REECE AND TURKEY.

aller Army, but Her Navy er Fighting Trim.

Greece is small when that of Turkey, but her also small, is in much shape. The total peace Greek army is estimmen, as follows: Infanalry, 2,648; artillery, 3,etc., 1,234. In the first are 59,500 men, and in erve 125,000, making in strength of land forces

ce strength of the Turstimated at 144,300 men. vs: Infantry, 96,000; cavrtillery, 16,500; engi-0. In the first reserve 0 officers and 295,000 ne second reserve 21,360 2,000 men, making a toth of 867,300 men.

Greece consists of five els. The oldest, built in are the Basileus Georgcarrying two 10-ton the upper deck, four machine guns, with a knots, and the wooden Olga, 2,600 tons, carryon and two 31-2-ton th a speed of 10-knots. Hydra, 4,885 tons, and the Spetsai and Psara. rance in 1889-90. Each is n over-all steel belt of the water line, above er belt 2.9 inches thick. hree 10.6-inch and four esides seven 6-pounders ther small and machine are seventeen torpedo feet in length, one tortwo Nordenfeld submar-

ted vessels consist of 1,300 and 1,800 tons, two ons each, launched 1884boats, six built in 1881revenue vessels. The by 185 officers and cadyees, 587 petty officers 03 stokers, etc., total,

Turkey is in a very

owing to the fact that st ships have been sold s. There are but three can be regarded as seaids of fighting value. e of such small displaceso old as to be only fit ruisers and local defense the navy looks formidrs, most of the vessels ess in a marine engage-

ssel in the navy is the first-class modern cruns, armored with 14-inch rying ten 10.2-inch and rupp guns. with a pos-17 knots. Then there is built in 1885, 6,700 tons, 0.2-inch and two 6.6-inch th a central battery and een knots; the Mesond-874, of 8,990 tons, twelverrying 10.2 ten-inch and rupp guns, central batof thirteen knots; the betted cruisers, Aziziyeb, Osmaniyeb, and Orkan-5,400 tons, carrying two 9-inch, and six 3.9-inch with a speed of twelve however, were built in ar-i-Shefket and Nedim-2,050 tons each, built in one 9-inch and four 7ng guns, have a speed of the Assar-i-Tevfik, 1,600 1368, carrying eight 9.4-8.2-inch Krupp guns, with knots; the Hufzi-i-Rah-1868, of 2,500 tens, carryh, two 7-inch Armstrong 5-inch Krupp gun, and ulend, built in 1870, of h four 9-inch Armstrong peed of 14 knots. s manned by 6 Vice-Adr Admirals, 208 Captains. ers, 228 Lieutenants, 187 30,000 sailors, besides 9,-

AND THE EMPEROR.

Not like the Kaiser, But ave to Toady to Him.

as is Emperor William ab

noment in England, it is ive the disgust which has by the discovery in Lonbrilliancy of the festivition with the celebration th anniversary of the ssion to the throne will gread measure upon His jesty. The Emperor of Humbert of Italy, King eden and the Kings of ugal and Denmark are ve made their going to ne occasion dependent upimperor William himself tend. It is felt by these no are interested in the of friendly relations with at they could not possibe present in person at n in London if Emperor is the senior of all the

ource of intense mortifi-Prince of Wales, who had e the pleasure of enterrulers of Austria, Italy, in London without the Emperor William. The relied upon, if he comes, rrangements made by the les and to run the whole suit himself without the ard either for his hosts guests. Indeed, it is that on the strength of eldest grandson of Queen a full-fledged Emperor, apt to usurp the functions of Wales as host to the

ndsons, were to remain

lties. on in one ward is thises come here there will be puble, annoyance and genment and ill-feeling, while away his absence will ennost of the other crowned ope who otherwise would

DOWNRIGHT MEAN.

How a Bride and Groom Were Annoyed on a Train.

"I'll have some fun with that couple when we get into the tunnel about who occupied half my seat in a railway holders was held at the Company's of- Kinnon, Thos. Long, John Hoskim, Q.

It was easy to tell that they were bride and groom. They had been escorted to the station by a crowd of ad- who was appointed to act as Secretary, miring and boisterous acquaintances, read the following whose observations while the train was waiting left no doubt that their friends had just been launched on the sea of ment of the Company for the year endmatrimony. More than that, the ing 31st December, 1896. bridy appearance of the woman and the blushing bashfulness of her big ures of the preceding year. This is companion were enough to proclaim attributable to the reduction in insurtheir relationship.

The whole carload of passengers be- the Presidential election in the United trayed a deep interest in the pair, as States, and to the reduced volume of was but natural, for few spectacles af- | business transacted in the Marine and ford more amusement to onlookers than

some occasional admiring looks from serve Fund of the Company has been each to the other, and the purchase by increased to \$528,883.84. The amount the husband of some caramels from estimated as necessary to cover liabilithe train boy for his bride, nothing of ty on unexpired policies has, owing to moment happened.

the tunnel?" I asked. "You'll see," he replied, "Prepare to an increase for the year of \$19,873.20. enjoy yourself."

all was quiet except for the noise made | cers and agents of the Company durby the motion of the cars. Presently the silence was broken by

the sound of a big. hearty kiss. It came from the direction of the The kiss was greeted by a general Premium income, less reinbridal couple.

"But they didn't do anything. All that kissing and talking came from a ventriloquist three seats back of

"Ah! You don't say! Well, I'm Expenses of management, something of a ventriloquist myself. Sit down a minute."

I sat down and presently there came from the seat I had just left, and apparently from my fun-loving seat mate, these words:

ple piece of ventriloquistic mischief, and declare them innocent of such public exhibitions of affection as I palmed Reserve fund \$ 528,883,84

a shame," began to be heard.

ther scrutiny. The bride and groom were not disturbed while I was on the train.

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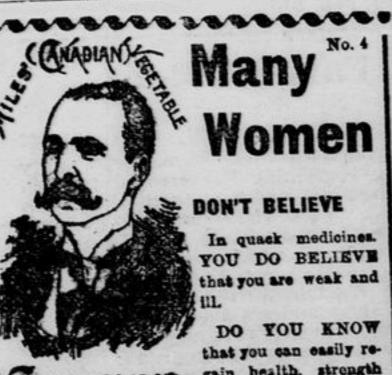
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is an expression to be condemned? Indeed, I don't. I think that Spiffins has wheels in his head.

How do you know ? By the spokes that come out of his mouth.



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The President, Hon. Geo. A. Cox, oc-

cupied the chair, and Mr. P.H. Sims,

ANNUAL REPORT: The Directors have pleasure in submitting herewith the financial state-

The premium income shows a moderate decrease compared with the figable values consequent upon the disturbance in general business caused by Inland Departments.

The profit shown on the year's busithe antics of a newly wedded couple. ness is \$61,271.79, and, after, providing I must admit that the two in ques- for two half-yearly dividends at the tion behaved extremely well. Beyond rate of 7 per cent. per annum, the Rethe smaller business transacted, been "How will you have fun with them in reduced \$11,101.41, and the net surplus, over capital and all liabilities, shows

The Directors desire to express their When the train entered the tunnel appreciation of the services of the offi-

surances \$1,482,080 94 Interest Account 43,624 03

taxes, and other charges. 514,249 90 \$1,464,43323 Dividends to shareholders.... 52,500 00

worthy bridal pair for what was a sim- Total liabilities (including capital stock) 908,075 00 Cash capital 750,000 00

> to the rule, there has been a falling pains began to leave his joints. He off-though not a serious one- some continued the use of the pills for some Itching, Burning Skin Diseases \$25,000, as compared with the business time longer and the cure was com-As you are aware, a large proportion | would be difficult to think of him as of the year 1895.

of our revenue is derived from our the crippled and helpless man of those need scarcely remind you that during his 80th year, but as he said, "by the ing and acts like magic in the cure of all baby the closing months of 1896 the disturb- aid of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I am humors; 35 cents. ed state of political and financial af- as able as those ten years younger. fairs had a marked effect upon the You can readily judge of this when general trade of the country. Owing I tell you I laid forty rods of rail fence who refused to permit the use of his to the nature of the main questions at this year. I am glad to add my testi- name, is so called because it would reissue between the two political parties mony in favor of Dr. Williams' Pink quire an angel to eat it without supin the recent Presidential election, bus- Pills." iness interests were affected to pronot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a bably a greater extent than in any root of the disease, driving it from the previous contest. The volumes of trade system and restoring the patient to showed a serious diminution in almost health and strength. In cases of par- No Help From Medical Men-Suffered every branch, particularly in the alysis, spinal troubles, locomotor atamount of importations and the pro- axia, sciatica, rheumatism, erysipelas, It was prescribed by one of the test physicians dust of manufactories. As a natural scrofulous troubles, etc., these pills are in this country for years, and is a regular pre- result, insurable values were material- superior to all other treatment. They scription. It is composed of the best blood by diminished, and the premium income are also a specific for the troubles old and well known settler in this tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surpurmers, acting directly on the mucous sur-faces. The perfect combination of the two infaces. The perfect combination of the two inshers is what produces such wonderful regular in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials free.

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The perfect combination of the two inshers in the United States in which it was anticipated would set in Pink Pills a certain cure. Sold by all boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and as after the questions at issue had been dealers or sent by mail postpaid, at nothing else ever helped me I say they settled by the popular vote has not 50c. a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, by ad-saved my life." A very little while and all will be yet materialized to any appreciable ex- dressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine "I had tried all the doctors of this o'er with thee here. Man is to-day, and to-morrow he is seen no more.— is a growing feeling of confidence in the doctors of this locality and was treated for Diabetes hoping and suffering for years." financial circles, which may be regard- substitutes alleged to be "just as good." ed as the first essential to a return of commercial and industrial prosperity. If is certainly a matter of congratulation that we have passed through this period of depression without that increase in the fire losses of the country which frequently accompanies such conditions, and that a very satisfactory profit has been realized

upon our United States business. In the Canadian fire department I am pleased to be able to say that our premium income again shows a moderate gain over that of the year 1895, as well as a profit upon the year's transactions. It will be gratifying to everyone interested in the Company to note that the "British America" is attaining in the field of fire underwriting in the Dominion that position which, as one of the oldest financial institutions in the country, we have always felt it should occupy. In this connection I may say-although the year now under review-that we have recently assumed the Canadian business of the Agricultural Insurance Company of Watertown, N.Y., having reinsured all its outstanding risks in Canada. While the amount involved is not large we believe that this will bring us some additional connections which may prove desirable and profit

Taken as a whole our fire business for the past year exhibits very satisfactory and encouraging results, but in our Marine Department I regret to say the losses incurred have been considerably in excess of what might have been expected from the conservative lines upon which we are conducting this branch of our business.

During the past year I have had op-portunities of visiting some of our more important agencies, and I have been most favourably impressed with the representation which the Company that you can easily re has secured throughout both Canada and the United States. I feel that in the Managers our Branch Offices, our corps of Special Agents or Inspectors, as well as in the local Agents representing us in the cities I have visited, we are fortunate in having in the service of the Company men possessing in an eminent degree the qualities THERE IS NOTHING ELSE essential to success in the business in

which we are engaged. The Vice-President, Mr. J. J. Kenny, se onded the adoption of the report,

which was carried unanimously, and a vote of thanks was passed to the President, Vice-President, and Directors for their services during the past

The following gentlemen were elected to serve as Directors for the ensuing year :- Hon. Geo. A. Cox, J. J. The Annual Meeting of the Share- Kenny, Hon. S. C. Wood, S. F. Mc-

fice, Toronto, on Thursday, 18th Feb- C., LL.D., H. M. Pellatt, R. Jaffray, At a meeting held subsequently, Hon. Geo. A. Cox was elected President, and Mr. J. J. Kenny Vice-President.

ACCOUNTED FOR.

Clara: Isn't your love for him very Maud: Well, his rich aunt died very unexpectedly.

A MINISTER'S STORY.

THE PAINFUL EXPERIENCE OF REV. C. H. BACKHUS.

neither Rise Up Nor Sit Down Without Aid-He Tells How he Found a

From the Tilsonburg Observer. The Rev. C. H. Backhus is a resident of Bayham township, Elgin county, Ont., and there is probably no person in the county who is better known or ida Central and Peninsular Railroad in the county who is better known or more highly esteemed. He is a minister of the United Brethren Church. He also farms quite extensively, superinalso farms quite extensively, superin- New York and Jacksonville, and St. tending the work and doing quite a Augustine. This train is composed of share of it himself despite his advanc- Pullman's latest improved comparted age. But he was not always able ment cars, dining cars, drawing room SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATE- to exert himself as he can to-day, as sleeping cars and library observation, after the first dose I had relief." a few years ago he underwent an ill- cars, leaving New York daily, except ness that many feared would terminate Sundays, at 12.10 noon, and Washinghis life. To a reporter who recently ton 6.20 p.m., running solid through is a good fellow, but he never will be had a conversation with him the rev. to Savannah, Jacksonville and St. Au- a finished painter." Second Artistgentleman gave the particulars of his gustine, via., Lynchburg, Charlotte, "No; all of his figures are entirely too illness and cure, with permission to and Columbia, reaching Savannah at life-like." make the statement public. The story 11.20 a.m., Jacksonville, 3.30 p.m., and In this age of adulteration, it is re-Losses incurred 950,183 33 as told by Rev. Mr. Backhus is substan- St. Augustine, 4.43 p.m., the next day. freshing to find the quality and purtially as follows:-About three years This train also carries through sleep- ity put forward as the strong points ago he was taken ill and the doctor er New York to Augusta, Ga., with con- of any article that enters largely into who was called in pronounced his trou- nection at Trenton, S. C., for Aiken, home consumption. This is recognized ble an attack of la grippe. He did not S. C. appear to get any better and a second This train is in addition to the re- "Salada" Ceylon Tea, and admitted doctor was called, but with no more gular double daily limited trains, leav- by analysts and medical men. satisfactory results, so far as a renew- ing Washington daily at 11.15 a. m. al of health was concerned. Following and 10.43 p.m., arriving in Jacksonthe la grippe pains of an excruciating ville at 9.00 a,m., and 9.00 p.m., respecnature located themselves in his body. tively the next day. He grew weaker and weaker until at | For further information time tables last he was perfectly helpless. He could and sleeping car reservations, call on not sit down nor rise from a sitting pos- B. P. Fraser, No. 19 Exchange street, ture without assistance and when with Buffalo, N.Y., or write to L. S. Brown, this assistance he gained his feet he General Agent, Passenger Department, The President, in moving the adop- could hobble but a few steps when he Southern Railway, Washington, D.C. expressions as "It's too bad," "What tion of the report, said:-I desire to was obliged to be put in a chair again. add a few words concerning the busi- For five months these agonizing pains The young man displayed some un- ness of the Company during the past were endured. But at last relief so easiness and finally he got up and went year. The three preceding annual re- long delayed came. A friend urged forward into the smoker to escape fur- ports I have had the honor of sub- him to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He hand organ I have seen for some weeks. mitting to the Shareholders have in yielded to the advice and had not been Got too cold for them, I suppose. each case shown an increase in the taking them long when the longed premium income of the Company, this for relief was noticed coming. He could ples keeps windows shut and notta pay year, however, has been an exception move more easily, and the stiffness and

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills strike at the

plete. Seeing Mr. Backhus now it

A HOPEFUL CIRCUMSTANCE. I think, said young Mrs. Torkins, that we will like the new servant better than we did the other.

For what reason? inquired her hus-She carries a smaller basket to and from her home.

THOUGHT

THAT KILLED

MAN!

HE thought that he could trifle II with disease. He was run down in health, felt tired and worn out, complained of dizziness, biliousness, backaches and headaches. His liver and kidneys were out of order. He thought to get well by dosing himself with cheap remedies. And then came the ending. He fell a victim to Bright's disease! The money he ought to have invested in a safe, reliable remedy went for a tombstone.

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Angel cake, said the married man,

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to use Dodd's Kidney Pills and I must say that after using the first box I press due to leave Toronto at 12:30 p.m. (noon) on these would have considered them reasonable dates. at ten dollars a box.

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