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THE ADVANCE

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Pointed Paragraphs.

Don't busy yourself with unimportant things.

It is easier to do right than it is to get credit for it.

A girl's idea of an eligible man is one who wants to get married.

Th difference between love and dyspepsia is merely a matter of years.

No one ever heard of appendicitis resulting from a diet of sour grapes.

A few temptations beset the industrious, but all temptations assail the idle.

Results impress us more when we are ignorant of the process by which they are attained.

About the time a man's argument is exhausted he begins to lose interest in the subject.

A man may care but little for social recognition, but he draws the line at being cut by a barber.

If the better half was allowed to make all the bets the other half would probably come out ahead of the game.

The only difference between speculaton and peculation is a little crookedness. The fact that there is a little crookedness about the letter "s" explains this.

There never was, and never will be, a universal panacea, in one remedy, for all ills to which flesh is heir—the very nature of many curatives being such that were the germs of other and differently seated diseases rooted in the system of the patient—what would relieve one ill in turn would aggravate the other. We have, however, in Quinine Wine, when obtainable in a sound unadulterated state, a remedy for many and grevious ills. By its gradual and judicious use, the frailest systems are led into convalescence and strength, by the influence which Quinine exerts on Nature's own restoratives. It relieves the drooping spirits of those with whom a chronic state of morbid despondency and lack of interest in life is a disease, and, by tranquilizing the nerves, disposes to sound and refreshing sleep—imparts vigor to the action of the blood, which, being stimulated, courses throughout the veins, strengthening the healthy animal functions of the system, thereby making activity a necessary result, strengthening the frame, and giving life to the digestive organs, which naturally demand increased substance—result, improved appetite. Northrop & Lyman of Toronto, have given to the public their superior Quinine Wine at the usual rate, and, gauged by the opinion of scientists, this wine approaches nearest perfection of any in the market. All druggists sell it.

Table Etiquette.

Always remove gloves when seating yourself at table. They are never kept on even at the most formal dinner.

The table napkin should be opened and placed across the lap—never tucked in at waistcoat or collar.

Bread may be placed either to the right or left, as is most convenient.

Only small helpings of soup are given. It should be taken noiselessly from the side of the spoon. The plate should never be tilted.

Use only the fork for eating risoles, omelets and dishes of minced or small cut meat. A knife is used only for those viands which require cutting.

All desserts except liquid dishes, are eaten with a fork exclusively.

Ian McClaren Writes of the Church Mutineer.

Ian Maclaren will contribute to the November number of the Ladies' Home Journal an article on "The Mutineer in the Church." It will deal with the troubles created by the mutinous members of the congregation, and will prescribe a course of treatment for those who stir up discord. The famous Scotch preacher-author will doubtless give some advice quite worth following, as he is a man of wonderful resources.

Ask for Minard's and take no other.

How to Clean Jewelry.

Wash well in warm soapsuds, to which ten or fifteen drops of sal volatile has been added. Dry and place in boxwood sawdust till perfectly dry then rub with a chamois leather. Pearls must not be wetted, but exposed to the air as much as possible to prevent their turning yellow. Opals should be kept from fire and heat, as a high temperature renders them liable to split. Coral can be washed in soap and water.

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A CITY CASE.

One of a Thousand Such Come to Light in the Queen City.

Mr. John Blow, 67 Princess St., Toronto, Cured of Lumbago and Diabetes—An Interesting Letter—High Praise For Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Toronto, Oct. 2.—This city is one of the finest in Canada and one of the healthiest on the continent of America, but like everywhere else it has its victims of kidney disease. Nevertheless it is safe to say, however, that these cases are seventy-five per cent. less common now than ten years ago, and but few of those that do exist are anything like so severe as formerly. This is due wholly and solely to the popular use of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Dodd's Kidney Pills have been found to be the only medicine that will cure Bright's Disease, the only cure for Diabetes, the only radical cure or Rheumatism, Lumbago, Sciatica, etc., and equally efficacious for Heart Disease, Dropsy, Paralysis, Bladder and Urinary Troubles, Women's Weakness, Blood Disorders and any other form of Kidney Disease.

Concerning their virtue for Lumbago and Diabetes, Mr. John Blow, 67 Princess St., Toronto, says:—"I have been a great sufferer with Diabetes and Lumbago for years. Every remedy I could hear of was given a fair trial in hopes it would help me. But till I began to use Dodd's Kidney Pills my hopes were all in vain, and my torture night and day unbearable. No one could imagine the sufferings I endured; night and day my pains kept me in misery. If seemed as if there was neither relief nor cure.

"When I began using Dodd's Kidney Pills I had lost faith in all medicines. But from the first one of these Heaven-sent Dodd's Kidney Pills, I experienced relief. Every succeeding dose hastened my complete cure.

"I have used in all five boxes and am thoroughly cured — a strong, healthy, hearty, vigorous man, whereas before I started to use your Dodd's Kidney Pills I was a constant and miserable sufferer. I cannot find words to express my entire confidence in Dodd's Kidney Pills."

It may be only a trifling cold, but neglect it and it will fasten its fangs in your lungs, and you will soon be carried to an untimely grave. In this country we have sudden changes and must expect to have coughs and colds. We cannot avoid them, but we can effect a cure by using Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, the medicine that has never been known to fail in curing coughs, colds, bronchitis and all affections of the throat, lungs and chest.

Fragrant Lavender Bags.

Take six ounces of the flowers free from stalk. Rose petals in like proportion, half ounce of thyme and a little powdered cloves, and a dessertspoonful of dried salt. Mix all together and fill muslin bags with it. These will perfume clothes if placed in drawers, and help to keep moths away. Lavender flowers placed in a bottle and warm vinegar poured over them will make an agreeable perfume. Let this stand a few days and then strain.

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Gloss for Shirt Fronts.

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Health for the children. Miller's Worm Powders.

New Classification.

The class was having lessons in natural history, and the teacher said:

"Now is there any boy here can tell me what a zebra is?"

Tommy—Yes, sir; I can.

Teacher—Well, Tommy, what is a zebra?

Tommy—Please, sir, a zebra is a donkey with a football suit on!

Miller's Worm Powders cure fits in children.

Application for Sunburn.

A good lotion to be applied to the face and hands after exposure to the sun is one pint of buttermilk, in which one ounce of freshly scraped horseradish has been steeped for two hours.

Miller's Worm Powders are a wonderful medicine for the ailments of children.

Oom Paul's Cold Feet.

"I met Oom Paul when he was here a good many years ago. He was an honest old soul, but rough, certainly. Still, he was a man to respect," writes the Paris correspondent of the London Truth. "I saw him guilty of the solecism of drawing off his boots in company to warm his feet. The weather was cold and there was a blazing fire. He no more saw the harm of toasting his unshod feet than his ungloved hands before it. Oom Paul had principles and stood by them. Whenever his eye caught a lady in a low dress he grunted and turned away his head. He was sent an order to the state box at the opera and availed himself of it. But the ballet so horrified him that he would not stay to see it out. He wondered why God's vengeance did not overtake Paris."

Prevent Disorder.—At the first symptoms of internal disorder, Parmelee'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 two or three nights in succession, will serve as a preventive of attacks of dyspepsia and all the discomforts which follow in the train of that fell disorder. The means are simple when the way is known.

Winter Waists and Bodices.

Odd waists and bodices have come to be an accepted and essential part of every woman's wardrobe, so it is well to bestow a thought upon the general effect, and in selecting material and trimming to have those which match the skirt in color. This applies to the dressy bodice. A shirt waist in winter is usually made to wear with jacket suits, and should contrast prettily. — October Ladies' Home Journal.

New life for a quarter. Miller's Compound Iron Pills.

Pigmy Camels in Persia.

The western part of Persia is inhabited by a species of camel which is the pigmy of its kind. They are snow white and are on that account almost worshipped by the people. The shah presented the municipality of Berlin with two of these little wonders. The largest is 27 inches high and weighs 61 pounds. The other is four inches less, but the weight is not given.

Keep Minard's Liniment in the House.

She Changed Her Name.

An exchange describes evolution as follows: A girl named plain "Mary" at her birth dropped the "r" when she grew up and became Miss May. As she began to shine in a social way she changed the "y" to "e" and signed her letters Mae. About a year ago she dropped the "e" and it's just plain "Ma." That's evolution.

My wife is having the best of health now. Miller's Compound Iron Pills did it.

A Woman's Conclusion.

"They say she has never looked at her wedding gown since the man to whom she was engaged failed to appear on the evening set for their marriage."

"Well, she must be pretty sure that there are no moths in the house."

Miller's Worm Powders cure all ailments of children like magic.

Should Have Seen That.

Mrs. Lightly — Why, Dick, that great, big horse has been drinking at that trough for five minutes.

Mr. Lightly—Well, don't you see he is a draught horse?

Minard's Liniment Lumberman's Friend.

New Zealand Sound Financially.

The New Zealand budget shows that the year closed with a surplus of £490,000.

Be Neat.

All well bred women will strive to look neat and tidy about the house while attending to their domestic duties. The one garment which should be rigidly tabooed is the Mother Hubbard wrapper, that loose affair which hangs about a woman in ugly folds, and gives her such a slovenly appearance. A wash dress of gingham or cambric which is neatly belted in to the figure or a short, dark waist made as a blouse or shirt waist, but always belted, is what the best dressed women wear in the morning. Aprons are a great convenience and are worn by some of the best dressd women during the morning hours of household occupations. A custom which should be encouraged is to change one's gown for dinner, or at least to wear some sort of lace fichu or neck adornment, which dresses one up a little. If you are a mother, it is a good example to your children, if a wife, a compliment to your husband. Make some radical change in your dress as well when you spend the evening quietly at home as when you go out to spend it with friends. The idea that some women have that "anything is good enough for home" is a sad mistake.

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Hard on Twins.

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Co-operation in Great Britain.

There are 1,440 co-operative societies in Great Britain, with more than 1,500,000 members, doing a business of $325,000,000 a year.

The pimples have disappeared. Miller's Compound Iron Pills did it.

Buddhists.

The number of Buddhists in the world is computed to be 455,000,000.

Matron—Mr. Nicefello, I dislike to scold, but I really must. You ought to know better than to keep my daughter standing in that cold front hall half an hour, saying good night to her, as you did last night, and as you do every time you come. This morning she had a terrible cold, and her lungs are not strong, you know.

Mr. Nicefello—My goodness! Is she sick?

Matron—No, but she's had a narrow escape. Now these long drawn-out good nights have got to stop.

Mr. Nicefello—Indeed, they must, my dear madam. I'll go right for a clergyman.

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REV. WM. BROWN.

I was CURED of a bad case of earache by MINARD'S LINIMENT.
MRS. S. KAULBACK.

I was CURED of sensitive lungs by MINARD'S LINIMENT.
MRS. S. MASTERS.

Slightly Mixed.

A little girl of six or seven years' who has a German father and a Hindoo mother, and who heads very little English in the home, was looking for her little brother, who had strayed away. A neighbor asked her how long the little boy had been gone, and she said: "He has been gone already till yet."

Can Recommend It.—Mr. Enos Bornberry, Tuscarora, writes: "I am pleased to say that Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil is all that you claim it to be, as we have been using it for years, both internally and externally, and have always received benefit from its use. It is our family medicine, and I take great pleasure in recommending it."

Not Alarmed.

Romantic Miss (addicted to poetry)—Oh, I'm just in love with Edgar Allan Poe.

Practical Adorer—Well, that's all right. He's dead.

Problem Novel Writing.

"No one will know what you mean by that paragraph," said the publisher.

"Of course not," answered the author. "I don't know what I mean by it myself."

Easily Satisfied.

"Mrs. Miggs, did you go to see the wild man in the show?"

"No; the tame men are wild enough for me."

"Yes," said the excited man, "he tried to act the hog and treat me like a hog, but I soon showed him he was playing horse with the wrong man when he monkeyed with me!"

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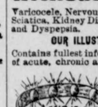

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DOINGS OF THE WEEK

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pruned, Punctuated and Preserved in Pithy Paragraphs for the Perusal of Practical People — Personal, Political and Profitable.

THE FIRE RECORD.

John Mervin's barns and outbuildings, situated in North Vaughan, near the Roman Catholic Cemetery, just outside Peterboro corporation limits, were destroyed by fire Thursday. The loss is about $2,500.

The Mallory liner Leona, from Galveston, came into her pier at New York on Thursday afternoon on fire, and despite the efforts of the fire department, was burned and sunk. The cargo, consisting of cotton and tobacco, is valued at $250,000 to $300,000, and will be a total loss.

On Friday night the following buildings were burned at Sussex, N. B.: Queen's Hotel, Depot House, late Sheriff Freenze's house, F. W. Flower's house, George Morton's house, Byrne brick block, valued at $10,000. The station escaped, after being on fire several times. The loss will exceed $75,000.

UNCLASSIFIED.

It is stated on reliable authority that a company is being formed to erect a large cotton mill in Toronto.

The Canada Life Assurance Company's headquarters will be moved from Hamilton to Toronto on Saturday next.

At a meeting of the Hamilton Canadian Club, William Hobson was elected secretary and W. P. Graham assistant secretary.

E. Dickenson, jr., and W. McEvoy of Glanford sent a 10,000-pound shipment of honey to England and cleared nine cents a pound on it.

An epidemic of smallpox has developed at the Orphans' Home in Peyton, Ohio. There are 33 cases thus far. All cases have been quarantined.

The zinc producers of Rhine Province, Germany, have undertaken to form a combination for the purpose of limiting production and fixing prices.

CASUALTIES.

The Haytian Government steamer Defense, used as an armed transport, has gone ashore near Fortuna Island, in the Bahamas, and will prove a total wreck.

Willie, the eldest child of Mr. Langdon, of Woodbridge, aged five years, got too close to the hind legs of a strange horse and was kicked on the head almost fatally on Thursday night.

Thomas Rasberry, a brother of John Rasberry, a well-known Hamilton milkman, fell from an apple tree on his brother's farm in West Flamboro Saturday afternoon and broke his back.

Cadet Gwyn of Dundas, son of Col. Gwyn, while in the mechanical department of the Royal Military College, cut off the first two fingers of his right hand with a circular saw on Saturday.

Nine freight cars, scattered over the embankment immediately west of the G.T.R. bridge at Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Montreal, were badly smashed on Thursday, and caused a delay in traffic for over three hours.

The steamer Derwent Holme, from Montreal, bound for France, laden with lumber, while entering the harbor of Sydney, C.B., on Sunday, ran on Point Edward, and remained fast on a rocky bottom. At last accounts her cargo is being removed.

Albert Vanderfort, a brakeman on the Grand Trunk on the run between Toronto and Belleville, met with an accident at Newtonville, 55 miles east of Toronto, on Friday night about 9.30, from the result of which he died on Saturday morning at 2 o'clock.

Miss Catherine Tait, employed by Miss Forrester, hairdresser, of Hamilton, while cleaning the show window on Friday, fell from a ladder, and her arm went through the window. The glass almost severed her hand from the arm. The hand may have to be amputated.

While Ross Davis, a guard in the Kingston Penitentiary, recently appointed, was proceeding homewards, he attempted to change a self-acting revolver from one pocket to another, with the result that the weapon was discharged, the bullet severing the index finger of the left hand close to the hand.

While coming down stairs with a lighted lamp Saturday evening, Mrs. Elizabeth Dixon, an elderly lady, residing at London, Ont., tripped and fell, causing the lamp to explode. Her clothing was ablaze in a moment, and before assistance was rendered, the unfortunate woman was frightfully burned. Her injuries proved fatal a few hours later.

John Reid, a bachelor, aged about 73 years, and who lived with Thos. Biggard at Bridge End, near Chatham, was instantly killed on the L. E. and D. Railway tracks near Fargo on Saturday morning. The old man was going to Fargo to get the mail and had walked along the track. The L., E. and D. Railway local struck him, and when picked up the old man was dead. Coroner Dr. Bray deemed an inquest unnecessary.

THE RELIGIOUS WORLD.

Colborne Methodist Church contributed on Sunday $334 to the Twentieth Century Fund.

Rev. S. J. Shorey, of Peterboro, has decided to accept the call of the Methodist Church at Picton.

The 17th anniversary of the Salvation Army's advance to the Dominion of Canada will be celebrated in Toronto from Oct. 7 to 16.

A despatch from London says: It now seems that the Alaskan controversy will get the finishing touches at Washington within the next four days.

Sunday the initial services all over Canada began in the Methodist churches on behalf of the Methodist Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund of $1,000,000.

The Pan-Presbyterian Council, sitting at Boston for the past fortnight concluded its sessions on Friday. The closing address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Duffield of New York City, on "Christian Progress During the Nineteenth Century." It was a brilliant and eloquent address, a fitting conclusion of the formal sessions of the Alliance. The council will meet in Liverpool in 1904.

The Pan-Presbyterian Alliance on Friday formally chose Rev. Principal Caven, D.D., of Toronto, as president of the Alliance, succeeding Rev. Dr. Lang of Glasgow, Scotland.

Sunday was the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Methodist Church in Quebec city. A special jubilee service to commemorate the event is to be held next Friday.

Thursday night three missionaries started for Indore, Central India. They were Rev. John T. Taylor, B. A., of Galt, his young bride, and Miss Goodfellow. They are sent out by the Presbyterian Mission Board.

THE DEAD.

The death is announced of C. J. Wilson, ex-M.P. for Argenteuil, and a well-known paper manufacturer of Lachute.

John Bremner, clerk and treasurer of East Flamboro, died Friday at Waterdown. The deceased was 84 years of age and was a native of Aberdeen, Scotland. He had been a resident of this county for a number of years.

THE LABOR WORLD.

President Sangster of the Toronto Tailors' Union conferred with a deputation of the master tailors Saturday morning, and it was arranged to send the remaining striking tailors back to work.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

The London, Ont., Free Library Board has finally decided that the library should not be opened on Sundays.

THE AGRICULTURAL WORLD.

About 50 per cent. of the grape crop in the Niagara section has yet to be gathered. A good deal of fruit was killed by the recent frosts.

The failure of the crops in Finland has reduced the peasantry to the extremity of using Iceland moss from ground bark mixed with frost-bitten potatoes.

The annual meeting of the Hamilton Poultry and Pet Stock Association was held Thursday. George G. Henderson was elected president, and J. Pert secretary. It was decided to hold a three-day show in December, beginning on the 13th.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company has a surveying party at work making all arrangements for improving the grades and double-tracking the line from Hamilton to Niagara Falls. Contracts for this work will be let during the winter, and the line will be double-tracked from Toronto to the Falls before next summer.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

John Burke, arrested in Hamilton on suspicion of theft, tried to suicide in his cell on Saturday.

Mrs. James Lashbrook, wife of a well-to-do farmer in Maysville, Ky., was ravished and murdered on Friday at her home at Clark's Station. Richard Coleman, a young negro, confessed to having murdered Mrs. Lashbrook, and is in jail.

The case in which Conductor Bright is charged with manslaughter came up at the Stratford Police Court on Friday. A few witnesses were examined, but there were no fresh developments, and the case was further adjourned until Friday, October 13.

There has been serious rioting at Kalgoole, West Australia. Hundreds of miners have rushed various claims and removed the ore, in defiance of a strong force of police, whom they beat off with picks and shovels. Reinforcements have been despatched to the scene of disturbance.

Some York County pedestrians, while returning from work Thursday night, through the Rosedale Ravine, Toronto, came across the dead body of a female infant. It was wrapped in a towel and lay just under the C.P.R. bridge. An investigation and inquest is in progress.

POLITICS—FOREIGN.

At the Republican State Convention held at Boston, on Friday, Lieut.-Governor W. Murray Crane was nominated for Governor and John L. Bates for Lieut.-Governor.

FOR MEN OF WAR.

The opening of the Stony Creek battle field as a public park will be held on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 21.

The Mayor of Havana, Senor Perfecto Lacoste, has issued an order directing that no Spanish flag shall be displayed in the City of Havana, except at the Spanish consulate.

The 1st Prince of Wales' Fusiliers of Montreal will assist the Toronto corps in their Thanksgiving manoeuvres. They will camp at the Exhibition Grounds in the Queen City.

PURELY PERSONAL.

The Countess of Minto sailed for Liverpool from New York on Saturday on the Cunard liner Campania.

Mr. George Bertram, M.P., returned home to Toronto on Saturday from New York, where he underwent an operation about a week ago. He is feeling very well.

THE ARMY RESERVES.

25,000 MEN ORDERED TO ASSEMBLE FOR SERVICE.

To Be Ready to Start for South Africa in Six Days—Kruger's Reply to Chamberlain Published in Pretoria—Boer Orders Issued.

London, Oct. 9.—Whatever may be the result of Great Britain's controversy with the South African Republic, every department of the Government to-day is as busy as though actual hostilities had begun. The electric flash that announced the mobilization of the army reserves and the summoning of Parliament set every wheel of the Government machinery in motion.

At the same time Lord Salisbury and Mr. Balfour were issuing the necessary orders for the re-assembling of Parliament, and the Admiralty was concentrating its transports, 24 of which are now secured at Liverpool, at once. So complete were the preparations that 25,000 reserves have already individually received coupon tickets, which contain instructions where each man shall report for railway transportation to the place designated, and a money order for three shillings for provisions en route.

At Woolwich yesterday it was asserted that 95 per cent. of the reserves would be fully equipped within six days. In the meantime the two Houses of Parliament are arranging to return to London and a force of men is busily engaged in completing the improvements at Westminster.

Last East Indian Contingent Sails.

Bombay, Oct. 9.—The last Indian contingent sailed yesterday for South Africa.

A Scare at Mafeking.

The most important news from South Africa comes from Mafeking, where twice on Saturday the British camp was aroused. The men stood to their arms, guns were limbered, and patrols were despatched in the direction of the border. No hostilities have occurred as yet, but the enemy has moved practically to the border, eight miles from Mafeking, in force estimated at least 6,000, comprising five commands. The garrisoning and fortifying of the town are practically completed. The streets are barricaded and a perfect system of mines have been laid. Two armored trains have arrived at Mafeking, consisting of three bullet-proof cars, the first of which carries a searchlight, while the sides of the cars are loopholed. Experiments will lyddite in the mines prove that it is an extremely powerful explosive.

McKinley Will Keep Out.

Washington, Oct. 9.—The official announcement was made at the State Department Saturday morning that the United States will positively decline to interfere in the controversy between Great Britain and South Africa, and any effort to induce it to mediate will be regarded as an attempt to involve this country in the English-Boer imbroglio.

PAUL KRUGER'S RED HOT REPLY.

Outlanders Did Not Go to Him With Their Grievances.

London, Oct. 9.—A green book issued on Saturday at Pretoria contains President Kruger's reply to Mr. Chamberlain's despatch, referring to the petition of the Outlanders to the Queen. The Transvaal objects to Great Britain's interference in its internal affairs, and explains that if the Outlanders had first addressed the Transvaal, instead of the British Government, these complaints would have been immediately heard. It also alleges that those complaints emanated wholly from a "small body of British, who are breeding race hatred and a revolutionary movement, and whose membership and newspapers openly boast of the influence exercised by them upon the policy of the Imperial Government."

The reply adds: "The Transvaal is bound to credit these boasts, when it sees blue books issued consisting of documents drawn up by these revolutionary members of the South African League, and of lying articles and reports from newspapers which are organs of the league. If the real character of the league could be known, it would soon lose its influence, and the tension between the two Governments would speedily disappear."

The reply concludes as folows: "The Afrikanders would then no longer fear that the interests of the British Empire necessarily implied the destruction of the two republics and the enslavement of the Afrikander population, and the white races in South Africa would return to the brotherly harmony that had set in until a treacherous complot at the end of 1895 revived passion on both sides."

This despatch was handed to Conyngham Greene on Sept. 26.

Pope Appealed to the Queen.

Rome, Oct. 9. — The Italia and Arena and other papers state that the Pope has written to Queen Victoria, appealing to Her Majesty's humanitarian sentiments, and requesting her to use her influence with her Ministers in the direction of peace. The Queen, it is said, replied courteously to the message, giving His Holiness to understand that it was beyond her power to interfere with the prerogatives of the Ministers.

Girouard to Take Charge.

Major Girouard, a French-Canadian, has temporarily resigned the presidency of the Egyptian Railway Board in order to take charge of the military transport arrangements in Africa for the campaign. The Outlook remarks: "This is real Imperial Federation."

Germany Will Kill Dreyfus Verdict

London, Oct. 6.—The Paris correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "I learn that Germany is about to send over documents which will lead to the quashing of the Dreyfus verdict."

SOME SHARP FIGHTING.

Twelve Americans Were Wounded, One Officer Fatally, in Philippine Skirmishes on Sunday.

Noveleta, Island of Luzon, Oct. 9.—Gen. Schwan's column advanced from Bacoor yesterday morning and occupied Cavite, Viejo and Noveleta. The American loss was three officers and nine privates wounded, one of the officers being mortally hurt. The loss of the enemy is unknown, but the bodies of three Filipinos were seen. There were two sharp fights near Noveleta. Lowe's scouts first encountered the enemy near Cavite, Viejo, and soon put them to flight, continuing their advance.

Capt. Cowles' Battalion of the 4th Infantry, while reconnoitering yesterday, found a body of several hundred insurgents near San Nicholas. After a brisk fight, lasting three-quarters of an hour, the enemy was driven off. In this engagement four Americans were slightly wounded. Six of the enemy were killed.

RAILWAY TANGLE.

Trouble Between C.P.R. and Intercolonial Up Again.

Montreal, Oct. 9.—The trouble between the C.P.R. and the Minister of Railways over the traffic arrangements of the Intercolonial has broken out again. A couple of weeks ago, when a temporary agreement was reached, it was understood that matters should remain as they were for the present season, pending a further discussion with a view to a permanent agreement for next season. On this understanding the C.P.R. made arrangements with steamship companies for the coming winter business to St. John. Now it is alleged that the Traffic Manager of the Intercolonial, Mr. Wallace, put into effect two orders, one that local rates would be charged on all freight destined for points on the lines of the Government east of St. John, which came over the C.P.R. to St. John, and the other that all freight originating on the lines of the Intercolonial east of St. John are destined for points west should be carried over the Intercolonial to Montreal, instead of, as at present, be handed over to the Canadian Pacific at St. John. Mr. Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., regards this as a breach of the temporary agreement, but refuses to say anything further. Hon. A. G. Blair was in town yesterday, but he, too, declined to make any statement on the subject.

KILLED BY THE TRAIN.

Aged Oakville Farmer Meets With a Horrible Death.

Oakville, Oct. 6. — John Ion, a highly respected farmer, 70 years of age, residing about a mile from this place, was struck and instantly killed by the westbound G.T.R. express train due here at 8.30 yesterday morning. Mr. Ion had been at the station to get his morning paper and was returning home along the track. He was in the centre of the bridge, which is about 200 yards in length, when his attention was called to the rapidly approaching train. Mr. Ion started to run, but was caught about four feet from the end and hurled 50 feet, striking a post and breaking it. The train, which does not stop here, and was running at a high rate of speed, stopped and picked up the body, taking it to the station. One leg, one arm and the base of the skull were broken. Coroner Williams decided that an inquest was unnecessary. Mr. Ion was an ex-town councillor and prominent in Methodist circles of this place.

WHAT WE HAVE WE'LL HOLD.

That Is What Hon. David Mills Says About the Alaskan Boundary.

Victoria, B.C., Oct. 9.—David Mills Attorney-General of Canada and Minister of Justice, has made a speech here on the Alaskan boundary question. His text was: "What we have we'll hold." He said the United States refused to arbitrate because they were afraid that the arbitrators would decide against them. He discussed the treaty provisions and said that they proved that the American contention was utterly unfounded.

FOUR HURLED TO DEATH.

They Were Struck by a Train Near Brandon, Manitoba.

Brandon, Man., Oct. 9.—A horrible accident occurred Saturday afternoon by which Richard Ramsden, farmer, and his sons, aged 12 and 14 years, were almost instantly killed. They were struck by the westbound Moose Jaw local at the Sixth street crossing, while crossing in a rig. Ramsden's body was carried almost 60 feet. Samuel Webster is the fourth victim. He left a widow.

SELECTIONS

DEMOLISHED BY DYNAMITE.

How China's Great Wall Will Be Used to Build Modern Cities.

It took 2,000,000 men working for ten years to build the great wall of China.

Even then many parts of the wall were already there for the men to link together. The earlier sections were built 3,322 years before the birth of Christ. The final wall was completed in 204 B. C.

Now, more than 2,000 years later, the wall is to be blown up by dynamite to suit the modern idea of progress. It will be destroyed in a twinkling. It was built in 30 centuries.

An interesting and striking object lesson in China's whimsical transition in a few years from superstitious stagnation to practical advancement is furnished in the proposition to blow the old wall into ruins. The proposition emanates from the new ruler of China, the dowager empress. She is a remarkable old woman, this dowager empress, to have been evolved by a country like China. The wall has been the pride of the Mongolians all their lives. They have been reared on it from childhood. It has been a part of their religion. Up to two years ago the bare idea of removing it would have stricken the little yellow people dumb with indignant horror. Even now had the suggestion come from a foreigner they probably would have cried out for the white devil's blood and called upon the empress to banish all unbelieving dogs from the wall's protection. But it came from the great empress herself, who could cut off the heads of a thousand or two of the poor little chaps if they dared to raise so much as their eyes in dissent, and so the beloved wall must come down, with all its precious traditions and sacred charms clinging around it.

It will be like pulling the old empire out by the roots and building a new empire of things on the ruins.—San Francisco Examiner.

World's Largest Grapevine.

La Para Grande, the biggest grapevine in the world, has reached the end of its long outdoor life and will soon be cut down. Seventy-five years it has been growing on a ranch in the Montecito valley, near Santa Barbara, Cal., but it has shown signs of dying, and so the owner, Albert Magee, the Pittsburg stove manufacturer, has ordered it removed. From the pride of the California vineyards the vine will be turned into a museum curiosity. The Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce will preserve it as a specimen of what the soil of Santa Barbara county is able to produce. La Para Grande has a trunk, or main stem, 3½ feet in circumference, and the trellis, higher than a man's head, on which the spreading branche of the vine are supported, measures nearly six feet in each direction. In its prime this single vine produced full four tons of grapes in a single year. Those days of its glory are, however, long past.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Two Rapid Readers.

Perhaps the fastest reader the world ever knew was Gladstone. He could read and digest a novel of 50,000 words, a scientific work as large or larger, a political treatise or a history by merely glancing at the leaves as he turned them over. His eye and mind seemed to photograph with the rapidity of an instantaneous camera. His eye was the lens, his mind the sensitive plate. In his reading he was omnivorous to the last degree.

The most rapid reader we ever had in this country is John G. Carlisle, former senator from Kentucky, speaker of the house and secretary of the treasury. Joe Blackburn says that Carlisle is the most remarkable man he ever saw; that he can tell the contents of a book without looking at it and give the synopsis of an argument on being told the name of the author.—New York Press.

Your Wife's Silk Dress.

Silk dresses are objected to by some husbands, and to such there is interest in the recent decision of a New York judge:

"If a husband allows his wife to wear articles in his presence and with his knowledge which he would order her to be liable to pay for as necessaries, and he makes no objection, he will be liable to pay for them, for his permission to her to retain and enjo