

RECALL FOR KUROPATKIN; TREPOFF FOR THE INTERIOR

Sensational Rumor From St. Petersburg Says a Big Shake Up Is Imminent.

JAPS REPULSE THE RUSSIAN CAVALRY ATTACK

St. Petersburg, Feb. 15. — Many rumors are current of ministerial and military changes, including a report that War Minister Sakharoff may be sent to relieve Gen. Kuropatkin, and also one to the effect that M. Boulanger, Minister of the Interior, is not in sympathy with the situation and may retire in favor of Gen. Trepoff, Governor-General of St. Petersburg.

The successor of M. Muraviev, former minister of justice, appointed ambassador at Rome, has not yet been appointed. Almost everything is likely to happen, but nothing definite can be ascertained.

M. Annensky, editor of the Russian Weekly, who was arrested simultaneously with Maxim Gorky, the author and reform leader, was released yesterday. Upon his appearance before a scientific society last night he was received with great enthusiasm.

Vladivostok Blockaded.

New York, Feb. 16. — A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Herald says: Reports received here announce that Vladivostok is being closely blockaded by Admiral Uri's fleet.

Cavalry Attack Repulsed.

Tokio, Feb. 16. — The following dispatch was received this morning from the headquarters of the Japanese army in Manchuria:

In the direction of the Shaho River our artillery Feb. 14, bombarded Chien-sun-pao-tzu and set fire to that village. The enemy's artillery in the neighborhood of Sanchou Mountain replied.

"During the night of Feb. 14 a section of the enemy's infantry attacked Waitao Mountain and at dawn Feb. 15 a battalion attacked Waitao Mountain, but the Russians were entirely repulsed.

"In the direction of Chitaitzu in the morning of Feb. 15, 500 of the enemy's cavalry advanced into Santaitze from Shengtsaimen, three miles northwest of Chitaitzu. Another force of cavalry advanced south along the right bank of the Hun River Feb. 14, and passed the night in the neighborhood of Chichaiyatzu, placing outposts in the vicinity of Kavehangtzu.

Before the arrival of our detachment, the enemy's cavalry, who were in force, began to retreat north. Our detachment quickly pursuing him towards Hoiyukou, inflicted some damage. The enemy's artillery taking up position in the neighborhood of Wanchiawopeng, covered his retreat. The enemy's strength was about ten squadrons of cavalry and artillery."

Russ and Chinese Clash.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 15. — A telegram from Sachun reports that a fatal affray has occurred between Russians and Chinese at a village 40 miles northwest of Sachun, where a party of Russians went on a foraging expedition. The villagers seized the Chinese interpreter, killed him, and a Chinaman was killed. The villagers killed the interpreter and fled.

Che Foo, Feb. 15. — A steamer with 117 non-combatants arrived here today from Port Arthur. Very few non-combatants now remain in the second line of defense. The steamer was loaded with soldiers totaling 2,500 will begin arriving at Che Foo on Feb. 20. The local Russians are indignant, claiming that they are unable to care for the healthy, let alone invalids.

The Japanese say they lack means of transport to take the invalids to Stanghai.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 15. — Lieut.-Gen. Sakharoff telegraphs that the Russian artillery on Feb. 13 destroyed the buildings and walls of Nangai.

DISASTER ON NEW SUBMARINE

Nine Injured and Two Missing by Explosion in Queens- town Harbor.

Queenstown, Ireland, Feb. 15. — An explosion of gasoline occurred on board the new submarine boat "A-5" this morning when the officers and crew, eleven men, were engaged in charging the tanks. The crew were hurled in all directions. Nine of them were picked up by boats and taken to the hospital. Two are missing.

LATER. — A number of the crew of the British gunboat Hazard volunteered to go to the rescue of the submarine boat's crew, but hardly had they got on board the submarine when a second explosion took place and all the rescuers were more or less injured.

Lieut. Skinner, an officer of the submarine boat, subsequently died of his injuries.

The bodies of the two missing men were found on board the "A-5."

The total number of men injured was fifteen. Some of them were dreadfully mutilated.

Was Not A-sleep. — Windsor, Ont., Feb. 15. — Albert Elliott, the police officer who was charged with being asleep while on duty the night that Sgt. Nash was shot by Samuel Jarvis, had a hearing before the police commissioners last evening and was exonerated.

JOE WANTS MacMASTER

Eminent Montreal Lawyer May Con- test a British Constituency.

Montreal, Feb. 15. — Mr. Donald MacMaster, K. C., the eminent Montreal lawyer, who represented the United States Government when the case of the Gaynor-Green extradition case was argued before the Privy Council, has been invited to contest a British constituency as a Chamberlain candidate. He has already announced his intention to spend the next few years in England. At one time Mr. MacMaster represented Glenagarry, his native county, in the Canadian Commons.

A ROYAL BETROTHAL

A Nephew of King Edward to Harry German Princess.

Cobourg, Duchy of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Feb. 15. — The betrothal is announced of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha to the Princess Victoria, eldest daughter of Duke Frederick of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glücksburg. The princess is a niece of the German Emperor, while the bridegroom is a nephew of King Edward of England.

GATES AFTER THEM; SHORTS QUAKING

Only 6,000,000 Bushels of "Contract May" Visible.

LINE MAY REACH 40,000,000

Ambition to Run the Biggest Corner Yet—Success Will Mean Wheat at \$2.

Chicago, Feb. 15. — John W. Gates is out for blood — the blood of a large number of bears in the Chicago wheat pit. This much became so plain within 24 hours after he reached the city Monday that it required the sale of a number of millions of bushels of his wheat to prevent a miniature touching off of the fireworks.

Mr. Gates left for the Pacific coast over the Illinois Central last night, planning to stop en route at the Hot Springs in Arkansas and to remain until April 1. Before going he said that present prices of wheat would look very cheap within the next 60 days. This has been his boast for some time, and as he has a plan of making good his boasts — when his purpose is to do so — there was a panicky feeling among the shorts in wheat.

In the large number of conversations held by Mr. Gates with friends and acquaintances who called at his offices in the Rookery and the Railway Exchange building and at the Chicago Club, where he spent most of the Monday holiday, a great deal leaked out to give basis for the fears of the bears in wheat.

Mr. Gates was figuring with his friends that the western short sellers might be able to deliver 10,000,000 bushels of contract wheat by the end of May next. With such a basis to figure from it did not take the speculative experts of the wheat trade long to figure out that Mr. Gates' wheat hold, now or in contemplation, must be 25,000,000 bushels at the very least, thus much being the difference between the profit from the deal if the cash wheat to be paid for, the "corpus" of the deal, was 10,000,000 bushels. As Mr. Gates had not recently had any indication of doing things by halves, there were those who were willing to concede Mr. Gates and his friends a holding of perhaps 20,000,000 to 40,000,000 bushels.

Even this large total would look small in a financial way when compared with the holdings of the great deal, in which Gates and his friends forced J. Pierpont Morgan to pay a tremendous price for a controlling interest in the Western Union Telegraph Co. Mr. Gates' firm, then Harris, Gates & Co., a tremendous sum in commissions was paid to the firm for the deal.

Allowing for necessary losses in marketing this wheat at lower prices in case the next crop failed, and the wheat experts calculate that Gates counts on making a deal that will set a record price marked by P. P. Hutchinson in 1888 on the small quantity, and above the \$1.35 figure reached at one time on a large quantity in the latter deal, nearly nine years later.

Having shown what he could do with the leading financiers in the east, Gates has an ambition to show that he is bigger than anything in Chicago, where he has his big start in life. Thus far he has proved nothing satisfactory in this line. In a corn deal a few years since his firm ran the price to about 90 cents, but it was generally thought to have cost them and their friends a large amount of money to do it. In a corn deal last fall the weather conditions proved against the success of such an undertaking, and this also was abandoned at a loss.

To run a successful deal and Mr. Gates certainly does not contemplate anything else at present — he must therefore go after large game, wealthy shorts among capitalists, speculators, grain dealers, elevator men, millers and the like. Smaller speculators have within the last week abandoned the May deal as too blooded for them, thus leaving the deal stripped to its elemental properties.

Blind, She Now Sees. — Appleton, Wis., Feb. 15. — The case of Miss Sadie Clark, of Menasha, Wis., a high school student, who today recovered her eyesight has suddenly attracted much attention here. Miss Clark had never had any eye trouble until she awoke on the morning of Feb. 6 to find herself stone blind. She was on a train going to Milwaukee to undergo an operation when her sight suddenly returned and she has since the mysterious period of blindness.

Boy Found \$13,000.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 14. — George Putnam, 15 years of age, found a purse on Superior street today containing \$13,000 in currency and drafts together with a bank book showing deposits in the Guardian Trust Company of this city. The lad returned the purse and its contents and received a reward.

London-St. Clair RR. Bill Passes the Committee

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Feb. 15. — At the railway committee of the Commons today several bills were disposed of in very quick order. The Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific Railway was granted an extension of time of five years for the completion of the road. The time for completing the Canada Southern bridge across the Detroit River was extended for seven years. After Congress had sanctioned it, and the time for building the tunnel was extended for ten years, the time for the construction of the Canada and Michigan bridge across the Detroit River was extended for five years after the United States Congress had sanctioned it.

A bill to incorporate the London and St. Clair Railway Company was also adopted. The incorporators are W. D. Matthews, H. C. Hammond, L. A. Hamilton, H. Beatty and R. A. Smith, Toronto. This is for a road from a point on the Ontario and Quebec Railway, west of the city of London, to a convenient point on the St. Clair River, near Sarnia, or between Sarnia and Lake St. Clair. Mr. Calvert had charge of the bill. This is also a C. P. R. undertaking.

Mr. Caldwell (Lanark) objected to blanket charters being granted to the Canadian Pacific and Mr. Calvert replied that the road was very much needed. The railway committee granted an extension of time to the Canada Southern Railway to connect by a bridge with Grand Island at Niagara Falls.

FARMERS TO INCORPORATE Bill to Give Charters to Agricultural Organizations.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Feb. 15. — Hon. Mr. Fisher will likely introduce a bill this session for the incorporation of agricultural organizations.

Mr. D. Mann, of Mackenzie & Mann, stated today that the first train over their road from Toronto to Parry Sound on the new James Bay Railway, would be running by next September.

Australian Liner Aground.

Perth, West Australia, Feb. 15. — The Orient liner Orizaba, with passengers and mails, for Sydney, New South Wales, is ashore off Garden Island, 20 miles out of her course. Her captain is not quite so dangerous. The British cruiser Katomaba has gone to the Orizaba's assistance.

A Produce Trust.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 15. — The American Butter Refining Company, with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000, is incorporated today to produce and deal in milk, butter and food products, and to acquire the business and plants of other institutions, firms and individuals. The capital stock is divided into \$2,000,000 preferred, with 6 per cent, non-cumulative dividend, and 40,000,000 common stock. The incorporators are Walter B. Hope, Beverly R. Robertson, I. Theo, and I. Thysen, all of Jersey City.

ALL NOVA SCOTIA ROADS BLOCKED; TOWNS ARE SHORT FOOD AND FUEL

Great Snowstorm Sweeps the Maritime Provinces—Rail- roads Are Helpless.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 15. — A snowstorm, commencing early last night, and general over the Province of Nova Scotia, accompanied by high winds from the northeast, continued throughout the night, ten to fifteen inches already having fallen. As a result there is but little doubt that the entire railway system of Nova Scotia will be tied up for some time to come.

On the Dominion Atlantic system and on the Intercolonial, the heavy cuttings, which on previous occasions were packed solid with snow and twenty feet high, are filled again with snow, which can be removed in many cases only with extreme difficulty and slow process.

The Midland system and Southwestern road have been both tied up for the past two weeks, and probably will remain in their present condition until spring opens. It is said that provisions, flour, coal, etc., are getting low in some towns in the province on account of the limited railway facilities and blocked roads.

READY TO MEET CHARGES

Leech Had Been Visiting Family, Not Hiding as Rumored.

Winnipeg, Feb. 15. — Mr. R. E. A. Leech, late Liberal organizer for Manitoba, arrived from the south yesterday morning. Mr. Leech stated to a reporter that he had been visiting his family in Western Ontario, and was not aware until last Saturday that charges had been made against him in connection with the Provencher lists. He got his information from a Toronto daily newspaper. Mr. Leech made immediate preparations for returning to Manitoba, and left the following day traveling by way of Chicago. Mr. Leech's prompt return and apparent willingness to have the matter gone into without delay has somewhat non-plussed those Conservatives who, because he was absent from the city on private business, were pleased to imagine he was hiding.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Light Snowfalls.

London, Thursday, Feb. 15. Sun rises, 7:45 a.m. Moon sets, 2:22 p.m. Sun sets, 5:48 p.m. Moon rises, 1:37 a.m.

Very cold weather has prevailed again today throughout Ontario and Quebec, and high winds have also been general. The outlook for Ontario is more promising.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 36 below—4; New Westminster, 24—36; Kamloops, 6—26; Calgary, 18—24; Toronto, 6—28; Winnipeg, 16 below—20; Port Arthur, 20 below—8; Parry Sound, 12 below—4; Toronto, 2—10; Ottawa, zero—10; Montreal, 4—10; Quebec, zero—12; St. John, 12—28; Halifax, 4—31.

ON ERRAND OF MERCY

A Father Perishes While Carrying Medicine to Sick Child.

Cheboygan, Mich., Feb. 15. — Albert Fleury walked on the ice from Bois Blanc Island to this city Saturday night to get medicine for his sick child. The mercury was 16 below zero and a wild snowstorm was raging, but he bravely set out on the return trip about midnight with a lantern and a compass to guide him. That was the last seen of him and there is little doubt that he perished, and his body was covered up by the drifting snow. His wife came to the city to look for him, and large searching parties were organized, both here and on the island, to search for his body. He was 31 years old.

ASQUITH WANTS "YES" OR "NO" BUT BALFOUR KEEPS MUM

British Premier Declines to State His Position in Regard to Fiscal Matters.

CABINET HASTILY CALLED OVER FAR EAST NEWS

London, Feb. 15. — In the House of Commons today the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was resumed by Mr. Asquith (Liberal), and former home secretary, who moved his amendment, previously published. Mr. Asquith supported this demand for an immediate dissolution of Parliament with some trenchant remarks on the wide fiscal gulf separating the Unionist majority from the Liberal minority. Turning to Premier Balfour, Mr. Asquith asked him to give a monosyllabic answer whether there was any practical difference between his and Joseph Chamberlain's fiscal policies, but the Premier maintained silence. The speaker then declared that Mr. Chamberlain was also becoming incited with the "malice of ambiguity," and added that this intolerable confusion, menacing and perilous to industry and the Empire, could only be cleared up by a prompt and direct appeal to the people.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying, taunted the Liberals with asking the country for a mandate to stimulate bounty-fed competition with British manufacturers, and to maintain a system of free imports without a free exchange. The Opposition's policy, he added, was to shut its eyes to all that was passing in the rest of the world and cling to the ancestral traditions of sixty years ago. The Government desired a free hand to negotiate fiscal matters with foreign countries, and the (Liberals), and an unfettered conference of the latter to see if a closer union could not be promoted between Great Britain and the other parts of the Empire.

Mr. Asquith's amendment in the reply to the speech from the throne was discussed at the evening session. Sir Edward Grey said that a new foundation of force, a foundation of taxes, was the weakest upon which an empire could be built. The present suspense, he said, was bad, both politically and materially. A moral obligation rested on the Government to appear before the country with a free hand. The debate was adjourned.

The discussion was robbed of interest by the unexpected and unusual calling of a second cabinet meeting which sat two hours during the evening. It is believed that the meeting had no connection with parliamentary affairs. There is a rumor that it was owing to the receipt of important dispatches from the Far East connected with the possibilities of peace; but nothing reliable is known on the subject.

WEST HURON GOES FOR MR. CAMERON

Recount Gives Liberal Candidate a Majority of Two—Conser- vatives Will Appeal.

Goderich, Ont., Feb. 15. — His Honor Judge Doyle handed out his judgment today in the West Huron recount, holding that Mr. M. G. Cameron has a majority of two of the total votes cast. Mr. Holmes gained three votes. Mr. Dickinson counsel for Mr. Holmes, has given notice that he will appeal from his honor's judgment to a high court judge at Toronto.

In the Garrow-Beck election of 1900 Mr. Garrow was declared elected by the casting vote of the returning officer in this same West Huron. It would be strange if history repeats itself and the returning officer, Sheriff Reynolds, has again to give the casting vote as a result of the appeal.

MR. JAFFRAY RESIGNS

Chairman of the Temiskaming Com- mission Steps Out.

Toronto, Feb. 15. — At the conclusion of the cabinet council today Premier Whitney announced that Mr. Robert Jaffray, president of the Globe Printing Company, had resigned from the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission, of which he was chairman. Mr. Whitney said that he had asked Mr. Jaffray to hold on for a few days until the Government had come to a decision in the matter.

Roosevelt After Oil.

Washington, Feb. 15. — President Roosevelt has directed James R. Garfield, commissioner of corporations of the department of commerce and labor, to begin immediately the oil investigation requested by the House of Representatives yesterday in a resolution adopted unanimously. The investigation by the decision of the President will be rigid and comprehensive.

Salem, Mass., Feb. 15. — Fire today damaged the works of the Salem Gas Light Company, causing a loss of \$27,000. The blaze originated in the retort house, which was destroyed together with the coal shed with 2,000 tons of coal. The operations of the plant were not seriously hampered.

\$60,000 For Soo Company For Steel Rail Bounty

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Feb. 15. — The first payment of the bounty on steel rails has been made by the department of trade and commerce. A check for \$60,000 was sent to the Consolidated Lake Superior Company. The claim was for 20,000 tons of rails, which have been turned out.

It was never the intention of the Government to have given a bounty as well as a duty upon steel rails. The auditor-general, however, upon the advice of Mr. Aylesworth, K. C., allowed the claim of the rail manufacturers under the act providing a bounty on structural steel.

CASTRO DEFIES UNITED STATES

His Courts Order Sequestration of American Asphalt Property.

Paris, Feb. 15. — A semi-official dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, says that upon the pressure of President Castro, the court has ordered the sequestration of the landed property of the American Asphalt Company. This decision, the dispatch adds, has caused excitement in the American colony at Caracas.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN SCORES LIBERALS

Says Policy Is a Fantastic De- fense and Does Not Fear an Election.

London, Feb. 15. — Joseph Chamberlain, the former colonial secretary, held a full house when he rose to address the House of Commons this afternoon on the fiscal amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne proposed by Mr. Asquith (Liberal), yesterday. A dissolution of Parliament had no terrors for him, he said. He was quite content to trust his political fortunes to the workmen who for thirty years had placed their confidence in him so generously. In his opinion the sooner a dissolution came the better. He hoped, however, that the Government would not do its trust simply because the Opposition's contentions in regard to a dissolution were a "fantastic pretense."

The real object of the "foolish and unjust amendment" was to create discussion on the ministerial side. He had never said free trade ought to be abandoned.

A 334-CARAT DIAMOND

Another Big Stone Found in the Johannesburg Diggings.

Johannesburg, Transvaal, Feb. 15. — A diamond, weighing 334 carats, has been discovered in the vicinity of the place where the largest diamond ever unearthed was recently found.

"BEN HUR" WALLACE DEAD

Author of the Famous Story Passes Away, Aged 78.

Crawfordsville, Ind., Feb. 15. — Gen. Lew Wallace, author, former United States Minister to Turkey, and veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars, died at his home here tonight, aged 78 years. His health had been waning for several years, and for months it has been known generally that his vigorous constitution could not much longer withstand the ravages of a wasting disease. For more than a year he has been unable to properly assimilate food, and this, together with his extreme age, made more difficult his fight against death. At no time had he ever confessed the belief that he was near death, and his rugged constitution and remarkable vitality have been responsible for prolonging his life.

TOLD OF MURDER IN HIS SLEEP

How the Irish Police Placed Complicity in Crime on a Montreal Woman.

London, Feb. 15. — Sarah Ann Pearson, the supposed poisoner, arrived from Montreal today for Arrah. She was brought before a magistrate and remanded until Saturday. Mrs. Pearson was arrested in Montreal on a warrant issued for her extradition on a charge of murder in Ireland. Her complicity in the crime was revealed by her husband's talking in his sleep while in an Irish jail.

CHANGE IN THE PRESIDENCY OF WESTERN FAIR BOARD

Col. W. M. Gartshore Retires and Capt. W. J. Reid Is Elected to Succeed Him—Wm. McNeil Placed on Directorate—Dates of Fair Discussed, but Not Fixed.

Capt. W. J. Reid is the new president of the Western Fair Association, having been unanimously chosen at the annual meeting, which was held in the city hall yesterday afternoon. An effort was also made to name the dates for this year's exhibition, but owing to the fact that Toronto has decided not to close its exhibition until Tuesday, it



CAPT. W. J. REID.
Successor of Col. Gartshore as president of the Western Fair.

was agreed to allow the matter to stand over till the next meeting of the board.

Yesterday the annual meeting of the association was first held, and later the directors met and selected Mr. Reid for president and also the chairman of the different committees, and appointing the officers. In selecting the board of directors, the association made but one change, Mr. Wm. McNeil being chosen to succeed Mr. W. M. Spence, who retired.

The officers and directors for the year are as follows:

President—W. J. Reid.
First Vice-President—J. W. Little, London.
Second Vice-President—Allan Bogue, Woodbank.
Secretary—J. A. Nelles.
Treasurer—D. MacKinnon.
Superintendent of Grounds—J. H. Brown.
Auditor—Geo. F. Jewell.
Chairman of Finance Committee—A. M. Smart.
Chairman of Grounds and Buildings—J. W. Little.
Chairman of Gates and Tickets—Col. Gartshore.
Chairman of Printing—John Pringle.
Chairman of Attractions—W. J. Reid.
Directors—Lieut.-Col. W. M. Gartshore, George M. Reid, Lieut.-Col. F. B. Lyle, Lieut.-Col. J. W. Little, J. Reid, George McCormick, R. A. Carrothers, A. M. Smart, Wm. Gammage, Wm. McNeil, John Pringle and J. W. Jones.

At the directors' meeting, Col. Gartshore moved, seconded by Col. Little, that Capt. Reid be the president of the association for 1905. Capt. Reid said, however, that he felt the honor should go to Col. Little, than whom an abler or a better man could not be chosen. He moved, seconded by Ald. Saunders, that Col. Little be president, but Mr. Little positively refused to accept the honor, saying that he felt it should go to Capt. Reid this year, and as a result a vote was taken and Capt. Reid was unanimously chosen.

Echo of Last Year.

Mr. Allan Bogue brought to the at-

Why Women Are Weak

To Any Womanly Sufferer! Offer a Full Dollar's Worth of My Remedy Free.

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But the nerves that, unguided and unknown, night and day, keep the heart in motion—control the digestive apparatus—regulate your liver—operate the kidneys—the nerves on which all the vital functions depend.

These are the nerves that worry wear out and work breaks down.

It does no good to treat the ailing organ—the irregular heart—the disordered liver—the rebellious stomach—the deranged kidneys. They are not to blame. But go back to the nerves that control them. There you will find the seat of the trouble.

My remedy—Dr. Shoop's Restorative—is the result of a quarter century of endeavor along this very line. It does not dose the organs, nor deaden the nerves. It does go at once to the nerve—the inside nerve—the power nerve—and builds it up, and strengthens it and makes it well—and that is the end of womanly weakness.

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Will you accept this opportunity to learn at my expense absolutely, how to be free forever of all forms of womanly weakness—to be rid not only of the trouble, but of the very cause which produced it? Write today.

For a free order for a full bottle on Dyspepsia, Dollar bottle on Backache, Heart, Stomach, address Book 3 on the Kidneys. Dr. Shoop, Box 4 for Women. 41 Racine, Wis. Book 3 on Men's State which Book 3 on Rheumatism, book you want.

Mild cases are often cured by a single bottle. For sale at forty thousand drug stores.

In connection with Dr. Shoop's Restorative it is sometimes advisable to give local treatment. If so, get Dr. Shoop's Night Cure. Both remedies are on sale at all druggists.

Dr. Shoop's Restorative

tion of the directors the necessity for re-roofing the main building in the fair grounds. He related that it was a matter for the city to deal with at once. Last year the city had refused to re-roof the building because of the fact that no amount had been placed in the estimates for the purpose. He suggested that the secretary be empowered to communicate with the city clerk, so that the city council might be given an opportunity to place the amount necessary for the work in the estimates.

Mr. McNeil wanted the aldermen present to say if the city council would not pay half the cost of the repairs made last year, about \$100 in all. He said the council had agreed at one time to pay half the cost of a new roof. Mr. Carrothers said he understood when the repairs were made last fall that they would tide the board over this year anyway, but Superintendent of Grounds Brown said the repairs were only of a temporary nature.

The aldermen were again asked by Mr. McNeil to state their opinions on the subject, but they did not commit themselves.

On motion of Mr. Carrothers, it was decided to ask the city to have Engineer Graydon inspect the roofs of all the buildings on the grounds, and make a report on the same at once, in order that if necessary the money needed for repairs may be placed in the council's estimates.

Mr. Treblecock having brought up the matter, the directors being appointed judges, it was referred to the executive to investigate and report back.

Date of the Fair.

President Reid pointed out that the dates of the Toronto Exhibition had been set for Aug. 25 till Sept. 12, and Ottawa had decided upon the same dates as London had last year, Sept. 8 to 16.

Mr. Treblecock moved that the Western Fair be held from Sept. 8 to 15. Mr. McNeil said a clash of dates between Ottawa and London will not injure the Western Fair, as exhibitors would much rather come to London than go to Ottawa to an inferior show. President Reid said, however, that as the Toronto Fair does not close until Tuesday, it might be impossible for London's show to secure the live stock on Saturday, as the live stock would be held till Tuesday. London fair would be ruined. No live stock, meant no fair in London. Consequently, he advised that the board go slow in the naming of dates.

Secretary Nelles explained that the Toronto management does not say the live stock cannot be removed on Saturday, as was the case last year. Secretary Nelles replied that Toronto had not said so.

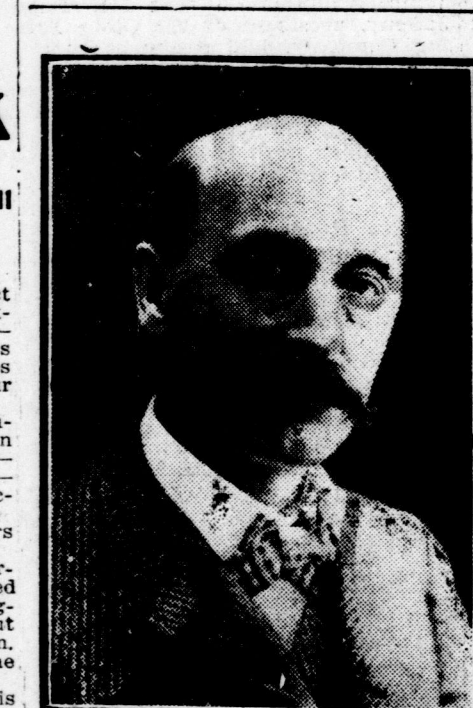
Col. Little then moved that before anything is done the president and secretary write to Toronto and secure all information as to what Toronto intends to do. When the board secures this information, it will be time to name the date, Col. Little said.

Those present at the directors' meeting were President Reid, Col. Little, Col. Gartshore, Messrs. Treblecock, Fleming, Bogue, Carrothers, McNeil, Gammage, Ald. Carson, Abram and Saunders, Superintendent Brown, and Secretary Nelles.

The Association Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the association the annual report, already published, was read and accepted.

President Gartshore declared the report to be eminently satisfactory, as it showed the association to be in a healthy financial state. In view of the fact that the semi-centennial will be held this year, he suggested that the



COL. GARTSHORE.
The retiring president.

board should make an effort to make the Western Fair a still greater success this year than it had been before. The fair board, he thought, should join hands with the other associations and do all in its power to make this year's celebration a grand one. He also suggested that an effort should be made to have his Excellency the Governor-General attend the fair this year. He intimated, in conclusion, that through pressure of business he would be unable to again accept the office of president of the association, though he had been asked to again do so.

After a short discussion it was decided to issue unlimited tickets of admission to all members of committee, and it was further decided that such members shall be notified that failure to attend the committee meetings will forfeit their rights to these tickets.

A motion to give details of the entry fees and prize money in the annual report was referred to the board.

In discussing the fact that the Shorn Breeds' Association had withdrawn its annual grant, it was brought out that the Shorn Breeds' Association had formerly contributed to the fair board's funds have now ceased to contribute.

Substitute Judges.

Several of the members brought up the manner in which a certain judge of horses had been appointed last year, the members claiming that a good choice had not been made by the directors, and that a meeting of the proper committee had not been called. Col. Gartshore offered the suggestion that the board should make provision for such cases as that of last year, when a judge who had been appointed failed to put in an appearance, and should make arrangements for the appointment of substitute judges. The mat-

ter will likely come up at the next meeting of the directors.

Cannot Change the Dates.

Col. Gartshore having suggested that the Old Boys' reunion, the semi-centennial celebration and the fair, should be held as near together as possible, so that the one might assist the other, the members began to discuss the advisability of changing the fair dates, and having the date of the reunion changed.

Col. Gartshore, speaking again on the subject, said it might be possible for the fair board to hold the exhibition a little earlier this year than last. It might also be possible for the Old Boys to fix their date close to that decided upon by the Western Fair.

President Carrothers, of the Old Boys, informed Col. Gartshore, however, that the Old Boys two years ago decided to hold its celebration the week of Aug. 5. He did not think it would be possible to change this date.

Mr. W. J. Reid said that it would be to the interests of the exhibition to hold the fair earlier than usual. The exhibition would enjoy better weather

Estimates Nearly \$15,000 in Excess of Last Year

Fire and Light Committee Will Ask for a Much Larger Appropriation.

The estimates for the year were presented at a meeting of the fire and light committee last evening, and the totals show that the committee this year is asking for \$14,834.59 more than in 1904. The extras include \$5,000 for a north end fire hall, \$5,000 for alterations to the market house, \$2,828.59 more for firemen's salaries, \$550 for gongs in firemen's houses, \$1,500 for payment of claims arising from the Sterling fire, and nearly \$1,000 additional for street lighting. There are several other increases in the estimates, but these have been overcome by reductions in certain fire department items, such as fodder. On this item there is a saving as shown by the estimates of over \$400. This is an extraordinary saving. This year Chief Clark has also saved the department \$1,500 on horse, as owing to the care which has been taken of the apparatus the past year, it will not be necessary to purchase any new horse in 1905. The chief's estimate for capital expenditure totals \$3,300 for 1905, but this includes \$1,000 for a combination hose and chemical wagon.

The following are the estimates in detail:

	1905.	1904.
General—	\$800	\$800
Market expenses—	10,900	10,736
Street watering—	26,200	25,750
Street lighting—	5,000	5,000
North end fire hall—	5,000	—
Alterations to house—	5,000	—
Total	\$47,900	\$37,146

Increase for 1905, \$10,754.00.

	1905.	1904.
Fire Department—	\$19,135.00	\$16,366.41
Salaries—	1,050.00	500.00
Fodder—	800.00	1,250.00
General—	530.00	1,100.00
Fire and light—	700.00	750.00
Building—	450.00	450.00
Stable—	264.00	264.00
Capital—	3,300.00	3,100.00
Total	\$26,401.00	\$23,820.41

Grant to Mrs. Robertson and Fireman Robertson—1,500.00

Total—\$27,901.00

Increase for 1905, \$4,080.59

Summary—

	1905.	1904.
General expenses increase for 1905—	\$10,754.00	—
Fire department—	4,080.59	—
Total	\$14,834.59	—

A Tip for London.

A letter was received from the Canadian Fire Association, calling attention to the fact that during this very cold weather hydrants

GLASGOW WANTS EMBARGO LIFTED

A Resolution to Let Canadian Cattle In Was Carried Unanimously.

London, Feb. 15.—Consequent on Lord Onslow's speech at a special conference of the Glasgow District Co-operative Defense Association met to consider the cattle embargo question. A resolution that the act of 1896 should be amended to allow Canadian cattle to enter the country without being slaughtered at the port of entry was carried unanimously. Resolutions will be sent urging members of Parliament in local constituencies to do all possible to effect this.

Mr. Fielding, the Canadian Minister of Finance, sailed today per steamship Baltic. Before leaving he received an encouraging telegram from Victoria, stating that his daughter was making good progress. During his stay in London Mr. Fielding took advantage of many opportunities to discuss different matters of interest to Canada with leading members of both political parties. The leading members of both parties used him to speak at both private and public functions, but he declined. He has received every courtesy from both parties. Lord Strathcona is not sailing for twelve days, and is much better, he is still confined to his house.

DEADLY COAL GAS

Seven of a Toronto Household Have a Narrow Escape From Death.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Seven inmates of the house of Wm. H. Bragg, 347 Crawford street, had a narrow escape from death by coal gas due to a defective furnace. The Misses Quinlan, two elderly sisters of Mrs. Bragg, were unconscious for twelve hours, and are still in a critical condition. The gas was discovered about 5 o'clock this morning, when one of the young men arose from his bed to go to work and fell over in a faint. He recovered slightly, and was heard scrambling downstairs by his mother, who slept in a room in which there was not a register. Assistance was procured, and the others were dragged out of their beds in a comatose condition. With the exception of the two women, they all recovered on being taken out into the street.

conditions, and the Old Boys crowd would also take in the show.

Several delegates from the country stated that if held earlier than Sept. 1 it would be a big inconvenience to the farmers. There could not possibly be the show earlier than Sept. 1. There was also the matter of hotel accommodations in London to consider. Would the city be able to accommodate such a horde of visitors?

Ald. Saunders said he would like to see the Old Boys come to the country as the fair, but he doubted if the city would be able to accommodate the visitors. Moreover, he felt that more people would be able to visit their old homes in London during the first week in August than at other periods. Consequently, he did not think it would be possible to change the date of the Old Boys' reunion.

The matter was further discussed, but nothing resulted from the debate, and it was finally left over for the directors to deal with. As stated, that body decided to do nothing regarding the fair dates until it is known what line of action Toronto will adopt regarding permits for live stock to leave the grounds.

are liable to freeze, access to them is often blocked by snow and ice, and the usual fire apparatus is liable to be out of proper working order. The association asked that the city see that all the apparatus be tested, and that if a fire broke out it would not make headway because the city was not prepared to fight it.

The members of the committee thought the fire chief knows enough to look after these matters, but the association will be anxious to see that all the precautions are being taken.

City Engineer Graydon informed the committee that he does not propose to call for tenders for watering or cleaning the asphalt pavements this year, as the street watering contractor last year gave the city a great deal of work and did not do the work satisfactorily. He proposes to have the work done by the day, using the horse power of the city, and the committee laid their communication over for further consideration.

The committee accepted the recommendation of the members, and pointed H. Davis and O. Hanna to the permanent force. Both have been on the substitute staff for some time.

A Nice Point.

Mr. J. G. Dodd, a local contractor, appeared before the committee, and rather surprised members by claiming the contract for the work which it is proposed to do to the market house. He pointed out that in the spring of 1903 the committee called for tenders for certain alterations to the building. Mr. Dodd tendered and was awarded the contract. He signed it and handed it to the city engineer. Then the city found that the work could not be done in the summer and Mr. Dodd ordered it to proceed with it. Since then nothing has been done to the building. But now the city proposes to make the changes. Mr. Dodd claims that he and his partners are members of the committee, and that his contract holds good, and that the alternative alterations are more extensive.

Chairman Matthews raised the point that Mr. Dodd over a year ago had no claim on the city, but Ald. Saunders not on with the work at the price he tendered—\$676—owing to the fact that the prices of material had gone up.

After consulting with City Engineer Graydon the committee came to the conclusion that Mr. Dodd has no claim on the city, but Ald. Saunders suggested that Mr. Dodd be given until Monday night in which to put in a tender for the entire job.

It was finally agreed to give Mr. Dodd until Saturday noon to submit a tender of the committee will be held and all work suspended. Then a meeting of the committee will be held and all the tenders will be opened.

Chairman Matthews, Ald. Saunders and Ald. Bogue, Secretary Bell, Engineer Graydon, Fire Chief Clark and Inspector McCallum were present.

Paris, Feb. 15.—Interesting experiments were made yesterday between Paris and London with a new rapid telegraphic apparatus. The inventors, Pollak and Virag, claim that the instrument can transmit 40,000 words an hour with the help of six clerks. The messages arrive in writing instead of telegraphic characters.

FAST TELEGRAPHING

New Machine That Transmits 40,000 Words an Hour.

The telegraphic apparatus referred to is the invention of Antin Pollak and Joseph Virag, Hungarian engineers. It was tested in October, 1898, over a wire between Budapest and Berlin, but did not realize the claims set up for it at that time, which have now been modified greatly. For transmission by this apparatus, messages first are perforated on a slip of paper by a kind of typewriting machine, and the strip of paper then runs through the telegraphic apparatus, the characters reappearing as photographs at the receiving office, where they are transcribed on regular message blanks and prepared for delivery.

At a recent conference of the trade in Leicester the president of the Institute of Cable Engineers said that practically the whole of the wheel-making industry of England had been captured by America.

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Today's Moscow Gazette draws a parallel between the present political situation and the nihilist revolution, which almost wrung a constitution from Alexander II, and after his assassination confronted Alexander III. It is a picture of the future, the article continues: "But Alexander understood that the first condition for the welfare of Russia was the restoration of order. The government and not the people, the Emperor and not the Zemsky Zabor, then rescued Russia from revolution. What was true then is true now—the Emperor must again save Russia."

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A Turning Point in the American Fiscal Policy.

The United States has reached a stage in its development when a more elastic fiscal system becomes imperative.

The United States, more than any other nation, could afford a policy of commercial isolation, up to a certain point. It is the most self-contained country in the world, its productions ranging from those of the semi-tropical to the temperate zone. It produces a surplus of foodstuffs and an abundance of raw material for the cotton, iron and great staple industries. In such a country, with good land plentiful and cheap, vast stores of natural wealth, and an intelligent, industrious population, the burdens of a high tariff could be carried lightly and even jauntily—for a time. It became the highest-priced country in the world, but wages were also the highest, estimated in money, and the standard of living greatly above that of Europe. This has been always the case whether the United States had a high or low tariff. The policy of protection stimulated the growth of manufactures, although the capital which was attracted to these by the promise of exorbitant profits would have flowed readily into other channels of enterprise, if the tariff had not placed a premium on mechanical industry. For example, the United States, before the civil war, was running Great Britain a race for the carrying trade of the world; but the tariff has driven the American flag from the ocean by making the cost of building ships in the United States almost prohibitive. The American manufacturers had everything in their favor—inexhaustible supplies of iron, coal and other raw materials, shelter from foreign competition, and better than all, the largest free market in the world, measured by its consuming and purchasing power. The surplus produced by the farmers and cotton growers was demanded by Europe, especially Great Britain, but American manufacturers were employed in overtaking the needs of the home market. This they have succeeded in doing in many lines, and they have begun to build up an export trade. Compared with Great Britain, the United States is not yet a great trading nation, its exports of finished products being limited in range, but foreign markets are becoming an increasing necessity.

This beginning of an export trade in manufactures is the beginning of the end of a fiscal system which never contemplated the United States as a trading nation. The first breach in the Chinese wall has been made, and by a protected interest. The Minneapolis millers found that they could not hold their export business unless they could get Canadian wheat to improve and cheapen the softer American grades. They secured a drawback of 99 per cent of the duty on Canadian wheat imported by them, and ground only for the foreign market. This case would not be important if it stood alone, but it has opened the door to a tariff revolution. The Secretary of the United States Treasury, who made the ruling in favor of the millers, previously submitted the question to the Attorney-General. The latter decided that the drawback was warranted under a section of the Dingley Act, and laid down this far-reaching principle:

"In my opinion, where it is proposed to export a product manufactured in the United States from a combination of domestic material and foreign material which has been paid duty and custom officials can identify the foreign material and can ascertain to their satisfaction by the evidence of books of accounts or otherwise the quantity or measure of foreign material actually present in the completed article. The exporter is entitled to receive a drawback of 99 per cent of the duties paid upon the imported material thus ascertained to be present in the completed article."

Under this decision the American boot and shoe manufacturer, for the purposes of his export trade, will buy his leather in the cheapest market; the leather manufacturer, who sells wares abroad, will import his hides; the woolen manufacturer, with a foreign market, will buy raw wool where the price is lowest; and so on through the whole range of industries. In the three instances mentioned, the protective system breaks down in the case of the leather manufacturer, the cattle breeder and the wool grower. The finished product of the leather manufacturer is the raw material of the boot and shoe maker, and the former will be deprived of a share of the latter's custom. The cattle breeder loses a share of the custom of the leather manufacturer. The wool grower has no longer exclusive possession of the home market. When the producers of raw material, and of material which, like leather, pulp, iron and steel, enters into other manufactured articles, find that the full benefit of protection—the monopoly of the domestic market—is denied them, they will not tolerate a system which throws a load of taxation upon them without corresponding advantages. The farmers of the wheat-growing states are already mutinous, and are demanding the repeal of the drawback on Canadian wheat. Yet the United States cannot become a great exporter of manufactured products, unless American manufacturers can buy their materials as cheaply as foreign competitors. They have reached the point where they must seek an outlet for their surplus products, and the tariff must be modified to meet this new condition. The makers of American machinery—agricultural implements and locomotives, in particular—are in-

vading foreign markets, but they are heavily handicapped by the United States Steel Trust, which takes toll of every American industry using iron and steel, by raising domestic prices above the level of its foreign quotations. The makers of locomotives and implements may now demand a drawback on iron and steel imported for their export trade. In fact there are few important industries which will not come within the sweep of the drawback principle. These conditions must steadily undermine the present fiscal system, which would fall with a crash if the American people once realized the inconsistency of a policy designed to make American products cheaper abroad than at home—for such is plainly the intention and result of the drawback ruling.

Canada and the United States.

The Commercial Bulletin, of Boston, an advocate of closer trade relations with Canada, addresses a circular letter to Canadian newspapers and public men, in which these questions are asked:

1. Q.—Would you as a representative of Canadian public opinion advocate on any terms the removal or substantial reduction of the Canadian duties on manufactured goods made in the United States, such as carriages, agricultural implements, shoes, cloths, woollens and rubber goods?

2. Q.—If so, what United States duties should in your opinion be reduced for Canada's benefit, and to what extent?

Our answer to the first question would be, "Not at the present time."

The United States tariff is, on the average, one hundred per cent higher than the Canadian. If the United States wishes the commercial friendship of this country, it should furnish a guarantee that it is in earnest, and means to give as well as take, by reducing its tariff on Canadian products to the Canadian level. The recent fate of several reciprocity treaties in the United States Senate is a warning that no fair commercial bargain can be driven with that body. Although the Liberal party still believes in closer trade relations with the republic, Sir Wilfrid Laurier is justified in declaring that he will not reopen the question until he has satisfactory assurance that any agreement framed by the joint high commission, or negotiated by agents of the two countries, will be ratified by the United States Senate.

The American people have a large and growing export trade with Canada, which this country may check by tariff reprisals. Our neighbors should be well satisfied to make concessions in order to retain their present advantageous position in the Canadian market. This they can do without a reciprocity treaty—by lowering the duties in Canada's favor. They would not only forestall hostile tariff legislation, but by a more liberal purchase of Canadian products they would find better customers in this country. A tariff on both sides of the line equal to the present Canadian general tariff, would permit a great and growing volume of trade, without disturbance to Canadian industry; and it would be all the better if natural products were on the free list. The result would probably be so satisfactory to both countries that they would desire to go a step further.

A millionaire speculator has staged out a corner in wheat, a game which has cornered more than one of his class.

Still no reply by Sir Mackenzie Bowell to Mr. Haggart. Perhaps the worthy knight is hunting for another epithet.

The compliments paid License Inspector Brown by the temperance organizations are a sufficient answer to the abuse heaped upon him at his appointment.

E. G. Porter, M. P., has brought in a bill for old age pensions. Perhaps he thinks members of the Opposition will think before they cross to the treasury benches.

The city of Toronto got \$350,000 in royalty from the street railway company last year. This will give some idea of the value of the franchise, seeing that the company can afford to pay that sum and still have a gold mine.

Conservative office-seekers were so importunate the other morning that Dr. Reaume, the new Commissioner of Public Works, hadn't time to dress and was deprived of his breakfast. But what an obliging man Dr. Reaume must be to tumble out of bed to meet them. Perhaps he will be less considerate when he is older at the job of being a statesman.

The Knowing Mother.
[Louisville Courier-Journal.]
"Now, Johnny," bawled Mrs. Foxglove, "I want you to go skating this afternoon. Remember the doctor's orders that you must take exercise."

And she noted Johnny hiding his skates under the woodshed a few moments later. Mrs. Foxglove remarked to her friend Mrs. Runabout, "That's the only way to keep 'em off this dangerous ice."

Not in the Dictionary.
[Detroit Free Press.]
Irate Customer—"I can't find words in the dictionary that are warm enough to express my opinion."
Cheerful Proprietor—"I don't doubt it. The words you want aren't in the dictionary."

Practical Knowledge.
[Washington Life.]
Little Ebenezer—"What's all dished up with Ah-hush 'bout de sausage comin' outen 'a' hole an' den goin' back in again w'en he sees 'is shaddah?"
Uncle Moses—"Gwan away, chile, wid you 'ig-raise. Tain't no sausage. Hit's a groun' hog."

Little Ebenezer—"Well, de sausage ain't ground hog, den Ah don't know what is."

Dinkelspielers.

(George V. Hobart in the New York American.)
A leech learning was a dangerous thing if it gets you der big head.

Every man was honest until he was tempted; after that he was still honest if nobody caught him in it.

Lots of peoples never dink about religion until dey hear eferybody else worth dinking about.

I know a woman dot was so stingy she hates to gif her neighbors away.

Hot Springs eternal in der old sport's breast.

Belief only half you hear, but be careful vich half you selection.

People dot tif in glass houses should not be glass blowers.

Der goot Lord sends der knockers to keep us from getting stuck on ourselfs.

Envy vas der root of much criticism.

A friend in need is a friend yust about to make a touch.

Der noisy man always attracts a lot of attention until ve get used to his voice.

I know a critick dot beliefs eferybody he sees is a failure just because he happens to be a failure himself.

A Note of Warning.

[Montgomery, Wis., Times.]
This is to notify any and all persons whatever that I am through with my wife for good, and will pay no bills that she runs, and will never want to darken my door again. Take care, all men that I will not be responsible as she has left me, and also I wish to warn all men against her, because she would give any man a whole lot of trouble.—Olaf Crystal.

Light at a Discount.
[Philadelphia Ledger.]
Street Vender—"Sir, let me put you in one of these paper lanterns. You'll see your light with the same amount of gas."

Solid Citizen—"Can't interest me, young man. I've three daughters courtin'."

The Art of Eating Properly.

[Dr. Max Einhorn, in the Medical Record.]
Pawlow has lately established the physiological importance of the mental state on digestion, having shown, for instance, that delicacies produce secretion of gastric juice as soon as they are perceived by the eye, even before they are eaten.

The food must not only be palatable, but must be served in an attractive manner (fine dishes, table decorations, etc.).

In eating we must take time to chew our food thoroughly. This serves a double purpose. First, the act of mastication of the coarser particles of food is broken up. 2. More saliva is secreted and is thoroughly mixed with the food. The digestion of starch is thus materially aided, and the products are made more easily accessible to the action of the gastric juice.

Water should accompany each meal. It increases the appetite and the enjoyment of food.

After eating we should rest a little while before returning to our work.

The Reactionary Senate.

[Chicago Tribune.]
The United States Senate arrests every movement for reform. Secretary Hay once said that there never would be any use in negotiating treaties so long as the United States Senate was organized as it is at present. Reciprocity treaties are stopped because some senators have constituents interested in phony woolen and shoddy cloth. The duty cannot be removed from wool-pulp or print paper because the senator from Connecticut has constituents heavily interested in the securities of the paper trust. The railroad rate bill cannot be advanced in the Senate because Thomas W. Lawson and others are avowedly interested in railroads—some of them as officials—while others represent railroads much more faithfully than they do the states which nominally elected them.

The Fortress of Privilege.
[Chicago Record-Herald.]
The Record-Herald's persistent advocacy of the election of United States senators by the people is now commended in the most forcible way possible by the Senate itself. That body seems to have decided that the present session by a foolhardy desire to show its contempt of public sentiment. Its chamber is the charnel-house for reform and shoddy. The fortress of corporate power, and special privileges. The sentiment that should hang upon its walls was prepared long since by the railroad man who exclaimed, "The public be damned." The challenge is one the public must heed.

Wooing Gentle Spring.
[Toronto Telegram.]
Come, gentle spring, ethereal poetry and early rhubarb, come!

So Selfish!
[Punch.]
"Oh, yes, I gave my husband a motor-car last week, and he believes that."

"But I thought he didn't like motor-cars?"

"He doesn't—but I do."

BRIEFS FROM THE U. S.

Latest Dispatches From All Parts of Uncle Sam's Land.

Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 16.—The Lehigh Valley Coal Company has ordered the suspension of a number of its collieries until Monday on account of the intense cold. Coal washeries and big machinery are blocked throughout the region today, operations being impossible on account of the large amount of water they use freezing and blocking the machinery. In this city it was four degrees below zero, and in the country districts the mercury reached ten below.

Boise Idaho, Feb. 16.—A verdict of murder in the first degree has been returned by the jury against Fred Bond, on trial for the murder of Charles Daly, in this city, last October. Bond was a boarder at the house of Daly, and appears to have been in love with the latter's wife. Daly was shot and struck with a truck with a lead bullet. He was noted Johnny hiding his skates under the woodshed a few moments later. Mrs. Foxglove remarked to her friend Mrs. Runabout, "That's the only way to keep 'em off this dangerous ice."

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 16.—A bill prohibiting the sale and manufacture of cigarettes was introduced in the Assembly today. The penalty is not less than \$50 or more than \$1,000 fine.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 16.—Sam Bowen, a 17-year-old negro student of

the Georgia State College for Colored Youth, at College Park, was found not guilty last night of the charge of murder of Prof. E. Cotton, a member of the faculty, whom he killed with a brick on Feb. 2. The professor had ejected Bowen from a classroom after an altercation. He followed the boy out, threatened him with a stick, when Bowen hurled a brick striking Cotton on the head. Several hours later Cotton died in a hospital in this city.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—President W. H. Hunt, of the defunct Pan-American Bank, arrived in Chicago late last night in charge of an officer, and was given a cell in the county jail. He would not talk, declaring that he was tired and cold.

The banker was indicted on four charges of receiving money, knowing his bank to be insolvent.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Fire, which broke out early today in the drug store of J. H. Mericles, at Brockton, communicated to the stores of W. N. Clark, groceries; Furman & Co., drygoods; E. C. Edmunds, hardware, and the State Bank of Brockton, all of which were destroyed. The Brockton Opera House was in the Mericles building. Total loss \$75,000; insurance \$50,000. The buildings burned were of brick, and three stories. The upper floors were occupied as lodgerooms and offices.

DANCE STARTS A WAR OF MILLIONS

Ball Costs One Company \$1,000,000 of Business.

A TITANIC CONTEST NOW ON

Financial Giants Hope to Gain Control of Equitable—Wall Street Is Stirred.

New York, Feb. 16.—James H. Hyde's \$100,000 fancy dress ball at Sherry's, at which Mme. Rejane is said to have danced the cancan in the wee sma' hours, has cost one life insurance company \$1,000,000 worth of business.

It may cost the Hyde family the control of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, which has assets of \$413,000,000 and outstanding policies for \$1,500,000,000. Many multimillionaires are in a Titanic contest for control of that great organization, and a great financial struggle may ensue that will shake the foundations of Wall Street itself.

In the struggle are such men as August Belmont, George J. Gould, J. Cassatt, E. H. Harriman, John Jacob Astor, Marvin Huggitt, Levi P. Morgan, D. O. Mills, James J. Hill, Jacob H. Schiff, of the Equitable, and many others. The contest is for the control of the mammoth institution.

Mr. Hyde is not yet 30 years old, and is known to fame chiefly as a leader of society, driver of coaches and patron of the French language. Since his ball the company has been besieged with letters of criticism from policyholders, of whom there are 500,000. His family has also given point to criticisms made by Thomas W. Lawson against the great life insurance companies. James W. Alexander, president of the Equitable Society and a veteran insurance man, leads the opposition of the company, which demands that it shall be made a mutual society.

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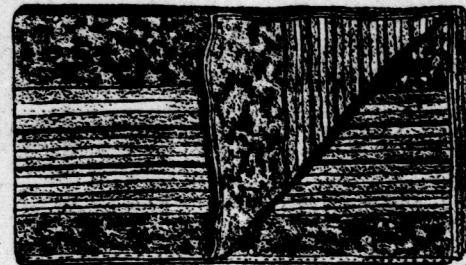
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CLEARING SALE OF BLANKETS

Our Blankets cannot fail to please you, for they are all especially good ones at the price. We buy only from the very best mills, never sacrificing quality in order to give "the most for the money." The size and weight of the Blankets we tell you, the quality is something you leave to us, and for that reason we have it right.

Slightly Soiled Blankets at a Bargain

Our special sale of 33 pairs of slightly soiled Blankets affords a great money-saving opportunity.



33 pairs of Blankets have been slightly soiled and must be cleared out. You will do well to come early.

\$6.50 Fine Saxony Blankets - \$5.35

We have been very critical in selecting our line and every number is an exceptionally fine grade for the money. We have on hand 11 pairs of Fine Saxony Blankets, slightly soiled; weight, 10 lbs.; size, 72 ins. by 94 ins. Regular price of these is \$6.50 a pair. Special Sale price, per pair, only..... **\$5.35**

\$5.75 Blankets at \$4.80.

You can depend on these for tip-top value—the very best at the price. Twelve pairs Fine Saxony Blankets, slightly soiled; weight, 9 lbs.; size, 70x90 ins.; regular price is \$5.75; can be bought now for... **\$4.80**

\$5.00 Blankets for \$4.25.

If you really want a bargain, come early—best values. Ten pairs Fine Saxony Blankets, slightly soiled; weight 8 lbs.; size, 68x86 ins. Regular price \$5.00. Clearing Sale price, per pair..... **\$4.25**

FINE FRENCH SATEEN COMFORTERS

at Lowest Prices.

We are offering exceptionally good Comforter values. All our Comforters are the production of our own workrooms, consequently only the best materials are used in their makeup. The finest French Sateen and the very cleanest of batting are used. These are offered at specially low prices, considering their quality.

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130 DUNDAS AND 131 CARLING STREET
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SCOTLAND YARD IS BEST OF ALL

Identification by Finger Marks Has Been

MARKET PRICES

Today's Markets on Page 6.

WOOL MARKETS.

TORONTO, Feb. 14.—Wool—Prices are nominal and unchanged. Fleece, 22c to 23c for washed, 16c to 18c for rejected and 12c to 14c for unwashed. Pulled wools, 22c to 24c for super and 24c to 26c for extras.

HIDES, SKINS AND TALLOW.

TORONTO, Feb. 14.—Hides.—The foreign market continues dull and easier, and the local market is without feature, and with prices unchanged. Local dealers quote: Green cows, 3c for No. 1, 2c for No. 2, and 1c for No. 3; steers, 2c for No. 1, 1c for No. 2, and 1c for No. 3; cows are quoted at 2c to 3c; calves, 1c to 1c; and 1c for No. 2. Sheepskins, 12c to 15c; local dealers offer at 4c to 4c per lb.

LEATHER MARKETS.

TORONTO, Feb. 14.—Leather.—The market is unchanged, but uncertain, with dealers watching the foreign situation. Local quotations are: Sole, 1c; harness, medium heavy, 1c to 1c; No. 2, 2c to 2c; No. 3, 2c to 2c; French kip, 5c to 5c; Canadian kip, 6c to 7c; upper light, medium, 4c to 4c; harness, union oak tanned, No. 1, 3c to 3c; No. 2, 3c to 3c; light, 2c to 3c; and oil, galion, 4c to 4c; deers, per lb, 2c; japonica or gambler, 6c; lambblack, 2c to 2c; sunac, per ton, 30 to 30.

SUGAR MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Sugar.—Raw steady, refined steady. Molasses—Firm. LONDON, Feb. 15.—Raw sugar—Centrifugal, 16c to 16c; muscovado, 15c to 15c; beet sugar, February, 15c. FLAXSEED. CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Flaxseed—Northwest, 11c to 11c; southwest, 11c to 11c; February, 11c to 11c; May, 11c to 11c.

OIL MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 15.—Oil opened and closed at 11c. OIL CITY, Pa., Feb. 15.—Credit balances, 2c; certificates, 1c to 1c; bid, shipments, Pennsylvania, 9c to 9c. LONDON, Feb. 15.—Petroleum, American refined, 5d; spirits, 5d. ANTWERP, Feb. 15.—Petroleum, 15 francs 50 centimes. BREMEN, Feb. 15.—Petroleum, 6 marks 25 pfennings.

BEAN MARKETS.

DETROIT, Feb. 15.—Beans—February, 11c to 11c; March, 11c to 11c; closing at 11c to 11c; May, 11c to 11c. CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Butter—Firm; creameries, 22c to 22c; dairies, 22c to 22c; Cheese—Easy, 11c to 11c.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, Feb. 15.—Kinds of fancy prices are being paid for butter here to day. In fact, some buyers seem to be willing to pay anything for butter. Sales of finest creamery have been made at 28c, but a few holders are asking more. Some take the view that there will be no relief until new butter begins to come forward. The exports of cheese from Canadian winter ports last week were 5,678 boxes, and of butter 965. New York has not shipped a ton of butter to Europe for two weeks.

HAY MARKET.

TORONTO, Feb. 15.—Baled Hay.—The market is easy in tone; car lots on track here are quoted unchanged at 8c to 8c; No. 1 timothy, and 6c to 6c for No. 2 and mixed clover. Ruled straw—Quoted steady, at 36 to 36c per ton for car lots on track here.

A Valuable Discovery.

Tenacoe, N. S., Feb. 15.—Mrs. Benjamin Brown for years has been searching for a cure for catarrh and throat irritation. When almost in despair she heard of "Catarrhoxone," and says: "It is an absolute specific that will quickly cure any cold, cough or case of catarrh. It touches the sore spots and goes direct to the source of the trouble." She has used it for several months and has been cured. "Two months' treatment, price \$1, sample size, 5c. Remember the name—'Catarrhoxone.'"

It is said that the Emperor of Austria has had more hard luck during his 56 years' reign than any other monarch. He has lost every battle he has fought, his wife has assassinated and his oldest son committed suicide.

YOUR MIRROR TELLS THE TRUTH

If your mirror tells you that your face is losing its roundness, the eyes their lustre and the cheeks their glow, don't blame the mirror. You are losing flesh—there's a waste somewhere. Try the scales. You don't tip the beam at the point you did formerly. It's several notches back. Try on last year's clothing. Doesn't fit so snugly, perhaps. These are all evidences that you need Scott's Emulsion because you need more flesh. Nothing picks up lost flesh or stops wasting like

SCOTT'S EMULSION

Losing flesh may be all right for people who are overweight, but the average person can spare little and retain the even balance of health. If your body is in need of more flesh, try Scott's Emulsion. If there are any evidences of wasting, try Scott's Emulsion. It will put you back in normal condition and restore your lost weight so quickly that you will wonder why you didn't try it before.

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WAS STATION AGENT HERE

Death of Mr. C. Connolly, an Old Railway Employee.

The death occurred yesterday in St. Joseph's Hospital, of Mr. Cornelius Connolly, an old and well-known citizen. Mr. Connolly was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1838, and received his education in the national schools and the Jesuit College on Garner street, Dublin. He came to Canada at the age of 20. Entering the employ of the Great Western Railway in 1858, he continued in the service of that company until his death. He served in various capacities, being station agent in this city in the early seventies, and later on, filling the same post in Niagara Falls for a number of years. He returned to London in 1897, and on the 4th of last March completed his 67th year in the service. He is survived by a grown-up family. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock to St. Peter's Cathedral from the family residence, 471 Waterloo street.

Window Display of "Herpicide."

On Saturday a unique window display of Newbro's "Herpicide," will be made in the windows of Messrs. C. McCallum & Co., corner of Dundas and Richmond streets. For many years this original remedy for the hair has had a very large sale in the States, and they have recently appointed agents in all the Canadian cities, and established a manufacturing branch. The illustrations of "Going Goin' Gone!" are not entirely unknown to Canadians, as "Herpicide" is largely advertised all over the United States. The first announcement appears in today's issue.

Dams and Reforestation To Prevent Spring Floods

Interesting Suggestion of Toronto Globe—Of Interest to the People of London.

The overflows of the Thames, which annually flood West London and a portion of South London, together with the talk now being indulged in in this city relative to the prospects of a flood this spring and the need for a new and permanent breakwater, give point to an editorial, which appears in the Toronto Globe today. In speaking of these floods the Globe advocates the construction of dams on the small streams, which feed such rivers as the Thames, so as to hold the water back in the springtime; also the reforestation of localities now stripped of timber; as it is a well-known fact that snow will lie in the woods for weeks or months, and will there gradually melt away, thus enriching and moistening the land; whereas, at present, as the snow is exposed to the sun in large areas, it melts and is carried away to the rivers in a few hours, causing floods and impoverishing the lands.

Mr. Clements merely asked that the ice in the river west of Chatham be broken up, so as to allow the water to flow freely to the lake, but the Globe goes further and says:

Mr. Clements of West Kent rendered the whole Western Peninsula of Ontario a real service when he brought to the notice of the House of Commons the danger to the lower part of the valley of the Thames from the early break-up of the ice in the streams above while it is still hard and fast in the river below. The danger is a yearly one, but it has been aggravated this year by the more intense frost and the deeper snow. Anyone who has made a study of rivers is well aware that the regulation of freshets in all the north branch of the Thames the ice forms more slowly and breaks up more rapidly than it does in a sluggish river like the Thames from London to Lake St. Clair. If the deep snow of this season should be carried away in a few days by a warm rain there may be very calamitous consequences to places like London and Chatham, which will be deluged with the flood from above, while the local surplus water is unable to make its way rapidly to the outlet.

The question raised by Mr. Clements is, however, only part of a much larger one—the regulation of freshets in all the rivers which take their rise in the high lands of Perth, Wellington and Grey Counties, and flow rapidly down the slopes to the comparatively level districts below. Places along the

MR. M. S. CAMERON (Liberal). Elected in West Huron County by a Majority of Two.

WORLD'S CHAMPION HEN

This Maine Bird in One Year Produced 251 Eggs.

Bideford, Me., Feb. 14.—After five years careful breeding for egg production, regardless of all other accomplishments, Professor George M. Gove, agricultural expert at the University of Maine, has succeeded in obtaining more than forty hens that have yielded more than 200 eggs apiece in a year, and has produced one hen that has laid 251 eggs within twelve months, thus beating all previous reported records in egg yield.

This hen, known to the record as No. 617, is a small Plymouth Rock of pure strain, though not shaped according to the standard type. She is only under a year old, and is a perfect specimen of the breed, but her wing is imperfect and her neck is too slim for her body.

In spite of her defects, as viewed from the standpoint of the fancier, she is in actual performance "the most valuable hen in the world, being capable, under average conditions, of returning to her owner a net profit of 176 per cent a year."

The figures, which have been passed upon and approved by expert bookkeepers, are deduced from counting the average cost of food and subtracting the total expense of subsistence from the income derived from eggs at the average price paid in Maine, which is eighteen cents a dozen.

Professor Gove has devoted himself almost exclusively to breeding hens for a specific purpose for the last five years. Beginning with 1,000 hens, divided into flocks of about twenty hens and two cockerels to a pen, he has employed trap nets and been able to get at the exact performance of every bird.

The first year the best record was

Mercury Dropped To 0.5 Below.

Last night was by no means the coldest of the winter, but it was plenty cold enough to suit the majority of Londoners. The thermometer dropped to 3.5 below zero, and at 8 o'clock in the morning the cold had moderated four and a half degrees.

There was no snowfall or high winds, and this was an appreciable change, especially to the railways. The street cars are now running more regularly, and the steam railway employees are breathing more freely. Although many trains are still late, no lines are now seriously obstructed. A large gang of men with a snowplow succeeded in opening the Huron and Bruce line early yesterday morning, and the trains on the branch of the G. T. R. are now going according to the timetable. The St. Marys branch and the lines farther north are reported clear, and the same is the case between Toronto.

The Pere Marquette kept men and plows at work on the line until the snow was piled far back from the rails all along the line. A number of men are still at work at the troublesome Glenworth cut, but trains are running almost on time. The train from St. Thomas, which was only 35 minutes late.

The C. P. R. is also in good condition. The 11 o'clock express from Toronto this morning was an hour late, and the train from the west last night was about the same.

Woods' Fair

Special Prices In Wool Goods.

Ladies' Outing Flannel Gowns, in blue only, assorted sizes, some trimmed with frill, lace or embroidery, lined yoke, full skirt, regular 75c and 1.00, Saturday at 50c.

2 dozen only, Black Luster Waists, tucked yoke, full front, tucked back, bishop sleeves, collar to match, sizes 32 to 38, regular 1.25 and 1.50, sale price 75c.

5 dozen Ladies' Extra Heavy Flannel Winter Vests, full size, open front, ribbed sleeves, sold usually at 75c, sale price, Saturday 39c.

15c Socks, 10c.

3 dozen pairs Men's Extra Heavy Wool Socks, double thread, in gray, with white tip, and white, ribbed top, good length, regular 15c sale price, Saturday, per pair 10c.

About two dozen of our advanced styles, in early spring New York Handbags, had better secure one now at less than jobbers' prices.

3 dozen only, Lunch-Bags, in valise shape, knitted trimmings, cold-clip, heavy-roll handle, in dark colors, plain, fancy and brown, regular 25c, Saturday 15c.

Grand Offer in Good Castile Soap at 9 a.m. Saturday.

48 two-pound bars, 12 inches long, of Pure White Castile Soap, extra good quality, good value at 15c, Saturday at 9 a.m., bar 7c.

Big Cut in Our Staple 25c Broom.

Until noon on Saturday we will sell our regular 25c three-string Polished Handle, Long Sweep Broom at 18c.

Exceptional good value on our 3c, 5c and 8c tables in the Basement.

Our Dinnerware is highest grade, special prices for Saturday's selling.

Children's Drawers in pink, blue and white outing flannel, regular 25c, sale price 10c.

Four-foot Hard Wood Folding Rulers, Saturday, each 10c.

9 Pairs Highest Grade Up-to-Date Skates at Clear-Out Prices

Henry Bokers' Beauty and Henry Boker's Club; every pair highest nickel plated and latest design.

No. 11 Hockey, regular \$3, for 98c.

No. 11 1/2 Hockey, racing, regular \$3, for 98c.

Two pairs No. 11 1/2 Club, regular \$2, for 78c.

Globe, Brass and Silver Polishes at all prices.

Great Value in Laces.

We have a splendid assortment of Torcons and Valenciennes Laces, from 1 to 3 1/2 inches wide, in beautiful patterns. Now is the time to purchase for trimming your spring whitewear. Come early while assortment is large.

Visit Our Candy Department.

Woods' Fair

See Our Three Different Styles in 50c Corsets.

220 eggs, laid by a Plymouth Rock pullet. There were eleven other Plymouth Rock hens that exceeded 200 eggs each the first year, and only three reached the 200-egg class.

The next season the most prolific hens in the house were part in pens together, and eggs saved from these were kept for hatching. Again the Plymouth Rocks outstripped the Wyandottes.

Having watched male and female chickens from the eggs of his hens of greatest ability to lay eggs, Professor Gove mated the selected stock and raised the best of the same strain, he at last secured the most prolific hen in the world, No. 617.

In speaking of his labors, Professor Gove says that the problem of developing a flock of hens that will beget chicks to maintain or outstrip the ancestral records is beset with many difficulties. After reaching a certain point in breeding, the physical stamina of the fowls degenerates and the birds die from a too intimate mixture of allied blood.

MARCONI CLUB'S HOP.

The Marconi Club, a very popular social organization of young people, held its second annual hop in the Duffield block last night. There was a large crowd present, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all.

The music being furnished by Tony Cortese's orchestra. Luncheon was served during the evening and the affair as a whole proved a most gratifying success.

The officers of the club are as follows: Honorary president, Dr. Simo Catalana; president, V. Benenati; vice-president, Joseph Russo, secretary, A. Legitimo; assistant secretary, S. Lombardo; treasurer, A. Cortese.

These cold snaps are snaps for nobody but the coal dealer.

Sore Throat and Coughs

A simple, effective and safe remedy for all throat irritations is found in

Creosole Antiseptic Tablets

These tablets are made of Creosole with the soothing properties of slippery elm and licorice.

100 Tablets, 10c. All Druggists

Devilfish have now been added to the list of food fishes.

WHAT COLDS LEAD TO

NOT THE LUNGS ONLY BUT EVERY ORGAN OF THE BODY IN DANGER FROM NEGLECTED COLDS.

DR. CHASE'S SYRUP OF LINSEED and TURPENTINE

Most people know that such ailments as pneumonia and consumption have their beginning in a cold, but all do not realize that other vital organs of the body are almost equally liable.

Not infrequently colds settle on the liver or kidneys, causing serious disease of these organs.

In other cases colds hang on until the system is run down and exhausted and so left in a fit state to fall prey to contagious disease.

The only safe way is to speedily get rid of colds before they become fastened on the system.

This can be accomplished by the use of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine.

This medicine has come to be considered indispensable in the home as a cure for colds, bronchitis, croup, asthma and whooping cough.

Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, 25 cents a bottle, at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

To protect you against imitations, the portrait and signature of Dr. A. W. Chase, the famous recipe book author, are on every bottle.

There are said to be 146,806 Christians in Japan.

PREVENT DISORDER.—At the first symptoms of internal disorder, Parmenter's Vegetable Pills should be resorted to immediately. Two or three of these salutary pellets, taken before going to bed, followed by doses of one or two pills for the next three nights in succession, will serve as a preventive of attacks of dyspepsia and all the comforts which follow the train that fell disorder. The means are simple when the way is known.

At Hartford, Conn., it is proposed to sound a certain alarm on the fire system immediately after each murder, so as to put the officers throughout the city on their guard at once. All suspicious characters could then be taken in hand on the shortest notice.

Douglas, cows, horses, and other animals are quickened by Vapo-Cresoline tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

A German chemist claims to have succeeded in illuminating a room with gas so that it can be used in country houses and railroad trains. It costs less than electric lights, but more than ordinary gas.

A MEDICINE CHEST IN ITSELF.—Only the well-to-do can afford to possess a medicine chest, but Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, which is a medicine chest in itself, being a remedy for rheumatism, lumbago, sore throat, colds, coughs, catarrh, asthma and a host of other ailments, cuts, bruises, sprains, etc., is within the reach of the poorest, owing to its cheapness. It should be in every house.

The Agricultural Bank of Sofia has decided to buy 5,000 iron plows, 200 grain-sowing machines and 500 harrows, to be distributed among its patrons to increase the revenues of the farmers.

Mrs. Wilew's Soothing Syrup has been used for over FIFTY YEARS by MILLIONS OF MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEETHING, with PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES THE CHILD, SOFTENS THE GUMS, ALLAYS ALL PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC, and is the best remedy for DIARRHOEA. Sold by druggists in every part of the world.

The London Tailor and Cutter gives this valuable advice: "For cricket, tennis and football jerseys must be eschewed, but for motorizing, fishing and golf it is indispensable."

Monkey Brand Soap cleans kitchen utensils, steel, iron and tinware, knives and forks, and all kinds of cutlery.

Telegraphing in Abyssinia is done under difficulties. The monkeys swing on the wires and the elephants use the poles for scratching posts.

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO.

Men's "Iron-Clad" Overalls.

Have you seen these new Overalls? Strongest made Overalls on the market. Double-faced and double-stitched. Made of blue and black indigo, with and without bibs. Remember to ask for "Iron-Clad" Overalls. Price..... \$1.00

Two-Ply Wool Carpets, 54c.

Guaranteed Pure All-Wool Two-Ply Wool Carpets, full yard wide, sides reverse. Blue, green and red designs, one of each color. Regular price 67c. Friday and Saturday, yard..... 54c

Sample Ends Carpet.

300 Sample Ends Carpet, including Tapestry, Wilton, Velvet and Axminster, one yard and a half lengths. Price 35c upwards..... 35c

Tapestry Carpets.

Regular 60c and 65c Pure Wool English Tapestry Carpets, close nap, shading of green, blue, red and fawn. Friday and Saturday, 52c yard, made and laid..... 52c

(Carpet Purchases Kept on Cash Deposit.)

There's Need This Cold Weather for Warm Coats for Children.

Mothers can tell at a glance that our Coats are just the right sort for their little girls. Just half price to pay tomorrow and Saturday.

4.00 Coats for \$2.00

4.50 Coats for 2.25

5.00 Coats for 2.50

5.50 Coats for 2.75

6.00 Coats for 3.00

8.00 Coats for 4.00

For Women==

All low priced Winter Coats for Women clearing at \$2.50 and \$3.85.

\$20.00 and \$25.00 Imported Model Coats, Half Price.

Women's Under-priced Underskirts at 83c--

Special purchase Women's Underskirts, all lengths, large quantity. Made of printed mercerized cloth, flounce set off with three frills. Regular value \$1.25, on sale at 83c.

Flannelette Ends--

Mill Ends of Bleached Flannelette, 5 to 12 yard lengths. Best 10c quality for 7c yard.

300 yards Bleached Flannelette, in ends 5 to 12 yards; 7c quality at 5c yard.

Warm Winter Vests.

HEAVY WOOL FLEECE VESTS—Full fashioned, Women's and Misses' sizes. Were 75c. Friday and Saturday, each..... 63c

WOMEN'S RIBBED FLEECE VESTS—High cut neck and long sleeves. Regular 25c each. Friday and Saturday..... 21c

WOMEN'S GOLF VESTS—Navy and cream, made blouse front, high military collar. Were \$2.25. At..... \$1.95

Men's Suits Friday and Saturday \$3.95

Friday and Saturday one lot of Men's \$6.50 and \$7.50 Suits will be finally offered at \$3.95 for choice of all sizes. Fine dark and light patterns of all-wool tweeds, stylish cut and first-class finish. Well worth our regular prices. Reduced to..... \$3.95

Medium-Sized Men's Overcoats—In Meltons, Beavers and Cheviots. Regular price \$12.00. Now selling at..... \$7.95

J. H. Chapman & Co. 126, 128, 128 1/2 Dundas Street

ONE OF THE MANY

Inquest into the Death of One of Hoch's Many Spouses.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 15.—The inquest into the death of Mrs. Marie Becker-Hoch was continued today. Henry Schwanzalla identified Hoch as a man who, under the name of John Schultz, had married Mrs. Marie Becker in St. Louis, in 1903. Mrs. Becker was the mother-in-law of Schwanzalla. Not long after the marriage the witness stated his mother-in-law was taken ill and died. "When I went to St. Louis to attend the funeral," said Schwanzalla, "Chas. Reinhardt, a brother-in-law, told me that the doctor who attended my mother-in-law said that her death looked suspicious, and that in his opinion she died of arsenic poisoning. My brother-in-law and myself believed that Hoch was a decent man, and had no idea that our mother-in-law had been poisoned. Chronic nephritis was given as the cause of death at the coroner's inquest. After my mother-in-law's death Hoch said that he intended to rent a flat and stay in St. Louis. He presented my wife with the wedding rings of her mother. Two days later I received a letter stating that Hoch had left St. Louis without paying the doctor's bill or funeral expenses."

J. P. MORGAN DUPED?

Europe Works Off Her Bogus Paintings on the Millionaire.

Rome, Feb. 15.—The Messenger, speaking of the many bogus works of art purchased in Europe by American collectors and dealers, has this to say regarding the museum of New York: "J. P. Morgan is much worried because the greater part of the art works he has collected at great cost are imitations. The citizens of New York are even more to be pitted than Mr. Morgan as their Metropolitan Museum contains articles which are even less genuine than the tiers of Saitaphanes. There is a feeling of indignation

against those Europeans who have profited of the good faith of the American public in the daily press of the city.

"Even the famous collection of drawings possessed by the Vanderbilts, the work of clever imitators, the statues of Tanagra, in possession of Mr. Carnegie, are the work of an every-day plasterer, and all the millionaires who have taken up the role of art patrons have been cruelly deceived. Those kings of steel and coal and railroads who have spent a enormous amount for the refuse of the European museums, and the old continent has taken its revenge of the new by sending circus art in exchange for good money."

"The case is rather funny, as the American millionaire, who has been for a long time strong resentment against their deceivers, who did not even have the kindness to tell them of the deception. Neither Vanderbilt nor Morgan nor the directors of the Metropolitan Museum were ever anxious to obtain authentic objects of art, but would have liked to have been posted on the sort of articles they purchased."

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as the cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood, and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is a regular prescription of the best tonic known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the system. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials free.

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Lead All Other Brands.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Yesterday's Reports on Page 5.

LOCAL MARKETS.

London, Thursday, Feb. 16.
The blocked condition of the roads prevented the farmers from bringing in their produce, consequently the volume of business was very small. Sales were brisk for the small quantity of produce offered, and higher prices were secured in nearly every line represented.

Grain.—It was expected that the high prices paid for oats on Wednesday would be an inducement for the farmers to bring their oats. However, there was only about five loads offered. Sales were made at higher prices, at \$1.14 to \$1.16 per cwt.

Hay and straw.—There were 16 loads of hay on the stand. Sales were brisk at \$3.20 to \$3.30 per ton. There will be a good demand for hay at Friday's market. A couple of loads of straw sold at 30 per ton.

Butter and eggs.—There was an excellent demand for what little butter was offered; a large quantity brought in by a country storekeeper, which sold at 22c and 23c for crocks and 24c to 25c for choice pound butter. The market is considerably stronger than last week, and prices are likely to go higher. Several small lots of choice butter at 25c to 26c per dozen; they were supposed to be fresh-aid.

Apples.—Several small loads of apples were offered; sales were fairly brisk, at 40c to 50c per bag, or \$1.25 per barrel for fairly good stock.

Potatoes.—One load of potatoes was the extent of the offering; this line, sales prices are only emergency figures, as the city in a few days.

Dressed hogs.—Sixty or seventy were offered, and sales were brisk at 75c per cwt, for most of them.

Poultry.—There was hardly enough of any one kind to warrant a change in prices.

GRAIN, PER CENTAL.

Wheat	1.12	@	1.14
Oats	1.10	@	1.12
Corn	1.10	@	1.12
Barley	1.10	@	1.12
Rye	1.10	@	1.12
Buckwheat	1.10	@	1.12
Peas	1.10	@	1.12

GRAIN, PER BUSHEL.

Wheat	1.12	@	1.14
Oats	1.10	@	1.12
Corn	1.10	@	1.12
Barley	1.10	@	1.12
Rye	1.10	@	1.12
Buckwheat	1.10	@	1.12
Peas	1.10	@	1.12

POULTRY, ALIVE.

Spring chickens, pair	45	@	65
Old hens, pair	45	@	65
Ducks, per lb.	11	@	12
Turkeys, per lb.	11	@	12
Chickens, per lb.	11	@	12
Hens, per lb.	11	@	12
Ducks, per lb.	11	@	12

POULTRY, DRESSED.

Old hens, per pair	45	@	65
Spring chickens, pair	45	@	65
Ducks, per lb.	11	@	12
Turkeys, per lb.	11	@	12
Chickens, per lb.	11	@	12
Hens, per lb.	11	@	12
Ducks, per lb.	11	@	12

FRUITS.

Apples, per bushel	1.00	@	1.25
Apples, per bag	1.00	@	1.25
Butter, store lots, lb.	19	@	20
Butter, crocks, lb.	22	@	23
Butter, rolls, lb.	22	@	23
Butter, creamery, lb.	25	@	27
Eggs, doz, white, retail	25	@	27
Eggs, doz, retail	27	@	29
Honey, strained, lb.	9	@	10
Honey, comb, lb.	12	@	13

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter, store lots, lb.	19	@	20
Butter, crocks, lb.	22	@	23
Butter, rolls, lb.	22	@	23
Butter, creamery, lb.	25	@	27
Eggs, doz, white, retail	25	@	27
Eggs, doz, retail	27	@	29
Honey, strained, lb.	9	@	10
Honey, comb, lb.	12	@	13

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, per bag	25	@	30
Turnips, per bag	25	@	30
Carrots, per bag	25	@	30
Onions, per bag	25	@	30
Beans, per bag	25	@	30
Peas, per bag	25	@	30
Cabbages, per doz.	25	@	30
Cauliflowers, per doz.	25	@	30
Celery, per doz.	25	@	30
Sage, per doz.	25	@	30
Savory, per doz.	25	@	30

BUTHERS' MEATS.

Dressed hogs, cwt.	7.50	@	7.75
Beef, per cwt.	6.50	@	6.75
Mutton, per cwt.	6.50	@	6.75
Lamb, per cwt.	6.50	@	6.75
Pork, lb, hindquarters	9	@	10
Pork, lb, forequarters	8	@	9

LIVE STOCK.

Hogs, select, cwt.	5.00	@	5.10
Pigs, per pair	4.00	@	4.10
Stags, per cwt.	1.50	@	1.60
Grass cattle, cwt.	3.50	@	3.60
Export cattle, cwt.	3.50	@	3.60

HAY AND STRAW.

Hay, per ton	9.00	@	10.00
Straw, per ton	8.00	@	9.00
Straw, per load	2.00	@	2.50

WOOL, HIDES, TALLOW.

Wool, washed, per lb.	19	@	20
Wool, unwashed, per lb.	13	@	14
Hides, No. 1, per lb.	74	@	75
Hides, No. 2, per lb.	74	@	75
Tallow, rendered, lb.	4	@	5
Tallow, rough, lb.	34	@	35
Sheepskins, each	40	@	45

Eggs For Sale, 16c Doz.
Phone 92, or call at warehouse.
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STREET.

STOCK MARKETS.
H. C. Becker, stock broker, Bank of Commerce building, received the following by private wire from Bartlett, Fraser & Carrington today:
New York, Feb. 16.—Necm.—The more cheerful sentiment which prevailed in London was reflected here by large purchases of United States Steel, common, and O. and W. and other

C. N. SPENCER, Stock Broker

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MONTEAL.

Montreal, Feb. 16. Ask. Off. 125. 130. 135. 140. 145. 150. 155. 160. 165. 170. 175. 180. 185. 190. 195. 200. 205. 210. 215. 220. 225. 230. 235. 240. 245. 250. 255. 260. 265. 270. 275. 280. 285. 290. 295. 300. 305. 310. 315. 320. 325. 330. 335. 340. 345. 350. 355. 360. 365. 370. 375. 380. 385. 390. 395. 400. 405. 410. 415. 420. 425. 430. 435. 440. 445. 450. 455. 460. 465. 470. 475. 480. 485. 490. 495. 500. 505. 510. 515. 520. 525. 530. 535. 540. 545. 550. 555. 560. 565. 570. 575. 580. 585. 590. 595. 600. 605. 610. 615. 620. 625. 630. 635. 640. 645. 650. 655. 660. 665. 670. 675. 680. 685. 690. 695. 700. 705. 710. 715. 720. 725. 730. 735. 740. 745. 750. 755. 760. 765. 770. 775. 780. 785. 790. 795. 800. 805. 810. 815. 820. 825. 830. 835. 840. 845. 850. 855. 860. 865. 870. 875. 880. 885. 890. 895. 900. 905. 910. 915. 920. 925. 930. 935. 940. 945. 950. 955. 960. 965. 970. 975. 980. 985. 990. 995. 1000.

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