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REPORT FAVORS ARMY INCREASE.

Hull's Military Bill Enlarging Regular Force to 105,000 Men Receives Committee Sanction.

MINORITY IS OPPOSED.

Probability of a Determined Fight When the Measure Is Taken Up in the House.

WESTERN MAN FOR CABINET

WASHINGTON BUREAU CHICAGO TRIBUNE. Washington, D. C., Dec. 20. After a hard fight the House Military mittee has agreed upon a bill for

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Army Bill.	made in

by Gener al Hull. The bill as agreed upon provides for thirty regiments of infantry, the comanies to consist of 112 privates; twelve regif eighty-three privales; and a corps of artil-

Several minor changes were made in the , among these being a provision for 100 ant, and 100 pharmacists, whose pay be \$40 per month. The number of chaps was increased from thirty to forty and will be assigned to regiments and corps he discretion of the Secretary of War. | ago. veterinarians are provided for each ent of cavalry, who will have the tank, and allowance of a First Lieutenant. In the Judge Advocate General's office the per of Colonels was fixed at five instead two. In the Quartermaster's department olonels were reduced from ten to eight the number of Quartermasters insed to twenty-six. In the Department sistence the number of Deputy Comissary Generals, with the rank of Lieuten ant Colonel, was increased from six to eight mmissartes with the rank of Major ir reased from ten to twelve, and those with he rank of Captain from twenty-seven to -seven. In the corps of engineers the umber of Lieutenant Colonels was inased from fifteen to twenty; Majors from enty-five to thirty-slx, and the number of

rovides that the Record and Pension office le opposition was encountered in the come, and the Republicans were divided as effort t

ex-Senator Carey of Wyoming has a strong backing. He led a hopeless fight for sound money in 1895, but his State has since been redeemed. Several Senators say that New York will after all get the vacancy, in te of geographical conditions, and also spite of the belief that the Amebassador o the Court of St. James is to be credited to the Empire State. The name of Gen-eral Stewart L. Woodford has been men-tioned, and it is said his friends claim a reward for him because of the post of actual danger he filled before the war. It has also been suggested that the President could properly celebrate that the Tres-which he returned today by putting a Southern man in the Cabinet. If this is decided upon, Henry Clay Evans of Tennessee might be the man. He undoubtedly had the key to the situation at St. Louis far as the Vice Presidency is concerned, but voluntarily stepped aside for Mr. Hobart when the managers decided it was necessary to have an Eastern man on the ticket with Major McKinley. Mr. Evans was made Pension Commissioner, and has filled the office admirably, but the appointment New York, Dec. 20 .- [Special.]-The epi was something of a disappointment to the Southerners, as they expected he would be given the Postmaster Generalship. They demic of grip assumed even greater proportions today. The downfall of rain,

are now out for the place and claim that Colonel Evans is the most representative high-class Southern Republican available to mark the era of good feeling between the sections. It is understood the President will The death rate shows a tremendous inhear arguments this week and make up his crease for the last three days, and increases mind during the holidays.

-"There never was a time in the history of this government," said Representative Leniz, a Democrat of Ohio, "when a large declaring it has not been definitely estabarmy was needed that volunteers did not | lished that grip is contagious or infectious. promptly respond to the call of the Presi-dent. Things have not undergone a change in this respect and for that reason I am

opposed to a large standing army. In the agricultural appropriation bill which passed the House this afternoon there is a paragraph ap-

Larger Fund propriating \$300,000 for Meat for the inspection of meat which is intend-Inspection.

abroad. This is an increase of \$50,000 over last year's allowance and will permit of an increase in the force of the inspection department and facilitate the exportation of meats to a considerable de ts to be graduates of a dental college gree. This increase was made at the in stance of Mr. Lorimer, who is a member of the Agricultural committee, and it is through his efforts that the appropriation has been steadily increased from \$150,000, which was the amount available three years

> Controller and Mrs. Dawes will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Dawes' parents at Marietta, O. They will leave her on Friday. -0-

Grip has invaded the State department in a way which has seriously interfered with business. Secretary Hay has a bad case at home, and Assistant Secretaries Adee and Cridler are also laid up with the epidemic. -0-

An impression prevails here that those who are pecuniarily interested in debating the Nicaragua Canal

are responsible for Schemes in the large number of Connection with bills providing for the construction of this the Canal Bill. ptains reduced from fifty-seven to forty- canal, which have

clause was inserted in the blil, which every day this week a new proposition has been brought forward, and they are all of I the War department shall consist of a conflicting character. It is said that the hief clerk, whose rank will be that of a rallroad companies and others who are oprigadier General, and one assistant with posed to the construction of the canal have rank of Lieutenant Colonel. This means promotion of Colonel Ainsworth from rank of Colonel to Brigadier. Considerurally thinks his scheme is the one which should be adopted, and they will make an effort to have them accepted by the different branches of Congress. Before these co flicting measures can be harmonized there will undoubtedly be considerable delay, and while the measure introduced by Senato Morgan is believed to be the best one yet advanced, it is doubtful if it will been law without being amended so as to change its provisions radically.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1898-TWELVE PAGES.

hink the dirt in the streets has anything t **GRIP ABROAD IN THE EAST** with the present epidemic, but other phy cians do not all agree with him. Dr. E

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cally Admitted by Authorities-

Business Houses, Police Force, Fire

in New York Affected-Many Promi-

nent Persons Ill-Many Cities Along

the Atlantic Coast Visited.

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lowed by humid weather, created atmos-pheric conditions which physicians fear will

in deaths due to the grip, pneumonia, and

President of the Health Board Murphy

V YORK LADELPHIA TIMORE ...

Janeway, dean of the New York Univer sity College, said: "Certainly dirt in the streets means dirt in the houses, and that PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM WIDE-SPREAD ATTACK OF DISEASE. means the spread of disease. The prevalence of snow causes a good many colds. These weaken the system and leave it susceptible Contagious Nature of Ailment Practi-

the influenza bacilli. "I believe the disease can be spread from Project Is Carried Out Under Control person to person.

Department, and Street Car Lines | the Post Graduate Hospital, said: I believe that persons suffering from grip should be isolated as much as possible here is no doubt that the disease is contagious. Cleanliness is the preventive." Dr. Abraham Jacobi said: "When the streets are in a filthy condition the people are weakened by it and they become sus-ceptible to the disease, which is now an epidemic in New York. I do not favor a quarantine. There are too many cases to make a quarantine possible."

Claims to Have a Cure. Raoul Pictet, the Swiss scientist, who ar

rived in this city last Sunday, claims to have sure cure for "grip. M. Pictet won a worldwide reputation sev-eral years ago by his successful experiments

liquefying oxygen, hydrogen, and ozone. The scientist now claims to have invented machine which will cure by freezing any the Daily Chronicle staff. lisease which has its origin in a germ. There are three of my machines

rope at present," said Dr. Pictet today and the experiments with them by the lead ing physicians have so far proved highly suc 1:30. Soon after 4 o'clock it was reported to essful. More than 250 patients have bee cured of all diseases where the germ had to

DASHED HOPES AND AN EMPTY STOCKING.

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PROVES THE ANDREE PLAN SAYS ROBERTS WAS **DISFRANCHISED AND** CAN BE UNSEATED. PROF. SPENCER GUIDES HIS AIRSHIP

ACROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE.]

London, Dec. 20.-The Daily Chronicle successfully carried out today the first trip

from London to the continent in a steerable

For weeks past a large balloon in the

balloon started at 11:30 o'clock in the fore-

cer, the famous aeronaut, to whom the bal-

Safely Crosses the Channel.

Mr. Swinburne telegraphs the Chronicle

passing over Fecamp.

Narrow Escape.

Tribune.

Judge Goodwin, a Salt Lake Editor, Says Utah Congressman-Elect Was Imprisoned for Offense and Never Pardoned and Can Be Ousted. of a London Newspaper with a View to Demonstrating the Utility of a

Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 20.-[Special.]-Principle of Steering Adopted by Judge Goodwin, editor of the Salt Lake Trib the French Aeronaut-Landing Is ne, today made the following statement Made in Safety Near Havre - One Roberts to a seat in Congress.

"Mr. Roberts was regularly nominated and fairly elected. In the ordinary understanding of a contest I think none can b made to dispossess him of his seat. The only way must be, if at all, through expulsion or the ground that he is not a citizen and is a active polygamist. Congress, if I remem ber correctly, passed a law making the liv ing with two or more women at the same grounds of the Crystal Palace has been time as wives an offense punishable by fin awaiting a northerly or northwesterly wind. and imprisonment in the penitentiary under

onditions were favorable today, and the Utah law. "Roberts was fined, imprisoned, and dis The passengers were Percival Spenfranchised. He has never since ceased to the famous aeronaut, to whom the bal-belongs, and Lawrence Swinburne of wives. He has never been pardoned. ' My judgment as to the effect of permit

ting Roberts to retain his seat is that it wil be to practically restore old conditions, ex The balloon was reported by Lloyd's sig-nal men to be crossing Beachy Head at cept as to promiscuous plural marriages."

POLICEMAN RYAN RISKS HIS LIFE IN TRYING TO

STOP A RUNAWAY TEAM.

Is Dragged Some Distance in Polk Checks the Frantic Horses-Is Badly Bruised.

An attempt to stop a runaway team be longing to the Frank Parmelee company al most resulted in the death of Policeman William Ryan yesterday. The team, which was in charge of William Kenna, was irightened at Taylor street and Plymouth place while Kenna was in a house. The at Polk street Policeman Ryan tried to sto them. He secured a hold on the bridle one of the horses and was dragged to Clark street, where he stopped the horses. Ryan was severely bruised, but was able to resume his work.

MILWAUKEE GIRL WHO HAS NOT SPOKEN OR

MOVED IN FIVE MONTHS.

Lies Immovable with Her Eyes Wide Open, Unable to Make a Sign-Doctors Cannot Explain or Remedy Her Affliction.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 20.-[Special.]-One of the strangest cases which has ever come to the notice of local physicians is that of Miss Tony Broscheit, who has neither moved nor spoken for five months. One morning last July her mother went to

The girl was lying on the bed with eyes would not rouse her. Ever since she has science is unable to do anything to reliev

She is 23 years of age. She never appears to sleep, but lies all the time with her eyes wide open.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE

PRICE TWO CENTS,

SECESSION WINS IN CICERO TOWN.

Oak Park, Berwyn, and Grant Vote to Form Separate **Governments and Are** Indorsed.

AUSTIN FIGHTS IN VAIN.

Determined Effort to Render Void the Midnight Franchise Ordinances to Be

Made at Once.

GRAND JURY TO ACT TODAY.

TOTAL VOTE FOR DISMEMBERMENT.

For separation of Oak Park 2,015 For separation of Berwyn.....1,792 1,163 Street, but Clings to the Bridle and POPULATION OF SECEDING DISTRICTS.

> Osk Park 8.300

POPULATION OF THE NEW CICERO. Austin, including Clyde 11,236

Oak Park, Berwyn, and Grant voted yeserday to secede from the Township or Cicero, and a majority of the township voted to let the dissatisfied members of the municipal family go. All that is left of Cicero pow Austin and Clyde.

This dismemberment of the township is looked upon by residents as the beginning of annexation to the City of Chicago, the absorption to be made step by step, one village at a time being taken into the

metropolitan municipality. The precinct vote by which the dismemerment was effected is as follo

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Hot After the Town Board.								

i Marsh, who is opposed to an army of. 0,000 men, led the fight, but voted to report reserving the right to antagonize it the floor of the House. Colonel Marsh man to every 1,000 of population in e United States, which would make an my of 72,000 to 75,000 men; and to provide provisional army to be used in th lies, to be enlisted on the basis of two men every 1,000 of population.

he Democratic members of the committee itterly antagonize the measure and will take a minority report. They are not in vor of increasing the army in this country t are willing to authorize the President to alist about 50,000 men to be used in time of eace in the West Indies and the Philippines he bill will be reported to the House tomor w, but will not be taken up for considera-

Mrs. Grant has been quite ill for the last ek, but is now much improved. Her co on has at no time been serious, although is possible she may be confined for some ays longer to her room.

It is semi-officially announced that Secrery Bliss will retire from the Cabinet by

le has admitted the act to several of his Western Man May Succeed and it is said at Secretary Bliss.

ent that work is being arranged to provide the contingency of a change. There strong movement on foot to have the e filled by a Western man. The Pacific e is especially insistent in its claims recognition, first, because it has no rep- to join his regiment. entation in the Cabinet, and, second cause the work of the department chiefly erns the States west of the Missour far Western men claim that there as an understanding when Attorney Genal McKenna was promoted to the Supreme ch and the place given to New Jersey, they should have the Interior depart when Mr. Bliss retired, as he has pected to do from the first. Practica ticians in Congress say the President uld recognize the States where there been the most marked development of blican sentiment, and insist that Kan-Nebraska, the Dakotas, Wyoming, Ore-Washington, and California made a ajority in the next House possible, and ould be rewarded. They point to the fact the Secretary of State, Secretary of Navy, Postmaster General, Secretary the Interior, and Attorney General are all from States east of the Alleghanies, hile the Mississippi Valley has the Secrearies of the Treasury and Agriculture, representative from west of the Mis

strong movement will be put forward the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, as Ryan of Kansas, whose bri ice in the House, coupled with his place ce in a State which turned lism to Republicanism during the Pres administration, makes him an exce andidate politically, while his ability beyond question either in the office of stump. Webster Davis, the Secon istant Secretary, also has warm friends, he is popular at the White House, but omes from Missouri, which did not dis

Assistant Postmaster General Heath will spend Christmas in Indiana. He is not an open candidate for the Senate, but he will be where the current will reach him if some of the other candidates lose their trolleys.

Congress will adjourn tomorrow for its holiday recess of two weeks.

Representative Hitt this afternoon introduced a resolution providing for the removal of the body of Rawlins' Body Major General John to Be Interred at Arlington

at Arlington. tery to Arlington where many of th soldiers of the late war are buried. The

base and granite shaft marking the spot where the body now rests will also be trans-ferred to Arlington. The Congressional as it is located in the immediate vicinity of the jail and workhouse few prominent peo ple are buried there. Besides this, Arlingon is a national cemetery, and General Rawlins' associates want him to rest near many of his late comrades.

-----down-town office building where 900 people work 300 were sick. Wallack's Theater was Lieutenant Frederick V. Krug of the Twentieth Infantry has been relieved from mustering duty at Springfield, Ill., and ordered Julia Arthur

Representative Belknap will be joined by The working forces of the street car lines are badly depleted. An employé of the Third Mrs. Belknap as soon as she completes her shopping in Indianapolis, and then they will were reported on the sick list this morning. spend the holidays with relatives in Aiken,

Miss Bessie Cannon, niece of the Illinois Congressman, will be married Thursday to borne, an attaché of Romantic Case the War department.

of Miss They were children Bessie Cannon. together in Montezuma, Ind., and later were betrothed, but became separated by

force of circumstances. Miss Cannon came to Washington some time ago and secured a berth in the Navy department. Young Osborne traveled extensively throughout the When the war broke out he enlisted in the Signal Corps from Indiana, and at its cor clusion was detailed for duty in the Wardepartment, where he met Miss Cannon once more, renewed his attentions, and succeed ed in having the wedding set for this week.

It is reported among members of the diplomatic corps that Señor Polo y Bernabe, the former Spanish Minister to the United ation of the treaty of peace. In that case gri General Stewart L. Woodford would nat-

reasons for this sickness is past. We are For the first time in many years the House | facing a situation that must be met, and I fering prayer. Speaker Reed cailed the branch of the Department of Health in every House to order promptly at noon, and the borough of this city will be open day and hear a prayer offered, but as the chapian did not appear Mr. Reed sat down and the other membérs initated him. An audible week ending Dec. 10, 7; for the week

smile passed over the House, and the Clerk Dec Of the distinctively Western men. | proceeded with the reading of the journal. | Health Commissioner Crosby does not |



It is believed 125,000 persons are afflicted. Orders have been issued to keep a staff of

Fire department is in danger of be

due to grip. The Police department is

ing crippled by a heavy increase of the sick

ng large forces are suffering. In one large

closed tonight because of the illness of Miss

)ther theatrical companies are crippled.

Prominent Persons Ill.

Assistant Secretary of State Adee. Assistant Secretary of State Adee. Assistant Secretary Oridier. Assistant Secretary Oridier. Secretary of the Navy Allen. Secretary of the Navy Long. W. J. Sewall, United States Senator of Ne

The records this afternoon showed:

State, 10; Brooklyn, 10; St. Peter's, 6

ohn Wanamaker, former Postmaster Genera

n Brooklyn the conditions are fully as

St. Mary's Hospital, 6 cases; St. Cath-crine's, 3; Long Island College, 3; Homeo-

pathic, 2; Kingston Avenue, 24; Long Island

this city who have the grip

Following is a list of prominent persons in

e grip. Dr. Ira J. Van Gieson, Russell Sage Laura Jean Libbey, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, A. H. Hummel, James H. Breslin, William S. Devery, Chief of Police. Police Commissioner Abell

Miss Julia Arthur, Miss Cissy Loftus.

also affected

"The patients are subjected to a tempera-ture of 110° below zero." physicians and attendants on duty every

our in the twenty-four in all the boroughs' Afflicts Yale Students.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 20.-[Special.]-Five thousand cases of grip are reported in this city. Many shops have had to close because of the illness of hundreds of their

At Yale it is estimated that 400 undergrad uates have the disease. Most of the stuapartments, as the college infirmary is

Spreading in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 20.-[Special. Since last week two fatal cases of grip have Health. Three deaths from pneumonia, resulting from the grip, have also been re-In this manner a course four or five points

following announcement today

"In view of the prevalence of the grip in Philadelphia heads of business houses and corporations should make the same arrangements as if they were going to allow each of their employes to have two weeks' vaca-

Thousands of people in this city are tions are that it will increase."

A visit to the different bureaus in the City Hall today elicited the information that nearly one-tenth of the employés were

It is estimated that at least 50,000 persons are suffering from the grip in this city. A fair idea of the ravages of this disease may gathered from the fact that out of 600 scholars who regularly attend the girls nigh school more than 200 are unable to

Grip Epidemic in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 20.-[Special.] States, will be sent back here on the ratin- St. Peter's Hospital, is himself down with the are at least 40,000 cases of grip in Baltimore The drug stores the last few days have been more crowded than the Christmas good "The time for theorizing or giving in factories and business in the large stores began work today without the chaplain of- beg leave to inform the public that every is impeded by the sickness of operatives and \$1,000,000. Several American and English employés. The disease is gener mild form, although there has been some throughout the State the disease is epi-

(Continued on second page.)

FROM POWDER EXPLOSION IN A CHINESE CITY.

Report That Three Thousand Soldiers Are Killed by the Disaster-General of the Army Among the Slain-American Mission Said to Be Damaged.

London, Dec. 20 .- A dispatch from Shang hal to a newspaper here says a powder magazine situated in the center of the Outside of the future dominion of the Cicero Chinese camp at Hang-Chow exploded, leveling a square mile of houses. is estimated that 3,000 soldiers were

killed, including the General commanding

both supposed to have been damaged, but it is said there were no fatalities among the

ANARCHISTS THREATEN QUEEN.

Rumored Plot for an Attack on Victoria's Residence When She · Goes to Cimiez.

[SPECIAL CAELE TO THE NEW YORM JOURNAL AND THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE.] Nice, Dec. 20 .- Reports are rife that the Italian Anarchists are preparing to respond the decisions of the Rome conference by The balloon's cubic capacity is 56,000 feet an attack on the Queen of England's resi

nd its weight, empty, ten and a half hundredweight. The steering apparatus con-sists of a sail twelve feet square, weigh-The police have been warned and are taking elaborate precautions. The force ing ten pounds, and a trail rope 500 feet,long, throughout the Riviera has been doubled. with a hundred-pound weight at the end



Threatening weather, with light sprinkles. Sun rises at 7:26; sets at 4:31. Moon sets at 1:21 a. m

IMPORTANT NEWS AND FEATURES.

1 Report Favors Army Increase. Grip Epidemic in East. Tests a Balloon Sail.

Secession Wins in Cicero 2 Bar Association Dinner

Pingree Scores Senator Burrows. 3 Faure May Quit the Presidency. Millionaire Dies of Insomnia.

4 Races at New Orleans. Burns and John B. Day Confer. Two Chicago Pioneers Dead.

5 General News of New York Dr. J. B. Hamilton Critically III,

7 Altgeld Petitions Are Out.

S Ice Cream Makers Form a Combine,

10 Setback for New Organic Law Teller on Expansion.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS. False Report of Assassination. ingo has been assassinated. General eaux arrived this morning at Jacmel

Bismarck Tauric W. d. Grosse athwark SOUTHAMP

Retribution, swift and sure, trod on eels of the members of the Cicero Town oard when the citizens of Oak Park and Berwyn learned of the way in which that ody had foisted an eight-cent fare upon them for the next twenty years and had given away their streets to the trolley car ompanies for the next half century. Within five hours after the ghostlight session of the Town board had adjourned, the people of Oak Park, Grant, and Berwyn had turned out en masse to the polls, and before night, as outside of the future dominion of the Cicero board, and into the right to organize themselves into separate town governments But that was only a small part of th troubles of the Cicero Town board. Be sides being shorn of the bulk of its territory by the special election, the Cook County grand jury, through Grand Juror P. W Dunne of Riverside, a brother of Judge

Dunne, learned of the apparently surrep itious way in which the street car ordinances were rushed through but a few hours in ad rance of the election, and subpœnas were board, commanding them to appear before the jury today and explain in what way the franchise ordinances were rushed through.

Cash to Fight Ordinances.

While all these troubles were piling up the indignant citizens of Oak Park, who have led the fight for separation from the Cicero Town government, were promising contributions of cash to bring the four street rail-way ordinances into court and have their alidity tested, confident, they declared, that to court would sustain the apparent inju ice that had been inflicted upon them riving away their streets without th knowledge, and, they declared, when th had been purposely thrown off their guard The campaign funds that have been us o carry on the separation issue were ommon consent voted to fight the stre ailway ordinances, and contributions ash were promised which make it cert hat the franchises will not go into effe courts. Trustee Lewis of the Cicero Tow oard, one of the Oak Park members, the leader of the separation campaign, and for merly a law partner of Judge Tuley, volunand within the next few days, it is expected, he street car ordinances will be disputed in the courts.

The indignation of the people of Cicero was vented first, however, by shearing the ownship board of as much of its power as possible. Oak Park citizens declared themselves for separation by a vote of 1,027 to 153. The people of Berwyn abjured the old town government by 271 votes to 36, and gave overwhelming majorities for the separation of Oak Park also. The citizens of Grant voted to separate to form a town government of their own by 230 to 142 votes, and made an overwhelming total for the dismemberment of the township. The people of Austin alone, whose Trustees had voted the leclared against dismemberment and were

Vents Its Anger on the Board.

Up to the time the last of the franchise ordinances was voted away at 3 a.m. yeserday it was generally believed in Cicerc that Oak Park would vote for dismembernent by only a slight majority, and that it ship to settle on a government of its own he news that all three of the divisio thunderstorm over the Cicero Town Hall Clyde alone had remained steadfast to the old Town board, its action being easily ac counted for by the fact that four-fifths

Although the general purpose of the trip was to add to the knowledge concerning dirigible balloons, special interest attaches it, owing to the light it may throw upon he fate of Andree, whose balloon in which e attempted to reach the north pole was rigged with precisely similar steering apsuffering from the disease, and the indica-tions are that it will increase." paratus. This is the fourteenth successful cross channel trip, several other attempts having had fatal results.

t of Port au Prince,

that the balloon descended safely at Stro-man, fourteen miles east of Havre, at 4:35,

ployed twice during the trip.

and that the steering apparatus was em-

The aeronauts had one narrow escape

when the balloon descended too close to the

Method of Steering.

When steering becomes necessary the bal

loon descends until the rope trails on the

one side or other of a ring above the car the

sail is brought round to catch the wind

om the direction of the wind can be sailed

Similar to Andree's Plan.

ground and by attaching the upper end

waves and shipped water in midchannel.

down with the disease. The police force is FIRE RAGING IN MONTREAL.

Big Wholesale House Burning and Several Persons May Be Dead-Loss

Nearly a Million. Montreal, Que., Dec. 21.-[Special.]-The Greenshield's Block, on Victoria square, i urning, and will be a complete loss. Th started in the warehouse of Green

shields, Son & Co., wholesale dry good: ment are being confined to preventing a further spread. It is reported that several people are buried beneath a fallen wall. The property loss is estimated at nearl

and is in excellent health.