NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The conference of mayors to consider municipal problems, called by Mayor Howland of Toronto, will be with much interest Among other things to be discussed is the question of municipal coalyards, brought up by Mayor Morris of Ottawa. Although it is a subject which we cannot work up much enthusiasm this weather, yet we cannot note the growth of trusts and combines without consternation. A substantial rise in the price of coal must mean paralysis to manufactures and commerce, to say nothing of the direct embarrassment it would occasion the ordinary citizen. The institution of municipal coalyards would, if successful, no doubt be followed by ventures at municipal control in other directions. would be a long stride towards the realization of the dreams of Bellamy and the social reformers.

The word smith applies to so many occupations primitively not differentiated that it is no wonder that multitudes of persons are namad Smith. The barbers, the weavers, webbers, or websters, the dyers, the carpenters, the cooks, the wheelwrights, the plumbers, the bakers, the butchers, the falconers, or faulkeners, the shepherds or shepards, the farmers, the millers, the tailors, the walkers, the tinkers, the merchants, the chapmen, the sergeants, the fullers, the shoemakers, the mercers, the glovers and other professions trades have left their names to surviving clans. Here, too, may classed names of more august sound the Kings and the Lords, the Popes, the Bishops, and the Priests. Bachelers, Masters and Rectors come from the university, we suppose, just as the Bulls, Lambs, and Steers come from the farm or Smithfield. There is no end to the curious inquiry and speculation, fanciful enough sometimes, that may be pursued in regard to the origin of certain surnames.

In an article in Macmillan's Mag- ak, Man., when at regular intervals, azine Mr. Edward Whitaker recall less known surviving names that had their origin in occupation. Thackeray, a variety of thacker or too obvious to be convincing; but how many of us would suspect that Vaccination Jenner's name came from "ginour" the engineer who had charge of a catapult, a missile thrower of the Middle Ages. On the register of Somerset House are some queer surnames, smacking of war, such as "that invariable cause of hostilities, Quarrel," Allies, Challenge, Charge, Battle, Great-Battle, Rout, Victory and Conquest. Battle and Conquest are the only ones Quarrel as like to be "an arrow" as "a cause of hostilities?" In that with Bolt and Gunner. Other mar- capillary tubes, rubber bulbs, boxes tial names in Somerset House are and corks. Gash, Gore, Slaughter, Carnage, Corps, Shott, Shell, Cannon, Sword, Lance. Slaughter, Cannon, and Gore are known surnames here. We have the happiness to remember an old gentleman born about the time of the French Revolution of the name of Independence Gore, a relative, perhaps, of the Massachusetts Governor whose name is perpetuated in a balloon. in the library of Harvard Universi-

According to Mr. Whitaker, Cannon is not a military name but points "to one of the bound religions, the title of which, had its members kept their vows, would not appear among hereditary surnames Battle marks emigrants from the Sussex village of that name; and most of the other murderous names known as the "Conspicuous Service an electric railway and underground to be nicknames or are supposed corruptions. We are not not so sure about that. In this country Pike, Norfolkshire, as a permanent coun-Spear, Spears, Swords, are well- try residence. known names, but here, by a reversal of the ordinary process. Bowie gives his name to the knife, not the knife to Bowie. Sir Cloudesley Shovel is an instance of the name of a humble implement made glorious on the seas. Gen. Pillow's name recalls an even lowlier article. Ar- the archbishops and bishops. mour, Armory, Greaves, Shields. Archer, Bowyer, Bowman, are other ly backed will be introduced in the were lost. military surnames.

Some names have swum and some wielders of the hatchet, hackle, remain, but the names of other sorts of flax workers, the Blackers or at least in these parts. Among the cattle keepers are not only the Herds and Hurds, but the Cowards, Stotherts, and the Calverts, the Lords Baltimore, Todhunter, a name not dear to some persons averse to mathematics, is to be catalogued with Hunter. It means a nunter of the tod or fox. The severely correct Cocker comes from the cocking main, and Bullar is a memory of the days of bull baiting. From a more fortunate source flow the musical names Harper, Singer, Sanger, Songster, perhaps Sharp, Bass, guineas. and Musick?

THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

Hon. J. Israel Tarte intends to beautify the grounds on Parliament

A Hamilton man's refusal to take out a dog tag cost him \$5 in the

police court. Hamilton is making extensive arrangements for the reception of the

Duke of York. The Alexander Mackenzie statue has been placed in position on Par-

liament Hill, Ottawa. It is feared that the loss from the forest fires in Northern Ontario will

be the heaviest in years. The Duchess of Cornwall is expected to dedicate a new water fountain being erected by Ottawa's W.C.T.U The Canada Atlantic Railway Co.

is going to test acetylene gas as an illuminant for its passenger coach-The Dominion Government assay office to be opened at Vancouver

will be equipped to handle \$16,000,-000 in gold yearly.

The Montreal street railway may

sell ten, instead of eight, workingmen's tickets for a quarter in the near future, and extend the hours. The C.P.R. is making enormous

preparation for the coming harvest in the North-West Territory, which will be ready about August 10th. A mastiff dog belonging to Joseph Armstrong of the Macassa Hotel

Hamilton, committed suicide by drowning in three feet of water. Minister Tarte has written to the Mayors of the various cities to be visited by the Duke asking what

lic buildings. The Premier of Tasmania has requested the Canadian Fisheries De-

partment to furnish his colony a in Tasmanian waters. Breathing springs have been discovered at the north-east of Makin-

as of the breathing of a man, transparent salt water is ejected. It is said that the Bell Implement Company of St. George may remove to the Cockshutt factory in Brant-

thatcher, is obvious enough, perhaps ford as soon as the Cockshutt factory can erect a new building for its own accommodation. Fire has destroyed a building in which over thirty years ago Mrs. ed in Madison county in Arkansas, 12c; backs, 141c, and shoulders, 11c. Bolton was murdered, for which where he was disguised as a woman,

crime her husband was hanged at and taught school. Niagara-on-the-Lake, that place being the county town. Mr. J. W. Beaumont, basket-maker, Stony Creek, has received an order for a large supply of fruit live others are badly injured.

baskets for a firm in Cape Town.

This is said to be the first order of the kind received in Canada. An order-in-Council has been passof these familiar in this country. Is ed placing the following articles on the free list when imported by manufacturers of vaccine points for use case Quarrel would be in the class Glass caps, shells, containers, and in the manufacture of such articles:

GREAT BRITAIN.

Lord Milner will return to South

Africa on August 10th. Electric gun mechanism is to be put into some of the new British

Stanley Spencer, aeronaut, of Lon-

case of disaster.

The report of the British Commissioners of Prisons shows a decrease in crime in the United Kingdom. King Edward is now sitting two

hours a day to Luke Fildes for portrait in the robes that he wore at his accession.

King Edward has approved of a new decoration for the navy, to be Cross.

The Duke of Cornwall has leased Houghton Hall, near Fakenham,

ing a committee of ladies to visit | Czar will be appealed to. the refugee camps in South Africa and to report on their condition.

King Edward has cut out another coronation feature, and will not be persons. kissed by the peers or embraced by

House of Lords next session, abol. ishing the trial of peers by peers in cases of felony.

King Edward has subscribed 200 force. Heckle and Hackler, guineas to the fund for the purchase of a site in London for a permanent showyard of the Royal Agricultural

Society of England. Lieut. Elwes, who was with the Bleachers, the Whiters, the Scotch- Guards to South Africa, and had a ers or Scutchers, are scarcely known, bit of his skull shot away, on his marriage to a Glouchester heiress presented her with the piece of bone

set in gold. Mr. Andrew Carnegie has completed his princely endowment of Scottish university education by signing a deed of trust, placing the ten million dollars at the disposal of those

who are to administer it. The Bible used at the marriage service of the late Queen Victoria and Prince Albert was offered for sale by public auction at Thornby Rectory, recently, and brought 40

The engagement of young Ivor on the rock-bound coast to protect Churchill Guest, M.P., eldest son of ocean-going vessels.

Lord Wimborne, the millionaire MARKETS OF coal mine owner, to Miss Jeanne Langtry, daughter of the Jersey Lily, is the exciting topic of speculation in English society circles.

UNITED STATES.

The Merchants' Association, of

sas City, Kan., \$75,000 for a free

library. A child of Andrew Clark, near Wabash, Indiana, drank gasoline and

The strike of stationary firemen in west 2c lower. the Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania, has practically collapsed.

\$185,000 for the big floating dry-dock in Havana haroor.

who yesterday weighed 350 pounds. He may weigh a ton at 21 A Chicago lawyer held police bay for several hours when they tried to arrest him for beating hi

The annual statistical report railroads of the United States shows a big gain in trackage and traffic. The Ecuadorian Consul at Valparalso was shot, stabbed, and his ears 2 is worth 421c middle freights, and

been arrested. and he may die.

The mother of a young girl who middle freight. had stolen \$3 gave her daughter 20 City with the judge's approval.

that H. G. Haskell, has contracted \$3.20. Manitoba patents \$4; and and knee. His left leg was so bad-strong bakers' \$3.70.

rails on the Big Four railway in Il- wood. Broken lots, Toronto, 25c linois. A farmer discovered it and per bbl extra. avoided a wreck.

Fred Fourhelm, farmer of Bartlett, Iowa, insanely jealous, mordered his wife, six-year-old step-son, fired his with good grades wanted. We quote house and committed suicide.

Sarah Carter, a negress of Lexdecorations are to be placed on pub- ington, Ken., has been ejecting needles and pins from the tips of fingers, and doctors are puzzled.

aged 16, caught a mad dog when supply of salmon ova to be planted men were running from it, and locked it in a barn, where it was afterwards shot.

> ley, the defaulting State Treasurer, 10c. who caused a loss of \$500,000 to the State funds. In revenge for the killing of a resident by a game warden a mob has

and other buildings at Grand Moss Lakes, Colorado. A man named Sears, who is want-Helliwell Lane, St. Catharines, in ed in Texas for murder, was arrest- breakfast bacon, 14 to 15c; rolls,

burned the Radcliffe hotel, cabins,

A chain weighing four tons fell on six men at the Westinghouse Electric good demand. Spring wheat-Fair Company's works in Cleveland. Germann died shortly alterward and 801c; do, new, 751c; No. 2 winter

burg several British non-commission- do, 614c; No. 2 corn, 60c; No. 3 do, ed officers and men confirmed the 601c. Oats-Firm; No. 2 white, 43c; statement that the Boers shot the British wounded at Vlakfontein.

Fanny Annan, aged 16, was com- asked pletely scalped in the Loefer shoe factory at Sedalia, Mo. Her hair became entangled in the machinery, and the resulting injuries are con-

sidered fatal. John C. Brady, probate judge of 70%c. Kootenay County, Idaho, is dead Duluth, July 30.-Wheat closed- who was wounded three times at the stronger ones will secure more than him good; it's lovely there, with from the effects of a shot fired July No. 1 hard, cash, 74%; No. 1 Nor- battle of Colenso while sounding his their share and the weaker calves the flowers all in bloom. But where 5 by Henry Wilbusse, a madman, thern, cash, 721c; July 721c; Sep- orders. He was one of the first to less than a sufficiency. Lack of is your lunch? You ought to have who escaped from the asylum and tember, 71%; August, 72%; October cross the Tugela after sounding the water in very warm weather during a lunch after so long a ride." went to the judge's office and, with- 72c; December, 72tc; No. 2 Northern order to advance. When he returned the middle of the day may cause Over the little girl's face came a out warning, shot him.

has devised a battery which, it claimed, will produce electricity didon, will try to cross the Atlantic rectly from coal, yielding 35 per cent. of the energy that is stored in The telephone may be installed in coal, or four times as much as the Higher; No. 1 Northern, 72 to 73c; by several members of the Royal of food. Pennsylvania mines as a help in present combination of boiler, steam No. 2 Northern, 70 to 701; Sep- family. engine, and dynamo.

GENERAL

The Germans are erecting extensive brick barracks at Tien Tsin. Finland will be mitigated.

roads in Russia. During the current year 308,500 second, \$3.90 to \$4; first clears, \$3

soldiers are to be recruited for the to \$3.10; second, do, \$2.35. Bran-Russian army.

Russian officials continue their The Imperial Government is form- persecutions in Finland, and the

> perty extensively, besides killing 200 800 hogs, 100 caives, and 13 mich fattening coops for another month. There have been disastrous floods ...e runs have been large lately, average over six pounds in weight. a very considerable increase

It is stated that a bill influential- kow, in which hundreds of lives ness requirements, and as a result Whitby are manifesting great inter-The number of undetected crimes for a few lots of extra choice, were

in Cape Town has caused an outcry | weaker. in favor of an increase in the police Baron Krupp, the head of the Ger-

gun works, has declared his man annual income for the purpose of taxation to be 21,000,000 marks. The Budget Committee of the

French Chamber of Deputies has voted to abolish the French Embassy at the Vatican. The Natal Premier has stated that the sum paid in fines to the Treason

Court amounted to £18,000, out of a total of £20,000 imposed.

at Darmstadt. Steps are being taken by the Newfoundland Department of Marine and Fisheries to demonstrate the abso-

Prices of Cattle, Chesss, Grain, &3 in the Leading Markets.

Toronto, July 30 .- Wheat-The demand for wheat to-day was good, New York, urges reciprocity with with prices higher. Sales of No. 2 white and red winter was made at Andrew Carnegie has offered Kan- 661 to 67c middle freights, and the quotation north and west is 66c. No. 1 spring sold on the Midland at 68c, and No. 2 goose at 65c on the Midland. Manitoba wheat steady, with sales of No. 1 hard at 82c and of No. 2 at 80c. For Toronto and

Millfeed-The market rules quiet Bran quoted at \$12 to \$12.50 mid-The United States pays Spain dle freights, and shorts at \$14.75 to steel | \$15 middle freights.

Corn-There is no Canadian offer-Tuscalola, Ill., has a youth aged ing, and prices are purely nominal at about 48c west for No.2 yellow. U. S. yellow quoted at 50c to 60c, laid down here, lake and rail. Rye-The market is quiet and pric-

es steady at 47c middle freight. Buckwheat-Market dull, with prices purely nominal. Peas-Trade quiet with a sale at

Barley-There is a quiet trade. No. 701c middle freight. Barley-There is a quiet trade. No.

cut off, and several Ecuadorians have No. 3 extra 411c middle freight. Oats-The market is firm, with of-A dog caused a bicycle rider to ferings restricted. No. 2 white is fall at Galesburg, Illinois. A revol- quoted at 34 to 341c north and west ver in his pocket was discharged, and at 351 to 36c middle freight. Exporters are quoting 34 to 341c

Flour-Demand is fair, with a few lashes in a court room at Kansas sales. Ninety per cent. patents were by an engine in the yards at Little bought at \$2.57 middle freights, in York at a quarter to 9 o'clock Wedbuyers' sacks. Straight rollers, in nesday night, and had his right leg A Boston, Mass., despatch says bbls, for Lower Provinces, \$3.10 to cut off midway between the ankle

Oatmeal-Market is unchanged. Car Heat warped and expanded the lots at \$3.75 in bags, and \$3.85 in

DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter-The market unchanged, selected dairy tubs 164 to 17c; choice one-pound rolls, 17 to 18c; seconds, tubs and rolls, 15 to 17c; creamery prints firm, 20 to 21c; solids, 18½c to 19½c.

fresh gathered, nearby, 12 to 12tc; track, at such a rate of speed that seconds and culls, 6 to 8c. Cheese-Markets remains steady ed a warning. Engineer Carroll with good demand for finest goods

DRESSED HOGS & PROVISIONS Dressed hogs unchanged here at \$9.25 to \$9.75. Hog products in active demand, and prices firm. We quote:-Bacon, long clear, ton, and case lots, 11 to 111c. Pork-Mess,

\$19.50; do, short cut, \$21. Smoked meats—Hams, 131 to 14c; Lard-Pails, 111c; tubs, 11c; tier- reside in Brockville.

ces, 10%c. Buffalo, July 30.-Flour-Strong; Winter wheat-No. 1, northern, old, red, 75c; No. 1 white, 75c. Corn-At an official inquiry at Johannes- Strong; No. 2 yellow, 61%c; No. 3

> No. 1 white, cash, 73c; No. 2 red, his legs broken and the horse suffer- their peculiarities and preferences, better." cash, and July, 73c; September, 731. ed a similar injury. The animal and crowding them are reasons that "I am glad you are going," the St. Louis, July 30.—Wheat closed was shot. -Cash, 69c; July, 694c; September,

Hugo Jones, a Chicago chemist, 70c; December, 71; to 71; on mounted bugle. He was afterwards twice a day where the supply of die's sake; but you see, we didn't track, No. 1 hard, 73c; No. 1 Nor- sent back to South Africa at his own water is at the barn only. The re- have any lunch to bring. Tim-he's thern, 71c; No. 2 Northern, 69%c.

tember, 721c. Rye-Firm; No. 1, 56 to 561c. Barley-Steady; No. 2, 56c; sample, 35 to 54c. Corn-September, 56%c. Toledo, July 30.-Wheat-Cash,

July and August, 721c; September, Government's Poultry Raising Ex-734c; December, 753c. Corn-Cash and July, 55c; September, 56c. Oats Russia's policy of antagonizing | -Cash, 371c; July and September, 36%c. Cloverseed-Active; higher; A foreign syndicate wants to build October, \$6.15. Oil-Unchanged. Minneapolis, July 30.-Flour-Higher; first patents, \$4.10 to \$4.20;

In bulk, \$13 to \$13.50. LIVE STOCK MARKETS,

catt,e market to-day 100 carloads of pounds eight ounces. They will be A volcano at Sourabaya, Java Is- live stock were received, including continued on the present diet for a lands, broke loose and damaged pro- 1,785 cattle, 815 sheep and lambs, month longer and then go to the

on the Yangtse River, near Han- and the supply to-day exceeded busi- The farmers in the neighborhood of strength as compared with 1899, trade was dull, and prices, except est in the experiments.

Export cattle were of from 10 to 15c per cwt., and 5tc per lb was the best representative price to-day; from 44 to 5c was a common quotation for good stuff, and light shippers sold at from 41 to 410 per 1b.

Several loads were left over, Butcher cattle was dull a few are said to have been burned over in lution. choice lots sold at 41 to 41c, and the recent fires in the Temiscamingue five or ten cents over was a few and Kippewa districts, although the prices were from 15 to 25c lower loss is placed at from \$500,000 to than on Tuesday. Sales were slow, \$750,000, and while this loss will be and a good quantity of the stuff felt at once, the future loss will also

August 15, and will exchange visits for feeders and stockers; feeders are fore the new growth can replace by the police to stop unemployed at Darmstadt worth from 3 to 31c per ID.

or to-day.

Calves are unchanged, and choice alves are wanted.

A few choice milch cows will seil up to around \$50 each. There was no quotable change in Gen. Delarey's Plan to Blow Up Train & A Daughter . the hog market to-day. The run

The best price for "singers" is 710 per lb.; thick fat and light hogs are

worth 6ac. per lb. Hogs to fetch the top price must be of prime quality and scale not below 160 nor above 200 pounds. Following is the range of quo-

Cattle.

tations :-

Shippers, per cwt.\$ 4 75 \$ 5 124 Do., light ... 4 25 Butcher, choice do 4 00 Butcher, ordinary to good 3 25 3 75 Butcher, inferior ... 2 75 Sheep and Lambs. Choice qwes, cwt.... 3 30 3 60 Culled sheep, each ... 2 00 3 00 Lambs, each... ... 2 50 4 00 Bucks, per cwt. ... 2 50 3 00 Milkers and Calves. Cows, each20 00 45 00 Calves, each ... 2 00 Hogs. Choice Hogs, cwt.... 6 75 Light hogs, cwt. ... 6 50

LOST BOTH LEGS.

Heavy hogs, cwt.... 6 50

Stags, per cwt. 0 00

Terrible Accident to a Grand Trunk Fireman.

A despatch from Toronto says :-Joseph Ryan, a fireman on the Grand Trunk Railway, was run over ly crushed that it was necessary to Central Portion of Batoum, Russia, if I had to look like that, would amputate it when he was admitted

to St. Michael's Hospital. The injured man was fireman in engine 933 with engineer James Carroll, and came with a freight train from Belleville, arriving at 8.40. Immediately on their arrival they shunted down to the coal chute and were standing there preparatory to loading the tender. Ryan was standing on top of the tender.

One of the men on the chute saw Eggs-The market is quiet, with engine 932 coming down to the Miss Mabel Wedell of Elgin, Ill., prices unchanged. We quote strictly chute, tender first, on the same it would collide with 933, and shoutopened his throttle, and pulled out The Governor of Nebraska is being for export. We quote finest, old 9%c; to avoid the collision, but in doing

denounced for paroling J. S. Bart- new, choice, 91 to 92c; twins, 91 to so Ryan was either jolted off the tender or he was knocked from it by the chute. He fell on the track immediately in front of the approaching tender of engine 932, and it had done its terrible work a moment later. Dr. Riordan, with Dr. Walters, amputated the left limb at St. Michael's Hospital.

Ryan is 26 years of age, and lives has been looting shops opposite in Belleville, where he has a wife Shateen. The Chinese authorities and one small child. His parents have made no attempt to interfere.

BUGLER DUNN INJURED.

Boy Who Led Advance Across Tugela Has an Accident at Cape Town. A despatch from Cape Town says

-While practising at the Greenpoint No. 3 do, 421c; No. 2 mixed, 42c; camp on Wednesday for the reception No. 3 do. 411c. Barley-Nothing to the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall doing. Rye-Stronger; No. 1, 58c and York, Bugler Dunn met with an accident. His horse bolted and cause may be in the management. is my brother. We're going to the Detroit, July 30 .- Wheat closed- stumbled and fell. Dunn had one of Irregularity in feeding, overlooking park to see if it won't make Freddie

of the First Royal Dublin Fusiliers, poured into a common trough, the ol the child. "I think it will do Minneapolis, July 30 .- Wheat clos- to England to recuperate Queen Vic- harm, for it is customary with some flush request. He spent some time in Net- medy is to feed each calf separately our brother-he saved these pennies Milwaukee, July 30.-Wheat closed ley Hospital, where he was visited from the others, and give a variety so as Freddie could ride to the park

HENS ARE FARING WELL.

periments a Success.

Whitby, Ont., which are being con- withstanding the sensational novel ducted under the superintendence of of Alexandre Dumas, entitled "The Mr. F. C. Hare, poultry expert to Black Tulip," there is no such thing the sick boy, with radiant face, held the Department of Agriculture, are as a really black flower in existence, in his hand a package, from which proving a great success. Chickens although almost every color and he helped his sister now and then, just twelve weeks old, on a diet of shade of the rainbow is present in ground oats and skim milk, and with flowers and blossoms. a limited range for exercise, have al-Toronto, July 30,-At the western roady reached a weight of three When ready for the market they will shortly be made public, will show

HEAVY LOSS.

One Thousand Square Miles of Pine Burned Over.

A despatch from Ottawa says:-A

thousand square miles of pine forest times paid, but for ordinary cattle reports are conflicting. The money was left over. Prices weakened con- be great. The young pine which King Edward, Emperor Nicholas siderably towards the close of the were destroyed would have been commercially valuable in a few the great review near Mayenne about There is still only a light enquiry years, but it will be many years bethem. Much of the old pine trees street parades, and the town is he had seen and heard in the street Expert ewes and lambs were weak- damaged by the fire can be cut in a strongly guarded with troops. short time and made ready for the Billtop-You must be doing mighty Export ewes are worth from \$3.30 | market. The principal losers are the | well, old man, to be able to charter Shepard and Morse Company, J. R. a yacht. Capton-Not at all; I'm lute necessity to establish the Mar- to \$3.60 per cwt.

Compare of wireless telegraphy | Bucks sell at from 21 to 3c per lb. | Booth, Alex. Lumsden, the Hull doing it to save money. How's Say, pop, I've got to write a compare Gillies Bros., and that? I'm going to keep my mile. Lumber Company, Gillies Bros., and that? I'm going to keep my wife at position on Hope. What is Hope Lambs are worth from \$2.50 to \$4. McLachlan Bros. of Arnprior.

MINE FAILED TO EXPLODE.

Was Abortive.

A despatch from Kimberley says:-Two hundred rebels under Vanzl attacked Setlagoli Friday, but were repulsed. Gen. Delarey is reported to have been present. He afterwards recrossed into the Transvaal and attempted to blow up the railway. Seven pounds of dynamite was con- crowded city street. The one who cealed under the rails, and a rifle lived in the city was on his way to was concealed and set so as to explode the dynamite when a train After a few expressions of delight he passed. The rails were not deflected said: sufficiently to press the needle, and several trains passed without harm. A "ganger" discovered the mine.

BOERS TAKE NEW HOPE.

Denial in Amsterdam of Rumored darling."

Peace Negotiations. A despatch from Amsterdam says: -With reference to the rumors pubend the war. Instead, he, Leyds, and other Boers are basing great hopes on the fact that Dr. Kuyper, strong Boer sympathizer. He and boy of four. These children were Baron Van Lynden, secretary of the Hague Arbitration Court, have had frequent consultations, and the Boers

NAPHTHA EXPLOSION.

form of peaceful intervention.

hope that they will devise some

Laid in Ruins. terrible explosion of naphtha occurred ought to be a special line of cars for at noon on Thursday in the centre the lower classes."

the loss of life was great. shore of the Black Sea, and has a side them. They were profuse in expopulation of about 5,000.

SOUTHERN CHINA.

Night Raids. A despatch from Canton, China, says:-A band of over forty armed robbers for three successive nights The Chinese themselves are alarmed, and predict serious trouble. understood the foreign consuls have been warned to prepare for an uprising. A magistrate of Shuntah reports that robbers are increating the boy's thin cheeks as she asked in his district. Seventy-five robbers his sister: have been beheaded at Skertchaiy

CALVES.

during the last two months.

cause lack of thrift. When several young girl replied in a low voice Dunn is the fifteen-year-old Bugler caives are together, and their milk meant for no one's ears except those

A CHANCE FOR GARDENERS. Fame and fortune await the ingenious horticulturist who can succeed in producing a flower that entirely black-a problem that has hitherto defied the efforts that have A despatch from Ottawa says :- been made in that direction for more The poultry-raising experiments at than three centuries past. For, not-

TEERS. The returns of the British Volunteer force for last year, which will ber of "efficients" at the end of the 1900 official year was over 270,000 following. He paid for a nice ride

the "efficient" return of 1899. King Oscar of Sweden has terribly scandalized royal and imperial per- the two gentlemen, as agreed, met sonages there by expressing his be- again. lief in the Darwinian theory of evo-

The Orient liner Ormuz, from Sydney, N. S. W., for London, arrived off Gibraltar with two cases of the bubonic plague on board. She was toward Plymouth.

Over one hundred persons, including troops and police, were injured

sea for a whole month.

Worth Having

Two gentlemen friends, who had been parted for years, met in a meet a pressing business engagement.

"Well, I'm off; I'm sorry, but it can't be helped. I will look for you to-morrow at dinner. Remember, two o'clock sharp. I want you to

see my wife and child." "Only one child?" asked the other. "Only one," came the answer, tenderly; "a daughter. But she is a

And then they parted, the stranger getting into a street car for the park. After a block or two a group of five girls entered the car. They lished in the London Daily News all evidently belonged to families of that negotiations for peace in South wealth. They conversed well. Each Africa are proceeding, it is denied carried a very elaborately decorated here that Kruger is preparing to lunch basket. Each was well drossed. They, too, were going to the park for a picnic. They seemed happy and amiable until the car again whom Queen Wilhelmina has sum- stopped, this time letting in a pa'emoned to form a new cabinet, is a faced girl of about eleven and a sick shabbily dressed and on their faces were looks of distress. They, too, were on the way to the park. The gentleman thought so; so did the group of girls, for he heard one of

them say with a look of disdain: "I suppose those ragamuffins are on an excursion, too." "I shouldn't want to leave home

you?" This to another girl. "No, indeed; but there is no ac-A despatch from Batoum says:-A counting for taste. I think there

of the town, which is now in ruins. All this was spoken in a low tone, Many persons were killed. Many of but the gentleman heard it. Had the dead were horribly mangled, and the child, too? He glanced at the fragments of bodies were scattered pale face and saw tears. He was broadcast by the force of the explo- angry. Just then the exclamation: sion. The number of victims cannot "Why, there is Nettie, wonder where yet be estimated, but as the area af- she is going?" caused him to look fected was the most thickly populat- out upon the corner, where a sweeted part of the city, it is feared that faced young girl stood beckoning to the car driver. When she entered the Batoum is the well-known Russian car she was warmly greeted by the oil port. It is situated on the east five, and they made room for her be-

clamations and questions. "Where are you going?" asked one "Oh, what lovely flowers! Whom are they for?" asked another. "I'm on my way to Belle Clarke's, Bands of Armed Robbers Abroad in She is sick, you know, and the flow-

ers are for her." She answered both questions at once, and then glancing toward the door of the car, saw the pale girl looking wistfully at her. smiled at the child, a tender look beaming from her beautiful eyes, and then, forgetting that she wore a handsome velvet skirt and costly jacket, and that her shapely hands were covered with well-fitted gloves. she left her seat and crossed over to the little one. She laid her hand on

"This little boy is sick, is he not. He is your brother, I am sure." It seemed hard for the girl to an-

swer, but finally she said: "Yes, miss, he is sick. Freddie When calves are not thrifty the never has been well. Yes, miss, he

and back. I guess mebbe Freddie'll forget about being hungry when he gets to the park." There were tears in the lovely girl's eyes as she listened, and very soon she asked the girl where she lived and wrote the address down in

a tablet which she took from a bag on her arm. After riding a few blocks she left the car, but she had not left the little one comfortless. Half the bouquets of violets and hyacinths were clasped in the sister's hand, while saying to his sister in a jubilant

whisper: 'She said we could eat 'em all, GREAT INCREASE IN VOLUN- when we got to the park. What made her so good and sweet to us?" And the little girl whispered Lack: "It's 'cause she's beautiful as well

as her clothes." When the pank was reached the five girls hurried out. Then the gentleman lifted the little boy in his arms and carried him out of the car across the road into the park, the sister, with a heart full of gratitude, an increase of about 46,000 upon for them in the goat carriage and treated them to oyster soup at the park restaurant.

> "This is my wife," the host said, proudly introducing the comely lady; "and this," as a young lady of fif-

> At 2 o'clock sharp the next day

teen entered the parior, "is my daughter." "Ah! said the guest, as he extendrefused admittance, and proceeded ed his hand in cordial greeting, "this is the dear girl whom I saw yesterday in the street car. I don't wender you call her a darling. She is a darling, and no mistake. God

And then he told his friends what

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