# OVER A MILLION NAMES.

TOTE OF SETTING UP THE VOTERS' LISTS COMPLETED.

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bery tituma's Proposed New Industry. OTTAWA, Jan, 17. - In the Supreme Court yesterday the case of Holmes v. Carter was argued and judgement reserved. The case of Thompson v. Molsens Bank was commenced but not cone uded when the court rose. The question involved in this appeal is whether certain assets of an insolvent debtor should be distributed generally between creditors or whether the bank should retain a privilege on certain goods pledged

the work of setting up the voters' list for the whole Dominion has been completed in the Government printing office. It has taken the labor of sixty-five men for ten months. The lists make 6700 large folio pages and contain over 1,000,000 names. The type weighs over seventy-five tons. The matter will be kept standing so as to be always ready for revision.

There is no further development in the Hull bank robbery case. A Martical detective has been employed, but if he has found out anything he has known enough to keep it to bimself.

There is some talk of the establishment here of a branch of the Kellogg Tubing Company of Findlay, O., which has a patent process for manufacturing seamless iron tubing. The idea is based partly on the probability of finding natural gas in the vicinity of the city, and the ore from the mines at Ironsides on the Gatineau would be used.

Archi shop Tache asked the Minister of the Interior yesterday for a continuance of land reserve of the Manitoba Colonization Society doing business in Southern Manitoba. A large number of Belgians settled on the land last year and a big influx is expected in the spring.

The Citizen last night gave its annual supper to the newsboys, about 150 of whom assembled in the second story of the office and had a good time.

#### CUT OFFI HER FINGER.

#### A Difficulty Between Two Sisters at Montreat - Fatal Accident.

MONTREAL, Jan. 16. - Two sisters, respectively known as Sarah Bird and Rebecca Parker, had a quarrel in their house, No. 92 St. Dominique street, at 10.30 last evening, when Rebecca, it is alleged, with the and of a large knife, went for her sister and attempted to stab her, but as she was somewhat under the influence of liquor did not succeed and cut her sister on the hand, .completely severing one of her fingers. A policeman heard the cries of murder and at once proceeded to the scene, but unfortunately too late to effect any arrest, as the accused had run away through a back door. The victim says that her sister, who is addicted to liquor, last evening came home in the worst condition, when she attempted to remonstrate with her for her conduct, with the above results.

#### Accidentally Banged.

MONTREAL, Jan. 16.-A farmer named Dufour accidentally hanged himself yesterday in his mill at Isle Aux Coudres. He was passing near one of the wheels, when his clothes caught in the machinery, and before assistance could be obtained he was a

#### PATTULLO-BIGGAR.

#### The Registrar of Oxford Wedded at Belleville to Miss Frances Biggar.

Belleville, Jan. 16. -Miss Frances C. Biggar, eldest daughter of the late James L. Biggar, M. P., was this morning married to Mr. G. R. Pattullo, Registrar of Oxford The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. W. MacLean, M.A. Only the near relatives of the contracting parties were present. Amongst the guests were Mr. George E. Casey, M. P., Mr. Thos. Hodgins, Q.C., Mr. C. R. W. Biggar, Mr. Robert Richard-

# The Blenheim Orchards.

LONDON, Jan. 17. - The Duke and Duchess of Marlboro have been entertaining a large family party at Blenheim. The facts about the Blenheim orchards are as follows: The Duke has about 40,000 plants of one sort and another, but manages his hothouses on business principles, and whenever a rare flower turns up among the imported specimens, he seils it. He never gives 50 guineas or anything like that sum for a plant, as has been stated, but sold one the other day for 190 guineas to Mr. Sanders, the famous dealer. It need hardly be said that the value of the collection is a trifle under £2, 000,000 sterling-the preposterous estimate put upon it by some addlepated scribblers.

# The Hamilton Bishopric.

HAMILTON, Jan. 16. - With reference to the appointment of a successor to the late Bishop Carbery in this diocese, Vicar-General Heenan was seen this morning. The reverend gentleman states that no notification has been received from Rome of any appointment. He observed a statement in the newspapers that a consistory announced to take place some weeks ago had been postponed to Jan. 15, but whether the consistory was held he had not been advised. At that consistory, if held, it was very probable the appointment would have been

# The Inland Revenue Report.

OTTAWA, Jan. 17. - The report of the Inland Revenue Department was issued yesterday. The total receipts of the year amounted to \$6,504,399 against \$6,978,-285 in the previous year, the principal decrease being in excise revenue, \$455,590. From excise last year there was received \$6,010,561, public works \$432, 533, cutting timber \$15,096, weights and measures, gas inspection and law stamps \$46,033, other revenues \$56. Spirits excepted there was an increased revenue last year revery item of excise as compared with the revenue of the previous year.

# Robbed by Yankee Crooks.

MONTREAL, Jan. 12.-An audacious robbery took place in the Grand Trunk depot last evening. William Coad of Hastings, Out , had been paid a check for \$570 on the Bank of Toronto, Port Hope, by James Eakins, cattle dealer of Port Hope. Whilst in the depot Coad was hustled by some well-dressed men and immediately afterwards missed his pocketbook in which was the check and railway ticket. It is supposed the job was done by a gang of Yankee crooks who are here for the carnival.

# Caught From a Stovepipe.

WELLAND, Jan. 16. -At 12.30 this morn ing fire broke out in A. E. White's frame building, the upper story of which is occupied by himself as a residence, and the lower by Rosette Bros., butchers, and L. V. Garner. Rosette's and Garner's loss is slight, White's on building and furniture stoo, insured for \$800 in the Waterloo. The Lre caught from a stovepipe.

The British-t. S. Extradition Trenty. WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.-The extradition t-ta with England has been made the special order for lan. 2919 eredutive session.

Mrs. Langtry is writing her life.

SNEAKED \$120.

Clever Robbery at Hamilton-Money or Belud-Another Libel Suit.

HAMILTON, Jan. -16. Two clever sneak thieves put up a daring job on Alex. Campbell, gracer, 54 York-street, last evening, and enriched themselves to the extent of \$120. About 6 o'clock Mr. Campbell, who is an elderly gentleman, was in his store when a well dressed man came in and spoke to him about the handsome plants that were in the window facing on Merrick. street. While the conversation was going on Geo. Platz, a shoemaker who has a sliop next door to Mr. Campbell's, came in to purchase a window shade. Mr. Campbell said he would hunt a shade and bring it into the shoemaker's, which he subsequently did, and was followed into the store by the admirers of the plants. They talked for some time, when Mr. Campbell remembered that there was nobody in his store and started to walk out, but the man tried to stop him and detain him as long as possible. Finally he got away, and as he entered the store he saw a man sneaking from behind the counter. The man said he wanted to get a plug of tobacco, and before Mr. Campbell could get It both of the men left the store. Mr. Campbell then suspected that something was wrong, and on searching discovered that the \$120 which he had put aside to pay a local wholesale firm was gone,

Robert Harrison of Zimmerman has received the following rather startling letter, which was mailed at Palermo:

JANUARY, 1889 .- Villain! Demon! Wretch! I have sworn to make your heart's blood pay the price of Mary Watson's fall if you do not place a sufficient sum in the hands of Richard Watson Palermo or George Watson Lowville to support your victim for two years, say two Hundred dolers, within 2 months. Your money or your blood. You damned hypocrit.

Mr. Harrison is not at all alarmed at the fierce threats of the anonymous blackmailer; buz thinks it just as well that the public should know about it.

The suit brought by Mr. M. Malone against The Spectator Printing Company, for libel, was taken up at the assizes yesterday and was proceeded with again to-day. Mr. Malone claims \$10,000 damages, on the ground that The Spectator libelled him in a number of articles commenting upon the discharge of one Canary from the city's em-

At the meeting of the Hamilton Presbytery yesterday a committee was appointed to prepare a petition for presentation to the Dosinion Parliament and to secure the services of a competent member of the House of Commons to present the petition, asking that traffic on the Welland Canal be closed on the Lord's day.

The ninth annual grand reunion of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Valley of Hamilton, A. F. and A. M. opened this morning at ten o'clock in the rooms of the rite, Masonic Hall, Jame street. A very numerous gathering of the brethren, including large delegations from Canadian and American cities and towns, were in attendance.

The annual meetings of the North and South Wentworth Agricultural Societies were held here to day. The usual motion to amalgamate with the Hamilton society in holding a central fair was carried

At the Police Court this morning James W. Buckingham, secretary of Court Marquis of Lorne, No. 6419, A. O. F., charged with embezzling \$6.40 of the funds of the society on March 13, pleaded not guilty, and the case was enlarged until Thursday.

David Young and Ralph Cole, two 13year-old boys, were tried at the Police Court this morning on three charges of larceny and remanded until Friday for sen-

Three householders were fined \$1 each at the Police Court this morning for neglecting to remove the snow from their sidewalks.

# Tables Turned on Detectives.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 17. - Word reaches here that "Bad Anse," Capt. Hatfield and several of their friends, who have become so notorious as participants in the Hattield-McCoy vendetta, laid a trap for the detectives who are after them, and last Friday captured Dan Cunningham, Evans and another detective, all of this city. From what can be learned the Hatfields put out a spy and coaxed the detectives to a certain point in the mountains, near their home in Logan coun'sy, and when the detectives came along compelled them to surrender. The Hatfields had procured space warrants, arrested the detectives and took them to Logan Court House, where they are now jailed awaiting bonds for their release They will be compelled to give bonds to keep the peace. This explains why the Hatfields were in Logan Court House two weeks ago to make terms of

# Dragged to Death by a Bucket of Water.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. - As the Hoboken ferryboat Morristown was leaving her slip at Fourteenth-street, this city, on her 10,30 trip yesterday morning a bootblack named Francisco Fraletti took the Jraw bucket from the cabin and was about to draw some water when the deck hands took the bucket from him. He again secured the bucket, and, opening the gates when the boat was in midstream, dropped it into the water. He was dragged overboard and drowned in the sight of the passengers.

# Claims to Be of the F. F. Vs.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 17.-Bertie F. Lewis, a colored woman who claims to be the natural daughter of Wm. A. Thomas, who recently died in Henrico County, lays claim to his entire estate valued at \$225,000. The heirs at law as well as the woman have secured eminent counsel. No will can be found.

# The Tunis Suspect.

Tunis, Jan. 17.—The report that the Whitechapel murderer had been arrested here arose from the arrest of an English vagabond named Greey, whose height, age and general aspect corresponds with the description of the Whitechapel murderer published in the newspapers. Greey still remains in custody,

# Presence of Mind.

Presence of mind is good in case of acci dents and emergencies, and when coupled with Hagyard's yellow oil will often save life. Yellow oil cures all painful injuries, burns, scalds, bruises, frost bites, rheumatic and neuralgic pains and is in fact a handy and reliable surgical aid.

# A Cure For Deafness.

There have been many remarkable cures of deafness made by the use of Hagyard's yellow oil, the great household remedy for pain, inflammation and soreness. Yellow oil cures rheumatism, sore throat and croup, and is useful internally ann externally for all pains and injuries.

# A Valuable Discovery.

F. P. Tanning, Neebing, Ont., says he has not only found B.B.B. a sure cure for dyspepsia, but he also found it to be the best medicine for regulating and invigorating the system that he has ever taken. B.B.B is the great system regulator.

Kingston Presbytery meets next in Cooke's church, city, March 18th.

A BIG JACK POT.

HOW A TORONTO YOUTH "FILLED" HIS HAND AND THEN QUIT.

#### The Detectives Looking for John Johnston-A Criminal Lawyer's Narrow Escape-The Sabbath School Conference.

TORONTO, Jan. 17. - John Johnston of the arm of Thomas Johnston & Co., produce commission merchants, 70 Colborne street, has been quite a gay youth around town. In the hours of business he acted as assistant manager of the firm, and when darkness threw her mantle over the city he delighted in the innocent amusement which accompanies a quiet game of poker. Just now, however, John Johnston has disappeared from public gaze and the police have been called in to assist in discovering his place of hiding. All the information the police have amounts to this, that Thomas Johnston reported to them yesterday that his son John had disappeared after cashing a check for \$750, which he had given him to deposit in the Bank of Toronto. It is further alleged that young Johnston, who is 27 years old, succeeded in cashing in the same institution a forged check for \$350. He furthermore went round among the business firms with whom he was acquainted and raised in borrowed money about \$500 more. In a work, his harvest when totalled up balances at about \$1500. But the funniest part of the story is to come. Johnston was an ardent poker player, so much so that he developed all the instincts of a professional. The tale goes that he made arrangements with two local gamblers to open a poker-room in Hamilton, where he and they would hold the bank against all comers. He was to provide the money, and Tuesday night was the time appointed when the trio would proceed to the Ambitious City. Johnston went so far in his role as to secure the money, but he preferred playing a lone hand in the States to getting a cold deck in Hamilton. Mr. W. G. Murdoch, the well-known

criminal lawyer, had a narrow escape from being blown through a brick wall Tuesday night and he carries about with him in the shape of singed hair and eyebrows marks of the struggle he had with an accumulation of coal gas in his furnace. Mr. Murdoch, who resides in a brick mansion on University street, retired about 11 o'clock and a few minutes later imagined he observed a smell of gas. He ran down to the furnace in his night-dress, and opened the door of the furnace to find out what was wrong The discovery he made surprised him. A large amount of gas had accumulated in the furnace, and when the door was opened a loud explosion occurred. A large sheet of blue flame seemed to pick Mr. Murdoch up bodily and dash him against the brick wall. When he came to his senses he felt for his night-dress but it had disappeared, leaving him in an embarrassing position, as the housekeeper, who had been awakened by the explosion, was at the head of the stairs making inquiries. How Mr. Murdoch escaped serious injury he can hardly tell, but he considers his escape a most fortunate one.

Charles Pierce, a young man, is a prisoner at Headquarters under peculiar circumstances. It is alleged against him that on Tuesday he swindled Matthew McMaine, a farmer, out of a load of potatoes. McMaine stayed in town until yesterday, when while on King-street he recognized Pierce as the man who had swindled him. He at once seized him and landed him in Headquarters by main strength. The potatoes have not been recovered.

The Police Magistrate yesterday committed Charles Nelson, bookkeeper, for trial on the charge of forging the endorsation of J. H. Pendrith to a check for \$15.36.

The Board of Examiners of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario held an examination of candidates for degrees Tuesday and yesterday. The degree of fellow was conferred on John M. Martin, Toronto, and a certificate of competency was awarded to George Edwards, Whitby. The Public School Board yesterday elect-

ed Mr. H. A. E. Kent chairman. The conference of the Sabbath School

Association of Ontario was continued in Knox Church yesterday afternoon. Mrs. W. F. Crafts gave the audience an idea of her system of teaching in a specimen lesson. To make the children think and talk was an important point. Particular attention should be paid to timid or dull pupils. The lesson should be made practical, brisk and brief. At the evening session Rev. Principal Caven delivered an instructive address on the "Structure of the Bible," which was followed by Rev. A. E. Dunnings's paper on "The History of the Bible."

The Teuton and the Yankee. London, Jan. 17. - The belief has become general in diplomatic circles that the troubles in Samoa must lead to serious friction between the United States and Germany, out of which will probably grow a better understanding between England and America, beginning with the relegation of the Sackville incident to oblivion. It is asserted by persons in a position to know the facts that Secretary Bayard informed Lord Salisbury of the recent happenings in Samoa forty-eight hours previous to the publication of the first account of the trouble, and it is further stated that this is almost the only communication that has passed between the English and American Governments since the Sack ville correspond-

# Her Trunk Is on the Back Stoop.

STRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 17. - Miss Lula Stetson, daughter of E. G. Stetson, a dentist, and John Peterson, an employe in the office of S. K. Nester, a maltster, were secretly married in Romulus last Wednesday. Peterson had been paying attention to Miss Jennie Jennings, to whom on Christmas day he presented a gold watch. A few days before he ran away he asked for the return of the watch Miss Jennings gave it to him. Mr. and Mrs. Stetson strongly objected to Peterson's attentions to their daughter, and forbade her accepting them. When Mr. Stetson learned of the marriage he had the bride's trunk packed and placed upon the back stoop.

#### An Alleged Horsethief and Bigamist. WHITBY, Jan. 17. - A young man giving

his name as W. J. Shaver from Prescott, who came here with a horse and buggy on Sunday accompanied by a woman claiming to be his wife, sold the rig yesterday to Liveryman Lewis Sebert for \$50. A telegram sent to the Chief of Police at Prescott inquiring as to the ownership of the property elicited the reply that the man's real name was Silas E. Seymour, and that a warrant was out for his arrest as a horsethic and bigamist. He was arrested and committed to jail.

# The Case of the Sautilus.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. - Some time ago Isaac McCabe of New York purchased the Nautilus, a small pleasure yacht built in Canada. He now finds that owing to the fact that it is not registered in the United States he cannot have the machinery and repears inspected. A bill has been introduced directing the proper officers to register the vesse

The king of Hotland is better.

A PECULIAR RULING.

Canadian Built Cars to be Seized at Detroit under Certain Conditions.

DETROIT, Jan. 15. - This circular has been ssued to customs inspectors on railroad ear transfer boats in this city : "All cars entirely of foreign build loaded and coming west through Canada from a United States point must be held and reported to this of-East bound loaded cars of foreign make, when manifested to Suspension Bridge or beyond, will be allowed to proseed, but the car number, marks and destination must be reported at this office. American built cars on which foreign re pairs have been made will not be interfered with. When any part of a car is shown to have been made in Canada and there are no marks to indicate that the other parts were made in the United States it will be considered a foreign built car for the purposes of this circular; L. A. BRANT, Deputy Collector."

The reason for this order arose about a month ago when a number of new Canadian Pacific cars of Canadian build camei from Canada empty and passed through Detroit to western points: Inquiries were made at the Michigan Central offices as to the charactor of trade they were to be used for, and the answer was they were to be laden at Chicago for points in Canada. It transpired subsequently that a portion of them were laden at Chicago for New York points. Collector Campau then notified the Treasury Department of this fact, and asked for instructions. The department in reply said if these cars were brought in for the express purpose of being used between United States points via Canadian territory they were liable to seizure wherever found. But in the absence of satisfactory evidence that these illegal importations were intentional the proper course would be to demand payment of duty from the railway officials on all cars so used.

#### Gu Doy's Funeral.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. -Gu Doy, a Chinese laundryman doing business on the Eastern Boulevard, Harlem, died Saturday and was buried yesterday. Immediately after his death his body was removed to an undertaking establishment, where it was prepared for the journey to the spirit land according to the Chinese rites. The funeral was held yesterday. The body was placed in the coffin, after having been fully arrayed in full Chinese costume. Just before the hour announced for the funeral six Celestials, gorgeously attired, arrived at the shop. one carried a large bundle of bedelothes, in which were wrapped a I the personal effects of Gu Doy, the other carried a basket, which contained one roast chicken, two cups of boiled rice, a slice of fresh pork and a bottle of wine.

The last rites were then performed, consisting of sprinkling four packages of red paper prayers over the departed Gu Doy. After this ceremony the coffin was taken to the hearse. The bundle of household effects and basket of provisions, were carefully placed on the coffin. The six Celestials entered two carriages and Mr. A. J. Davies mounted the box seat on the hearse beside the driver and all were ready for the start. As the procession moved Mr. Davies distributed prayers on every side. The idea was to leave behind as far as possible the devil, who was supposed to be in pursuit of the body. The devil was saved the trouble of picking up the prayers by a gang of all the small boys in Harlem, who frantically pursued the flying party

Upon arriving at Celestial Hill, Evergreens, a large bonfire, fed with the paper prayers, was built around the grave. The bundle of clothes and basket or provisions was carefully deposited upon the grave. The Celestial belief is that when the devil appeared he would take the clothes and leave the body alone, while the provisions were to satisfy the hunger of Gu Doy on his journey to the spirit land.

# A Cat in the Organ.

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 17.-There has been a .ystery about the large pipe organ at St. Paul's Cathedral for a week. Whenever H. R. Fuller, the organist, touched the keys, weird noises were heard in the interior. There was a large attendance at the morning service yesterday. Rev. Dr. Lockwood was in the middle of the benediction when a large, wild-looking maltese cat made a flying leap over the head of the organist and landed near W. J. West, a member of the choir, fastening its claws in his knee. Before the cat could be seized it was half way down the side aisle. A gentheman in the rear tried to catch it but only succeeded in making it double in its tracks and go rushing up the main aisle straight for Dr. Lockwood. The worthy rector lost his place in the prayer as he caught sight of the wild-eyed cat rapidly approaching. The cat did not pause, but rushed between the feet of the excited chorus boys. A few seconds later and the cat was back again in its old quarters in the organ. It was some time before the interrupted service could be resumed. An investigation showed that the cat had made her home in the organ and had broken several ef the smaller "track ers." The ecclesiastical authorities have made every effort to capture the cat, but without success.

# Scooped in \$22,898 and Fled.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Jan. 17.—Charles N. Cunningham, who has represented the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York in this city for several years, has enriched himself to the extent of \$22,898 at the expense of Smith & Bacon, bankers, and decamped. On Saturday last Mr. Cunningham went to the Farmers and Mechanics Bank with several Now York draftsamount ing to the sum named. He wanted to leave them at the Bank for six months, he said, and took certificates of deposit for them, These certificates he took to the Chemung Canal Bank and exchanged for other New York drafts. Yesternay morning, with these drafts in his pockets, Cunningham took a train for Binghamton, where they were cashed. He left Binghamton for the east on a Delaware, Lackawanna and Western train, The origital New York drafts-those left with Smith & Baconprove to be forgeries. Cunningham has been here several years, and there has never been a suspicion as to his honesty in business circles. Upon the discovery of the forgeries Chief Little immediately telegraphed to all stations on the line to arrest

# The Flour Output.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 17 .- The Northwestern Miller says: The flour output received another boost last week, being about 10,000 bbls. heavier than the week before. There were fifteen milis which made flour, but the greater number of them got out an amount much under their ordinary capacity. The aggregate production for the week was 88,050 bbls. against 108,400 bbls. last year. The flour market is quiet with no specially new features except that perhaps values are slightly shaded by some parties. The direct exports for the week were 14,800 bbls. (one day's production) against 17,125 the preceding week.

#### Disciplined by White Caps. NORTH SALEM, N. H., Jan. 17 .- A band

of White Caps recently disciplined John Welsh for living with a grass widow. Welsh has caused the arrest of thirteen of the regulators.

Large deposits of salt in New South Wales

# TEUTON AGAINST YANKER.

INNER DIPLOMATIC HISTORY OF THE SAMOAN QUARREL.

A Citizen of the United States Alleged to Maye Led the Native Forces Against the

Germans in the Recent Battle. WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 .- Among the correspondence concerning affairs in Samoa, referred to in i'resident Cleveland's message transmitted to Congre-s yesterday and presented to the Sepate to-day, are these instructions to Admiral Kimberly from Secretary Whitney, contained in a cablegram dated June 11:

Commander Mullan of the Nepsic telegraphs by way of Auckland that a force was landed at Samon from the German fleet, which resulted in an engagement between the troops of Matatafa and the German forces and the defeat of the latter. He reports that the Germans in retaliation bombarded towns, disregarding protests and neutral rights, and that the property and lives of American citizens are in danforcements. The German Government claims that the German forces were first attacked; and that war now exists between Germany and that portion of the natives of Samoa engaged in the attack upon the Germans. The German Government invites this Government, in the common interest, to join in establishing order in Samoa, giving assurance of careful respect for our treaty rights. The United States Gevernment is willing to co-operate in restoring order in Samoa on the basis of the full preservation of American treaty rights and Samoan autonomy as recognized and agreed to by Germany, Great Britain and the United States and has so informed the German Government. You will at once proceed to Samoa and extend full protection and defence to American citizens and property. You will consult with the American Vice Consul, examine his archives and otherwise inform yourself as to the situation and all recent occurrences. Protest against the subjugation and displacement of the native Government of Samoa by Germany as in violation of positive agreement and understanding between the treaty powers, but inform the representatives, of the German and British Governments of your readiness to cooperate in causing all treaty rights to be respected and in restoring peace and order on the basis of a recognition of Samoan rights to independence. Endeavor to prevent extreme measures against the Samoans and te bring about a peaceful settlement. If such arrangement can be made upon that basis you will re-port the same for approval and you will inform the Government as soon as possible after your arrival in Samoa of the condition of affairs and the prospect of a peaceful adjustment, and whether Germany was acting impartially between the opposing forces when the late conflict occurred. WHITNEY.

On Jan. 5, Vice-Consul Blacklock telegraphed to Secretary Bayard via New

The German warships have undertaken to disarm Malaafa. Landed at night force to prevent retreat. Mataafa's men fired on and forced to fight. Germans routed, 20 killed, 30 wounded. The Germans swear vengeance. Shelling and burning indiscriminately, regardless of American property. Protests unheeded. Natives exasperated. Foreigners' lives and property in greatest danger. Germans respect no neutral territory. Americans in boat flying American flag seized in Apia harbor by armed German boat, but released. Admiral with squadron necessary immediately.

In a communication under the same date, to Secretary Bayard, Mr. Coleman reports from Berlin that a prominent German Liberal newspaper, commenting on proceedings in the British House of Commons, construes them as indicating that England would offer no opposition to the establishment of a predominant German political influence in Samoa. Mr. Coleman adds that the conclusion reached is not unwarranted in view of the circumstances that the United States Government is notoriously not seeking to acquire colonial possessions.

On Jan. 12. Secretary Bayard addressed a communication to Count Arco Valley, the German minister to the United States, in reply to a statement giving the German version of the Samoan difficulty. The statement of Count Arco is substantially as

The German forces were landed in Samoa after the German Commander had given notice of his intention to the commanders of the American and British men-of-war, the reason for landing being that some German plantations were in danger. Upon landing, the Germans were attacked by the Samoans under command of Klein, an American citizen, and lost 50 killed and wounded. A state of war is therefore announced by Germany and as an American is alleged to have been in command of the attacking Samoan force Count Arco is instructed to make complaint to the United States. The treaty rights of the United States and all the rights of the treaty powers shall be respected under all circumstances. The German Govornment begs the United States to join them in an active way to restore calm and quiet.

In response, Secretary Bayard says, he at once communicated to the Count, on becoming aware of the allegation that the Samoan forces were led by an American named Klein, that he had no knowledge whatever nor reason to believe that Klein was a citizen of the United States. The Secretary continues :

I was certain that he was not and never had been in any way connected with its public service, nor acting under color or pretense of its authority. The instructions given to offl cials of this Government at Samoa have never deviated from those made public, and which were well known to Germany and Great Britain, to maintain neutrality in Samoan affairs and confine their action to good offices in the maintenancs of peace and order in those regions, and securing protection for American citizens and their interests.

# Incendiary Blaze at Milibrook.

MILLBROOK, Jan. 17. - Yesterday morning about 2 o'clock a disastrous fire broke out in the premises occupied by C. W. Byers as a tin shop, J. H. Byers above as a photograph gallery, and Wm. Lang as a grocery and dry goods store. The building, tog-ther with stocks owned by the several parties, was totally consumed. An adjoining building, the residence of Rev. D. Winter, also caught fire, but the firemen succeeded in confining the flames to the roof, which was burned. The furniture was slightly damaged. The Queen's Hotel, Samuel Crocker proprietor, was at one time in imminent danger, but escaped with slight damage. Losses are as follows: Mrs. Burton, on building, \$300, insured for \$500. C. W. Byers, loss 3500; insured in London Fire Insurance Association: J. H. Byers, loss \$1000; insured in London Fire Insurance Association. W. Lang, loss \$2500; insured in the Citizens'. The cause is supposed to be incendiary.

The Queen's Itluerary.

LONDON, Jan. 17. - The Queen will leave England for the continent, according to the present arrangements, on Tuesday, March 5, for Biarritz, where she intends to reside for a month. It is highly probable that Empress Frederick, who entirely changed her plans last week, may go to Biarritz next month, in which case she will stay there until the end of the Queen's sojourn. The Empress is a most accomplished player both of the violin and the guitar, and not a day passes but she amuses herself for an hour or two with one of those instruments, which accompany her everywhere.

The Boulanger Divorce Suit. Paris, Jan. 17.—The trial of the Boulanger divorce suit, which was set down for next Tuesday, will probably be postponed until after the election in the Department of the Seine on Jan. 27, if not indefinitely.

The Joliette Election.

JOLIETTE, Jan. 16.-The returns so far received of the election to fill the vacancy in the Dominion House for Joliette, caused by the unseating of Mr. E. Guilbault (Con.), give a majority of 140 for Mr. Neven (Lib.).

The rare several places to be heard from. Hedouin, the painter, is dead.