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The Mail recalls the kind word:

SPIRIT OF INDIFFERENCE.

The retiring provement in the Council continues. This shows that the aldermen are conscious of their imperfections and very willing that the civic legislative body should be strengthened without delay. On the outside, and among the electorate, the evidence of activity is not so marked. necessity of action. A lower order dictatorship. of things, with higher taxation as the penalty of public indifference, would teach lessons never to be forgotten. The people are inviting punishment by their indifference to the public weal, and they may bring about the seckoning they deserve all too soon.

AFFAIRS OF EGYPT.

The changes in Egypt, so far as its signally he is no good. government is concerned, are promising of peace, and aten most critical juncture in its history. Abbas II. ruler, or the ruler with restrictions of the conservative party. The liberas to his power and authority, has als have never regarded the. Orange destroyed his usefulness. He is one Lodge as a political institution, and of the many who have been misled by so has neither used not abused it. It the Germans, and in his abandon would be well for the News if ment he will be without much sympa. could say the same for its party. thy. In Constantinople, at the time the war broke out, he passed, like the sultan and his colleagues, under German influence, and found himself opposition to the British government. and in a mood to do it mischief.

It shows how rapidly events move. and how the diplomats of the great powers work, that at the time Abbas II was meditating rebellion against the British government and its protectorate against Britain, and route to Egypt to lay the plans fo revolt, he was quietly deposed, and a successor found in his nephew. Abbas, shorn of authority, and in peril of his life, raced back from Egypt, or its confines, to seek the protection of Austria and Germany, and is welcome to all the comfort he can get from the emperor and kaiser. They may promise him much or little. For the time he is a man without a country, and Francis Joseph and Wiftiam, fighting for their lives and thrones, will understand him best.

The new khedive, Abbas Hilmi, is a son of Ismael Pasha, who reigned in Egypt from 1865 to 1879, and the British government must have some assurance that he will do better than his father or he would not be named for high office now. His father was not a financier. He borrowed and did not pay. He sold to Britain his shares in the Suez canal and by that act gave control of the canal to Britain. France objected at the time, and order was effected when, by an arrangement, England and France were represented in the government of Egypt and receivers for the Suez canal. Ismsel Pasha was forced, because of his hostility, out of office, in 1879, and his son Tewfik became the khedive. Two conditions he accepted. One was that the French and British regulate his finances. The was that the Egyptian army should farmers over \$10,000, With a conbe limited to 18,000. It was during tinuance of the cold weather, it is Tewfik's rule that the troubles in the believed that the ep'demic will soon Soudan set in and were suppressed by Gordon and Kitchener.

Egypt is now, with the consent of France, a British protectorate, with London from India, and is now w certain marked concessions. Britain Coionel W. D. and Mrs. Gordon. The religious convictions of the Egypt ians will be respected. Britain knows hat all this means. It has been tenac, is the fourth alderman who threatened with a religious uprising has resigned from the City Coun- has left for New York, to spend up of a few stray hands, is at an I am his prophet." presumably against its alleged intol- cil. freedom, in all essentials, under Brit were interned in Fort Henry.

ish direction, appears to be the one great concession which was absolutely necessary, and the assurance of it has had the desired effect.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The friends of Mr. Eilber, M.P.P., see him in the cabinet. They do, eh? His name suggests that some one should investigate his ante-Ontario doesn't need the services of any one of German extrac-

Of Canfied, the great gambler, whom Jerome put out of business, and who died recently, it is said, to his credit, that he gave large sums to the churches. And they took the money without questioning the source -or colour of it. Would the Ideal Man have worshipped at his shrine?

The attempts to create discontent among the French-Canadians, by Bourassa, will not succeed. He has shot his last sholt. The French-Canadians are mercurial in their feelings, but they are not wholly inconsistent. They see how foolish they would be to follow his leadership.

Bourassa lauds the freedom of the inited States. He should remove to One year, if not paid in advance, \$1.50 where, under the Stars and Stripes, will be better and happier than in Canada. If he made the change no one would be "stupid enough," to use his own words, to ask him

> The Mail recalls the kind words expressed by Dr. Dernberg, during a visit to England a few weeks before the war broke out. He was feted in London, and he was vociferous in his praise of British law, British enterprise, British statesmanship. He was playing the spy then, and he did his

The editor of Le Devoir set out to This is simply inexplicable. No one become a great French leader in Canow questions the need of a better nada, supplanting Laurier, Gouin Council, and yet the desire for change Lemieux, and all the rest of them with the ratepayers is not at all And he has failed. His dickering with manifest. They have not been seized Borden for places in the cabinet for with the seriousness of the situation, his followers, and the collapse of the or if so have not awakened to the whole nationalist movement ended his

> Ald. F. S. Spence, of Toronto, has peen called a "knocker." Well, he has knocked some things that needed it but he has boosted some other things, and on the whole he is one of Toronto's ablest men. The man who never objects is not the best man for a city. If he doesn't knock occa-

The Toronto News makes much of the fact that the liberal party prowho became the khedive, the nominal fited by the Orange Lodge desertion

The Surgeon-General of the Public Health Service of the United States is emphatic in his declaration against the pollution of the water in our lakes. This pollution is a menace to the millions who use the water for domestic purposes. The danger conspicuous, but the removal of batiles the United States and Canada

Kingston Events Twenty-Five Years Ago

J. B. Murphy purchased fifty tur keys on the market to-day. Johnston Brown purchased Kemp's hotel, at Sydenham.

Kingston's "kiddies" are anxiously awaiting the coming of Santa Claus. ig thing storm to-day.

No Father's 'Eart. Lordon Tit-Bits. "You're not 'urryin' to work

"I'm not that."

"S'pose a duke like you don't mind osing arf an 'our.' "Look 'ere, Bill, our timekeeper daughter was married yesterday, and tell you if 'e's there to time this ic n' e's no father's 'eart."

Like Pre-election Promise.

Gal amore News. Won't you get me an automobile lerr?" said the young married wo-

"But the expense, wife!" replied "Oh! you know you promised to seep nothing from me after we were

Hog Cholera Was Costly

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 21 .- It estimated by government inspectors that the hog cholera outbreak in Er ex county has to date cost the be completely stanged out.

News From Old London.

Miss Elsie Pense has 'arrived Colonel J. H. V. Crowe, formerly will defend the territory against any commandant of the Royal Military aggression. The restrictions with re- College, has returned from India, and spect to the army are to be removed. is now employed at the war office in

Ald. J. S. R. McCann, of Fron-

Eleven Germans arrived from J. B. Clarke.

UPHILL.

Yes, to the very end.

Will the day's fourney take the whole long day? From morn to night, my friend.

my face? You cannot miss that inn.

Those who have gone before. in sight?

Shall I find comfort, travel sore and weak? Of labor you shall find the sum. Will there be beds for me and all who

seek? Yes; beds for all who come. -Christina Georgina Rossetti.

THE RABBIT FENCE.

Australia's Barrier Is 1,200 Miles

Long and Jealously Cuarded. From Condon to Hopetown, clear miles long, and the single purpose of | Peace's birth its construction is to guard the fertile farm lands from the havocmaking rabbit pest. The entire eastfrom passing its boundary.

immigrant, who doubtless hoped that | codden kind neculiarly dangerous to they would live and thrive, the orig- | the health and the lives of the lads to Australia-have multiplied into a worm efothing, and as much of it countless horde, hardy, omnivorous las possible, imperative. One hones and bold. In vast armies they scout | with all one's heart that the outhalong the fence seeking for some en- orities will adequately cope with whis trance hole, and often travel hun- very urgent want. But private letdreds of miles to one ocean end of ters from the front show that there the fence trying to find a place of is some fear on this score. passage through from the inhospit- The supply of tobacco able regions to the fertile farms.

taken by the "Golden State" to main- the tobacco sent to the for any one who leaves a gate open. clone, levels whole sections of the fence, and then it must be rebuilt with all possible speed. Often this occurs in the desert country, through which a part of the fence runs, and then the posts and wire must be carted on camels from where the railroad ends. The expense of maintenance is large, but the saving to the times in bountiful crops.

A Really Poor Author. whether I will or not."

Valuable Pictures Hidden.

Visitors to the National Gallery in London, who are disconcerted to find blank spaces on the walls where famous pictures usually hang must blame the Zeppelins. All the pictures which are considered most valuable have disappeared into some bombproof shelter. Others, which are usually "skied," have in some cases been lowered to take their places. Kingston had a severe thunder and | One result of this precaution seems to have been to decrease the number of students and copy makers. Those who were engaged in copying some of the gallery's masterpieces have had to put their work aside until the Red Pross work among the war vic end of the war.

An Ancient City.

Rhodes still survives, a medieval city in all its defensive war gear of tower and curtain and keep. It is the city which the Knights of St. John erected in the midst of the Byzantines after they had been driven out of Jerusalem in the early fourteenth century. Probably few travelers realize how well preserved the tremendous fortifications and dwellings are.

Exit the Bellman.

The town's bellman is a functionary who has come down with the history of various ancient communities for hundreds of years, but Stirling (Eng.) Town Council recently. resolved to abolish the office. was decided to ask that the bell be returned by its present holder, and if he is employed by third parties to make announcements that he provide a bell for himself.

A Bank Privilege. The coffee-stall opened in the Bank of England for the refreshment of the refugees recalls a little-known privilege of the bank-no less than the right to sell beer without a license. This privilege was allowed the bank by the Charter of Incorporation, dated July 27th, 1694, and the

directors, if they chose, could open a

public house in Threadneedle street

Capt. L. Whelan, Aberdeen avenue rebellion apart from the rounding matter. Allah is the greater, and Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. end. Accordingly, he has gone for

SOLEMNITY THIS YULETIDE addest Christmas the Old Land Has Known In Many Years.

It will be solemnity, rather than merriment, that will make the observance of Yuletide in the Old Country this year. The load which the nation is called on to bear, But is there for the night a resting however bravely and uncomplainingly it may be, and, indeed, is, A roof for when the slow, dark hours borne, is terribly, awfully heavy. Thousands upon thousands of homes May not the darkness hide it from throughout the land have already been rendered desolate by this titanic war which is keeping no favors for the great, but is taking its Shall I meet other wayfarers at toll-its tremendous terrible tollalike from castle and from cottage, Athwart the doorway of hundreds Then must I knock or call when just of thousands of other British homes lies, dark and deep and dreadful, They will not keep you standing at the shadow of an anxiety too anguished for words, almost too tense

However confident the British people is in the righteousness of their cause, however proud to realize that, in this hour of testing, their hearts have been proved not nworthy of their father's, however sure of the war's ultimate outcome, a "Happy Christmas"—in the ordinary, mundane sense of these words -will be impossible to most of There will be, one cannot doubt, an altogether unwonted solyear, amid the griefs and alarms of across the continent of Australia, war, the entire nation will observe runs a fence of woven wire 1,200 the high festival of the Prince of

Every soldier at the front and ern part of the continent is overrus every sailor at sea will receive a with rabbits, but the western state, gift from the fund raised by Printhe "Golden State," as it is proudly cess Mary, and also another gift of called, is practically free from them, a pair of woolen socks, a woolen thanks to this seventh wonder of s body-belt, from "Queen Mary and fence. Upon the intactness of this the women of the empire." The barrier depends the prosperity of admiralty and the war office are putevery farmer in Western Australia, ting forth every effort to send to and it is guarded with the eagerness the North Sea and Flanders all the and the care that a beleaguered state winter clothing possible for the use takes to prevent a devasting army of the sailors and soldiers. Particularly for the troops in Flanders. Imported into the country by some | where the cold is of a damp and inal pair-for rabbits are not native in the trenches, is the necessity for

troops is generous. The British The most amazing precautions are ernment is refunding the duty on tain the effectiveness of its barrier. active service, and the French gov-Range girders guard it for its entire ernment is allowing it to be imlength and keep it in a perfect state | ported free of duty. The charat of repair. Ingenious traps are in fund organized by the Westminster !! stalled at every railroad crossing, Gazette has done a lot to cater .o. and wherever a road passes through, the needs of the soldiers at the rabbit-proof gates are built into the front. Sailors and soldiers in hosfence. A heavy fine is the penalty | pitals in the British Isles may be I supplied with tobacco at duty free Sometimes a "willy-willy," or cy- rates. And a movement is on foot

> NO LIMIT TO SAVAGERY Raid's Lesson to Italy and United

London, Dec. 21.-The Westminster fertile farms repays the outlay many Gazette, writing, on the coast raid,

"But let it be freely conceded that these exploits are possible to any When Dr. Johnson was a resident power which chooses to take the risk of Grub street he made the acquaint- and has no regard for the convenance of a poet named Samuel Boyse, tions which limit the savagery of war. whose poem on the Deity and other If Germany was at war with the Uniworks had earned him high praise. ted States, or if she chose to declare Boyse could not go abroad to seek war at short notice, it would be quite work because his clothes were in possible for her to open the campawn, so he lay abed with his arms | paign by bombarding the skyscrapers thrust through two holes in the in- of New York or throwing shells on sective blanket, which was the only the numerous undefended towns of the covering, writing and starving. North American coast. No possible Johnson raised enough money to get navy can do more than make these his clothes for him, but two days adventures a hazard, for an omnipreslater Boyse was in bed again, eating ent patrol of the seas is an impossia stew of beef and mushrooms pur- bility. This country will know how chased by the repawning of his suit. | to sustain its own case, and will do "I might as well eat while I may," so by more effective methods than ap- | CHRISTMAS GIFTS AT BERLIN. he said, "for I must some day starve, peals to any neutral tribunal, but it goes without saying that the neutral Children's Presents Arrive From Am nations, and especially those which, like Italy and the United States, have large stretches of undefended sea- ter the long trip from America by board, must be deeply interested in the challenge which Germany has thrown

BLINDNESS FROM GUNS.

of the rules of war."

down to all accepted interpretations

Mary Garden Reports Singular Epidemic In France.

New York, Dec. 21.-Mary Garden came home Saturday from France to eat Christmas dinner with her mother at the Ritz Carlton. She will return to France in two weeks to resume her Harry Ledoux, Prominent Tobacco

Miss Garden asserted that an epide mic of blindness has resulted from the concession of heavy guns in artillery duels on the French border. "One of the hospitals with which am connected," said Miss Garden, given over almost exclusively to the new 'war disease,' as the men's blind-

ness in called. Many war victims are suffering from frozen feet, too, according to the pri-

U. S. ARMY BILL ADOPTED.

my Or Reserve

Washington, Dec. 21.-Carrying prac tically everything the war department dued. 'h's imperial majesty would asked for, the army appropriation bill was agreed upon by the House Military committee. No provision was for a larger army or reserve. Around \$2,000,000 was provided for ammunition in line with the department's policy of bringing its reserve | haiser has most to lose in up to 100 per cent

The bill carries \$101,000,000, a cut of \$3,000,000, but practically the same once said of him. 'He is the only amount appropriated last year. The committee voted to grant about had beaten troops back into \$400,000 for use in the aviation rapital." branch of the army. This will pro- A Dutch cartoon by Raemaekers vide another squadron of eight air entitled "The Holy Wer," showing

Botha Takes Holiday.

Louis Botha, premier of the Union Turk is saying, "He is too big, of South Africa, considers that the which Wilhelm replies, "It does i" a short vacation on his farm before erance. The assurance of perfect Montreal on Saturday afternoon and E. E. Leach, of Toronto, is visit- undertaking a campaign against of works in Toronto during the past ing his parents on Johnson street. German South-west Africa.

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erica To-day.

Berlin, via The Hague, Dec. 21.-Af way of England, France and Italy, the gifts for German children from the "Christmas ship" Jason arrived here Saturday. A massed choir of school children sang Christmas carols as the presents were carried into the town hall, where they were distributed. Ambassador Gerard and representa tives of the government took part in the ceremonies incident to the arrival and distribution of the gifts.

DIED ON WAY TO TORONTO.

Man of Winnineg.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.-Harry Ledoux president of a large tobacco commission house here, was stricken with I apoplexy on a train near Winona Minn., and died Saturday morning. He was on his way to visit his daugh ter in Chatham Academy and also on a business trip to Toronto. He lived for twelve years in Montreal. He was forty-four years of age.

A Careworn Kaiser. "People who have lately seen the kaiser describe him as grave and careworn, and looking much older. No Provision Made For a Larger Ar- says the London Pall Mall. "His hair they bay, is almost white, and his former soldierly bearing and air of bustling activity are much subscarcely be expected to be bearing maself with the old gayety at such a time as the present.

> "Anxiety must, indeed, be weighing heavily upon him. All the rulers in Larope are feeling it, but the arruggle

'II was a German writer with monarch in Europe who dare not

a smiling Russian giant and an anx lous-looking tiny Turk, who is being pushed forward by a firece-Cape Town, Dec. 21 .- General looking "Mahomet" kaiser. The

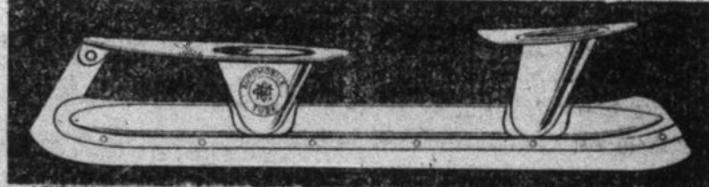
year amounted to \$19,906,188.



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