shipped), Barbados, B. W. I., 2 cars; Denmark, 2 cars; Brazil, 2 cars; Port Elizabeth, South Africa, 10 cars; India, 1 car; Adelaide, Australia, 5 cars; Manila, P. I., 5 cars; Wilmington, N. Z., 12 cars; London, 10 cars; Melbourne, Australia, 10 cars; Kingston, Jamaica, 1 car; Barbados, W. I., 1 car; P. I., 1 car; P. I., 1 car; Valencia, Spain, 1 car; Cagliari, Sardinia, 1 car; Monterrey, Mexico, 2 cars; Turin, Italy, 1 car; Bangkok, Siam, 1 car; total, 102 cars.

December (to be shipped)—Yokohama, 16 cars; Wilmington, N. Z., 12 cars; Adelaide, Australia, 5 cars; Manila, P. I., 5 cars; Osnabruck, Germany, 1 car; Montevideo, Uruguay, 3 cars; London, 10 cars; Helsingfors, Finland, 2 cars; Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, 2 cars; Bombay, India, 1 car; Havana, Cuba, 1 car; Antwerp, Belgium, 4 cars; total, 81 cars.

The car shipped to Siam was for the King of Siam, who is much of an automobile enthusiast.

TURKEY WEEK AT NATIONAL ALLEYS

Visit the National Alleys during Christmas week and take home a turkey. High four consecutive games of tenpins and high four games of fivepins get them.

Also One Special Prize for Christmas Day Only

Pertinent Sport Paragraphs

FAMOUS BLOWS.

Solar Plexus. Munchausen. Uppercut. Kansas Cyclone. George Cohan.

Portion. Left Hook. Bat Nelson. Straight Right. That Almost Killed Father.

There's one thing about Frank Gotch's come-back that hints he isn't there. He says: "I'm as good as at any time in my career. When they get that statement out of their system they are generally a bit passive."

The resemblance of baseball managers to some rulers is marked at this time of the year; neither knows how long he can hold down the job.

"Was I insane?" asks Doc Cook. Surest thing you know. About as insane as Johnny Rockefeller, Andy Carnegie and a few others who have displayed a Cookesque ability to gather the kale.

Fleider Jones denies that when he expressed a willingness to return to baseball providing he could purchase an interest in a club, he referred to the Browns. The lumber baron insists he meant a ball club.

Looking at the heavyweight brigade, about all the closest observers can note is several hopes and a clunk of gloom.

Jack Johnson has recollected another "hardest battle I ever fought." This time the other fellow's name is John Lee. Last time it was Hank Griffin.

With almost half a million hung up in purses by the Great Western Circuit, the harness horse game seems to be a fairly healthy old chap.

They do come back sometimes—witness the Mex revolts.

FRED LAKE TO LEAD REORGANIZED BROWNS

Boston, Dec. 23.—With the change of ownership of the Boston National and St. Louis American League clubs, it is said Fred Lake will become manager of the western team. Lake is at present manager of the Boston club but is to be succeeded by Fred Tenny.

HEAVY DRINKER ENDS HIS LIFE

In Spite of the Best Efforts of Three Doctors, the Poison Takes.

Parry Sound, Dec. 23.—Robert Forret, until recently manager of the Canadian News Company's hotel and restaurant at Depot Harbor, committed suicide in a room at the Hotel Kipling here last evening by drinking laudanum. He lately lost his position through his intemperate habits, but had apparently made an effort to "brace up," but inability to secure another suitable position had made him despondent, with the result that he drank the laudanum, and in spite of the best efforts of three medical men he died.

The act was a deliberate one, and was made in the presence of a number of acquaintances. After drinking the poison, he threw the empty bottle on the table with the remark: "See what I have done." He leaves a widow at Depot Harbor.

"The advantage claimed by the North Dakota inventor of a new nail puller is that it will draw a nail without bending it, as do the old style nail pullers."

TALES OF GREAT 'UNS

The fans miss some of the best things that take place on the diamond—meaning the repertoire. Upon one occasion in St. Louis, Jesse Burkett walked up to the plate and addressed handsome Earl Moore, who was in the box.

"Well, how is the Beau Brummel of pitchers today?"

Moore didn't reply until he shot a fast one at Burkett, which "The Crab" lunged at and missed, and then he said:

"Oh, pretty well, thank you; how is the Weary Willie of batters?"

"First time I saw Jesse Burkett," says Charley Hickman the cheerful, "was in a game which I played third. When Jesse came to bat I saw he was going to hunt, so walked in and played beside the plate."

"Get back there, you blankety, blank, blank, blank buster!" Jesse shouted.

"Guess I'll stay in the box, if it's all the same to you," I told him.

"You will, hey?" he sneered, as he drove the ball me at my ear with a bang. That ball would have gone to the fence if it hadn't hit my glove hand and stuck there. The force of the hit turned me around, and when I came to, Burkett, Tebeau and O'Connor were standing in a row swearing at me."

A squab squab in New Jersey keeps 12,000 squabs on hand all the time, nine pickers are employed, who dress from 135 to 140 birds each. It requires 600 pounds of mixed feed per day to feed the birds; as high as 3,000 squabs have been shipped to market in a week by this company. Six of the leading hotels in New York are said to consume 1,000 squabs a week each.

Oklahoma now has about one-fourth as many inhabitants as the City of New York.

Let's Give Mahmout a Chance to Prove Gotch's Assertion

[By Tip Wright.]

This is the fellow whom Frank Gotch declares is the best heavyweight wrestler of them all. Gotch ought to know; he has beaten the bunch.

It is not the barge, but interesting to those who keep tab on the rough work of the promoters, that Mahmout it not given another chance at the real stars.

Last year, it may be recalled, Mahmout met Zbyzsko twice. The first was a handicap match, in which the Bulgarian was to be topped the Pole in one hour. After working the public into a near-frenzy with the bluff that they were to meet in private, they consented to let the public give up good money to watch them.

The result was that Mahmout didn't throw Zbyzsko. It is doubtful if he really tried. But the thing looked so exciting that when a return match was announced the public was tickled. That's the weakness the public displays occasionally.

The pair met and Zbyzsko won, although those who had seen Mahmout upon other occasions could not understand how he managed to let his huge opponent turn the trick.

But Zbyzsko was due to win. He was met Gotch later, so could not be defeated.

Later, when Gotch was talking retirement, the men near the top decided Dr. Roller would be next champion. He had been with Gotch and, having a needle, was supposed to have picked up a lot of inside stuff. Roller was so nutty over this championship that he scolded the barked every time they got near him, and he fell off the bunk.

But Mahmout tied the Seattle man's aspirations. A lot of people imagined Roller was due to beat Mahmout, and when the Bulgarian put on the work the fact that Roller had been crossed out was apparent to good judges of physiology—witness wise guys showed their surprise so plainly.

Now, whether it is because he tossed Roller when he wasn't intended to, or because he is really the best of them all, as Gotch insists, Mahmout isn't getting any big matches these days. Someone is preventing his appearance where the kale grows fast.

If Mahmout is the best wrestler in the country, the public, which is so keen to spend its money, ought to demand that he be given a crack at Zbyzsko and Hackenschmidt, without having his hands tied.

I wouldn't be surprised, basing my opinion on what I have seen Mahmout do, what I have been told by men close to the wrestling throne, and from what Gotch says, that if he is given a chance Mahmout can make both Hackenschmidt and Zbyzsko look like 30 cents Men with a hole through the centre.

YUSSIFF MAHMOUT.

When you go to buy a Bicycle next season, this is one of the things you should remember:

Don't Buy a Bicycle That is Too Cheap To be Fitted With Dunlop Tires

Made by the Doughty Patent process—only pneumatic tires made absolutely and uniformly right.

London Depot, 392 Clarence St.

Say, Boys! I'm Going down to the NATIONAL CIGAR STORE and buy a pipe for Christmas. I've been getting my smokes there, and they are sure good.

Marks Fauria WILL SELL THEM TO YOU RIGHT.

YOUNG MEN

For Gonorrhea and Gleet see Fauria's Ozone Tablets. As the ONLY medicine which will cure each and every case NO CASE known to have ever failed to cure, no matter how serious or how long standing. Results from its use will astonish you. It is absolutely safe, prevents stricture, and can be taken without inconvenience and detention from business. PRICE 50c per box by ANDERSON & NELLES

MEN

Santaline Tablets are the most reliable cure for Gonorrhea and all disorders of the urinary passages. The first dose gives relief and a permanent cure soon results. Sent in plain sealed wrapper to any address on receipt of \$1.

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CHRISTMAS TRADE HAS BEEN BRISK

Volume Large This Season and Compares Well With Past. ACTIVITY IN ALL PARTS

Bradstreet's Reports of Commercial Situation in Chief Centres.

London's report to Bradstreet's says business has been brisk throughout the past week. The volume of retail trade has been large and the season will no doubt compare exceedingly well with that of previous years. Business in the surrounding district has also been good.

Ottawa reports say all lines of trade have had a very busy week and the total volume of business moving has been well up to the most optimistic expectations. There seemed to be no lack of spending money in the city and district, and collections are expected to be good after the turn of the year.

Active at Montreal.

Montreal reports to Bradstreet's say retail trade is particularly active. Holiday shoppers are thronging the stores and for the time being all other business is put to the background. The volume of business seems to be well up to expectations and to compare favorably with that of other years. Wholesalers in most lines report their business seasonably quiet. Some re-ordering however is noted for fancy and general holiday lines, a good number of letters order being received for these goods. Country trade is reported excellent. Deliveries of produce are large and prices hold up well. Business in metals is quiet. Staple groceries are moving well. Collections are generally fairly good.

Toronto's Report.

Toronto reports to Bradstreet's say the Christmas trade in all parts of the country seem to be turning out exceedingly well. Despite the fact that early shipments of holiday goods were large there has been no big business in mail orders for fancy goods, etc., right up to the last moment. In jewelry, trade has been particularly good and manufacturers have been complaining of a shortage of skilled help. The dry goods houses have been stock-taking and reports are that the past year has been a good one for the trade as a whole. The indications are that the volume of the grocery trade in holiday groceries has been large. Staple lines are also in fair demand with prices about steady. Holiday trade, at provincial points is reported good. Deliveries of produce here are large and few price changes are noted.

In the West.

Winnipeg reports say holiday business now holds all attention and brisk retail business is reported from all parts of the west. Wholesalers here are taking stock and as far as they have gone they report that the volume of the grocery trade in holiday groceries has been large. Cold weather has given a good tone to trade in clothing and general heavy dry goods. Travelers out for spring business state that the outlook is most encouraging. Trade in produce is active with prices firm.

Vancouver and Victoria reports say all lines of trade are active. A good holiday trade is moving throughout the province and there is also an excellent demand for staple lines. The movement of Christmas groceries has been heavy and trade in produce has also been very brisk. Money seems to be circulating freely.

Quebec reports to Bradstreet's say general business conditions remain unchanged. In the city good weather has been favorable to retailers and the demand in holiday goods has been large during the week. Local industries are holding their own. Building trades have practically ceased for the season.

Hamilton reports say an excellent retail trade is reported there in all lines and the indications are that the volume of the present season will show considerable expansion over that of last year. Local wholesalers are receiving good letter orders and have been busy taking stock. Trade in groceries and country produce has been heavy. Payments are generally satisfactory.

THE MERCHANTS BANK

Annual Statement Better Than Ever Before.

Among the Canadian banks there are only three or four whose earnings exceed the million dollar mark. Among these is the Merchants Bank of Canada. This well-known institution has a paid-up capital of only \$2,000,000, yet its earnings this year amounted to \$1,057,000. The entire showing of the bank has been most satisfactory. During the year the dividend was increased from 10 to 12 per cent, and the reserve fund, deposits and assets also showed marked increases.

The bank has been expanding along safe conservative lines as is shown by the large percentage of quickly available assets in relation to the liabilities. The large increase in the deposits shows the confidence which the public has in the efficient management of this bank. The extension of the bank's branches and the increase in its earnings and general business all point to the fact that it is doing its full share to develop the resources of the country.

A glance at the statement shows that the bank has nearly \$21,500,000 on deposit at call, and over \$32,633,000 on deposit subject to notice. Its reserve fund has attained a handsome sum of \$4,999,000, and the amount of quickly available assets in relation to the liabilities is very large, amounting to over \$28,000,000. The fact that the bank has current loans and discounts of over \$41,000,000, indicates that it is doing its full share in the promotion of the commercial interests of the country. The bank is also particularly strong in gold and silver coin, and Dominion notes. The total assets of the bank have attained the large sum of \$71,600,000, enabling the bank to rank as one of the largest of our financial institutions.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE. Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Angered to an extreme state of nervousness over the alleged unfaithfulness of his wife, whom he found in company with another man, Bert Metcalfe, teamster, aged 26 years, living at 26 King street, attempted suicide today by cutting his throat with a razor. He will likely recover.

THE PARLIAMENTS LONG AND SHORT

Attention Drawn to Them By Brevity of the Last.

SHORTEST HELD IN 1399

One Member Who Represented a Constituency for Two Hours.

London, Dec. 23.—The brevity of the late parliament has brought attention to the longest and shortest parliaments.

The shortest parliament on record is that which on Sept. 30, 1399, deposed Richard II. The very act of deposition dissolved the parliament, and six days later Henry called together without the formality of an election all the old members. He gravely styled it a new parliament. The fourth parliament of Charles I. sat only for three weeks, and this after the country had been without the blessings of representative government for eleven years. But his fifth parliament atoned for the brevity of the previous one. It sat off and on for nineteen years, a parliament which many, before that time, thought would never have had a beginning, and afterward that it would never have an end. Opinion, as we know, differed as to the character of this renowned long parliament. Macaulay declared it to be entitled to our "gratitude and reverence," while Corbett described it as the "scourge of the nation."

One of the shortest lived of administrations was the "Ministry of All the Talents," which only lasted thirteen months. It was on Feb. 5, 1806, that Greyville formed his cabinet, which had to include Charles James Fox, King George III. is reported to have said: "Mr. Fox, I little thought that you and I should ever meet again in this place, but I have no desire to look back upon old wrongs, and you may rest assured that I shall never remind you of them." Fox died in the following autumn. When the King demanded an assurance that the premier would initiate no measures for the relief of the Catholics Greyville resigned. This action prompted Sheridan to remark: "I have known many men knock their heads against a wall, but I never before heard of a man collecting bricks and building a wall for the express purpose of knocking out his own brains against it."

Two Hours a Member.

The shortest period that a member of Parliament has represented a constituency is two hours, this remarkable record being achieved by the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton. Having been re-elected as member of the Ealing division of Middlesex on his having been appointed secretary of state for India in 1895, the Parliament which he had been elected to was dissolved within two hours of his election. Sir Matthew White Ridley, who had been appointed the new home secretary, ran him very close, for he had also been elected to the House of Commons. The new Parliament for the Blackpool division of Lancashire in the same week, in both cases unopposed. Mr. C. T. Ritchie was returned on July 5 unopposed for Croydon, his re-election having been necessitated by his appointment to the post of president of the board of trade. Parliament was summoned to meet on that Mr. Ritchie only represented his constituency for a whole week-end. The shortest lived "party" that ever obtained a footing in Parliament was the Tichborne issue, polling 6,110 votes to the Liberal candidate's 4,165 and the Conservative's 3,901. He lost by carrying out his mandate, moving on April 23 for the reopening of the case before a royal commission. But in spite of all his eloquence and the Whitley of Peterborough, as he is called for the motion, would have had no one to count if Major O'Gorman had not himself taken pity on them and the motion broke down by 423.

Although the pollings in connection with the present general election are timed to conclude prior to Christmas there is no likelihood of the new Parliament being summoned to meet until after Yuletide. The Long Parliament made a point of meeting on Christmas Day itself. On the Christmas Day of 1647 a resolution was adopted ordering "that power be given to the committee of plundered ministers to put in due execution the ordinance for abolishing the observance of holy days," and on that of 1648 the House of Commons passed a resolution ordering for the first time "A bill for the abolishing and taking away of festival days, commonly called holy days." On the Christmas Day of 1648 the Commons passed a resolution ordering for the same afternoon a meeting of the committee appointed "to consider how to proceed in a way of justice against the king and other capital offenders." At the close of Christmas the House of Commons was summoned to meet on Christmas Day or Boxing Day sitting, on two occasions the members of the House of Commons have sat on Christmas eve. The first was in 1852 and the second in 1888. The latter is the only one during the last hundred years on which members of Parliament have only been allowed a three days' holiday at Christmas.

CHILDREN PERISH AS MOTHER SHOPS

Little Ones Burned to Death While Locked in Room.

Dover, N. J., Dec. 23.—While Mrs. William Somby was shopping today for Christmas, two of her children, whom she had locked in a room on the lower floor, were burned to death. The children were aged 2½ and 6 years. A neighbor discovered the fire, and, finding that the children were locked in the room, he cut through the door and found the children lying dead. The mother was found in a state of collapse and was taken to the hospital. The fire was caused by a candle which had been left burning in the room.

A BOURBON BABY.

Madrid, Dec. 23.—A daughter was born today to the Princess Louise, wife of Prince Charles of Bourbon-Sicilies. Princess Louise of Bourbon-Orleans, daughter of the Countess of Paris, was born at Cannes, Feb. 24, 1882, and married Prince Charles at Woodnorton, England, on Nov. 16, 1907.

QUACK DOCTORS ON GAIN IN ENGLAND

Blue Book Published by Government Tells How They Practice.

ARE CALLED A MENACE

Diphtheria Diagnosed as Mumps, Measles Treated for Consumption, Among the Many Errors.

London, Dec. 22.—Astonishing statements concerning the multitude of unqualified medical practitioners and their treatment of patients are contained in a blue book just published, the result of inquiries made by the local government board at the request of the lord president of the council. Information has been obtained from 1,600 medical officers of health in various parts of the United Kingdom.

Of the towns reported on, unqualified practice is increasing in 82, in 75 it is to some extent, in 57 there is little, while in only 39 towns is it stated that unqualified practice does not exist. Smallpox treated as a simple skin disease by a herbalist, diphtheria diagnosed as mumps and the patients not isolated, scarlet fever spread through being diagnosed as consumption are some of the cases described in the report.

Chemists Take a Hand.

Prescribing by chemists is stated to be so common that it is practically universal throughout the country. While in the main they confine their attention to the so-called minor ailments, and advise patients to consult a doctor in the more difficult cases, the evidence shows that a large amount of prescribing in what is called the "poorhouse" is done by chemists. The treatment of infants' diseases by chemists is also having some bearing on infant mortality.

Herbalists are severely criticized.

"Herbalists may be concerned in the spread of epidemics of infectious diseases. During a smallpox epidemic an advertisement was sent which, it was asserted, would cure the disease. A vendor was prosecuted for spreading the disease by this means. Wrong diagnosis and consequent mistake in treatment are also responsible for spreading infectious diseases. In one case smallpox was treated as chickenpox, and in another as measles. Some have been indicted for spreading the disease by the use of "herbal" remedies for respiratory diseases, which may really be tuberculous or chronic phthisis, and the delay entailed by such treatment seriously diminishes the chances of cure."

The Bone-setter.

Attention is called to the "irreversible harm" done by bone-setters. "The men who set up as bone-setters are drawn largely from the working-class population, such as carriers, railway porters and the like, and in many cases they are illiterate and uneducated. Some have learned what knowledge they have from ambulance associations. Those bone-setters who undertake minor surgical cases do a relatively small amount of harm, though instances of disastrous results are reported. But the greater number of bone-setters are engaged in the treatment of dislocations. Several instances of actual harm caused by taking patent medicines are mentioned. On three separate occasions during the last year he has treated cases of supposed sciatica in which the rash and symptoms were found to be of a nature of certain kidney pills. It is suggested that the composition of all advertised medicines should be stated."

POPE MAY SEE PALESTINE

Some Possibility of Him Making a Journey to Jerusalem.

London, Dec. 23.—Don Rosco, the founder of the Salesian Order, is believed by his followers to have had the gift of predicting future events, and several of his prophecies are now being examined by the Congregation of Rites with a view to his beatification. A French man, who knew Don Rosco in Paris, declares that he told her that in the year 1911 cholera would break out in the Eternal City and that the Pope would go to Jerusalem.

The beatification process of Don Rosco has recently been examined by Pius X., who was impressed by this prediction. It is likely that the first part of it will come true, since it is probable that there will be an outbreak of cholera in Rome next year. The second part may also be verified in the following fashion. In the year 999 Pope Sylvester II, who was elected in 999, was told that he would see the Holy Cross brought to Jerusalem. This church, which is one of the most important in the city, was built by St. Helena to receive the relic of the True Cross brought by her from Jerusalem. This church, which is one of the most important in the city, was built by St. Helena to receive the relic of the True Cross brought by her from Jerusalem.

RUSHING TOWARDS EARTH

Sirius Headed This Way at Rate of 6,089 Miles Per Second.

London, Dec. 23.—The latest addition to astronomical knowledge concerning Sirius, the brightest double star in the heavens, is furnished by Dr. W. Munch, of the Astrophysical Observatory at Potsdam, who has submitted the spectrographic data he collected there during the last ten years to a minute examination. The chief point of Dr. Munch's investigation has been to determine what is known to astronomers as the radial speed of the gigantic Sirius system, which is now calculated at 6,089 miles. This means that Sirius is approaching the earth at that rate a second. Every year, therefore, Sirius gets nearer the earth by more than twice the distance between the earth and the sun.

That sounds alarming; but timid people may be reminded that taken in relation to the immense distance of the great Dog Star its annual rush earthward may be called insignificant. The Sirius system, according to Dr. Munch, is 0.37, from which it is calculated that its distance from the earth is 557,000 times 92,800,000 miles (which is the distance between the sun and the earth), so that light needs rather more than eight years to cover the distance between the earth and Sirius.

The latest data on Sirius are that the star itself is 2.20 times the size of the sun, and its companion star is 1.04 times as large. The companion completes—its 432 years a revolution around the common centre of gravity of the Sirius system and is 20 solar distances remote from the main star.

The Canadian Pacific Railway, City Ticket Office, will be open this evening for the sale of Christmas excursion and other tickets.

MINARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES NEURALGIA.

YE CHRISTMASSE POSTMAN

Methought I dyd a red-faced "Posty" see Who in hys armes a myghtye bundle bare And by hys syde a swollen bagge dyd waite Lyke to the "comet" there dyd seeme to bee A shorte appendage following hym behynd, As well a soap box tyed to one of humane kynd.

With shaftes of Cupid hee was laden sore, Which downy clerkes to merrie maydens bore, Or vice-versa, and where'er hee wente Odours dyd followe hym—or goe before To announce that Venus chose the man of may!

To bear those potent darts where-with shée dyd prevail. Fulle many a blizzard-storm had tanned hys "frobb" Hys trowsis spake the battle and the fray —Much frayed in facte, for whyle the Kingdome Abed, the postman startyng on hys jobb Making "home runs" I wot, as fast as Tyrus Cobb.

Pity the sorrowes of a poor olde post, Halfe foundered, spavnyed, bunioned, sore bestead— Shin-plasters helpe—ande it hath well been said Hee who gives quickly, ever gives the moste, For dolorous ills by dolorous actes are healed, And Charlye—one says—hath imght-ye sinns concealed.

GREAT CRY IN CHINA FOR A PARLIAMENT

Sell-Government Only Hope For Empire in Peril to Come, Is Cry of Millions.

Pekin, Dec. 23.—The Tzu Cheng Yuan today determined and adopted by a decisive vote a resolution to memorialize the throne asking that the grand council be made responsible to the Tzu Cheng Yuan pending the creation of a full parliament. This action is the culmination of the clash between the representative and executive branches of the Chinese government. The light has a twofold object. Its object is, first, to obtain from the throne the definite pledge of the immediate creation of a responsible cabinet and second, to force the granting of a parliament earlier than 1913. The belief of officials that the recent edict advancing the date for the creation of a parliament to 1915 from 1913 would satisfy the people proved to have been unwarranted. The provincial assemblies are continuing their demands.

Manchuria is the centre of the agitation. At Mukden thirty thousand persons made a peaceful demonstration until the vicerey acceded to the provincial assembly's demand that he send a memorial praying for the immediate convocation of a parliament. Their contention is that in self-government lies China's only hope in days of peril to come.

The Manchurian provinces have become the keynote of the agitation throughout the empire. At Tien Tsin thousands of the principal students made successful representations to the vicerey, while the delegates of Manchuria inspired the demonstration and are carrying the crusade into other provinces. The "new nationalism" revealed in this movement is in many respects the most important political development of the century, presaging, as it does, the establishment of a strong government in China. In face of the present situation the old officialdom is apparently helpless.

Six viceroys and governors have tendered their resignations, on the ground that they are unable to cope with the complications growing out of the popular movement. Loan negotiations and other business is practically at a standstill, no officials being willing to assume the responsibilities. The progress of the railway loans is further complicated by Tang Shao Yi's insistence on resigning the presidency of the board of communications. Still another source of the sudden death of his wife and his own illness.

In throne circles an important development of the near future may be the recall to its responsible position of posts of strong men who were recently shelved, particularly Yuan Shih Kai and Tuan Fang.

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Portage La Prairie, Man., Jan. 10, 1910.

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LONDON, CANADA

LOVE NOTES READ IN D'AULBY TRIAL

Alleged Letters of Duchess to "Count" Are Produced.

Tours, France, Dec. 23.—A tempestuous day in the correctional court, where the trial of "Count" d'Aulby de Gatinny and his American wife is being held, on the charge of swindling, reached a climax Thursday afternoon in the reading of love letters alleged to have been written to d'Aulby by the Duchess of Chateaufort Praslin, the plaintiff in the case, while she was the wife of Charles Hamilton Paine.

During the reading of the letters, which the duchess refused to acknowledge as hers, the two women, the duchess and the "Countess" d'Aulby, sat side by side exchanging various glances, while the courtroom, jammed to suffocation with fashionable women, was filled with sighs, murmurs and exclamations as all strained to catch the words.

Love So Hard She Is Ill.

"I love you so hard," read M. Bernard, counsel for d'Aulby, "that it makes me ill. You have given yourself to me. All I ask is that you love me always. That is God's best gift. The day passes, fire dies, but my love goes on forever. It is an incandescent consuming flame that dulls me, sitting at your knees, cradled in your heart."

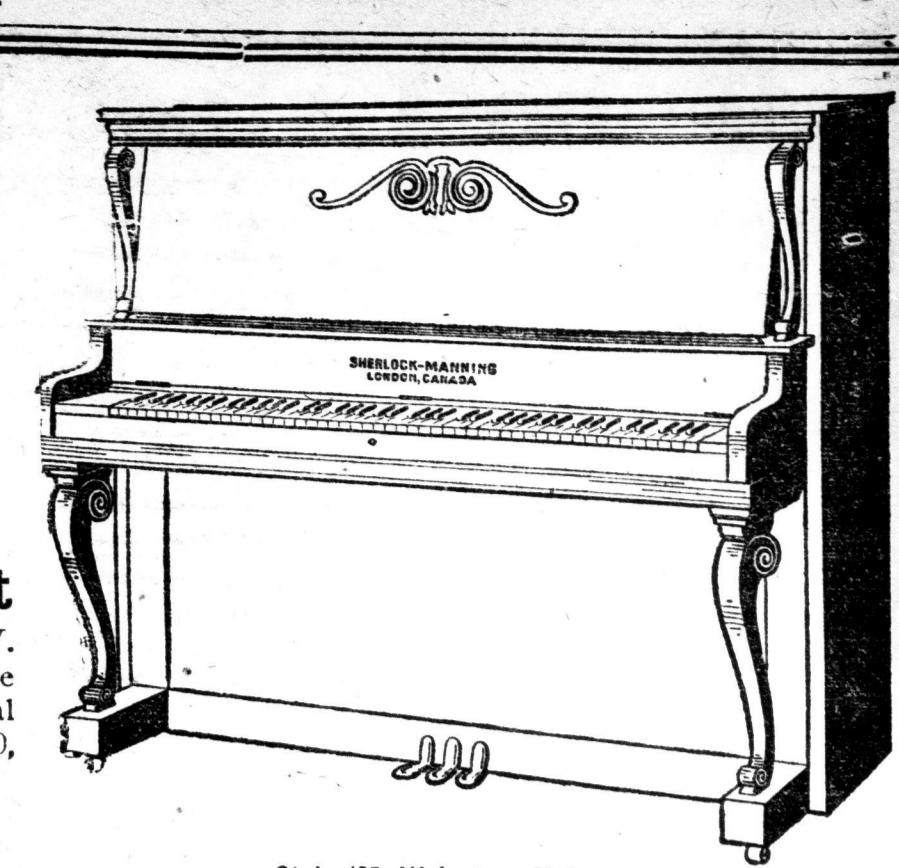
"(Signed), LUCY."

The duchess underwent a pitiless cross examination as to her relations with d'Aulby, but she refused to answer many of the questions and begged the court to intervene to spare her.

She charged that d'Aulby demanded \$200,000 for the return of letters which she had written him and that his entire conduct was that of a blackmailer after the discovery that the paintings were worthless. She denied that she presented jewelry to d'Aulby, including a golden padlock, bearing the inscription: "You have the key."

She denied also that she arranged for d'Aulby a contract with her husband for the purchase of pictures, as proof of her love for him, or that she said: "This, shows that I am your guardian angel."

d'Aulby insisted, the witness said, that all the pictures were original.



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MEXICAN REBELS SHOOT CIVILIANS

Murdering Citizens Who Refuse
to Join Revolt

INSURGENTS ADVERTISE

Federal General Awaiting Reinforce-
ments Before Making Final
Attack.

Chihuahua, Mexico, Dec. 23.—An American who has been ten days with the insurrecto forces returned today, bringing news that the latter recently executed ten civilians hostile to the revolt. Their number includes one judge.

While the revolutionists surround Federal Gen. Navarro in Pedernales, his situation, according to this information, is not precarious. He would march out with his force and do battle, but is waiting reinforcements. When he wishes fresh meat he is compelled to send a good fighting force, for small parties are not safe.

Rebels Advertise Movements.

Gerald Brandon, the Mexican Herald correspondent, who has been with the federal forces, and for whose safety grave fears have been entertained, returned here last night. He left the army pursuant to a war office order that no more correspondents be allowed with the troops. F. A. Sommerfeld, who has been observing operations from the insurrecto side, also returned. Sommerfeld was fired on a week ago, but was not injured.

A squad of four insurrectos rode into this city last night, distributing circulars stating that citizens should remain within doors after 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, as the rebels intended to enter the city. The warning is not regarded seriously. A patrol of eight soldiers, who fired many shots, drove them from the streets, and they disappeared in the direction of the mountains.

Federals Near Rebel Camp.

Reinforcements of more than a thousand are now in the city. A wireless tower has been erected at the penitentiary, and troops arriving today brought material for another tower to be erected in the disaffected district.

Government forces which started

a week ago from Sonora are reported within two days' march of Guerrero, one of the insurrecto strongholds.

THE LACK OF LEGS SAVES HIS LIFE

Twice in One Night Was Run
Over By Trains and Escapes
Uninjured.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 24.—Jack Miller lost his legs several years ago, and today he may be thankful that he did, for it saved his life twice last night. Miller got around on his two stumps pretty lively and has no difficulty in reaching divers and sundry glasses placed on the edges of saloon bars.

Last night he started for home at midnight and got sleepy just as he reached the first railroad crossing. He lay down between the rails, in which space he fitted nicely, and went to sleep. He chanced to settle into a declivity between two ties and a switch engine and several cars passed over him harmlessly before a brakeman discovered him. He was started home again and again lay down on the track at the next crossing. This time he chose a location on a switch and rolled into the hole cut in the snow around the switch rod. Another engine and some cars passed over him, and again a brakeman found him, and this time he was turned over to a policeman and locked up. This morning his lack of legs gave him a suspended sentence.

SAW WELLMAN'S BALLOON

Sighted Off Coast of Bahamas an
Mistaken for Whale.

Jackson, Mass., Dec. 23.—Members of the crew of the British steamer Flores, which had been ordered to harbor, report sighting the wreck of Walter Wellman's airship 200 miles east of the coast of the Bahamas Islands shortly before sundown on Dec. 9.

The object was first believed to be a whale. Nearer approach showed it to be a gas bag about 20 feet long. Darkness prevented a closer examination.

HARROW'S DESPERADO HAS DISAPPEARED

Wright is Thought to Have Cleared Out
for the West.

Harrow, Dec. 23.—Hanson Wright, who for several days has been terrorizing this place by carrying loaded revolvers, has disappeared. It is said he has been enquiring about a bank to give him a large sum of money.

Constables arrived here from Amherstburg to make an arrest, but refused to take any chances. Wright having barricaded himself in his home. It is thought likely that Wright has gone west.

IF HE DOES NOT RETURN THE AUTHORITIES

may not attempt to serve the bench warrant.

FIRST WHITE WOMAN BORN IN MUSKOKA

Passes Away at Stratford in Her Thirtieth Year.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Stratford, Dec. 23.—The first white child born in Muskoka has just died here in the person of Mrs. J. H. Doherty, Brunswick street, at the age of 30 years. She was the daughter of Mr. W. P. Simpson, and sister of Messrs. James and Fred Simpson, well known hockey players of this city. Three sisters survive, Mrs. J. Monard and Mrs. R. P. Mayberry, of Ingersoll, and Mrs. Lewis Moir, of W. J. Hodgins, rector of St. Paul's Church. The bridegroom is a brakeman on the G. T. R.

With nomination day Monday there is little further stir in municipal circles. Mr. John Etty has definitely declared his intention of trying for a seat at the council board; also Mr. J. M. Lillow.



A GOLDEN WEDDING.

The golden wedding of Rev. J. C. and Mrs. Pilkey was celebrated on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Fred Jack, 221 Wootley road, city. An enjoyable social evening was spent, and after supper was served, the "bride and groom" were the recipients of some very handsome gifts from their children and grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Pilkey were married in Claremont, Ont., in 1860. During his long and useful ministry in the Baptist Church, he recalls many interesting recollections of the good old days, when travelling was not the luxury in Canada that it is today, and drives of thirty or forty miles over hard roads in zero weather was not considered a very great hardship. Some of Rev. Mr. Pilkey's charges were Mount Brydges, Florence, Kilmont, Brighton, etc., and though retired from the ministry some years ago, he is still active in the work, and very few Sundays pass that he does not fill some pulpit. Since retiring they have made their home at 254 Tecumseh avenue, and their many friends wish them many years of health and happiness, to enjoy their well-earned rest.

Dr. R. Pilkey, Monroeville, U. S., and P. J. Pilkey, B. A., Toronto, are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Pilkey. Three married daughters are: Mrs. Frank Black, Florence, Ont.; Mrs. J. P. Finne gan and Mrs. Fred Jack, of London.

WALL STREET HAS DAY OF HORSEPLAY

Joyous Uproar on the Famous
Stock Exchange.

PIANO AND BRASS BAND

Brokers Parade on the Floor, Headed
By Mounted Policemen.

New York, Dec. 23.—It has not been a perfectly good year, but put it mildly, for the brokers, but when Wall street men came forth late this afternoon via the underground cocktail route to go home and rest during Christmas week-end, they were happy and satisfied. For to mention a few brokers, Charley Knoblauch, once of the Rough Riders, and Buck Buchanan and Tommy Clarke, who once was a coxswain of a Yale "varsity" crew, had seen a day in the stock exchange more glorious than has been seen on the street on the last day before the Christmas layoff in many years.

Piano is Pounded Furiously.

On the floor all day about fifty footballs had been tossed on high steadily, bouncing down now and then to interrupt business. For the first time in the history of the exchange a piano was brought down on the sacred floor itself—about noon—to be pounded therefor. Gay paper baseballs, so flimsily covered that they broke when they hit, were tossed across the floor to strike and break and scatter showers of confetti.

Brass Band is Paraded.

For the first time the brass band, so called, made up of brokers in gay uniforms, paraded around the floor also. Out in the middle of the floor—and this before the 3 o'clock gong had sounded the end of the business day—Garry, the tumbler, who runs an elevator in the stock exchange, was walking on his hands. And there were two mounted policemen riding across the floor to make sure that the uproar for Drum Major Charley Knoblauch and his brass band with red plumes, the balconies teemed with folk and all the walls were decorated with garlands of holly and mistletoe—and girls.

It was some day. From the little that could be learned during the uproar, it was gathered that the especial celebration of the street was the result not of a good year, but in spite of the fact that it has been a bad year. The sandwich sign on Broker Harry Warner, who followed the band across the floor with a linoleum placard almost covering his six feet of height, gave a hint of the feelings of all. Harry's sandwich sign read:

"Can we come back? You bet!" Even the downcast curb brokers out in Broad street caught the feeling of the season. The curb brokers forgot their troubles so much that they rode Percy Guard up and down Broad street in a wheelbarrow. They also raised a purse of \$1,100 to distribute among their messengers. Last year the purse was only \$900.

On the stock exchange some poor clerks had to be content with a \$700 Christmas tip from the boss, so it was learned today. Other employees sunk to the depths of giving their favorites only \$75.

PAPAL RECEPTION.

Rome, Dec. 23.—The Pope received the cardinals, who presented their Christmas greetings today. In conversation the pontiff expressed satisfaction that the question of the communion in France had been settled happily. He announced that the New Year probably would see the first volume of the new codification of the canon law as prepared by Cardinal Gasparri.

The guaranteeing of the bonds of the Midland Railway to the extent of \$200,000 will insure the construction of that road.

PORTUGUESE ADOPTS THE FRENCH METHOD

President of the New Republic
Named by Parliament For
Five Years.

Lisbon, Dec. 23.—The plan of Government for the new Portuguese republic has been elaborated by the provisional cabinet. It is based upon the parliamentary system of France, with certain modifications adopted from the United States.

The president of the republic will be chosen by Parliament for a term of five years. As in France, the cabinet will be appointed by the president, in accordance with the political complexion of the legislative body, but the ministers of war, marine, finance and public works, being considered non-political, will continue irremovable in the event that the government loses the confidence of Parliament. Members of Parliament will be elected for three years.

ABERDEEN SCHOOL'S CLOSING EXERCISES

Entertaining Programmes Were
Carried Out By the
Scholars.

The closing exercises of Aberdeen school were held on Thursday afternoon, when a general programme by the combined school was carried out, as follows: Piano selections, Ethel Walton, Ella McKay; recitations, Lilian Walton, Ethel Patterson; address, "What Christmas Means," Rev. T. B. Clarke, All Saints' Church. God Save the King.

Grade VIII.—Miss Lulu Stein acted as chairman in a very efficient manner. Piano selections, Ada Atkinson, Ethel Walton, Edna Warren, Veron Cooper, Harold Boyd; recitations, Ethel Fure, Laura Risler, Effie Duckworth, Ethel Patterson, Lilian Walton; mouthorgan selection, Willie Allen; presentation to principal, Gerlie Spencer, Muriel Patterson. Grade IV.—Aberdeen School—Chorus, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," by the class; recitation, "There Was a Man, and He Had Nought," Lavelle Mooney; trio, "On a Christmas Morn," Annie Peace, Leonie Rose and Jeanette Gillett; recitation, "Dolly's Washing," Ora Whitcombe; male quartette, "We Come Today," George McLean, Austen Harvey, Ellison Prince, Naamah; recitation, "Mr. Nobody," Beatrice Mills; song, "Nobody," Elsie Phillips; recitation, "The Three Huntsmen," Lavelle Mooney. God Save the King.

Grade I.A.—Chorus, "Carol We High"; recitation, "The children's song," "Away in a Manger"; recitation, "Jack in the Box," R. Cohen; recitation, "A Ride With Santa," H. McGeoch; song by class, "Rock-a-bye, Dolly"; recitation, "Santa Claus," T. Break; song by class, "The Dream Ship"; dialogue, "The Candles," five girls; song by class, "Among the Hills of Wales"; recitation, Christmas Wishes, eight children; song by class, "The Hungry Spider"; dialogue, "Cause For Worry," eight children; song by class, "The Land of Nod"; dialogue, "Going for the Doctor," by I. Chownen and K. Jones; song by class, "Christmas Comes But Once a Year"; dialogue, "Just Being Happy," six children.

Grade I.B.—Chorus, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"; recitation, Gladys Bedford; recitation, "Why Do Bells For Christmas Ring," by two boys; chorus, "Puss"; recitation, Jessie McCharg; Christmas Hymns, six boys and girls; chorus, "The Dream Ship"; recitation, "How'ds, Mister Christmas," Frank Stott; song, "Dream-maker Man"; recitation, by Jimmy Bowyer; chorus, "Tell It Once Again"; "The Days of the Week," seven little girls; "The Carpenter's Song," by the boys; recitation, Susie Clarke; recitation, Harold Pink, "The Christmas Tree"; "Christmas Secrets," three boys; "Rock-a-bye, Dolly," song by the girls; recitation, Florence Palmy; chorus, "Among the Hills of Iceland"; recitation, Maggie Kerr; recitation, Leone Mooney; mouthorgan selection, Willie Allan; recitation, Herman Logan; address, Rev. T. B. Clarke, God Save the King.

EDUCATIONAL ASSN POSTPONES GATHERING

Next Convention Will Be Held
After the Imperial
Conference.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Prof. J. W. Robertson today gave out the following statement:

When the Dominion Educational Association held its last convention at Victoria, B. C., in 1909, it was proposed that the next session should be held at Montreal in 1911. Since that time the Imperial Government has called a quadrennial conference of the education departments of the empire to be held at London some time during the spring of 1911. That will draw many of the most active leaders in education from each province of Canada. Dr. J. W. Robertson, who is president of the Dominion Educational Association, and also chairman of the royal commission on industrial training and technical education, will be absent during the spring and summer of 1911 in connection with the investigations of that commission. Consequently the executive of the Dominion Association has decided unanimously to postpone its convention until the summer of 1912. It will then be in possession of the report of the delegates to the imperial quadrennial conference at London, and also the report of the royal commission on industrial training and technical education.

BIG CROWD TO SEE THE KING CROWNED

More Than the 7,000, Among
Them the Commoners, Will
Be Admitted to Abbey.

London, Dec. 24.—An interesting feature of King George's coronation will be the provision of a third throne, for Queen Alexandra. This will be placed on the left of the King's coronation chair, Queen Mary's being on the right. The two queen's chairs will be identical in height, and each will be two steps lower than that of the King.

Westminster Abbey will be closed to the public during the middle of February, when it will be handed over to the office of works. When this takes place a complete transformation in the interior of the building will begin. At the coronation of King Edward at least 7,000 spectators were present. This number is likely to be considerably exceeded, since King George has ordered that accommodation shall be provided for members of the House of Commons and their ladies. Two tickets will be available for every member, and these will be issued early in the new year. Each member of the House of Lords is entitled to a ticket for the ceremony, and another for his lady, and these demands must be satisfied before any other claims are considered, even those of foreign royalties or their representatives.

Extra accommodation will be provided by erecting galleries in the chapel of King Edward the Confessor, which commands an excellent view of the altar. The galleries will be built prior to the coronation of King Edward, but were not used, because it was feared that they might obstruct the view of distinguished visitors.

VIOLATED INJUNCTION

Colorado Miners Sent to Jail for Twelve Months.

Denver, Dec. 24.—Sixteen members of the Lafayette, Colorado, Union of the United Mine Workers of America, will spend the next twelve months in the county jail. The sentence was imposed by District Judge Whitford for the violation of a temporary injunction restraining striking miners of the Northern Colorado coal district from interfering with non-union men. A stay of execution and the privilege of bonds pending appeal were denied.

CONCILIATION ENDS GREAT WELSH STRIKE

Cardiff, Wales, Dec. 23.—The great Welsh coal strike, which for weeks has caused much suffering among 40,000 idle miners in the Aberdare district, was ended today. At a monster mass meeting of representatives of the miners it was decided to terminate the strike, the men to return to work immediately after Christmas. The grievances of the men will be submitted to conciliation.

CASSELL'S MILLIONS FOR THE POOR

English Millionaire Will Devote His
Life to Charity.

London, Dec. 23.—Sir Ernest Cassell, the J. P. Morgan of England, is going to devote his future to systematic benefactions, joining the army of millionaires givers headed by John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie. This report became current following Sir Ernest's announcement that he will retire from active business at the first of the new year. Although only 58 years old, he has acquired many millions, his principal ventures lying in Egypt, South Africa and Mexico. Recently he gave \$1,000,000 to help poor Germans seeking employment in England.

NEW OUTBREAK OF TERRORISM

Looked For All Over Russia as Result
of a Meeting of Revolutionaries.

St. Petersburg, Via Frontier, Dec. 24.—A tremendous outbreak of terrorism is looked for all over Russia as a result of the meeting of revolutionaries known to have been held recently in Finland to arrange for taking advantage of the widespread discontent manifested in connection with the church's attitude at the time of Count Tolstoy's death.

Socialistic, revolutionary, and labor organizations throughout the entire country have received notification to be ready for uprisings on short notice, and officers of arms and explosives from



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WILL RAISE FIRE FUND OF \$250,000

Chicago Plans to Aid Families
of 24 Firemen Who
Were Killed.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Alexander D. Lannon, captain in the fire department injured at the stockyards fire on Thursday, died late today. This makes the official list of dead 24.

Coroner Hoffman, following a day's investigation with members of a jury, announced that the inquest will be opened next Wednesday morning.

A peculiarly pathetic scene occurred at the fire this afternoon when the body of Capt. Dennis Doyle, the last to be recovered, was taken from the ruins. Pipeman Edward Doyle, a son of the captain, collapsed when his father's body was found. Edward Doyle had been at the fire for nearly 36 hours. He had assisted in finding the body of his brother, Nicholas Doyle, who killed in the fire, and refused to leave before the body of his father was recovered.

The citizens' relief committee, of which Harlow N. Higginbotham is chairman and John J. Mitchell treasurer, established headquarters at a downtown bank today. It was announced that a fund of \$250,000 is desired. Of this sum \$50,000 had been subscribed when the committee's office closed for the day.

English scientists have perfected a new process for extracting radium from pitchblende by means of which more radium can be produced in two months than in one year by the Austrian method.

THREE NOMINEES FOR TORONTO MAYORALTY

Contest Will Wage Around the
Question of Transportation.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Three citizens were nominated for the mayoralty of Toronto, and six for the board of control this morning. The nominees for mayor are: Mayor G. R. Geary, Messrs. Herbert Capewell and R. B. Noble.

The candidates for the board of control are as follows: Controllers F. S. Spence, J. J. Ward, Thomas Foster, and T. L. Church, ex-controller H. C. Hocken and ex-alderman Thomas Davies, ex-controller W. P. Hubbard, at his own request, was not nominated for aldermanship.

A full list was nominated tonight for aldermen in each ward. The fight for the mayoralty and control is on the street railway question. Their attitudes are as follows:

Geary—The indictment and the appeal to the Ontario Railway Board. Capewell—Indict Wm. Mackenzie and Robert J. Fleming, and ask another company to build new lines.

Hocken—Build a subway. Spence—Buy buses and expropriate railway.

Church—Reconstruct Ontario Railway Board, and use a big stick. Vote for the Midland Railway bond guarantee and help inaugurate a radical railway system of which London will be the centre.

Ad.

Fifty-seven unmarried persons committed suicide to forty-three married. A too hot gas stove oven can be cooled quickly by placing a dish of cold water in it.

The Bank of Toronto

London, Ontario

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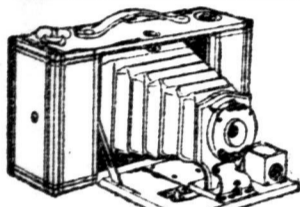
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INGERSOLL.
Ingersoll, Dec. 24.—Arbitration proceedings were in progress at Woodstock before County Judge Finkle on Thursday and Friday, to try and adjust the claims of Miss Ross, Miss Allen, Messrs. McCarty and Wm. Ross, for damages against the extension of the T. & E. and P. Railway, known as the spur line, recently constructed along the south side of Victoria street, abutting which they own property. Messrs. Wm. Dundas, James Stevens and H. J. Brown acted on the part of the railway company as arbitrators, and Messrs. T. R. Mayberry, M. L. A. Boyse and N. R. Mayberry acted for the claimants. Each party was represented by counsel. The award has not been announced yet.

The regular monthly meeting of the L. A. A. was held in the new club rooms in Dr. Boness's block, and twelve new members were enrolled. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gibson are the guests of Postmaster Gibson at Bonar Bine.

L. Waterhouse and wife are visiting relatives in Oshawa.

Mrs. A. P. Gundry is visiting her maternal home, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hegler, Canterbury street.

Miss B. Sutherland and Miss B. Petrie, of Toronto, are home for the holidays.

George Gibbons accidentally got the end of the index finger of his right hand cut off while operating a machine at the nut works on Thursday. Closing exercises were held in the Roman Catholic separate school on Thursday. The programme offered several numbers of special merit in which Joseph Daniels, Pauline McConnell, Gertrude Desmond, Monica Sage, Helen Kirwin, Ruth Kirwin, Rose Dunn, Mary Devereaux, Clarence Clear, Thomas Morrison, Joseph Henry, Jack O'Meara took part individually in recitations and songs. Chorus were also given. A pleasing feature of the exercise was a presentation to Rev. Father Gamm, of a beautiful surplice by Johnnie Lafflamme and Joseph Dunn, on behalf of the scholars and teachers. Rev. Father Gamm made a very appreciative reply, expressing his gratitude for the generous gift of such an appropriate present.

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LONDON SEES SUN ONCE IN TWO WEEKS

Only Three Days in That Time When Rain Did Not Fall Heavily.

London, Dec. 24.—Despite the variety in fogs which has so far characterized this month has been exceptionally dismal. Since the month began there have been only three days on which rain has not fallen, usually heavily, and the atmosphere, even when the rain held off, has been consistently damp, thick and muggy. In the first twelve days of December the total rainfall nearly equalled the average for the whole month, and as this rainy day, there are serious floods in all low-lying districts.

The sunshine record for December makes even more appalling reading than the rain record. There has been one hour of sunshine in London since the first of the month. In fact, there has been no sunshine worth mentioning since Nov. 23.

The registrar-general's mortality returns bear evidence of the deleterious effects of this bad weather. In the thirteen weeks ended Dec. 12, 1908, when we had 361 hours of sunshine and only 3 1/2 inches of rain, the total number of deaths in London was 16,760. In the last thirteen weeks, during which there have been 8 1/2 inches of rain and only 227 hours of sunshine, the deaths numbered 17,933, an increase of 1,173.

CANALEJAS PASSES THE "PADLOCK BILL"

Creation of Further Religious Orders Prohibited in Spain.

Madrid, Dec. 23.—After a stormy all-night session the chamber of deputies today passed the Government "Padlock bill" by a vote of 108 to 20. This is a notable victory for Premier Canalejas obtained after a bitter fight involving not only the opposition in Spain, but the Vatican, whose disapproval was set upon the legislation even before it had been submitted to Cortes.

As originally drawn the bill prohibited the creation of further religious establishments in the country until the revision of the concord had been completed. In the senate the Government accepted the amendment of Baron Sacre Liria limiting the period of interdiction against new congregations to two years. The senate passed the measure on Nov. 4, the vote being 149 to 58. The majority in the upper chamber was greater than had been anticipated. Its passage in the lower house had been expected.

A GENIUS IN JAIL

GOVT. MAY FREE HIM

Inmate of Kenora Prison Sends Beautiful Art Work to Mr. Hanna.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary, received a unique Christmas gift today from one of the prisoners, who is serving a sentence in the provincial prison at Kenora. It is a superbly executed illuminated address, and is pronounced by experts to be the work of a genius. The address was prepared and executed by the man during his spare time in the prison, and is addressed to the provincial secretary, the Hon. W. J. Hanna, of the Province of Ontario.

So pleased and impressed with the beauty of the gift was Mr. Hanna that he laid it before the Premier, and it was subsequently examined by his office by practically all the cabinet members. The Provincial Secretary has written an autographed letter of appreciation to the strange donor, and will have the address framed and hung in his private office.

"The province pays large sums of money annually for the execution of criminals," said Assistant Provincial Secretary Armstrong, "for examining anything that even approaches this in finish and perfection of detail. It is the work of a genius."

"It seems a sin to let such ability go to waste," said Mr. Hanna, from whom it seems not unlikely that the talented prisoner may ere long find himself in more congenial surroundings.

LOST IN BLIZZARD

Great Havoc by Last Week's Storm Off Newfoundland Coast.

Curling, Newfoundland, Dec. 23.—The heroism of the hardy fishermen on board the Gloucester auxiliary fishing schooner Constellation was the only thing that prevented a terrible loss of life in the blizzard that swept the Newfoundland coast from Friday to Monday. As it was a storm of violence, blinding snow and biting frost.

The gale was unusually severe in the vicinity of Bay of Islands where the Gloucester fishermen are engaged in the frozen herring industry. Two men perished while fishing for herring. Their boat was washed on the rocks and the terrible seas which broke upon the ledges.

Other boats, containing about one hundred men, were caught in the snow on the northern arm of the bay. Fishermen and other fishing gear had to be thrown overboard, and the fishermen had a difficult task in reaching shore. One fishing boat was swept on to the rocks at Barber's Head. No person could live in the sea that was so high and so violent. Constellation, which was equipped with a motor-driven propeller, rescued the occupants of this craft, and also took off the crews of a number of other craft that were helpless in the gale.

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DIG UP DINOSAUR IN THE PALISADES

Geological Students Find Bones of Antediluvian Reptile in New Jersey.

New York, Dec. 23.—Firmly imbedded in a stratum of red shale underneath the trap rock formation of the Palisades, the skeleton of a huge antediluvian reptile, possibly a dinosaur, is being dug out of the rocks on the New Jersey shore, near West One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street. The bones will be mounted and added to the collection of the Museum of Natural History. Geologists and naturalists consider that the most interesting finds ever made in the vicinity of New York City.

The discovery was made about a year ago by three graduate students of the geological department of Cornell University—J. E. Hyde, D. D. Condit and A. C. Boyle—who noticed what appeared to be an outline of bones in the shale formation. Realizing that the find might be one of importance, they broke off only a small fragment, which they tested, and found to contain phosphate, thus proving that the piece was bone. Through Professor J. P. Kemp, they notified the museum, which sent Barnum Brown, assistant curator, to investigate. He confirmed the belief that the bones were of a prehistoric reptile, and, although none of the officials would be quoted until further investigation, they permitted it to be believed that it was undoubtedly of a dinosaur.

Mr. Brown, with an assistant and two rock drillers, has now begun to get out the skeleton. Great care is necessary, as the rock has to be chiseled away piece by piece without injuring the bones. No previous announcement has been made of the finding of the specimen, as it was taken by untrained persons, the museum has recently obtained permission from owners of the land to remove the skeleton, and as soon as this is done formal announcement will be made.

MAD SNAKE KEEPS CREW IN RIGGING

Heaving Seas Smash the Cage, Freeing Huge Reptile.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 24.—With an infuriated and deadly snake loose on the deck of their vessel, which was rolling and plunging in a heavy sea, the crew of the British steamship, Muncaster Castle, hinged to the rigging for six hours during a terrific gale in the Indian Ocean. The story was told when the Muncaster Castle reached port.

The steamship left Singapore for Boston on Oct. 21. Part of her cargo was a small zoo of wild animals, birds and reptiles. Heavy weather, and the vessel was kept on deck, broke from its fastenings, crashed against the rail and liberated the reptile.

The alarm was given immediately, and the terrified sailors who were on deck took to the rigging. Those below closed the hatches and fled to their quarters. The snake was thrown this way, and that by the heaving deck, becoming more infuriated every moment, and for six hours the sailors were afraid to move. Finally a Luscar cut away a section of rigging, made a run, and the snake crawled down as far as he dared, succeeded in lassoing the snake around the tail.

The voyage was eventful all along. In the Straits of Malacca the fireman jumped overboard and started to swim to shore, but was overtaken by a lifeboat and brought back to the vessel. Two days later a helpmate of the vessel was killed by Arabs and a 16-year-old girl, half dead from privation and exposure, was sighted. The men said that their sails had been blown away twelve days before, and the vessel sprung a leak. Their food had been spoiled by salt water and their water casks washed away, so that they had been without food or drink for five days. They were landed at the first port the Muncaster made, three of them insane.

SEA WATERSPOUT SCARES A WHALE

Antic of Monster Cetacean Puts Steamer Metapan in Peril Off Hatteras.

New York, Dec. 24.—The passengers of the steamship Metapan back today from the Caribbean, tell a tale of a whale, a waterspout and peril on the high seas. The president of the state senate of Massachusetts, Allen T. Treadway, was spokesman, and the story was confirmed by Capt. William C. Tiedeman.

First, a Waterspout. Wednesday, while the Metapan was off Cape Hatteras, it is declared by Treadway, the boat seemed to lift suddenly, and take a great list to starboard. Simultaneously the passengers, who had been lounging in rugs on the port side of the ship, started up excitedly. They saw not more than half a mile away a waterspout form, upward itself to a height of perhaps 100 feet, and appear to move with great rapidity in a southeasterly direction.

Some of the passengers were sure that the spout barely missed the ship, and they admitted that they were pretty nervous for a half minute or so. A giant hour glass had barely whirled by when a frightened whale—at least it seemed to be frightened—plunged out of the sea, smacking the rollers with its tail and spout towards Europe, missing the bow of the Metapan by a yard or so. Treadway said that the whale seemed to be scared out of its wits. Capt. Tiedeman said it was no wonder the whale was scared if it lived near Hatteras, because waterspouts seldom perform so far north as that point of land.

ON ENGINE'S PILOT

Man Nearly Frozen to Death in Trying to Get Home.

Ithaca, Dec. 24.—When the Black Diamond Express, the fastest train on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, puffed into the Ithaca station, a young man fell from the pilot. The man was Adolph Jerge, a penniless native of Massachusetts, who was out of work and anxious to get home to friends and shelter for Christmas day. He had caught the pilot of the Diamond engine as the train was leaving Geneva and crouched behind the smoke-stack so that the engineer and fireman could not see him.

He rode in that position from Geneva to Ithaca, a distance of forty miles, which the express makes in 55 minutes. When he got there he was almost unconscious. His feet, hands, cheeks and ears were frost bitten and his vitality was so low that doctors were hastily summoned. They worked for several hours to warm him up and he is now out of danger.

A cloth wrung out in ice water and applied to the back of the head will often relieve insomnia.

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RE JOSEPH F. MARCHANT

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to R. S. O., Chapter 129, Section 38, that all persons having claims against the estate of Joseph F. Marchant, who died on Oct. 30, 1910, in London, Ontario, are required to furnish to the undersigned particulars of their claims, duly verified, before the 1st day of February next, after which date the executor of the estate will distribute same, having regard only to the claims of which the executors then have notice. Dated this 24th day of December, 1910. GRAYDON & GRAYDON, 419 Talbot street, London, solicitors for the executors. 71c-24,25,24

SEALED TENDERS ADDRESSED TO THE

undersigned, and indorsed "Tender for Wharf at Gravenhurst, Ont.," will be received at this office until 4 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 16, 1911, for the construction of a wharf and stone approach at Gravenhurst, Township of Muskoka, District of Muskoka, Ont.

Plans, specification and form of contract can be seen and forms of tender obtained at this department, at the offices of H. J. Lamb, Esq., district engineer, London, Ont., J. G. Sing, Esq., district engineer, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, Ont., and on application to the postmaster at Gravenhurst, Ont.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed form supplied, and signed with their actual signatures, stating their occupations and places of residence. In the case of firms, the actual signature, the nature of the occupation and place of residence of each member of the firm must be given.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted check on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, in the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100), which will be forfeited if the person tendering declines to enter the bid, or if called upon to do so, or if called upon to complete the work contracted for. If the tender is not accepted the check will be returned.

The department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. By order, H. C. DESROCHERS, Secretary, Department of Public Works.

Ottawa, Dec. 19, 1910.

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TENDERS FOR INDIAN SUPPLIES.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned and marked on the envelope "Tender for Indian Supplies," will be received at this department up to noon on Wednesday, 18th January, 1911, for the delivery of Indian supplies during fiscal year ending the 31st March, 1912, duty paid at various points in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

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J. D. McLEAN,
Assistant Deputy Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa. 71n-27

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Tenders for Rails and Fastenings. Sealed tenders, addressed to the undersigned, and marked on the envelope "Tender for Rails" and "Tender for Rail Fastenings," will be received at the office of the Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway at Ottawa, Ontario, until 12 o'clock noon of the 24th day of January, 1911, for approximately 61,200 gross tons of 8-pound steel rails, and the necessary rail fastenings.

Tenders must be made on the forms supplied by the commissioners, which, with information with respect to the deliveries required, may be had on application to Mr. Gordon Grant, chief engineer, Ottawa, Ont.

Tenders must be signed and sealed by all parties to the tender, and witnessed, and be accompanied by an accepted check on a chartered bank of the Dominion of Canada, payable to the order of the Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway, for a sum equal to ten per cent (10%) of the amount of the tender.

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ney, the local superintendent of the
Separate schools. The assembly hall
was prettily decorated, the Christmas
tree, laden with toys, games, books,
etc., added its own charm.
The short programme consisted of
a chorus by the junior pupils entitled
"Santa Claus Will Come If You Are
Good," a Christmas recitation, and
short address to his lordship, whose
kindly notice of Miss Marie Hill's dis-
tinct enunciation cannot fail to be an
incentive to greater effort to the other
pupils present. A Christmas hymn
appropriately concluded the simple
entertainment.
His lordship had a pleasant and
kind word for each, and the joy of
the happy faces told their delight at
the presence of their revered guest.
In addressing the pupils his lordship
spoke of the true significance of the
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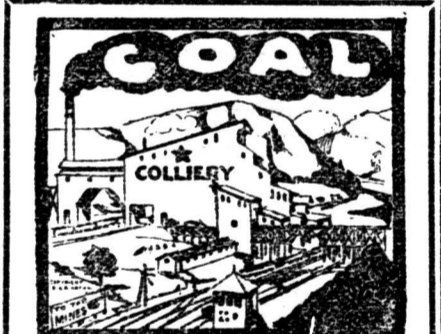
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CHRISTMAS, 1910.

LONDON AND DISTRICT

Morning Paper Monday.
Monday, being a holiday, The Ad-
vertiser will issue but one edition, at 4
a.m. This will be supplied to all sub-
scribers.

Turkeys For Employees.
The City Gas Company distributed
90 turkeys among their employees
today. The birds averaged more than
10 pounds each. The Dominion Ex-
press Company distributed 25 turkeys
among their men also.

Presentation to Principal.
Principal J. H. W. McRoberts, of
Aberdeen school, who has been trans-
ferred to the Collegiate Institute, was
presented with a student's chair yes-
terday by the members of the
teaching staff of the school. A
short time before school closed he was
also given a handsome gold stickpin
and an address by the pupils of his
class. Miss Muriel Patterson read the
address and Miss Gertrude Spencer
presented the presentation. In the evening Mr.
McRoberts entertained the teachers at
Smallman & Ingram's cafe.

Special Musical Services.
Bishop Williams will preach a spe-
cial Christmas sermon at St. Paul's
Cathedral tomorrow morning, and a
very fine programme of Christmas
music has been prepared for both the
morning and evening services. At the
morning service Mr. Alfred Peine will
sing Gounod's anthem, and the choir
will render special numbers. A service
for the children will be held in the
afternoon and will be in charge of Rev.
R. J. Bowen. The musical programme
for the evening will be a very beautiful
one. The entire service will be under
the direction of Organist G. P. Sippl,
musical director for the diocese.

Final Convocation.
At the final convocation of London
Chapter, No. 150, Royal Arch Masons,
held last night past principal's jewels
were presented to Ex. Comp. Finlay
Marshall and Ex. Comp. J. E. Johnson.
The presentations were made by Ex.
Comp. J. E. Keays, who spoke of the
splendid service rendered London
Chapter by the two former first prin-
ciples. Other Companions present also
congratulated them on the fact that
their hard work was in a measure re-
cognized by the chapter. Comps. John-
son and Marshall responded briefly.
Several candidates were initiated.

Jewelry Is the Ideal Gift

**Tonight C. H. Ward & Co's Gift to You
Will Be Bargains of Wonderful Value**

AT THIS JOYOUS CHRISTMAS SEASON there is no
gift that brings greater happiness than Jewelry. There is no
store in London that contains greater display from which to
make your choice than here.

TONIGHT "OPPORTUNITY" will make an appeal to
you to grant some friend more happiness, and the answer to
that appeal will be found in our showcases.

WE ARE TOO BUSY to list the bargains we are offering,
but the extraordinary values will well repay you to visit us
and make a selection.

OUR EFFORTS in offering you wonderful values for
your money have been crowned with wonderful success.

IF YOU KNOW of any present that you will require,
buy it here. You can get bargains in every department.

THIS OFFER MEANS MONEY saved for you if you
want Cut Glass, China, Rings, Sterling Silver, Silverware,
Silver Deposit, Walking Sticks, Umbrellas, Opera Glasses,
Fobs, Charms, etc.

WE PROMISE the same courteous treatment and money
value during the future as in the past, and extend our thanks
to the ladies and citizens of London and district for their lib-
eral patronage during this Christmas season.

OUR SINCERE WISH IS that during this festive season
nothing may happen to mar your joyousness, and that each
and every one of you may enjoy

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

C. H. WARD & CO
374 RICHMOND ST. PHONE 1084

200 BASKETS FOR THE POOR!

A Noble Work Is Being Done
By the Salvation Army
of London.

SENDING OUT THE CHEER

People of This City May Rest Assured
Their Donations Are Being Well
Spent.

Two hundred baskets of provisions
were presented to the poor of the city
at 1 o'clock today by the Salvation
Army as a result of the offerings re-
ceived in the "pots" on the street cor-
ners and private donations. Every
year at Christmas time the Salvation
Army all over the world provide din-
ners for the deserving poor, and in
London for the past two or three
years preparations have been going
on whereby many hearts in this city
will be gladdened with the prospects
of a brighter Christmas.

An Advertiser reporter had the
privilege today of visiting the base-
ment of the local Salvation Army
Citadel, where the baskets were be-
ing filled. The scene presented was
a busy one. Baskets were lined up in
rows after rows around the whole room,
while Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. A. A.
Chandler assisted by a half a dozen
helpers, were busy in measuring out
the different kinds of provisions. Each
basket is filled with a like portion.
The bottom of the basket is covered
with potatoes. This is followed by a
turnip, a quarter of a pound of tea,
a half a pound of sugar, a quarter of
a pound of butter, a loaf of bread, a
plum pudding, a roast of beef, several
oranges, and a bag of candies. The
size of the plum pudding and the roast
of beef will vary according to the size
of the family to which the basket is
given.

Searching for Poor.
For the past week or so Mrs. Chan-
dler and several of the relief workers
have been going around the city in-
vestigating the cases of many of the
poor people so that only the deserving
poor will be presented with the baskets.
They have come across many unfor-
tunate cases. A few days ago a little
pale-looking and delicate boy pre-
sented himself at the army citadel to
have his parents' name put on the list
of those receiving baskets. His pa-
rents were investigated, and it was found
that his parents were both seriously
ill in bed, and his little sister was
doing her best to keep the house in
order, while the boy was out working
to support the family.

Col. Chandler explained to The Ad-
vertiser that the supplying of Christ-
mas dinners to the poor was only one
part of the relief work of the army.

A Noble Work.
Already two hundred garments, in-
cluding overcoats, coats and vests and
trousers for the men, and coats and
under-garments for women, have been
supplied to poor people in the city.
These garments have been generously
donated to the army by persons
throughout the city. Also many fami-
lies have been supplied with coal and
other fuel, and much of the amount
collected on the street corners will be
used for this purpose during the win-

ter. Already by means of the kettles
about \$200 has been collected, and Col.
Chandler hopes to see the amount
reach \$500 before tonight.

Before the reporter came away he
was shown one of the cards that will
be placed on the top of each basket
of provisions. The card is as follows:
Dear Friend.—The Salvation Army
has much pleasure in presenting you
with this basket of provisions, with
the hope that it may bring a Merry
Christmas to your home. If you are
in any trouble during the coming
year, do not be afraid to turn to us.
If at any time you feel disposed to
come to our services, you can rely
upon a welcome. God bless you much.
Yours in the Master's service,
"Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. A. A. Chandler."

**CHRISTMAS TREE AT
VICTORIA HOSPITAL**

A Very Pleasant Affair Held at the
Institution.

The annual Christmas tree and
dance at Victoria Hospital took place
yesterday afternoon and evening. The
most important part of the pro-
gramme, to the children especially,
was the appearance of Santa Claus.
For some days the "kiddies" have been
looking forward to this great event,
and yesterday afternoon they were not
disappointed.

The 25 youngsters in the scarlet
fever ward were first taken care of. A
very handsome Christmas tree had
been prepared in a suitable position,
and in the evening Santa Claus ap-
peared. Gifts were distributed to all
the children in the hospital.

Later a Christmas tree was held in
the main building. Dr. Bell, a former
house surgeon, acted as Santa Claus,
and he distributed large numbers of
presents to the children and their
friends. There were 40 little ones in
attendance.

Superintendent Heard and Chairman
Judd were not forgotten in the distribu-
tion of prizes, each receiving a toy.
Some other gifts were given out that
were extremely welcome.

Later in the evening a dance was
held in the dining-room at the Nurses'
Home. The guests were received in
the reception room by Chairman and
Mrs. Judd, Mr. S. Scraton Superin-
tendent Heard and Miss Stanley, lady
superintendent.

The rest of the evening was spent in
cards and dancing, and the evening
proved to be one of the most enjoyable
of the season.
Music was furnished during the af-
ternoon and evening by Tony Cortese's
orchestra.

CORRESPONDENCE

A New City Hall.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

As there is a bylaw before the electors
for the purpose of raising \$75,000 for the
erection of a new city hall, and as there
are so many different opinions as to the
financial interests of the city, I propose
to show that a new city hall can be
erected without costing the city anything
for taxation and leave a balance to the
city of \$180,000 at the end of thirty years.

I figure this way: First on the prin-
ciple of a free site. We sell the city hall
and police station for \$120,000. For this
we erect a new city hall at a cost of
\$120,000, without taxing the citizens one
cent, which, if I may use comparisons, is
like getting a fifty-cent piece for a five-
cent piece. When the city hall is sold it
will be in the hands of a private party



Glasses For Christmas

Is a practical suggestion we make
to people with tired eyes that are
straining to see objects beyond
their reach.

It's a Christmas Gift, whose
value will increase each day in the
year.

Act on our Christmas suggestion
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**May Your "Christmas"
Be Filled With Real
Cheer.**

Again we want to say
that we are grateful to the
people of this city for their
expressions of confidence
during the year just clos-
ing. May this be a Merry
Christmas to you and
yours.

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World's Greatest Christmas Stories

Stevenson's Christmas Sermon—Thackeray and the Christmas Tree—Dickens on Scrooge—Hawthorne's Strange Christmas Banquet—Washington Irving's Christmas Dinner.

Somehow or other, and at some time or other, the spirit of Christmas has descended upon pretty nearly every famous writer, and has inspired him to a Christmas story, or an essay, or a sermon—for your famous writers can be pious enough when the spirit moves them.

Odd and interesting Christmas stories remain, embalmed, like rare and spicy fruit cakes of literature. In those pages which are too often left shut on library shelves; for we of this country especially are prone to make our own Christmas, and to believe sincerely that no other Christmas can be quite so delightful or quite so happily picturesque.

But when we happen, by some fortunate chance or some impulse of recollection, to hunt through the volumes for the Christmas which we would like to enjoy if we weren't so resolutely content with our own, it is astonishing how many different ways other Christians have had of making Christmas joyful—and how every way,

including ours, agrees with the others in showing us the best of Christmas that straightforward kindness and sincerity which lie back of the best Christmas sermon, and the best known that has been written.

It is as though that rare soul of Robert Louis Stevenson had been reserved to speak to mankind after the way had been prepared for him by the rest—after Thackeray's good-humor, after Dickens' effusive heartiness, after Irving's picture of joyful Christmas hospitality, after Hawthorne's grim morality play, and after Wallace's vivid picturing of the first Christmas the world beheld. His immortal "To be honest, to be kind," seems to have struck fully and firmly, the great human cord that underlies all those more impressive writings, although every one of them was true and often far more brilliant.

tributed in branches, and the whole array glittered like a firmament of silver.

We were ushered into this banqueting scene with the sound of minstrelsy, the old harper being seated on a stool beside the fireplace, and twanging the instrument with a vast denier more power than melody. Never did Christmas board display a more goodly and gracious assemblage of countenances; those who were not handsome, were at least happy; and happiness is a rare improver of your hard-favored visage.

The parson said grace, which was not a short familiar one, such as is commonly addressed to the Diety in these unceremonious days; but a long, courtly, well-worded one of the ancient school. There was now a pause, as if someone was expected; when suddenly the butler entered the hall with some degree of bustle; he was attended by a servant on each side with a large waxlight, and bore a silver dish, on which was an enormous pig's head, decorated with rosemary, with a lemon apiece in its mouth, which was placed with great formality at the head of the table. The moment this pageant made its appearance, the harper struck up a flourish; at the conclusion of which the butler, after receiving a hint from the squire, gave, with an air of the most comic gravity, an old carol, the first verse of which was as follows:

"Caput april defloro,
Reddens laudes domino,
Et board and hand bring I,
With garlands gay and rosemary,
I pray you all sing merrily
Qui estes in convivio."

The table was literally loaded with good cheer, and presented an epitome of country abundance, in this season of overflowing larders. A distinguished guest, a man of letters, and a man of letters, as mine host termed it, being seated at the head of the table, he added, "the standard of old English hospitality, and a joint of goodly presence, and full of expectation." There were several dishes quaintly decorated, and which had evidently something traditional in their embellishments; but about which, as I did not like appear overcurious, I asked no questions.

I could not, however, but notice a pie, magnificently decorated with pea-

cock's feathers, in imitation of the tail of that bird, which overshadowed the whole of the table. This, the squire confessed, with some little hesitation, was a pheasant pie, though a peacock pie was the most authentic; but he had been so short of a natural turkey, that he could not prevail upon himself to have one killed.

The pie was removed, the butler brought in a silver vessel of rare and curious workmanship, which he placed before the squire. Its appearance was hailed with acclamation, being the Warhol Bowl, so renowned in Christmas festivity. The contents had been prepared by the squire himself; for it was a beverage, apples bobbing in a bowl, and the squire particularly prided himself, alleging that it was too abstruse and complex for the comprehension of an ordinary servant. It was a potation, indeed, that might well make the heart of a toper leap within him; being composed of the richest and rarest wines, highly spiced and sweetened, with roasted apples bobbing in the sauce.

The old gentleman's whole countenance beamed with a serene look of indwelling delight, as he stirred the mighty bowl. Having raised it to his lips, he drank heartily, and then, Christmas to all present, he sent it brimming round the board, for everyone to follow his example, according to the primitive custom, pronouncing it "the ancient foundation of good feeling, where all hearts met together."

There was much laughing and rallying as the honest emblem of Christmas circulated, and the squire, kissed rather coyly by the ladies.

How easy it is for one benevolent being to diffuse pleasure around him; the squire, in a kind of unconsciousness of gladness, making everything in his vicinity to freshen into smiles! The joyous disposition of the worthy squire was perfectly contagious; he was happy himself, and disposed to make all the world happy; and the little eccentricities of his humor did but season, in a manner, the sweetness of his philanthropy.

After the dinner table was removed, the hall was given up to the younger members of the family, who, prompted by the kind of noisy mirth by the squire, and the squire's own merriment, old walls ring with their merriment as they played at romping games.

The Converted Scrooge

From "A Christmas Carol," by Dickens.

Dickens, if you will recall, did much the same thing with old Scrooge, but he did not whisk him off into a doubtful eternity but a probable perdition. After Scrooge had his scare with all his ghastly visitors, he became a converted Scrooge, a transformed Scrooge, a Scrooge so human that poor Bob Cratchit thought he might have gone stark mad. For this is how the altered Scrooge behaved:

Scrooge was early at the office next morning. Oh, he was early there. If he could only be there first, and catch the thing he had set his heart upon. And he did it, yes he did! The clock struck nine. No Bob. He was full fifteen minutes behind his time. Scrooge sat with his wide open eyes, that he might see him come into the tank.

His hat was off before he opened the door, his coat, too. He was on his stool in a jiffy, driving away with his pen as if he were trying to overtake nine o'clock.

"Hello!" growled Scrooge, in his accustomed voice as near as he could feign it. "What do you mean by coming here at this time of day?"

"I am very sorry, sir," said Bob. "I am behind my time."

"You are repeated Scrooge. 'Yes, I think you are. Step this way, sir, if you please.'"

"It's only once a year, sir," pleaded Bob, appealing from the ground. "I shall not be repeated, sir. I was making rather merry yesterday, sir."

"Now, I'll tell you what, my friend," said Scrooge, "I don't go to stand this sort of thing any longer, and therefore," he continued, leaping from his stool, and giving Bob such a dig in the waistcoat that he staggered back into the tank again; "and there-

fore I am going to raise your salary!"

Bob trembled, and got a little nearer to the ruler. He had a little nearer idea of knocking Scrooge down with it, holding him, and calling to the people in the court for help and a straight-walking man.

"A merry Christmas, Bob," said Scrooge, with an earnestness that could not be mistaken, as he clapped him on the back. "I'm not going to give you a penny more; I'll raise your salary, and endeavor to assist your struggling family, and we will discuss your affairs this very afternoon over a Christmas bowl of smoking bishop, Bob! Make up the fires and buy another good coal scuttle before you dot another eyelid."

Scrooge was better than his word. He did it all, and infinitely more; and to kindly Tim, who did NOT DIE, he was a second father. He became as good a man as the good old city knew, or any other good old city, town or village, hamlet, or parish, in the world. Some people laughed at the alteration in him, but he let them laugh and little heeded them; for he was wise enough to know that nothing ever happened in this world, that was worth notice, unless it had some link to the lives of many people in the outset; and knowing that such as these would be blind anyway, he would not take them seriously. He should wrinkle up his eyes in grins, as have the malady in less attractive forms. His own heart laughed, and he was quite enough for him.

But he was not content with that; he was not intended to succeed, and he was the fate allotted. It is so above all in the continent art of living well. Here is a pleasant thought for the year's end or for the end of life, only self-deception will be satisfied and there need be no despair for the despair.

The Savior's Birthplace

From Lew Wallace's "Ben Hur."

It was General Lew Wallace who, in the most reverent spirit and with advantages of knowledge as to eastern manners and customs rivaling those of the artist Tissot, reconstituted the scenes that attended the birth of the Savior, in his famous story, "Ben Hur." After recounting the difficulties which Joseph and Mary and their companions, the family of the Beth-Dagonite, experienced until they reached the khan, he proceeds:

The Nazarene went back joyfully to the khan, and the women, in a little while the latter brought up his family, the women mounted on donkeys. The wife was matronly, the daughters were images of what she must have been in youth; and as they drew near the door, the people knew them to be of the humble class.

"This is she of whom I spoke," said the Nazarene; "and these are our friends."

Mary's veil was raised.

"Blue eyes and hair of gold," muttered the steward to himself, seething but her. "So look the young king when he went to sing before Saul!"

He took the leading-strap from Joseph and said to Mary, "Peace to you, O daughter of David! Then to you, others, 'Peace to you all.' Then to Joseph, 'Rabbi, follow me.'"

The party were conducted into a large passage paved with stone, from which they entered the court of the khan. To a stranger the scene would have been curious; but they noticed the lewens that yawned darkly upon them from all sides, and the court itself, only to remark how crowded they were. By a lane reserved in the passage of the cargoes and thence by a passage similar to the one at the entrance, they emerged into the enclosure adjoining the house, and came upon camels, horses, and donkeys, tethered and dozing in close groups; among them were the keepers, men of

many lands; and they, too, slept or kept silent watch. They went down the slope of the crowded yard slowly, for the dull carriers of the women had turned into a path. At length they came to the gray-limed stone bluff overlooking the khan on the west.

"We are going to the cave," said Joseph.

The guide lingered till Mary came to his side.

"The cave to which we are going," he said to her, must have been a resort of your ancestor David. From the field below us, and from the trell down in the valley, he used to drive his flocks to it for safety, and afterwards, when he was king, he came back to the old house here for rest and health, bringing great trains of animals. The mangers yet remain as they were in his day. Better a bed here than a manger, and the manger upon the floor here, better a bed than a manger. Ah, here is the house before the cave!"

This speech must not be taken as an apology for the lodging. There was no need for apology. The place was the best then at disposal. The guests were simple folk, of the habits of life of the Jews in the land. The period, moreover, abode in caverns was a familiar idea, made so by every-day occurrences, and by what he heard of Sabbath in the synagogues. How much of Jewish history, how many of the most exciting incidents in that history, had transpired in caves! Yet further, the Jews were Jews of Bethlehem, with whom the idea was especially commonplace; for their locality abounded with caves great and small, some of which had been dwelling-places from the time of the Emmer and Horites. No more was there offense to them in the fact that the cavern to which they were taken had been, of old, the dwelling of a race of herdsmen; whose flocks habitually shared both their habits and wanderings. In

keeping with a custom derived from Abraham, the tent of the Bedawin yet shelters his horses and children alike. So they obeyed the keeper cheerfully, and gazed at the house, feeling only a natural curiosity. Everything associated with the history of David, as interesting to them.

The building was low and narrow, projecting but a little from the rock to which it was joined at the rear, and wholly without a window. In its blank front there was a door, swung on enormous hinges, and thickly daubed with ochreous clay. While the wooden bolt of the lock was being pushed back, the women were assisted from their pillions. Upon the opening of the door, the keeper called out:

"Come in!"

The guests entered, and stared about them. It became apparent immediately that the cave was not the simple cavern covering for the mouth of a natural cave or grotto, probably forty feet long, nine or ten high, and twelve or fifteen in width. The light streamed through the doorway, over an uneven floor, falling upon piles of grain and fodder, and earthen ware and household property, occupying the centre of the cavern. Along the sides were mangers, low enough for sheep, and built of stones laid in cement. There were no stalls or partitions of any kind. Dust and chaff, yellowed the floor, filled all the crevices and hollows, and thickened the spider webs, which dropped from the ceiling like bits of dirty linen; otherwise the place was clean, and, in appearance, as comfortable as any of the arched lawns of the khan proper. In fact, a cave was the model and first suggestion of the cavern.

"Come in!" said the guide. "These piles upon the floor are for travelers like yourselves. Take what of them you need."

He spoke to Mary.

"Can you rest here?"

"The place is sanctified," she answered.

They (the shepherds) went through the courtyard without notice, although there were some up even then talking about the wonderful light. The door was burning within, and they entered unceremoniously.

"I give you peace," the watchman said to Joseph and the Beth-Dagonite. "Here are people looking for a child born this night, whom they are to know by finding him in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger."

For a moment the face of the cold Nazarene was moved; turning away, he said, "The child is here."

They were led to one of the mangers, and there the child was. The children were brought, and the shepherds stood by mute. The little one born, no sign; it was as others just born.

"Where is the mother?" asked the watchman.

One of the women took the baby and went to Mary, lying near, and put it in her arms. Then the bystanders collected about the two.

"It is the Christ," said a shepherd at last.

"The Christ!" they all repeated, falling upon their knees in worship. Over it, of them repeated several times, "It is the Lord of angels, and His glory is above the earth and heaven."

And the simple men, never doubting, kissed the hem of the mother's robe, and the feet of the child, and in the khan, to all the people aroused and pressing about them, they told their story; and through the town and all the way back to the manger, they repeated the refrain of the angels, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men!"

For the honest, to be kind; to earn a little and to spend a little less; to make upon their family a happy for his presence, to regard the angels, that shall be necessary and not be embittered; to keep a few friends, and these without capitulation—above all, on the same grim condition, to keep friends with himself, to be a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy. He has an ambitious soul who would ask more; he has a hopeful spirit who would look in such an enterprise to be successful. There is indeed one element in human destiny that not blindness itself can controvert; but we are not intended to do, we are not intended to succeed, and we are the fate allotted. It is so above all in the continent art of living well. Here is a pleasant thought for the year's end or for the end of life, only self-deception will be satisfied and there need be no despair for the despair.

R. L. Stevenson's Christmas Sermon

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THE CIRCUS GIANT'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Of Course It Had to Be Out of the Ordinary to Fit the Recipient.

"The Great Giant had the Christmas spirit. He liked to get gifts, he was a human like the rest of us, but," said the old circus man, "we had Yuletide time finding suitable things to give him."

"His wants were just the same as ours, by the things he had used and had to be several times bigger and that made it difficult; because you see, the bulk of things you find around are made to suit ordinary sized folks, and it was hard to find anything that was really just right or anywhere near right for a man of the dimensions of our giant. So always at Christmas time we had hard work finding anything to suit him. But we did find him something."

"With the show settled down in winter quarters there was time to celebrate, and among us there, with such people as stay with us through the winter, the men that took care of the stock, and the harness makers and blacksmiths and the kind of getting things ready for the spring, and the tenting season, we always did celebrate; and we couldn't overlook the giant."

"Of course we always tried to find out in advance something that he particularly wanted, so that we could prepare for it, have the thing made if necessary; and so when Christmas began to loom up in the distance we were always on the lookout; not for a penholder, but for something that might guide us and as often happens about many things these things were likely to break on us most unexpectedly."

"The giant was something of a letter writer, and he used pens the same as ours, but not the same sort of penholder. The giant's penholder was about the size of a penholder."

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Story of a Famous Poem "The Night Before Christmas"

—Dr. Clement Clarke Moore.

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there; The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced through their heads; And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap, When out on the lawn there arose a clatter, And I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter, Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash. The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen snow, Gave a luster of midday to objects below; When what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer, With a little old driver, so lively and quick—I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. More rapidly they sped than the wind, swift as a whirlwind, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name; "Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer! now, Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Dunder! and Blitzen!— To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall! Now, dash away, dash away, dash away, all!" As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky, So, when they met with an obstacle they flew, With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas, too. And down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound. The prancing and pawing of each little hoof, As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound. He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all trimmed with white fur and soot; A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack. His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry; His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow; The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath. He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly. He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf— And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself. A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread. He spoke to me in a voice that was soft and low, And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside to his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose. He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all drove like the wind; But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

Of all Christmas poems, none is as generally known as "The Night Before Christmas," by Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, the learned Hebrew lexicographer. And in spite of the tremendous amount of work that Dr. Moore accomplished in his life time, this poem, destined to remain as its author's most enduring monument, was written as long ago, as 1822, as a Christmas present for the children, who he had just begun to teach.

Throughout his life Dr. Moore was devoted to his children, whom he took a great pleasure to amuse by the composition of light verses, best among which was this "Visit of St. Nicholas," as the poem was originally called. This poem, destined to remain as its author's most enduring monument, was written as long ago, as 1822, as a Christmas present for the children, who he had just begun to teach.

During the Christmas period of its composition, the daughter of Rev. Dr. David Butler, of St. Paul's Church, Troy, was visiting at the Moore household. She was shown the verses, and copied them in her inevitable "album," which was, in those days, an article necessary to every young lady. And sent another draft to the editor of the Times, of Troy, in which paper they were printed a year later, on Dec. 23, 1823, accompanied with a cut illustrating Santa Claus on his rounds, and preceded by an introduction by the editor.

The Times did not, however, mention the name of the author, for the editor, Dr. Moore, was devotedly thankful. Indeed, he regarded the verses lightly, and was rather annoyed that they should at all have been printed. But the poem won instant favor, was reprinted year in and year out at Christmas time, and made its way into "School Readers" until in 1844 Dr. Moore was forced to include it in a small collection of his verses.

Thereafter the progress of the poem was one of unbroken success. In 1859 an edition of it appeared with illustrations by the inevitable Darley, and thereafter it became a regular feature in every grown-up's and child's Christmas collection. It is today but a memory of a holiday, a valued treasure during the holiday period was the presentation of this finely illustrated and highly illuminating "The Night Before Christmas," which could be purchased in all sizes and in many different qualities of paper and binding.

The poem has been translated into every civilized language, and is to this day reprinted in the German, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, and Chinese. In 1862 Dr. George H. Moore, of the New York Historical Society, secured an autograph copy for that society, and in giving it to them, he said that the poem was the rubricated Dutchman from whom, as a child, he had first heard the legend.

Dr. Moore was considered one of the best Hebrew scholars of his time. He compiled the best Hebrew lexicon of his period and left as his monument the General Theological Seminary, of New York. And it is therefore only fitting that his reputation as a poet should be so widely known.

St. Luke wrote the first Christmas story, and perhaps no tale in all literature so much so to few words. The whole story is comprised in less than two hundred lines; it is at once both easy to grasp and impossible to forget. Everyone knows how the first Christmas story runs. In a brief, but sufficient way, it accounts for the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem; the birth there of their first son; the announcement of the birth to the neighboring shepherds, and through them to the world at large; the rejoicings that followed; and the naming of the Child Jesus. Then the evangelist goes on to sketch the childhood of Jesus, as a separate topic, but as part of the Christmas story. That is all; but still there is nothing overlooked, nothing lacking. Through all the tests of time and change these are still the words in which we utter the spirit of the Christmas time: "On earth peace, good will toward men."

This true meaning of the event, this essential element of the Christmas anniversary, did not arise, however, in men's minds all at once. In early times, the species of celebration flourished that had a tendency to stifle, rather than to encourage, right conceptions. The general kindness and good will of the season of merriment and beneficence, peculiar

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Hawthorne's Strange Christmas Banquet

In grim and weird contrast with that jovial, hearty, human Christmas feast which Irving tells of is the "Christmas Banquet" imagined by Nathaniel Hawthorne in his "Mosses from an Old Manse." In this story, within a story, the latter merely the shell which serves to excuse and carry a tale of an annual banquet at which the conspicuous guest is Gervase Hastings, typical of the cold, hard, soulless man of wealth and distinction, known not in England only, but in old England and, indeed, in all the world. It is, in reality, a kind of morality play, whose moral warns us to keep our hearts warm to others throughout the year, lest, on occasions when we need them, we may have no hearts to feel and enjoy.

In their own way these were as wretched a set of people as ever had assembled at the festivals. There they sat, with the veiled skeleton of the founder holding aloft the cypress wreath at one end of the table, and the other, wrapped in furs, the withered figure of Gervase Hastings, stately, calm, and cold, impressing the company with awe, yet so little interesting their sympathy that he might have vanished without their noticing their own exclaiming, "Whither is he gone?"

"Sir," said the philanthropist, addressing the old man, "have been so long a guest at this annual festival, and have thus been conversant with so many varieties of human affliction, that not improbably you have thereby derived some great and important lessons. How blessed were your lot could you reveal a secret by which all this mass of woe might be removed?"

"I know of but one misfortune," answered Gervase Hastings, quietly, "and that is my own."

"Your own?" rejoined the philanthro-

And looking back on your serene and prosperous life, how can you claim it to be the sole unfortunate of the human race?"

"You will not understand it," replied Gervase Hastings, feebly, and with a singular inefficiency of pronunciation, and sometimes putting one word before another. "None have understood it—not even those who experience the like. It is a chilliness—a want of earnestness—a feeling as if what should be my heart were a thing of vapor—a haunting perception of unreality." This seeming to possess at this table long and long ago—have been like shadows flickering on the wall. It was so with my wife and I, and with those who seemed my friends; it is so with yours, when I see now before me. Neither have I myself any real existence, but am a shadow like the rest."

"And how is it with your views of a future life?" inquired the speculative clergyman.

"Worse than with you," said the old man, in a hollow and feeble tone; "for I cannot conceive it earnestly enough to feel either hope or fear. Mine is the wretchedness! This cold heart—this unreal life! Ah! It grows colder still."

It so chanced that at this juncture the decayed ligaments of the skeleton gave way, and the dried bones fell apart, and the withered figure of Gervase Hastings, dusty wreath of cypress to drop upon the table. The attention of the company being thus diverted for a single instant from Gervase Hastings, they perceived, on the ground, the withered figure of the old man, who had undergone a change. His shadow had ceased to flicker on the wall.

Thackeray and the Christmas Tree

From "Round About the Christmas Tree."

There is, about the Christmas tree, as Thackeray pictures it in the "Roundabout Papers" under the particular title of "Round About the Christmas Tree," just such an atmosphere of realism as the brilliant and later days as is felt in Wallace's depiction of the first Christmas. Everyone has his little worries and troubles now, as all have their anxieties then; and it takes the Christmas spirit to gloss them over into cheer and hopefulness. His undertone of satire, never gentler or more friendly, brings us all the joys and sorrows, as well as the small worries that surround the Christmas tree.

The kindly Christmas tree, from which I trust every gentle reader has pulled a bonbon or two, is yet all aflame whilst I am writing, and sparkles with the sweet fruits of the season. You young ladies, may you have plucked pretty gifts from it, and out of the cracked sugar plumb which you have split with the captain or the sweet young curate, may you have read one of those delicious undrums which the confectioners introduce into the sweetmeats, and which apply to the cunning passion of love. Those riddles are to be read at your ease when I dare say they are amusing. As for Dolly, Merry, and Bell, who are standing at the tree, they don't care about the love-riddle part, but understand the sweet dandy portions very well. They are four, five and six years old. Patience, little people! A dozen merry Christmas more, and you will be reading those dandy undrums too. As for us elderly folks,

we watch the babies at their sport, and the young ladies pulling at the bonbons or sweeties in the packets which we pluck off the boughs, we find in the Christmas tree, just such an atmosphere of realism as the brilliant and later days as is felt in Wallace's depiction of the first Christmas. Everyone has his little worries and troubles now, as all have their anxieties then; and it takes the Christmas spirit to gloss them over into cheer and hopefulness. His undertone of satire, never gentler or more friendly, brings us all the joys and sorrows, as well as the small worries that surround the Christmas tree.

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The Boar's Head

From Washington Irving's "Christmas Dinner."

Washington Irving, in his pleasant "Sketch Book," has described an English Christmas dinner perhaps better, and more provocatively of a longing for its enjoyment, than any of the English writers themselves. How much there is in the dinner, and how much there is in the writer, it would be hard to say, even after one had exchanged for the boar's head the "ancient briolet" of old England the glorious brown turkey of his native land; but this is the way Irving describes it:

The dinner was served up in the great hall where the squire always had his Christmas banquet. A blazing, crackling fire of logs had been heaped on to warm the spacious apartment, and the flame went sparkling and wreathing up the wide-mouthed

chimney. The great picture of the crusader and his white horse had been profusely decorated with greens for the occasion; and holly and ivy had likewise been wreathed round the helmet and armor of the knight, which I understood. A sideboard was set out just under the chivalric trophy, on which was a display of plate that might have been (at least in variety) with Belshazzar's parade of the vessels of the temple: flagons, cans, cups, beakers, goblets, basins and ewers, and the gorgeous utensils of companionship that had gradually accumulated through many generations of jovial housekeepers. A blazing fire of food the two yule candles, beaming like two stars of the first magnitude; other lights were dis-

CHRISTMAS EVE AT BETHLEHEM HOW IT IS OBSERVED

Living Illustrations of the Flight of the Holy Family on Road From Bethlehem to Jerusalem—The Quaint Little Village of Nazareth—"Table of Christ" in One of the Chapels—The Grotto of the Annunciation, and the Sea of Galilee—Dwellers of the Villages Two Thousand Years After Christ.

It is Christmas eve. Across the dark Jordan hills and valleys resounds the ringing of the midnight chimes from the ancient Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Within the great nave, the pilgrims and the natives clad in picturesque oriental costumes are kneeling prostrate. The little gilded cradle containing the image of the Babe, has suddenly, at the striking of the hour, appeared hanging above the altar.

From the great organ peals out the harmonious accompaniment to the ancient song in Latin, the immense choir, "Gloria in Excelsis." The cradle with the "Bambino" is lowered and received reverently by waiting priests and borne solemnly to the little chapel, where an altar marks the site of the wondrous birth which took place two thousand years ago. A large gilt star in the marble pavement records the advent of the shepherds to Bethlehem led by the guiding star to visit the Babe of whom the angels sang:

Holding flaming torches and chanting solemnly the priests and monks, pilgrims and visitors gather in the chapel, on the stairway and around the low arched entrance, waiting to worship the Child of Bethlehem.

Then the little cradle is reverently laid on the altar bedecked to receive it. It lies for a week for pilgrims and visitors to "come and adore."

Bethlehem, the little town to which the wise men came to visit the Child, is today a quaint little village situated on the hillside above the valley where Bedouins lead their sheep to pasture in the "fields of the shepherds." As one approaches it on the road to Jerusalem, it is a picture of peace. Its white limestone houses with their flat roofs rising one above the other and clinging to the hillside, surrounded by olive groves and vineyards, are surrounded by the massive walls of the ancient convent and church, which give to the town its wonderful interest and make it the goal of pilgrims from all directions of the compass.

The Church of the Nativity, was built in 327 A. D. by Queen Helena above the grotto which was the stable of the inn to which Joseph and Mary came on that memorable night.

The basilica is perhaps the oldest monument of Christian architecture in the world. The four massive columns which support its fine architecture and its decaying roof are each of a single piece of marble more than two feet in diameter and six feet high. They are surrounded by elaborately carved capitals. The upper parts of the columns are faded and frescoed with Greek and Byzantine figures of saints. The columns were taken from the ancient temple in Jerusalem. These and the mosaics on the walls and roof made of cedar wood from the Lebanon forest, the former splendour of the church.

On the road from Bethlehem to Jerusalem one meets many a living illustration of the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt. The mother in her blue gown, her white veil covering her head and falling gracefully over her shoulders, sits on the strong Arab donkey, holding her babe wrapped in "swaddling clothes," while her husband walks slowly by her side, guiding the animal from time to time.

In the night the silence of the Holy Child, the silence of the years unborn expecting the visit of the Boy Jesus to Jerusalem at the age of twelve.

The scriptures give but a short glimpse of the beauty of the character unfolding in the boy during these years of seclusion. One picture is of him as a child, full of life and joy, and another of him as a young man, full of wisdom and knowledge, which caused him to be "in favor with God and man." The episode at twelve years of age to the temple in Jerusalem reveals the studious and meditative inclinations of the Child, who soon became the Great Teacher of all mankind.

In the quaint little village of Nazareth, He spent those childhood days of quiet seclusion. One can picture Him on the beautiful hillside, where the arch is situated, the delight in nature's beauty and meditation on the task before Him. To the fountain now called the Virgin's Fountain, He would come daily, and the people would be helping her carry the stone pitcher to be filled from the village well every morning and eve. In the fields one can see Him gathering the dew for the poor on the evening eve.

Standing at the bench with tool in hand beside Joseph in the carpenter's shop, He learned the trade by which He was known. He emerged from His solitude with the knowledge and wisdom which could baffle rabbis, scribes and lawyers. "Is not this the son of Joseph the carpenter?" the mother's shop is shown to visitors in Nazareth. Above it is a Latin church in which a large painting represents the child Jesus helping Joseph at the carpenter's bench. The table is a solid oak standing three feet above the floor.

The most prominent building in Nazareth is the Latin convent, rising above the other buildings, and appearing like some great medieval castle. Towering above it is a Turkish minaret, giving the town a touch of oriental grace. Even the star and crescent flag beside the cross of Christ. Tall palm trees, their green branches above the white buildings and stately cypresses stand like dark pillars, forming an effective background. It is a feeling of reverence that one approaches the town, and one is filled with a sense of love for these valleys where His voice so often resounded.

The convent stands on the site believed by the Franciscans to be that of the annunciation. It is surrounded by high walls. The gateway leads to a large courtyard, where pilgrims receive a large glass of water, which the angels placed up and down telling their heads. The church is smaller and the sound of chanting and the fragrance of incense issue at the hours of vespers and matins. Down in the annexe is a marble slab, where a cross marks the spot of the angels' appearance to the Virgin.

Suspended from the roof hangs a broken column about the position of which miraculous stories are told. The whole sanctum and vestibule are paved in marble. The light of many silver

lamps sheds a dim radiance over the faces of pious monks on bended knee, offering fervent prayers. All around are pilgrims, some before the altar, some before the marble floor, others returning from the cave of our lady, carrying stone they have broken off the rocks as precious relics. Before the altar is a painting, depicting the tradition of the place. It was donated by the Empress of Austria.

Behind the grotto of the annunciation are several chambers, where the monks live. The monks tell us that it was through this door that the Virgin passed out to the village well. There is a story that the remainder of the "holy house" was carried by angels from Nazareth to Lorraine in Italy.

Josephus wrote of Galilee as being covered by towns, with not less than fifteen hundred inhabitants each, yet today there are now not more than a few thousand inhabitants in Galilee, the greater number of whom are Christians belonging to the Greek and Latin churches.

Around Galilee are sights connected with the life of Christ. As one stands today by the blue waters of the little sea, one feels as if one were in the presence of the Christ, who was born on the hills of Galilee, and who was crucified on the hills of Galilee. The blue waters of Galilee are yet at times subject to similar sudden and violent tempests, when houses along the shore are blown away.

As one looks upon this little lake, thoughts of these incidents stir his heart and hold him spellbound to the spot. The nature of the lake is not so much attractive as the story of the events which took place upon its waters. The dwellers in the quaint villages that dot the hills, the Arabs in flowing garments, lead to the locality an element of the picturesque which inspires the artist. Its ruins and its former grandeur appeal to the historian. But the life of the Master is what attracts the pilgrim. The ruins of the synagogues in which He preached, the ruins of the house in which He was born, the ruins of the house in which He was crucified, all these are of interest to the pilgrim.

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Capernaum, the first place to which He came after His birth, is a town of great importance of old and is now but a heap of debris and ruins of the past. The ruins of the synagogues in which He preached, the ruins of the house in which He was born, the ruins of the house in which He was crucified, all these are of interest to the pilgrim.

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From the ruins of Capernaum one has a wonderful view of the beautiful plain of Gennesaret and the whole extent of the Sea of Galilee and the River Jordan, and the ruins of the synagogues in which He preached, the ruins of the house in which He was born, the ruins of the house in which He was crucified, all these are of interest to the pilgrim.

The ancient Cana is now a deserted spot in a wild locality, which forms a good hiding place for wild boars and jackals.

A Greek convent and chapel not far from the site of the miracle, the turning of the water into wine. The monks show some earthen vessels, which they claim to be the original ones, which were used for the miracle.

Nain, where the widow was raised to life, is now nothing but a Mohammedan mud hut village amid the ruins. There are many ruins of the town, which was destroyed by the Romans. The ruins of the synagogues in which He preached, the ruins of the house in which He was born, the ruins of the house in which He was crucified, all these are of interest to the pilgrim.

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which, in all probability, Christ passed most often on His way to Bethany. It is interesting to know that the prophet Ezekiel prophesied many centuries ago that this gate would be closed, because "the Lord had entered in by it." As one approaches the city from the Jaffa gate, the principal entrance, it appears not unlike some modern town, for the larger Jerusalem extending outside the walls is what first meets the eye.

To obtain a true view of the old city one must ascend one of the hills which surround it. Looking down from a height above it, one has a fine view of the situation of ancient Jerusalem, which was once "the joy of the whole earth."

One is struck at once by the absence of bright colors in the buildings and roofs, most of which are of a ragged gray or white stone. Many of the houses are flat-roofed and others have a white limestone dome which stands out in a picturesque manner beside the tall white minarets. Above a Turkish minaret rises a Christian church spire with a cross shining in the sunlight, near to the silver crescent on the mosque. Here and there a solitary palm tree waves its branches in a stately manner, towering over the houses and above the gleaming city the changeless blue of the Syrian sky affords the touch of color needed to lighten the beauty of the landscape.

One realizes that the Turk also is "The Holy City," for the city is not only a place of religious interest, but also a place of religious interest. The city is not only a place of religious interest, but also a place of religious interest.

At the foot of the Mount of Olives, just below the city, is a small garden of Gethsemane. The great old olive trees alone remain as monuments of the past. When one stands with bowed head under these ancient trees in the stillness of the solitary place and meditates on the sad events which took place here, he is impressed with a new meaning in the hymn "Tis Midnight and on Oliv' Brow."

Christ taught and healed in the hillside, apparently having been cleft from the larger half on the hilltop. The most important feature of the hill is a precipitous declivity, in which stand below, and while they bargain lengthily keep a watchful eye on the strings of heavily laden camels and donkeys that pass by quickly, knocking the fingers on all the fingers of the three thoroughfares. It is, strangely enough, composed of Jewish shops. It gradually leads down to the neighbor-

The most important street in Jerusalem is named after Israel's poet, "King David." It runs through the town in an irregular winding manner, and is a long stone steps. Many archways and overhanging houses darken the descent. On either side are dingy shops, where the owners squat or raise their heads at the sight of a stranger. The street is a narrow lane, with a low archway over the entrance, and a small shop on either side. The street is a narrow lane, with a low archway over the entrance, and a small shop on either side.

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500 hussars, which on occasions furnished the bodyguard of his majesty the grand duke. The baron's indifference to the relations of his wife and Goethe is explained by his devotion to another lady.

Goethe's attachment for the Frau von Stein lasted longer than those with other women, and there are at least eight such affairs to his credit or discredit. The ancient dame who was as a custodian of the Gartenhaus in which Goethe used to meet Frau von Stein, says that he loved two women in his time and was true to none of them. There is no doubt, however, that his affection was genuine, and that it was returned by her. She is the original of the charming countess in "William Meister," her husband is the original of the eccentric count of that story, and several of the most exciting situations and incidents in the plot actually occurred in their experience. For a time, we are told, the imprudence with which the liaison was carried on created a great deal of scandal at Weimar, and the Dowager Duchess Amalia was at first shocked, but Goethe's fascinations seem to have been exercised upon her in such a skillful and effective manner that she soon ceased to condemn the affair.

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Late Old Country News

ENGLAND

MAN CHARGED WITH KILLING HIS FATHER

Terrible Affair Engaging Attention of English Court.

A terrible affair is engaging the Carlisle courts, where Archibald Norval a carrier, is charged with the wilful murder of his father, Alexander Norval, aged seventy-five, at his warehouse a month ago. Mr. Norval was apparently killed by blows from an axe. Prosecuting counsel said that the father was a man of substance and of frugal habits, while the son was of a different disposition. Some bloodstains had been discovered by the home office expert on the prisoner's clothes, though the examination was not yet completed. Evidence was given that shortly after the time of the alleged murder the prisoner had in a hurried manner got drinks at several public houses.

By a serious explosion at Stribstone Colliery, near Leicester, a boy was killed and a colliery storekeeper named Revell and seven children were seriously injured. Revell was disposing of some damaged gunpowder, which had been removed from the gunpowder storehouse, and it is supposed that the heat of a refuse bank caused the explosion. Some children who were picking up coal on the bank escaped, but eight others were blown in all directions, two of them landing in a pond and having to be rescued. All the eight were hurt about the face, arms and breast, and one of them, Thomas Brownlow, seven, died shortly after in the hospital.

Wonderful good fortune, experienced by an alleged thief, was described the other day at Blackburn, when John Marsden was committed for trial for stealing fowls. It transpired that prisoner and a companion were in previous night taking a short cut with a sack of fowls along the railway track, when a goods train overtook them. Prisoner threw himself down in the four-foot way and the whole train passed over him, leaving him unscathed. The other man failed to jump clear and had a leg taken off. Marsden, when arrested, was found bandaging the injured limb.

A man and a woman brought before the magistrate at a West London court the other day, on the allegation that they were merely street musicians, the man played a few bars of music and the woman singing. The magistrate decided to test the musical abilities of the couple, and arranged for a "command performance" in the court. After hearing a few bars in duet of "The Song That Reached My Heart," the magistrate said the performance was by no means creditable, and he discharged the musicians.

RELIGIOUS MANIA CAUSE OF MURDER

Man Once in a Asylum Kills Father With Dagger.

Sunstroke sustained in New Zealand, and an attack of religious mania, were the causes that led a medical student, of twenty-six, to kill his father, at Kingsland, the other week. The youth had been confined in an asylum in New Zealand, but his father fetched him home on his release from the institution. He was under the care of his parent when the tragedy occurred, the prisoner suddenly becoming demented during the night, and killing his father with a dagger. A novel method of church illumination has been adopted by the Rev. W. Spencer, vicar of Cosely Parish Church, Staffordshire, which has had a wind turbine, eighteen feet in diameter, erected in a disused colliery estate adjoining the churchyard, and has installed an excellent wind-driven electric generating plant, which not only illuminates the church and vicarage, but also provides current for blowing the organ.

An unusual spectacle was witnessed at the funeral of Mrs. Mary Louise York, at Scarborough last week. Mrs. York was the wife of regimental Sergeant-Major York, of the York Hussars Regiment, and she had been born in the army thirty-nine years ago. Last week the coffin was followed by the grace by an escort of York Hussars, and there were two cabs filled with wreaths. By a sad coincidence Mrs. York's father, an Indian mutiny veteran was buried the same day at Chatham.

A wedding eve tragedy was investi-

gated at Kingston-on-Thames last week, the victim being August Toale, a tailor, who was found dead three days before the day fixed for his wedding. His fiancée, Miss Shepherd, said that she went to call for him, and being unable to get any answer to her knocking, broke a window and climbed into the house. In one of the back rooms she found him lying on a chair, his head resting on a table.

A painful fatality occurred recently at Longton, Staffordshire. At an inquest, James Sanderson, a laborer, said he gave his wife beefsteak and tea for breakfast. She went into the back kitchen, where she was apparently choking, a piece of meat having lodged in her throat. He tried to remove it with his fingers, but failed, and after struggling for a quarter of an hour his wife died in his arms.

A great fall of cliff has occurred on the east side of St. Margaret's Bay near Dover, a huge bluff of the cliff slipping away, and many thousands tons falling on to the foreshore and into the sea. The mass of chalk extends about 300 feet out to sea and is about 200 feet wide. As the fall took place a great cloud of chalk dust and debris rose over the spot. Six years ago a similar accident occurred.

Strange circumstances attend the case of William Bradford, a gardener, who has been arrested on a charge of attempting to murder his wife by cutting her throat with a razor at Rhyl. The accused man had not been to his work, and it is stated that after reading a newspaper the other Sunday he remarked to a neighbor that his conscience was very bad, and a murder was needed to live things up.

Details to hand of the wreck of the Newcastle steamer Crown Prince in Corrientes Bay, Cuba, show that Fred Paton, an apprentice, aged nineteen, of Sunderland, displayed great bravery in swimming 250 yards to the shore with a lifeline round him, by which he was enabled to pull a heavy net on shore. This, and the fast and rigged a breeches buoy, by which all were rescued.

There was a tragic sequel the other day to the municipal elections for Wallasey, Captain Foster, who was the only Conservative candidate, succumbed to injuries sustained through an accident on the eve of the poll. The deceased was fixing a flag on the roof of his committee room, and in previous night taking a short cut through the skylight of an adjacent shop.

At the Royal Naval College, Osborne one Sunday morning lately, the Lord Bishop of Southampton and Archbishop of the Isle of Wight, confirmed by cadets in the presence of many visitors, including parents of the cadets. Prince Albert, the King's second son, sang in the college choir. The bishop delivered an impressive address to the cadets on "Manhood and Duty."

Mr. G. G. Hamar, of Rochester, is the possessor of a dog, a cross between an Irish retriever and an Irish setter, which has been so trained that by means of sounds it goes to butcher and baker and other tradesmen on errands. Quite recently a note was placed in his mouth, and the dog trotted to Rochester postoffice and secured its own license.

As the cinematograph is growing daily in popularity as a provider of entertainment and is increasing in usefulness for commercial purposes, it is not surprising to find that the education authorities of London are seriously considering a proposal to use it in the evening schools in connection with lessons in history and geography. John Long, whose heart was recently sear by the London Hospital after he had been stabbed, has made a complete recovery. So much so that he was fined 10s. at a London court recently, for engaging in a violent struggle with a policeman.

Frederick Parker, of Hanley, who has just died from injuries received in a fall from a ladder, was the third painter to die in this manner.

IRELAND

LUNATIC ATTACKS ORGAN WITH AXE

Frenzied Man Wrecks Interior of an Irish Church.

Under remarkable circumstances a young man named Alexander McKelrick, who has been committed to Armagh Lunatic Asylum. The man had until a few months ago been employed as organ-blower in Annaghmore Parish Church, but as his manner had become somewhat eccentric it was found necessary to discharge him. Since then he had been heard to utter threats, and the other day he presented himself at the church, armed with an axe and an axe. He attacked the main door, which is of stout oak, and cut away the side post

and gained entrance. The first object of attack was the organ, which he smashed open, and he then chopped the keyboard to pieces. Some of the alarmed parishioners arrived on the scene, but were unable to control the man. When the police arrived the frenzied man was smashing the lamps by which the church is lighted. The police closed with him, and he was afterwards committed to Armagh Asylum as a dangerous lunatic.

Since the tragic and melancholy fire at Menlo Castle, in County Galway, which resulted in the death of Miss Eleanor Blake, daughter of Sir Valentine and Lady Blake, and one of the servants, the ashes and other debris containing the remains of Miss Blake, whose body has not been recovered, have been carefully and reverently deposited in a spot about one hundred yards from the castle and walked and railed off, and over them a handsome granite monument has been erected. The ground, which is not intended for any further interments, has been dedicated solemnly by the Bishop of Tuam.

An interesting personality was that of Mr. M. Dalton, who died in Tipperary the other week, at the age of 72. Mr. Dalton was mainly instrumental in carrying through a scheme of waterworks for Tipperary from the Galtee Mountains, where Casey and Shinnick were shot dead. Mr. Dalton had the honor of a public funeral. Addressing his constituents at Liverpool during his election campaign, Mr. T. P. O'Connor said the missions to Canada and America had proved an enormous success in spite of the campaign of calumny and lies intended to bankrupt the Irish cause, by drying up the funds. He said that the remarkable feature of his Canadian tour was that at his meetings not only did premiers and ex-premiers speak, but grand masters of Orange lodges, Canada had stretched forth a hand to try and heal the feud between England and Ireland.

A dastardly outrage was perpetrated on the West Railway last week. The evening train from Kilkree to Enniscorthy was stopped by a mob of men when the driver noticed an obstruction on the line. This proved to be a large stone. It was removed and the train had only gone a short distance when another stone was thrown on the line. The train was stopped and it took the united efforts of several men to remove it. Had a sharp lookout not been kept by the trainmen a serious catastrophe might have happened.

The temperance cause is particularly noticeable in Limerick. The police court and petty sessions show the great good effected by recent missions given by the Capuchin Fathers. The police records for drunkenness number only two or three cases now on Fridays, when formerly from twenty to forty summons used to be dealt with. The Publicans admit that trade has fallen by one-half, and many publicans in the poorer quarters are expected to close business altogether.

Thanks to Queen Mary's example, the Irish lace industry will benefit very largely by the coronation. Always a warm supporter of the Irish Industries Association, Her Majesty has now decided that all the lace used in her coronation robes shall be of Irish manufacture, while the magnificent veil, which will fall from her coronation, will be of Irish needlepoint. In deference to the Queen's wishes, Irish laces will also figure in the robes of the peeresses at the great ceremony in June next.

An interesting note is to hand to the effect that the Nenagh authorities have given permission to the American friends of the late General Michael Emmet Urell, of the American army, a civil war veteran, for the exhumation of his remains, which are to be transferred to Washington, for reinterment. General Urell, who was a native of Nenagh, died suddenly in Cork last August when about to pay a visit to the town of his birth.

A painful accident occurred recently near Glin, County Limerick, the victim being a young man named Jeremiah Kelly, who had returned from America to his parents but a few days before. He was crossing a thorn fence when the trigger of his loaded fowling-piece accidentally caught in a bramble, with the result that the charge lodged in his left breast and caused instant death.

A commotion was caused one day last week at Abercorn Basin, Belfast. Twenty-six men were working on a staging at a liner which is being built by Messrs. Harland & Wolff, when the staging collapsed, throwing the entire squad of men into the river. Their fellow-workers immediately went to their assistance, and after rescuing the men, they were taken to the hospital.

On arrival of the midnight train at

Belfast from Dublin one night lately, Mr. Barry, who had returned from attending the funeral of his mother, stepped out before the train had come to a standstill. He missed his footing, and fell between carriage and platform. When rescued he was unconscious, and was taken to the hospital, but he never rallied, and died next day.

By 23 votes to 18, Dublin corporation resolved last week "that owing to the amount of distress which continues to prevail in Dublin the salary of the lord mayor for the year commencing February, 1911, be reduced by £1,000." Mayor's salary at present is £18,000. Alexander Hutchinson, who served in the Royal Artillery during the Crimean war and Indian mutiny, and died at Kildowney, County Antrim, was buried, at his earnest and last request, in his old uniform, which he had carefully kept during the 40 years since he left the army.

A rather unusual function took place at Belfast recently when two hundred inmates of the county jail enjoyed a variety entertainment and listened to organ solos played by the prison governor.

SCOTLAND

SCOT COMMUNITY PUT UNDER HAMMER

An Island of the Outer Hebrides Offered To Be Sold.

It is rather exceptional to see a whole community put under the hammer of the auctioneer. Such a thing has happened in the case of the Isle of Lewis, the principal island of the Outer Hebrides, which is to be sold, by order of the owner, Major Macdonald, to the Duke of Argyll, for £500,000. The island provides sport with deer, grouse, woodcock, and snipe, and it has three salmon rivers. The principal town, known as "Lewis Castle," standing in 600 acres of ground, overlooks Stornoway. It was visited by King Edward and Queen Alexandra in 1902. It has also been visited by King George and the late Duke of Edinburgh on one occasion spent a week there. The population of the island is about 28,000, of which Stornoway has 4,000, the majority of the remainder being crofters.

Telling a story of storm and stress, the Aberdeen trawler, Ben Doran, entered Wick Bay one day last week, having in tow a Shetland fishing smack Free Trade, of Scalloway, which she had picked up in a disabled state off Wick. The Free Trade had been purchased by Norwegian gentleman, and was being taken to Norway by a crew of two men. The vessel was within sight of Norway, when she was driven back by the force of a violent gale. She has been in a terrible weather, all her canvas being torn to ribbons. She was picked up by the trawler about 80 miles off Wick. The men were taken on board, and a vessel was sent to Stornoway, having been without food except for a dry biscuit for three days.

A varied career was that of James Sinclair of Holm, Orkney, who has just died at the age of eighty-four. Mr. Sinclair was born in Holm, and chose the sea as his profession. His first voyage was from Ireland to Quebec with emigrants, which was a memorable voyage, the emigrants taking fever on the passage. He sailed for a number of years to China and Australia. He was taken by the cold fever, and went ashore in Australia, and was for many years in the gold diggings all over Australia. He was an elder in the U. F. Church, precursor for over forty years, and a Sabbath school teacher for over thirty years. He was clerk of the school board, collector of rates, and inspector of poor, also registrar.

At the sound of the lifeboat rocket, Thomas Robertson, Buchanman, passed away under pathetic and peculiar circumstances. In June last, when a boating disaster occurred out from Buchan harbor, three men were drowned. Robertson, while assisting to recover the bodies, was suddenly seized with paralysis and taken ashore. Since then, though slightly recovered, he was unable to work. On a recent Thursday the lifeboat crew, of which he was formerly a member, was summoned by a rocket to a ship to distress Wemyss. The sound of the rocket put him into such an excited state that another attack of paralysis seized him, and he died.

More valuable and interesting than was at first supposed are the articles of jewelry, etc., found recently in the old iron safe which had lain in the grounds of Sunlaw House, near Perthshire, to which property and other estates the second son of the late Mr. William Scott Kerr, of Sunlaw,

succeeded. Among the relics found is a garter of the Order of the Garter, which belonged to Charles II. or to his reign.

Something akin to a sensation was caused during a recent communion service in the parish church, Barrhill, Ayrshire. When the service was about to begin Mr. John Henderson, a prominent church member, rose and protested against the use of fermented wine. One of the elders spoke against Mr. Henderson's conduct, and thereupon Mr. Henderson, accompanied by Miss Henderson, left the church. The minister appeared, to be much agitated by the interruption. He asked the congregation to compose themselves, and after some commotion the service proceeded in the usual manner.

BLIND GIRL SUCCEEDS AT POULTRY BUSINESS

Her Yearly Balance Shows Substantial Profits.

Recently the writer of an article in Feathered Life met a young Scotch girl, who, though blind, is active and accomplished to a very remarkable degree. One of her principal interests is her poultry yard, and there her almost unaided efforts have met with wonderful success. Her yearly balance sheet shows substantial and increasing profits, while the care of her birds gives her a source of much interest and provides a good deal of healthy outdoor exercise. She keeps careful and accurate records, a Braille slate being used for memoranda.

The heavy falling off in the consumption of Scotch whiskey, consequent upon the increased duty, is compelling the closure of many distilleries. It is reported that the Distillers' Company, Limited, the largest whiskey producing concern in the world, has determined to close down the Ardgowan distillery, Greenock, for an indefinite period and has discharged many employees.

Desiring a miniature kingdom of his own in the romantic Firth of Lorne, Mr. George McLean Buckley, a Sussex gentleman, has purchased the island of Shuna, belonging to the Glasgow Corporation, for £4,000. Shuna lies off the west coast of Argyllshire, about fourteen miles from Oban. The island is about three miles in length. The population numbers eleven.

A fine old veteran was Colonel John Bower, of Droxford, Hants, who died recently in his 102nd year. He was born at Kincardrum, Forfarshire, in 1809, and was the oldest British officer who served in the Indian army and retired in 1859. He retained his faculties in a wonderful degree, fulfilling magisterial duties and following the hounds until quite recently.

Said to be the oldest woman in the Scottish Highlands, Mary Gordon died at Algas, near Beaulieu, last week. She was 108 years of age, and until she reached the age of 90 she has never been ill for a day, and was engaged in outside farm labor. She was in possession of all her faculties until a few weeks before her death. A movement is on foot for a Scottish national memorial to Thomas Carlyle, the great essayist, historian and philosopher. It is proposed to erect statues at the village of Ecclefechan, where the literary giant lies buried, at Edinburgh, and possibly at Kirkcaldy and Glasgow.



Scene From "Beverly" at the Grand Theatre on Monday, Jan. 2.

a strong cast of capable players. In the above acquisitions "Annie Laurie," M. Douglas Flattery's romantic Scotch comedy drama, is most fortunate. Dealing, as the plot does, with the troublesome times of the latter part of the 17th century in Scotland, when daring and intrigue were rampant, the play presents scenes at once striking and picturesque. An intense interest centres around the love affairs of Annie Laurie, the heroine, and Robert Reid, a soldier of fortune. The play is one that appeals to all classes of theatre goers.

Each act has been given a superb stage setting, and a carload of scenery and lighting effects make a production of more than ordinary merit. The play will be seen at the Grand Theatre on Friday and Saturday next and on Saturday. Seats Tuesday, Dec. 27.

"Beverly." The attraction at the Grand, matinee and night, Monday, Jan. 2, will be A. G. Delamater and William Norris, Inc. original Studebaker Theatre, Chicago production of George Barr McCutcheon's "Beverly," by Robert M. Baker.

Henry Kolker's first bow as a star in this country will be made under the auspices of Henry W. Savage, at Hartford, Conn., on December 26, preparatory to the metropolitan opening scheduled to take place a little later in Chicago. The vehicle selected by Mr. Savage is "The Great Name," a comedy by Victor Leon, one of the librettists of "The Merry Widow," and Leo Field. The play tells the life of a highly successful composer of operetta, and comes with the pres-

THE SOLAR HEAT AND HOW MEASURED

Scientists Can Now Forecast Weather for Many Months.

In order to be able to forecast weather a season ahead, and tell the farmer whether it will be a cold or warm, wet or dry season, and what crops to plant, the weather bureau scientists at the Mount Weather observatory in Virginia are making some meteorological investigations that are peculiarly interesting. They are daily measuring the amount of solar energy reaching the earth in a unit of time, and their complicated instruments register a sudden falling off or increase a week or more before it is felt in our climate, and after it occurs the meteorologist is found to remain several months.

Only two or three times a year are considerable variations given off by the sun, and the sun and earth being such tremendous bodies that a general hot or cold season must last as long as this.

If the sun's radiation is found to fall off 10 per cent in September, the observers had it as well predict a cool autumn as the weather bureau forecasters now do to forecast a change of local weather for only two days. The most important instrument used in this work is a bolometer, an electric thermometer, which is an apparatus as large as to occupy a building of considerable size; yet the essential part of its mechanism, which makes the record, is a thin wire, an extremely connected electrically with a balance of marvelous delicacy. The beam of the balance is a filament of spun glass five inches long and less in diameter than a hair, in the middle of which is a concave mirror, which has a large pin-head. This mirror, which weighs two and a half milligrams, or about as much as the hind leg of a fly, is fastened upon a square piece cut from the sun's surface, and the whole affair is suspended from a fiber of spun quartz crystal two feet long and one thousandth of an inch thick.

Outside of the building is a queer-looking machine provided with a large circular mirror, which is controlled by clockwork in such a way as to face the sun at all hours and to throw a reflected beam into the mouth of a great tube that enters the laboratory. The observatory is so arranged and purposes a photographic dark room on a large scale, and a single ray of the sunshine thus conveyed is permitted to fall upon the platinum thread, through which a current of electricity continually passes. It is well known that the electrical resistance of platinum varies with its temperature, so by measuring the resistance of the thread, the heat of the sun's rays thrown upon it is determined.

Changes in the temperature of the platinum thread cause the wonderful little balance to sway, while another ray of light allowed to fall upon its tiny concave mirror is reflected upon a measuring scale. Thus, as the large of reflected light runs along the scale, one may observe with the eye the variations in the amount of heat conveyed by the sunbeam, which comes through the tube from outside the building. When desired, the measuring scale is replaced by a slow-traveling photographic film, which makes a permanent record of the fluctuations of the solar temperature, and is ready for printing, filing and subsequent reference.—Youth's Companion.

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SCENE FROM "THE WOLF," THE HOLIDAY ATTRACTION FOR MAT INEE AND NIGHT, NEXT MONDAY.

Behind the Footlights

Next Week's Attractions at the Grand.

Monday, Matinee and Night, "The Wolf"
Tuesday "St. Elmo"
Friday and Saturday, and Saturday Matinee "Annie Laurie"

At the Grand Christmas Matinee and Night.

The wind whistles through the pines. The snowflakes glide through the trackless forest; the click-click of the axe is heard, as the surveyors make ready for the coming of the railroad. Into this scene is a log-cabin and inside of the cabin are characters, some good, some bad—some wise, some foolish. Jules Baubien, big of heart and body; William MacDonald, for whom woman is but a plaything; George Hight, assistant to MacDonald, as light of heart as of foot; B'Atiste, in whose simple, large soul, only two ideas can exist; MacTavish, also a big character, and then MacTavish's daughter, Hilda, with the yellow hair of her Swedish mother, and a great love grown into her heart for the temperamental Jules. And back of it all, the old, long ago, at the first of the call of the Wolf, until at last, it dies away, disappointed in the end of its prey, even as MacDonald, the human "wolf" is disappointed also. A big play, heart-grIPPING in its every scene, as big as the best of English, simple, grand and understandable, by the ablest of writers, Eugene Walter. The Paul Gilmore Company presents this great play at

the Grand Christmas, matinee and night.

"St. Elmo."
"Why did she love him? Curious fool, be still!"
Is human love the growth of human will?"

How many years since these lines have flashed across your memory? Or have they always been a part of it, like your first love at school? Where are they found? Why, they are the foreword of "St. Elmo," that most famous of novels of a few generations which today holds its own with the lovers of fiction better than any of its contemporaries and as well as many of the present-day novels.

A competent dramatization has appeared according to the testimony of hundreds of people of several middle western cities who have been privileged to hear the play formed from George Hight, assistant to MacDonald, as light of heart as of foot; B'Atiste, in whose simple, large soul, only two ideas can exist; MacTavish, also a big character, and then MacTavish's daughter, Hilda, with the yellow hair of her Swedish mother, and a great love grown into her heart for the temperamental Jules. And back of it all, the old, long ago, at the first of the call of the Wolf, until at last, it dies away, disappointed in the end of its prey, even as MacDonald, the human "wolf" is disappointed also. A big play, heart-grIPPING in its every scene, as big as the best of English, simple, grand and understandable, by the ablest of writers, Eugene Walter. The Paul Gilmore Company presents this great play at

New Year's Eve Attraction. To be a success a play must first of all have a strong gripping plot, faultless construction, intense dramatic situations, a bit of real comedy, a worthy scenic production and lastly,

the Grand Christmas, matinee and night.

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SCENE FROM ST. ELMO

To Be Produced at the Grand on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

tige of marked popular favor in Vienna and throughout German-speaking countries generally. In added piquancy lies the fact that Herren Leon and Lehar, supposed to have taken Franz Lehár, composer of "The Merry Widow," as their model, and to have set forth in their comedy many episodes actually in the career of that creator of the operetta, Franz Lehár. Mr. Kolker will be supported by a notably fine company that includes Russ Whytal, Lizzie Hudson Collier, Hardee Kirkland, Harry Tansey, Frances Gaunt, Ruth Chatterton, Arthur Hovey, Elsa Lorimer and a number of other able players.

Henry W. Savage's numerous attractions will celebrate the Yuletide joyously throughout a wide expanse of territory. For example, the eastern company presenting "Madame X" will be in Boston; the western in Sacramento, California; and the southern in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The eastern "Merry Widow" will toast Old Santa a hundred strong in Columbus, Ohio; and the southern forces will tarry in Harrisburg long enough en route to the balmy regions below Mason and Dixon's line to drink a bumper to the good old patron of childhood, "The Prince of Pilsen" will be in Sioux City, Iowa, and "The Little Diamond" on the shore of Lake Michigan. One of the productions will open on the day officially set apart in the Christmas celebration, December 26. This is Henry Kolker in "The Great Name"—the first of the novelties in Mr. Savage's supplementary list of the season.

The preparations for "Everywoman," Walter Browne's unique modern

Clark's Pork and Beans

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[By John Fraser, in Montreal Star.]

Another Christmas Day comes memory as I write. It was in Teheran the capital of Persia. There, of course is the British legation; but most

policy, operate none the less to undermine political attachment. What should be the last to minimize the worship of rank and wealth and position, which is one abiding enemy of the people? The answer is, the disclosure last January. The West End of the Metropolis, the cathedral city, most of the seaside resorts and other pleasure towns, together with the great cities, have a large number of persons "retired gentlemen," other persons "living on their means," reside in considerable number. They showed the true strength of the powers of snobbery. For the vast majority of the people, the only way of getting to win, and much to lose, by the protective tariff, which then, as now stands as "the first constructive policy" of the Opposition. They vote. They are called on to contribute to the distinct and valuations affected by the understanding. Some flicker of conviction, some pressure of economic action, may reasonably be taken in account. But it was the instinctive feeling of the community, the yearning of the aspiring gentry, the courting of the gentry by the tradespeople, the general worship of the well-to-do, some sense of wage-earners, a little of the millions to take their place on the farms, the small policeman, who are the customary middle men between gentry and workers, the

privileges they symbolize, more thoroughly than any antiquated House of Lords, the modern cleavage between riches and poverty, leisure and toil. The Lords do not represent the rest of the nation, but the reaction of the now that rural land does not constitute a main source of wealth. No doubt, if the veto of the peers upon finance, as well as upon ordinary legislation, could have been successfully maintained, the country would have stood stilly for its retention. But the fact is that the possessors and defenders of property are privileged are less and less dispersed among the members of the institution so evidently obsolete and out of keeping with the methods of the modern business world in which they live and move and have their being. It is much like going into battle in the days of the phalanx with muskets and arquebuses. They may pretend to repair the battlements and fit the repaired fortress with new guns. But by their tactics of the last fortnight they have so convinced any open-eyed observer that the Conservative party of the future does not hold much for the veto of a House of Lords, and does not seriously expect the snobbery of British electors to influence the House to retain the existing House or for any restored or redecorated substitute.

posals the Government were now submitting to the country's judgment. The most unpardonable misrepresentation of all was that in which he had represented the House of Lords and their leaders were only too ready, too eager, to abolish the hereditary principle and set up a democratic chamber, and that the one obstacle to this was the House of Lords of the Government. That was absolutely inaccurate. (Cheers. What were the facts? No responsible person on the Tory side had proposed the abolition of hereditary principle. They had proposed to reduce the number of hereditary peers and to choose a sort of select body; but what sort of a body would they choose? The House of Commons would be the most honest chance of a Liberal majority? No. What was the difference, then, of being beaten by a majority of 200 in the House of Commons? Lord Rosebery knew perfectly well that Lord Lansdowne had never proposed to abolish the hereditary principle. On the contrary, Lord Lansdowne had proposed to give the House of Lords a new name—Laurel and several voices—“House of Lords.” “Well,” went on Mr. George, laughing at his slip, “I hope to see him in the House of Commons.” (Laughter.) “I am sure he would make a very creditable and influential member of Parliament. One of the arguments in favor of the

stance or wreckage. The vessel was strange and remarkable for the fact that it was brought up "all standing." The starboard engine was quickly stopped and a boat lowered and sent to investigate. On getting under way the tugboat proceeded to the wreck and was surprised to find that the sunfish had become securely fixed to the bracket of the port propeller. The blade was completely embedded in the creature's flesh, and the propeller was so firmly stuck the stern post of the vessel. It was impossible to extricate the fish at sea, so the boat was hoisted on board again and the steaming proceeded on her passage the morning. The starboard engine only was running.

On reaching Port Jackson the tug was anchored in Mosman Bay, where all hands were set to work to remove the fish. It was a most difficult task, with the aid of the steamship's winch the sunfish was hoisted clear of the screw on board. The Ficon then proceeded to the sugar company's wharf and found a crane to compare weight-bridge and found to weigh 24 tons four hundredweight. The measurements were: Length, 10 ft. across the body, 6 feet; head, 10 ft.; body and snout, 6 feet; mouth, 8 inches; dorsal fin, 4 feet high and 6 inches across; and anal fin, 3 feet high and 6 inches across; and the caudal or tail fin, 22½ inches long.

The children of the Anglo-Saxon breed.

—London Standard of Empire.

KAISER'S FAVORITE DISH.

A dish of which the Kaiser is particularly fond is carp, cooked in butter.

When entertaining a men's party the Schloss in Berlin one evening, ordered a second helping of his favorite carp, but the servant had to confess it was all gone. "How is it?" asked of the controller of the household, "that you buy so little carp?" The official rejoined that on that particular day over 50 pounds had been bought for the royal kitchen. "Quite a liberal allowance," commented the Kaiser, "in future, however, when you buy that kind of fish, please order extra half-pound for myself."

Electrocution as a humane way of slaughtering cattle is being tried in France.

On one leg of a crow recently in Germany was a silver band, showing it had lived more than a century.

The United States National geological congress estimated that the world was made of iron ore to 22,408,000,000 tons, which 12,632,000,000 tons are in Europe and 9,855,000,000 tons are in America.



Eczema on Leg for 25 Years

I have been treated by doctors for twenty-five years for a bad case of eczema on my leg. They did their best, but failed to cure it. My own doctor had advised me to have my leg cut off, but I said I would try the Cuticura Remedies first. He said, "Try them if you like but I do not think they will do any good." At this time my leg was peeling from the knee down, my foot was like a piece of raw flesh and I had to walk on crutches. I bought a cake of Cuticura Soap, a box of Cuticura Ointment and a bottle of Cuticura Resolvent. After the first two treatments the swelling went down and in two months' use of the Cuticura Remedies my leg was cured and the new skin grew on. The doctor could not believe his own eyes when he saw that Cuticura had cured me and said that he would use Cuticura for his own patients. But for the Cuticura Remedies I might have lost my life. I am truly grateful for the wonderful cure that Cuticura wrought. I have many grandchildren and they are frequent users of Cuticura and I always recommend it most highly as a sure and economical cure for skin troubles.

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STAMINA IN MEN AND HOW TO POSSESS IT.

From "Man's Maladies." A prominent physician being asked the question, "What are the things in life a man needs most?" answered: "Physical health, strong nerves, money, and a woman." Possessing these five attributes is a success. Any man possessing the first three can be a success. He can have the other two. Possession of a sound body, strong nerves, and money is really the requirement which men need most. Men need stamina, courage, strength, endurance, and perseverance, but in order to have these qualities the nerves must be in good condition. A man with a weak nervous system is really a man with a weak body. When a man has forebodings, sensations of fear, dizziness, tremors, such symptoms as trembling hands and limbs, weak voice, nervousness, sleeplessness, rumbling, dizziness, heart palpitation, restlessness, forgetfulness, melancholia, weariness without cause, and many others of a similar nature, it cannot be expected that he will be a success financially, socially or otherwise.

FOR THE PUBLIC

New Formula Cures Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis and Hoarseness in Five Hours.

Much is being done in these days to stop the ravages of consumption, but probably nothing has been so effective as teaching the public how to break up a cold and cure coughs, bronchitis, tonsillitis, etc., with simple, safe, and effective medicine. A laxative cough syrup, free from whiskey is the prime need. A cough indicates inflammation and congestion, and these in turn are due to an excess of waste and poison in the system. A tonic laxative cough syrup rids the system of congestion. Get the following and mix at home: One-half ounce fluid wild cherry bark, one ounce compound essence cardiol and three ounces syrup white pine compound. Shake the bottle and take twenty drops every half hour for four hours. Then one-half to one teaspoonful three or four times daily. Give children less, according to age. Cut this out and save it for some friend.

HANDLING HIGH EXPLOSIVES

Hudson Maxim Tells of Accidents and Narrow Escapes.

"It is practically impossible," writes Hudson Maxim, in Adventure, "to make the ordinary laboring man appreciate the necessity of care in the safe handling of explosives, and the life of the careful man is always endangered by the actions of the careless one."

After I had sold the works at Maxim and had invented dynamite, I needed a place in which to make the material and hired a branch of the works there for that purpose. It was winter. My wife had accompanied me as a precautionary measure. She was sitting in the laboratory to keep warm, near a big barrel stove charged with bituminous coal.

On entering the laboratory for something my wife asked me what was in those two tin pails sitting near the stove. She said that she had a suspicion it might be nitroglycerine, and she informed me that one of my men had just been in stirring the fire and that the sparks flew out in all directions, some of them lighting in the buckets, to be quenched on top of the oily liquid.

"Terrors!" I said. "It is nitroglycerine!" "I called the man who had placed it there and told him to take it away. As it was necessary to keep the material from freezing he took it into the boiler-house near by. A little later on going into the boiler-house I saw one of the men stirring the fire while the other was standing with his coat-tails outstretched in either hand forming a shield to keep the sparks from flying into the nitroglycerine."

"In the manufacture of high explosives and in experimenting with them a little care and attention, a very slight lack of exact caution, a seemingly insignificant inadvertence for a moment may cost one a limb or his life. The accident that cost me my left hand is a case in point."

"On the day preceding that accident I had had a gold cap put on a tooth. In consequence the tooth ached throughout the night and kept me awake a greater part of the time. In the morning I rose early and went down to my factory at Maxim, N. J. In order to test the dryness of some fulminate compound I took a little piece of it, about the size of an English penny, broke off a small particle, placed it on a stand outside the laboratory, and lighting a match, touched it off."

"Owing to my loss of sleep the night before my mind was not so alert as usual, and I forgot to lay aside the remaining piece of fulminate compound, but instead held it in my left hand. A spark from the ignited piece of fulminate compound entered my left hand between my fingers, lighting the piece there, with the result that my hand was blown off to the wrist."

"Once when entering my storage magazine at Maxim, in which were several carloads of dynamite along with 275 pounds of nitroglycerine, I saw John Bender, one of my employees, calmly but emphatically opening a case of dynamite with a hammer and a chisel. I promptly discharged him."

"Not long afterward the inkpots at Farmington called on me to buy dynamite and said he had engaged Bender to blow the stumps out of his meadow lot. I told him Bender was courting death for himself and

everybody around when handling dynamite. By Boniface still wanted Bender to do the work.

"Well," said I, "the dynamite you want is 16 cents a pound, but if John Bender does not succeed in blowing himself with the dynamite you can have it for nothing on it, evening or nothing if he does blow himself up you must pay for the dynamite."

"A few days later there was some hitch in Bender's exceptional luck. A particularly refractory rib had resisted a couple of Bender's dynamite attacks. The failure to dislodge the stump Bender took as a personal affront because it reflected upon his skill as a stump blower."

"Next time," said he, "something is going to happen." He placed about twenty pounds of dynamite under the deep-rooted veteran, touched it off and several things happened in very quick succession. The huge stump let go its hold on earth and proceeded to hunt Bender.

"It was a level race, but the stump won. Striding over on the north quarter, it stove in Bender's ribs, dislocated several joints and damaged him in several other respects and particulars. Boniface came to settle for the dynamite and paid me."

"Sixteen cents a pound," I said. "Bender has not a chance in a hundred. Wait till the doctors are through with him."

"What do you say to a compromise?" suggested Boniface. "Eight cents a pound? For really I do not believe that Bender is more than half dead." And the account was settled on that basis.

"Another employee named Kruger had a dog which was well trained to fetch anything that his master threw for him. One day Kruger took some sticks of dynamite and went to a neighboring stream with the intention of dynamiting some fish. He attached fuse and exploded to a stick of the explosive and threw it toward the stream, but the dynamite landed on a rock."

"The faithful dog, thinking that the stick had been thrown for him to bring, ran and returned with it to his master and nearly bit him. Finding it impossible to reach the animal by all the alacrity he could muster, and had just reached a vantage of safety when the dynamite exploded, and the dog—well, the dog was not about sticking in his mouth when it went off."

"A works foreman of mine, who had been employed as assistant superintendent in another dynamite factory, told me the following story: He one day intercepted an Irish laborer who was taking a barrel, which had been used for settling nitroglycerine, down to the soda dry house with the intention of filling it with hot nitrate soda from the dryer."

"The foreman scolded Pat roundly, and told him that, should he do such a reckless thing again, he would be instantly discharged. The foreman then reported the matter. Pat was ordered to the foreman to disappear, then proceeded to the dry house with the barrel and began to fill it with the hot nitrate of soda."

"Over in the superintendent's office the foreman had just completed his narration when there was a thunder-bomb and a crash of glass. Then Pat's booted foot landed on the office floor between them. The superintendent, who was sitting at his desk, calmly remarked: 'Calm your agitation—Pat is already discharged.'"

"West Ham. With a Difference. A West Ham man made me acquainted with local usage as it affects land tenure, his testimony being confirmed by several neighbors and by the Rev. F. J. Eyre, who labors enthusiastically in that happy and prosperous community."

"'An't it all right bein' yer own landlord?' Myt, that's a change from two rooms and a grey horse. He nearer ownin' a brick of it after payin' seven bob a week for ten years and more. Only, mind yer, we was a long way from buyin' our own place at the start. By the way, I had a workin' more than a month, and when I began to think I was nicely fixed, when I found out that the figure didn't close down, and all 'lands was thrown out. I tell yer, we put pretty rough for a time—but that's all past and forgotten now. That's what the shaver opened again, and I'd been took back, and I'd been figured it out that we'd be money in if we bought our bit, same as everybody else said we ought to. So I give the bloke five dollars for a start, and after that it was two dollars a month till the land was paid for."

"What's two dollars a man when 'e's livin' forty? That's what they pay me down at the foundry, and it works out two pound a week by my money. You've got to earn it, let me tell yer, but nobody wouldn't mind puttin' a bit of graft for two pound a week. It's not gettin' the charns of a job, more than might be an odd day in a fortnight, and dog's wages at that. That's what takes the heart out of anyone in the old country, as you may say, on two pound a week—nice warm clothes for the nippers, a bit of linen once in a way for the missus, and a good belly-full all round."

"As soon as the land was paid off, now it's time," I says to 'ave a nice state over our 'eard, same as others. We made do up to then with just a two-room shack—small, of course, but wonderful snug in the winter, and might think, by the way, quiet, and puttin' away a bit every payday, I'd saved pretty near half enough money to buy the stuff, and me and two others was to work on it, evening or evening, and very often an hour and a 'alf in the morning. But the lath and plaster and all the paintin' I did—let me tell yer, I puttin' the rest of the money we were payin' out same as we did for the land, only five dollars a month instead of two; and be through with it, we shall, by next Christmas twelvemonth. Only me and the missus was puttin' our

heads together to arrange if we could, 'nt pay 'em two months at a time, and so be a year from now. Then I'll all be our own, and no rent to pay or nothin' and Sir Wilfrid Lor-elself couldn't take it from us. I tell you that missus don't half begin to fancy 'erself—reaches to church on Sunday, she does, with the best of 'em; and if I might 'appen to step into the park, and forget to take off my boots, there's in pretty good luck do over me spollin' 'er nice new carpet."

In the present trend of his life, that most representative hundreds of London laborers now settled in the eastern cities of Canada. The testimony of another West Ham enthusiast was typical of new human interest that has been awakened.

"What d'you think of this?" he asked, with blushing pride, as he drew from under the table a clothes basket full of small and rather muddy carrots. Not bad for a beginner, eh? Before I come out here, it's a fact I'd never seen what vegetables look like whilst they're growing in the ground. I was just a baby at it, but this year I've grown two sacks and a 'alf of potatoes—for we've got a nice bit of garden; and you ought to have seen all the cabbages and one or two things and another we've been havin'. Then there's a nice lot of parsnips I've got to dig up before the frost gets hold of 'em. It's a hobby with me, and more than work—I tell you, I quite look forward to my couple of hours in the garden of an evening. Then, again, it's a big saving not having to buy my vegetables especially when you've got a lot of youngsters. And that's another thing about Canada—it suits the nippers. Our lot's got the go in 'em they used to have, and as for the old man, well, why, you'd hardly know them for the same. I'll tell you—Canada's all right. For I've altered my opinion about the land."

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She goes to a profession which pays a salary—certain, if small—every week in the year. Legitimate houses may close, musical comedies may fail, choruses may be thrown suddenly out of employment in the middle of the season, but the ballet is eternal and the wage, whether paid in sovereigns or shillings, is absolutely certain.

I am not quite sure. I have been at it for 24 years and haven't finished learning yet. So a little girl may join the Alhambra schools at the age of 6 and still be learning to dance twenty years later. Could there possibly be a harder apprenticeship?

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Conventional good looks, supplemented by the reigning artifices of the season, and these in turn supplemented by good clothes, are the main requirements for a business beauty model, says Miriam Flinn Scott in Success Magazine. What attracts the average girl, who, from an early age is compelled to earn her own livelihood, is so obvious as barely to need a statement; the better wages and the chance afforded by the work of wearing better clothes.

But how does a "green" girl break into this profession? How are they chosen by their employers? The story of a milliner's model, now employed in a shop on Fifth avenue, New York, will suggest the usual method. The beginning of the story is identical with the rest of the story of girls: her parents were poor and she had to leave school at fourteen to help earn a living for the family.

"I started as a cash girl in a department store, and was assigned to the millinery department. Even then I had a good figure for my age, and I always had lovely hair, even if I don't say it for myself, which, I wore in two braids down my back. One morning, just before the spring millinery season opened, the superintendent of the department ordered me to come into his office at noon. I did not know what was going to happen to me. I thought that I had done something wrong and that I was perhaps going to lose my job. Frightened and nervous I entered his office. There I found a number of girls trying on hats, and the superintendent looking down at them ever carefully and saying: 'You are too short.' 'No, you won't do; your hair is too thin.' Without a word of explanation a hat was placed on my head and I was ordered to take a certain pose. I felt the superintendent's sharp eyes go over me, and the next moment he snapped out: 'The rest of you can go. Ask the typist to come. You're all right—just the type of girl I want. You've got the hair, the complexion, and the figure I'm looking for—but you must put on more style. Understand? More style!'

"The value of football. There is no doubt that football is a very strenuous sport, and that it has more than a dash of danger in it. But after all, it has its uses, declares the Baltimore Sun, and possibly they will outweigh its dangers in the long run. It is for the most part a clean, manly sport, though there occasionally creeps into a lineup some coward who takes pity for the sake of the opportunity to wreak personal spite or to gain victory by dirty work. The game itself teaches young men in the first place, the necessity of taking care of themselves physically. It teaches them that moderation in eating and drinking is of the highest value in putting athletes in condition. And keeping them there, or to it is thus useful in forming their habits of life. Then it teaches them on the field that instant, unhesitating obedience to commands is absolutely necessary to success; that they must not stop to question the advisability or argue the expediency of a movement decided upon by the leader, but they must instantly obey."

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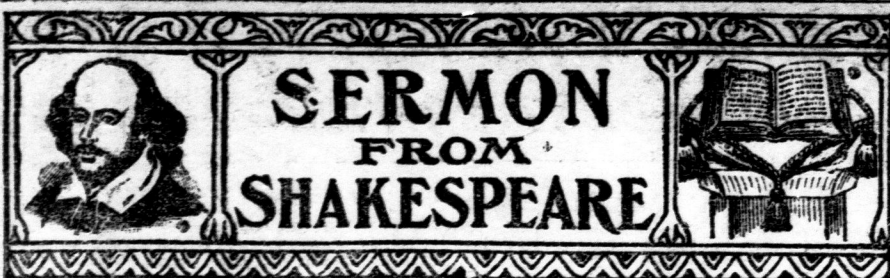
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SERMON FROM SHAKESPEARE

A heart unspotted is not easily daunted.—Henry VI., Part II., Act I., Sc. I.

In the sermon on the Mount the most striking of the beatitudes is "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." The heart unspotted so lives in the immediate presence of the infinite that it fears no temporal evil. On ocean or on shore no factor of a daunting character can come to the man who lives and moves and has his being in the practice of righteousness.

A heart unspotted, is that possible? At any rate the founder and Christ believed it was for he would never have given the advice to his hearers on the mountain side, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

It would be a poor leader who would give his followers an impossible task. An unspotted heart is not impossible, but in a world of self-seeking that condition of purity is not easily attained. The strength of Christianity lies in the ideal set up. The duty of a man is not mere worship, the slavish performance of religious ceremonies, or the giving of alms; it is to attain perfection of life. The man of honest, clean, merciful character is the man who shall see God. Thus the highest and the loftiest have a common ground. Intellectual endowments, physical strength, money, count for little. They all may be used for very impure purposes. Indeed these very things made it more difficult for a man to achieve an unspotted heart, to see God. As Christ said to the young man of great possessions who came to him seeking eternal life: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

Shakespeare has crystallized much philosophy into the line:

"A heart unspotted is not easily daunted."

These words were uttered by the Duke of Gloucester upon his flight from high treason. He was surrounded by enemies who sought his life, but he had no cowardly shrinking from death. In the interests of his sovereign and his country he kept a heart unspotted, and did not fear to give an account of his stewardship to his God. Shakespeare felt the need of impressing the truth of the text and later in the play makes King Henry VI. soliloquize thus:

"What stronger breastplate than a heart unspotted?"
"Thicker is the armor that hath his quarrel just."
And he but asked though locked up in steel,
Whose conscience with injustice is corrupted.

In one form or another the same

lesson is taught in every one of Shakespeare's dramas. As a moral philosopher—and he is as much that as Plato—he could not but make it a centre of all his teachings. "As You Like It" shows that sweet are the uses of adversity; selfish hearts cleansed by suffering become noble. "The Merchant of Venice" and "Measure for Measure" teach that mercy is the noblest attribute in man. "The Tempest" that the "rarest action is in virtue than in vengeance." The shrinking from death expressed by Richard III. shows how his spotted heart filled the consequences of his crimes. Richard cried out:

"O coward conscience, how dost thou afflict me!"

Let us look for a moment at heroes who have nobly lived and nobly died. Nelson, so far as national duty and his love of country were concerned, kept an unspotted heart. A more unselfish sailor never walked a quarter-deck. At Trafalgar to inspire courage in his captains and men he exposed himself to death. Abraham Lincoln was never a self-seeker. He pursued his course with an unspotted heart. He had one ideal—his country's permanent welfare. Threatened by assassination, he fearlessly performed his daily tasks with no guard about him, with no breastplate save a heart untainted. Henry Ward Beecher in his tribute to Lincoln's memory magnificently tells why he was so dauntless:

"Dead, dead, dead, he yet speaketh. Is Washington dead? Is Hampden dead? Is any man that was ever fit to live dead? Disinherited of flesh, risen to the unobstructed sphere where passion never comes, he begins his illustrious work."

That is why the righteous man is fearless. He is already living in eternity and the eternal part of his being, dynamite, poison, or the assassin's dagger, cannot kill. It is needful to cultivate a pure heart, a generous heart. Burns was never wiser than when he said that the heart is the part that makes man truly blessed—or he might have added, cursed. It is the heart element in religion that makes it attractive. Love is of the heart, not of the brain, and love is the sun and substance of Christianity. It is not easy to keep a heart unspotted, but it is the ideal. And if integrity and honesty are practiced in the immediate calling of a man, these qualities cannot but leave his entire existence; if as a citizen he has an unspotted heart, as a man he is on the high road to perfection.

THE TRUTH OUT AT LAST ABOUT HELEN OF TROY

Her Story Told in Stone Rescued From Ruins of Greece.

Thanks to the French Republic in general and M. Théophile Homolle in particular, the world has just learned exactly what went on in those half-legendary days when Helen loved and Aeneas fought and Greece and Troy struggled to the death as never nations had struggled before.

There have been dug from the buried ruins of Delphi, Greece, statues and bas-reliefs and columns and busts, perhaps the oldest in the world, which tell the story of that heroic time. Priests they were doubtless, eye-witnesses. Who knows? Today M. Homolle, after the spending of millions of francs and twenty years of unrelenting labor, has restored these figures to what they looked like when they were fresh from the sculptor's chisel. And there they are now in the French Museum right on the spot at Delphi, or all the world to see. We know just how Aeneas looked and how they fought and how they toiled in the days of romance and legend.

We know how Aeneas looked, and Menelaus, and many others. We have a portrait in stone of Penelope, the faithful wife of Ulysses, and many others of those folk of song and story. But not a stone tells the face of Helen of Troy, the beautiful wife of Menelaus, King of Sparta, who eloped with Paris, son of King Priam of Troy. And the reason is simple. She

was a traitress to Greece, and the Greeks would never allow her portrait to be done in living marble to endure for all time. The only statues of her were done in later centuries when the Trojan war was little more than a myth in the minds of the Greeks.

A Tremendous Task.
When M. Homolle was sent by the French Government to Greece in 1899, a tremendous task confronted him. What he sought lay under scores of feet of earth and piles of rocks—the debris of a whole, modern town with dingy huts and noisome market places lay over these precious relics of days so long bygone.

He got at them by the villages had to be removed bodily. Other land was bought for these latter-day Greeks and their houses were moved to other sites. Then work was begun with system, skill and care.

One of the chief things that antiquarians desire to know is the age of each new relic. This was achieved by Homolle with great accuracy. The deeper the relic the greater its age. But workmen cannot understand all this, and, in the old way, when they had come across a find it was brought out as quickly as possible. Not so with M. Homolle. Work was instantly stopped and photographs taken of the relic as it lay uncovered in the earth. Measurements and notes were taken on the spot. The result is that in the marbles of long ago we get today the stories of the times when all the world was young, right from the ancients themselves wrought in stone.

The ages, of course, have done their work. Practically nothing is intact. But the French scientists, with the study of many, many relics have laboriously reconstructed them so that now the world has the replicas of the precious originals. We see Aeneas, the Trojan hero, as a bearded man. We see Menelaus hurling his javelin at the foe, there are the Greek women tending the wounded while their soldiers fling their spears to keep off the foe.

These are in a wondrous bas-relief which is worth its weight in gold. We see in stone the whole story of Helen of Troy—how she fled from Greece with Paris who had been promised the most beautiful woman in the world. If he would award to Aphrodite the golden apple of beauty, which he did, over Hera and Pallas Athene.

Paris was the son of King Priam of Troy, and the old man had to back up his son. The Greeks started in promptly to avenge the insult to their king, and so began the great Trojan war, where Aeneas, the nephew of Priam, fought, and the other heroes, Hector and Achilles and Ulysses and all the giants in those days. Troy fell when the Greeks got into the besieged city inside a wooden horse. Aeneas sailed to Italy and there gave Rome its start, and Ulysses sailed away home and had those wonderful adventures which Homer has sung in the Odyssey.

Heroes in Marble.
Then Delphi turned to putting its heroes and those of Troy also into everlasting marble. And naturally, too, for Delphi was the centre of Greek art as well as the treasury of the nation. A splendid pile held the money of the government, and each state as it stored up surplus funds built a noble edifice in Delphi for its treasure house. It was on those buildings that the glorious bas-reliefs

which have been unearthed were carved by the master's hand.

The town, too, was regally adorned with statues and columns of all kinds. When a great man died or was killed his state or city would erect a statue or a column to him. Delphi was the gathering place of all the glorious art of Greece. Great national events like the siege of Troy, the flight of Helen and the fight for her were carved in stone for all future generations to see. And no wonder—it was that momentous struggle that made Greece a real nation, ended Troy and started Rome.

Here at Delphi, too, was the centre of Hellenic priestcraft. Glorious temples were erected and wonderful colonnades. Here was found and restored the wonderful column of Naxos—a colossal statue of a Sphinx adorned with great palletries or scrolls, mounted on a gigantic ionic column with a classic capital.

The graceful carved wings were practically intact, and so every thing else but the nose. And so now we know how the women of those days wore their hair—as Helen, no doubt, wore hers. There was a braid on each side and a plate in the middle, falling straight behind, with a fillet tied in a knot.

This Sphinx does not crouch, as does the great Sphinx of Egypt, but stands erect on her forefeet, squatting on her two hind ones. She gazes straight ahead with hardly the insupportable mystery of Egypt's wonder. She has more of the feminine look. On her breast is armor. Her arms are bare below the elbow.

The face may be taken as a type of the Grecian woman of that age. It is an elongated oval, divided into three parts almost equal—the forehead, the nose and the chin. Perhaps Helen looked the same—who can say? Delphi, too, was the seat of the oracle, famous in all the classics. It was discovered in prehistoric days by a shepherd tending his flocks on the hillside. He noticed that when his goats went near a certain rock where there was a deep fissure, they began to caper unusually. He went nearer himself, and, bending over, noticed a stream of lavishly gas flowing from the earth. At once he began to prophesy.

The priests heard of it and came to see. Then was built the temple at Delphi in honor of the oracle. It covered the fissure, and over it was the tripod on which the priestess sat and answered the questions put to her by the faithful. Scientists tell today that the overpowering fumes that issued from the rock were doubtless natural gas.

In the museum near the column Naxos is the best of one of the most beautiful buildings ever unearthed. The arched roof contains two beautiful bas-reliefs, one between the sloping cornices, and the other between the columns. The square columns adorned with capitals in the egg-and-dart pattern which is also a part of the frieze. The two centres of support are the hind legs of two heroic statues of women, with capitals on their heads, standing on square pedestals of beautiful design. On each corner of the roof are kneeling figures and capping the whole is another beautiful Sphinx, like her counterpart on the column of Naxos.

So, thanks to France and M. Homolle, we know how Greece looked in those other days and how her heroes and her heroines looked, too.

A NEW SEA COAST PATROL.

As an additional safeguard to shipping along the Atlantic seaboard this winter, the United States Government has assigned 10 fast revenue cutters to patrol the coast. This watch will extend from Maine to Florida. Last year several cutters were sent out to ships in distress and their success was so great that the work was now being completely organized. During the storms of last winter, the cutters went to the rescue of 156 vessels that had called for help by wireless telegraph or other means. The time these vessels is estimated at more than \$10,000,000, while upward of 16,000 lives were in danger. The revenue cutters began their work of patrolling the coast on Dec. 1, and will continue until late in April. The Government service in connection with the regular light-house and life-saving service will render shipping along the Atlantic seaboard safer than ever before.

PARCELS POST TALK.

It is not an indictment of American business sense, that the delivery of drivers should serve the public at a loss to the government, when loss might be turned to profit, simply by putting in parcel post wagons? Is it not something to blush for that the German imperial government must maintain mail wagons in Germany that our own post office will not handle—something it need no longer do, even in Constantinople? Is it not preposterous that a package can be mailed from Jersey City to Brooklyn that cannot be mailed to Brooklyn?

Is it not a humiliating comparison that the German domestic post will carry a parcel weighing only four pounds, ours one weighing only four ounces? Is it not discreditable to us as a practical people that our postoffice, in its polite desire not to annoy the express in its monopoly, will not carry eleven pounds of merchandise for you one mile unless you divide it into three portions and pay \$1.70 postage while the German post will carry it anywhere within the country for twelve cents?

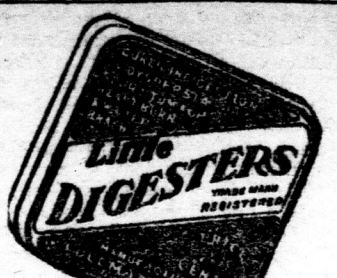
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In "Marie Claire," Mme. Andoux tells in the simplest language, with none of the art of the experienced writer, the story of her early life. Left an orphan at an early age, and reared at a convent till she was twelve, she became a farm servant and tended sheep and pigs in return for her keep. Then she entered the town of Bourges, where she earned a couple of francs a day by mending clothes. At the age of 18 she made up her mind to come to Paris, and reached the capital with just three-halfpence in her pocket. She had intended to stay

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Dusseldorf, too, is an industrial city of mills, factories and workshops. It might be as unalluring as Pittsburgh. It might be ruled by businessmen in their own interest as are most of our American cities. It might be a city without beauty and suffer from the corruption that has brought shame to Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Denver, Cincinnati and a score more. But none of these things is true of Dusseldorf.

"This industrial city is one of the best governed cities in the world. It has dreamed dreams and dared to carry them into execution. It is as beautiful as Washington, as full of the joy of living as Paris, and is managed with more scrupulous honesty, more scientific efficiency and more devotedness than almost any American business corporation. The city is built for the comfort and convenience of its people. It is designed as master architects might design a fine fair with which all mankind is invited for education, recreation, and art."

"But the thing that most distinguishes Dusseldorf is this—her people and her officials seem to appreciate that congestion of population has made it necessary for the city to own many things and do many things. And these German citizens understand, too, that the things the city does not own must be regulated and controlled to prevent them harming city or citizens."

"Dusseldorf does more things for its people than any city I know. It owns its street railways and the controlling interest in a system of interurban railroads; it owns its harbors and its docks and its slaughterhouses, its gas, electric light and water plants; it operates three separate banking and loan enterprises, a large wine business, several restaurants and milk depots; it owns and rents suburban villas and large apartment houses; it is a great hotel and operator and hotel owner; it possesses art galleries, an opera house, museums and exposition hall, and indirectly owns the leading hotel in the city. It has public baths and cornices and pavilions."

"Dusseldorf has made a beginning at homing its people. It is the owner of suburban villas and model tenement houses, and is a stockholder in a department of co-operative housing, in which the workmen are joint owners. "The country villas rent for from \$6 to \$7 a month. A three or four room apartment in the city rents for about the same sum. The rooms in the latter are twice the size of those of the tenement house in America, and all of

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