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PHILIPPINE WAR.

poops Devastating the Country in Laguana Province.

ROYAL LEVEES.

London, Dec. 24.—The Gazette this evening announces that the levees at St. James' Palace and the drawing rooms at Backingham Palace will, hereafter, be held during evenings. The Victorian regulations are otherwise unchanged.

A LIFE SAVER. Royal Albert Medal to Be Presented to Montrea! Boatman.

C. P. R. TRAFFIC.

nila, Dec. 24.—The Filipino Gen-Samon and other insurgent chiefs e island of Bohol have surrendered 28 cannon and 45 guns. During gagement in Batangas province be-i the insurgents and a detachment, e 21st infantry under Lieut. Conley imerican private was badly wound-hile a number of the enemy were The military prison at Subig has been re-established. A large

d. The military prison at Subig has been re-established. A large ber of Filipinos captured in Lagu-and Batangas province have been there. The column under Colonel gherty is making a clean sweep of nana province, burning all insurgent acks found and a number of small re hamlets. Colonel Dougherty has n many prisoners and the insurgents of life during his operations has heavy.

They Will Hereafter Be Held in the Evening.

Not Wrecked. Mattoon, Ills, Dec. 24.-The South-western limited, the fastest passenger train on the Big Four was miraculously saved from being wrecked near Kanses Edgar county. Engineer White was pulling eight coaches heavily laden with holiday passengers at the rate of 60 miles an hour. Coming down a grade the engineer saw a herd of 300 cattle being driven across the track. It was to wide open and going at terrific speed the engine struck the herd in the mid-tic wide open and going at terrific speed the engine struck the herd in the mid-the whole train splashed with blood. Only the train's great speed kept it on in the track.

NEW INSURANCE BUILDING.

dontreal, Dec. 24.—A cable from Lor rathcona states that the Boyal Alber dal is to be couterred on George St erre, a boatman of this city, who has an instrumental in saving 20 lives. ardian Company Purchases Fine Site

Montreal, Dec. 24.—The Guardian As-urance company today purchased from the Barron estate the vacant lot on St.

Returns for the Week Show Increase Over Last Year. Montreal, Dec. 24.—(Special)—C. P. R. traffic receipts for the week ending De-rember 21 amounted to \$712,000, and for the same week last year, \$005,000. \$100,000. The size of the lot is 67% by \$100,000. The size of the lot is 67% by 80 feet, and the purchase price is in the neighborhood of \$18 a foot. The com-pany intends setering an eight story office building on the size in the

TWO CHARGES DISMISSED.

In the province of Nova Scotia five towns have provided the equipment and have engaged teachers themselves to conduct classes. In Ontario there is a demand for com-petent instructors for several school boards. Stratford, Brantford and Rea-frew are among the places where a be-ginning is being made. Other boards will take the work up is soon as manu-al training instructors are available. To meet the demand, Professor Rob-ertson has authorized Mr. Leake to pro-vide a special course for a limited num-ber of teachers from January until June at Ottawa. The teachers' course will be more thorough than similar ones in Europe. School boards evidently will pay good salaries to well-trained men. This is one of the vocations in Ontario which is not over-crowded. The course is free to teachers of ap-proved standing and ability, and the first applicant will have the preference.

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Late, Carrie Cullison; recitation, "They Ask Mc Why L Am So Bad, 'Charlie Groth; recitation, "Work With a Will," Oliver Cook; dialogne, "The M.dshipman at Home"; singing by the school, "Johnny Cannuck's The Lad"; recita-tion, "The Temperance Boy," Vivian Gray; duett, organ and violin, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace; recitation, "Love Your Neighbor As Yourself," Carrie Oulli-son; recitation, "Mother Knows," Ma-tilda Georgeson; song, "God Bless My Kind Old Mother; dialogue, "Boy's Right"; recitation, "Trifles," Ellen Georgeson; singing by the school, "Ask the Children"; tableau, "Two Hearts That Beat As One"; singing by the school, "Ring Merry Bells"; recitation, "When Father Shares," Bdward Geor' geson; recitation, "The Married Man." Carrie Oullison; song, "Little Boy Blie"; recitation, "Bobby's Pocket," Mildred Page; recitation, "The British Flag," Matilda Georgeson; recitation, "The British Flag," Matilda Georgeson;

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STILL FIGHTING

IN COLOMBIA

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tive her jurisdiction over the territory known as Ultima Esperanza, attempted to drive the Argentina police from this territory. The patriotic league will de-mand that the exportation of horses and mules must be prohibited by President Roca. The Chamber of Commerce of Buenos Ayres has publicly expressed its appre-hension of the patriotic attitude mani-fested by Senor Alcort, the foreign min-ister.



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yada) appears. His name is Oveen, he is represented as "a good youth," and appears with the New Year, making the way clear for it, and bringing from Paradise rich gifts, fruitfulness, and the like, which he distributes among mortals according to his divine decrees. Of course, he represents the sun. On New ear's Eve, boys go about from house to house, scattering grain of different kinds chiefly oats (Ovsen being derived from oves, oats, pronounced avors), and sing-ing Ovssennuiya songs. One of these says:

gods, for which they ask thus: "Give us a pig for Vasily's Eve"—New Year's Day being the festival of St. Vasily (Basil) the Great. "The svyatki end with the feast of the Epiphany. On the eve, a curious custom is observed. The young girls go out into the open air, and address this pray-er to the stars:

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### Why She Married One Man and Loved Another.

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Town and Country. Miss Featherhead-I hope you

And still is anxious to matry her.— Town and Country. Miss Featherhead—I hope you are feel-ing beter today. Mr. Boreham? Mr. B.-No. I'm very dull and low-spirited. Miss r.—"An, but you seem more yourself!— Prunch.

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didn't, until they found out that they differed as to it.-Ldfe.
A Formula-Your teacher says you would be the first boy in the class if you attended to your studies! Ohl The teacher's got into the habit of saying that every once in a while to about haif a dozen boys!-Puck.
A Reasonable Request.-You know, dear, she said, when we were married, you said that me you have a guarter?-Philadelphis Evening Bulletin.
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The Scenic Route-It seems to me, exposibility like, the traveler, you charge an awfully high figure for a ride across your tists i teheras. But where will you find another railway, argued the ficket-seller at colon, that affords such a fine view of a revolution from the car windows?-Chicago Tribune.
Wise Child.-Mamma-Nince Susie invited you in to share her birthday cake last Samway, you may ask her in tomorrow and I'll make you a cake. Elsis-Oh, won't you make some candy instead? Mamma-Yac'm, State new candy cate at much candy.-Philadelphia Press.
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whose stative had wan the esteem of all. One work the hat illicates a member dramar men, an amendment as follows: "Gentle-men, our faithful secretary really don't need sich a thing. If we give im a hon-orarium he couldn't play it. I monose we give him some money instead.—Tit Bits. It should be remembered that misgavern-ment areas if existances to the consent of the misgoverned.—Puck.

The misgoverned.-Puck. Mrs. The Mover-Good gracious! This is the noisiest neighborhood I ever got into. Just hear those children screech! Maid-They're your own childers, mum. Mrs. De Mover-Are they? How the little darlings are enjoying themselves.-Tit-Bits.

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THE CHRISTMAS ANGEL. In the middle heaven a form behold: Fair-aureoied Her shapely brow with noon-bright gold; Solf Deo Gloria!

Upon a little cloud she stands, Within her hands A tympanum with scarlet bands; Soli Deo Gioria!

Thereon she playeth without fault, While up the vault Her voice makes silvery assault-Soll Deo Gloria!

Till, blended with her soaring notes, Adown there floats. An echo from a myriad throats-Soll Deo Gloria!

An angel she of God's own choir, Whose one desire . Is higher yet to chant, and higher-Soll Deo Gloria!

And every year, upon the morn, When Christ was born Within the manger-bed forlorn-Soli Deo Gioria!

"Tis hers to bid song's raptures run From sun to sun And list to earth's low antiphon-Soll Deo Gloria!

Would that our praise might swell and rise Along the skies, And scale the gates of paradise-Solf Deo Glorial

MEMORIES.

Twas on a summer's night that first we By that fair river winding through the vale. The star of love shone bright; the fields

Were wet With the soft dew; and there the old, sweet tale Was told again, when the full sun was set.

And as we heard the nightingale's sweet

tune, And as we felt the summer wind's soft

breath. We pledged our troth beneath the sliver moon, But those dear years were short; relent-less Death Claimed thee, his lovellest victim, all too soon.

'Twas on a summer's night that first we mat. The tender thought of that seems nigh to break. The heart that beat with such a love. And yet For all the sadness that those memories wake. There is a sweetness in the fond regret. Francis Henry Durnford, in Household Words.

CHRISTMAS GATHERING.

In this glad hour, when children meet, And home with them their children bring, Our hearts with one affection beat, One song of praise our voices sing.

For all the faithful, loved and dear, Whom Thou so kindly, Lord, hast given. For those who are still with us here, And those who walt for us in heaven;--

For every past and present joy, For honor, competence and health, For hones which time may not destroy Our soul's imperishable wealth;-

Our soul's imperishable wearen, For all, accept our humble praise; Still bless us, Father, by Thy love; And when are closed our mortal days Unite us in one home above. Heary We

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### CHRISTMAS.

Once a year there comes a Cay which, by common consent of Christendom, is dedicated to peace and cood-will. There has been much more or less learned speculation as to the origin of Christ-mas and the identity of the date with the birth of Jesns, but all this is im-material, except to those people who take an interest in investigation for its own sake and not for what it brings to nce to any one whether or not what ever been witnessed by humanity.

holiday, took up its observance from the beginning. The use of holly, mistletoe and ever-greens of all kinds for Christmas decor-ations is undoubtedly a survival of very ancient days in England. For its origin we would probably have to go back to the days of the Druids. There may be some ancient significance attaching to it, but if so, the nature of it has been lost. Possibly there may have been some con-prostion between the observance of the

Possibly there may have been some con-nection between the observance of the Winter Solstice, when almost all vegeta-ter, which, in point of fact, is of no real tion had failen a prey to the frost, and the semi-delification of those few plants which withstand both heat and cold. The mistletoe especially was for many cen-

SMALLPOX IN THE EAST. uries before the introduction of Christianity regarded as possessing some pe- The young girl, whose affliction with culiarly sacred qualities, especially when smallpox caused the Rosalie to be sent it was found growing on an oak tree, to quarantine, was journeying from Torwhich, by the way, is very rarely the onto, and undoubtedly contracted the which, by the way, is very rarely the onto, and undoubtedly contracted the suggested by the speeches of Messrs. case, so rarely, indeed, that the ascer- disease there. There is a great deal of Roblin and Haultain, and it was tained instances now known are only two or three in number. The giving of pres-number of cases in Ontario is reckoned

ents on Christmas is also a survival of by hundreds. Fortunately it is not a a right to interfere in the affairs of this an old age, when the Lords of the Man- very severe type. Nevertheless, an ef- province or kept up at this season of the year fort must be made to keep it out of Mr. Higgins is quite mistaken when comething not altogether unlike a Pot- British Columbia.

THE POINT ELLICE BRIDGE. We printed yesterday a miter, which case if indiscriminate traveling from On- be found anywhere in that piece of leg-Mr. T. C. Sorby has sent to the City tario is permitted, cannot be told. If islation, which does not even provide Council in regard to the bridge at Point the young girl on the Rosalie had come that the members of the Executive Council shall be members of the Legislaably impressed with what he says. The ed in Victoria without question, be-extra cost of the stone structure would cause there is no medical inspection of be offset by the annual saving in the trains and boats coming from other matter of repairs. A stone bridge would places in Canada; yet where one per-

be far more sightly. If we can get a son from Ontario comes into the prov-tively settle that British Columbia enstone and hrick structure, 41 feet wide, ince by way of Seattle, probably a dozen for \$135,000, it would seem to be a mis- come by the C. P. R. take to spend a hundred thousand dol- Every avenue of ingress in the provlars or so in a steel one. A stone ince should be watched just as closely bridge would be beyond all doubt per- as that by way of Seattle. We speak of this matter not because we suppose manent in its character.

The fact pointed out by Mr. Sorby that the provincial health officers are in any the law again. The Speaker's mandate. The should read the law again. The Speaker does not all the money would be spent here is im-portant, for we all know that in the case cause it seems timely to direct public

of a steel bridge, the greater part of the attention to the question. expense will be incurred abroad. This feature of the case will commend it to THE NAVAL RESERVE.

the public generaliy, and would do much owards securing a favorable vote upon A. H. BALLARD ADV. AGENCY, 615 a by-law for the additional such necess sary, if it becomes necessary to submit one. We have a good deal of confidence that no additional money would

have to be borrowed, for the Provincial government will probably see its way clear to make a contribution to a work

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will be paid for their services, the The appearance of a new star has alamount which they are to get should vays been associated with Christmas, bear a reasonable relation to the rate of and therefore it is appropriate to the day to say something about the wonderful pay on ships and sealers. The idea that has been most discussed is that the new star in the constellation Perseus. Imperial Government shall pay the rewhich the astronomers have catalogued serve men and the Dominion Governas "Nova Persei." We are not suggestas "Nova Persei. We are not suggest-ing the star which the Wise Men saw in the East was anything similar to that upon which so many telescopes are night-ly turned, but to think of the latter for a moment may be of special interest to-raise no objections to paying for the ment shall supplement the amount. But raise no objections to paying for the day. Moreover, the new star in Perseus militia, and one or two occasions have

is an object of such unprecedented nov-elty, so far as observation from this kind, and the events are on stort a man mendous scale that they may be un-hesitatingly styled the greatest that have the ships which are retained at home. Keateney and Southeast Vale shows to

we call Christmas was an old Norse hollday, or if it is improbable that shep-herds would be watching their flocks at night in Palestine on December 25.

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what the object of the article was, we may answer him with absolute frank ness. It was written for no other pur pose whatever than to show what Re-sponsible Government means, and was

Hen. J. H. Sauer, State Senator from Deuglas Co., to the Nebraska Legis-lature, writes from Frank's Hotel, Omaha, Neb., as follows: British Columbia. The Board of Health has lately an-tablished the system referred to. The nounced that there is no smallpox in the Constitution Act does nothing of the "Having tried Peruna I can com-Province, but how long this would be the kind. Ministerial responsibility cannot mend it to all as a great tonic and particularly good as a remedy for catarrh." Henorable Patrick Kennedy, Member of the Massachusetts Legislature, writes the following letter from the House of as the preliminary step towards Re-sponsible Government, followed by the Representatives, Boston. Doctor S. B. Hartman: passage of the act itself, does most posi-Dear Sir :----- have no hesitation in tively settle that British Columbia en-tered Confederation with precisely the of other remedies without relief, I swe same principles of government as the my perfect bealth and clear voice of other provinces. today to Perusa. I know it to be a sure

Mr. Higgins speaks of the delay in Mr. Higgins speaks of the delay in cure for indigestion and its attendant the Victoria election being contrary to affliction, nervous debility. For the she the Speaker's mandate. He should read weeks that I was on the platform the law again. The Speaker does not through the recent campaign I used Perissue a mandate. He issues a warrant, runs regularly, and although I spoke and a warrant is only an authority to two and three times each day my voice act, not an order to act. The government never failed me. I know that Peruna to cannot issue a writ for an election in a reliable cure for bronchial troubles.

P. J. Kennedy. Considerable interest in the Naval Re- the election of a Speaker without his Considerable interest in the Naval Re-serve is developing among the seafaring men, and there is hardly a doubt that if men, and there is hardly a doubt that if the Dominion Government takes the authority on Responsible Government, be pleased to give you his valuable matter up, strong and efficient officers Mr. Higgins surely ought to know this. can be got together in British Columbia. The law is just the same in the Dominvice gratis. No doubt the rate of pay allowed to reserve men in the United Kingdom last night, fourteen vacancies have exist-Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Harts in Sanitarium, Columbus, O. Peruna can be obtained for \$1.00 a botwould not be sufficient to tempt any of ed for varying periods, some of them our sailors or seamen to join the re- dating from shortly after the close of tle at all first-class drug stores in Canada. serve, and this, not because they are the last session of Parliament. As to "The Ills of Life," which can be secured at all up-to-date drug stores, and lacking in patriotism, but because, when the vacancies in the Executive Counupon request is sent free to all, gives a short description of all catarrhal dis-eases. Address Dr. Hartman. Columthey are given to understand that they cil, Mr. Higgins knows as well as any one else that for permitting these to exist the ministry is responsible to the bus, O., U. S. A. legislature and must be prepared to de-

fend its action to that body, and that this is all there is to be said about it, **ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE** from the constitutional point of view.

the Supreme Court of British Columbia, in the matter of Thos. F. McDougall, deceased, and in the matter of the offi-cial administrators' act. THE SUBSIDY SEEKERS.

cial administrators' act. Notice is hereby given that under an or-er dated the 16th day of December, 1901, nade by the Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, I, he undersigned, was appointed Admin-strator of all and singular the goods, hattels and credits of above-named de-ceased. Parties having claims against the said estate are requested to forward par-ticitions of same to me on or before the In Sunday morning's Colonist the full text of the plaintiff's affidavit in the matter of the Grand Forks and Kettle River Railway vs. the V., V. & E. raileased. Parties in requested to forware paid estate are requested to forware pleulars of same to me on or before i 16th day of January, 1902, and parties debted to the said estate are required as such indebtedness to me forthwith. way was printed. Upon this affidavit

WM. MONTEITH. Official Administrat Dated 17th day of December, 1901.

and Registry Act.

Take notice that an application has been made to register a Tax Sale Deed from E. L. Kirkland to Matt Higgins, bearing date the 16th day of November, A. D. 1898, for all and singular those certain parcels and tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Hastings, in the Province of British Columbia, more par-ticularly known and described as the north half of lot eighty-two (82), Town of Hast-ings (suburban lands), and lots one hundred

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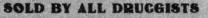
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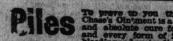
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A remarkable feature of Christmas is time above the norizon. Astronomets incertoin which incertoin which incertoin which incertoin which is to make up deficiencies in the crews of Canadians, who are not averse to exthat its observance is becoming more general as time passes. It was during the Fifth Century that the present date is brighter than the sun. Its dis-

gious point of view. Indeed so much to the contrary were the customs of the festival, that in the houses of the wealthy an official called the Lord of Misrule was appointed to preside over interview. Universe. Since the star appeared it has under-gone many changes. It is not as bright as it was, and has taken on the appear-ance of a nebula with a bright centre. Misrole was appointed to preside or a medula with a bright tentre, the festivities, which assumed a semi-barbaric character. It was probably this which led to the denunciation of this which led to the denunciation of bodies is reckened. When referring to bodies is received. When received that it this subject last we suggested that it might mean the destruction of a system of worlds, but astronomers seem to be land and America, and to the fact that the Ohurch of Scotland declined to recognize the day at all. Puritanism never cognize the day at all. Puritanism never was able to hold its supremacy over the minds of the English people, and it was not long before Christmas began again to be observed, although with less rev-elry. In America the contrary was the elry. In America the contrary was the eity. In America the contrary was the case; and for a long time, in the North-ern States particularly, it was consider-ed irreligious to make any distinction between Christmas and any other day, the consequence being that Thanksgiv-ing became the great national holiday. But there, as elsewhere, the sentiment surrounding the festival prevailed, and while Thanksgiving has lost none of its while Thanksgiving has lost none of its every day life there is little room left popularity, Christmas is its close com- for sentiment. In our haste to improve putarity. Christmas is its close com-titor, if, indeed, it has not gained first ace in public esteem. In Canada as considerate of others as we might Christmas has always been observed. be, but in most of us there is a late The early French settlers celebrated it sense that we owe more to our neigh as a religious festival and the Loyalists, as a religious festival and the Loyalists, whether to mark a distinction between themselves and the people of the coun-try from which their field the the Duti-



herds would be watching their flocks at night in Palestine on December 25. Christmas is not consecrated to an in-dividual only, and does not gain its popularity from antiquity. It represents he observatory at Harvird and been taken, an idea. It is a foreshadowing of con-ditions which will exist, when the full triumph of the principles taught by Him, whose name it bears, has been realized, Pence and good-will! That was the pro-clamation with which we are told the birth of Jesus was heralded, and it is surely true that if Has teachings pre-vailed universally those conditions would be everywhere manifest. He observatory at Harvird and been taken, and in the photographs had been taken, and in the photographs hundreds of stars are seen which the naked eye can-ont distinguish. All of them showed a particular part of Perseus absolutely barren of stars. Forty-eight hours after the last picture of the series had been taken the new star beamed out in its wonderful brilliancy, which exceeded that of any other star visible at that

A remarkable feature of Christmas is time above the horizon. Astronomers ince from which men can be drawh, even general as time passes. It was during the Fifth Century that the present date was set apart in commemoration of the birth of Jesus, and the selection seems to have been made by the Church in Rome. In England the people very early entered heartly into the observance of the day, but not exactly from a reli-sions point of view. Indeed so much

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District, (inter alia.) You and each of you are required to con-test the claim of the tax purchaser within six weeks from the date of the service of this notice upon you, and in default of a caveat or certificate of lis pendens being filed within said time, you will be forever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the said land. Dated at Vancouver, Province of British Columbia, this first day of November, A.D. 1001

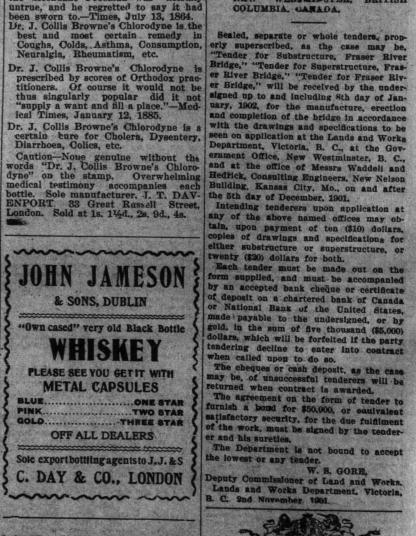
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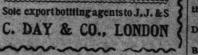
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On several occasions the Times has claimed that the province has been ser-iously injured through the failure of the Dunamuir government to accede to Mr. Bodwell's terms for the building Mr. Bodwell's terms for the building of the two 30 mile sections of the V., V. & E., one of the considerations be-ing a subsidy of \$4,000 per mile. The public can now understand the anxiety evinced to force these terms from the public can now understand the anxiety evinced to force these terms from the government. The arrangements of the Great Northern for building the missing link and the branches to Phoenix and other points had already been made, an if British Columbia could be held up by the promoters of the V... V. & E. for \$4,000 per mile, it would have formed the basis for a handsome dividend. The western 30 miles would have been comprised chiefly of the rail-way mileage necessary to carry out the agreement for Great Northern connec-ion with the City of Victoria. The de-mand made for a provincial subsidy for this Western section is of the same au-dacious character as the one for a sub-sidy for the Eastern section. The in-junction proceedings prove conclusively that the whole scheme was simply an endeavor to bluff the province out of \$240,000. They also prove the claim of the Premier that the government by its refusal saved to the province this snug amount. TURNER, BEETON & CO AREMEDY FOR IRREGULARITIES Superseding Bitter Apple, Pil Cochia, Pennyroyal, etc. Order of all Chemists, or post free for \$1.20 from EVANS & SONS, Ltd., Vic-toria, B. C.

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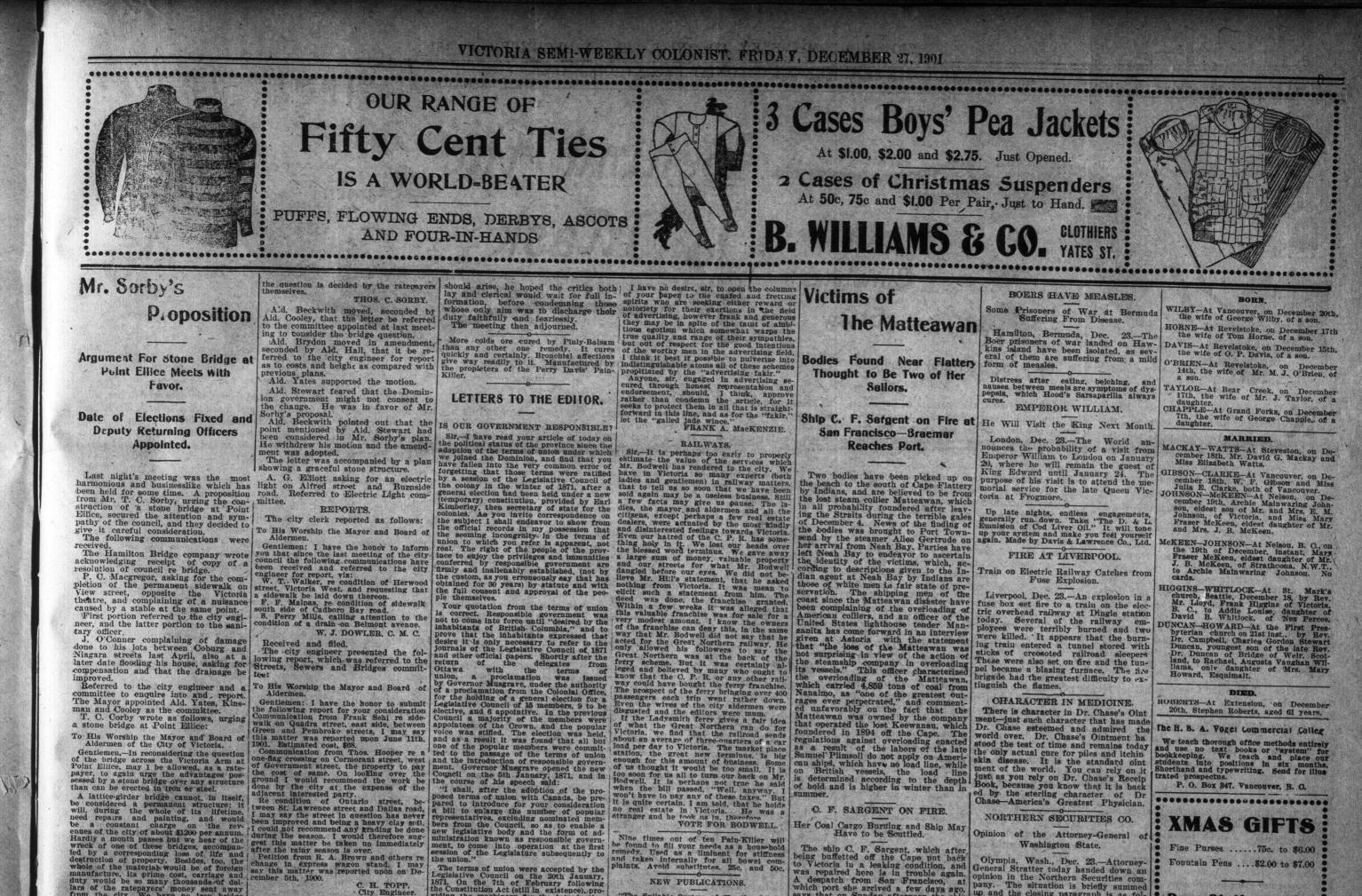
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The time for receiving tenders for the bove bridge has been extended to Satur-ay, inclusive, the 25th January, 1902. W. S. GORE,

Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.

Lands & Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 18th December, 1901.



ied by a corresponding loss of life and destruction of property. Besides, too, the whole of the materials would be of foreign manufacture, its prime cost, carriage and duty would be so many thousands of doi-lars of the ratepayers' money sent away from the city. We have no iron bridge builders here; and the work could not be done by the dity by day labor. Now, in the case of a stone bridge we have nearly all the materials at hand, no loss in carriage or duty, and every dollar would be spent with profit to the rate-payers themselves. The whole of the work could be done by day labor; the hours should be limited to eight, and the work proceeded with slowly to secure soundness of construction. By this means the whole of the money would be paid out to the

about 135,000 From Mr. Stock and others,

## C. H. TOPP. City Engineer

W. W. Northcott submitted the names of several applicants for the position of deputy returning officer at the coming municipal elections. The sport was received and the coun-fl proceeded to ballot with the result that Messrs. W. Dalby, for Mayor; D. Spragge, South Ward; T. C. Sorby, North Ward; and J. Bell, Central Ward, were appointed.

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The terms of mion were accepted by the egistative Council on the 20th January. S71. On the 7th of February following he Constitution Act (still in existence).pro-iding the machinery for the introduction f responsible government was read a sec-ad and third times and passed. Seven ays days later Governor Musgrave trans-fitted a message approving of the Con-itution Act, and it only benained for the tocceeding governor, Mr. Trutch, to start e system by setting the machinery in

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The Methodist Magazine for December is more than usually attractive. It in-cludes copiously illustrated articles on Booker T. Washington and his work, "The Booker T. Bussia and Canada."

C. F. SARGENT ON FIRE. Her Coal Cargo Burning and Ship May Have to be Souttled.

Her Coal Cargo Burfling and Ship May Have to be Souttled.
The ship C. F. Sargent, which after being buffetted off the Cape put back to Victoria in a leaking condition, and was repaired here is in trouble again. A despatch from San Francisco, at which port she arrived a few days ago, says that on Sunday afternoon the ship C. F. Sargent, Capt. Melville, lying in the coal cargo in the hold, and smöke began issuing from the forward hatch. The smoke was seen by officers of the transport Slocum, and they immediately put out to the ship. A few minutes fatter capt. Thomas, of the fish commission steamer Albatross, saw the smoke and soft to the forward hole.
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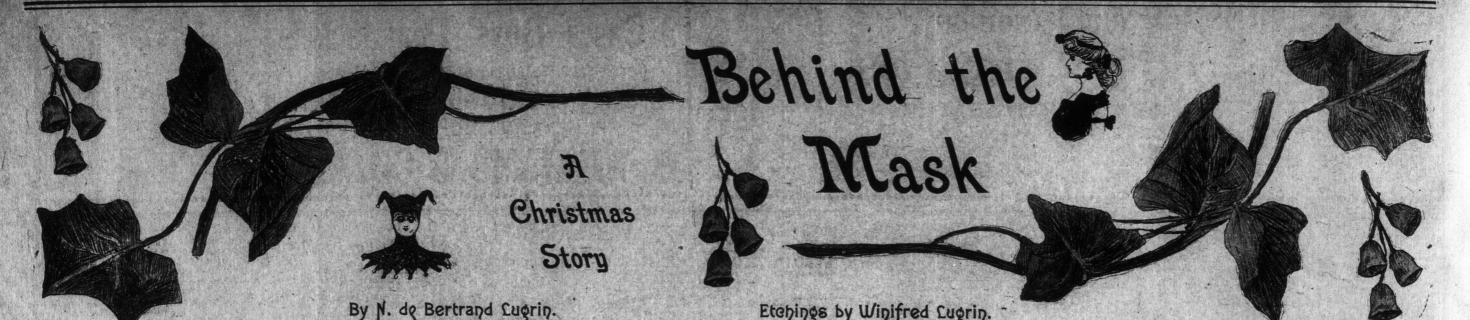
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O, John will go as the Black Prince," said Harry, correcting the young lady who stood on the hearth-rug facing him, to which young lady he had been secretly engaged for four months. "John will go as the Black Prince, my dear, and I as the renowned Beau Brummel."

"Well, I am sorry ; the Black Prince was always my favorite hero, and the date of the Battle of Poitiers is one of the only three dates I can remember." The girl sighed resignedly,



and, turning a little from him, leaned against the mantel pillar and placed one slippered foot on the fender. "However, if you will go as Beau Brummel, pray do not carry your gallantry too far in your efforts to do the part justice." She looked at him questioningly out of the end of her eye.

"Evelyn, my dear, am I ever too gallant ?" He drew his mouth down comically. "John tells me that since I have grown so stout-

"You are not an inch stouter than John," indignantly. "Besides, Harry, there is only one case in which you over-exert yourself."

She pursed up her lips a little, and then, giving a discreet cough, asked in an abrupt change of tone, "What costume will Norah Trevor wear ? "

Harry Sandringham was very unsuspicious. He rubbed his chin, thoughtfully, and an-swered, absently : "A Dresden shepherdess." "Doubtless the dress will suit her."

"She will look like a picture" (warmly). His tone evidently annoyed the young lady.

She tapped her foot, impatiently. "How long have you known Miss Trevor ?" she asked, with heightened color. "All her life, bless her," he replied, briskly,

and then, as he drew his gloves from his pocket, a folded bit of paper fell to the floor. He

held out his hand to the girl. "Au revoir, dear." He took the fingers she gave him, and shook them gently up and down. "Eve-lyn," he went on, smiling upon her-he had a very frank, happy smile, but his

on the glowing coals, and then seated herself on the little stool directly in front of the fire, and, putting her head in her lap, clasped her arms tightly about her knees. She did not cry, but presently stood up, and with a very white face and feet, and hands that trembled, she walked to the uncurtained window and looked out with wide, dry eyes at the swift-falling snow.

Harry Sandringham was dressing for the opera that evening, when a red-faced little messenger brought a note to his door. He recognized the handwriting in an instant, and with a beaming face bestowed a silver dollar on the small boy, and backed into his room to read the missive. In his shirt-sleeves, with one cuff on and one off, he sat down on the table, just under the lights, and, slitting the envelope carefully, he took out lovingly the large square sheet of half-written note-paper, and ran his eye over the contents. Then, with a face in which anger, amazement and consternation were blended, he stood up, turned around, and, spreading the note on the table, read it again.

"Dear Mr. Sandringham,-For some time now I have feared that this engagement of ours was a mistake. We were both very hasty, and since then, after thinking the matter quietly over, I have come to the conclusion that we had better end things before it is too late. It would be terrible to get married and be sorry afterwards.

"If I could, I would have waited until after the ball before writing this note, because Christmas has always been the happiest time of my life ; but I think it would have been wrong to have put off any longer what should have been done months ago.

"Yours sincerely, "EVELYN GRESHAM."

At this moment a quick knock at the door warned Sandringham of his brother's entrance. The latter was fully dressed, even to his gloves. He was tall, slim at the waist and broad at the shoulders-in figure an exact counterpart of Frank.

"You're a pretty fellow," the new-comer said, indignantly, leaning back against the door." "We shall be late, as usual. Tumble into your coat. Helloa," he broke off, abmptly, "What's the matter ?"

His brother handed him the letter, silently, she's told and then, compressing his lips and putting his hands deep in his trousers pockets, walked you plainly that this abruptly to the window, where, quite regardless of the world outside, he opened the shutters and stood in his shirt-sleeves, staring at the flickering lights and the passers-by. breaking off is making her unhap ру." The other man read the letter slowly, and "She did then glanced up at his brother's broad back not say rather quizzically. that." "Close the shutter, old chap," he said, "She writes " and get into your things. We can talk while that until you're dressing.' this year "I can't go to the opera to-night." Harry Christmas

all came about last night in the drawing-room. She wore a blue gown. She had been singing to me a quaint little love song, and at the end she stopped with her hands on the keys and looked up at me." He paused and drew a long breath of happy recollection.

"Oh, go to the devil," Harry said, gloomily, and, walking to the dressing table, began to use his brushes furiously upon his hair.

"Did you read that letter I gave you this morning ?" asked John, quite unabashed. "That was her acceptance." He rubbed his valm on his knee in blissful satisfaction.

"No, I never thought of it again," Harry spoke, resentfully. "I am in no mood for reading love letters. "It'll cheer you up,

old man." "If she had given the ghost of a reason," Harry

was following out his own train of thought, "I might have something to go by. He laid the brushes down quietly enough, and turned a rather pale face upon his brother. "But she writes and gives me my death-blow as though she were declining an invitation to go to the play." His voice broke a little.

"I can't understand it," John said, slowly. "I have always liked Evelyn, and had always hoped that you two would strike it off. She has money and you have brains,"

"That's like your beastly calculating." "Not at all ; it's the best sort of combina-

tion. Besides, you're not a pauper." "Nothing matters now," picking up his cuff. "Pauper or no pauper, I shall go to Africa in January

"Don't be too hasty." Again John bent his eye upon the letter. "She's treating you un-fairly if, as you say, she has no reason. If I were in your place I should get at the bottom of this, Harry.'

"There's no bottom in it, John ; it's been knocked out."

"Never say die, old fellow. At any rate,"



pleaded an excuse. Now, however, he gave his hostess his arm and let her lead him to Norah Trevor, who with a dimpled chin and pretty laughing mouth showing below the square of black muslin, had just finished a waltz with John. As the Black Prince and the Dresden Shepherdess moved about the room, the former kept the latter dancing close to Evelyn Gresham and her partner. Sandringham watched intently, when space and time would permit, his late fiancee's face, and he saw with much satisfaction that her eyes were always following Beau Brummel, who talked with the hostess' husband at the entrance to the ballroom.

At the end of the dance, having taken his partner to her chaperone, he made his way to Evelyn. She was very fair and sweet and haughty as Mary Antoinette, though Sandringham thought he detected two tiny lines about her mouth that he remembered seeing there once before, when she had cried all night because her cat had died.

He spoke to her in a sepulchral tone of voice, and she handed him her programme indifferently. He put his name down for the supper dance and all four extras ; then returned it to her, and, with a low bow, abruptly left her.

After that he danced madly with anyone in the room who happened to be near him when the music started. He would put no names on his programme save hers, just there in the middle, in large, bold lefters, "Evelyn." When at last he came for her, she was sitting

in an alcove with the lieutenant with whom she had been dancing the first part of the evening. Most of the people were hurrying to the supper-

"There is bound to be a crush, Mr. Sand-ringham," she said, waving her fan slowly, " and really I don't care for supper to-night." "Shall we sit here, then ?" He bent over

her. His voice was unsteady, but he was talk-ing in such a basso profundo that his nervousness was disguised.

The lieutenant withdrew, and Sandringham took his seat.

"It was odd of you to take all my extras," began Miss Gresham, coldly. "I would have remonstrated with you, only you left before I

could even glance at my programme." "Perhaps that is why I was so hasty," Sand-ringham told her. "You see, I wanted to talk

"It's most absurd of you to keep that tone of voice, Charles," Miss Gresham spoke, impatiently. "I know quite well who you are,

wildly, "he has danced six dances with her, all in succession, and now," her voice broke in a quick sob, "he has taken her in to supper, and joy," h letter t hare-bra coat poc bill, and "I sha when he Evelyn that I suppose

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they will be together at unmasking time—" "Evelyn," he leaned towards her suddenly. "Evelyn, my dear," his voice seemed to start from his boots and end in a high falsetto. A great joy swept over him all of a sudden. She cared then ; she really cared.

"You needn't think I mind," the girl said, trying in vain to steady her words. "It doesn't make the least difference to me. Only-only-it's wicked of you to pretend so about Harry and to-to tell me such stories."

"I haven't told a story, Evelyn," entreatingly, "and you are misjugding my brother. He and Norah are like brother and sister, and he has probably told her this whole unhappy business, in order to get

her advice. A woman can best understand a woman, you know." "I saw him kiss her behind the palm in the

conservatory," indignantly.

"Simply a brotherly caress," promptly. "Come, now, let us get at the root of this matter. Tell me why you sent that letter. You must have had some reason. You aren't natur-ally cruel ; you are too good, too sweet, too true a girl to be a coquette.'

"Do you really and truly believe that ?" she asked, hesitatingly. "Do I?" The Black Prince moved.

abruptly nearer to her, and in a very matter-offact way took her hand.

"John," she pulled her fingers away and spoke sharply, "don't do that again."

"I beg your pardon; I forgot myself." In spite of himself, the Prince laughed in a spas-modic, choking sort of way. The girl did not notice his merriment, how-

ever. She drew off her mask suddenly, and, taking out her handkerchief, put it to her eyes.

"I-I have not acted quite right: myself" she said. "and perhaps, I had better tell

eyes, when he laughed. often had in them, when he looked at her,

a sweet, deep gravity that was happier even than his smile—" Evelyn, do you love me ?" The girl laughed, softly. "Sometimes," she said, lifting her brows.

"Not always ? Please say always."

"I cannot say it to-night," shaking her head. "To-morrow then ; to-morrow, at the Bal Masque ?"

Perhaps to-morrow."

He left her, unheeding the scrap of paper at his feet.

As the door closed the girl stooped, and, picking it up, held it off from her, between her thumb and forefinger.

"Doubtless this is one of mine," she said to herself. "I shall tease him a bit before I return it."

She put it under an ornament on the mantel; then, thinking better of it, drew it out again. "Which one was it ?" she wondered. She had only sent him three, for they had seen each other every day since the late summer. She would open it and find out. She hesitated a little, then unfolded the paper, holding it a long way from her eyes, apparently dubious as to whether she would read it or not. At last, with a quick "Oh !" of impatience, she drew it nearer, and, bending her head, read at the end of a dozen lines the signature, "Your Little Norah." The girl's face flushed very hot. It was not her letter, then, after all. She should not read it, of course. No, she could not. Still, in a way, she reasoned hurriedly, she had a right, perhaps, being his fiancee. She looked again at the paper, merely, as she told herself, to see the date ; but, unconsciously, her eyes traveled over the paper. "Dear old boy," she read, " are you serious ? I cannot believe it. We have been like brother and sister always." "Oh !" Eyelyn caught her

breath suddenly. She would not read another word. It was quite an accident, she told herself, hysterically, that she had seen this. A sob broke from her lips involuntarily; and then, again, quite by accident, she looked at the end of the letter. "If you will put by all the old loves and content yourself with me alone—"

There, that was enough.

yet that she had not seen, but she had read enough. She laid the letter very gently

turned from the window and threw himself heavily into a chair. "Don't wait for me, John."

"Oh, come, now." The other perched him-self on the table. "Why the Dickens didn't you tell me of this before, Harry ?" he asked, perplexedly.

"It only came to-night."

"I mean the engagement—are you engaged to Evelyn, then ?." "It looks like it, doesn't it ?" sarcastically.

"Well, have you been engaged ?" "Hang it all, yes-what's the matter with you ?" Harry stood up suddenly and again

walked to the window. "You've been very close about it. I never guessed it had gone so far. I say, Harry, for

Heaven's sake close that shutter. There's a man and woman in the opposite-" The latter banged the shutter to, with an imprecation, and flung around upon his brother, his face flaming. He seemed to have grown uncontrollably angry all at

once.

"John," he said, slowly and tragically, "I have been deceived — basely tricked. I thought I had at last met a pure, true, faithful woman, but—" He threw out his hands, and then plunged them into his pockets again. "They're all alike—every mother's son of 'em." John bit his lip a moment and once more

read the letter. After a minute he spoke.

"Of course, you must know a reason, eh? You have offended her lately—had a quarrel?" "I never quarrelled with Evelyn or any other woman in my life," gloomily. "It's her fickleness. You can't trust 'em. If I were you," fixing a stern look upon his brother, "I wouldn't go any further with Norah Trevor."

"I've gone too far to come back," the other laughed. "The engagement will be announced at the dance her mother gives on New Year's night."

has been the happiest time of her life." "There is nothing in that." "Well," slowly, "I

don't know. If I were you I should go to the ball to-morrow night."

'She wouldn't speak to me. She knows my costume, and would steer clear of me."

"What's the matter with changing togs ?" the other spoke, after a short but thoughtful pause.

"She'd recognize me," doubtfully.

"What-in a mask ? You could change your voice; that's permissible. She'd never know you from me—I'd bet five to one she wouldn't. Still," hesitatingly, "I rather like my costume, and Norah-

"John," quickly, "perhaps there may be something in your plan. I can try it, anyway. It will be worth while, if only to see her again."

The other looked at his watch. "I am just forty minutes late. If Norah and I had been engaged more than twenty-four hours, I should not be readily forgiven for this." He laid the letter down and took up his hat. "You won't join us, Harry ?"

"No thanks, John. Good-night." "Good-night, old man. Brace up." At Mrs. Livingstone's house on Christmas.

Eve the guests began to arrive early, and dancing had been going on

two hours before Evelyn Gresham and her mother arrived. Harry Sandringham had been standing near the musicians' gallery, at the end of the room, for the past twenty-five minutes, enor-mously tall in his black, closefitting suit and high-feathered helmet, with the visor down. "Will your Highness not condescend to dance ?" Mrs.

had asked several times of Livingstone the stolidly straight and sombre figure, but until Evelyn entered the room he had

"Harry's an ass," in the same deep voice. Miss Gresham tossed her head without reply-

ing. "However," he went on," I shall keep to bass instead of baritone, for the sake of the practise, if you don't mind."

She looked at him critically and rather contemptuously.

" The lights are rather strong here, don't you think so ?" The Black Prince moved uneasily under her gaze. "Wouldn't you like to turn quite around, eh ? I'll draw the curtains behind us, and we can watch the moon and be quite secluded."

Miss Gresham leaned a little back from him. "I have not the slightest desire for seclusion, John," she said, severely, " and considering that it is snowing hard-"

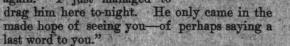
"Evelyn," Sandringham interrupted. He was very warm ; his face, under the closed visor, was damp and hot. "Evelyn, you must make allowances for my nervousness to-night. I

have been horribly upset about my brother." He saw her bite her lip suddenly, and she turned her head a little away. "Your brother has told you

everything, then?" she asked,

"Everything, and-eris terribly broken up over it. All last night he walked the floor of his room. I tried to get him to go to bed. 'No, John,' said he, 'it will be a long day before I can 'rest again.' I just managed to





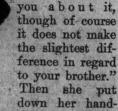
last word to you." Miss Gresham began to hum a little air aloud. She tilted her chin haughtily, though her lip quivered slightly.

"If you had only given him a reason," the Black Prince begged, sinking his voice to such a low bass that his words were scarcely audible. " It's a horrible thing to throw a man down like that, without the ghost of a show."

"John," Miss Gresham began, indignantly, "why will you persist in talking in that silly voice 2"

"I told you I was practising. See here, do you think you have acted fairly by Harry ?" earnestly. "You were engaged and all that,

earnessity. Fou were engaged and all that, and-er-he thought so much of you and was trying to get his book finished-" "John," sternly, "I shall not listen to you. Fancy, you're pretending that Harry is unhappy and ill," her voice trembling suddenly. "You must have seen as well as I that he has been with Norah Trevor all the evening. Why," a little



kerchief and spoke quite angrily. "John," she said, "do take off that great silly helmet. It's very stupid of you to keep this acting up with me."

The Black Prince drew himself up haught-"I prefer," he said, stiffly, "to keep my helmet on.'

"Oh, very well," slowly, "do as you like ; it does not matter." Then she leaned towards him and fixed her blue eyes hard upon his that showed deep and dark behind the polished bands of his visor. With a quick movement Sandringham pulled the curtains in front of them together, shutting out the light.

"We can talk much better so," he said.

There was a sudden tone in his voice, something in his gesture, that made the girl start and a warm glow cover her face. In the dark she clasped her hands tightly together, and when she spoke her voice was lighter, sweeter, than it had been before.

"John," she said, softly, "it happened yesterday, when Harry was going away. Some-times, you know, I have been a little angry, for he is always praising Norah Trevor to me. Well, you see, he took out his gloves, and—and a letter dropped out with them-only he didn't notic

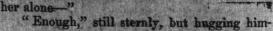
"Indeed !" Sandringham's voice startled. He would have said more, but she laid her hand on his arm and continued, quickly :

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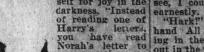
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ably. "What was in the letter, Evelyn ?" sternly.

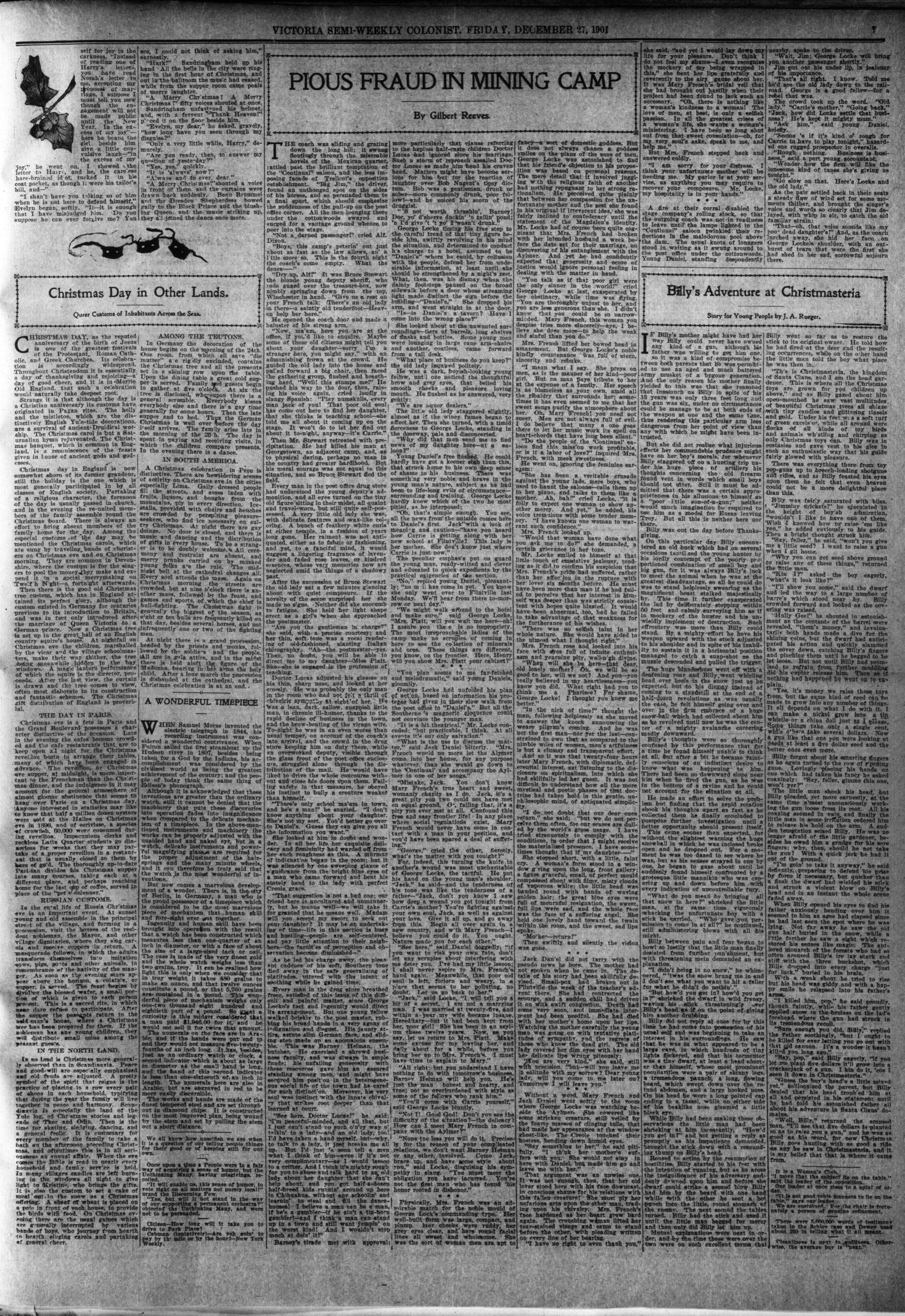
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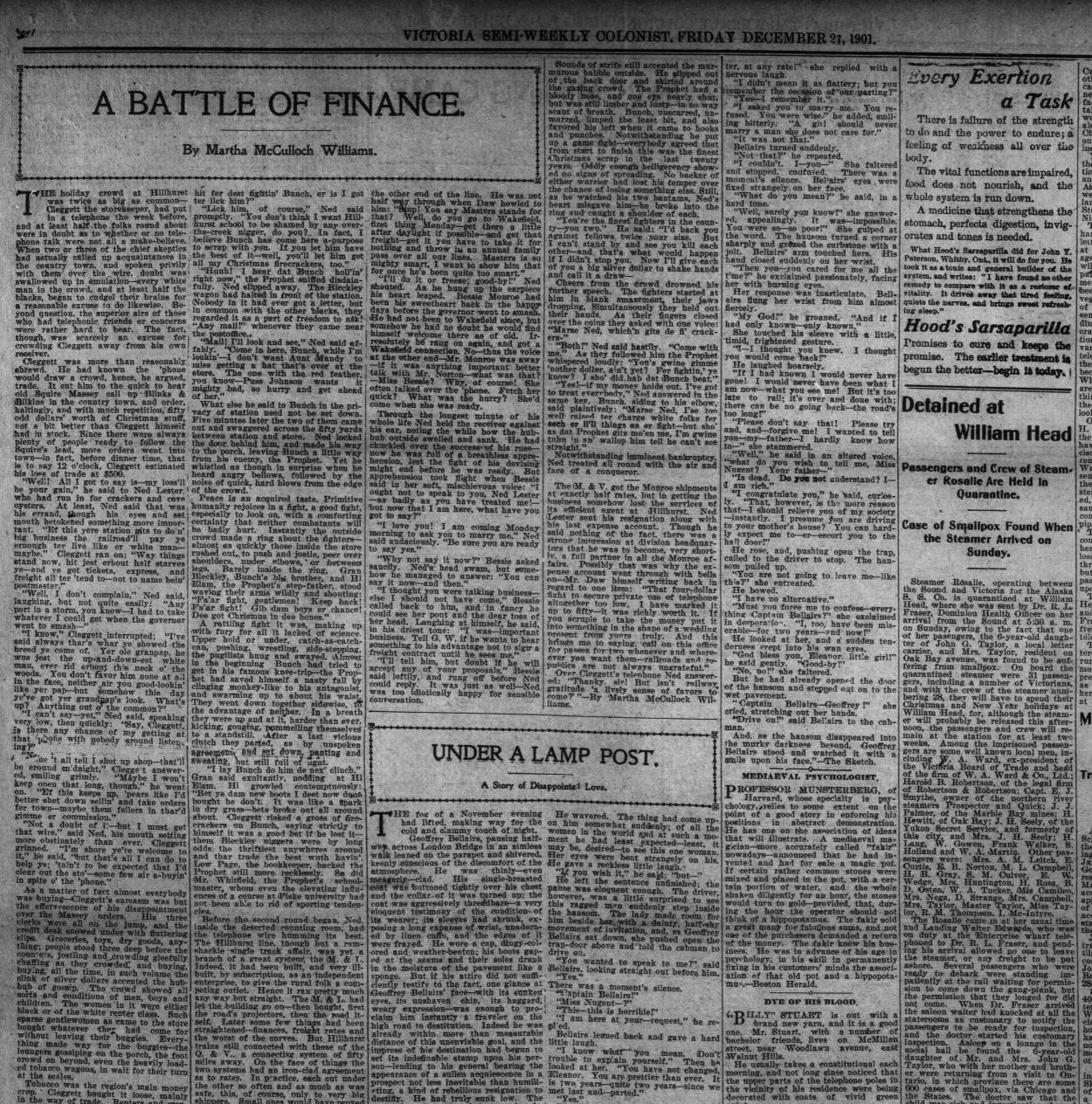
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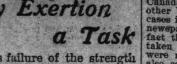
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**MEETING OF** SCHOOL BOARD

Trustees and Council of Public Instruction to Discuss Supt's Dutles.

A special meeting of the Board of School Trustees was held last night with the chairman, Dr. Lewis Hall presid-ing, and Trustees R. L. Drury, Geo. Jay, J. G. Brown, A. Huggett and Mrs. Gordon Grant present. A letter of resignation was received from W. H. May of the Boys' Central school, and accepted with regret. Miss Blake was appointed to fill the vacancy at a salary of \$540 per year. Miss Sprague wrote accepting a position on the teaching staff, to which she was appointed at the last meeting. John Coughlan was awarded the con-tract for the supply of galvanized ven-tiloting tabox at the base of the set of the teaching the teaching the supply of galvanized ven-tileting the start of the set of the set of the supply of galvanized ven-

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the family."—Philadelphia Free Press. The fact that a case of smallpox was discovered on the Sound steamer will have the effect of increasing the al-ready rigid inspection and efforts of the health officers, for smallpox is ram-pant in Ontario and not only in Eastern