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SPIRIT OF INDIFFERENCE. The retiring movement 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.

THE CHANGES IN EGYPT. The changes in Egypt, so far as its government is concerned, are promising of peace, and at a most critical juncture in its history.

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fish 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.E., want to see him in the cabinet. They do, eh? His name suggests that some one should investigate his antecedents.

Oh Canfield, 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.

The attempts to create discontent among the French-Canadians, by Bourassa, will not succeed. He has shot his last bolt.

Bourassa lauds the freedom of the United States. He should remove to where, under the Stars and Stripes, he will be better and happier than in Canada.

The Mail recalls the kind words expressed by Dr. Dornberg, during a visit to England a few weeks before the war broke out.

The editor of Le Devoir set out to become a great French leader in Canada, supplanting Laurier, Gouin, Lemieux, and all the rest of them.

Ald. F. S. Spence, of Toronto, has been called a "knocker." Well, he has knocked some things that needed it, but he has boasted some other things.

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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.

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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.

Like Pre-election Promise. "WON'T YOU get me an automobile deat?" said the young married woman.

Hog Cholera Was Costly. Windsor, Ont., Dec. 21.—It is estimated by government inspectors that the hog cholera outbreak in Essex county has to date cost the farmers over \$10,000.

News From Old London. Miss Elsie Pense has arrived in London from India, and is now with Colonel W. D. and Mrs. Gordon.

Ald. J. S. R. McCann, of Frontenac, is the fourth alderman who has resigned from the City Council.

Eleven Germans arrived from Montreal on Saturday afternoon and were interned in Fort Henry.

UPHILL.

Does the road wind uphill all the way? Yes, to the very end. Will the day's journey take the whole long day? From morn to night, my friend.

But is there for the night a resting place? A roof for when the slow, dark hours begin to fall? May not the darkness hide it from my face? You cannot miss that inn.

Shall I meet other wayfarers at night? Those who have gone before. Then must I knock or call on just in sight? They will not keep you standing at that door.

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.

THE RABBIT FENCE. Australia's Barrier Is 1,200 Miles Long and Jealously Guarded.

From Condon to Hope town, clear across the continent of Australia, runs a fence of woven wire 1,200 miles long, and the single purpose of its construction is to guard the fertile farm lands from the havoc-making rabbit pest.

Imported into the country by some immigrant, who doubtless hoped that they would live and thrive, the original pair—for rabbits are not native to Australia—have multiplied into a countless horde, hardy, omnivorous and bold.

The most amazing precautions are taken by the "Golden State" to maintain the effect of the fence. Range riders guard it for its entire length and keep it in a perfect state of repair.

When Dr. Johnson was a resident of Grub street he made the acquaintance of a poet named Samuel Boyse, whose poem on the Deity and other works had earned him high praise.

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.

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SOLEMNITY THIS YULETIDE

Saddest 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.

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Bibbys advertisement featuring a man in a suit and various clothing items like overcoats, suits, and shoes with prices.

Advertisement for J. E. Mullen, featuring a large 'Bibbys' logo and text about Christmas gifts, skating, and sporting goods.

Kingston Events Twenty-Five Years Ago

J. B. Murphy purchased fifty turkeys on the market to-day. Kingston's "kiddies" are anxiously awaiting the coming of Santa Claus.

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