A MISLEADING STATEMENT.

Considerable amusement has been provided to naval experts by the extraordinary statement of the "Daily Chronicle" that "We have a fleet which, on paper, is virtually equal to the fleets of Russia, France, Germany, and Austria put together." No doubt the assertion was made in good faith, but in the national interest it must not be allowed to pass without contradiction. The "St. James's Gazette" was first in the field with a correction, which runs as follows:—Such a £1,000. Miss Jay, Mr. Walker, and Madame statement is simply ridiculous. On paper our fleet is not equal to those even of Russia and France combined. That it might be equal to the world's fleets in war is another matter; but that would depend on handling and efficiency, and not on the paper calculations which the "Chronicle" says are the "only possible" ones. The figures have only to be set out. We give below, therefore, the figures for the British Navy and those of a supposed combination of Russia. France. Gersupposed combination of Russia, France, Germany, and Austria. Great Britain.

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The above figures are taken from Mr. Laird Clowes's "Naval Pocketbook," which is a trustworthy manual. The naval "experts" differ slightly, but on the whole not enough to affect our conclusion. The latest writer, Mr. G. W. Steevens (special correspondent of the "Daily Mail" in America), in his "Naval Policy" (Methuen and Co.), gives other figures pointing the tame way. For instance, he enumerates British battle-ships at the and of the yarras 61 against battle-ships at the and of combination of the word of the winter dark occupy the floor of the Winter Garden, and upstairs one finds the rabbits and caves. Who was it that started the notion that it was amusing to keep rabbits? What pleasure can a man of average intelligence find in the content of a pair of superior superior superior superior superior of a pair of superior The above figures are taken from Mr. Laird

ench, Russian, and German combination of 107. He also estimates the comparative totals at the end of 1899 at 71 for Great Britain, and 124 for Russia, France, and Germany. Nor are these the most alarming figures. Of battle-ships armed with breech-loaders and heavy quick-firing guns Great Britain now has only 20 against the 50 of the same combination, and at the end of 1899 will have only 30 against 67. The one feature in which we score over all rivals combined is coal-capacity. But then our fleet would in war have to cover a far greater area of sea than our opponents.

SIR WILLIAM PEARCE'S OPINION.

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Her Majesty's ship Diadem was launched yes-lerday at Messrs. Fairfield's shipbuilding yard, Bovan, the christening ceremony being performed by Lady Currie. Sir William Pearce, in probovan, the christening ceremony being performed by Lady Currie. Sir William Pearce, in proposing success to the new cruiser, said the day was appropriate, being the anniversary of Trafalgar. The Diadem had been built in 214 days, which beat all records. Nelson won Trafalgar with twenty-seven battleships against thirty-three, but, Sir William asked, how would District for early the complication of Pussian thirty-three, but, Sir William asked, how would Britain fare against a combination of Russian and French fleets? Victory was impossible, as Britain would be outnumbered. France alone equalled Britain for battleships. Nelson's fleet had to protect one and three-quarter millions of mercantile tonnage, whilst now the British Navy had thirteen millions, vastly increased colonies, trade routes, and food supplies to look after.

THE QUEEN'S REIGN.

A PROPOSAL FROM INDIA.

Arrangements are already being made in India for the celebration of the Queen's long reign. All the native chiefs have received from Nawab Lobarn a letter in which he says:--"The chiefs and princes of India will take a

conspicuous part in displaying their enthusiasm and rejoicing on the occasion, and I take this op-portunity to bring forward for their consideration The "Daily I The "Daily Mail" hastens to reassure the affrighted public. The harrowing discovery of its contemporary is one of that numerous kind that in doing so I shall be only representing that in doing so I shall be only representing that in doing so I shall be only representing that in doing so I shall be only representing that in doing so I shall be only representing that in doing so I shall be only representing that in doing so I shall be only representing that in doing so I shall be only representing that in doing so I shall be only representing the trust that in doing so I shall be only representing the trust that in the proposal will meet that in the proposal will meet the trust that a selected body, consisting of representatives of all Imperial Service contingents, may be sent to England to celebrate the occasion, and, on appointed date, to form a part of the escort of the Queen-Empress. This imposing spectacle will show that the interests and sympathies of the Streat, and tell all about this extraordinary matter—if he survived to tell it. He went down the Strand expecting to see omniforation to celebrate the occasion, and, on appointed date, to form a part of the escort of the Queen-Empress. This imposing spectacle will show that the interests and sympathies of the Strand expecting to see omniforation that the interests and sympathies of the street would be under the case of the Strand and tell all about this extraordinary matter—if he survived to tell it. He went down the Strand expecting to see omniforation of the Strand expecting to see omniforation of the extraordinary matter—if he survived to tell it. He went down the Strand expecting to see omniforation of the Strand expecting to see omniforation of the extraordinary matter—if he survived to tell it. He went down the Strand expecting to see omniforation of the Strand expecting to see omniforation of the extraordinary matter—if he survived to tell it. He went down the Strand expecting to see omniforation of the Strand, and tell all about this different prop show that the princes of India are united with those of the Briosa princes of India are united with those of the Briosa princes of India are united with those of the Briosa princes of India are united with those of the Briosa princes of India are united with those of the Briosa princes of India are united with those of the Briosa princes of India are united with those of the Briosa princes of India are united with those of the Briosa princes of India are united with those of the Briosa princes of India are united with those of the Briosa princes of India are united with those of the Briosa princes of India are united with those of the Briosa princes of India are united with those of the Briosa princes of India are united with those of the Briosa princes of India are united with those of the Briosa princes of India are united with those of the Briosa princes of India are united with those of the Briosa princes o of the affair with respect to the selecting of proper representatives of the several contingents and their being sent to England."

PHYSICIANS AT ST. PAUL'S. NOTABLE SERVICE.

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St. Paul's Cathedral was last night filled with the sweetness of evensong, when many hundreds of the medical profession, in academic robes arrayed, attended a service held at the request of the Guild of St. Luke.

Cards of invitation having been liberally issued to the public, the interior was crowded beyond all possibility of accommodation, hundreds having to stand throughout the service. Apart from the spiritual value of the proceedings, there was an element of attractiveness in the pageant provided by the attendance of the Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs, and the City Marshal in full official costumes, the civic worshippers being accommodated with seats in the choir. The medical gentlemen, among whom was Sir Henry Acland, Dr. Symes Thompson (Provost of the Guild), Sir Spencer Weils, Sir James Paget, Sir William Broadbent with rathedral with

A BLAZE OF SCARLET SILK.

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All these having walked in solemn procession to their places, the musical service was rendered by the London Gregorian Choral Association, under the direction of Dr. Warwick Jordan (hon. regards to the association). The sermon was to have been preached by the Primate. In his stead the Bishop of Stepney delivered a brief discourse, in the course of which he, with much armestness, thorted his medical Learers to lab urfor the harmony of religion and scence, and to artend their care beyond the remedy for material alls to the treatment of spiritual ailments. The bishop made a touching reference to the late Primate. The pulpit, he said, was empty and ilent—empty of a spirit that would have thrilled them, silent of a voice now hushed for ever.

DIOCESAN CONFERENCES.

The Bishop of Manchester, in opening his Diocesan Conference yesterday, declared himself in favour of rate support for Voluntary schools. With respect to the Pope's declaration as to English orders, it had no more authority for Anglicans than was furnished by the arguments upon which it was founded, while the Pope's claim to supreme jurisdiction over the Church, and to the power of uttering infa'llible decrees, English Churchmen emphatically disallowed.

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Bishop Wilberforce opened the Chichester Diocesan Conference at Brighton yesterday, and I get so hungry.—The old man was handed over to the police-court missionary, who promise to see what could be done for him. made a touching allusion to the death of Archibishop Benson. Passing afterwards to mattersroming before the Conference, Bishop Wilberforce aid the increasing poverty of many clergy was a subject that must weigh heavily upon the mind of thinking Churchmen. In many cases the burden of great poverty was being borne with the greatest courage, but the miserable can as to the virtues of so-called apostolic poverty was too contemptible to be dwelt upon. He trusted that a sustentation fund for the diocese would be formed at once.

The tuneral of Sir Edward Bates, Bart, took place yesterday afternoon at Wootton St. Laurence, near Basingstoke. The chief mourners were the deceased's three sons, Sir E. Percy Bates, Mr. Gilbert T. Bates, and Mr. Sydney E. Laurence, near Basingstoke. The chief mouthers were the deceased's three sons, Sir E. Percy Bates, Mr. Gilbert T. Bates, and Mr. Sydney E. Bates; four grandsons—Mr. E. Bertram Bates, Mr. Percy E. Bates, Mr. Cecil Robert Bates, and Mr. Arihur Bates. The Revs. C. S. Ward and R. F. Bigg Wither read the service, a large congregation, representing all classes of the local community, being present. The coffin, on which was a wreath from Lady Bates and one from the deceased's daughter, was lowered into a vault.

An application by Mr. Bourchier, the actor, for an injunction to restrain Mr. Lingard, another factor, from producing "The Queen's Proctor," was settled yesterday by defendant submitting to a perpetual injunction.

Mr. O. G. Brimmer, the London hon. sec. of the Gordon Boys' Orphanage, Dover, has again arranged for the pipers and band to take part in the Lord Mayor's Show in London on November 9. This is the third year of their appearance in the show. Over two-thirds of the inmates of this orphanage are London boys.

The Queen has gracicusly expressed her pleasure in the monument to John Heminge and Henry Condell, recently erected in the churchyard of St Mary Alicermanbury, London, and has accepted the monograph by Mr. Charles Clement Walker:—"John Heminge and Henry Condell, recently erected in the churchyard of St Mary Alicermanbury, London, and has accepted the monograph by Mr. Charles Clement Walker:—"John Heminge and Henry Condell, recently erected in the churchyard of St Mary Alicermanbury, London, and has accepted the monograph by Mr. Charles Clement Walker:—"John Heminge and Henry Condell, recently erected in the churchyard of St Mary Alicermanbury London of

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EAST-END CAT SHOW.

A "SMALL BEER" EXHIBITION.

Yesterday the East London Exhibition at the People's Palace took to itself a new side show in the shape of Cruft's Cat, Cavy, Rabbit, and Mouse Show, which undeniably "looks well on the bills." To take the cats first, there are 151 entries in

-a much-decorated pussy who carries off three first and seven special prizes. Its price is windows in summer, decorated with pink artificial roses. In many cases highly ornamental cushions are provided for the animals to repose upon, but it is amusing to note that in nearly every case the wayward pet understudies that legendary damsel Marjory Daw, and

LIES IN THE STEAW. The cats occupy the floor of the Winter

department.

There is far more interest in watching the mice with their bright eyes and quick alert movements; but the cavies, both long-haired and short, vie with the rabbits in the absence of intellect.

SAFETY OF THE STRAND. AN AMUSING WARNING.

slipping away, and was in danger of utterly vanishing into the Ewigkeit in some mysterious slipping away, and was in danger of utterly vanishing into the Ewigkeit in some mysterious way. It tried to thrill its readers with an appalling picture of their "waking up some morningtto learn that London's busiest street had vanished." The reason for all this was the alleged excavation of the slopes of the Thames Embankment "for the erection of new hotels near Waterloo and Charing-cross bridges," which had caused the soil back in the Strand to become so loosened that the famous highway threatened to collapse. "As it is," said the narrator of the anecdote, "deep ruts, otherwise unexplain.uie, have appeared in the roadway, as if from sinking like in the solution of the said was appeared in the roadway, as if from sinking like in the solution of the soluti

The "Daily Mail" hastens to reassure

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of yore. The reporter shuddered to think of the terrible fate that might at any moment overtake them. But even the street surface looked the same. It wasn't even rippled. True, there was a little hump or a hollow here and there, but that was natural considering that the electric light company had only just roughly relaid the street after having it "up." So the reporter went to the office of the Strand Board of Works to get some idea of when the catastrophe might be expected.

ONE OF ENGLAND'S HEROES.

At the Brentford Police-court yesterday a grey-headed and bent old man, named Bernard Fitzpatrick, was charged with wandering.—A policeman stated that about ten o'clock on the previous evening the old man walked into Hounslow police-station and asked the inspector if he would "put him up" for the night, as he was very tired, hungry, and footsore. He appeared to be in a ravenously hungry condition, and was removed to the cells and provided with food.—Mr. Montgomery (the chairman): How old are you, Fitzpatrick?—The prisoner: I'm sorry I don't know, but the Queen is just three years and six months older than I am. (Laughter.) Mr. Montgomery: What are you?—Prisoner: I am an ould soldier, sorr. I fought for many a weary month in the Crimea; I fought in the Indian mutiny; I was wid de troops at the relief of Lucknow. I've had a lot of foighting. I was present at the storming and capture of the Redan, and was with Sir Garnet Wolseley when he nearly lost his loifein Burmah. Wherre's me medal? Pawned. I had to pawn it for I south vector days vin miles. Burnah. Where's me medal ? Fawhed. I had to pawn it to fill me stomach. I had to walk all the way from Slough yesterday—sivin miles—and then no lodging-house keeper would give me a noight's lodging. Will ye sind me to the workhouse, yer honour? I'm tired av wandering, and I get so hungry.—The old man was handed and the roller court missionary, who promised

SEVERE WEATHER IN THE ATLANTIC.

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BURIAL OF SIR EDWARD BATES.

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Mr. O. G. Brimmer, the London hon. sec. of

ALLEGED JEWELLERY THEFT.

A STRANGE CASE.

Florence Hine, thirty-two, described as a music teacher, living at 301, Euston-road, was charged ston yesterday, Eliza Steward, a domestic seron remand at Marlborough-street yesterday vant, of Leatherhead, was charged with stealing with stealing jewellery of the value of £230 from a number of nightdresses and other articles, value the shop of Moses Samuel Lesser, a jeweller of £3, the property of Mrs. Turner, wife of Mr. H. the same address. The facts of the first hearing J. Turner, an independent gentleman, of Clinton-

the twenty-nine classes; and the hero of the have already been reported.

Show is Mr. S. Woodiwiss' brown tabby Xenophon

Mr. A. Abrahams, solicitor, presented, and Mr. A. Abrahams, solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. C. V. Young appeared for the defence. The prosecutor, recalled, said that he knew the prisoner two years ago. On September 25 last she came to his shop and said she had just sold the lease of a large boarding-house in Colvillegardens, and if he would allow her to have a room in his house she would repay the money she owed him. He consequently allowed her to have a room in his house.

Cross-examined by Mr. Young: Two months ago he had a fire at his shop. He formerly lived in Frith-street, where he kept a club, but he did not have a fire there.

Mr. Young: You thought she had some money? She told you she had sold a boarding-house, you know.

know.
The Prosecutor: Yes.
Mr. Young: And wanted to get some money out of her?
The Magistrate: It is human nature. (Laughter.) (
Cross-examination continued: It was absurd

to suggest that he was angry with the prisoner for calling in the police, and that he remarked to her that he had enough of the police over the fire.

Mr. Plowden said that if what the defence indicated were true the prosecutor has been guilty of something far worse than the offence with which he charged the woman in the dock. He must send the case for trial.

BLIND MAN'S SAD END.

FASTING AND FRETTING FOR A immediately."

The prosecutor admitted that he wrote this

held an inquiry with and deaf brush maker, william Ayers, 58, a bind a hill.—Coroner's of 57, Queen's road, Notting on Saturday officer Moss, 306 F, deposed that afternoon on receiving information of the went to the house, and after knocking to and found the writers of an hour burst tac door over and found the writers.

One of the Liverpool newspapers printed in its London letter yesterday the startling states ment that the Strand was collapsing, silently slipping away, and was in danger of utterly slipping away, a

died.
The Coroner: You ought to know.
Witness: But I don't. Six months with him night and day is enough to kill any body. I did not know what the deuce was the matter.
The Coroner: Please conduct yourself properly.
Witness (shaking the officer's arm): Behave yourself. (Laughter.)
By the Coroner: She did not hear the officer knock at the door, but remembered him bursting

knock at the door, but remembered him bursting in the door when she was lying on the floor in in the door when she was lying on the hoof in a fit through excitement. She hoped she would get her husband's pension. (Leughter.) She drank what she liked and didn't ask anybody. The medical evidence of Dr. Jager showed that death was due to cardiac failure from bronchial pneumonia, accelerated by want of proper care and nursing.

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STORY OF A HELIOTROPE DRESS.

A BOW-STREET TRAGEDY.

Yesterday Judge Lumley Smith, Q.C., at the Westminster County Court, heard the case of Croydon v. the Vestry of St. George's, Hanover-which was a claim for ten guineas as damages alleged to have been sustained through a watering cart discharging water and disinfectant upon a lady's dress.

Mr. Hughes (for the plaintiff) said Mrs. Ger-trude Croydon, the plaintiff, was looking in a hairdresser's window in Bond-street, on the mornhairdresser's window in Bond-street, on the morning of May 13 last, when a water-cart belonging
to the defendant vestry came by, discharging
disinfectant water. She suddenly looked
dawn and found her dress dripping
with the fluid from the cart. The
dress was heliotrope colour, and was completely spoilt. Materials, trimmings, and making up cost

Mr. Crawford, counsel for the vestry, cross examined the plaintiff as to whether the lining was spoilt, whether the material could be cleaned,

His Honour: I did not know that the vestry

would cost about 35s. to buy another skirt.

By his Honour: It is a "smart" dress, worth

about ten guineas.

His Honour said the duty of the vestry was to His Honour said the duty of the vestry was to water the road, and not the people on the pavement. The evidence of negligence was clear. There would be judgment for the plaintiff for seven guineas with costs.

GLASGOW WAREHOUSE ABLAZE.

Last night, between six and seven o'clock, a fire broke out in the large central warehouse of Messrs. J. and P. Harrington, Limited, Miller and Ingram-streets, Glasgow. In the warehouse were stored large quantities of soft goods. The flames were through the roof before the brigade arrived, but within an hour they were practically extinguished. The fire was confined mainly to the upper storey, although the flames damaged the ground floor, which was reached by a well. Much damage was done by water, the loss being estimated at £15,000.

LORD ROSEBERY'S ESTATES.

Lord Pearson, sitting in the Bill Chamber of the Court of Session, Edinburgh, has granted a petition by the Earl of Rosebery for authority to disentall his hereditary estates in Midlothian and Linlithgowshire, including the domain of Dalmeny Park.

The Charity Commissioners have sanctioned the governors of the Bishopsgate Foundation selling their property at Sevenoaks for £15,000. The property consists of a private hotel and about fifty-seven acres of land.

A beater engaged with a shooting party on the Moreton Estate, near Dorchester, received the charge of one of the guns in the hip and was so seriously injured that he died shortly afterwards. Last evening a child named Leah Libenski,

Last evening a chin named Leah Lisbenski, aged four years, residing with her paients at 132, Old Montague-street, Whitchapel, whilst playing with matches, set her clothes on ire, and when discovered she was burned to death. when discovered she was ourned to death.
Yesterday afternoon, at Ealing, Dr. W. B.
Gordon Hogg held an inquiry concerning the
sudden death of air. William Rodger, of Glasgow,
the founder and director-general of the British
Linguistic Society. Deceased died from heart

SERVANT GIRL'S BOX

A SUCCESSFUL DEFENCE.

about two years ago by a young woman, to com-pel him to support her illegitimate child, and an order was made by the magistrates to that effect.

At the Surrey Quarter Sessions held at King-

Clerkenwell Sessions vergen, twenty-two, a tall, powerfully-built young man, were indicted for having kept and mainroad, Leatherhead.

Mr. Jelf, for the prosecution, stated that the

Mr. Elliott inquired of the prosecutor as to what terms he had been on with the prisoner while she was in his service.—Prosecutor replied that the terms were those which ordinarily that the terms were those which ordinarly enisted between a master and a servant. Further questioned, he stated that he had heard it said that the prisoner was in trouble.

Mr. Elliott produced a letter which he said the prisoner alleged that she had received from Mr. Turner. It was dated "Pelham Lodge, Grove and Kingston August 31, 1886" and contained Turner. It was dated "Pelham Lodge, Grove road, Kingston, August 31, 1896," and contained the following sentences:—" You have damaged me considerably, and committed vast destruction both here and at Leatherhead with your vile and untruthful tongue. There has been enough exposure caused by people with open mouths; but I certainly gave you credit of having more delicacy.

I am in such utter disgrace both here and at Leatherhead that I am going to clear out immediately." on another night loud screams proceeded from the "club." A female ran out and down the street, a man following He seized her, and half-dragging and half-carrying her, he took her back into the house, after which screams fol-

Mr. Elliott: Have you heard it said that you

he went to the house, and atter knocking for three-quarters of an hour burst tac door open, and found the wife of the deceased lying on the floor on her face "speechless drunk." At this point Mrs. Ayers created a disturbance, and the coroner ordered her out of court. Continuing, the witness said the woman had apparently been lying in bed with the dead body.

Ernest Browning, of 142, Portland-road, son of a blind brush maker, said the deceased, his uncle, had done no work since the death of a companion six months ago, but freited considerably, and refused his food. Witness believed his heart, was broken. street, Leatherhead, stated that on Suptemocial after leaving her situation, the prisoner went to live with witness. On September 12 Mr. Turner came to her house to pay a laundry bill, after which he went up the Collegeroad with the prisoner. They were out together for about three quarters of an hour. She was positive that Mrs. Turner was not present at the time. Once Mr. Turner came to her late at night and asked her to turn the prisoner out of her house, but this she refused to do.

The jury after a brief de iberation, found that the prisoner was not guilty. She was immediately

BARRISTER'S LANDLADY.

HIS SHIRTS AND BOOT BRUSHES.

At the Clerkenwell County-court yesterday, before Judge Meadows White, the adjourned action of Rippon v. Mackenzie was heard. This

before Judge Meadows White, the adjourned action of Rippon v. Mackenzie was heard. This was the case in which plaintiff, a barrister, sied Mrs. Catherine Mackenzie, of 33, Tavistock-place, Tavistock-square, lodging-house keeper, for 10s. 6i., damages for having unlawfully deprived him of the use of a bed room, for which, he aligged, he had paid in advance, and for the value of certain shirts and boot brunks, said to bave been unlawfully detained by her.

On the last occasion the case had been adjourned to give the defendant an opportunity of calling, a witness to prove that she had given the plaintiff written notice to quit, but that he refused to go, and also that the shirts in question were tattered and had been given by the charge of contravening the Betting house at 14, Holborn—the plaintiff of the charwoman to take to the rag shop. The wilness atterned yesterday.

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witnesses (one of them a former landlady of Mr. Rippon) had come forward to give evidence on behalf of Mrs. Mackenzie, and he asked for

BATTLE OF THE CABS.

In reply to the letter sent him by the Cab Trade Council, complaining of the conduct of the drivers of Post-Office vans, the Postmaster-General yesterday wrote pointing out that the van drivers were the servants of the contractors for the mail cart service. With the reply was sent a list of these contractors. At a meeting of the Strike Committee of the Union yesterday afternoon, it was decided to issue instructions to the cabdrivers of London with reference to the boycotting of all terminal stations with the exception of Waterloo. Arrangements were also made for the calling out on strike of between 3.000 and for the calling out on strike of between 3,000 and 4,000 drivers employed by those cab proprietors who are supporting the privileged cabmasters by paying 5s. per cab per day. The temporary Board of Traffic managers have decided, in the event of cabdrivers refusing to enter a terminal station with a passenger to prosecute the men under the Hackney Carriage Laws for "wilful misbehaviour," the maximum penalty of which is £5 and costs, together with the endorsement of

His Honour: I did not know that the vestry were going to fight shillings.

Mr. Crawford: It's a public body.

His Honour: Yes; but it's not a poor one.
For the defence, the van driver said he kept a proper distance from the kerb, and did not see any water on the pavement. The water was pure.

Mr. G. Livingstone, surveyor to the vestry, said the cart was one of the most approved kind, and the cart was one of the most approved kind, and the water on May 13 was pure.

By his Honour: The pavements were only watered when the tradesmen asked for it.

Peter Vick, in the employ of Messrs. Peter Robinson, said he recognised the dress produced as made of cloth purchased at his firm's. It would be difficult to match the bodice, and it would cost about 35s. to buy another skirk.

At Colwyn Bay Police-court yesterday, Mahlah Addyes Scott, a fashionably-dressed widow, who gave an address at Hyde-park, London, was charged with stealing five silver-plated candle-sticks from the Colwyn Bay Hotel, where she had been staying. The prosecution alleged that defendant put the candlesticks in one of Ler trunks, where, according to several witnesses, they were found when the prisoner was leaving. For the defence it was urged that the widow was a lady of the manor in Salop, that she had recently presented a clergyman to a living, and had £700 to her credit in the Union Bank of London. The bench committed her for trial, allowing personal bail in £100, and two securities of £50 cach.

ROBBING THE DUKE OF BEDFORD.

At Chesham yesterday a man named John Williams, of Notting-hill, was charged with cutting, with intent to steal, the tops and branches of more than 100 young beech trees, growing on the Buckinghamshire estate of the Duke of Bedford. The prisoner was caught committing the damage on Sunday afternoon, and was very violent when arrested, badly assaulting one of the vicient when arrested, badly assaining one of the keepers. A second charge was laid against him for the assault. Prisoner was directed to ray £5 12s. 8d. for cutting the trees, or six weeks' imprisonment in default; and for the assault he was committed for two months without the option of a fine, the second term to commence upon the termination of the first.

OUTRAGE IN LAMBETH.

About 1.30 yesterday morning a man named George Edwards, living in South Lambeth-road, George Edwards, hving in South Lamoeth-road, was proceeding to his home, and when he arrived at Vauxhall he was attacked by a gang of thieves. They knocked him down, and, after taking his money and overcoat, kicked him about the head and body, and then decamped, leaving him half senseless on the ground. When discovered he was removed at once to St. Thomas' Hospital.

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WEST-END BOGUS CLUB

PROPRIETOR IMPRISONED.

A case arising out of one of the recent club mids in the West-end was heard yesterday at Francis Covini, thirty-three, and Jose Wander

mined No. 5 and 6, Marshall-street, Soho, as "a ommon, ill-governed, and disorderly house." Mr. Arthur Gill presecuted for the St. James' Vestry. The premises were known as the Alliance Club In consequence of complaints a raid was made, and Covini, the rated occupier of the premises, and Wandervergen, the doorkeeper, and others were arrested. The "club" was chiefly frequented, Mr. Gill said, by foreigners and women questionable character, music and dancing of questionable character, music and cancing forming one of the amusements. Having proved that the house was not licensed in any way, counsel for the prosecution put a neighbour, named Fitch, into the box.

This witness, a member of the London City Mission, knew Covini by the sobriquet "Chicken,"

that took place nightly between ten and the small hours of the morning. Persons left the "club" intoxicated, others were ejected, and some attempted to gain admittance by knocking and hammering on the door. Early one morning a man challenged Covini to fight in the street, whereupon Covini felled him to the ground with a stick. The man remained where he had fallen for some morning head flowing freely a stick. The man remained where he had fallen for some moments, blood flowing freely from his head. Covini and some companions walked off. The bleeding man, regained his feet, but after walking a few yards fell to the ground. He rose a second time and disappeared. Immediately afterwards Wandervergen came out, and with a broom and a pail of water removed all traces of the blood.

About 5 a.m. one August morning Mr. Fitch observed from his window a number of men emerge from the Alliance. Covini and another individual divested themselves of their coats, and a puglistic encounter ensued. When "Chicken" was worsted he spoke to a waiter, who fetched him a knife, but, before he could use it, his oppo him a knife, but, before he could use it, his oppo-nent wisely ran off. On August 29 a wooden-framed glass ventil tor over the door was smached, and two men were ejected, Covini kicking one who was thrown to the pavement. At this point the prisoners counsel intervened, and the recital was stopped by the accused

PLEADING GUILTY

Mr. Gill then proved Wandervergen assisting in the management and threatening an Inland Revenue Mail, and assaulting him because be was a spy.

The jury convicted Wanter Charge against peared that there was a further charge against him of acting as doorkeeper to a "club in Compton-street, which was raided last Saturday as a

ton-street, which was raided last Saturday as a gambling house.

Inspector Bailey stated that on several dates men had been found outside bleeding from wounds out the head outside the Alliance. Covini, on October 5; was fined £50 and costs for selling intoxicating liquors without a license. The average monthly takings, as disclosed on the books of Covini, were, it was said, about £120.

With a view of showing that the Alliance club was a bona-fide one, Mr. Burnie called persona who described themselves as members. They

who described themselves as members. They admitted that the subscription was only is per annum, and one said he never saw a club better annum, and one said he never saw a didn deposit conducted. (Langhter.)

The chairman sentenced Covini, the proprietor of this "had, bogus, and illegal club" to six months' hard labour. Wandervergen's sentence was postponed.

lose. The business was an extensive one, no less a sum than £8,000 a month passing through defendant's hands.

Walter Henry West, tea merchant, 51, Cassland-road, N.E., said he saw an advertisement, in consequence of which he wrote to Henry Miller, and in reply received a pamphlet on the "Perfect System of Investment." After reading this he went to 14, Holborn, on September 3, with four £5 Bauk of England notes. He saw with four £5 Bauk of England notes. He saw with four £5 Bauk of England notes. He saw with four £5 Bauk of England notes. He saw with four £5 Bauk of England notes. He saw with four £5 Bauk of England notes. He saw with four £5 Bauk of England notes, which the prisoner had given to him as security which the prisoner had given to him as security terday accepted the custody of the China Cup, won at the last meeting of the National Rifle years' penal servitude passed in 1875 for stealing to reduce the last meeting of the National Rifle years' penal servitude passed in 1875 for stealing to reduce the last meeting of the National Rifle years' penal servitude passed in 1875 for stealing to reduce the custody of the China Cup, won at the last meeting of the National Rifle years' penal servitude passed in 1875 for stealing to reduce the custody of the China Cup, won at the last meeting of the National Rifle years' penal servitude passed in 1875 for stealing to reduce the custody of the China Cup, won at the last meeting of the National Rifle years' penal servitude passed in 1875 for stealing to reduce the custody of the China Cup, won at the last meeting of the National Rifle years' penal servitude passed in 1875 for stealing to reduce the custody of the China Cup, won at the last meeting of the National Rifle years' penal servitude passed in 1875 for stealing to reduce the custody of the China Cup, won at the last meeting of the National Rifle years' penal servitude passed in 1875 for stealing the reduce the passed in 1875 for stealing to reduce the passed in 1875 for stealing to reduce the passed in 18 Miller, and in reply received a pamphlet on the "Perfect System of Investment." After reading this he went to 14, Holborn, on September 3, with four £5 Bank of England notes. He saw some young lady clerks there, and said, "I have come to buy one share in the perfect system, according to the book sent me." One of the young ladies taid to him, "You must send the money through the post." Witness posted the £20 in notes to Honry Miller as directed. On September 28 he got a telegram informing him that his capital had gone. He wrote to say that his friends would

CONSIDER HIM A FOOL.

and asked for a cheque to be sent on.

James Page said he had seen the book, "The
Perfect System of Investment." On September
14 witness sent Miller four £5 Bank of England notes. On September 21 he sent £80. Later on he received a cheque for £6 14s., but on presenta-tion it was returned marked

"ACCOUNT CLOSED." Mr. Brown remarked that in consequence of a

Mr. Brown remarked that in consequence of a mistake some of the cheques had not been paid, but they would all be met.

The further hearing was adjourned, defendant being admitted to the same bail as before. The charges against the three young ladies of assisting in keeping an office for betting purposes were withdrawn

COURT OF BANKRUPTCY.

(Before Mr. Registrar BROUGHAM.) THE AMPHITRYON CLUB. Re P. J. E. Aousr.-Upon the application of Mr. Cross (Guedalla and Cross), a receiving order was made against this debtor, who is de-scribed as of 41, Albemarle street. The debtor striced as of 41, Alberharter-screet. The debtor is the proprietor of the Amphitryon Club, and states his secured and unsecured debts at £25,000. The assets are returned at between £2,000 and £3,000.

(Before Mr. Howell, Assistant Receiver.) AN ACTOR'S DEBTS.

Re HARRY STEPHENSON GARRAWAY.—This was first meeting of creditors. The debtor, who is lescribed as of 2, Alfred-place, Bedford-square. described as of 2, Alfred-place, Bedford-square, states that he was formerly in the Army, but that since 1895 he has followed the stage as a profession, and is at present engaged at the Comedy Theatre. The debts, returned at £275 only, are stated to have been incurred when he was studying for the Army. There was no offer, and the case was left to the Official Receiver to wind up in bendranter. wind up in bankruptcy.

(Before Mr. CHAPMAN, Official Receiver.) DEBTS £41,000; ASSETS £30.

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RE H. P. OREDEN.—A meeting of creditors was held. The debtor was described as of the United Universities Club, Pall Mall, late of Mozart-chambers, then of Trafalgar-buildings, Northumberland-avenue, financier. The account filed show gross debts £41,308, of which £37,516 15s. is unsecured, and assets £30, estimated where of a protent. mated value of a patent.

It appears that the debtor was interested in the publishing business of Griffith and Farran, St. Paul's-churchyard, which, in October 1891,

was turned into a private company, Griffith, Farran, and Co., Limited. The share capital was £30,000, and there was a debenture issue of £75,000. He received £15,000 in shares for his 275,000. He received £15,000 in snares for his interest in the firm. The company went into voluntary liquidation in February, 1894. In the same year he, in conjunction with a Mr. Ernest Vert, promoted the Imperial Opera Company, Limited, with a capital of £100,000. He was also interested in the promotion of the Crown Lease Proprietary Company, Limited, formed with a view to the acquisition of the cive.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

(Before the RECORDER.)

THE ALEGED LIBELS ON LORD

Scott, said the briefs were only delivered late last week, and the defendants were only committed on Monday week. The documents for the defence only came into their possession on the Thursday before these sessions. He had to ask for postponement in order that the legal advisers of Lady Scott and the two men might have the opportunity of considering the position in which they stood. At present they were not in possession of the whole of the facts to advise their clients.

Mr. Mathews did not oppose.

The Recorder: Then let it be so. The case will be adjourned until next sessions.

SWINDLING SOLICITORS BY FORGED

defended Thomas.

Mr. Charles Mathews, who prosecuted, stated Mr. Charles Mathews, who prosecuted, stated that the prisoners had for some time carried on a successful system of swindling solicitors. They seemed to have made themselves acquainted through a law diary with the names of the London agents of various country solicitors, and one of the prisoners would then call upon the country solicitor and represent that he was looking out for a hunting box, and that his solicitor was the London agent of the firm he was calling upon. Various instructions would be given, and the London agent of the country firm asking them to advance £20 or £25 to a friend who had arrived from abroad. The other prisoner would then call upon the London agent and represent that he was the friend referred to.

On the faith of such a telegram Mr. Wade, solicitor, Old Jewry, the London agent of a Leicester solicitor, gave Earle a cheque for £20. The telegram was found to be a forgery. In the same manner attempts had been made to defraud solicitors in Leamington and Northampton.

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that both men were on ticket of leave.
The Recorder said the evidence showed that the

particular charge investigated was by no means an isolated case; it was only one of a series of similar charges. He sentenced Earle to three years' penal servitude and Thomas to five

PERSUASIVE ELOCUTIONIST. PERSUASIVE ELOCUTIONIST.

Edward Lytton Bellew, forty-eight, described as an elocutionist, was convicted of obtaining food and lodgings at New Southsate and in three other places by false pretences. The prisoner took apartments, and after remaining about a week he suddenly left without paying his account. In two cases he had advertised, in the name of Warner Sleigh, for boys as amanuenser. The boys were required to deposit small sums of money with him, he indertaking to instruct them. Having obtained the money from the boys he took them to the particular apartments where happened to be staying, and on absconding at the end of the week left them behind.

Prisoner had been convicted at Sandwich, Ipswich, and other places of similar frauds, and he now made a whining appeal for leniency, of Bentley Heath, is said to have Ipswich, and other places of similar frauds, and he now made a whining appeal for leniency, promising to become "a useful and honourable member of the community, and a loyal subject of the Crown." He added that it had been repulsive to him hitherto to accept the assistance of institutions for the reform of criminals, but he would do so in future.

Sentence, twelve months' hard labour.

(Before the COMMON SERJEANT.)

"TOO MUCH BRITISH PLUCK." "TOO MUCH BRITISH PLUCK."

Alfred Frederick Shearman, thirty-six, umbrella maker, was convicted of maliciously wounding Constable Mathieson, while the latter was on duty, with intent to do him grievous bodily harm, outside the Manor Tavern, West Ham.—There was a crowd of at least 500 persons, but only a postman and a ship's steward responded to the constable's call for help. The accused kicked the constable most savagely.

Mr. Avory said there were thirty convictions against the prisoner, sixteen of them for assaulting the police.

The prisoner said the police took liberties with him, and his temper would not allow him to stand it; his temper had been his downfall, as he had plenty of British pluck. (Laughter.)

The Common Serjeant sentenced the prisoner to five years' penal servitude.

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CLERKENWELL SESSIONS.

(Before the Chairman, Mr. McConnell.)

"A WARNING TO OFFICERS." "A WARNING TO OFFICERS."
George Ward, twenty-eight, french polisher, pleaded guilty to obtaining some goods by false pretences.—A constable of the J division said prisoner had been previously convicted, but the accused denied this. It was afterwards ascertained that his denial was correct.—The Chairman bound him over, and hoped "this would be a warning to officers to be more careful when bringing evidence of identification, but he did not blame anybody in this case." blame anybody in this case.

(Before Mr. LOVELAND-LOVELAND.) BANKRUPT FARMER'S FRAUDS. John William Wootton, forty-four, pleaded guilty to two charges of obtaining money, £1 and 5s., by fraudulent representations, from boarding-house keepers, chiefly persons in very humbl ing-nouse keepers, cheen persons in very number circumstances. His story was that he was a lodging-house keeper in Eaton-place, Eaton-square, and required accommodation for his boarders, as the drains of his establishment were

undergoing repairs.

The accused was a well-dressed, gentlemanly The accused was a well-dressed, gentlemany looking man. The police received numerous complaints regarding his frauds.—Mr. Muir, in mitigation of punishment, stated the prisoner was a bankrupt farmer of Norfolk. His father was also a farmer in that county of about 5,000 acres. The prisoner found great difficulty in obtaining employment, and when hungry and half-starved committed the offences.—The Chairman passed a sentence of four months, hard labour.

SERVANT'S SUICIDE. Dr. Danford Thomas held an inquest at the

Dr. Danford Thomas neid at induest at the Hornsey Coroner's Court yesterday, respecting the death of Alice Sleven, aged nineteen, a domestic servint, who was found in a dying con-cition in the garden of a house in the Archway-road, Highgate, on Saturday night, as previously eported in these columns

Dr. Trevor Halket, of Archway-road, deposed that there were evidences of strychnine in the stomach Mrs. Jones, the girl's mistress, said the girl could have procured the strychnine from her husbaud's surgery. A verdict of "Suicide during temporary insanity" was returned.

Dr. G. D. Thomas held an inquest yesterday at St. Pancras Coroner's Court with reference to the death of Mary Ann Gibbs, aged sixty-one, who was knecked down by a transcar while cross-

formed with a view to the acquisition of the close of Her Majesty's Theatre, and the erection thereon of an opera house, the capital of which was to be £450,000. A deposit of £10,000 was paid to purchase the lease for £80,000. Only £4,000 was subscribed by the public, and the whole scheme fell to the ground, the £10,000 being forfeited.

Mr. Gosling, for the debtor, wished to point out that the £30 represented the value of a patent upon which a lien was claimed.

The case was left in the hands of the Official Receiver to wind up.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE

Application was made for the postponement till next sessions of the trial of Selina Lady Scott, and two men named Cockerton and Kast, against whom true bills have been found for in the death of a boy named James Norton, aged in the death of a boy named James Norton, aged in the death of a boy named James Norton, aged five and serious injury to four other children. against whom true bills have been alleged libels on Earl Russell.

Mr. Geoghegan, who with Mr. Walton, Q.C., has been retained for the defence of Lady Scott, said the briefs were only delivered late stack of floorboards required in the alteration of the schools fell forward and buried them. The mitted on Monday week. The documents for the defence only came into their postible defence only came into their postible defence only came into their postible defence only came into their postible.

BOURNEMOUTH. Walter Earle, thirty-eight, engineer, and Edward Thomas, thirty-three, surveyor, were indicted for conspiracy to defraud, also for being concerned in the forgery of requests for money. Earle pleaded guilty to obtaining money by means of forged telegrams.—Mr. R. J. Drake defended Thomas.

Mr. Charles Mathematical Mathematics and the surveyors of advertising the attractions of the town.

CHATHAM.

ABOUT CHRESE.—The Earl of Crewe yesterday, presided at the prize distribution in the Cheshire Dairy Show. The Duke of 'Westminster wrote expressing satisfaction that the prices for Cheshire cheese ruled higher than in the summer.—Lord Crewe said his experience in Ireland as Lord-Lieutenant led him to think very highly of cooperation under certain circumstances. He operation under certain circumstances. He advised Cheshire farmers to make long keeping as well as early-ripening cheese.

TROTTING FEAT.—A pony dwned, by Mr. Rumsey, of Bentley Heath, is said to have trotted 100 miles, from Chadwell Heath to Mistley and back, in just over twelve hours. The first eighty-one miles were completed in ten and a quarter hours. LANCASHIRE.

POISONOUS SWEETMEATS.—The death of Henry

Tatham, aged eight years, of Barrowford, was reported to the East Lancashire Coroner yesterday. The deceased bought some spice known as "Hanky Panky," at a shop at Barrowford on Saturday, and was taken very ill, He gradually sank, and died from poisoning. Doctors Tim and Hungerford state that they are attending several includes the state of the state of

Doctor's Assistant Chargen.—James Alfred Beart, forty-eight, described as a surgeon's assistant, of West-street, Dunstable, where he has resided for many years, was brought up in custody at Luton Police-court yesterday charged with the wilful murder of Gertrude Elizabeth Underwood, twenty-six, wife of a well-known straw hat manufacturer, of Luton, by administering to her a drug, or drugs, with illegal intent. The prisoner stands committed for triak for murder on the coroner's warrant. The prisoner was further remanded for a week, it being stated that the Treasury were not prepared then to go on with the prosecution.

MOLD. MCLD.

Defrauding the Railway Company.—As Mold yesterday Nathaniel Bunnell, booking clerk at Holywell, pleaded guilty to embezzling money from the London and North-Western Railway Company. Prisoner issued a first-class paper ticket to London and received £1 19s. for it. He accounted for it by entering it at 2d. in the excess fares book. Prisoner, who is the son of a trusted railway official, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment. He wept bitterly.

MUNDESLEY.

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GHASTLY FIND.—While patrolling the beach
this week some fishermen sighted a body floating
in the sea. On bringing it ashore it proved to be
that of a man minus his head, one leg, and both
arms. It is thought to have been one of the unfortunate victims of the terrible Hunstanton
yawl disaster last year. READING.

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Visit by the Duchess of Teck.—The Duke and Duchess of Teck visited Bracknell, near Reading, yesterday, and opened the fine art gallery there, which has been established mainly through the instrumentality of Mr. Taylor, the local station-master. The royal-party received a hearty welcome, and a large and distinguished company attended the ceremony.

SHEFFIELD.

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STRIKE OF MOULDERS.—A strike of much importance and dimensions is now proceeding in Sheffield in consequence of a dispute about what appears to be a very trivial matter. The moulders employed at the iron and steel foundries demanded that their working week should be reduced from fifty-four to fifty-three hours. The employers offered to accede to the demand; the men would sacrifice an hour's pay per week but this offer has been rejected, and in consequence nearly 700 skilled men are on strike. All classes of workmen employed on foundry work are dependent upon the moulders, with the result that the action of the latter has thrown many other men out of work, while the masters find it impossible to execute orders. The dispute has occurred at a most unfortunate moment, for the trade of the city, as the iron and steel founders are busier than hey have ever been before. The employers state that in their belief the men would only regard the granting of the concession now being asked for as an instalment.

ST. HELENS.

A MUNIFICENT TOWNSMAN.—St. Helen's Town.
Council yesterday unanimously decided to confer
the freedom of the borough on Colonal David.
Gamble, C.B., in recognition of fifty years of
public service. Colonel Gamble was the first Gamble, C.B., in recognition of nity years of public service. Colonel Gamble was the first mayor, and subsequently filled the office four times. He presented to the corporation new technical schools and a free library, costing £30,000, to be opened by Lord Derby on November 5, when the freedom of the city will be conferred upon him.

SUFFOLK. WHALE STRANDED.—The body of a young whale, 40ft, long, stated to weigh over a ton, has been washed up on the Gunfleet Sands.