TORONTO UNCLEANNESS.

Moral Rottenness of the Blooded Youth o the City.

Discussing the routed boathouses on the bay front the *Empire* of to-day says: The class of people who rent these houses are, as a rule, well paid clerks. According to their means they furnish their abodes. The majority content themselves with an imitation of camp life. A boat house is cheaper, handier and safer when wanted only for immoral purposes than a room up town. Although many of the women who visit these places are street-walkers, the large majority people hear stories about are shop girls who go to the island and there they fall into the clutches of the human hounds who are looking for some innocent girl to entrap. These hardworking girls are badgered into an acquaintance with their male "friends" who finally prevail on them to set out for the city in their rowboats instead of by the ferry boat. But the confiding girl whose youth and innocence has induced her to accept the invitation of the fellow who looks with lecherous eyes on her does not land where she desires. The boat draws up in front of the boat house where her courtier hangs forth, and she is induced by specious reasons to enter his nest. The innocent girl has reason to regret this ill-advised step in most cases. She seldom leaves the place without having taken a drink of liquor, and if she refuses that, and all advances of the individual who has been so successful in getting her inside his boathouse, she leaves the place with a scarlet face and has to run a gauntlet of curious eyes.

A couple of brothers, now bearing a very uneviable reputation in connection with the seduction a couple of weeks ago of a young girl named Sadie Lavelle, who died a few days ago on Teraulay street, have the identical boathouse hired by the man who first brought boathouses into disrepute. These brothers, one of whom ruined Miss Lavelle in his boathouse, are cordially detested by their lake front neighbors, one of whom yesterday said: "Those boys should be shot on sight. They have seduced more girls than any other two men in the city. Boathouse owners would uphold you in showing up such people, as they would be pleased to get rid of them."

It is hard to get hold of incidents which show the prevalence of the immorality which is admitted. There is a sort of freemasonry among the culprits, which it is next to impossible to break through. But several very damaging stories have leaked out. The wife of a well-known citizen made a visit to the lake front a few nights ago, and while in a boathouse with her paramour she had a $50 diamond ring stolen.

A pitiable story is told about the ruin of a young lady teacher by one of the boathouse libertines. She was in the city during the N. E. A. convention, and was induced to go for a row by her seducer, who landed at his own boathouse. She was a bewitching little beauty, and her betrayer was heard to boast of his dastardly act after she had left the city.

THE SADIE LAVELLE AFFAIR.

The Young Man Who Left Toronto Returns to Face the Music.

The young man who was implicated in the Sadie Lavelle affair, and who left the city on Saturday afternoon, returned home Wednesday. He asserts that other young men who were intimately associated with the dead girl and her companion, Ida Simmons, contrived to keep him away from Toronto in order that they, through misrepresentation of facts, might throw the whole responsibility of the matter on to his shoulders. His brother discovered this and telegraphed for him to return at once, which he did. He did not go away through fear of trouble arising out of the matter, he says, but solely on a weekly Saturday afternoon pleasure trip. He was accompanied across the lake by his brother and the young man who was at the boat house a week ago Saturday night with Sadie Lavelle and Ida Simmons. When they reached St. Catharines the young man found a [illegible] did not bear [illegible] Toronto and [illegible] Buffalo at [illegible] sent [illegible] man [illegible] "I came back," said the young man who was warned to go to Buffalo, "to face the matter and if necessary to prove that if Sadie Lavelle died from the effects of being drugged or ill-treated I am wholly innocent of any connection with the affair." He can produce evidence to show that he was not in the city on the night when the girls were around with the third young man, who states that he last saw Sadie Lavelle at the corner of Queen and Bay streets. In connection with this affair the late employer of the girl Ida Simmonds called at the *Globe* office yesterday and stated that when he engaged her he had no idea that she was not a good girl. He had engaged her, he said, mainly out of charity. She failed to get a summons against him for non-payment of wages for the reason that no wages were owing her.—*Globe.*

IN AN EAGLE'S TALONS.

An Indian Babe Borne Into the Air and Dropped to Its Death.

A Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., despatch says: John Cowadje, a Chippewa Indian, living on the shore of Echo Lake, started out this morning to guide a party. His only child, a girl baby, was on the outside of the hut, near the door, his wife being on the opposite side of the little dwelling. When the Indian father and the party had proceeded half a mile or so they saw an enormous bald eagle circling over the edge of Echo Lake, near the hut. There was no thought of danger to the child, but their sportsman's instinct prompted them to turn back to get a shot at the bird. As they turned to retrace their steps the eagle made a sudden swoop to the earth. The Indian quickened his pace and reached his cabin in advance of the white men. When they arrived at the lake they saw a dead eagle of unusual size and formidable appearance lying upon the ground, near it the Indian babe, torn and bleeding, and also dying. The scream and rush of the great bird upon the child brought the Indian mother upon the scene. Her babe was already several feet in the air held by the ugly talons of the eagle. The child was evidently too heavy for the bird, and was dropped to the earth. The fall caused its death. The eagle made another plunge for its victim, but was fought off by the mother, who succeeded in driving it away. As the bird rose in the air it was shot by the father, who had arrived too late to save the child. The white men had no difficulty in securing the eagle and they will have it stuffed.

That Diabolical Machine.

Young father (in the future)—Great snakes! Can's you do something to quiet that baby? Its eternal squealing just drives me wild.

Young mother (calmly to servant)—Marie, bring in my husband's mother's phonograph and put in the cylinder marked "at ten months." I want him to hear how his voice sounded when he was young.

A Fearful Retribution.

Miss Fanny—That hideous old Mr. Jones had the impudence to propose to me.

Miss Jennie—You gave him the mitten?

Miss Fanny—No, I did not. Just to punish him I accepted his offer. He is worth half a million.

The Necessaries of Life.

Munsey's Weekly: Goodlee—It says in the good book "Man cannot live by bread alone."

Colonel Goke—And no whiskey? Well, I should say not!

Style Costs.

Pittsburg *Bulletin:* The guest—How this Four dollars a day? Stopped here a year ago and paid only half that much.

The proprietor—Just so. Then it was the "McGinnis Tavern." Now it's the "Hotel McGinnis."

"Numerous and Costly."

Elmira *Gazette:* The groom's present to the bride was a handsome diamond brooch, besides many other beautiful things in cut glass.

The catacombs of Rome contain the remains of about 8,000,000 human beings, and those of Paris about 2,000,000. The latter were formerly stone quarries.

Washington died shortly after 11 p.m. on Saturday, December 14, 1799, the last year of the century, the last month of the year, the last day of the week, and within the last hour of the day.

A very severe thunderstorm passed over Paris on Thursday, which killed four persons in the environs of the city. Scientists assert that the Eiffel tower cause electrical disturbances, and that the climate has been very much worse since the tower was built.

WORSE THAN WAR.

Shocking Outrages Perpetrated by Mobs in Coronel, Chili.

BITTERNESS AGAINST AMERICANS.

Mutiny and Murder of Officers—The German Admiral Ships His Refugees North—Balmaceda's Reported Butchery of Boys—U. S. Minister Likely to be Recalled.

A special to the *Herald* from Valparaiso says: I have investigated the report that the late President Balmaceda had been killed by one of the men who are crossing the mountains with him. No such report has been heard here, so far as I can ascertain, and nothing is known of the fugitive ex-President's movements since he left Valparaiso. The probabilities are very strongly against the story being true, for if Balmaceda had been killed it is long odds that the members of the Junta would have heard of it.

The question of the disposition of the refugees has been definitely settled, and tomorrow the United States steamer Baltimore and a German man-of-war will leave for Peru with all the refugees aboard.

All the newspaper supporters of the late Government are marked men, and will have to leave the country if they can.

A special to the New York *Herald* from Valparaiso says: Exciting news is brought to-day via the South by the Strait steamer, which came up from Talcahuna. The two regiments of Government troops, which were taken to that port recently from Coquimbo from the transport Imperiale, revolted when they heard of the defeat of the Balmacedists at Placcilla last Friday. They shot to death all of their officers and disbanded. Nearly 4,000 coal miners joined them, and together they have practically taken possession of the town of Coronel. On the coast, about 25 miles south of Concepcion, all sorts of excesses have been committed by them. Houses and stores have been sacked and burned. The slightest protest against their actions is met by rifle shots. Women have been abused and subjected to brutalities of the most revolting character. In fact mob rule in its worst form prevails. Some outrages have been committed also in Concepcion and Talcahuna, but the force at the disposal of the authorities has been sufficient to save them from the fate which has overtaken the 6,000 people of Coronel.

As soon as the news was received here this morning the German warship Sophie and the British gunboat Daphne were ordered to go at once to Coronel and protect the interests of foreign residents there. The Government officials here have also taken steps to beat the mob into submission.

Senor Jorge Montt, Gen. Canto and others of the Congressional Chiefs arrived in Santiago this morning. They were received with the greatest enthusiasm by the people of the capital. Gen. Banquedano, the acting President, received them officially. The members of the Junta De Gobierno are expected to arrive to-morrow. They will at once proceed to Santiago and take measures looking to the reorganization of the Government.

There is no disguising the fact that there is a very bitter feeling against the Americans on the part of the successful revolutionists. This feeling is so strong that unless it is placated in some way it may seriously affect American commercial interests in Chili for some time. The capture of the Itata has created the impression that the United States Government was actively unfavorable to the revolutionary cause. Admiral Brown's action in refusing to give up the political refugees who have found an asylum aboard his ships has also added to the general irritation. It is the general belief that Admiral Brown is acting under instructions, or by the advice of Mr. Egan. The Minister is expected to arrive here to-morrow for the purpose of consulting with the admiral as to the final disposition of the refugees, now on the American ships. The feeling against Mr. Egan is very violent, and there is little question that his recall will soon be demanded.

The German Admiral settled the question as to the disposition of the refugees, so far as he is concerned, by sending the Corvette Alexandarine to the north today, presumably to Callao, with Senor Claudio Vicuna, the recent President-elect; Admiral Oscar Viel, the ex-Intendent of Valparaiso; Capt. Fuentes, recently in command of the torpedo boat Almirante Lynch, Senor Sanchez, late Superintendent of the Custom House, and others aboard.

The records of Santiago confirm the statement that on Aug. 18th President Balmaceda ordered 42 young men to be shot to death. They were charged with having engaged in a plot to blow up railroad bridges and thus prevent the movement of the Government troops. Many of them were mere boys of from 16 to 18 years of age.

There is little doubt that Balmaceda is making his way over the Andes, through the south pass. It would be impossible to stop him now.

Minister Egan's friends are doing their best to dispel the impression that he has acted offensively as a partisan of the late Government. One of them, an American named Spencer, is authority for the statement that it was largely due to Mr. Egan's efforts that the President decided to turn over the Government to Gen. Basquedani and give up the struggle. This was done according to Mr. Spencer's story in the face of the opposition of Balmaceda's ministers, who insisted that the victory of the revolutionists at Placilla was not decisive and were desirous of keeping up the fight despite the fall of Valparaiso. Be this as it may, the bitter feeling against Mr. Egan in particular and Americans in general shows no sign of abatement. The Congressional leaders profess to be puzzled at the continued refusal of the State Department at Washington to recognize their envoys at that capital, and are generally inclined to attribute the tardiness to ulterior motives, though just what these may be they do not say. There are vague rumors of fat contracts and nitrate beds in the air, but nothing definite is specified.

No further news has been received from the mob stricken town of Coronel. I am assured, however, that the Provincial Government has taken steps which will result in the restoration of order there in a short time. It is altogether probable that it may require some fighting to get the rebellious soldiers and miners under subjection, and it is perfectly safe to say that the ringleaders will be shot as soon as they are captured.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the reception of the members of the Junta, who will arrive here to night or to-morrow on the steamer Arequipa from Iquiqua. Their arrival will be made the occasion of general rejoicing. Many of the bodies of the dead which have been lying on the battle-field near Placilla, were burned to-day and probably the balance of them will be cremated to-morrow.

About all of the wounded in the various fights which followed the landing of General Canto's army at Quinto Bay have been brought in and are receiving proper attention at the hands of the volunteer ambulance corps. Temporary hospitals have been fitted up wherever possible, and room has been made for all the wounded.

Intendente Walker-Martinez has got the city government here in fair working order, and Valparaiso is gradually settling down. The same is true of Santiago, where the leaders of the Government are now awaiting the arrival of their coafreres before taking any action toward the formation of a Government. A proclamation has been issued to the effect that any person harboring men who were officials under Balmaceda, and who fail to give them up to the authorities, will be shot.

I have just received word from Santiago that Balmaceda in his flight left his family behind him. They are now being cared for by Senor Domingo Torres, brother-in-law of the fugitive President, but who is himself a strong supporter of the Congressionalists.

—Nothing makes a young man of 14 so disgusted with life as to have anybody call him "little boy."

There was an exciting scene at the Brompton Oratory yesterday. As the superior, Dr. Bowden, was proceeding down the crowded church to hear confessions, a contractor named Myers, a former worshipper in the church, leaped from behind a pillar, brandishing a cane, and began to revile the minister. He soon added blows to words. The women in the vicinity were panic-stricken, and it was some time before the male attendants could reach the spot and rescue the superior. Myers was seized and police aid summoned, the result being that he was held to await the outcome of an inquiry into his sanity.

Bridges and crops are suffering from the rise of Oconee River, Georgia.

SNEEZING TO DEATH.

Strange Malady that Threatens to Kill Ella O'Connor.

THE PHYSICIANS BAFFLED.

A Lancaster, Pa., despatch says: Ella O'Connor, a slight girl of 11 years, has sneezed herself nearly to death. For five days she sneezed almost continuously. From the time the malady began until it left her completely prostrated the child got sleep only when it was induced by artificial means. She took but little nourishment, and so exhausted was Ella that even yet her recovery is not assured.

An attending physician was utterly baffled and the medicines availed but little. The strange case has excited the interest of other doctors, who have come to enquire about it.

She began sneezing last Sunday night at 8 o'clock. She was not suffering from any cold. The sneezing continued without a minute's cessation the whole night with the exception of a short two hours, when, exhausted, the girl fell into a heavy sleep.

Early on Monday morning the child again began sneezing, and kept it up all day with a two hours' interval of sleep. From noon of that day until 11 o'clock that night Ella sneezed without a moment's pause. A hypodermic injection of morphia was then administered, which put her to sleep until Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock. She then awakened very sick. For two hours she was extremely ill. Then the sneezing began once more, and it continued the greater part of the day.

She would occasionally have a rest for a few moments. She complained of a pain in her back and head. At times the sneezing was more severe than at others. During the severe spells she could scarcely catch her breath. Many times the anxious mother thought her daughter was strangling to death. The sneezing reached its climax on Tuesday evening. The doctor who attended the child was helpless before such an enemy. It was plain to all that if relief did not soon come death would. A heavy injection of morphine was the last resort. This put her to sleep, and she slept soundly until Wednesday morning. When she got awake she again began sneezing, but it was a mild attack, and from that time she gradually got better. The spells grew more infrequent and of shorter duration. On Friday they ceased altogether.

This is the third attack the girl has had, and, for the time it lasted, was the severest. Two years ago she was afflicted in this way, but then the sneezing continued for ten days. When it ceased the girl was reduced to a mere skeleton. A year ago she was attacked a second time. Then her malady lasted three days. Dr. J. W. Hess was her physician. He says that there is nothing known in medical practice to reach such cases. The girl has been subject to hemorrhages of the nose, but she has had none for four weeks. The doctor hoped in the early part of her illness for such a hemorrhage, believing that with it the sneezing would cease.

COINING MONEY AT TREVES.

The Holy Coat Exhibition Proves a Great Bonanza for Treves.

A Treves despatch says that the receipts from the pilgrims who come to view the holy coat exceed expectations. While a large share of the money is to be retained for the repairing of the cathedral, the greater share will probably be handed over to the Pope. There are two offertory boxes in the cathedral on the part of the Holy See, and sometimes as much as $10,000 marks is dropped into them during the day. The holy coat pilgrims have to undergo irritating hardships during their stay in that city. The weather is so warm that lodging in the ordinary manner would be sufficiently uncomfortable, but it is made much more so by the way in which the people are crowded together. Two or three beds in one small room is the rule, but in some cases it is worse, one landlady having crowded nineteen beds into three moderately-sized rooms. For accommodation of this kind, the charge is four shillings a night. Food is about three times the usual price, and all sorts of souvenirs of the holy coat are on sale in all materials from gold to wood. Every second house is a restaurant or beer shop, and one beer shop bears the name of "The Holy Coat of Treves." In order to facilitate the exhibition the papal order that every pilgrim is to say five paternosters before the relic in order to obtain absolution has been altered by the bishop so that now each pilgrim may say them during his march through the cathedral.

DEATH IN THE WARMING PAN.

A Baby Literally Roasted Alive at Peterboro While in a Fit.

A Peterboro despatch says: A shocking affair was brought to light yesterday. About two weeks ago a child about 2 years old, belonging to parents residing in town was taken ill with fits. While in a fit, the old-fashioned remedy of putting the child into a pan of warm water was tired. When the child was put in the pan it was found that the water was not sufficiently warm, so the lid was taken off the stove and the pan with the child still in it was raised and placed on the stove with the intention of heating the water. Immediately on being placed on the stove the child commenced to writhe in agony. The women in attendance, deaming it the result of the fit, paid no attention, but allowed it to remain there, while it was being slowly cooked. Finally, one woman, more thoughtful than the others, entered the room and, seeing what was going on, rushed forward and snatched the child from the pan. As she pulled it away, the skin peeled off its body and stuck in large pieces to the bottom of the pan. The baby was badly burned, it having been in the pan long enough for its body to be literally roasted in places. On seeing the result of their thoughtlessness the women were horror-stricken. A physician was summoned, but although everything possible was done to relieve the little sufferer, the physician's efforts were unavailing and the baby died.

SERIOUS ACCIDENTS.

One Marmora Man Loses an Arm, Another Loses an Eye.

A Marmora despatch says: A gunning accident occurred here last night. When Harry Boldrick, a son of James Boldrick, of Stirling, was pushing his boat from shore, his gun slipped and was discharged, lodging the charge into his left arm above the elbow, which was shattered so badly as to make amputation necessary. The arm was amputated by Dr. Jones, assisted by Drs. Shepperd and Pumeroy, all of this place.

Another accident occurred through which a son of Wm. Bonter lost his eye. He was helping Richard Leonard kill a sheep, when the knife slipped and struck him in the eye, putting it out.

He Wanted to See Her.

Wife—Mother is going to have her picture taken to-day.

Husband—Is she? May I go with her and see her having it done?

Wife—Certainly. But why do you want to go?

Husband—The photographer will tell her to look pleasant, you know, and I want to see her that way for once.

—The girl who wants to handle the reins when her lover takes her out driving may after marriage want to wear the breeches.

—A correspondent suggests that travellers should always enter railroad cars by the rear door and enter by the front door.

George Holmes, of Cincinnati, is the owner of a peculiar diamond In the morning it is a beautiful sky blue, at noon it is perfectly white, and at 6 o'clock in the evening it begins to turn black, and after sunset is like a piece of coal.

Chicago has nearly twice as many miles of streets (on paper) as any other city in the world, and almost four times as many as New York. The total mileage is 2,048.

In the last week in August the Bank of England held $132,750,055 in gold; the Bank of France $273,205,557; the Imperial Bank of Germany $185,047,000.

Edward McCaffrey, one of the men convicted in 1883 of complicity in the Invincible conspiracies which culminated in the Phenix Park murders, and who was sentenced to ten years' penal servitude, has been released.

John Penn, who has just been elected to the British Parliament, is a descendant of the great William Penn.

"Papa, are you the minister of our family?" "Yes, my son." "Who's the spanker, mamma?"

Among the many inventions in building operations in the use of steel chimneys for large mercantile establishments. One to be used in Chicago will have a height of 250 feet, and the steel will vary in thickness from five-eights of an inch at the bottom to five-thirty-seconds at the top.

THE UNSPEAKABLE TURK.

Gives Promise of Causing Serious European Complications.

A London cable says: The semi-official statement which the Porte issued yesterday in regard to the agreement with Russia touching the passage by the Russian volunteer fleet through the Dardanelles is quickening the British Foreign Office in its efforts to obtain concerted action on the part of the treaty powers in demanding full explanations from the Porte. Within two days Lord Salisbury's attitude appears to have changed from one of pretended indifference into one of keen diplomatic activity. From Chateau Cecil, where he still abides, he has roused the officials of the Foreign Department here, through whom night and day cipher despatches pass in a stream to and from the European capitals. A high official of the department takes the view that the Russo-Turkish agreement will make necessary an early demonstration on the part of Great Britain, even if she has to act alone. Lord Salisbury's position, as it is understood to have been communicated to the powers, is that the Russo-Turkish agreement is an evasion of the Treaty of Paris. Turkey could not assent to an open and flagrant violation of the treaty by giving Russia the right to send warships through the straits, but she makes concessions tantamount to the same privilege in permitting the passage through the Dardanelles of a volunteer fleet, equipped with guns and filled with soldiers. So the development of diplomacy swift or slow, British intervention ultimately appears to be inevitable.

The Paris *Temps* compares the Russian volunteer fleet with the British steamers built for armament in time of war. The fact is, when the Treaty of Paris was concluded it was not foreseen that vessels would be designed of mixed merchant and war character. The *Temps* distinctly indicates that the French Government intends to support the Sultan's right to enter into a special contract with Russia outside of the articles of the treaty.

With the straits trouble is directly involved the question of Egypt. Moukhtar Pasha, the Porte's commissioner in Cairo, has renewed his demand through the Khedive for the evacuation of Egypt by the English. Cairo advices state that if this demand is refused Moukhtar Pasha will ask the Sultan to recall him and to leave the post vacant as a protest against the Khedive's contumacy toward the Suzerain.

The British Ambassador at Constantinople, Sir William White, is on the worst possible personal terms with the Sultan, who has repeatedly made excuses to avoid seeing him, and it is reported to-night that Sir William is about to be replaced.

The Austrian Ambassador in Turkey, Baron Von Calice, who has been on leave at Vienna, had a long conference with Count Kalnoky in regard to the Dardanelles question, and started to return to Constantinople yesterday, charged to support England's diplomatic policy.

NEW CATTLE TRADE REGULATIONS.

he British Board of Agriculture Issues an Important Order.

A London cable says: An official order of the Board of Agriculture has been issued relating to the cattle trade, to go into operation next January. Cattle are not to be carried on more than three decks, nor one deck above a compartment containing other cattle, nor in any position interfering with the navigation and ventilation of the vessel or the working of the boats. Every part used for cattle must be provided with substantial pens, strong enough to resist the weight of the cattle or the action of the weather. The pens must be weather-proof, and provided with battens secured to the floor to prevent cattle from slipping. Not more than four large or five small animals are to be placed in each pen. There must be a passageway of the minimum width of 18 inches between every two rows of cattle and in front of every single row. Pens must be adequately ventilated and lighted and sufficiently roomy for repose and feeding. Food and water must be protected from the weather. There must be one competent foreman with one assistant to every 25 head of cattle. Any animal seriously injured must be forthwith slaughtered. Any contravention of the order will make the owner, charterer and master of the vessel guilty of an offence against the contagious diseases (Animals) Act of 1878.

OFFICIALLY SPANKED.

The Masonic Grand Master Spanks an Erring Chinaman.

A New York despatch says: Lou Yong, the Chinaman who was arrested recently for intruding in the sacred precincts of the Lun Gee Tong, at 6 Mott street, and stealing a set of Chinese musical instruments from a trunk, was hailed out on Saturday by the members of the society. On Sunday afternoon he was brought before a full tribunal of the officers of the Lun Gee Tong to answer for his offence. The Grand Master of the lodge was summoned from Brooklyn, and friends of the culprit were called as witnesses to see that nothing unjust was done. Lots were drawn to determine who was to bastinado Lou. The duty fell to the Grand Master. He doned the black robe and summoned the trembling Lou and told him to stand up. After delivering a Chinese lecture to Lou a rattan about three feet long was brought out, and the Grand Master proceeded to exercise it on the bad man's coat tail with all his might. This is the first time a Chinese Freemason has been disciplined for violating their rules.

ASSAULTED A YOUNG WIFE,

And Her Husband Blew His Arm Off With His Gun.

A Middletown, N. Y., despatch says: Young Chester Doane, who lives with his uncle, Farmer Horace Doane, near West Town, narrowly escaped being killed the other day by William Osborne, a farm hand, living near Doane's farm. Osborne has an attractive young wife, and it is alleged that young Doane called at the house in her husband's absence and assaulted her. When Osborne heard his wife's story he took his double barrelled shotgun and found Doane at his uncle's house. Opening fire on young Doane at sight Osborne lodged a charge of bird shot in his elbow. Doane's arm has been amputated near the shoulder. The Doanes are an old and widely known Orange county family. A warrant has been issued for Osborne, who has disappeared.

BALMACEDA'S ESCAPE.

Inventing Excuses for U. S. Minister Egans' Partisanship.

A City of Mexico despatch says: The *Anglo-American* says a prominent gentleman of this city has received the following despatch in cipher:

A London despatch says: A letter from an officer on an English warship at Valparaiso asserts that Balmaceda insulted and quarrelled with the American Minister, Mr. Patrick Egan, and the French Minister, and that the latter refused to accept an apology, but that Minister Egan renewed his relations with the Government under threats from Senor Godoy that if Mr. Egan gave Balmaceda trouble they would send him aboard an English warship.

Dominion Election Petitions.

The Dominion election petitions have been distributed for trial as follows:

Court of Appeal—North Bruce, East Bruce, South Leeds, Shefford, Huntingdon, Lennox, East York, Addington, Prince Edward and cross-petition, Centre Wellington and cross-petition, North Wellington and cross-petition, East Elgin and cross-petition.

Queen's Bench Division—Glengarry, Halton, Prescott, Lincoln and Niagara, East Peterborough, Muskoka and Parry Sound, South Oxford, North Victoria, South Victoria and cross-petition, South Essex and cross-petition, South Ontario and cross-petition.

Chancery Division—South Norfolk, West Northumberland, North Waterloo, West Huron, Wellland, London, Monck and cross-petition, North Norfolk and cross-petition, North York and cross-petition, Rothwell, Peel and cross-petition.

Common Pleas Division—South Grey, Kent, North Perth, South Perth, Algoma, East Simcoe, East Middlesex, West Middlesex, North Middlesex and cross-petition, North Wentworth and cross-petition, Haldimand and cross-petition.

Modern Consistency—Sporting man—See here, I want my subscription stopped. I can't stand those violent editorials of yours on the sinfulness of racing. Editor—But, my dear sir, you can't do without our paper. No other gives so complete a report of the races.

Labor Day in Quebec will be properly celebrated.

Promises made in time of affliction require a better memory than people commonly possess.

"Uncle John," said little Emily, "do you know that a baby that was fed on elephant's milk gained 20 pounds in a week?" "Nonsense!" exclaimed Uncle John; and then asked, "Whose baby was it?" "It was the elephant's baby," replied little Emily.

A $50,000 fire in the Coleman building, New York, this morning.

CAPTURED BY RUSSIANS.

The Czar's Patrols Fire on Sealers and One is Taken.

A Vancouver, B. C., despatch says: The most important news of the season was brought down by the schooner Geneva late last night. She brought 600 skins and is the first home of those venturesome schooners that made the Russian side of the sea. Two days after reaching Behring Sea she was ordered out by S. B. F. Pleasant, and Capt. Seward, knowing his owners would be heavy losers if he came home, made for the Russian side and brought up twelve miles off the rookery at Copper Island. He ran in between the American schooners Teresa and J. Hamilton Lewis, and at once sent a boat to the former to see what luck she had. The Teresa gave the news that she and the schooner Rich had fooled the Russians many times, but that on the day before, August 2nd, Captain Alexander McLean, of the Rich, was ashore with two boats, and just as they were returning to the schooner the Russian guards rushed on them over the sand hills and started shooting with rifles. They fired several rounds, and though many bullets hit the boats only Captain McLean was struck. His knee cap was smashed and his left hand hit. Then both schooners made off to their position, twelve miles from Copper Island.

The Russian man-of-war Alert, thirteen guns, the next day steamed out after the three schooners at full speed. All of them put on every stitch of canvas, and for twelve miles there was a long chase, the Alert firing blank cartridges all the time. Then the wind fell off and she came up to within a mile of the Lewis and fired a ball that smashed the bowsprit in halves and brought her to. The Geneva and Teresa then saw two boats pull from the Russian and board the Lewis, which ten minutes afterward was taken in tow and rapidly disappeared.

THE CARE OF PLANTS.

Hints by a Famous Floriculturist on How to Succeed.

"People frequently ask, 'How often should I water my plants?'" said Chief Gardener Saunders, of the Department of Agriculture to a Washington *Star* reporter the other day. "To begin with, never apply water to a plant until it requires it, that is, until it is dry, and then apply a sufficient quantity to soak it.

"Novices in plant culture usually make the mistake of merely sprinkling the surface of the soil, perhaps daily, without at any time applying enough water to saturate the mass. Plants cannot flourish under such conditions; the surface will appear wet, while the main body of the soil is hard and dry. One drawback to properly watering plants in parlor and window gardening arises from the inconvenience attending the use of water in sufficient quantities; another evil is the dryness of the air.

Both of these obstacles to success can be greatly modified by the use of a table properly fitted for the reception of the flower pots or small vases in which the plants are kept. This table may be of any required size; a surface of two by three feet would be suitable for most windows; it should be made tight and neatly fitted. A ledge is made by fastening a strip three inches wide around the edge; then fill with two inches of clean, whitesand, upon which the plants are placed. Lining the table with zinc would completely guard against drip.

"There are a few general rules with regard to watering plants which may be noted. Watering should be preferably applied during the early part of the day, especially so in the winter season. Plants in pots well supplied with roots will require much more water than those which are newly potted or have a quanty of soil with a few roots. Plants with narrow or small foliage will not use so much water as those with large spreading leaves. Plants in the shade will not need as much water as will those in the sun. But in cases where water is applied it should be done copiously.

"In the pot culture of plants, where the amount of soil is limited, the use of liquid manure is of vast service when judiciously applied, but much harm may be occasioned by its indiscriminate use. Many persons consider it necessary to resort to the use of guano and other solutions on sickly plants, and are surprised to find that the application only hastens the dissolution of the patient.

"It is only healthy and well-rooted plants that are to be benefited by manures, and such as are supplied with hungry roots, but growing slowly for want of nutriment. But it should be kept in mind that stimulants should not be applied while flower-buds are forming, as it might induce an increased wood growth at the expense of the flowering principle."

THE PERSECUTED JEWS.

The Sultan Interferes to Prevent Refugees from Entering Palestine.

A London cable says: A letter is published here from the minister in charge of Christ church, Jerusalem, saying that on petition of the native tradesmen the Sultan has stopped the influx of Russian Jews, and that he will not permit them to land in Palestine without a special order. Fifty families who arrived recently by steamer were sent back. The letter adds that Baron Hirsch ought to arrange with the Porte terms of settlement which would permit of Jews locating in Palestine. Palestine, the writer says, is at present thinly peopled. If the country were terraced, planted, and supplied with water reservoirs, it would be highly productive, and the cost would be small in comparison with the expensive system adopted in South American countries. In conclusion the clergyman says the country across the River Jordan is fine and fertile, practically uninhabited, and able to receive an enormous number of settlers.

The Jews now being driven from their homes in Moscow are compelled to sign a paper to the effect that they are quitting the town of their own free will. This is done in order that the Russian authorities may be armed with an answer to the charges of brutality, which, it appears, have made an impression, even in Russia.

SADIE IN JAIL.

Sadie Laing, a Toronto Woman, Charged With Smuggling Chinese.

A Detroit despatch says: Last midnight a Chinaman and a white woman were arrested here. They came over on the ferry boat from Windsor and to all appearances the woman was piloting the Chinaman to a place of safety. The Chinaman gives the name of Li Jing Gon, and the woman registered as Sadie Laing, 453 Queen street, Toronto. She denied having anything to do with the Chinaman. She was locked up as a suspect, and the Chinaman was locked up charged with illegally entering the United States. He had $23 in cash and a certificate of residence in Canada was found sewed up in his clothes. He was disguised in civilized garb.

A Surfeit of Tragedy.

A New Haven, Conn., despatch says: The town of Seymour is disturbed and excited over two tragedies which occurred last night and this morning. George Wingblade, a German mechanic, shot his wife in the mouth and probably fatally injured her. Wingblade then shot himself in the head and died in less than five minutes. Wingblade had been drinking heavily. Wm. Ryan, a mechanic, attended church this morning, and having attended to all the rites of his church, returned home and cut his his throat from ear to ear. He has but w hours to live.

Then We Subsided.

Pittsburg *Chronicle-Telegraph:* Gaswell (to his wife)—You have lately acquired the unpleasant habit of turning up your nose.

Mrs. Gaswell—Oh, no; it isn't recently acquired. Mamma said only yesterday that if I had not turned up my nose at so many good offers that I might have been happier in my married life now.

Valentine Dolson, Hespeler, charged with committing an indecent assault on Ettie Cooper of the same place, at a picnic held in Elora, was sentenced Saturday by Judge Chadwick. The sentence was eighteen months in the Central Prison and 25 lashes. The prisoner pleaded guilty to the charge.

A firm in San Francisco recently received from a life prisoner in San Quentin, Cal., prison a check for $80. It was in payment for goods that he bought from the house 24 years ago—just prior to committing the deed for which he was imprisoned.

Young wife (gloomily)—Do you suppose our husbands really went fishing last Saturday? Second young wife (confidentially)—I can cure of it. First young wife—They didn't bring home any fish. Second young wife—That's my principal reason for believing they went fishing.

Many people mistake stubborness for bravery, meanness for economy and vileness for wit.

THE ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

Questions Which the Methodist Council Will Discuss at Washington.

Very considerable interest is felt in Methodist circles the world over in the proceedings of the second ecumenical conference which opens in Washington on the 7th prox. During the ten years since the first council was held many important questions have come to the front. Questions are arising out of the relations of capital and labor, and the socialistic movements of the times have become burning topics; and no great gathering of this kind can afford to pass them over, without some decisive expression of opinion as to the duty of the Christian church in relation to them. This is equally true of the question of what shall be the attitude of the Christian church towards the results of modern scientific and Biblical criticism. No church can leave this unanswered in view of the degree to which it is occupying the earnest study of gifted and learned men in these departments of thought.

The programme of the conference announces that each of these live topics is down for discussion. The latter is to be opened by Percy Bunting, a Wesleyan layman, for some time editor of the *Contemporary Review*, and a grandson of the famous Dr. Jabez Bunting. Professor Davison, whose paper on "The Inspiration of the Scriptures" recently attracted such wide attention, is to address the conference on the same subject, and Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, the gifted leader of what is known as the "forward movement," is to open a discussion by a paper on "The Religious Press and the religious Uses of the Secular Press." This is one of the great discussions arranged for the meeting, and many noted leaders in Methodism are to follow the celebrated English divine, among them Dr. Dewart, editor of the *Guardian*. The opening sermon is to be preached by the venerable Rev. Wm. Arthur, the author of "The Successful Merchant," "The Tongue of Fire," and other well-known books.

Great preparations are being made in New York City to welcome the delegates by a public banquet on the 5th prox. The total number of accredited representatives will be 500—300 American, including 24 from Canada, and 200 from Europe—and for convenience of organization, and for the purposes of equity and fraternity, the whole Methodist community shall be included in four general divisions, as follows:

First division—The Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Second division—Other Methodist Churches in the United States and Canada. Third division—The British Wesleyan Methodist Churches. Fourth division—Other British Methodist Churches.

Unmailable Matter.

The United States law with regard to the carrying of newspapers containing lottery advertisements through the mails is as follows:

"Newspapers, pamphlets and publications of all kinds, bearing date before or since the 19th day of September, 1890 (at which date the Act took effect), which contain the advertisement of any lottery, gift enterprise, or similar scheme, or the whole or part of the list of prizes awarded at the drawings of lotteries or similar schemes, are by the provisions of this Act denied carriage in the mails or delivery to subscribers, addressees or to any other person or as 'sample copies.' Postmasters should refuse to receive them from publishers or to deliver them if by inadvertence they reach the office of destination. When found by postmasters in the mails *in transit*, they should be held until a report concerning them can be made to the Postmaster-General and instructions received from him as to the disposing of them. Foreign newspapers, pamphlets and publications of all kinds containing printed matter forbidden by the provisions of this Act should be treated as if they were published in the United States. The term 'lottery,' as used in this Act, embraces all kinds of schemes, general or local, for the distribution of prizes by lot or chance, such as gift exhibitions, enterprises, concerts, raffles or the drawing of prizes in money or property at fairs. Hence, letters, postal cards and circulars concerning them, and newspapers, pamphlets and other publications containing advertisements of them, are unmailable."

He Put This and That Together.

A young woman was trading in a stationer's shop, says a German paper, and the elderly proprietor suddenly asked:

"And when does the wedding take place?"

"The wedding? Why, you don't think—" The fair customer blushed and hesitated.

"Ah, fraulein, when young ladies buy a hundred sheets of paper and only twenty-five envelopes I know there is something in the wind."

A Leading Question.

Quester—Hello, old boy! You look rather the worse for wear. What have you been doing with yourself?

Jester—Been off on a little piscatorial toot, that's all.

Quester—Yes, but what did you fall in with?

Jester—What did I fall in with? Why, I fell in with my clothes on.

Not Too Straight.

"Let's see—Wanamaker is a straight republican, isn't he?"

"Well, no—not exactly. He is just a republican."

An Inventor's Opportunity.

Texas *Siftings:* The man who will invent a handy derrick to hold a Sunday newspaper while it is being read will get his stocking full at Christmas.

A valuable bird dog owned by a Grass Valley, California, man was recently shown a parrot. He immediately "pointed," when polly marched up in front of him and said: "You're a rascal." The terrified dog turned his tail and ran away, and is ruined for hunting, as he can not now be induced to "point" at any sort of bird.

Can a man who falls off a roof be called an eaves-dropper?

The bone of contention is the jaw-bone.

A man in St. Louis proposes to walk from that town to Chicago on a tight rope stretched twenty feet above the ground.

—Doctor—Did you shake the medicine before taking? Patient—Certainly. It was too late to give it the shake after taking.

Gold coin is shipped abroad in five-gallon iron-bound oaken kegs. Each keg holds ten bags and each bag contains $5,000, so that the value of a keg