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W. G. NELSON, M.P., DEAD

The First Break Occurs in the Membership of the House, at Almonte This Morning.

Death Causes a Vacancy in the Representation of the North Riding of East Kootenay.

Almonte, Ont., Jan. 6.—W. G. Nelson, M. P. for East Kootenay, B. C., died at his home in Almonte, Ont., at his brother's residence, Ramsay township, four miles from Almonte, aged 36 years.

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GORDON MEMORIAL COLLEGE. Laying the Foundation Stone of the School at Khartoum.

Cairo, Jan. 6.—The British diplomatic agent in Egypt, Viscount Cromer, laid the foundation stone at Khartoum yesterday of the Gordon Memorial College.

CLEVELAND ON ANNEXATION. He Suggests Slaughtering Filipinos Who Oppose American Plans.

Princeton, N.J., Jan. 5.—Ex-President Cleveland, in conversation with a representative of the Associated Press on the question of annexation to the United States, said today: "Assuming that my ideas on the subject are antiquated and unsuited to these progressive times, it is a matter of regret that the refusal of certain natives of our new possessions to acquiesce in the beneficent plan of annexation is now being met by the use of force."

PREMIER AND SENATE. Dr. Barinot on the Proposed Reform of the Senate.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 6.—Dr. Bourinot, leader of the opposition, characterized Laurier's plan for the reform of the senate as crude. He goes on to say that what would suit him would be to disband the senate and go to the country on any measure rejected by the senate.

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FROM VANCOUVER. Ex-Premier Turner's Notions Regarding Provincial Political Affairs.

Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 7.—J. H. Turner arrived from England this afternoon and left for Victoria. He looks aged since last here. Interviewed he said he did not expect the house to sit until the 25th, as he was personally assured by Cotton.

STRAINED RELATIONS EXIST BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE MADAGASCAR TREATY.

London, Jan. 7.—The official correspondence between the British and French foreign offices regarding the Madagascar disputes issued last night shows that very strained relations still exist over what Lord Salisbury terms in his letter to M. Delcasse, the French minister for foreign affairs, "a violation of the British commercial treaty with the Queen of Madagascar in 1865."

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