

Anti-Tax Riots.

Serious Disturbances in Several Sicilian Cities.

Public Buildings Burned and a Number of Persons Shot.

Somersetshire, England, Rocked by Three Shocks of Earthquake.

Woman Suffrage Indorsed by the Scottish Labor Party—Sir Samuel White Baker's Body to Be Cremated—A Fat Man Falls a Victim to London Fog.

To Be Cremated.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—In accordance with his expressed wish the body of Sir Samuel White Baker, the African explorer, who died on Saturday last will be cremated at Woking to-morrow.

Woman Suffrage Approved.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A conference of the Scottish labor party was held to-day, at which Mr. James Keir Hardie, a Socialist member of the House of Commons, presided. A resolution was adopted approving woman suffrage, also a resolution declaring that the Government should provide work for the unemployed.

Earthquake Shocks in England.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Three shocks of earthquake were felt Saturday night in Somersetshire. One between 11.30 p.m. and 1.30 a.m. was especially noticeable. It was accompanied by rumbling noises, and in the Shepton-Mallet district aroused many persons from sleep. Beds were rocked and furniture and crockery were dislodged.

Not Water Enough.

MANCHESTER, Jan. 2.—The first accident in the Manchester Ship Canal, which was opened to general traffic yesterday, occurred to-day. The steamer Granda, laden with grain and fruit, ran aground this morning near the Pattingham coal basin. The boat, which was loaded with lumber from Nova Scotia, could not reach Manchester, owing to a scarcity of water.

Trade Dull in Berlin.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—Although the weather is cold and gloomy, portending snow, the usual holiday crowds are in the streets. The newspapers comment upon the depression of trade throughout the year and the privations of the working people. Berlin seems to have suffered less from the hard times than has Hamburg. There are reports of an impending strike of Silesian weavers. The men in Breslau have applied for an increase of wages on the ground that they cannot live on what they now get. The employers have refused to grant the application.

The Fog Killed Him.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—An inquest was held on Sunday on the body of J. Hayman, who died suddenly in this city on Thursday last. Hayman resided at the Grand Hotel, where he was registered as from New York city. He left the hotel Thursday morning expecting to return later in the day.

Mrs. Muller, who resides at Tavistock Place, testified that Hayman visited her at noon on Thursday. He appeared to be short of breath owing to the fog that prevailed, and showed signs of choking. Stimulants were administered to him and a doctor summoned, but upon the latter's arrival Mr. Hayman was found to be dead. The physician testified that the death was due to syncope, following congestion of the lungs induced by the fog.

Rumors About Africa.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The resignation of H. H. Johnston, British Commissioner in Central Africa, uncovers an interesting quarrel. Johnston is also the agent of the British South Africa Company, north of the Zambesi River. President Rhodes authorized him to carry out certain plans, which he did at an expense of \$197,500. Rhodes repudiated the bills, but on Johnston's demand apologized. The latter then resigned, and the fact comes out that Rhodes is planning to get control of the British gunboats on the interior waters of Africa and complete the conquest of the country for the benefit of his company. His demands are backed by arrogant threats of rebellion and founding another South African republic, and many believe the daring schemer will carry his point with the Liberal Government. Meantime, almost all hope for the safety of Capt. Wilson's force has been abandoned.

Fierce Riots in Sicily.

ROME, Jan. 2.—Dispatches received from Sicily to-day say that in Campobello, a town of 6,000 inhabitants, the town council passed a resolution abolishing the wheat octroi. Thereupon the millers proposed to reduce the price of flour and the bakers announced an increase in the price of bread. A large mob soon gathered. The police who tried to disperse it were put to flight. The rioters set fire to all the public buildings, except the town hall. From these buildings the fire spread to the nearby private houses. The mob then marched to the prison and took it by storm. All the prisoners were liberated. The soldiers forced back the mob slowly at the point of bayonets. Nearly one-third of the town is now in ruins. At Salemi numerous fires were started by anti-tax rioters.

At Pietra, Persia, a town of 11,000 inhabitants, near Calanissetta, an anti-tax mob set fire to three public buildings. Troops were called out and five were killed and many wounded by the first volley, quickly followed by the dissolution of the mob.

In Marone, near Palermo, the people rose yesterday and tried to destroy the town buildings. Three rioters were killed and several wounded.

The Cabinet Ministers pronounce the situation in Sicily graver than at any previous period of the anti-tax agitation.

Romans Roiled.

ROME, Jan. 3.—The acquittal by the French court of the Frenchmen who were accused of complicity in the Agnes-Mortier riots in August last, when a number of Italians who were working in the salt works there were killed, continues to

cite the deepest indignation throughout Italy, and everywhere the result of the trial is held to be a gross perversion of justice.

Bad Fish.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 3.—The Katarina Institute, a school for young women, has been closed on account of choleraic illness. One hundred girls are seriously ill. Bad fish served at dinner in the school is said to be the cause.

A Duchess with Ducats.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Mrs. Hamersley, of New York, has leased for 21 years the Deepdene estate of Lord Hope at Dorking, in Surrey, 29 miles southeast of London. The yearly rental is £1,500.

York Will Not Go.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—It is understood that the Duke of York has answered cordially declining the invitation of the Australian premiers to visit Australia with the Duchess this year, excusing himself on the ground that domestic circumstances would compel him to decline for the present.

The New Metal.

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—The war departments order that aluminum vessels be substituted in several regiments for the heavier vessels now carried by the soldiers. Many of the men will not be able to carry the present amount of baggage on forced marches unless lighter metal be used in the dishes. An experiment with aluminum helmets will also be made.

British Agriculture.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Times this morning publishes an agricultural review of Great Britain. The area devoted to wheat was 1,798,869 acres; to barley, 2,251,293, and to oats, 4,435,944. The wheat crop is estimated at 45,429,407 bushels. The Times says that at the end of the year there were 2,079,587 horses in Great Britain, 1,207,554 head of cattle, 31,774,842 sheep and 3,278,030.

Radical Kickers.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—In the House of Commons last evening Sir Charles Dilke and Mr. Henry Labouchere, the most conspicuous member of the Radical party, registered in the course of the debate on the Parish Councils Bill, that the compromise between the Government and Opposition on that measure was binding only on the party leaders, inasmuch as the House had not consented to anything of the kind. The compromise in question is that the Unionists will let the bill pass Jan. 20, and the Government will concede five points to them in the substance of the bill.

Arthur Rebuked by the G. O. M.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—In reply to a question asked in the House of Commons yesterday by Rt. Hon. Arthur Forwood, Mr. Gladstone said that during the operations at Rio Janeiro the Government had been in constant communication with the British fleet at Rio Janeiro. British ships, he added, had received from the British representatives the same protection that had been accorded the ships of other nations by the representatives of the several Powers. The Brazilian insurgents were not recognized as belligerents by Great Britain, and the Government could not undertake to in any way interfere with the progress in Brazil.

Mr. Gladstone concluded by declaring that he was surprised that such a question as had been put by Mr. Forwood should have been asked.

An Absentee Prince's Privileges.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—In the House of Commons yesterday Wm. Byles (Lib.) brought up an interesting question in connection with the right of Duke Alfred of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, who, as the Duke of Edinburgh, is one of the hereditary law-makers of Great Britain. Mr. Byles asked whether Duke Alfred retained his right as a peer of the realm to vote for the revision, rejection or approval of bills passed by the House of Commons.

Mr. Gladstone replied that the question was one that must be determined by the House of Lords itself, that House being the judge of the qualification of its own members.

Robt. Burnie (Lib.) demanded that the terms of the oath taken by Duke Alfred as a German sovereign be produced in the House.

Sir Edward Gray, Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office, replied that a copy of the oath would be produced.

IN LONDON TOWNSHIP.

Full Election Returns.—Prohibition Carried Over Two to One.

The complete returns in London township are as follows:

The Electorate.			
Div.	Men.	Women.	
1.	43	26	1
2.	45	24	2
3.	55	29	1
4.	105	38	1
5.	67	38	1
6.	65	29	2
7.	69	49	0
8.	73	37	7
9.	70	47	1
10.	62	25	1
11.	78	31	0
12.	108	17	0
13.	73	47	3
14.	64	24	6
Totals.	908	451	29

Total majority for prohibition 937. There were 106 spoiled and rejected ballot papers.

The Elections.

For Reeve.			
Div.	Alway.	Gough.	McLeod.
1.	8	4	40
2.	21	3	48
3.	29	3	43
4.	71	4	41
5.	49	5	38
6.	55	5	41
7.	38	7	32
8.	49	5	48
9.	45	3	32
10.	21	7	36
11.	21	7	32
12.	71	12	37
13.	78	5	29
14.	62	15	20
Totals.	531	136	709

Majority for Elson, reeve, 565.

Hodgins majority over McLeod, 50.

Hodgins majority over Gough, 583.

A Terrible Prescription.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 3.—Dr. M. I. Meridian, whose body was found in the Palmer House, Chicago, Friday evening, lived in this city from July until October.

He said he had been a physician in Austin, Tex., for four years. The Evening Tribune charged the doctor with prescribing human flesh to a consumptive patient and backed up the charge with affidavits.

Banish the Bottle.

Additional Evidence of a Prohibition Tidal Wave.

Oxford Citizens Rejoice in a Majority of Over 3,000.

Encouraging Reports from All Sections of the Province.

WOODSTOCK, Jan. 2.—The following are the returns from Oxford county on the prohibition vote so far as heard from:

	For.	Against.	Major.
Woodstock	899	601	298
Ingersoll	511	300	211
Tilsonburg	365	102	263
Norwich	190	43	147
Embury	142	24	118
East Zorra	376	27	349
West Zorra	410	20	390
Blenheim	...	...	...
East Oxford	219	39	180
North Oxford	311	59	252
North Norwich	563	81	482
South Norwich	501	161	340
Leitham	...	...	...

Majority in Oxford for prohibition so far as reported 3,158, with the municipality of East Nissouri to hear from, which is expected to increase the majority 300 or more. In Woodstock 159 women voted—130 for and 29 against.

The prohibition workers, including the members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, gathered in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Rev. J. S. Ross, M.A., Woodstock, president of the county association, occupied the chair, with Mr. W. H. Fletcher, county secretary, to his right. A more enthusiastic gathering could scarcely be found. Cheers after cheers rolled out as the returns came in from the county and outside. Stirring addresses were made by Rev. Dr. McKay, Joseph Pippon, Clifford Kemp, B.A., J. A. Sparmerter, Dr. Adlum, R. H. Calvert, ex-Warden Mayberry, W. H. Fletcher, Henry Paney, J. A. McKay, Mr. Wallace, E. D. Brown, Rev. Mr. Lane, D. B. Phillips, Mr. Waldron and Hugh McDonald.

Both Rev. Dr. McKay and the chairman strongly urged that the present organization, which has produced such magnificent results, should be made permanent until an efficient prohibition law is enacted and enforced by the Government.

The Result Elsewhere.

	For.	Against.	Major.
Orford township	413	247	166
Coldstream (incomplete)	471	113	358
Wallaceburg	239	169	70
West Nissouri	403	92	311
South Tilbury	192	89	103
Parkhill	127	28	99
Ridgeway	238	24	214
Bayfield	...	...	...
Uphorne township	361	163	198
Belleville	12	81	69
North Dorchester (ward one)	155	24	131
Thornhill	239	12	227
Brooke	414	269	145
Tiverton	64	32	32
Sturgeon	268	38	230
Ortford	2,367	2,081	286
Colborne	45	44	1
Port Stanley	...	...	...
Windsor	232	342	110
Russell township	232	342	110
Sanwich East—419 against.	...	...	...

DEATH STOPPED THE WEDDING.

The Minister Had Begun the Ceremony When the Bride Suddenly Succumbed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Joy was suddenly turned into sorrow at the parsonage of the Market Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Paterson last evening, when the Rev. J. S. Robinson was about to unite in marriage Mrs. Elsie Johnson and John Cleaver.

The bride party were seated in the waiting room, chatting merrily, when the clergyman entered. All the preparations having been made, he requested the principals to stand up.

Just at that moment it was observed that the bride suddenly turned pale. She rose slowly and, but the opening words of the ceremony had hardly been uttered when she fell heavily to the floor. Her eyes rolled, her muscles twitched and her lips moved, but she was unable to speak. A physician was summoned, but she was dying before he reached her. The cause of death was heart failure. Mrs. Johnson was 56 years old and the groom was 50.

Two Skaters Drowned.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 2.—Mail advices from Newfoundland state that two promising boys, Alfred Sims and James Smallwood, while skating on Quidi Vidi Lake fell through the ice and were drowned.

Lashed!

MONTREAL, Jan. 2.—Wm. Hands, 28 years old, received 50 lashes at the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary to-day. He was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment and to the lash for an indecent assault on a young girl.

Boy Killed by a Hog.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Jan. 2.—James Darwin, aged 12 years, teasing a big hog, made him jump on him. He jumped on the boy, knocked him down and literally ate his arm off, besides tearing huge slices of flesh from his legs and breast. Darwin died in a few minutes.

Grand Home for Young Men.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—The new building of the Young Men's Christian Association building, thirteen stories high and costing \$850,000, was formally opened to-day. The building is the finest occupied by any Y. M. C. A. America. The property is valued at \$1,500,000.

CURLING.

AT GUELPH. GUELPH, Jan. 2.—The annual match between the president and vice-president of the Union Club took place yesterday, and resulted in favor of the vice-president's side, 66 to 36.

THE WHEEL.

Zimmerman thinks all wheel records can be lowered. He says he has ridden a quarter of a mile at the rate of 1.43 for the mile, and if a man is in proper shape, with favorable condition and pacing fast enough, he can be quite sure of doing it in 1.45. This, he thinks, will be the record here in two years have elapsed.

ATHELICS.

THE GOVERNOR ON TOP.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 3.—In the Criminal Court of Record this morning, Corbett and Mitchell appeared. J. B. Christie, the prosecuting attorney of the court, arose and said that no information had been received from the children all day around on the door of the court with the same dread disease, and no one to help them.

further responsibility. The judge so ordered. This is a triumph for Gov. Mitchell and the opponents of the Duval Athletic Club, for it throws the case out of the Circuit Court and thus prevents the rendering of the favorable decision which the club had hoped for.

THE LAST DAY.

Advertisers Believe That It is Near at Hand.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Jan. 2.—The local Adventists are excited over the coming of the last day, which they believe is not far distant. Ellen G. White, the mother of adventism, has had a vision, and is sure the last day is fast approaching. The arrests of the Adventists and their incarcerations in jail is but the fulfilling of her prophecies.

The elders have advised all those that can to sell out and go out into the world to spread the truth. The result is that at least twenty families have sold their homes and as many more homes are now offered for sale. Some have left for Australia, and a portion of the missionaries go to different parts of the State.

The tabernacle had a congregation of over 3,000 people at the meeting called to raise money to spread the seven-day doctrine. The donations were self-sacrificing in many cases. John A. German gave his home valued at \$4,000. One man had no money, but he took off his overcoat and laid it on the altar, another followed suit and in a moment several ladies donated their cloaks and furs.

The value of the donation is estimated at from \$25,000 to \$30,000. This money will be used partly in this country and partly in foreign countries. Over \$100,000 has been expended by them this year in building homes, and they believe that after the end of comes the earth will be purged of all sin they will return to occupy them.

SALVATION ARMY FACTORIES.

Major Brewer Will Establish Three in Boston if He Gets \$15,000.

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—Major Brewer, of the Salvation Army, has sent a letter to the Evangelical Alliance on the subject of taking care of the poor. With a few modifications, his views are a reflex of those set forth long ago by Gen. Booth. Major Brewer says there are two classes of poor, the thrifty but unfortunate and the trifling. He asks that \$15,000 be raised to build factories at which men and women can always find employment. He thinks that sum would establish three factories that would give employment to 1,000 persons. He would pay less than regular wages, so that it would be an object for laborers in these factories to get better jobs. In this way the personnel of the workers would continually change.

STEAD, MUD-SCRAPER.

The Eccentric English Editor's Latest Action in Chicago—Cleaned the Streets.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Editor W. T. Stead believes that experience is the proper teacher. He wanted to know how it felt to work on the streets for a meal, so he tried it. He donned a coat-off suit of clothes the other day. The trousers were frayed at the bottom and the seat patched. The coat was shabby and of cheap material, and the cap was one of those which has a visor to shield the eyes. As one of the homeless wanderers with whom he consorted that afternoon remarked admiringly: "You look as big a tramp as myself."

Stead fitted out for his self-imposed task. Mr. Stead applied for work in the street-cleaning brigade sent out daily by the Central Relief Association and got it. He was one of many poor fellows who were sent out along Wells street to scrape the mud and filth into heaps to be carted away. Mr. Stead admits that it was not pleasant work. Besides, the wind was chilly and his clothes were thin. But he worked out his time to earn his meal ticket, and he says he rather enjoyed it, for the exertion set the blood bounding through his veins and put him into a perspiration.

That is a sample of the earnest manner in which Mr. Stead seems to approach every subject he takes up. He is now writing a book about Chicago. Its title is "If Christ Came to Chicago." To procure the material he needs for this book Mr. Stead does all sorts of queer things and employs the most unheard-of expedients. The book will be published immediately after he has finished writing the manuscript. It will be a paper-covered edition, 25 cents a copy, because he believes in the cheap form of literature intended for the masses. And after his return to England this book will be republished over there.

CONCISE CULLINGS.

At Albany, N. Y., Bishop McNulty died on Tuesday at 8:45 p.m.

The Russian Government has ordered an ironclad of 8,890 tons, a torpedo catcher and three torpedo boats, to be commenced immediately at Nicolaieff.

The volcano on Popocatepetl, in Mexico, has been in eruption for several days. A tourist party which is now believed to be near the summit is in danger.

The British Admiralty has placed an order with the Naval Construction and Armament Company, of Barrow, for the construction of a first-class cruiser. Gottlieb Smith, a Detroit baker, was discovered on Monday night dead in a dough trough, having fallen in head first and smothered. He was 32 years old.

Native runners have arrived at Bulawayo who state that it is currently believed that a portion of Capt. Wilson's force, previously reported to have been annihilated, made their escape and are moving in the direction of the Hartley hills.

IN PITIABLE FLIGHT.

Residents of Red Island Fall Victims to an Epidemic of Fever.

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Jan. 2.—A Placencia correspondent writes that the condition of things at Red Island is pitiable beyond description. Typhoid is raging there, and the people are in a fearful state. Fever is now in thirteen houses, and ten deaths have occurred.

Dr. McKendrick is working heroically, but without proper assistance, such as nurses, his efforts are often unavailing. In one house which he entered, in which lived people named Kerwin, the two parents were dead of fever, and the children all lay around on the floor stricken with the same dread disease, and no one to help them.

TOO LATE!

Fatal Collision on the Rock Island Road.

Several Men Killed and Others Fatally Injured—The Conductor Loses His Life While Warning the Passengers.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Jan. 2.—A Rock Island freight train crashed into the rear of a Union Pacific freight ten miles east of here about 6 o'clock this morning. The Union Pacific caboose, a passenger coach, a carload of lumber and a carload of hogs were burned.

Following are

THE DEAD.

Herman Smize, stockman, Clay Center, Kan.

Martin, stockman, Wakefield, Kan.

James Atwood, conductor.

Johnson Tescott, Kan.

Wm. Haskins, Randolph, Kan., spine and back badly hurt; will probably die.

B. F. Posten, Hill Center, Kan., head and back badly injured; will probably die.