FLYING MACHINES GETTING COMMON.

...nch Government Thinks it Will Soon be Real-...ized and is Preparing for Coming Change.

...lice Will Have to be Provided With Flying Machines in Order to Protect People.

...aris, Dec. 24.—So confident is the ...nch Government that the day is only ...hort distance off when aerial locomo-...ns will be practical that several com-...ssions are at work elaborating plans ...r meeting, in the various branches of ...e public service, the solution of any ...w problems which the revolution will entail. Capt. Ferber, of the French army, who is devoting all his time to aerostatics, and who conducted the negotiations on behalf of his Government with the Wright Bros., agrees with Santos Dumont that flying machines in a few years will be as common as automobiles today. In the next war he is convinced there will be battles between flotillas of airships. "Human mastery of the air," said he to the Associated Press, "is virtually achieved. None of the startling achievements of the past, neither steam, electricity nor the telephone, can ...pare with what the future holds in ...e for us. Not only will the life of ...dividuals be revolutionized, but Gov-...rnments will be compelled to devise, in ...most every department, new methods ...meet the changed conditions. This ...ange will come with amazing suddenness, and France is taking the precaution to meet it. In the customs service, present methods of watching the frontiers will be obsolete. Aerial patrols will be necessary to prevent the smuggling of contraband across the border. The police of all cities will have to be provided with flying machines in order to protect the people from the new opportunities of crime which aerial locomotion will place in the power of criminals. It would seem that flying machines would enable anarchists to achieve any end by threats against not only rulers but whole cities. With the police sailing about in the air it will be no more difficult to frustrate their plots than it is now on solid ground. In war the intelligence service will be entirely confined to the aerostatic divisions and armed airships will guard the bivouacs of armies."

Capt. Ferber believes the solution of the problem of aerial navigation lies in the question of equilibrium, as the principle of flight, that is, area of aeroplane surface and speed. He contends that the domination of the air as at present is enjoyed by birds was only obtained as a result of a slow process of evolution comparable in a way to the slow perfection of the present means of flight.

THE LORDS' DEFEAT OF THE EDUCATION BILL.

Parliament Will Not Dissolve—New Bill May be Introduced—Premier Sees King.

London, Dec. 24.—There will be no dissolution of Parliament as a result of the action of the House fo Lords in defeating the Government's Education bill. Although the rejection of this, the main Liberal measure of the session, is the most serious rebuff that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's Cabinet has suffered, it is not regarded as being sufficiently grave to necessitate an appeal to the country. Whether the Government could now successfully appeal to the nation on the Education Bill is the question on which even many Liberals are in doubt. The only immediate effect of the step taken by the Upper House, therefore, will be to give an enormous impetus to the Radical agitation in favor of curbing the veto powers of the Peers and to furnish the Non-Conformists with a new gun and ammunition in their fight for the disestablishment of the Church of Englanid. There is, however, a widespread impression that a purely secular education bill will be introduced during the next session of Parliament, while no doubt the Cabinet during recess will consider what means are possible to prevent the Lords from nullifying the prolonged labors of the Commons and to debar their veto of measures passed twice by the Lower House.

It is the general view of politicians that the Peers have entered into a constitutional struggle embracing much more than the Education Bill. The Liberals promise that there shall be no cessation of the fight until the constitutional issue is settled as to whether the Liberal party is to be forever checkmated by the "standing committee of the Tory Peers."

King Edward to-day received the Premier at Buckingham Palace. It is understood that His Majesty wished to be fully informed regarding the Cabinet's views on the political situation, as affected by the education question.

PERJURY AND ARSON.

Arrest of Two Feversham Men on Serious Charges.

Flesherton despatch says: At the conclusion of the Feversham fire inquest held here yesterday by Provincial Detective Rogers two warrants were sworn out. A. T. Hutchinson, general merchant, of Feversham, and rival of Heitman, who was burned out, was arrested on a charge of perjury.

During his examination in the afternoon he swore he had made no attempt to increase his own insurance. The Crown produced an application for more insurance bearing his signature, and R. J. Sproule, insurance agent here, identified the signature as Hutchinson's. Hutchinson is out on $2,000 bail.

John Semple, the stage driver, who lives in Feversham and who was sick yesterday, will be brought in to-day on a warrant charging him with setting fire to Heitman's store on the morning of the 13th of October last.

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TWO DESCENDANTS PRESENT.

Centenary of Sailing of British to West Virginia is Celebrated.

London, Dec. 24.—An interesting feature of the celebration at the Hotel Savoy to-day of the 300th anniversary of the sailing of the party that was to form the British colony at Jamestown, Va., was the presence of Major-General Baden Powell, who is a lineal descendent of John Smith and Admiral Rolfe, who is a descendant of Pocahontas from her marriage with the English colonist Rolfe. Admiral Rolfe said his family had recently recovered a stolen portrait of Pocahontas which would be loaned to the Jamestown Exposition.

T. P. O'Connor declared that Irishmen must have been among the first American colonists, as the latter soon became ardent Home Rulers.

The party included many other distinguished persons, including Foreign Secretary Grey, Earl Roberts, and Lord Curzon of Kedleston.

TRIAL OF MRS. CAREY.

DEAD INFANT FOUND IN PORT CREDIT CHURCHYARD.

Several Witnesses Saw Woman With Parcel Wandering About the Village, But No One Could Identify the Defendant.

Brampton despatch says: The trial of Alice Carey, the Toronto woman, charged with leaving a dead child in the Presbyterian Church shed at Port Credit, has been going on this afternoon at the Assize Court before Chief Justice Sir William Mulock. Evidence was given by the girl who found the body in the wood pile, by the doctors to the effect that the child had been born alive and was probably five days old, and by a dozen witnesses who had seen a woman wandering about Port Credit on March 17, a few days before the body was found. None of the witnesses would identify Alice Carey as the woman seen in Port Credit. Two witnesses spoke of a woman they had seen in Toronto that looked more like the wanted woman.

The evidence in the case will all be in by noon to-morrow, it is expected. Mrs. Carey is well-dressed, is quite cheerful, and bears herself jauntily when asked to stand up or walk before the witnesses. Her husband and a young woman friend from Toronto are in attendance.

HIS MEMORY GONE.

The Past Has Become a Blank to Joseph Chamberlain.

London, Dec. 24.—The long retirement of Joseph Chamberlain, owing to gout and other ailments has led to constant assertions and contradictions concerning the gravity of his condition.

The Chronicle states that he greatly overtaxed his strength at the celebrations in honor of his seventieth birthday at Birmingham, with the result that he lost his memory completely. The past became a blank to him, and he could not remember what had taken place even a few hours before and although his other faculties were and are unimpaired, his memory is gone.

GUARDS QUARRELLED.

Witness Said Orangemen Did Not Like Catholic.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Thestimony relating to disputes and quarrels amongst fifteen guards of the Toronto jail was heard from witness after witness at the investigation into the conduct of Governor Van Zant before Commissioner Judd in the Court House yesterday. William McIntosh, a young Scotchman with a ready tongue, who apparently is acquainted fairly well with conditions at the jail, expressed the belief that the guards who were Orangemen did not desire Guard Connolly among their number because the latter was a Roman Catholic.

SAYS NO "RING."

MR. W... TESTIFIES EXPLAINS TO THE ...OK COMMISSION.

Vested Rights ... Regarded as a ... Open Competition A Lengthy Statement Improvement:— Will Be Ready in January—Report

Toronto despatch: The O... book Commission yesterday fin... Texting evidence, and the Chairman, ...k. T. Crothers, said that the report w... be ready for the Government early ... January. In the morning President S. G. Beatty and Secretary Charles Builder, of the Canada Publishing Company, testified. Mr. Beatty gave the names of the members of the company, and thus it was shown that the company was comprised of members of the three firms which had practically controlled the publishing of school books. Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., on behalf of the publishers in question, read a statement, signed by Mr. W. J. Gage, with a view to placing them before the public in a more favorable light than they might have been owing to certain evidence given before the commission. Mr. Gage, who favored open competition, related the circumstances of the three firms obtaining control of the publication of Ontario readers and the steps taken by them to preserve their "vested rights." The document was calculated to prove that there was no "ring" of the publishers. In the afternoon Mr. Builder gave figures as to the cost of production of the Canada Publishing Company's books, and Mr. A. F. Rutter, Vice-President of Warwick Bros. & Rutter, explained that the reason the publishing firms were asked to enter the Canada Publishing Company was because Mr. Beatty was in poor health and contemplated removing from Toronto.

HYSTERICAL GIRLS.

SEARCH FOR MISSING PROPERTY BROUGHT IT TO LIGHT.

Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—Following reports of numerous thefts in a dormitory of Washington seminary at Washington, Pa., the principal yesterday announced that the young women in that section of the building would not be permitted to leave for the Christmas vacation until they and their rooms had been carefully searched. Scarcely had the teachers begun this unpleasant duty when the stolen money and articles were surreptitiously returned to their owners and the esarch was discontinued. The students of the school left last night for their homes, many being somewhat hysterical over their experience.

ENGINE QUIT THE JOB.

Serious Wreck on the C. P. R. Eastern Branch.

Brandon, Dec. 24.—A serious wreck occurred on the C. P. R. at 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning, one mile west of Elva, on the Estevan branch. Train No. 42, bound from Estavan to Brandon, struck a broken rail while running along at medium speed, which caused the engine, baggage, second and firstclass coaches to leave the rails. The engine ploughed through the ditch up the embankment, and landed in a big snowdrift in a farmer's field, completely off the right of way.

The only cars left on the rails were the tourist, express and mail. The engine was badly broken and the tender completely smashed, while the rail were torn up for some distance.

There were about 150 passengers on board, but beyond a bad shake-up no one was hurt.

FOUR MET DEATH.

Tragedy in Small Apartment House in Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Four lives were snuffed out and one person was fatally burned in a small fire in the Zenobia apartment house on Prospect avenue, at the corner of West Huron street, to-night. Other occupants of the place had narrow escapes, half a dozen being rescued by the firemen.

The dead are: F. M. Lambrecht, 40 Elmwood avenue; Mrs. Lambrecht, Ruth Crumlish, three years old, daughter of Mrs. C. Crumlish, and Mrs. J. J. Fisher of New York.

The building was flatiron-shaped, and narrow, winding hallways, in which the victims, confused by the flames and smoke, lost their way and were overcome.

NO FAITH IN BANKS.

Woman Trusted Pocket Alone, But the $6,000 Banished.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Ella V. Kober was robbed of $6,000 by a pickpocket in a holiday crowd in the shopping district here to-day.

The money was paid Mrs. Kober by the Pennsylvania Railroad in settlement of a claim on the death of her husband, who was killed in the recent electroc railroad wreck near Atlantic City. Mrs. Kober had no faith in banks, and had refused to accept a check from the railroad in payment of the claim, and demanded cash.

She received thirty $100 and six $500 notes, which she sewed in a secret pocket in an underskirt. While shopping with a friend she discovered that the pocket had been cut from her skirt and the money taken.

WANT A BRITISH PRINCE.

Party Would Place Prince Arthur of Connaught on Servian Throne.

London, Dec. 24.—In connection with the recent rumors of a plot to place Prince Arthur of Connaught on the Servian throne, M. Mijatovitch, ex-Servian Minister in London, in a published interview, admits that twice within a year delegates from Belgrade have vainly endeavored to interest him in the proposal, asserting that King Peter would be induced to abdicate peaceably in favor of the British Prince. M. Mijatovitch said he declined to have anything to do with such a fantastic suggestion, but declares there is a definite political party in Servia favoring a change in the dynasty.

THINKS MURDER WAS COMMITTED.

Trio of Mysterious Poisonings Arouse Relative's Suspicions—Warts Investigation.

Detroit, Dec. 24.— The mysterious death by poisoning of Carl Mende and his wife and the serious illness o... their son, aged 12, at Saginaw, Mich., are now believed to have been the result of a suicide and murder plot on the part of Mende, either due to military insanity or despair over his re... to carve out a successful ca... Luther years Mende has been a holding minister in the Central West, and Illinois, ...ates in Kansas, Missouri resigned his ... two months ago he ... Y., after ma...ate in Lockport, N. came to Sagina... failure there and editor of a Germ... here he became did not suit the ma...er. His work per and his contract ...ent of the pa... weeks ago. ...anceled two

Of aristocratic parentage ... hign spirited and sensitive ...ermany, ... was greatly depressed over his failure in life and felt keenly the plight of his family which he could foresee when his savings were exhausted. On Monday when Mende and his wife died it was supposed that their death was the result of ptomaine poisoning, but Wednesday, when his brother-in-law, Otto Ecker, of Chicago, arrived in Saginaw, he declared that he believed that Mende poisoned his wife and son and then took a dose of the same poison with the intention of committing suicide. He told the officials that if the city did not want to assume the expense of a chemical analysis of the stomach of his sister and her husband, he himself would pay for it. It was finally arranged that the city would pay for the chemical analysis. Mende has many relatives in Chicago and owns considerable property there. That there is insanity in his family is shown by the fact that his eldest son is confined in a private insane asylum in Wisconsin.

MURDER MYSTERY NOW CLEARED UP.

Geo. W. Harris, Murderer of School Teacher Two Years Ago, Confesses.

Goshen, Ind., Dec. 24.—Before Judge Dodge, of the Circuit Court, to-day, Geo. W. Harris made a complete confession of the murder of Sarah Schaefer, a pretty school teacher, two years ago.

Harris is 31 years old. He says his real name is Frank Burdock, and that his mother lives in Brooklyn, N. Y. His whole life has been given over to crime. He was born in Logansport, Ind., and since he was 16 years old he has roamed to all parts of the country.

He detailed all his movements to the judges. Harris' story is that upon his arrival in Bedford he met Esau White, and immediately engaged to murder his wife No. 2, who is supposed to be Sarah Schaefer, for $500. The confession says White helped to drag the body into the alleyway. Since the murder H... and did not ... has never seen White, ...of the killing ...w him until the night ...mitting the mur... explanation of com... job through the g... he says he did the ... This afternoon H... to get money. ... to trying to kill Polic... pleaded guilty ... man, of Elkhart, and ...rgeant White... two to four years in ... given from ... prison and fined $2,000. ...gan City ... deferred pending the in...ence was ... Harris' confession. Officers ... into ...ford are expected here to-night. ... Bed... insists he is telling the truth, ...arris ... though he hangs for it. Judge D... ... is not inclined to accept the confessio... as genuine, but does not believe Harris insane. Harris gives the minutest details as to his movements in Bedford, and while his confession looks improbable in many respects in others it has elements of genuineness.

AFTER THE NEW YORK ICE TRUST.

Controlled Ice Companies And Ice Field—Ran the Price Up to $14 a Ton.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 24.— Attorney-General Mayer in the name of the people of New York to-day began an action against the American Ice Company in the Supreme Court of New York County, for the dissolution of the so-called "Ice Trust."

The complainant alleges as a principle feature of the "scheme and arrangement" by which the company secured a practical monopoly of the natural and artificial ice output and distribution especially in Greater New York and the communities in that vicinity, that it secured control of the Maine ice field, and caused a reduction there last year of the usual harvest from a million and a half tons to one third of that amount. The other sources of supply are alleged to be similarly controlled.

The key to the ice situation in New York city is pointed out as lying in the company's control of the "ice bridges," or landing depots, by which means, it is alleged, are controlled by the company. and who supply the retail trade and the push cart dealers through whom the poor in the congested districts receive ice.

It is said that by the time the ice reaches the poor customers of these push cart dealers it costs them at the rate of from $10 to $14 a ton.

WATCH FOR HIM.

SAID HE HAD TWO SCOTCH GIRLS FOR SERVICE.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 24.— Another alleged petty swindling operation has been exposed in this city, this time the alleged swindler being a man passing under the title of Rev. Robert Kerr. Kerr advertised in the Toronto papers that he had two Scotch girls to place in positions, and received many enquiries in writing, to all of whom he agreed to send the girls. All that was necessary was to send railway fare. This was done by many people. Exposure was brought about by someone up west asking a local friend to see the man, which was done. The man agreed to produce the girls on a certain day, but by that time had skipped. It is believed he took in between $400 and $500.

LORD DELAMERE IN JAIL.

Well-Known Explorer Charged With Fraud in Africa.

London, Dec. 24.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Mombasa, on the east coast of Africa, says that Lord Delamere, who was prominent in English society and has wide connections among the aristocracy, has been committed for trial at Nairobo on a charge of fraud. A solicitor who is accused of abetting him was also committed.

Lord Delamere devoted much of his time to exploring and hunting big game in Africa. His wife acompanied him and shared his rough life. He left England last year to reside near Nairobi, where he built a fine house and bought 100,000 acres of land, intending to grow cotton and sugar.

CHINA'S AWAKENING.

Four Important Towns to be Thrown Open for Trade.

London, Dec. 24.—The Times has received the following cable despatch from its Pekin correspondent: It is officially announced that by agreement with Russia China will open by herself, as places of international residence and trade, Hangchun, otherwise called Kwangchengtsze, the most important trade centre in Manchuria; Kirin, capital of the province of the same name; Harbin, the main centre of Russian activity in Manchuria, and Manchuri, the first railway station on the Chinese side of the Russian western frontier. The opening will take place on the Russian New Year's Day, Jan. 14, 1907, before the complete withdrawal of the Russian troops.

POPE DISPLEASED.

SAYS THAT NEW FRENCH BILL IS AS BAD AS THE OTHER

Rome, Dec. 24.—A semi-official note issued by the Vatican to-day says that the text of the new French Government's bill amending the church and state separation bill of 1905, is as bad as the former regulations, "being a maximum of oppression with a minimum appearance" and aggravates the position of the church in everything without this being apparent to the general public.

CANADA SAME AS TOGOLAND.

A Proposition Which Pall Mall Gazette Pronounces Preposterous.

London, Dec. 24.—Referring to wireless telegraphy and the appointment of a select committee, the Pall Mall Gazette says the draft of a scheme for colonial representation at the conference is by no means satisfactory. A scheme which gives Canada and Australia no greater voice than the bureaucracy of Togoland or Kiaochau would be quite too preposterous for our acceptance.

JAPAN'S MERCHANT FLEET.

New Shipping Company With Capital of £2,000,000.

London, Dec. 24.—The Times' correspondent at Tokio sends the following cable despatch: A new shipping company has been formed in Japan. It already possesses a fleet of 150,000 tons. Its capital is £2,000,000, of which half represents the value of the existing fleet, the remainder to be devoted to the building of new ships. The company intends to establish services to Formosa, Hokkaido, Java, Vladivostock, North China, Hong Kong, Manila, Hawaii, America, the South Seas and India.

STAMP DISTRIBUTING CENTRES.

Have Been Established at Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—A new departure has been made by the Post Office Department which will be welcomed by postmasters in the west. Heretofore these postmasters were compelled to send to Ottawa when they desired to replenish their stocks of stamps, but owing to the rapid growth in the demand for stamps it has been decided to establish distributing centres in the west. These will be at Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver. The new system will go into effect on the New Year.

NOT YET ALIENS.

FRANCE WILL TREAT RECALCITRANT PRIESTS LENIENTLY.

Applications Under Law of 1881 Made From Almost Half Paris' Churches—Labor Bureau Being Installed in Cardinal Richard's Palace.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Cabinet to-day among other formalities decided not to separate into several bills the amendments to the Church and State separation law of 1905, which were read in the Chamber of Deputies on Dec. 15, by M. Briand, Minister of Public Worship and Instruction, and then sent to the Committee of the Chamber.

The Chamber Committee, this evening agreed to abide by the Cabinet's wish not to press the question of treating recalcitrant priests as subjects of a foreign power until its preliminary examination of the clauses of the entire proposition, except the one relating to pensions and allowances of the clergy, an agreement on which was left over, has been completed.

Applications for permission to hold religious meetings under the law of 1881, have now been made in behalf of 32 out of 71 Paris churches.

M. Viviani, Minister of Labor, is installing his force in the palace formerly occupied by Cardinal Richard.

Cardinal Lecot, Archbishop of Bordeaux, characterized the summons served on him as "barbarous and cowardly."

WEDDING PRESENTS HELD.

Former Woodstock Woman Loses Treasures at Port Huron.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Eva Hunter Hersee, of Redlands, California, formerly a resident of Woodstock, Ont., where she was married last September to Mr. Hewee, filed a petition in the local United States Court to-day to compel the return of her household ed and held by the customs officials at about seventeen hundred dollars, seized nad held by the customs officials at Port Huron, or to fix a reasonable duty ...on them so that they may be released.

...he alleges that before leaving Woodsto... her husband was told by the United ...tes Consular agent for that district ...t there would be no duty on the goo... but upon reaching Port Huron ev...thing was seized, and taken to the bon... warehouse. Many of her presents, she says, came from friends in the United States.

Judge Swan ...xed next Monday for hearing the petit...n, which is directed against Collector ...f Customs Avery, of Port Huron.

KAISER GOT EVEN.

How He Disposed of an Intruder in His Private Car.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—A story is current to the effect that Emperor William went by train to Potsdam with a few intimate friends. The only other occupant of the royal saloon carriage was an impassible liveried man servant. The Kaiser was in a lively mood and his conversation was animated and confidential. Suddenly his Majesty interrupted the talk and summoned his secretary. Then, pointing to the servant, he asked. "What is that man doing here?" The man was questioned and was finally obliged to confess that he was a reporter for the Lokal Anzeiger. The Kaiser began to twirl his moustache, which is a known storm signal. The he recovered himself, and, smiling grimly, ordered that the train be stopped. The interloper was obliged to alight on the track and was abandoned in his livery ten miles from the nearest station to get home as best he could. The Kaiser spent the next five minutes chuckling over his vengeance.

CLAIMS CHINESE THRONE.

A Resident of Victoria, B. C., Tells a Startling Story.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 24.—A Manchu Banner woman, married to an English ofifcer of Gordon's army, has announced that she has made claim to the throne of China. The woman, unwilling to make public her name lest relatives be assasinated at Pekin, has addressed petitions to the British Government asking that her claim be taken up with China. She says she is a direct lineal descendant of the third Duke of Chou, and as such aserts she has a right to the throne of China prior to that of the Empress-dowager.

With her husband and family the woman has ben living in Victoria for twenty-one years since she came from Pekin, where a younger brother, who, she says, is next in line to herself to the Chinese throne, is now living.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Evidence Against W. H. Paul Heard at Rainy River.

Rainy River, Dec. 24.—The preliminary hearing in the case of W. H. Paul, charged with the murder of Hermid Shelling near the village of Pinewood on or about Friday, November 30 last, was taken up this afternoon before Police Magistrate Morton. District Attorney Mackenzie conducted the case for the Crown, and Mr. H. A. Tibbetts defended the prisoner. The testimony was practically a repetition of that elicited at the coroner's inquest at Pinewood on the 7th inst.

AUSTRALIA NOT SATISFIED.

Each State Wants Delegate to the Colonial Conference.

London, Dec. 24.—Sydney Carruthers, Premier of New South Wales, said that it is strange the Imperial Government should exclude the individual States of Australia from the proceedings of the Colonial Conference, apparently confusing the constitution of the Commonwealth with that of Canada. The Australian States have declined to permit Premier Deakin to speak on their behalf.

ONTARIO ARCHIVES TORONTO