Half a Million of Her Peuple hundred thousand. In Aracaty the death rate fluctuated between ninety and one Swept Away.

**PAMINE AND PESTILENCE AT WORK** 

Starving People Eat the Bodies of Their Own Offspring.

## CITIES DEPOPULATED

The Unburied Dead Lie Rotting in Open Trenches to be Devoured by Wild Animals.

By telegram we have already referred to the revelations made by the New York Herald correspondent in Ceara, Northern Brazil, of the horrible effects of the famine which has prevailed in that country for the past two years. The correspondent, after noting the gradual deveropment of the famine, says :

CHILDBEN ABANDONED TO DIE. From Telha this was received :

The pastures are changed into deserts, only rarely crossed by some solitary animal, once the flower of the herd. Here is a group of thirty poor people in rags, squalid, with miser stamped in their faces. They carry their little household goods on their heads or over their shoulders. They are flying to Cariry, where, I fear, they will seek vainly for old woman. By the bodies there were three help and never saw a green leaf. Some villages are completely abandoned; in others the water is disappearing; there is not even enough for the travelers' horse. Men, women and children clothed in rags on foot, dying of hunger, form a sad picture along the high-ways. A family of peasants, flying to the in the villages these poor wretches no longer ways. A family of peasants, flying to the in the villages these poor wretches no longer hill country, passed the night in the forest. ask for mandioca meal; they ask for cats In the early morning the elder ones went on, abandoning two children, who were too weak from famine to keep up with them. A little who asked permission to kill the rats about later some passers by found the children— one dead, the other dying. Mandioca meal is selling at 51 milreis the bushel (about twice I saw was indescribable. I found eleven dead the ordinary price), and it can hardly be obtained at that Beans and corn. on which the poorer people so much depend, cannot be bought at any price. The peasants live on wild roots, on unwholesome seeds, on the flesh of unclean animals.

From the priest at Quixada, June 21st :

It is impossible to describe the misery here. Think of a house with six naked, skeleton children crying with hunger, and a poor, miserable mother sick on the filthy bed, tortured less with her disease than to Pitiless, indeed, would be see the little ones begging for food. Think, again, of families begging in the streets, among them old men and pretty young girls, region, once well populated, was now almost almost naked, or with only dirty rags to cover them; abandoned children, who can no longer drag themselves along, begging for bread on their bended knees; then you will have a poor idea of the state of things here.

## EVERYWHERE HUNGER AND DEATH. A priest writes from Quixada on the 29th

September : I arrived here vesterday and I know not how to write, impressed as I am with the pic-tures of misery which I have encountered. It is horrible to travel here in the interior. On the roads I saw only interminable pro-aessions of refugees, naked, bony and deathlike, trembling with cold and hunger. Many fall by the roadside almost inani-mate, as happened at Riacho de Castro, where a poor man fell down with his three children I would have died but for a Senor Moura, who gave them a morsel of food. The people that were left the pestilence was stalking and have given way to despair. Full of grief I marking its victims. On November 1st 99 send you notice of the death of five persons. rigorously speaking, of hunger, and this with in the village ! We find people fallen on the pavement. With this letter the priest sent a list of five

persons dead of hunger. A little later no one thought of lists; it was the number of scores or hundreds that had died. The priest figures ran above five hundred. On the 30th adds a postscript : As I closed this a poor woman came to the only the interments in the public grounds.

house a mother whose children were no

BRAZIL'S CALAMITY. hundred and fifty thousand died of hunger. I should add that my calculations are much lower than those of other persons; some The Remarkable Adventures of two place the entire number as high as three hundred thousand. In Aracaty the death hundred and ten a day ; in Fortaleza it was less at this time, but eighty per day was bad enough. I have notices of ten, twenty or more daily deaths in small villages; and everywhere along the roadsides nameless crosses still tell the story of uncatalogued victims. Dark tales of carnibalism begin to appear. From a letter written at Quixeramo-

> EATING HIS OWN CHILD. I write in haste. Have no time to transcribe the scenes of horror about me. It is

nough to give you as a specimen one nameess crime. A father, whose nature was so overcome by nunger that he killed and cooked n a pot his little child, two years old. This took place in California (a settlement near The father died soon after his Quixada.) horrible feast. I have three or four similar stories, very well authenticated. I believe that these and other cases of cannibalism were caused by insanity-a common result of

hunger. I quote also a letter from Jaguaribe-Mirim, one of many that tell the same story : This village is full of ahandoned children

the despairing fathers would no longer see them torn by this monster hunger. This

very day, while I was eating dinner, my house was invaded by a crowd of these wretched children, very skeletons, who could hardly speak. Some of them were so weak that they would take only soup, obstinately refusing more solid food. The road from here to Aracaty is full of bodies. You can count the crosses by hundreds. The other day, in an abandoned house, there were found heir shoulders. They are hying to heve bodies of reingees, four children and one y, where, I fear, they will seek vainly for I traversed a region of 120 miles long ever saw a green leaf. Some villages is disappearing; there is not even h for the travelers' horse. Men, women b low man. By the bodies there were three the sahes of an extinguished fire. A dog, the faithful friend of the family, was still watching them. Near Lettrado three young h for the travelers' horse. Men, women h for the travelers' horse. Men, women h for the travelers' horse. Men, women h for the travelers' horse the here were three the family have by the fact here the here were three the travelers' horse. flesh of a dead horse which lay by the roadand dogs to eat. (This is no exaggeration. One shopkeeper told me of a refugee who bodies by the roadside and at least forty who were dying. Happily there is no pestilence hear; the deaths are from hunger. The Government did their best, but are

next to powerless. The people took the supplies voted them, but were too lazy to work. and in a few weeks were as poor as ever, and as badly in need of assistance. And now we come to the last sad scene,

the scene that is yet unrolling itself, and no Unhappy province Pitiless, indeed, would be he who could view thy tortures unmoved. Consider the province as it was in June, 1878. The interior

BREAKING OUT OF SMALL-POX. The people had food enough, but still the

desolate.

death rate increased steadily. In Fortaleza it had reached 200 per day, even as early as May or June. In Aracaty it was hardly less. There were pernicious fevers, beri-beri, a little cholera. Yellow fever disappeared with the spring months. But above all other diseases the small-pox began to assume a terrible pre-eminence. It was worst at Fortaleza. Very few of the people were vaccinated. Isolation of the sick were vaccinated. Isolation of the sick was never enforced. The pestilence, confined at first to the refugees, soon spread to the

richer classes. By October the 150.000 adventitious population had dwindled to 70,000 than described. or 90,000, including the townspeople; many had died, many had emigrated. Among those persons died of smallpox in Fortaleza; on November 2nd, 124, and this out of a population of only 90,000. Your yellow fever deaths never reached such a proportion. But the disease went on increasing rapidly. Two hundred, three hundred, four hundred deaths

there were 574 registered, but this includes

inder its mask of sores. There was no cover-

SICKENING PICTURES.

two or three bodies tied together to a pole.

or rolled in a hammock.

## ELEVEN DAYS ON THE ICE. Mail Carriers ou Frozen Lake Michi-

(Buffalo Express.) terday by one of our prominent citizens, crushing about five tons per day with fair from Mr. John Day, of St. James, the county results and good prospects for the future. seat of the County of Manitou, Michigan, a The machinery for the Hixon Creek mill

Mackinaw on the 20th of December, where was improving. Several companies were the mail is made up. They arrive there on prospecting for alluvial diggings. About 70 the same day, and remained until the 28th, men were wintering in the neighborhood of when they started with their boat, and got Snow Shoe and Keithely Creeks. Tunnels Waugochance light-house." This as far as

as being located at the lower end of Lake Michigan, and marks the locale of a very dangers series of "spits," or. small islands. The construction of Waugochance light-house was so expensive, it is said, that it would not have cost more had it been erected with

travelers, and arrangements are made for nion table, Mr. Saunders, the parishioners a stove, with fuel at hand and provisions in case of need. To return to Joe and Paul. cause the ornaments were illegal, and he was After they reached this point of safety, the anxious that there should not be any cause for which compelled the carriers to run back congregation. Upon this the vicar declared with their boat to St. Helena, a small island that there would not be any service, and al in the Straits of Mackinaw, some ten or left the church. A crowd had collected at the twelve miles distant. The weather continued west door, and on coming out of the church so bad that the men hauled up their boat the vicar informed Mr. Saunders that he and started on foot with the mail via Bon-fait. They remained there until the 11th of January. The lake was frozen over by that be no service. A lady in the crowd cried time, at least so it was thought. The men out, "better have no service if there cannot therefore concluded to start for Beaver be one without candlesticks." The clergy-Island via Hat Island. On the second day man with his bag then walked away. In about out they got within half a mile of the latter place, when they came upon open water. The hope of reaching the island at once vanished, and they hardly knew what to do in such a perilous position. The wind coming up from the south, suggested the advisbility of making for better ice, and so endeavor to reach the north shore of the lake. The ice, however, began to break up, and shortly afterwards their hand-sled, made for the express purpose of traveling on the ice, went to pieces. In this terrible dilemma they had, in order to sack to save their lives, to abandon the mail and all their blanket and wrappings. Providing themselves with what provisions they had, which were only sufficient to last them two or three days, they started forward to reach land if possible the prize, their lives. They soon found

themselves floating around on cakes of ice. This continued for the terrible space of eleven days and nights, with hardly any food ; in fact, none towards the last, and ex-

periencing bitterly cold weather. Sleep they dared not. Finally they made Hat Island thoroughly worn out with hunger and want of rest. After remaining here for a short time, they "screwed their courage up to the sticking place," and again set out, this time for Hog Island, which they ultimately reached after considerable difficulty. They fortunately received all the hospitality the natives could afford them. They remained three days in order to get rest and strength. At the expiration of that time they left for home in a skiff kindly lent to them by the friendly Indians, and reached Beaver Island on the 24th of January, accomplishing this

extraordinary and perilous journey of forty five miles in twenty-seven days, and en-during an amount of hardship, misery, fear

The Indians Threaten the Whites

# With Extermination.

in the Cariboo District at this season of the year-only about three feet between Williams and Lightning Creeks. Flour was selling at \$9

per hundred lbs., about half the ruling price of last winter. The Enterprise Co.'s mill was crushing up to the time of latest mail advices

Report says the expert is unable to save the A very interesting letter was received yes- gold. Beeky's mill on Lightning Creek was

sight of which was permitted an *Express* would arrive at Quesnelmouth on the 14th. representative. The letter is dated and was From thence it would be taken to its destinposted at St. James an the 5th inst., and be- ation on sleighs up the river. The ledge congins by stating that " It is now eleven weeks tinued to look well, and a large force of men since we had a mail. The mail carriers, Joe Smith and Paul Le Blanc, left here for Company were sinking on their ledge, which fire.

are being run on several of the outlying creeks beacon is well known to all lake navigators From fifteen to twenty men are wi ntering on the Horsefly Creek.

## RITUALISTIC SKIRMISHES

Skirmishing has been resumed at St. James Church, Hatchman. A fortnight ago United States dollar, notes. The peculiar the new vicar and the churchwardens met in feature of the place is that there is no resident keeper there, but the light house door morning service. On seeing a gilt cross and miles, but it is dreadfully destructive to is always left open for the accommodation of two candlesticks with candles on the commu- paint.

their comfort, and sustenance in the shape of churchwarden, removed them and placed them in the vestry. He said he did this be-

would not attend in the afternoon, but if the

half an hour the following notice was posted on the west door : "There will be no ser

vice this morning in consequence of the interference of Churchwarden Saunders. Evening service at 3 p. m., if it can be held without molestation." By this time the crowd had considerably increased. The notice had been scarcely up a minute or two

when it was torn down. Mr. Saunders ad-dressing the people, informed them of what he had done, and of the determination to hold no service. The crowd expressed approval of the action of the churchwarden by loud cheers, and then dispersed. There was pion. still a larger number of persons present at 3 o'clock. But Mr. Saunders informed them that the cross and candlestick had not been replaced, and that the vicar had declined to hold a service.

## PAPA AND MAMMA

We are often amused at the habit grave niddle aged people have of addressing each other as papa and mamma. It is equally as droll to hear the same appellation from the lips of young gentlemen and ladies whose sought for her two and a half hours before eldest boys have not yet exchanged little dresses for a distinctively masculine costume.

The pretty Christian name of the young wife is as little used as though she had never had She is no longer Florence, or Edith, or Susan, but always and everywhere "Mamma, as though all her womanhood had been con-

densed in the one absorbing crucible of the small person she holds in her arms. Even the occasional pet, or darling, or mignonne, which used to slip from the husband's tongue in moments of inadvertence, to the covert amusement of the chance listener, is at present a thing of by-gone days. She is only queen-dowager now, mother of the

reigning monarch, and recognized as such by her little world, to the excluding of every other claim on her part for consideration. So with the youthful father. He was forthese euphonious cognomens are buried be-

in the cradle, the wee, round-faced, wrinkled

little room and makes so much dispropor-TROUBLE IN ALASKA. onate noise in the world SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 15 .- A Victoria As the children grow older it is singular to were Drs. Meldon and Macdonnell. The man notice how the parents caressingly continue to allude to themselves always in the third person when speaking of their offspring. It "Mamma never sits with her fcot under her, Polly;" "Papa never wears out the knees of his trousers, Tom;" "Mamma's feel-The citizens were armed awaiting Journal. ings are hurt. Louise :" "Papa is very sorry but he will be obliged to whip you, Jack It does not occur to either of the firm matri monial that it is quite as straightforward to say, "I will do so and so," and a trifle mor emphatic and impressive. The adoption of these trifles was at first a sign and corrobor ation to all the world of the happiness their wearers felt in belonging to the great army of parents. Insensibly the trick of their inwith variable use became confirmed, and at last it grew too inveterate to be noticed or dropped have even on formal occasions. Pet names of all sorts should be sacredly immediate âid kept and confined to the privacy of the home. They are not part and parcel of society's knowledge of us and our ways of living. Married people, as well as others, should pre serve in public a certain polished propriety of manner consistent with using the Christian name in addressing each other, but, except to and among intimate friends, rigidly employ who seem to be peacefully inclined. confining mutual allusions to the formal Mr. and Mrs., or the dignified "my husband" and for papa and mamma, let 'my wife.' As the children keep them for their own, and so far as the persons themselves are implicated let them be used at least only in the nursery -Harper's Bazaar. their

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS. -A man takes a nip before meals in order

to wet his appetite. -The alleged murderers of Lord Leitrim vill not be tried at the next assizes. with the acquisition ?"

-The new mint on the Thames Embank ment will cover three acres. The cost of the site will be enormous. -No less than two hundred and eighty

naiden ladies are reduced to utter poverty by the Bristol bank failure.

-It will cost a million dollars to re build Duncombe Hall, Lord Feversham Yorkshire residence, recently destroyed by

-Mr. Sothern is taking six months' well earned repose in Italy, and, from what one hears from his friends, is enjoying himself and in the enjoyment of excellent health.

-A provincial journalist in England esti mates that the articles he has produced during the last twenty-five years make a total equa in amount to all of Scott's and Dickens novels combined.

-An exchange says : " Kerosene will make tea-kettles shine as bright as new." Yes kerosene will do wonders ; it will make a whole house shine so that it can be seen fo

-There are those who take up so much time in profession that there is none left in which to practice. They are like the cinnamon tree, for the bark is the best part of

-Mr. J. A. Rose, of Highland Prairie Wis., weighs 242 pounds; so does his wife their twenty-year old son weighs 211, and a daughter, three years younger, requires a supporting knee of the capacity of 181 ounds.

-During a run of the Carlow hounds the other day the master's horse fell at a fence and broke its neck, the whipper's horse came down at the same obstacle with a like fatal result, and the huntsman's fell dead just before jumping it.

-To produce the sum yet needed to pay the Glasgow bank creditors will require a call upon the stock of from £7,000 to £10,-000 per share. It is scarcely probable that a single shareholder will pay such a call and remain solvent.

-The current belief is that the Govern ment will take a million or a million and a half from the surplus funds of the Irish Church in order to provide for the set ting up of the new machinery in connectio with their scheme of Irish University educa

report of the proceedings -" My dearest Maria," wrote a recently and his wife took in washing," would be married hushand to his wife. She wrote back : " Dearest, let me correct either your grammar or your morals. You address me 'My dearsst Maria.' Am I to suppose that of many a deceased bench sitter.

you have other dear Marias ?"

-Oliver Wendell Holmes says, "The true girl has to be sought for." And Oliver is quicker than anything else on record. right. We accompanied her to the Centennia Exhibition September two years ago, and our search was rewarded with success.

A cannibal loved a cannibaless;
By moonlight oft he used to meet her;
By moonlight oft he used to meet her;
He said: "Bhe's the height of my happiness I love her so that I could eat her."
This cannibal and his cannibaless;
Were Henry named and Henrietta;
One night they met in their guilelessuess, To part no more, for Henry at her.

-The Scotch Court of Session has ruled that a shareholder of the City of Glasgow Bank who had bought his stock from the bank at a time when it was insolvent not, by alleging that he was induced to She is purchase through the fraud of the manage and directors, now rid himself of his liabil ity, though he might have done so had h brought his action before the bank stopped.

merly Frank, Jonathan, or Hezekiah, but fell the line, "My lord, 'neath yonder palm these euphonious cognomens are buried be we have captured a *casique*. What is your the primitive rock under the sparkling mica rushed upon the stage exclaiming: "My lord, the primitive lock inder the sparting inter tristed upon the stage exclaming. "Any ion, the golden clinging moss. "Papa likes 'neath yonder palm we have captured a cask, this," "papa disapproves of that," "papa's What is your pleasure?" "Roll him in," will is law," observes, with dignity, the lady of the gentleman who is papa to the midget bung."

mite in flannel and cambric, who takes so from the cow, into the veins of an apparently

vated no doubt by her beauty and brightness, so magnificently restored Christ Church immediately put out its little arms and en-circled her neck with them. Can any one be rood screen which shocks their advanced Protestantism. Mr. Ros emphatically declines surprised that the lady permanently adopted this waif, and this with the entire approval and consent of her husband, who is delighted to be any party to such a course.

WORLD WIDE NEWS.

-Are " cherry lips," set in a pout A case of "sweetness long drawn out?"

-Twenty-five families of Mennonites

-" Wanted : To exchange music lessons

for washing "is an advertisemen in a Chicago

ticket.

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obs for less than \$5.

-The Victoria Parliament proposes spend-

undred feet.

in being married.

ive on the surface.

umps to every cup of coffee.

ers instead of red herefater.

Manitoba cultivate 10.400 acres.

in, and those within peck to get out."

WHY HE DID IT. Mary had a little lamp;

Mary had a little ismp; Her lover, all serene, Extinguished it, for he did not Want any caress seen. What makes the youth love Mary so? I'll tell you-she's a catch; And he put out the larm you know, That he might strike a match. -A fare exchange-Buying a railroad

-The "cream of society "-those who -But two locks of George Washington's hair are known to be in existence. One is owned and kept in a golden urn by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the other has

-The duty on sugar is to use about two just been presented to Lodge No. 4, A. F. and A. M., of Richmond, which is the lodge in which Washington was initiated. -The French soldier is to have gray trous-

-Lotta, the actress, carns money very rapidly, but is often unfortunate in her in vestments. She was induced by the advice of soveral Californians, several years ago, to put \$50,000 into a worthless gold mine. Learning that her advisers were bribed by the man of whom she bought the stock, she has sued him to recover the money.

-What is the need of being told to rise with the lark ? The lark rises about three -Scene : Fancy hosiery. Facetious youth (to shop-girl)—" I suppose you have all kinds of tics here, miss?" Shop-girl—" Yes, I believe we have sir. What kind would you -Young ladies think they Miss it by not, and many a married lady thinks she Mrs. it like to see?" Factcous youth (winking to his -" Sing a Song of Sixpence" dates from sweetheart) - "Would you supply me with a pigs-ty?" Shop-girl -- "With pleasure, sir. the sixteenth century, and "Three Blind Mice" is in a music book dated 1600. Just hold down your head and I'll take your measure." Tableau.

-A cynical old bachelor says : "Wedlock s like a bird-cage; those without peck to get -George Wooly, of Prior's Lee, Shrop---George wooly, of Frior's Lee, Shop-shire, sent his wife to the public-house for some run. The oven was full of bread, just baked, and during her absence he went to take out the loaves, when he found one of -On the leading avenues of Rome the guards now patrol the whole length of the way when the King and Queen are expected. them cracked right across. "He knew im-mediately that something had happened to -"You'll never miss the water till the well runs dry." And there's a heap of felher, and on going to look for her found her ows about this town who wouldn't miss it body lying in a pool of water."

--During their trial the City of Glasgow Bank Directors were permitted on Sunday to -"I think our church will last a good many years yet," said a waggish deacon to his minister; "I see the sleepers are very go out into the country in a closed carriage to take the air, a fact which moved an English paper to ask " whether there is no governor's garden within the walls of the Telbooth ; and -The undertaker smiled serene, Because he knew she would aspire, To light with whether a tinker, indicated for larceny, would blazing kerosene The elow, delinquent kitbe taken for an airing in the case of his trial extending over that day." -The bricklayers of Otage, New Zealand

-Torture still exists in Paris. Sworn evihave increased the rate of wages to \$3.75 a day, and men cannot be obtained for temporary dence in the Lanterne libel suit evoked the fact that subordinate police officials feel authorized to torture prisoners so as to obtain confessions. The ligotta is most affecteding \$250,000 a year in supplying gratis as a supplement to the daily papers a verbatim tying the wrists with wet cords which are twisted till the blood spirts oul; beating with staves and kicking is also resorted to If the prisoned does not confess under this -"He always kept a sharp pocket knife treatment he is dismissed as innocent.

a suitable epitaph to inscribe upon the slab --- There are now 143 daily newspapers in Great Britain, as against 151 last year. Eighteen are published in London, 85 in -Alcohol will clean out the inside of an provinces, 2 in Wales, 21 in Scotland, 16 in nk-stand. It will also clean out the inside Ireland, aud 1 in Jersey. Seventy-eight are of a pocketbook a little more thoroughly and morning papers and 65 evening : 70 are pub-lished at a penny, 63 at a half-penny, and the -Father : " Good evening, Patsy ; it's remainder (10) at prices varying from 11d to fine moonlight night." Patsy : "It is, your Holiness; but it is not to-night that we 3d. 64 are returned as liberal, 37 as Conservative, and 42 as independent or neutral.

want the moon out-its dark nights we want -In the British House of Lords there is -Up in Lambton, when a mule gets s one Roman Catholic Duke, Norfolk, and two Marquises and four Earls of the same faith. lazy that he won't work more than nine or the latter six being converts. The Duke of ten hours a day, they trim his ears down and Norfolk is premier Duke and Earl of Engsell him to some London man for a carriage land. Viscount Gormanstown, premier Vis count of Ireland, and Lord Mowbray, Segrave -An English murderer wrote to his misand Stourton, premier Baron of England, are tress to send him money for his defense, and she replied that she had none to also Roman Catholic Baronets, and the heirs of two Protestant Earls are Roman Catholics.

-" Can a man belong to a brass band and be a Christian?" asks an exchange. We see no impediment in the way. But if he is given to practicing at home, it is an utter im--It is stated, in proof of the assertion tha worry kills more people than work, that the Quakers, on account of their peaceful ways, possibility for the man living next door to be ive ten years longer, on the average, than Christian.

-It is generally supposed that Hecla is a volcano in Iceland, and the largest one there. -A Newfoundland dog at Ridgewood, N , seized a little child by its clothes and It now turns out that there is no such moundragged it from the railroad track just in tain on the island. The volcano is Hekla. and it is not the largest, either, although it is the most frequent in its eruptions. It is 5,108 feet high, while Ozefa Jokull, another -Marie Azurine, a trapeze performer, fell

in Detroit on Thursday night, missing her hold of the trapeze. She was not expected to live when last heard from. Her collar bone renting houses for immoral -A Montrealer has made his fortune by bung." —The experiment of injecting milk, warm from the cow, into the veins of an apparently dying man has been tried, it is stated, in a Dublin herrital with success. The operators apply for a patent to cover butter that is Dublin herrital with success. The operators are the operators apply for a patent to cover butter that is Dublin herrital with success. The operators are the operators apply for a patent to cover butter that is Dublin herrital with success. The operators are the operators and the operators are the oper renting houses for immoral purposes, owning

and hope that can be more easily imagined NOW IT IS ALASKA.

WHITES PREPARING TO LEAVE. day-toward the end of November the

The Venezuelan Row.

longer able to work. She said that she could give them water and a little salt. A refugee woman came to ask bread for her father, who had fallen from hunger by the river side. And here again is a father who brings six little skeleton children to beg. Enough, enough, my friends ! God have pity on us l

#### SOULS SOLD FOR BREAD.

From Cariri (October) I have a long letter (too long to transcribe), telling of the depre-dations of robber bands, who overrun the whole region, stealing the few remaining cattle and goats, burning houses, killing men outraging women. Similar letters from other places, for, like all great national camalities, the drought awakened the worst passions drove humanity from the breast of men. Young girls sometimes sold themselves for a little food.

#### MENDICANTS PRAYING FOR FOOD.

ASSABE, Dec. 17.

How can I describe the misery that reigns here! Scores of persons have died from the ing but the dirty rags they died in. Men, women and children were indiscriminately effects of famine, though it is true that many thrown into these holes and partially covered with sand. of these cases were complicated by eating wild roots, raw mandioca, etc. Hundreds are poisoned by these roots and must die in a Here is a tableau. A great open field with few days. Day and night our doors are be thousands of mounds in it-trenches that had sieged by cadaverous, almost naked, mendibeen filled in. A score of men digging new cants. But very few persons can give any more, for if they do they soon will be obliged pits. A procession of bodies coming in, some in litters, oftener tied to a pole between two to beg with the rest. When the table is laid, the house is often invaded, even inside, by men. Half naked bodies with the horrible white sores on them. Child corpses on children, young girls, men ; they come up to trays, carried on men's heads. Sometimes

us and kneel on the floor to ask for a morsel " for love of God." Men, women and children congregate in the streets and yards to on rinds, mango skins and reeds, the old ones. Several cases of the smallpox and other refuse; they eat all without fear of the result, which may be bad enough. They eat soap-berries even !

From Granja, near the sea coast, where many refugees had 'congregated, a government commissioner writes :

As I pen these lines I am tormented, almost desfened with cries, imprecations, tears, groans of a people driven wild and agonized by famine, nakedness and disease. A thous. famine, nakedness and disease. A thous. and at a time, they beg a morsel for the love of God, for divine pity, that they may save right to filch their living from the world. for a moment some child torn by hunger. A grave woman, pushed about by the people, begs to save herself from the monster that devours her to save the child in her womb. good and evil I saw there; the evil, alas, too Another cries for broth for her husband, who sully predominant ! Only one thing more is prostrated, almost inanimate by that worst I will note, for it may be the sign of another of disease familie. Another choice how the sign of another solution of the sign of the sign of another solution of the sign of another solution of the sign of another solution of the sign of the s diseases, famine. Another shows her scourge in the future. When I left Fortaleza bony body, with hardly rags to cover her nakedness—a horrible sight. Another begs help for her husband, her son, her bro-like the ordinary small-pox. The patient was ther, all dying together. One just cried to Help me for the five wounds of Christ ! I am falling." This one says, "Senor, lis-ten to me, who am dying with my children." She cries, groans, curses ; but what can I do? there are many; there are so many, alas! doubt, that this is the terrible black plague, Theusands who would have help at once. the scourge that has so often swept And how shall I help them when I have no through Europe and Asia. but which And how shall there includes the commission so far as I know, has never appeared before bought provisions and arranged money on the on this side of the Atlantic. The cases were faith of the Government, which had promised already numerous at the beginning of the resources. But these have not come. We year. One of the first victims was the wife LATEST FROM BRITISH COLUM vear. One of the first victims was the wife oan do nothing, and the people are cursing of the Provincial President, Senor Jose us. "They give only to their favorites," the crowd says, and then they cry fiercely, "You have food for us; give it at once!"

#### ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND PEOPLE PERISHED.

The greatest mortality from hunger was and these dying at an enormous rate. probably in March; from February 1 to May bably there have been 300,000 deaths in the 1, when the exodus was taking place. I can other drought-stricken provinces, of which I hardly calculate the number of famine deaths have few notices. There is nothing in hishardly calculate the number of handne deales have to be notices. There is noticing in the latter place to be used. there is not the latter place to Yale good during the whole drought probably one that there never may be again 1

BURYING IN TRENCHES.

At Lagoa-funda the dead are buried in dispatch says the steamship California, which trenches, twelve together; "except," re-left Sitka, February 10th, arrived at Esqui-marked one of the overseers, "where the malt on the 14th. There was much excitebodies come in too fast for us; then we put fifteen or twenty in a trench, conforme." The having threatened the annihilation of the trenches are deep; the bodies are placed in whites. two layers and well covered. But the soil is their attacks. The two Indians who murdered fectant properties than a pile of stones would surrendered to the Collector, and are now on

have. With 20,000 bodies rotting underneath on board the California, en route to Portland it the stench was nearly insupportable. I to be turned over the District Attorney, to stood it for five minutes before I turned away, await the action of the authorities at sick at heart and stomach from the terrible Washington. Three families came down on sight. What I saw was this. A series of the steamer, fleeing from danger. The storepits or trenches, about seven feet by twelve keepers are preparing to emigrate by the and seven deep; some of them empty, next steamer. Father Metropolsky and his others half full of corpses, not cleanly clad congregation, in conjunction with the congregation, in conjunction with bodies, with folded hands and closed eyes, resting peacefully in polished coffins; American citizens of Sitka have petitioned the commander of her Majesty man-of-war, now lying at Esquithe death horror is all taken away from these. I saw hideous, filthy masses of sores, with the staring, wide open eyes full of sand, the

malt to come to their fearful that they cannot allay disturbances imbs twisted, the face moulded to a curse before the United States Government can send assistance. It was rumored that Cutting & Co's cannery, about four miles from Sitka, had been sacked and burned. No reliance is, however, placed on the rumor, be cause the company have Indians in their

The Collector of Alaska telegraphed to Secretary Sherman for aid. The Indians threaten to kill two white men in retaliation for the two prisoners. The night before the steamer arrived an alarm was given through some nervous person, creating the greatest consternation. The people barred

loors and stood ready for action. The priest's house was crowded with terror-stricken wo men and children, who could not be induced to return home till daylight. The steamer's

Of course stench is worse in new tranches close beside gan to gain ground at her departure. The appeared among them on the yoyaza, and whites are well organized, and in case they then they died like vermin and were thrown cannot conciliate the Indians will make into the sea. Probably fifty thousand emidesperate fight. James Brown was murdered grants left Ceara. They were received kindly enough in the other provinces, though their But needs were not always promptly met. into the ocean. Plunder was the incentive. for the most part they would not work : their

Much of his property was found in possession mendicant habits were now so confirmed of the murderers. that they would only beg or starve. I think VENEZUELANS FIGHTING.

they had some vague idea that as they were victims of a terrible misfortune they had a APPEARANCE OF THE BLACK PLAGUE.

I could write much more of Ceara and the those proclaiming in favor of Gen. Guzman. people were talking of a disease which they on Aragua to join Valeria against Cadenoz. are fleeing and hiding. On the other hand, seized with a sudden giddiness, fever and burning of the tongue; then dark spots like bruises appeared on the body, and in twentyof Guzman. Gen. Valeria was shut up in four hours all was over. I surmised from the first, and I believe there is now, no Victoria by Gen. Cadenoz, and all communication with Caracas has been cut off. Ex-President Guzman declares that he only comes to quiet the country, and will not accept the Presidency. La Guair is totally undefended. The general tone of the country is said to be in favor of Guzman.

BIA The Victoria, B. C. papers of the 23rd January, have news from Cariboo. The cold night without attendance. What will be the weather had fairly set in, and when the mail result of this new pestilence? I only know what has been a province utterly ruined; a sleigh passed through Stanley, the 12th, the thermometer registered 33 o below zero. population of 900,000 reduced to 400,000. When the passengers reached the 100 mile Pro-

past (Bridge Creek) they found it still colder -37° below zero. There was good sleigh-ing from Barkerville to Cache Creek, from

### THE TELECTROSCOPE.

M. Senlecq, of Ardres, France, has recently submitted the plan of an apparatus intended arrival created more confidence, but fear be to reproduce telegraphically at a distance the images obtained in the camera obscura. The apparatus is based on the property possessed by selenium of effering a variable and very sensitive electrical resistance according to the different gradations of light. It consists of in his cabin while asleep. He was hacked to pieces with an axe, and his remains thrown

autographic telegraphic transmission; the

the surface of the unpolished glass travers ST. THOMAS, Feb. 7.-Government advices from Venezuela report a severe fight at Guarenas. Generals Pulido and Azala were by two spring acting as pincers, insulated and defeated. Another battle near La Victoria resulted in the defeat of Gen. Cadenoz, with cuit. In gliding over the surface, more or a loss of 500 men. Gen. Colina has left Caro less lightened up, of the unpolished glass, with 3,000 men to aid the Government against this point communicates, in different degrees and with great sensitiveness, the vibrations Blanco-Luciano, with 4,000 men, has marched of the light. The receiver is a tracing point on Aragua to join Valeria against Cadenoz. of black lead or pencil for drawing very Caracas is quiet, and the adherents of Guzman finely, connected with a very thin plate of

soft iron, held almost as in the Bell teleit is reported that the revolution is in full phone, and vibrating before an electro-blast. Caro is surrounded by the adherents magnet, governed by the irregular current emitted in the line. This pencil supporting a sheet of paper arranged so as to receive the impression of the image produced in the camera obscura, tranlates the vibrations of the metallic plate by a more or less pressure on that sheet of paper. The working of the new machine will be watched with some interest; but at present it is theoretical rather

than practical

-The newspapers say that bird fanciers ave puzzled over the origin of a new and unnown species of bird that is killing off the luck some babies have! A gallant Colonel English sparrows in Seneca Falls, N. Y. It in the Guards, returning the other night to has marvellous strength, carrying the carcass his chambers in Hawick Palace, found on the of these sparrows up into the trees, where it door-step an interesting-looking parcel, and devours them. It is about the size of a on getting the porter to examine the contents, robin, and is blue feathered on the breast. -A marriage notice in an exchange com--A marriage notice in an exchange of the purs we weather but give the intre tenow shows and think of in an hour wouldn't improve that, so we'll let it stand stripped of all family of her own, hearing of the incident went to see the little foundling, who, capti-

on whom the operation was made appeared oniv to have a few minutes to live, so utterl exhausted was he. He has since recovered So at least we are assured by the Freeman's

-The Key West (Fla.) Vidette says : tonanza has been discovered right here our harber. It was supposed that the sponge was extinct in this neighborhood, having been gathered years ago, but sudden-ly and by accident it is ascertained that the heighboring bars are teeming with sponge of a superior quality. We are informed by a sponge merchant that a few small boats secured between \$8,000 and \$10,000 worth of sponge in two days last week, and all within a half hour's sail of the wharf.

-So suspicious have the rural folk becom since the failure of so many British banks that on the last dividend day at the Bank of England the street was crowded with pro vincials in garments of a cut rarely seen in Threadneedle street, who had gone up to London to see for themselves that their money was invested as their bankers had told them. A large force of detectives was on hand to guard against pickpockets. Many of the stockhollers invested the money they drew out in consols.

-At Cleveland Susan G. Farrand ha petitioned for a divorce from her husband. a clergyman. She alleges that since their marriage in 1868 she has had to support him, he forcing her to do so by threats that if she did not the Lord would punish her in the next world as well as in this. He failed in the lecture business, she says, and then got her to set him up as an inventor of a per octual motion machine, in which occupation he was speedily reduced to live on turning and cornmeal; then he headed a temperand failed; then obtained crusade and congregation, but was expelled. She is discouraged.

-The first engraving of books in Japan focus an unpolished glass and any system of took place in the third month of the first year of Hoki (A. D. 700), when "Darani" tracing point of the transmitter intended to Buddhist book written in Pali characters), of Hiakuman Towers, was engraged ; but since is formed by a small piece of selenium held then we do not hear of any book being en-by two spring acting as pincers, insulated and graved till the third day of the sixth month connected, one with a pile, the other with the in the first year of Kuangen (A. D. 1243), line. The point of selenium forms the cir-when the engraved "Hokekiyo" (a Buddhist book) was offered to the Buddhist gods : next to it, "Sentakuska" (the Buddhist book of the Jodo sect) and the "Confucian Analects were engraved one after the other. It was not till the eightn year of Genroku (A. D. 1695 that the book was printed with five kinds of colors.

-London World :- Since Dean Stapley came back from America his friends say he i given to transatlanticisms in his utterances. only know that I read in his little discours to the Workingmen's Club last week, apropo of the Jerusalem Chamber and the old story of "Madcap Hal," that "the King came to himself, and hearing who had taken the crown he thought it was a wild freak of his son : accordingly he went for him and ad ministered warnings which had an effect upon

the young man.' -Here is the foundation for a pleasing romance from the London World : - "What

a fine boy about eighteen months old was re vealed. What could the colonel do in such bury.

ashed in pure water. ---If the scandal about you is true your bet-

spare, but hoped they would meet

time to prevent it from being killed by

ter way is to talk yourself nearly to death in citizen who, according to a court decision, order to convince men that it is false. If it cannot be libelled, no matter what is said of s false you can afford to keep still and allow to die of its own poison.

tudded with gems to the number of 900diamonds, lapis lazuli, etc. -The Vatican is to have its own journal,

published in Italian, French, English, German and Spanish. All the Papal briefs and allocutions in the original text, but with translations, will appear in it. -The Princess Louise may be a nice

young lady, but she doesn't wear any dia-monds while doing her housework, nor carry a trail in her hand when out walking, so she not entitled to any admiration on this side of the line.-St. Albans Advertiser.

-The sleigh in which Napoleon I. traveled in Switzerland is still in existence. yet more remarkable relic is the ship which Charles II. returned to England from Holland at the restoration in 1660.

-It is intended to commemorate the cen tenary of the birth of the poet Thomas Moore on May 28, by a grand musical performance of Irish melodies in Dublin, on a scale somewhat similar to the Burns Centennial in Scotland.

-A lady, engaged to be married, and geting sick of her bargain, applied to a friend to help her to untie the knot before it was too " O certainly," she replied; " it is very easy to untie it now while it is only a beau not.

-Double names are said to have been inroduced into England in the time of James ., and for a long time confined to the high-born, but Shakespeare tells us that Dogberry's constable was named George C.

Coal. They sit by the ingle together, In a silence far sweeter than sound-In the silence known only to lovers-Unbroken, until, with a bound,

she springs from his side, ejaculating, " Law dy! there's a coal of fire popped on to our ew carpet?"

-In Norway a horse can help himself water as he does to hay, from a trough kept of diphtheria in the healthy districts of Eng-full of it, and accordingly drinks like a land than in thoso where the general mortalihuman being at meals—a sip, then some hay, and so on. Broken-winded horses are almost unknown in Norway,

-Harvard students break up, at least shorten, morning prayers at chapel, by niring organ grinders to play outside, or by inducing stray dogs, or by doing other silly hings that no shop boy or mechanic would be ass enough to indulge in.

ays that various prelates in Rome have been lectured about the queer company they keep, and priests have been forbidden to wear

ay aftire and frequent theatres. The present Pontiff is a disciplinariam.

quarter on this occasion, for among the prioners was one of the native allies.

-The High Church clergy have sent to the Queen a protest against the Duke of Connaught being married in Lent, and askng that the wedding be deferred. They forget that the Prince of Wales was married in Lent by the Archbishop of Canter-

-The Low Church party in Dublin have and even merry. They support their hard lot without repining, and save money. begged Mr. Roe, the great distiller, who has

ownership depreciated the value of his neighbors' holdings. This is the same worthy him.

to die of its own poison. —A chalice and paten presented to Trinity ity of Temple Bar the workmen chanced on a (Episcopal) church, Princeton, N. Y., in bottle of wine, something like the smaller memory of the late Mr. Thomas Potter, is Schledam flagons yet in use in Holland in its shape, and be utifully iridescent, its original-ly dark colored glass showing signs of the action of the fire. The wine within is of a pale rudy tint, and only a spoonful of it has evaporated. It is evidently a red wine and may date as far back as 1719, judging from the neighborhood in which it was found.

--Nocton Parish, Lincoln, is a particularly healthy place. Its population is just over 600; acreage, 5,340; subsoil limbstone; land various. In the last three years there have been twenty-one burials in all, eleven of chil dren under six months, three of persons over eighty, three of persons between seventy and eighty, two of children of nine, and one each of twenty-five and fifty-five, one of these last being killed by an accident and the other dying of the consequences of an accident.

-In no country under the sun is educational discipline enforced with such rigor as in the Celestial Empire. A young Chinaman at Phillip's Academy, Andover, is exceedingly backward in his studies. The faculty of the school sent an official notification of this fact to the Chinese Government, at whose expense the blockhead if being educated. Government acted promptly and vigorously. Its instructions were brief and comprehen-sive: "Send him home and we'll behead him."

-A correspondent of the Neilgherry Excelsior tells of a tiger cub which is in the habit of smoking up all his master's cigar stumps. He secures those luxurious bits as they are thrown away, and after his master has retired to bed "gets a light" from the histener, and enjoys a quiet smoke every night. "Mehemet Ali," he says, "used to have a tame animal of this irascible species, to which he regularly handed over his bookah after enjoying his after-dinner sedative. The animal waited patiently for his turn, and then puffed away.

-It is a curious fact that more versons die ty is higher. In she healthy districts, out of 100,000 persons born, 2,029 died of this dis ease : while in the less healthy districts, such as Liverpool, the deaths from diphtheria amount to only 441. On the other hand the deaths from scarlet fever in the health districts number 2,140, while in Liverpool they are 3,830 out of every 100,000 born. The best' medical authorities assert that the disease has existed from the earliest

days of medical history, but it has become much more virulent in modern times. -The St. Gothard tunnel is now the longest tunnel in the world, the length, bored from both sides, reaching a total of 13,481

yards-23 yards longer than the Mont Cenis Very nearly 3,000 yards remain to be excavated. Most of the labourers employed in the galleries are Italians. They work night and day in shifts of eight hours each, and their work is described as being terribly se-vere. The heat is so great that they can wear no clothes whatever. They return to

the mouth of the tunnel streaming with perspiration, their faces are yellow and ghastiv. hey cannot bear the light of the sun, they walk with bent shculders, and stagger as it carrying burdens too heavy for their strength. They are nevertheless said to be cheerful.

violated a standing order," says Mr. Forbes, telling how the Ghoorkas had brought in several captives. It was lucky that they gave

-" In making prisoners at all they had

-The London Standard's correspondent