

LONDON TRAMWAYS

What the Metropolis Has Lost by Renewing the Leases of the Companies.

Agitation Arising Out of the Report on Financial Relations of Great Britain and Ireland.

A Shoplifter Who Did Not Get Off So Easily as His Mrs. Walter Castle.

London, Dec. 19.—All the London Radicals are in sackcloth and ashes at the decisions of the London council this week regarding the renewal of the lease of the tramways for fourteen years.

The Old Bailey witness the trial today of the so-called Italian Countess Emma Ugolini, her husband and two other Italians for stealing valuable pieces of Italian lace from the west end of Peter Robinson's.

Figures just published regarding ship-building in the United Kingdom during the present year show that this branch of industry is not losing ground.

A preliminary meeting of the supporters of the Queen's commemoration fund for placing the Jubilee Institute for Nurses upon a national basis, was held at Grosvenor House on Wednesday.

Col. Saunders, a Conservative member of North Armagh, is expected to amend the amendment to the session in the form of the question bids to reply to the speech from the throne, calling upon the state to refund the two and a half million pounds of over-taxation.

Private letters received from Manila, capital of the Philippine Islands, state that the Spaniards here are resorting to torture in order to extract confessions and information from captured insurgents.

In spite of the flaming news placards, the action of the foreign relations committee of the United States senate in agreeing to report Senator Cameron's resolution providing for the recognition of the republic of Cuba, has caused excitement in London.

In official Spanish circles in London it is not believed any difficulty will ensue. Spain's government, it is claimed, is acting with prudence and with the highest degree of statesmanship.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The senate galleries were crowded long before the hour of assembling to-day, in anticipation of the presentation of the report from the committee on foreign relations favorable to the Cameron resolutions, favoring Cuban independence.

Senator Hill offered a resolution in the senate to-day in favor of recognizing the Cuban belligerents.

While routine business was proceeding Mr. Cameron presented the report of the committee on foreign relations favorable to a resolution for Cuban independence.

The government statisticians estimate that the wheat yield for New South Wales is 7,254,000 bushels, which is 1,250,000 bushels below the local want.

The Pacific cable conference has adjourned over the holidays. The evidence is all in and the report is being considered.

It is currently reported here that Fay Templeton, the American actress, is married again.

Her description of Edward Erick's company in Montreal, followed immediately by her departure from America caused surprise. Soon after her arrival here she was frequently seen in company of William Sanderson Brown, familiarly known as "Billy Brown," and rumor believes that the fair play is now Mrs. "Billy Brown."

Mr. Brown is a New Yorker and a relative of the Wannamakers.

TURKISH REFORMS. Russian Minister Has a Long Interview with the Sultan.

Constantinople, Dec. 21.—The Russian ambassador, M. Nelidoff, had an hour's audience with the Sultan on Saturday, at which he urged the introduction of reforms and granting amnesty to imprisoned Armenians.

PROTOCOL NOT POPULAR. Some Venezuelans Think the United States Was Rather Selfish.

New York, Dec. 21.—A special cable dispatch to the Herald from Caracas, Venezuela, says: "Minister Andrade and Mr. Storow, Venezuelan counsel, will sail on the Caracas when the steamer leaves port. It is rumored that they have the approval of the cabinet of the terms of the protocol upon the settlement of the boundary dispute in the Yururari and delta territories."

Another vessel ashore. Oregon Beach Sees a Fourth Victim for 1896.

Astoria, Dec. 20.—The German bark Potrimpos, Capt. Hallweg, in ballast from Manzanillo, Mexico, and bound for the Columbia river, stranded at 7 o'clock Saturday morning close to the pier where the Straitslander went ashore in 1891, making the fourth vessel to go ashore on this beach during the year.

Case Against Rev. Father Yorke and the Monitor Falls Through.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Police Judge Campbell dismissed the libel case in which Rev. Father Yorke was the defendant.

After the Concert Halls. Police Report Adversely and Mayor Strong Suspends Licenses.

New York, Dec. 21.—The concert license of Solomon Wechsleman, of 33 Bovey; Jos. W. Weiss, of 322 Bovey and Chas. Krum, of 157 Christie, were suspended temporarily by Mayor Strong upon the report of the police that the concert halls of this city were the scene of immoral places on the face of the earth.

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BRAZIL'S INTENTION. Motion to Recognize Cubans to be Presented to the Cabinet.

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RESULT IN CORNWALL

Every Township in the Constituency Gave a Majority to the Liberal.

Dr. Bergin the Late Member Had Promised to Support Laurier Government.

A. P. Collier of Winnipeg Appointed Private Secretary to the Minister of Interior.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—(Special)—The Librarian is very proud of the Christmas box which he has received from Cornwall and Stormont constituency, which has been Conservative since 1878, nearly twenty years.

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BUFFETTED BY GALES

Red Cross Steamer Fortia Has an Exciting Trip From Halifax to New York.

Other Atlantic Steamers Tossed About by Gales—Several Liners Overdue.

Crew of a Light Ship Forced to Take In their Cables and Seek a Safe Harbor.

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THE CAROLENA CASE

Michael M. Sarraault Gives Evidence in Reference to the Prices of Canoes.

He Also Tells of His Meeting With Capt. Alexander McLean on Monday Last.

When the commission resumed its sitting this morning James Munger, continuing his evidence under the examination of Mr. E. V. Bodwell, said that he was on the Carolina when she stopped at Clayquot in 1886 on the way to Behring Sea.

Michael M. Sarraault was called in rebuttal of evidence in the Carolina case. He said he had come to Victoria on Monday afternoon in response to a telegram from Mr. Munsee. In 1886 he was store keeper at Clayquot for Captain Warren and in May of that year he saw the schooner Carolina there.

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