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THE JOURNAL'S PLATFORM

A Trinity of Events Which Would Make of Portland the Mightiest City of the Pacific Coast.

First-Deepen the Columbia river bar. Second Open the Columbia river to unimpeded navigation at and above The Dalles. Third-Dig an Isthmian canal.

ANOTHER PUZZLE FROM THE DOCTORS.

O BATHE OR NOT TO BATHE, that is the question which is stirring to its depths the medical bathe and thereby invite pneumonia and through that fell disease to break our precipitate way into an untimely grave or, guided by a deeper wisdom, not to bathe and thus to save our more or less odoriferous neck and crop, give the merry laugh to the grim destroyer and jauntily sidestep the cheerless home he had prepared for usthese he the considerations which give pause to the speculative surgical gents and lead the waiting bathless public to tear its sticky hair in impotent indecision or recklessly to plunge into the inviting depths of the steaming tub and accept as best it may the fatal fate that may there await it.

When doctors disagree who shall decide? They say bathe, and they say do not bathe. They urge that the pores be kept freely open by needed baths to aid nature in throwing off those insidious superfluities which in their accumulation spell disease, and thus give respite, surcease and needed aid to these overworked organs whose function in the economy of the human frame is ceaselessly to wrestle with just such problems. On the other hand, they say do not bathe, for thereby is a sewer made of the skin and the processes of nature are so stimulated and disorganized that much is eliminated, that is still needed in our business. In other words, to be even more specific in their language, if you wish to be dirty, bathe; if you wish to be clean don't bathe, an enunciation which will be received with vociferous enthusiasm by every American youth now living and breathing,

But in the meantime what wre we to do? Are we to take reckless chances on pneumonia and freely indulge our fatal predeliction for semi-occasional baths or are we to erect insurmountable barriers to the dread disease by hanging out the "No Bathing" sign, thereafter carefully avoiding convivial contact with any of our neighbors for reasons that are too obvious to mention? Or shall we purpose our several ways as heretofore, bathing as suits our individual needs, lights or idiosyncrasies, and let the doctors thunder their academic denunciations, not unmixed with maledictions, upon the density of our ignorance and the barbaric recklessness of our behavior?

Our humble little vote must still be cast for the occasfonal if not periodic bath, neither making of it a fad or a fetish, but confining it to utilitarian purposes, taking in blithe comfort the collateral chances of acquiring pneumonia or whatever other disease may be invited by what the unlearned public in its robust and aggressive ignorance will always persist in regarding as habits of cleanli-

THE TIME TO DO HOLIDAY SHOPPING.

HIS IS THE TIME to do Christmas shopping, rather than a week hence. The stocks are now full and while the merchants are feeling the stimulus of the holiday trade the crush which characterizes the few closing days of the season has not yet set in. It is therefore still possible to shep in comfort and to be waited upon with care and attention. Not only that, but Germany and the United States and which in any event, those who buy now are more likely to get precisely what they want than they are at the fag end of the season. General MacArthur and that able officer too rashly con-Those who postpone the duty till the last minute cannot cluding that Militia Jones was a gentleman, as well as a always expect to get just the things they want and in man of intelligence, perhaps spoke with some freedom the crush they cannot expect the overworked and harried on world wide conditions as they affected the United clerks to give each individual shopper that painstaking States in the, relations of the latter to Germany. personal attention which is given as a matter of course in Jones wasn't gifted with the capacity to grasp what was less strenuous times. It cannot be given for it is a physical impossibility to do it.

time and irritation and who gets precisely what she wants, is the one who takes time by the forelock and gets consequence with the gay abandon of a Hawaiian militia the bulk of her things the moment the Christmas stocks colonel. All of this might have been laughed away but are complete. It is she alone who can view the near approach of Christmas with calm philosophy and who is responsible head of General MacArthur, and covers that neither worn out nor physically exhausted by the despera- officer with embarrassment and confusion. tion of the struggle to achieve her purchases in the closing moments of the season.

As to where to go and what to buy the advertising col- Militia Jones.

stand his backdown and public clamor

was so strong that he had to resign af-

ter being a minister since 1876. He

had visited the United States and Europe

twice before to study their constitutions

When the present difficulty with Rus-

sia arose Ito was appointed president

entrusted the negotiations, although M.

tries have been insisting upon the open

who wanted war anyhow, and the news-

papers threw out the suggestion that

T. T. GEER, EDITOR.

From the Eugene Register.

It is said that T. T. Geer, ex-governor

litical enemies of recent days gone by

vigorous letter writer and will, no doubt,

warm up the Statesman columns in good

From the Salem Statesman, December 8.

hereby announces that on and after this

He Is Different Then.

From the Chicago News.

After marrying a man to reform him,

and Weekly Statesmen.

The Statesman Publishing company

was foolish enough to take up.

and methods of financing, and he em-

third visit.

MARQUIS ITO.

He Is the Most Influential and Perhaps

Ablest Man in Japan. Marquis Ito, who narrowly escaped death at"the hands of an assassin, spurred on by the jingo section of the Japanese press, is probably the most influential man in public life in Japan, for, although he holds a minor portfolio, he is the man behind the throne. He has been referred to as the Bisand financier.

Ito it was who conducted the negotiations that led up to the war with rest of the Chinese empire. China; he raised the funds for the war; he drew up the outline of the plan of him practically an ally of the United campaign; he commanded the Japanese States and Britain, both of which counfleet which trapped the Chinese warships at the mouth of the Yalu river, door, but it did not please the lingues. and not only defeated a much superior force, but practically destroyed it, thus winning the greatest naval battle of the honor of Japan demanded his death modern times; he was the first naval a suggestion which a medical student commander to put into practice our own Captain Mahan's theories as to necessity for securing command of the sea, before undertaking military operations and when the Japanese had won a succession of brilliant victories, it was he who conducted the negotiations for

Salem Statesman and will do the heavy But it was only after the accomeditorial work. No doubt Mr. Geer's poplishment of all this, having secured the most favorable terms for his own counwill have reason to tremble in their boots. Geer is credited with being a try, that his work really commenced Russia was craving for the control of Korea, which Ito had secured for his own country, and its ally France, ever shape. ready to obey the behest of the czar. rushed to its support. The German emperor, smarting under British snubs and anxious to make friends with France, joined the combination, and little Japan date T. T. Geer will have entire control of the editorial columns of the Dally was menaced by these three great powegs if it did not give up the fruits of its conquest. Britain was not in a position at the time to come to the aid of Japan, and the marguis saw there was nothing for it but to yield, and the Euro pean powers gobbled up all that file

and inventory. Those who have goods to sell and wish the public to know it are always found in the columns of this newspaper and we wish to commend them to the careful consideration of all our readers. They will be found to completely fill the bill and to meet the wants of the Portland public and whatever they have emitted from their stocks is very likely not worth having. In a perfectly friendly way The Journal asks that they be first seen, in the confident belief that the seeker after holiday gifts will there find precisely what suits and at prices that are reasonable and fair.

umns of The Journal are day by day a complete record

AN IMPROVED CONSULAR SERVICE.

SHORT TIME AGO a warning note was officially uttered in Germany that the American consular service had become so effective as to be an almost faculty of Chicago. Whether it is better to insurmountable barrier to German trade agressions in many quarters of the globe. Coming from Germany this was a high compliment, for that nation stands at the very head and front of all the nations in the care and attention which it devotes to the training of its consular agents. They are trained in schools for that purpose and when they leave for their posts, are familiar with the language of the people with whom they are to do business, they know their customs, social as well as business, and they try to meet to the letter the commercial conditions which these foreign countries impose upon them. The progress of Germany in finding new and extending old markets has therefore been very great in recent years, while in South America it has been little less than astounding, due to immigration as well as to consular effort.

> If this was a true criticism of the American consular service it would not only be immensely gratifying, but it would greatly elevate a branch of the public service which has heretofore elicited little praise and which was popularly believed to have been almost totally inefficient. But the result undoubtedly is partially due to the private efforts of the American manufacturers. The criticism which for years has been passed upon our consular service is that it is filled not by men either trained or qualified for the duties but by political hacks who are thus provided with places because of work done in the mess of practical politics. In the past there has been good grounds to criticise the shortcomings if not the actual imbecility of the consular service, though the standard has been gratifyingly raised in recent years. There are now very few more interesting and instructive documents printed by the government than the consular reports and the celebrated Decatur silver service the improved service has been immensely beneficial to American trade.

But even yet it is very far from perfection and many of the big establishments find it necessary to maintain their erty of the general. own agents at important foreign centers to keep fully abreast of the market needs and conditions. It is generally acknowledged that the existing law is ineffective and its shortcomings are so manifest that strenuous efforts are being made to get through congress a more adequate measure. The growth of our export business in the past two years has given great added weight to the demand, and it would not be at all surprising should a relief measure find its way through this session of congress. The purpose is to secure trained men for the service and once secured not only to insure them permanent position but advancement on merit when the opportunity arises. This is both a businesslike and intelligent way of considering steamship folder or information as to mountain at least. Placed side by side the matter which should appeal to the common sense and the hour when the next steamer sails he in a straight line, 3,000,000,000 pennies intelligence of the congressional body irrespective of politics, and public sentiment will back it to the letter.

A CHANCE FOR HAWAII.

OLONEL JONES, a bunch of fuss and feathers in the Hawaiian militia, has stirred up a mess which may lead to diplomatic correspondence between will cause some ill-feeling. He had a social chat with presented to him nor with the decency to realize the limitations placed upon him by a social conversation. The wise Christmas buyer, the one who saves money, Therefore he immediately presented a report to the governor in which he discussed matters of broad international for the fact that he hangs most of the utterances on the If Hawaii is anxious to enter into open competition

for the prize ass, it could undoubtedly quality with Colonel

ONLY LIVING EX-PRESIDENT.

Cleveland Has Seen More Administra

tions Than Any Other. From the New York Sun.

Mr. Cleveland has lived in the time of nore administrations than any one who has ever been president. He was born in 1837. In that year Martin Van Buren of the privy council, and to him were was inaugurated president, consequently Mr. Cleveland has lived in the adminis-Katsura is premier. He again brought trations of Van Buren, the short term of himself into conflict with the jingo ele-William Henry Harrison and the remain-Bismarck, Von Molike and Admiral ment by offering to permit the Russian der of the term to which Tyler succeed-Dewey combined, for he is a warrior by decupation of Manchuria, if the open ed; also in the administrations of Polk, land and by sea as well as a statesman door was guaranteed and Japan were Taylor, Fillmore, Pierce, Buchanan, Linwere Taylor, Fillmore, Pierce, Buchanan, Linoln, Johnson, two terms of Grant given a protectorate over Korea, but he insisted upon the integrity of the Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Benjamin Harrison, McKinley, and thus far in the ad-This was a clever move, as it_made ministration of Roosevelt-in all 18, and

including his own 26. Mr. Cleveland has not only lived in the administrations mentioned, but he has lived to see six vice-presidents succeed o the presidency, three of them-Johnson, Arthur and Roosevelt-coming to White House through the assassingtion of their predecessors. The others

were Van Buren, Tyler and Fillmore, The fact that Mr. Cleveland is the only president who succeeded himself four years after his first administration is well known, and is to be added to the other unusual things about his political of Oregon, has bought an interest in the life.

New Chance for Ostentation.

From the London Punch. The American millionaire who pubished the fact that he was willing to pay \$5,000 for an ear has been inundated with offers, and he is said to be now considering whether, being a aire, he could not wear more than one set of ears. What would strike us over here as ostentatious would not neces sarily be considered so in America.

Joyful Though Quiet.

From the Washington Post.
The president of Peru declares that his country is enjoying law and order. He probably means that they are having law and order there, but it is too much The flery Japanese could not under- he isn't a bit like the man she married ing it.

OLD HICKORY'S HOME.

It Is Restored to Its Pristine Glory By His Distinguished Services and Singular the Hermitage Association.

From the Philadelphia North American Andrew Jackson, has, through the eforts of the Ladies' Hermitage association, been almost restored to the condi-tion it was in at the time of the death of Gen. Jackson. In 1856 the state of Pennessee purchased from Andrew Jackon, Jr., for \$48,000, the Hermitage farm, which then consisted of 500 acres of and, and it was intended to offer it to year he made a tour of the Northwest the United States, government for a branch of the West Point academy, but the civil war prevented the consummation of these plans. In 1889 the state legislature of Tennessee conveyed to Ladies' Hermitage association, through a board of trustees, the house, tomb, all outhouses and 25 acres of queen's service, little dreaming that I should ever cross it again as the chief land, to "preserve, beautify and adorn throughout all coming years, in a manrepresentative of the queen in this provner most befitting the memory of th great man and commensurate with the This incident took place only a month gratitude of his countrymen.

The association has put forth untiring efforts to raise the funds necessary to purchase the furniture and relies that were in the house at the time of Gen. Jackson's death.

The original Hermitage was built in 804. It was made of logs, and part of t is still standing. Aaron Burr made his famous visit to the Hermitage in 1805, and was entertained in this log house. Gen Jackson was living in the og house when the battle of New Orleans was fought, in 1815, and returned to this humble home the "conquering hero" and idol of the nation. The present site was selected and built upon in 1819, and was of brick made there in 1815. Lafayette was entertained there in 1825. This house was burned in 1835 and rebuilt in 1836 upon the same foundation as it now stands Gen. Jackson died in 1845, at the age of 78 years, and was buried by the side of his wife in the tomb in the garden.

The Hermitage is built in-the old colonial style of architecture, with large way, with double rooms on either side and wings supplementing these. rooms are large and spacious and are 11 in number, besides pantry, storecellar, etc. the hall, which is large and commodious, one notes at first glance the pictorial paper, which was ordered Jackson, from Paris, France, when the house was built in 1836. It came by of New Orleans up the Mississippi and Cumberland rivers. It represents the legend of Telemachus, and is that part of the story of the landing of Ulysses on the island of Calypso.

Although Col. Jackson still has many valuable curios that belonged to the 'old hero," the Ladies' Hermitage association has succeeded in acquiring either by purchase or presentation, no less than 172 separate and distinct relics, varying in size and value from that Gen. Jackson purchased from the widow of Commodore Decatur, down to the brass fender that has no value whatever, except that it was once the prop

BEGINS AT THE BOTTOM.

John D. Spreckles, Jr., Conscientiously Fills the Place of Clerk.

From the San Francisco Examiner. Back of the counter selling tickets in the ground up. This is John D. Spreckis ready to supply you, and he work without putting on unnecessary frills or assuming airs.

to listen to complaints and explain the letails of a complicated service. He explains what staterooms are to be had. In a word he fills the bill. In discussing his work yesterday he said: You see, I want to learn the steam-

want to learn every branch of the ser I am selling tickets here because this is a department I did not know any thing about. Lots of people come in here with complaints-they have something to kick about. Now I hear complaints, and learn what action should be taken in regard to them. hope some day to follow in my father' footsteps. Supposing I was down at the lower office I could not be looking after my father's interests properly unless, when a person came in with a complaint; should be in a position to know whether he or the company was in the wrong. I am fond of pleasure the same as everybody else, yet I know of no rea-son why I should not work because I happen to be a rich man's son. I want shall have the utmost confidence in my ability. I am willing to check freight and I don't care what it is, I think that the only way to be successful in any business is to learn it from the ground

John D. Spreckles, Jr., is at the ticket office every morning promptly at 9 o'clock, and with the exception of an hour for lunch he is to be found back of the counter until the office closes at o'clock. He is popular with the rest of the clerks, and the fact that his But he is showing weakness when father is president of the company has no bearing on his work. His duty is to The wait on customers and transportation men say that he is one of the smartest It echoes truth to honesty and banters and most polite of the ticket sellers along the ticket office row.

A JUDICIAL HORSE TRADE.

From the San Francisco Call. The following is told on the late Judge Campbell when he was police judge of this city: A prisoner was before him for some

petty crime, but had no attorney. The prosecution, not wishing to take unidue advantage of the prisoner, moved a postponement till he could get a lawyer. Judge Campbell said: "Oh, that's all right. This is a small

man's interests are protected." During the trial the court undertook to examine the defendant as follows: The Court-What is your business? Defendant-Horse-trading, your honor The Court-Ah! Have you any horses

Defendant-Yes, your honor-two. The Court-Well, say, I have a pretty od horse myseif. How'd you like to trade?

swer, the prosecuting attorney inter-

it present?

mained a widower

vened: "Just a moment, if your honor please As I said, I do not wish to see any advantage taken of this man, and I insist on a postponement until he can se-

cure counsel to protect him." An Awful Example. From the Nashville Banner, Senator Platt's right to be boss was

BRITISE AMBASSADOR'S TATEER.

Death in India.

Angle-Indian, in the New York Sun. In the appreciative notices which have appeared in the American papers re-Washington I have not observed any reference to the services of his distinguished father, Sir Henry Marion-Du rand, whom I had the honor of meeting just 33 years ago on the banks of the river Indus, when in December of that frontier of India as lieutenant governo of the Punjaba The position of lieutenant-governor of an Anglo-Indian province is really that of governor, and I remember Sir Henry saying: "How strange it is that 43 years ago I chossed

before Sir Henry was fatally injured as he entered on a magnificently caparisoned elephant through the gateway of the city of Tonk, in the Derajat district, and was crushed in the howdah. The ele phant was much larger than those belonging to the native princes of Tonk, and no one had foreseen the possibility of such an incident. It took the last day of the year, and Sir Henry peacefully expired on New Year's day, lish churchyard of Dehra Ismael Khan Sir Mortimer's father was one of the most distinguished Anglo-Indian statesmen of his time and was known as the 'hero of Ghuzni," for, when a young lieuof engineers, General Keane in the invasion of Afghanistan, 1838-39, and with remarkable bravery led the storming party which captured the gate of that historic citadel. At the outbreak of the Indian mutiny he was British resident at Indore, and Lord Canning, the governor-general of India, officially declared that Durand had saved the interests of the British government with the powerful native Prince Holkar until material support arrived: It is a curious coincidence that after Sir Henry Durand left Indore he occupied the same position under Lord Canning that his son, Sir Mortimer Durand, held in after years, namely, that of foreign secretary.

A gold medal has been struck in memory of Durand, the hero of Ghuzni, and every year one of these medals is presented by the commander-in-chief some distinguished native officer.

The British ambassador at Washington comes of a heroic line. His paternal grandfather fought under Wellington at Waterloo, and his maternal grandfather commanded a regiment under General Keane at Cabul. His distinguished father was not only a soldier of bravery and statesmanlike instincts, but be was man of deep plety, and attributed his earliest religious impression to Alexander Duff, with whom he came to India and suffered shipwreck on an island in the Indian ocean.

CROP OF PENNIES. -

From Leslie's Weekly. According to advices from the treasury department, the government mill at Philadelphia will cease to grind out pennies for a time, there being now a surplusage of this kind of currency in the country. During the last five years the Oceanic Steamship company's office 3,008,000,393 pennies have been shipped is the son of a millionaire, resolved to from the Philadelphia mint, which is learn the transportation business from the only one that coins the 1-cent pieces, to various parts of the country ies, Jr., son of the president of the cor- Between July 1, 1902, and June 1, 1903, poration, and he is a worker. He as- 89,600,000 cents were coined. If this sumes no airs because his father is five-year output were collected in a wealthy and influential. If you want a heap it would make a sizable stagedoes his would make a ribbon over 23,000 miles work without giving you that faraway long and would come pretty near look which some clerks are persuaded girdling the earth. Piled on top of one adds to their importance. In a word, another, they would reach up toward adds to their importance. In a word, another, they would reach up toward he takes a democratic view of life and the stars for a distance that would take is prepared to do his share of the world's a good many Elifel towers to equal, for it would not be less than 2,400 far out beyond the point where the force Mr. Spreckles has been selling tickets of gravitation is supposed to be very for the company nearly a week now. It active. Since, on the ordinary base of is his duty, among other things, quietly computation, there are supposed to be about 290,000,000 children in the world under 10 years of age, Uncle Sam would be able from his present stock of pennies to give each child on the earth 10 copper keepsakes and have enough left over to fill a good-sized savings bank ship business from top to bottom. I besides. So much for the penny crop,

THE WORLD IS GOING WRONG.

From the Chicago Tribune Some days one sits and sadly thinks the world is going wrong; There is a chord of falsity in every fleet ing song;

The smiles that yesierday were good and seemly to his eyes Now curve and wrinkle tauntingly in a deceitful guise; The friendly word seems but a mask for

hidden treachery-And all the time it's he that's wrong, if he could only see. Some days the golden sunshine has the

tawdry glint of brass, to be in such a position that my father And all the world one sees but through a piece of darkened glass; Where yesterday he reveled in the beauty of the scene,

Today there is no prospect but is worthless, crude and mean; The world, he vows, is bitter, and a cheerless, soulless placeall the wrong he grieves of makes

his heart a resting-place. Some days one sits and sadly says the world is going wrongcall is to be strong; world gives laughs for laughter, and exchanges sigh for sigh,

He with lie; It gives its wares ungrudgingly-all go where they belong-And if we wish to vex our souls, wise old world seems wrong.

MR. LECKY'S TORRENT OF SPEECH. From the Freemen's Journal.

A very brilliant Irish lady a couple years ago arranged that the late Mr. should meet an able and famous Irishman of very advanced opinions in politics. It was intended that they should exchange views, and the Irish-man had a good deal to say about Mr. Lecky's later work and was well able to put what he had to say in the most effective language. The door opened and Mr. Lecky was announced. He was introduced to the Irishman, and before the atter had time to say anything the historian began a political harangue, which he kept going without cessation the whole time he was there. The Irishman at first tried to break in with a word, but he was swept away, as it were, in the unceasing flow of Mr. Lecky's lan-But before the defendant could an- guage; so after a time he sat in amused bewilderment waiting until nature gave out. But when Mr. Lecky felt he was chair, shook hands with the hostess and her guest, keeping on talking all was even in an unfinished sentence when the door was shut behind him. They looked at each other and roared laugh-

CANADA HAS FEAR OF THE FUTURE

Recent utterances and events in the United States touching Canadian Interests have given rise to serious apprehensions for the future this side of the frontier. These apprehensions find frank expression in the columns of the newspapers and in private conversation. Senator Hale's references to annexation and the comments of some of the influential American dallies, the prospect of the French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon being absorbed by the United States, and possibly Greenland, the former involving complications connected with claims of alleged rights on the coast of Newfoundland, reported American aggression in the Hudson bay region, difficulties in regard to the fisheries on the great lakes and on the coast of British Columbia, the Cuban episode; the Panama affair and the frequent mention of the latter on the American side as a warning of what may happen to Canada are quoted everywhere and pro-

ducing more or less distrust. The address of J. M. Clark to the Mulock club, Toronto, on the importance of union between Canada and Newfoundland to checkmate American influence over many of the growing feeling of unrest. not only at the capital, but in Toronto and elsewhere.

Mr. Clark drew attention to the fact that the greater part of the coast of Labrador belongs to Newfoundland, not to become allied to the United States, Canada would be shut in by alien land on the greater part of the Atlantic seapointed out here, "that this side the that important post any Canadian or strait of Belle Isle, northward by 700 or other qualified officer, coupled with the Hudson bay, the land which bounds contribute, as other British possessions Canada is Newfoundland's territory," United States or other control, whatever natural advantages or resources may exist in the interior of the vast Labrador peninsula would be largely sealed up, so far as Canada's development is concerned, and rooth would be opened for international troubles and bad feeling, the limit of which could hardly be foreseen. The Alaskan quesions would be looked back upon as trifles.
Several hundred miles to the south of

Belle Isle stretches the Newfoundland in his place in the house of commons line, shutting in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The mere rocks of Miquelon and ing changes, St. Pierre, on the Newfoundland coast, have caused Canada trouble enough and would give a plethora, it is contended, if, as is now suggested the United States of the growing belief that the tide of should acquire them from France. These prosperity has reached its full and the tiny islands under foreign control are ebb must soon set in.

Ottawa Correspondence New York Tri-, bad enough. But Canadians are aske come from alien control of 1,200 miles of Labrador and Newfoundland coast, clos-ing Canada off from the Atlantic. ing Canada off from the Atlantic. A local comment—is that the desire of every patriotic Canadian should be to have Newfoundland within the confed-

eration, and that without loss of time Norice should be served on the United States by Great Britain, according to the deliberate judgment of the Citizen, a responsible and leading organ of pubopinion here, that the transfer of the islands to the United States would be regarded as a cause for war, given in nese words:
"The United States has been frank,

o put it mildly, in outlining its policy toward the other countries on this con-tinent. It is about time Canada outlined a policy and put a limit to the bounds of northern aggression. as safe and prudent a policy as could be devised would be to quietly and intimate to Great Britain that would regard the acquisition of the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon by the United States as a cause of war.'

Sir Frederick Borden, minister of mili-tia, who left Canada last week for London to confer with the imperial authorithe island colony is one instance out of ties on Canada's defensive forces, expects to be back by the end of the present month. He will then be in a position to place before his colleagues in the cabinet the views of the British war office and government on the proposed changes in the Canadian militia.

The decision of the Canadian government to amend the militia act to abolish the provision that the major-general commanding must be an imperial offi-This means, as it has been cer, and to take power to select for 300 miles of coast to the entrance of refusal of the Canadian government to had done, to imperial defense, presented If this coast line were to pass into an opening which the imperial authorities have taken advantage of to review Signs of growing uneasiness in the in-

dustrial world in Canada, reflecting conditions coming into existence elsewhere. are noted by public men in the leading business centers. Mr. Fielding, finance minister, has for some time foreseen the inevitable subsidence of the wave of prosperity, on the crest of which Canada has made astounding progress the & last five years. He has more than once warned the country to prepare for com

Many leading authorities have echoe his words. Mr. Tarte sees in the political situation at Ottawa a confirmation

RIT BACK HARD.

Portland Irishmen Resent Being Called Anarchists and Assassins.

From the Catholic Sentinel. Michael Davitt has exhibited certain enemies of the Irish race "sitting in the editorial rooms . . . with professions of loyalty on their lips and poison in editorial rooms their pens; with honesty loudly pro-claimed in articles which salaried falsegood had written; with simulated regard for truth, making 'shame ashamed' of heir concocted fabrications."

It is simply incredible to ask one to of ordinary information in this city to-Irish league of America has ever stood for constitutional agitation and that the the national directorate down to its humblest branch. The very presence of one of the most learned and eloquent priests of this archdiocese as chairman of the late memorial exercises to the memory of four martyrs in the long list of the illustrious dead who gave up their lives for an imperishable cause, and the pres-ence in the hall of over 700 men and women representing every phase of community endeavor, might well give pause before likening this gathering to archists and assassins" of anyone but a frothy bigot, with the instincts of a vi-At the time these exercises were

ing held in this city, Carnegie hall in New York City was packed to the doors again, for the same purpose. The Rt. Rev. Mgr. this ye J. F. Mooney, vicar-general of the arch-diocese of New York, was the chairman, and the principal speakers were the Hor William McAdeo, ex-assistant secretary of the navy, and Dr. John G. Coyle, district deputy of that intellectual and influential organization, the Knights of Columbus, while on the platform were several hundred clerics and laymen whose names are respected throughout the land. Similar memorials were being held in Chicago, Boston, St. Louis and other large cities. There is no newspa per, however intrenched in wealth and exceptional advantages, can afford to outrage public decency by indulging in such an outrage and uncalled for abuse of morals that characterized the utter-ances of one of the Oregonian editorial writers anent the recent memorial of the United Irish league.

A FOREIGN-EXCHANGE EXPERT. From the New York Commercial

Carl Janssen, who for six years has been the manager of the foreign change department of the National City bank, will resign his position on January 1 next. Mr. Janssen is recognized as being one of the ablest foreign exchange experts in the country. he came to this country six years ago with imperfect knowledge of the English language, he had much to overcome having received his training wholly at European centers. At that time there were scarcely half a dozen banks in the country that operated foreign exchange departments, the business being done exclusively by private bankers. Now a number of Wall-street banks, besides a number of banks in Chicago, Boston, Baltimore and Philadelphia deal in foreign exchange on an extensive scale. Mr. Janssen gaines considerable prominence by the ability with which he nandled the \$20,000,000 Spanish indemnity payment in 1899. He has accumulated a considerable fortune during the six years he has been connected with the National City bank

PEATURES OF PATTI'S CONTEACT.

From the New York Snu One of the curious features of Adelina Patti's remarkable contract is the privilege of her manager to call off any of her concerts when at a specified time before the date the advance sale does not amount to enough to indicate receipts that will reach \$5,000. That is the ceive for every concert, and the manager is thus secured from loss when it is plain that the receipts will not pay exgetting exhausted he arose from his penses. The prima donna in such cases receives nothing and the concert is merely deducted from the number guar-They came out with him to anteed to her. The receipts of her the top of the staircase, but could not hew York concert went just enough get a word edgsways even then as he above \$5,000 to make it necessary to talked all the way down to the door and pay all the other expenses. There was was even in an unfinished sentence when little more than enough profit for her. The indications are, however, that in the large cities she will have very large re-Lociptar

Advice to the Lovelorn BY BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

Dear Miss Fairfax: I am desperately in love with Miss Hazel, 16 years of age. We are attending the grammar Her mother objects to her keeping company with me. Please answer and give me advice as to what to MASTER CLYDE SHIELDS.

Miss Hazel's mother is correct. She should object to your attentions to her believe that there is an American citizen daughter, until you are both older. Now of ordinary information in this city to- is your opportunity to do "the work of day that does not know that the United your life" at school and your thoughts at school and your thoughts should not be distracted by those of love. which will do you more harm than Roman Catholic priesthood has thrown good at your present age. Be "a man" its inestimable influence on the side of and cease your attentions until it is this organization, and are among its more opportune for you to admire Miss most active and efficient officials from Hazel. If you will exercise this com-the national directorate down to its hum-mon sense, the girl of your choice will more opportune for you to admire Miss think more and more of you and you of her as time flies and the fruits of maturity come to you. Let it ever be in your mind, "Be a man."

Dear Miss Fairfax: I am a young man of 19 and am engaged to a young lady two hears my senior. Lately it seems she has been going out with other young men, or going to some friend's house of an evening without saying anything about it to me, and as am in a position to remonstrate with her, I did so, with little effect, although she promised each time never to do it Now I am deeply in love with this young lady, and she knows it, and she has also said she loved me, so kindly advise me as to what to do.

A HEART-BROKEN LOVER. If you are engaged to her it is quite proper that you should remonstrate with her if she is inclined to show too much interest in other men. You must be firm with her and let her see that you mean what you say.

Dear Miss Fairfax: I am a young lady aged 19 years, and wave made the acquaintance of a young man who is hree years by senior. I merely liked this man as a friend, but he is under the impression that I love him dearly He confessed his love for me, but I did not give him any decided answer, as I do not like him well enough to marry him. He has taken me to some theaters and whenever he calls he always brings me some flowers or candy, Do you thing I did right in accepting

flowers and candy? If I do not like him well enough to marry him, but just as a friend, would you advise me to tell him to keep away? FLORENCE J. JUDSON.

If you do not like him well enough to marry him you should not encourage his attentions and you should give him a lecided answer. There is no harm to your accepting his gifts of flowers and candy, but let him see that you look on him merely as a friend.

THE OPEN ROAD TO SUCCESS.

From the New York World. Robert H. Hibbard has opened a law ffice in this city at 28 years of age. He is two or three years later in entering upon his profession than the average young man whose way in life is made easy by his parents; but if there is any virtue in the Cleveland recipe for compelling success—"determination, persistence, courage"—it should not take

him long to catch up. For seven years Mr. ,Hibbard has been a policeman. He has carried in his pocket pages torn from his textbooks to study on his way back and forth from work. He has attended evening classes in a law school when he could. Last July he passed the bar ex-amination. Because he was to be a lawyer he did not slight or neglect or despise his work. His police record is

concrete example like this is One worth fifty lay sermons to young men complain that they have "no chance.

A Remarkable, Coincidence. From the Philadelphia Inquirer. The reports from the woods make it ppear that when a man shoots at an-

other in mistake for a deer he never Roosevelt's Bugaboo.

From the Birmingham Age-Herald A corpulent gentleman with dollars slumbers of President Roosevelt just