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IMPHAL TO BE ATTACKED TO-DAY

Unless the Capital Surrenders in the Meantime.

The Maharajah Reported to Have Fled After Applying the Torch to the British Residency and Other Buildings—General Belief in England that Britain Will Annex the Territory After Inflicting Salutary Punishment Upon the Rebels.

SIMLA, April 27.—Despatches received here from the commander of the British columns advancing upon Manipur show that the British troops are now within 10 miles of Imphal, the capital of Manipur. A body of cavalry sent forward on reconnaissance has rejoined the main body of the British troops and reports that the troopers found the country ahead to be deserted. The British force will attempt to take Imphal by assault at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning unless the capital surrenders before that time.

It is reported that the Maharajah has fled from Manipur, and that previous to his departure he caused the town to be set on fire. Manipur is said to have been destroyed.

LONDON, April 27.—It is generally believed here that England will annex outright the little State which is wedged in between the British possessions in India and Burmah, interrupting communications, barring the way to a development of commerce, and constituting, as the present sad experience goes to prove, a harboring ground for all that is most dangerous from the side of the fierce border tribes.

A SOLOMON ON THE BENCH.

He Settles a Suit About Misfit Dresses Practically.

LONDON, April 27.—The dispute between Actress Dorothy Dene and her dressmaker was brought into court yesterday. The judge ordered Dorothy and her sister to put on the gowns. Dorothy appeared in a beautiful brown and gold silk costume, while her sister wore one of buntcrop. The judge patted the ladies, turned them about, and after critically scanning the costumes, decided that they were not good fits.

Dorothy's sister declared that the collar of her dress was too tight. His Honor inserted his fingers between her neck and collar, and agreed in her view of the case.

A HEARTBROKEN WIFE.

She Strangles Her Children and Burns Herself to Death.

METZ, April 27.—A farmer named Wiskart, living with his wife and two children in the outskirts of this city, has of late been making love to a handsome young woman in the neighboring village of Preing. Heartbroken at her husband's infidelity, Mrs. Wiskart locked all the doors, strangled her children, clothed herself in white and, having saturated a bed with oil, lay down upon it and set it afire. At the same moment she cut her throat with a razor to make doubly sure of death. The house was nearly destroyed by fire, and the bodies of the mother and two children were burned to a crisp.

A Terrible Scene at a Wedding.

HAMBURG, April 28.—During a wedding supper last evening at Strade, about twenty miles from this city, the bridegroom, named Ehlers, quarreled with a former suitor of the bride, one Bohren, who was among the guests. A fierce fight ensued, Bohren attacking Ehlers with a tableknife. Mrs. Ehlers vainly endeavored to separate the men, and the struggle went on until Ehlers fell dead, stabbed to the heart by his unsuccessful rival in love. Bohren and all the guests were arrested.

Monte Carlo's Victims.

MONTE CARLO, April 27.—Great excitement has been caused here by a sensational suicide which took place last night. An English lady of fashionable appearance, who is supposed to have lost large sums recently at the gaming table, suddenly plunged headforemost into the sea from the top of the terrace. A sailor sprang into the water and brought her body to land. The lady's name has not been made public.

Reported Italo-English Compact.

LONDON, April 27.—Notwithstanding denials there is reason to believe the report of an Italo-British alliance, present or prospective. It is stated on authority generally accurate that England has been asked to protect Italy from hostile approach by sea. Italy in turn placing her fleet at the disposal of Great Britain.

The only apparent reason for such an arrangement is that in the event of war a French squadron might descend upon the Italian coast and capture Rome and Naples, after defeating the Italian fleet.

Russia's Tariff.

LONDON, April 27.—The Russian customs commission proposes to tax jute, sulphur and other raw products, hitherto free, and to increase the duty on woolens, silks, dressed leathers, manufactured and some cast irons. Fifty per cent. of imports will be liable to duty.

The British Census.

LONDON, April 27.—The British census shows, as did the last German enumeration, an increase of population in the cities and a decrease in nearly all the rural and farming districts. Some of the cities are growing very rapidly. Glasgow has gained 53,560 in the decade.

The South Africa Convention.

LONDON, April 27.—Sir James Fergusson, Under Foreign Secretary, stated in the House of Commons to-day that the Portuguese Government had not yet accepted the convention regarding South Africa, but instead had sent counter proposals, which were now being discussed.

An Indecent Paper Seized.

LONDON, April 27.—The police have seized to-day's issue of Vie Parisienne, owing to indecent [illegible]

[illegible] Across the Sea.

[illegible] ch Ambassador to Russia has resigned.

[illegible] k of laying a [illegible] between England and [illegible] y.

It is stated [illegible] Balmaceda of Chili is in dread [illegible] poisoned.

The fact is generally remarked that Emperor William, Emperor Frederick and Count von Moltke all died on a Friday.

At Wikowitz, Bohemia, the manager and six employes in the iron works belonging to the Rothschilds have been killed by an explosion.

James Patrick O'Gorman Mahon (generally known as The O'Gorman Mahon), member of Parliament for Carlow, Ireland, is dangerously ill.

Von Moltke's will was deposited in the Berlin court in 1887. The heir to the entailed estate is Major Wilhelm Von Moltke, son of the Count's brother Adolph.

The steamer Scythia, which arrived at Queenstown yesterday, reports that she passed a steamer supposed to be the Denmark of the National Line, which sailed yesterday from Liverpool for New York, lying at anchor off Kinsale in an apparently disabled condition.

The British warships Pigeon and Brisk have left the harbor of Zanzibar with sealed orders. It is believed their destination is the Pungwe River. Emin Pacha has gone to Lake Tanganyika.

In a letter, Mr. Gladstone says the statements made by Parnell in Clonmel, that Gladstone and his colleagues first deprecated and afterwards approved the plan of campaign for party purposes, are entirely without foundation.

A gang of robbers attacked the railroad station at Arad, 145 miles from Buda, Pesth, last night, killed the watchman, and breaking open the safe stole all the registered letters. The latter contained, in addition to money and postal orders, articles of jewelry valued at $5000.

Capt. Verney's conviction on the charge of procuration is almost certain. The Crown's evidence shows that for ten years Verney, under different names, has been carrying on this nefarious pursuit. He had actually rented a house in a quiet part of London, where his victims were enticed. It is believed he will not get above six months' imprisonment, two years being the maximum for his offence if convicted. If convicted he will be expelled from the House of Commons.

"DANG IT ALL, I WAS ONLY FOOLIN'."

The Young Married Couple, the Young Bachelor and the Young Female Pig Which Required Attention.

MEAFORD, April 26.—The Monitor says: The Police Court Saturday afternoon was the scene of rather an unusual kind of judicial investigation. A pretty full board of justices were present, as in addition to Mayor Johnston, Messrs. James Steawart, J. Bowes, jr., and Nicholas Reid presided. The parties in the matter all hail from the Township of Artemesia. The case in a nutshell might be stated thus: On Monday, April 6, a young farmer was leaving home to attend fairs at Flesherton and Dundalk; he expected to be absent a couple of days, and as he had stock requiring looking after he asked a young bachelor to attend to things till his return. A female pig particularly required attention, so he asked the neighbor to come and stop over night so he would be handy. The young wife seems not to have been aware of this arrangement and had no better sleeping accommodation than two beds in one room, the only other room downstairs being used for a granary.

The young wife charged the bachelor with making wrong suggestions to her and with placing his arms over her in the bed after coming in from the stables about midnight seeing to the stock; all of which the young bachelor swore was without evil intent, and it really looks as if he told the truth, as the woman admitted. After she demurred against such undue familiarities, the bachelor took the other bed and slept till morning, after which he took breakfast with her and the children and returned that day and next two evenings and did the chores as he had agreed. The morning afterwards the husband home he called the bachelor to account, asking what kind of conduct was this he had been up to with his wife. He replied, "Dang it all, I was only foolin'." He also said "the thing had gone so far that he was the talked of in the country;" this the happy couple gave as evidence that the bachelor appeared willing to pay for hush money. The bachelor, however, when on oath, declared he had no such intentions, as he was only guilty of the "foolin" aforesaid, which he supposed came from their all being on the best and most friendly terms. The young man was mulcted $10 and costs, which no doubt would reach another $10.

The moral to be drawn from the case is this: That young married men going from home should not ask young bachelors to stop and do their chores and stay all night to sleep in the same room with the family, and that young bachelors should hesitate before consenting to become proxy that entails a stay all night under such circumstances.

HIS NOSE GAVE HIM AWAY.

A Scar On His Proboscis Leads To the Identity of a Defaulting Bank Teller.

PHILADELPHIA, April 26.—After eluding the pursuit of detectives for two months the defaulting teller of the Commonwealth National Bank, George Wharton Ritchie of this city, has been captured at Havana, Cuba. Ritchie, it may be said, was "captured by his nose."

It was on Feb. 21 that Ritchie took $8300 from the Commonwealth National Bank's coffers and located the money in a place outside where he could get it at a moment's notice. The detectives who were sent after Ritchie did not have many clues to work by. It was next to impossible to obtain a correct photograph of Ritchie, but those in pursuit were kindly informed that Ritchie had a deep scar on the bridge of his nose, and that it would betray his identity anywhere. So the race for a man with a scar on his nose began.

After leaving Philadelphia Ritchie went to Newport News, Va., then to Jacksonville, Fla., then to St. Augustine. At the latter spot he became alarmed and fled north to Fort Huron, Mich., thence to Toronto, Ont., with the detectives on his track. Chicago was his next destination, but he stopped when more than half way and gained the looked-for notoriety by his bogus story that he had eloped from Chicago with his fascinating boarding mistress. But he had gone to Vera Cruz instead, and thence to Havana, where he posted a letter, and his arrest followed.

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The Pavement Fight Begins.

The Court of Revision, Ald. Hewitt in the chair, listened to a lengthy argument yesterday, presented by Mr. John Ross Robertson, on the special advantages of the Warren-Scharfe asphalt pavement as compared with any other. He strongly opposed the granting of the asphalting of Meinda and Jordan-streets to any other company. The court seemed to agree with him, and the Engineer will be consulted. J. K. Kerr, Q.C., successfully protested against certain assessments, as a portion of the property assessed was outside the limits of the city. Ex-Ald. Booth was given a vacancy allowance on last year

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Clarets and Sauternes.

William Mara, 282 Queen-street west, has an assortment of 50 brands and bottlings of clarets. The following are six of the wines on his list: Premiares Cotes, a good sound wine, $3.75 per dozen quarts; Montferrand, a full, deep wine, $4.50 per dozen; Club Medoc, a thorough 1887, $5.50 per dozen; Floirac, a fine wine, old in bottle, $6.25 per dozen; Chateau du Roc, a wine full of snap and flesh, $7.50 a dozen; St. Julien, a round wine of fine flavor and bouquet, $8 per dozen. In white wines: Sauternes, $7 per dozen; Haut Sauternes, $9 per dozen William Mara, 282 Queen-street west. Telephone 713. 135

Millinery Opening.

The third lot of French pattern hats and bonnets has just been opened up at McKendry's and will be on view Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 27, 28 and 29. Whatever is new, whatever is stylish, whatever is the right price that you'll be sure of getting at McKendry's, 202 Yonge-street, six doors north of Queen. 136

A WOFUL CRY, THEN DEATH.

DESERTED BY A MAN WHO HAS ANOTHER WIFE IN TORONTO.

The Daughter of a New York Merchant Met a "Gentleman" on the Alaska and Quietly Married Him Seven Months Ago—He Pawned Her Jewelry, Then Fled—Possibly He's a Bigamist.

LONDON, Eng., April 28.—Mrs. F. B. Converse, nee Miss Martha Hyams, the beautiful daughter of a tobacco merchant doing business at No. 162 Pearl-street, New York, attempted to commit suicide to-day. It is reported that she was prompted to the commission of the act by the heartless treatment she had received at the hands of F. B. Converse, whom she married last September. Converse, it is said, obtained a large sum of money by pawning all of his wife's clothing and other personal effects, including some valuable jewelry, which were presented to her at the time of her marriage. He then absconded, leaving her destitute and friendless in this city.

Converse claimed to be a mining engineer, and said he had at one time lived in Milwaukee. He made the acquaintance of Miss Hyams five years ago while crossing the ocean from New York to London on the steamer Alaska. Seven months ago they were married by the registrar at Brighton. After pawning the last pair of boots belonging to his wife he disappeared for parts unknown.

It is reported that Converse has a wife in Toronto, Ont., and two children in Montreal, whom he deserted and who are said to be in a destitute condition.

NEW YORK, April 28.—The father of Mrs. Converse arrived to-day that he had received the cablegram from her, dated London, a few days ago:

Deserted, destitute, broken-hearted. MARTHA.

Mr. Hyams states that he has endeavored to obtain the facts as to Converse's antecedents. The fellow represented that he had interests in the fruit trade in Honduras, but his father-in-law believes him to be an adventurer or something worse. He also promised to investigate respecting the allegation that Converse has a family living in Canada.

THE GIANT MARRIED THE MIDGET

And the Witness Signed the Register With a Pen Held in His Teeth.

LONDON, April 27.—At the Registrar's office in South Shields yesterday a midget girl only 32 inches high was married to Prof. Hedley, a man 6 feet 1 inch tall. Humbert, the man without arms, gave the bride away, signing the certificate by holding the pen between his teeth. The bridesmaid was Miss Vima, the American giantess, who weighs 616 pounds.

The best man was Capt. Dallis, who is 7 feet 10 inches tall. Gen. Metlione, 32 inches high, was one of the wedding party. All were accompanied with a traveling circus going through the country.

AN INSURGENT DEFEAT.

The Government Forces Win a Victory in Chili.

LONDON, April 28.—A despatch from Valparaiso says: The Government cruisers Almirante Condell and Almirante Lynch pursued and engaged the insurgent cruiser Aconoagua. The latter resisted stoutly, but was about to strike when a man-of-war supposed to be the insurgent vessel, Esmeralda was sighted, whereupon the attackers retired, and the Aconoagua escaped. The casualties on the government boats were one killed and ten wounded. On the Aconoagua 150 were killed. The insurgents appear to be dispirited. Telegrams received in Paris from insurgent sources confirm the above, and add that the engagement lasted 90 minutes, that the Aconoagua was hit seven times, that she then forced the entrance to Caldera Harbor and that she sustained no serious damage.

A GREAT-GRANDMOTHER AT 47.

Mrs. Henry K. Updegrave Enjoys a Unique Distinction.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., April 27.—The wife of Henry K. Updegrave, who keeps a hotel at Tower City, lacks over three months of being 48, but is a great-grandmother. She was married when only 13. The eldest of her children was born a year after her mother's marriage and was named Martha. She at the age of 15 married Jonathan Rumberger. Within a year Martha had a daughter whom she christened Maggie. A year ago Maggie, who was then 16, married Daniel Messner and to this pair a son was just been born, aged 30 hours. Mrs. Updegrave is a great-grandmother, and now as a great-grandmother at 47 is still remarkably comely in feature and graceful in figure with glossy raven hair and sparkling black eyes. She hopes to live to see her heir thrive and ultimately marry early, as there is every prospect of doing if he follows the traditions of his family, she may confidently look forward to living a great-great-great-great-grandmother and possibly a great-great-great-great-great-grandmother.

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A New Home Treatment has been discovered whereby the worst cases are permanently cured by a few simple applications made forcibly by the patient at home. Send stamp for circular. J. G. Dixon & Co., 345 West King-street, Toronto.

Purchased the Galt Line.

WINNIPEG, April 27.—A rumor is current throughout the west that the Galt Railroad has been purchased by the C.P.R., who will broaden the gauge to Lethbridge from Dunmore and extend the line through Crow's Nest Pass to Kootenay District in British Columbia.

Through Wagner Vestibule Buffet Sleeping Car Toronto to New York via West Shore Route.

The West Shore through sleeping car leaves Union Station, Toronto, at 4.55 p.m. daily except Sunday, arriving in New York at 10.10 a.m. Returning this car leaves New York at 5 p.m. arriving in Toronto at 10.25 a.m. Sundays leaves Toronto at 12.30 p.m., connecting with through car at Hamilton.

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Told in a Line or Two.

It now transpires that Chess Champion MacKenzie, recently found dead, committed suicide.

The owners of coal mines situated in the Northumberland district have reduced wages.

Fourteen-year-old Lenna Goodwin was thrown from a rig owing to his horse running away at Hamilton yesterday and his scalp was split open. He will recover.

Navigation has opened at Duluth. Lake Superior was broken up by a heavy northwest wind which prevailed last night.

George Francis Train will leave New Whatcomb, Wash., Wednesday on a 55-day world trip.

As William Shomers walked into the Elizabethtown, Ky., court house yesterday he was shot and killed by his brother-in-law, Charles Moore, who suspected him of murdering his wife, although a jury acquitted him.

CARLING CALLED TO THE SENATE.

A Temporary Arrangement Under Which He is to Retain His Portfolio.

OTTAWA, April 27.—Hon. John Carling has been called to the Senate. He will retain his portfolio as Minister of Agriculture, the Parliamentary part of his work being carried on by one of his colleagues. It is understood that this is a movement not bearing the character of permanency, and the expectation is generally entertained that he will soon be in his accustomed seat in the House.

Hon. Alexander Lacoste has been appointed Speaker of the Senate.

As previously announced Mr. Peter White is to be Speaker of the House of Commons, and it is definitely settled that Dr. Grandbois, M.P. for Temiscouata, is to be Deputy-Speaker. Mr. Corbould, M.P. for New Westminster, and Mr. Hasen, M.P. for St. John city, will move and second the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

There are already over 103 applications for private bills, a greater number than for several years past.

The senators will have to hear seven divorce cases. They are as follows: Thomas Bristow of Collingwood, Mary Ann Beattie of Glanford, Mahala Ellis of Toronto, W. J. Murdock of Toronto, H. R. Mead of Pincher Creek, Adam Russworm of Carrick and Isabel Carpenter of Hamilton.

Three times in all has Parliament met in April. In 1869 Parliament opened April 15 and prorogued June 22. In 1872 the date of opening was April 11 and prorogation June 14, and in 1887 the first session of the sixth Parliament was opened April 13 and prorogued June 23. Parliament has only twice sat well into the summer months, the first being the session of 1873, which closed August 13, and the second that of the long session of 1885, when Parliament sat from July 29 to July 20.

Both houses of Parliament have been thoroughly renovated and put in readiness for Wednesday's proceedings. The precincts of both houses already assumed a business-like appearance. Each train as it arrives brings an additional number of members and senators to swell the small contingent who have already arrived and taken up their quarters in the city.

BATTLING WITH FLAMES.

A Village in Essex County Stands a Good Chance of Being Wiped Out.

COMBER, Ont., April 27.—At 10 to-night fire destroyed Harmer's hotel here. The residence of Moss Creighton is also in flames. The M.C.R. came to the rescue by sending an engine to aid with water. The biz barn belonging to the hotel is in flames, and Lludlais and Ainslies planing mills, the elevator at the station, besides a row of houses, are in great danger. The northern part of the village is doomed as well as the station. Assistance has arrived from the neighboring towns.

Fires Elsewhere.

The residence of Leonard Woolly of South Dorchester, near Springfield, was burned yesterday. Cause, defective chimney. Loss $800; insurance $300.

The dwelling of George Carr, a farmer, near Brussels, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss $600, insurance $190.

Fire occasioned $24,000 damage to the shops of McLaren & Co., woodenware manufacturers, at 81 Frontenac-street, Montreal, last midnight.

At Hamilton yesterday Frank Rowlin's fertilizing factory was damaged to the extent of $7000 with $400 insurance. Chief Hand's fireworks factory caught fire from a stove and $200 damage was occasioned and Charles Newberry's carriage house, Robert-street, was damaged to the extent of $150.

For Robbing His Mother-in-Law.

HAMILTON, April 27.—George Haskins, a clerk in the office of the E. & C. Gurney Company, is under arrest on a charge of embezzlement. The warrant was issued on the information of Mrs. Doyle of Brockville, his mother-in-law, who claims that when Haskins was living in Brockville Mrs. Doyle entrusted him with $2100, a piano and some household goods. Haskins afterwards skipped out. The prisoner claims that the goods were given him.

Injured By a Mill Collapse.

OTTAWA, April 27.—Maclaren's new mill collapsed this afternoon by the pressure of a gust of wind, the entire structure coming to the ground. Fortunately there were only three or four hands working there at the time, and these seeing the building swaying and giving way were in the act of escaping when two of them were caught by the falling joists and pinned to the ground. Their names were Henry Bingham and Andrew Desselat. Both men were badly crushed, but will recover.

Some of the Mourners.

Frederick Judson, who on Thursday left suddenly for the United States, had a few days previously sold his Queen-street cigar store to Mr. Thompson, who had been managing it for a year. Mr. McMurrich is in charge of Judson's office at 45½ Wellington-street, at the instance of the landlord, who is fond of his rent. Among the creditors of the absconder are Finlayson & Harris, Montreal, who held a judgment against him for about $900; Nesbitt & Co., 58 Front-street west, $300; H. A. Nelson & Sons, 58 Front-street west, $350; J. W. Scales, 50 Yonge-street, $350; Ald. Shaw got this resolution through: That the City Engineer call the attention of the Government to the many breaks and invalids by the lake on the Island shore, with the request that the work of protection be proceeded with at once.

A deputation was appointed to proceed to Ottawa to arrange for the widening of the Queen-street subway, etc., and on motion of Ald. Leslie the License Commissioners will be requested not to grant any hotel licenses until the premises have been inspected and declared sanitary by the Medical Health Officer.

Horses, etc., at Auction.

To-day at 11 o'clock a.m. Mr. W. D. Grand will sell by auction some forty horses, also a large number of new buggies, carriages, harness, etc. Grand's next large special sale will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 5 and 6, when 100 high-bred young horses will be offered for sale.

Capital and Labor Notes.

The Detroit street car strike is a thing of the past, an amicable arrangement having been perfected yesterday under which the men resumed work.

The long-drawn-out weavers' strike at Bradford, Eng., which for a long time caused many mills to come to a standstill, was settled yesterday.

The Federation of Belgian miners has decided to go on strike with the German miners in the effort to obtain the passage of laws making eight hours a legal day's work and grant universal suffrage.

The French Government has issued a decree providing that in future engineers and stokers on the French railroads must not be actively employed for more than 12 hours per day.

The long-continued strike of miners in Rhenish Westphalia is collapsing, the men being forced to yield owing to a lack of funds. The national loss amounts to millions.

The police of Naples have arrested many of the more prominent Socialists of that city on the charge of inciting the laboring classes to take part in seditious demonstrations on May day. The movement for shorter hours of labor is increasing throughout Italy.

A letter has been received from Boston men interested in cotton mills asking for the co-operation of Fall River manufacturers in an attempt to curtail production by a general shut- down. The depression in the cloth market has increased and the quotations at which spot goods were disposed of last week are the lowest ever known.

The N.Y. State Board of Mediation and Arbitration has submitted its fourth annual report to the Legislature. The number of strikes in the state during the year was much greater than in any previous year since the creation of the board. In the building trade particularly has this been the case, one or more strikes occurring on nearly every working day of the year. Special reference is made to the "sweating system" practised by the contractors or middlemen in New York.

ONE MILLION AND A QUARTER

Will Cover the Cost of the New Buildings—Presentation to the Housekeeper.

Mr. Fraser, in moving a resolution to provide for the further expenditure of $150,000 in connection with the new Parliament buildings assured the Assembly most positively yesterday that the buildings would be completed for the sum of $1,250,000. Tenders had been accepted for 3 out of the 4 classes of work remaining to be done, namely, for lathing and plastering, for heating and ventilating and for plumbing. The tenders for roof covering, slating, copper work, etc., were refused because they were too high. New tenders for this work would be called. The tenders accepted amounted in all to $113,900. The names and individual amounts could not be given because the contracts were not yet signed. He was confident from the rate at which the structure was building that the work now under contract would be completed before the end of this season, that the departments would occupy the east wing before the close of next year and that the Legislature would meet there session after next. In reply to Mr. Meredith, he said he could not give any estimate of the cost of furnishing or of beautifying the grounds.

Patrick O'Brien, the efficient housekeeper of the Legislative buildings, was presented yesterday by Dr. Willoughby, on behalf of the Conservative members, with a beautiful set of gold studs and cuff buttons engraved with his initials in recognition of his services during the session.

A deputation consisting of W. G. Reid, contractor; S. R. Poulin, engineer; J. M. Ansley, secretary, and W. Beatty, director, of the Parry Sound Railway asked the Government yesterday for a bonus for four miles of their road additional to the 45 miles already bonused.

Jimmie Bruce Macdonald filled with grace and dignity last night the position of Sergeant-at-Arms during the temporary absence of Mr. Gackmeyor.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

The Ashbridge's Bay Reclamation and the Street Railway Matter Under Discussion.

It was an amusing meeting of council last night and in several matters rather important. It is true Ald. Phillips and Parks fell to fighting during the evening over a clause in the Waterworks Department, and though they discussed the difference calmly it was nevertheless a very pretty quarrel. Then the Mayor unmasked a battery he has been training on the Waterworks Department since the beginning of the year by coming out boldly to advocate that the City Engineer take charge of it and add its scalp to his girdle. He found a worthy seconder in Ald. Shaw, but somehow she council did not take to the idea. There was a strong deputation of East Enders, among them Big Wood Smith, Ald. Marshall, ex-Ald. Mitchell, R. K. Kingston, J. J. Jones, Nelson D. Mills, Capt. Vennell, anxious for the reclamation of Ashbridge's Bay, and the vexed question created not a little discussion.

Present in their seats in council were Mayor Clarke, Ald. Allen, Atkinson, Bailey, Bain, Burns, Campbell, Carter, Gibbs, Gowanlock, Hall, Hallam, Hewitt, Hill, Jolliffe, Kerr, Leslie, Lucas, Macdonald, Mustach, Maloney, McDougall, McMurrich, Orr, Pape, Park, Phillips, Rose, Saunders, Score, Shaw, Small, Stanley, Stewart, George Verral, J. J. E. Verral, Walker, Wright.

A motion through instructing the City Engineer to devote an hour or two daily to listening to the plaints of the aldermen, and Ald. Bailey moved to the effect that Monday, Aug. 10, be declared the civic holiday. The scheme to purchase 450 copies of "Toronto Called Back" at $1 per volume was killed out, Ald. Saunders stating that he had been informed that the proposed expenditure was illegal.

Ald. Phillips' clause in the Waterworks Committee's report providing for a thorough reorganization of the department and the employing of some outside expert aroused the fine energies of all the aldermen, and the clause was ultimately referred back.

There was some hot talk over Ashbridge's Bay reclamation scheme. The Executive Committee recommended the referring back to the Finance Committee his report, for the purpose of allowing committee he report, or affording an opportunity of reporting on the proposals contained in it. Ald. Small moved an amendment that the report be referred back for amendment that the committee may consider advisable for the immediate taking in hand the work, whether by contract or otherwise, but to report to the council before taking any action.

The discussion lengthened out for an hour, all the aldermen taking a hand, during which it was developed that the feeling in the council was against tenders being asked for at all, as it would place the city deal direct with the syndicate behind Beavis & Redway. The Mayor repudiated any desire to burk the work but was only desirous to see that the city's rights were conserved. Ald. Small's amendment was adopted. The Mayor promising to call a meeting of council to consider the reports of the committee when desired.

The Street Railway Committee.

Ald. McMurrich in speaking to the report of the Street Railway Committee instructing the Mayor, Commissioner of Finance and chairman of the Special Committee to pay over the amount of the award, wanted to know if this was the thin end of the wedge for the city to run the road, as he was intended to oppose it with all his power. Sooner than consent to any such a course he would rather see the time of the Toronto Street Railway extended.

Ald. McDougall: "I wish to state that the present report has nothing to do with that." Ald. McMurrich alluded to. I would add that Mr. S. H. Blake told me that it would be bad policy to keep the present company in existence. Thomson, the chairman, also told me that we are hurrying along with the tenders to see what can be done. As far as I know there is not the slightest intention of the city's conducting the business of the road."

Ald. McMurrich: "I am glad to hear this."

Ald. Shaw got this resolution through: That the City Engineer call the attention of the Government to the many breaks and invalids by the lake on the Island shore, with the request that the work of protection be proceeded with at once.

A deputation was appointed to proceed to Ottawa to arrange for the widening of the Queen-street subway, etc., and on motion of Ald. Leslie the License Commissioners will be requested not to grant any hotel licenses until the premises have been inspected and declared sanitary by the Medical Health Officer.

Had His Leg Cut Off.

BELLEVILLE, April 27.—This morning about 9 o'clock John Miles, a freight conductor on the G.T.R., slipped whilst boarding a train at Mallorytown and had his leg cut off. Mr. Miles has been conductor between here and Brockville, where he resides, for the past 20 years. He was taken to his home.

To Protect Canadian Fishermen.

HALIFAX, N.S., April 27.—The captain of the British warship Pelican, which arrived from Bermuda yesterday, received orders from the Imperial authorities while at Bermuda to proceed to St. George's, Newfoundland, as soon as the ice would permit, to protect the interests of Canadian fishermen.

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A Midnight Fire.

At 12.40 last night a still alarm was sounded from Cowan-avenue fire hall, and the Dundas, Portland and Parkdale brigades turned out. The blaze was in a two-story brick stable in rear of 1458 and 1464 Queen-street west, which was gutted and most of the contents consumed. Two horses perished, three being rescued. The loss will be about $1000, insured. The building was owned by L. Duncan, 550 Queen west. Messrs. Swartout & Sons, grocers; Samford & Son, dairymen; C. Hall, drygoods, and C. Gailer, butcher, whose premises butted the stable, had an uneasy hour, but the firemen prevented the fire spreading.

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HURRAH FOR THE SENATOR!

HOW HON. FRANK SMITH WAS FETED LAST NIGHT.

A Brilliant Banquet at the Queen's—Wholesalers and Retailers Combine to Do Him Proud—A Fitting Testimonial—Glowing Tributes—Honor to Whom Honor Was Due.

The retirement of Hon. Frank Smith from the wholesale grocery business was considered by the wholesalers and retailers of the city an event of too much importance to be allowed to take place without some tangible recognition of the sterling qualities and business ability of Mr. Smith. Accordingly a joint committee of the Wholesale Guild and Retail Association was appointed to arrange a fitting testimonial. The banquet tendered Hon. Frank Smith last night in the Queen's Hotel was the result. Among the large attendance were the leading grocers of both branches of the trade. The menu was in the Queen's best style and the arrangement was first-class.

Mr. William Ince, president of the Dominion Wholesale Grocers' Guild occupied the chair, and Mr. Robert Barron, president of the Retail Grocers' Association, the vice-chair. On the right of the chairman was the guest of the evening, Hon. Frank Smith and on his left Mr. Robert Jaffray. Among others present were: Messrs. Hugh Blain, Robert Mills, William Radcliffe, William Mara, W. Ince, jr., C. C. Bennett, W. G. A. Lambe, M. R. P. Montgomery, J. Lockhart Watt, R. Donald, John Sloan, J. G. Gibson, J. Thackray (secretary Retail Grocers' Association), John D. Hay, James Adams, James Good, J. Murray, D. Sinclair, A. Hutchinson, H. Nelson, W. C. Crowther, H. C. Boomer, ex-Ald. Booth, George Stanway, F. P. Breil, James Lumbers, Henry Swan, J. B. McLean, R. Mortley, H. Hodgins, H. P. Eckardt, Frank Giles, Major J. Mason, T. Kinnear, A. Graham, Todhunter, John Woods, George Wright, George Michie, George Musson, J. F. Eby, J. W. Cowan, P. L. Mason, C. Jennings, John Butcher, W. B. Bayley, J. W. Lang, P. C. Larkin, A. R. Smith, P. W. Humphrey, John Mehard, Harry Lumbers.

"The Queen" was the first toast on the list and was acknowledged in the usual manner. "The Governor-General" followed.

Mr. A. M. Smith, the well-known wholesale grocer, was first to respond to the toast of the "Army, Navy and Volunteers." He referred to the prowess of Great Britain upon land and sea, and added: "I never felt so proud as when I donned His Majesty's uniform. I served for considerable time in the army and some time in the navy. I also served in the volunteer force of Canada, being one of its early members.

Major Mason, Capt. J. D. Hay, Capt. Mason and Capt. Sloan also replied.

The most interesting stage of the proceedings was reached when the chairman remarked, referring to Hon. Frank Smith: "A pleasant part of this entertainment is to present you, on behalf of the grocery trade of which you have so long been an honored member, on the occasion of your retiring from the trade, with this address."

Secretary Thackray, amid a silence only broken by applause, read the address, which was in book form, and handsomely bound and illuminated. It spoke of Mr. Smith's services to the trade, extending over a period of half a century, of his clear business instinct, never failing energy, force of character, and above all his honesty of purpose. It referred to his position as senator of the Dominion, and Minister of the Crown, in which capacity, as in other public matters, he had displayed the same zeal and efficiency. Regret was expressed at the severance of business ties and it was hoped he would long be spared to enjoy his well-earned competency.

The address was signed by Mr. W. Ince, President of the Wholesale Grocers' Guild, and Mr. R. Barron, President of Toronto Retail Grocers' Association.

Mr. Smith, in rising to respond, was greeted with loud and prolonged cheers. He did not know how to express the extreme delight he felt. He had no language sufficiently eloquent to thank them for the magnificent address. He referred to his military career when the vicissitudes of times of 1837. Although too young to shoulder a rifle he was utilized as a courier. It was in that year he began his career in mercantile pursuits in what is now the village of Dixie. The following year he was sent to Toronto, where he managed a branch business with acceptance for a couple of years. After that he went to Welland, from whence he came back to Toronto, then to Hamilton, and finally to London. There, in addition to working up a lucrative business, he found time to fill the positions of alderman and mayor, and in 1867 he removed to Toronto.

"It goes to my soul to say that I am retiring from the grocery trade, but," he added with feeling, "I decided to do so when I had a fitting competence and enough to keep me in bread and butter for the rest of my years—[cheers and laughter]. I would like my son-in-law, and my daughter, if they so wished, to take up the business." The toast "Our Guest" again called Mr. Smith to his feet. His remarks dwelt chiefly with his connection with the Street Railway Company.

"Canada, Our Home," was responded to by Mr. Richard A. Donald, and "The Grocery Trade" by Mr. Hugh Blain.

Toasts were remembered during the evening by Messrs. Fax, Musson and A. E. Hutchinson.

YOUNG CONSERVATIVE BANQUET.

A Great Time at the Walker—This is a Glorious Country With a Glorious Future.

"And statesmen at her council meet
Who know the seasons, when to take
Occasion by the hand, and make
The bounds of freedom wider yet."

Such was the first verse appended to the most national toast of one of the most successful banquets ever yet tendered by the Young Men's Liberal-Conservative Association in Toronto, "Advance Canada, Hope of the Country," headed the last menu card sent out by this association. At the memorable June election they stood by the Grand Old Man of Ontario. They won some constituencies for Mr. Meredith, and, if not the way, F. P. Brail, James Lumbers, Henry Swan, J. B. McLean, R. Mortley, H. Hodgins, H. P. Eckardt, Frank Giles, Major J. Mason, T. Kinnear, A. Graham, Todhunter, John Woods, George Wright, George Michie, George Musson, J. F. Eby, J. W. Cowan, P. L. Mason, C. Jennings, John Butcher, W. B. Bayley, J. W. Lang, P. C. Larkin, A. R. Smith, P. W. Humphrey, John Mehard, Harry Lum