FOREIGN NEWS OF THE DAY.

Italy Dallies with France's Proposal to Call on China.

Suspension of an Australian Bank—Dom Pedro Worse.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

PARIS, Dec. 4.—The Italian Government has replied to France's note proposing combined action on the part of the European powers against China to compel that country to make reparation for the outrages that have been committed on foreigners.

In her reply Italy says that, as she is not directly interested in the matter, she will wait until the other powers decide upon the course they will pursue before she takes any action.

Calling a Frenchman a Prussian Brings on a Bloody Row.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

PARIS, Dec. 4.—An illustration was given to-day of the hatred in which a certain class of Frenchmen hold everything Prussian, not excepting even the name.

Two brothers named Rissman, who live at Pantin, a town three and a half miles northeast of Paris, quarrelled with a neighbor named Trobilet. One of the brothers called Trobilet a Prussian. The result was a terrific row.

The two Riseman brothers were horribly cut, and doctors say there is little hope of their recovery.

Trobilet's wife was brutally kicked in the abdomen and seriously injured. A son of Trobilet, twelve years old, received a severe stab wound. All the participants in the fight are under arrest, either at the hospital or the police station.

The Standard Bank of Melbourne Announces Its Suspension.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

MELBOURNE, Dec. 4.—A run was started on the Standard Bank of Australia yesterday owing to the uneasy feeling growing out of the suspension of a number of smaller banks and building associations.

The result was that the Standard closed its doors and announced its suspension. The bank had a capital of £1,000,000, of which amount £250,000 was called up.

The leading Assurance Society of Melbourne has offered to render assistance wherever financial aid is required, and a better feeling prevails to-day.

Last night the Colonial Parliament passed a bill to prevent loss to depositors through the compulsory winding up of building societies contrary to the wishes of their depositors.

A Sudden Change for the Worse in the Condition of Dom Pedro.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

PARIS, Dec. 4.—A change for the worse has occurred in the condition of Dom Pedro, ex-Emperor of Brazil, who is suffering from chills, complicated with diabetes.

His physicians, Drs. Charcot and Bouchard, yesterday visited Dom Pedro three times. Nobody except members of Dom Pedro's family is allowed to see him.

Heavy Losses Force Twelve English Marine Underwriters to Resign.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The heavy gales that have prevailed recently on the Atlantic and along the English Channel have caused numerous wrecks and other maratime disasters, which have entailed unusually heavy losses upon the marine underwriters.

Twelve of these men have resigned owing to the heavy losses they have sustained.

Inhabitants of Cornwall Caught in the Grip of the Influenza.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Influenza is epidemic in Cornwall, the county forming the southwest extremity of England, and hundreds of the inhabitants are prostrated with the disease.

Death of the President of the International League of Peace.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

PARIS, Dec. 4.—M. Lemonier, President of the International League of Peace, is dead.

ON GOV. FLOWER'S STAFF.

Appointments Announced Which Stir Up Military Men.

Benjamin M. Whitlock, the Fourth avenue manufacturer of and dealer in military supplies, is getting up a gorgeous staff uniform, which he proposes to wear himself as Inspector-General of Rifle Practice on the staff of Gov. Flower.

Gen. Whitlock is also engaged in manufacturing a uniform for Col. George B. Sanford, of Peekskill, who has received his commission as Commissary-General on the staff of Gov. Flower, to succeed Ralph Brandreth, of Sing Sing.

Other gentlemen who are said to have received staff commissions from Mr. Flower are the following members of Gov. Hill's staff, who are reappointed: Surgeon-General, Joseph D. Bryant; Chief of Engineers, George S. Field; Paymaster-General, Walter C. Stokes; Chief of Artillery, Ferdinand P. Earle; Inspector General, Thomas H. Barber, and Aides-de-Cams Cols. Timothy S. Williams, Hugh O'Donoghue, George B. McClellan, Jacob Ruppert, jr. Edmund L. Judson and Mascus D. Russell.

Adjt.-Gen. Josiah Porter, Chief of Staff, was reappointed last week.

No successor has yet been appointed to Judge Advocate Gen Ahnet F. Jenks, of Brooklyn. It is not believed by politicians that Mr. Jenks will be reappointed, or that a Brooklyn man will get the place.

The reason for this belief is found in the snub which the McLaughlin Democracy of Brooklyn is said to have received in the appointment of Capt. Whitlock as Inspector-General of Rifle Practice.

All of McLaughlin's strength is alleged to have been exerted to secure the appointment of Capt. George Cochrane, of the Thirteenth Regiment, but without success.

Capt. Whitlock is the inspector of rifle practice of the Thirteenth Regiment.

WHO IS THE FAIR SMUGGLER?

There was an air of mystery and much whispered conversation about the seizure room of the Custom-House to-day. The door was barred, and no outsider was allowed to peep within. A large quantity of dresses, silk goods and feminine apparel was spread upon the examination table.

These goods were taken from three large trunks brought to the Custom-House yesterday from the Inman line steamship City of Paris. They were marked "B. B., N. Y.," and were said to belong to a female passenger from Paris.

It was supposed that some prominent costumer was trying to smuggle the goods. Col. Storey, the Inspector who ordered the trunks sent to the Custom House, refused to speak of the seizure.

A fashionably dressed lady drove to the Custom-House in a coupe at noon to-day and entered the seizure room, when the door was again locked. No information will be given until the examination is completed.

MRS. W. N. LOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP for children teething cures wind colic, diarrhœa, &c. 25c.

VERDICT FOR EARL RUSSELL.

The Countess Loses Her Sensational Suit for Divorce.

Testimony of a Footman Closed the Case for the Defense.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

LONDON, Dec. 4.—When court opened today and the Russell case was resumed, the usual crowd of friends of parties to the suit, witnesses, lawyers and scandal lovers, were present.

The proceedings were enlivened by a tilt between counsel in regard to the Roberts incident.

During the argument on this subject the Hon. Sir Charles Parker Butt, the Presiding Justice, said that he intended to get at the root of this matter. He declared that it should have been put into the shape of a definite charge, or otherwise it should have been ended from the proceedings.

The matter ought not to rest in insinuation.

The Earl's redirect examination was then finished.

The next witness called was Sheppard, the Earl's footman. He testified that he had never seen the Countess crying. The Earl had always treated her as a gentleman should treat his wife.

Both sides announced that the evidence was all in, and Sir Charles Russell began to sum up the case for the defense. He said the case should never have been brought to court, supported, as it was, by many cases of grossly untrue evidence.

Sir Edward Clarke declared that the evidence submitted would have no effect upon the reputation of Prof. Roberts.

The object of Countess Russell in bringing the action was not to obtain money. Her chief reason was that she wished to relieve herself of the obligation of living with a man whose treatment had led to their separation.

The jury returned a verdict in favor of Earl Russell.

PRINCETON IS ALSO KICKING.

Tigers No Less Dissatisfied with the M. A. C. Than Yale's Team.

There was more talk in athletic circles today when it became known that Princeton's Football Association managers, as well as those of Yale, were dissatisfied with the division of the receipts from the Thanksgiving Day's football game.

Capt. S. J. Cornell, of the Manhattan Athletic Club, who had charge of the financial arrangements at the great event, was again as mysteriously missing to-day as he was yesterday.

At the Manhattan Athletic Club house, Madison avenue and Forty-fourth street, an EVENING WORLD reporter was informed that Capt. Cornell was probably at his Summer residence in the Catskills, where he had announced his intention of going several days ago.

A New Haven despatch this morning quotes President Wright of the Yale Football Association as saying that he had never been tendered a check for $14,000 as Yale's share in the proceeds.

He admitted, however, that no settlement had yet been made, and did not deny that there was a great big difference of opinion between the Yale management and Capt. Cornell as to the number of persons who attended the game.

To-day comes the information, from an apparently authoritative source, that not only Manager Wright, of Yale, but also Manager Ferrane, of Princeton, called at the Cherry Diamond Club-house last Monday night in response to invitations from Capt. Cornell.

According to this informant, checks for $14,000 were handed to both Mr. Wright and Mr. Ferrane, who promptly returned them. Mr. Wright remarking:

"I don't want this."

"What's the matter?" was asked.

"Matter!" echoed Mr. Wright. "Why this check is about $3,000 smaller than it should be. How many people do you make out there were present at the game?"

"Twenty-two thousand," replied the M. A. C. man.

"Well, we claim that there were 32,000 people there at least," was Mr. Wright's warm reply. "If you will settle on that basis, I am prepared to accept your check and sign the settlement papers. Otherwise I will neither accept nor sign anything."

Manhattan Athletic club members said today that the entire trouble had arisen from the fact that the attendance at the game had been greatly exaggerated.

Inasmuch as the Club itself was loud in its self-congratulations at having accommodated between 30,000 and 40,000 people, these remarks seem to have a sort of boomerang effect.

At Capt. Cornell's residence, 487 Franklin avenue, Brooklyn, the report that he was in the Catskills was confirmed by a servant, who added that he would not return until to-morrow night.

FOUR KILLED IN A COLLISION.

A Jersey Central Express Crashed into a Freight Train.

It is developed to-day that a curious combination of circumstances caused the frightful collision at Pennington, seven miles from Trenton, on the New Jersey Central last evening, and the officials of the road are not yet prepared to fix the responsibility.

The Philadelphia express, which left the Jersey City depot at 4 o'clock, with Frank Rodrigues, one of the best engineers in the service, in the locomotive cab, was thundering along at the rate of fifty-five miles an hour.

There is a siding of two tracks at Pennington. There were two trains on it at 5.30 o'clock. The one, a long freight train, hid the other, a gravel train, from the view of Engineer Rodrigues.

The freight train began to back out upon the main track, caboose first, just as the express came along. The caboose was smashed to atoms and three laborers in it were killed.

Engineer Rodrigues was frightfully mangled and burned by escaping steam.

All five cars on the express left the track. The baggage and mail combination car turned over on its side and the smoker was completely overturned. The next, a day coach, was thrown on its side and the other was tilted over, while the Pullman parlor car at the rear alone maintained its upright position.

Seventeen passengers were quite seriously injured, though none fatally. The three laborers who were killed were Frederick McLaren and Thomas Fitzpatrick, of Philadelphia, and Michael Maloney, of Trenton.

Engineer Rodrigues's skull was fractured and he died soon after. His engine plunged down the twenty-five foot embankment.

Useful if Not Ornamental.

[*From the Boston News.*]

Stayer—I—I hope I'm not keeping you from anything, Miss Pert?

Miss Pert—O, dear, no! I like to have you sit there where you are.

"M—may I presume to"——

"Why, certainly! Yes, you hide that spot on the wall paper that has been an eyesore to me, beautifully."

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SIXTY NEW POSTAL CLERKS.

Postmaster Van Cott Will Select Them from 300 Candidates.

Postmaster Van Cott will have the task of selecting sixty new clerks for the New York postal service from a list of between 300 and 400 eligible candidates now in the hands of Chairman E. S. Post, of the United States Civil-Service Board for New York.

This authority is conferred upon the Postmaster by an order handed down by First Assistant Postmaster-General Whitfield on the recommendation of the Chief of the Salary and Allowance Division, who recently visited the New York Post-Office and conferred with Mr. Van Cott.

These sixty new clerks will, of course, begin at the bottom of the ladder. They will sort letters and do such other work as may be assigned to them by their respective superintendents. They will be assigned in about equal numbers to the departments of Supts. Morgan, Maas, Pilmley and Woods. Their salaries will be $600 per annum each, and the aggregate paid to them will be $36,000 a year.

The order allows Postmaster Van Cott these sixty new men from Dec. 7, but this morning he said:

"I must select these men from the list of 300 or more men who have passed the Civil Service examinations, and the list of my appointees cannot possibly be ready before Dec. 10. To-morrow, however, I shall have ready the list of twelve special money-order clerks whom I am empowered to appoint for the extra work of the holiday season.

"The appointments are made by the Postmaster and their names forwarded to Washington, where they are entered in the big list of employees of the Department.

"I presume that most of these twelve extra money-order clerks will find their names among the list of sixty new clerks. The sixty will be scattered all over the city at the various stations.

"The gross receipts for the fiscal year at this office were $6,456,911, an increase of $324,008 over last year, and the increase of our working force is absolutely necessary."

New stamping-machines will be ready for the New York office by March 1, and it is expected that each machine will do the work of five men and not take up so much space in the outgrown Post-Office.

Regarding the recommendation in the report of Postmaster-General Wanamaker that pneumatic tubes should be constructed to connect the several sub-stations with the General Post-Office Mr. Van Cott said:

"I am heartily in favor of that idea. The tubes would pay for themselves in a short time. Every increase of facilities is followed by an increase of business. Pneumatic tubes would wonderfully increase the speed of our mail deliveries in the city. If we had the tubes much of the business now given to the telegraph and messenger companies would be given to the Post-Office.

"I think it would cost about $300,000 to connect all the stations with the General Post-Office by pneumatic tubes, and $70,000 to $100,000 would connect us with Brooklyn."

And the Lynching Proceeded.

[*From the Yankee Blade.*]

Stranger—What's the trouble here?

Native—There's been a shootin' match, and now there's goin' to be a lynchin'.

"Did he kill any one?"

"Who?"

"The man they are going to lynch."

"Naw. That's just the trouble. He missed him; and he ought to have known better; he's a disgrace to the town, an' we're goin' to get rid of him."

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FROM THE WORLD OF LABOR.

William Sharp, a member of the Journeymen Tailors' Protective and Benevolent Union, is dead.

The Grand Lodge of the Piano-Makers' Union has indorsed the boycott against Valentine Loewer's beer.

The Executive Board of the Cloakmakers' Union has elected A. Uri as temporary Financial Secretary.

The delegates of the labor organizations in Chicago to the Convention of the American Federation of Labor will support J. H. Bartt, of the Wheeling Flint Glass Workers, for President of the Federation.

John Hart has been elected President of the General Council of the Laborers' Union Protective Society and James Brennan is the new Walking Delegate. Matthew Finnerty was re-elected Secretary.

James Gough, Edward Burns, Edward Burke, J. J. Donnelly, William Moloy, Joseph Sweeny and Joseph Cody have been elected delegates to the annual convention of the Bricklayers' International Union by Bricklayers' Union No. 7.

Confectioners' Union No. 7 complains that members of Bakers' Union No. 93 are working with "scab" confectioners. No. 7 will not vote for reinstating No. 93 unless they rescind their boycott resolution against Loewer's beer.

This year's wheat crop is estimated at 550,000,000 bushels. This is eight and two-thirds bushels for every man, woman and child in the country, and yet there are thousands starving because they cannot get anything to eat. It cught to be possible to remedy this.

From a boss builder Walking Delegate Mone collected $280 for wages due to several members of Machine Wood Workers' Union No. 38. J. Plattman and R. Barchardt were elected members of the Executive Committee.

Beer-Drivers' Union No. 25 has returned its charter to the Journeymen Brewers' National Union. The delegates to the Central Labor Federation were instructed to protest against the boycott against Loewer's Brewery as being unjust.

Branch 2, of the Upholsterers' Union, held a successful mass-meeting at which it was resolved to organize the shops in the lower part of the city. Speeches were made by A. Friedl, H. Wagner, George Gunther and several others.

United Engineers' Union No. 1 has promised to assist the Journeyman Brewers' Union in their fight against Loewer's brewery, and $10 were given to the locked-out men. On Dec. 12 new officers will be elected.

The Painters' Conference has agreed to assist the varnishers in their demand for higher wages, and the latter will no longer underbid the painters. At present they receive $3 for nine hours, but the painters will help them to $3.50 for eight hours.

The pressmen belonging to the Knights of Labor are on strike at Ross Ally's lithographic establishment, Second avenue and Twenty-second street, and they charge that some members of the union employed there with refusing to go out also. It is one of those old and interneciue quarrels between Knights and Trades Unionists.

Branch 1, United Machinists, is greatly excited over a reduction of wages in one of its shops in Brooklyn. A mass-meeting has been called for Dec. 9 to consider a proposition to demand nine hours in all shops controlled by the Union.

In honor to the Polish patriot-martyr, Ludwig Waryuski, the Polish branch of the Socialist Labor party and Cabinet-Makers' Union No. 10 will hold a memorial service at Bohemian Hall, 353 Fifth street, to-morrow evening. There will be speeches in English, German, Polish and Russian.

Although numbering less than one-fifteenth of the inhabitants of the globe, we the people of the United States do one-third of all mining, one-fourth of the manufacturing of the world, one-fifth of its agriculture, and make a decide capitalists own one-sixth of all wealth produced by mankind.

The Local Executive Board of the Journeymen Brewers' Unions of New York and Brooklyn has been reorganized. The sum of $293.95 is to be raised to cover the indebtedness of the former Board; $297 are owing for taxes and assessments from several unions since June last.

Ex-Foreman P. J. Hunt, 46 South Fifth street, Brooklyn, was arrested yesterday for intimidating some workmen of the Central Card Company who refused to strike for higher wages. Hunt and most of the others were hired about by the company because they demanded an advance of 50 cents per day.

The question whether or not it be more practicable to demand weekly wages instead of working by the piece will be considered by the United Wood-Carvers' Association at their first meeting in January. The members working in Brooklyn were ordered to join the Brooklyn branch.

Cigar-Maker's Union No. 165 has about seventy members on strike at the shop of Oblinger Bros., in Lancaster, Pa., whose chances of gaining higher wages are good, as contributions are pouring in from all over the country, in order to make a beginning to raise the standard of cigar-making in the cheap districts of Pennsylvania, where competition is an excuse for bosses everywhere to pay starvation wages.

For importing Custom Tailor Adolph Pollack Manager Theodore Rosenfeld, of the Thalia Theatre, was arrested yesterday, and he had to give $1,000 bonds. Pollack wants to return to Berlin, as he says that tailors earn more money, proportionately, in the German capital than in the metropolis of North America.

Typographical Union No. 274 has removed its headquarters from 25 East Fourth street to 85 of that same street on account of the boycott against Loewer's beer. Albert Bernhard and I. C. Adler are the new Delegates to the Printing Trades' Council. For the Pittsburg strikers an assessment of 10 cents per month has been levied.

The Waiters' Society Humanity celebrated the initiation of its one hundredth member by a banquet at 385 Bowery. Addresses were made by H. Kalnsch, Julius Wener, Julius Galler, George Herzberg, D. Rosentual, Dr. W. Dortman and several others, and the members of the Urania Quartett rendered several songs.

"The luxury of these days is blasphemy of God. There are marriage feasts brilliant with orchids, each spray of which costs more than could be earned in a twelvemonth by the white-faced woman who at starvation wages made the garments of the bride, and the service of silver and gold that gleams on the festal board cost more than ten hundred families in hovels of that same city spend in a year. So declares one who notes the portent of these urbarific days."—*Miss Frances E. Willard.*

A new local union was chartered by the Journeymen Bakers' Union last week at Manchester, N. H., receiving No. 133. General Secretary Delaflar left for Birmingham, Ala., yesterday to represent his organization at the Convention of the American Federation of Labor. He will also visit Memphis, New Orleans, Savannah and other cities to organize local unions. The receipts at the general office were $348.20 last week.

"After Us the Deluge." At the end of the eighteenth century the supporters of Feudalism knew that their system could no longer be upheld against the swelling tide of triumphant democracy, but they did not do anything to pave the way for a peaceable revolution. And so to-day the supporters of capitalism well know that their reign is approaching its doom, but they have not learned any lessons from history, their motto, too, is "After Us the Deluge."

The waiters' unions of this city contemplate publishing a black list of head-waiters who take their assistants from saloons whose proprietors pay them a commission from the money spent by the unemployed waiters patronizing such saloons. The number of waiters at present is far too large for the demand, owing to the large influx of unemployed waiters from Europe, and also because for years the waiters have neglected to organize their trade.

Some of the members of Furniture Workers' Union No. 8 have of late been compelled to work overtime at a certain factory in Williamsburg. There will be trouble at that shop if the practice is continued. At another shop "scabs" have been employed. The Walking Delegate was instructed to visit these shops to-day. At the next regular meeting of the Union, National Secretary Koenen will deliver a lecture.

The police of Buenos Ayres some time ago prohibited the distribution of handbills and circulars containing the terms of "Socialism" and "Proletariat," as being apt to disturb the public peace. The labor organizations of the city, whose members are mostly Socialists, engaged counsel to compel the Chief of Police to show cause why his order should not be reversed. As it involved a violation of the Constitution of the Argentine Republic, the matter is still pending, the courts apparently siding with the police.

After many adjournments the Printing Trades' Council materialized yesterday evening at Typographical Union No. 6's office, 240 William street. There were delegates of No. 6, No. 274, Pressmen's No. 9, the Lithographers' Union, Franklin Association, United Bookbinders', Eccentric Engineers, Paper-Cutters', Electrotypers' and Steam Plate-Printers' unions. The officers elected were: Henry Astheimer, President; Owen Carroll, Vice-President; Walter Morris, Secretary; R. M. Rhodaback, Treasurer. A special committee was appointed to draft a constitution. The next meeting will take place on the first Thursday in January.

The Joint Executive Board of the Local Bakers' Unions has requested Editor Weissmann to stop answering the attacks made upon him by other papers in the official organ of the Journeymen Bakers' International Union, expressing confidence in Mr. Weissmann's integrity. It had been stated that Weissmann left Chicago precipitately, leaving his overcoat and baggage behind after having made a speech at the now famous meeting where the police ordered the Swan Street Stripper to be displayed alongside of the red flag. Weissmann now says that a clique of his "enemies" in this city made a plot to have him sent to prison in Chicago, and the discovery of that plot was the reason that his Chicago friends advised him to escape from the city.

SINDBAD SAM'S CHAMPION.

Investigator Roebuck Offers a Reward to the Spanish Captain.

A reward of one hundred dollars ($100) will be paid by Samuel Roebuck, 172 Fulton st., New York, to the captain of the ship who about 6 P. M. of Aug. 27 last rescued from a log he had floated out on the ebb tide from near the eastern pier, Coney Island, Samuel W. Thornton and Miss Eva Jewell, of Brooklyn. It has been said and published to help along a contemptible scandal to the injury of a worthy family that it was floed and the ebb tide that prevented, or rendered, rescue and drowning hathers could not float out to sea. The contrary will be proved and the reward paid to the captain of the rescuing three-masted ship upon his captain being examined by the Lloyds' Marine South American and European nautical journals please copy. All communications sent to Roebuck, 172 Fulton st.

It will be seen from the above advertisement, published in a morning paper, that the friends of Baker Samuel W. Thornton and his sister-in-law, Eva Jewell, of Brooklyn, have not abandoned their efforts to show that the champion drifters did not elope to Florida in a Pullman sleeping-car.

Mr. Roebuck, the advertiser, went to Florida with Pastor David Junor, of Mount Olivet church, to trace the movements of the couple after their alleged desertation on Palm Beach. His investigations have convinced him, he declares, of the truth of the story told by Sam and Eva, and he is willing to contribute $100 to clear them of the suspicion cast upon them by Editor Carr, of the Jacksonville (Fla.) *Metropolis*, who says the couple occupied the same berth in the Pullman sleeping car Kincon from New Orleans to Jacksonville, and that their drifting story is a fabrication.

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SPORTING NOTES AND NEWS.

Capt. Collett on the Early Days of Cross-Country Running.

The Outdoor Clubs Show a Big Increase in Membership.

Tommy Collett, captain of the St. George Athletic Club Harriers, said: "I am exceedingly interested in cross-country work, having indulged in it for fifteen years. I ran in the first individual championship held in this country over the Fort George course in 1883. The run was held on Election Day, and the weather was freezing cold. Delaney finished first.

Peter Golden second, myself third, G. D. Phillips fourth, "Sparrow" Robertson fifth, "Lon" Myers sixth. Malcolm W. Ford came in eleventh only to discover that he had lost a pair of gold sleeve-buttons. In 1884 the championship was run from Fort George, and won by McLaggert, of Canada.

In 1885 the start was made from the N. Y. A. C. Grounds, Mott Haven, and won by K. C. Carter. Carter won the championship over the same course in 1886, and in 1887 the first team championship was run from Fleetwood Park. The most enjoyable evenings ever experienced by cross-country runners were in 1889-90, when the different clubs gave invitation runs. The club giving the run would provide a light lunch and a smoker. The boys enjoyed it hugely. It would be a great thing if the practice would be taken up again. I will guarantee that the St. George Club will give such a run if the other clubs will fall into line. The St. George Club pack averages twenty-five men every Sunday. The St. George course is five miles.

"Cross-country running is one of the best outdoor exercises a young man can indulge in," said L. J. McCormick, Secretary of the Prospect Harriers. "Of course, like every other exercise, it can be overdone, but when practised in moderately it always proves beneficial.

It strengthens the muscles of the legs and greatly improves the wind. I have been running cross-country for the last five years, and have never felt any ill effects from it; on the contrary, I know it has greatly benefited me. The sport is becoming very popular, as is shown by the large increase in membership of the various clubs that devote special attention to outdoor running.

Capt. James P. Findlay, of the Union Athletic Club, says: "When I went into cross-country work I was in rather poor condition, but my whole body has been benefitted by the exhilerating sport. A man is out in the open air away from dust and unhealthy atmosphere, and his lungs have a chance to expand and give him more breathing space.

"It is an excellent method of training for sparring matches, wrestling and all other athletic sports. It gives one endurance, a strong pair of legs and improves his wind. Our pack now numbers about 30 men, and we run every Sunday over the Bay Ridge course."

J. R. McMullin, Chairman of the Athletic Committee of the Varuna Boat Club, said: "Our members are becoming interested in cross-country running and walking. Our regular pack has not been organized yet, but it will be very soon. Our Fresh Air or Walking Club, under the captaincy of Capt. Chas. Edison, is booming."

Harry Dimse, a member of the Board of Managers of the Metropolitan Association, and chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the Bank Clerks' Athletic Club's boxing tournament, in showing the beautiful prizes that are to be given to the winners at the coming tournament, Dec. 23, said:

"Those are the only prizes that any man will get who fights in our tournament. If they don't want to fight for them they will not be compelled to. I will turn the events into wrestling bouts or anything else before I will pay out one dollar. I am bound to do all I can to put down the pernicious practice of paying cash to boxers. It is time these fellows were brought up with a short turn."

Judge Tighe, President of the Varuna Boat Club, in referring to Mike Leonard's recent defeat at the hands of Charlie Pierce, of the Nonpareil Athletic Club, said: "I am sorry for Mike. He would not have been defeated had he been well, but he is very far from it. I will advise him to rest until Spring, and I think by that time he will be in form."

Larry Ford, of Brooklyn, and John Boggs, of Hoboken, are matched for a handball contest, to take place at Mike Boyle's court, Hoboken, Wednesday. The conditions of the match are the best three in five games for a stake of $10.

The Epiphany Lyceum prides itself upon its strong football team. They will play the Xavier Athletic Association team at Xavier Oval on Sunday next. The Epiphany team is anxious to hear from any strong amateur team, the Varuna's and Sylvans preferred. Communications should be sent to 350 Second avenue.

The Stuyvesant Athletic Club's cross-country team had an exciting run over their course last evening. J. J. Dean, Stuyvesant A. C., finished first; J. Flannagan, Star A. C., second, and Capt. Melville, of the Stuyvesants, third.

The Prospect Harriers, of Brooklyn, will hold their annual cross-country championships over the Bay Ridge course on Washington's Birthday.

The indications are that a new match will be made between Tommy Kelly and Bill Plimmer. Kelly's backers will confer with Plimmer's representatives to-night and try and effect a compromise. P. H. Black, Kelly's manager, said last night: "Tommy is not as sick as we thought he was. We have decided that he can fight in less time than ten weeks, so that a new match will undoubtedly be made."

The members of the Scottish-American Athletic club are doing all they can to boom their organization. A grand programme has been arranged for their coming "stag," which will be held Dec. 14. The array of talent is of a very extensive and superior order.

Five special boxing contests will be the features of the exhibition to be given by the Brooklyn Athletic Club at Grand Army Hall, Williamsburg, Dec. 8. Among those who will appear are:

Eddie Lieber, Brooklyn A. C., 110-pound champion of America, and Mike Mulroy, the Brighton Cyclone; Tommy Creed, Brooklyn A. C., and Jerry Barnett, interstate 115-pound champion. Special invitation 135-pound competition. Jack Aikens, Nonpareil A. C.; Mike Dempsey, Brooklyn A. C.; George Harmon, downtown A. C.; Ed Boland, Brooklyn A. C.

The Experiment Worked.

[*From the Boston News.*]

Proprietor of the Museum—Where's the strong man?

Glass Eater—He sat down on a box with some gunpowder under it and had the powder touched off to show how he could hold it down when it exploded.

"Well, when he comes in tell him I want to see him."

"All right, I will if he lands near here."

The Franco-Russian Situation.

[*From Puck.*]

France (to Russia)—My dear sister, my affection for thee is of the most immense! *Fire la Russie!*

Russia—I'm sure I reciprocate the feeling, and—could you loan me 100,000,000 roubles?

A Great Record.

[*From Judge.*]

Clara—How did you get on at the church trimming?

Maude—Very well. I got three engagement rings.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

WHEATENA—THE BEST BREAKFAST FOOD; delicious, cooks in one minute. 25 cents, all grocers. Health Food Co., 61 5th ave.

EHRICH BROS., Sixth ave. and 23d st., for Lace Curtains and Upholstery Goods.

WHISPERS FROM THE WINGS.

Pauline Hall Has a Boy's Part in Her New Comic Opera.

Sadie Martinot Still on a Hunt for a Place to Play.

Mr. McClelland, Pauline Hall's domestic and theatrical manager, strolled up Broadway yesterday, looking as natty and agreeable as anybody on the thoroughfare. A friend approached him, and, alluding to the subject of his marriage, which he has not yet admitted, asked him point-blank if congratulations were in order. To this Mr. McClelland replied smilingly: "They are in order—more or less. We keep 'em guessing." The happy man is arranging a big Summer production for the Pauline Hall Opera Company. It is to take place next June, either at the Fifth Avenue Theatre in this city or the Tremont Theatre, Boston.

Miss Hall has a brand-new comic opera, the name of which she has sworn to the author and the composer that she will not reveal. Its action takes place in the time of Charles II., and Miss Hall will play the part of a boy—a part that was not specially written for her, fortunately for the artistic value of the opera. Frederick Solomon will be a member of her company, which will contain some very good people. Miss Hall is at present in Philadelphia, where she has been singing in "La Mascotte." Mr. McClelland alludes to the company with a good deal of pride. He is an affable, educated young fellow, and (this cannot be said of every theatrical luminary) a gentleman.

Miss Sadie Martinot is still hunting around for a suitable theatre and occasion for the presentation of her play, founded on incidents in the life of La Marquise de Pompadour. She says that if she cannot find what she wants here she will produce the piece in London.

Sarah says that she has never had as much praise for any part she has played as has been bestowed upon her work in "Pauline Blanchard." She will present the piece twice next week, and will probably do it in Paris one of these days. Parisians, however, are not accustomed to get their wares second hand and they may resent the innovation.

The portraits of Amelia Glover, the "City Directory's" dancing girl, are now displayed in the Broadway shop-windows in very curious frames. These are made of old frayed-out oakum door-mats, plastered, whitened and gilded. The effect is artistic and peculiar.

The double stage of the Madison Square Theatre, which was thought to have been abandoned, is used every night in the presentation of "A Trip to Chinatown." While the drawing-room scene is going on, the elaborate white wood cafe reposes in all its glory in the cellar. It takes four men to work the double stage, which is still in excellent working order. The scenes in "A Trip to Chinatown" by the bye are wonderfully solid. There is very little canvas about them. The drawing-room is good enough to live in with its real mirrors, carpets, bric-a-brac and accessories, while in the cafe there are real doors that will bang.

By the bye, Miss Arkwright retires from the cast of "A Trip to Chinatown" after this week, to be replaced by Miss Queen Vassar.

The "Blue Jeans" Company jumps from Richmond, Va., to Harlem, and will play at the Columbus Theatre next week. This will be the second engagement that "Blue Jeans" will have played on the north of Manhattan Island.

"O'Hara" is the name of a new song "with crash effects"—whatever that may mean—that has been written for John Kernell for use in "The Hustler," by E. Corbett.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew begin their starring tour in Buffalo Dec. 14. They will play there three nights, and then try one or two of New Jersey's towns, opening at the Standard Theatre in this city Dec. 21.

Teddy Marks was in town yesterday. He calls himself Charles Frohman's emergency agent. So far this season he has been working for the Eastern "Wilkinson's Widows" company, the Western "Wilkinson's Widows," "Shenandoah," "The Solicitor," "The Man with 100 Heads," "The Lost Paradise" and "Men and Women." What next? is Mr. Marks's very natural query.

CUT THIS OUT.

SAVE THIS AND WAIT.

Great fire on the ocean. The ship "Algonquin," bound to Boston, was shipwrecked in the late great storm. Three-quarters of the cargo was saved in perfect condition. The stock saved consists in value $675,000 of Men's and Boys' Winter Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Underwear, Umbrellas, and other goods. The entire lot saved ordered by the Insurance Company to be moved to New York City and to be sold out at retail in seven days to satisfy all claims.

Cut this out and wait until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, on account of the late Great Shipwreck Fire at sea. The Insurance Companies have hired the five immense vacant white marble six-story double buildings Nos. 461, 463, 465 and 467 Broadway, all adjoining, on the corner of Grand street and Broadway, New York City. These buildings have been vacant a long time, and the Insurance Company want it distinctly understood that this sale has no connection with any sale at present in New York, nor with any other sale that has ever before taken place in New York. This being the largest vacant building to be found in the entire city, making the most colossal and gigantic Fire Insurance Sale that has ever taken place in the World. All 5 buildings are now closed, and will remain closed for one week to arrange for this Great Fire Insurance Sale. All 5 of the immense buildings on Broadway corner of Grand street, will be open again, and this Great Fire Insurance Sale commences to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, and will last only 7 days. The appraisers for the Insurance Company, after carefully examining the stock of goods saved, decided that it was not so badly damaged as claimed by the owners, and failing to agree as to actual loss, we were forced to take the stock and turn it into money in order to make a final settlement. All goods are appraised at 50 cents on a dollar, and will be sold at retail 50 per cent less than actual cost. As the entire 5 vacant buildings, 461, 463, 465 and 467 Broadway, corner Broadway and Grand street, have only been hired for 7 days, commencing to-morrow at 9 o'clock, everything will go off rapidly. This is the first time a Great Fire Insurance Shipwreck Sale of such tremendous magnitude has ever taken place in New York, and it will never happen again—every article sold is guaranteed perfect or the money returned. In order to prove what tremendous sacrifices will be made we mention a few of the extraordinary bargains, and we advise you to cut this out and bring it with you, so that there will be no mistake, that you get exactly the goods mentioned here. Men's fine quality Beaver Overcoats, $3.48; guaranteed worth $16.00. This $3.48 Overcoat is made of fine material, latest style, and if you are not satisfied it is well worth $16.00, we hereby bind ourselves and agree to return the $3.48 any time. Men's fine beaver Overcoats, all colors, $4.95; guaranteed worth $19.00 or money returned. Men's finest quality Custom Tailor-made Overcoats, $8.99; positively worth $30.00—and 40,000 other Overcoats in silk and satin lined. Men's fine Suits, $3.69; guaranteed worth $16.00 or money refunded. Men's fine quality Suits, very handsome, $6.99; worth $18.00. Men's extra fine Suits, $8.90, custom tailor made, well worth $25.00