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Births, Marriages, Deaths

MARRIED.

COPPINGER—GRIFFIN—At Gibbon, Nebraska, on Thursday, Nov. 29, 1900, Thos. Coppinger to Etta A. Griffin.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 15—MAT. & NIGHT.
A RARE TREAT FOR LONDON.
H. V. Esmond's Great Society Play
"When We Were 21,"
Matinee, 2:30, children 25c, adults 50c, first two rows balcony 75c.
Prices—25c, 50c, 75c, $1. Plan opens Thursday. 39k

WESTMINSTER RINK—BAND TONIGHT; grand ice. Admission 10c. Season tickets—Gentlemen's, $2.50; Ladies', $1.50. b

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AUDITORIUM—SATURDAY—ARE YOU planning to hear "Patricolo"? b

CUNARD LINE — LAST CHRISTMAS steamer, the Lucania, sailing Saturday, Dec. 15, noon, is due in Liverpool Saturday, Dec. 22. For tickets apply F. B. Clarke, Richmond street, next Advertiser.

HEAR REV. DR. JOHNSTON LECTURE on "Some Scottish Heroes in Church and State," Knox Church lecture room, Thursday evening, Dec. 13. Silver collection. b

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VOICE CULTURE—EVA N. ROBLYN Studio, Nordheimer's rooms. Residence 328 Dundas. Concert engagements. Pupils prepared for concert and church solo engagements. Phone 1270. xt

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12 — OPENING date advanced class; membership limited to 100 pupils. Register at academy any evening. Dayton & McCormick.

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Meetings.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY — MONTHLY meeting, Thursday evening, 13th. All members of cheer committee requested to attend. E. T. Essery, president; R. Cadwallader, secretary. 35u

Domestics Wanted.

WANTED—50 GENERAL GIRLS AND cooks for London, Thomas and Woodstock; big wages. Mrs. Peckham's Employment Office, European Hotel, Dundas street. Phone 964.

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WANTED—AT ONCE—A NURSE GIRL—Apply Mrs. Geo. Belton, corner King and Wellington streets. 37tf

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1c per word first insertion, and ½c per word each subsequent insertion. No advt. less than 10 words.

WANTED—TRAVELER TO TAKE SIDE lines on commission. Address Box 22, this office. 39u

WANTED—TWO MEN ACCUSTOMED to work in grain warehouse; steady employment. Apply Slater's Storage Warehouse, York street. 39u

WANTED—WE WANT YOU TO KNOW that we do all classes of job work in plumbing and tinsmithing, repairing of stoves and furnaces, and make a specialty of curing poorly-heated houses, at Thompson's, 434 Richmond street. Phone 706. xt

WANTED — GENERAL CLERK IN grocery. State age, experience, salary expected. Box 72, this office. 37c

WANTED—MEN TO LEARN BARBER trade. Only eight weeks required. We furnish constant practice, expert instructions, tools, lectures and diplomas. Can earn all expenses if desired. Positions guaranteed. Apply by mail. Moler Barber College, Chicago, Ill. 36n

WANTED—AT THE KENSINGTON FURNITURE Co., Goderich, improver at the carving. 35n

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WANTED AT ONCE—EXPERIENCED saleladies. High wages paid to those with experience. Apply Woods' Fair. 39u

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WANTED—AGENTS—LADIES OR GENTLEMEN, to represent a large business house; can make $5 to $6 daily, commission; or salary, $600 per year. Call at Bernard House, room 31, this week only, afternoon and evening. 39c

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All new patterns to select from; made and trimmed in first-class style.

JOS. DAMBRA,
MERCHANT TAILOR,
Richmond and Carling Sts.

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To choose your Christmas gifts in footwear from a stock as large as ours. Think of the variety, think of the immense buying necessary to fill three flats with footwear, and the consequent lowering of prices, to advantage. This is why we so strongly advise you to visit our store during the next two weeks. We have taken the pains to provide a really interesting array of holiday goods.

Men's Oriental Bath Slippers 35c
Men's Oriental Opera Slippers 50c
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Men's Velvet Everett Slippers 75c
Men's French Felt Slippers $1 00
Men's Wiggie Woolly Cosy Slippers $1 00
Men's Vici Opera Slippers $1 25
Men's Auto Red Brighton Slippers $1 25
Men's Hamlet Slippers.. ....$1 50
Men's Creole Nullifier Slippers $1 98
Men's Alligator Opera Slippers....$2 50 (The real thing.)
Women's Fancy Felt Slippers, from 50c to .....$1 75 (All colors.)
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J. P. COOK
167 Dundas Street.

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TEACHERS WANTED—APPLICATIONS will be received till Dec. 14, 1900, for teachers for Appin school for next year. Principal, male, holding second-class certificate; assistant, female, holding second or third-class certificate. State experience and salary. Address L. L. McTaggart, sec.-treas., S.S. 13, Ekfrid, Appin, Ont. 35n

Lost and Found.

LEFT IN H. YATES' CANDY STORE, Masonic Temple, on Dec. 11, purse containing sum of money, etc. Owner can have same by paying expenses. 39k

Wanted.

WANTED — TO BUY OR RENT — AN upright piano. Apply W. Z., Advertiser Office. 37c

Articles For Sale.

FOR SALE—FOUR HUNDRED LOADS of filling dirt. Will be delivered reasonable. Apply to contractor, corner Wellington and Dundas streets. 38u

FOR SALE—PAIR OF STRONG SINGLE bobs, and set of strong single harness. Biggs, furniture mover, Cathcart street, South London. 39c

$100 VIOLIN FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE, at a bargain; also square piano. Sanborn & Trebilcock, 183 Dundas street, London (Anderson's book store).

PORTRAITS BY ROLLSTON FOR Christmas presents. 356 Grosvenor street. 30ba

FOR SALE — AMERICAN CORN—OLD and new; call, see quality and prices. Slater's storage warehouse. 38c

HORSE FOR SALE—ONE WORK-HORSE; 1,200 pounds; 6 years old; gelding; two drivers. C. S. Tamlin, V. S. 38c

PARISH'S IS THE PLACE TO GO AND buy a cook or parlor stove. Basburners and cook stoves (wood or coal) and all kinds of furniture in stock. Goods exchanged. 257 Talbot street, south Market Square.

IF YOU ARE TROUBLED WITH OLD sores, piles, burns, skin disease, use New Century Magic Salve. No. 3 Market Square.

STORM SASH MUST BE PUT ON, EAVESTROUGHS cleaned, trees pruned. Now is the time to buy an extension ladder. Factory, 405 York street. Catalogue free. Address, The Waggoner Ladder Co., Limited, London, Ont.

WONDERFUL WASHING COMPOUND IS the washer; no washing machine needed; it takes out the dirt as well as bleaches the clothes; all who try it will never be without it; all grocers sell it. Keenleyside & Co. xt

GEO. H. BELTON,
LUMBER, SHINGLES, POSTS, ETC.
Having a large stock on hand, purchased before the advance in lumber, we are in a position to quote you lowest possible prices.
Yards—London and Sarnia. xt

SIRLOIN AND PORTERHOUSE STEAK, 10c; rib roast, 9c; shoulder roast, 7c and 8c; boiling pieces, 5c and 6c, at Park's, corner Market Lane.

SWEET JAMAICA ORANGES—LOVELY fruit, sweet, thin-skinned and juicy, good size, 20c dozen; large size 30c dozen; we have as fine a stock of candy as you will find in London; daisy mixed and gum drops, 8c lb; choice creams and best mixed candy, 10c lb; ribbon mixed, 10c lb; honey taffy, 12c lb; chocolates, 15c lb; cough drops, 20c lb. T. A. Faulds, 687 Dundas. Phone, 1192. xxv

NEW PROVISION STORE — NO 13 Market House—Having purchased the provision business of James Clark, all friends of the former proprietor will be welcomed with any new ones. Finest butter and fresh eggs only will be handled. J. C. Abbott. xxv

SKATES, AIR GUNS, POCKET KNIVES, at lowest prices. D. McKenzie & Co., 293 Richmond street, one door south G. T. R. station.

FOR SALE—TEAM HORSE—CHEAP—Green & Co., coal and wood, William street and G. T. R. 38i

$275—A SOLID OAK DESK FOR $275. A fine present for husband or son. Keene Bros., 127 King street.

BUCHANAN'S COAL AND WOOD DELIVERED to any part of city Office 632 Colborne street. Phone 1096.

NEW RIVER COAL—THE BEST IN THE city; a good supply of the best quality of hard and soft coal, and the best hard and soft wood, at the lowest cash price. Yard, William street and Grand Trunk Railway. Green & Co. Phone 1,391.

A SNAP—ONE LARGE BURL WALNUT piano, 7⅓ octaves, fancy carved panels, 3 pedals, used only short time and as good as new. Guaranteed. Only $225, on easy terms. Heintzman & Co., corner Dundas and Clarence.

STOVES—NEW AND SECOND HAND—Very cheap at Keene's Stove and Furniture Store, 141 King street.

HARD WOOD—BEECH AND MAPLE—Best quality; also soft wood. Prompt delivery. S. Gillies & Son Phone, 1,212.

Swelter Times

are gone by. Something warm in Trouserings is our new line of West of England Goods which we are offering at $5 per pair.

DEEKS & MUNSON
Merchant Tailors,
393 Richmond Street.

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HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT HOW useful a gift is a scholarship in the International Correspondence Schools? Absolutely reliable and reasonable. Electricity, engineering, mechanical and ornamental drawing, sign painting, bookkeeping, stenography, chemistry. Call or write 180 Dundas street, London, Room 5. 39k

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WANTED—ACTIVE YOUNG PARTNER with from $1,000 to $2,000 capital, in live established business. Address Box 25, Advertiser Office. 35c vtx

PERSONS WISHING TO PLACE SOME money in sure, profitable investment will do well to address Box N, Advertiser. 29tf

Palmistry.

NOTICE — OWING TO THE OVERCROWDING of Miss Evelyn Perrin's parlors she has taken larger and more commodious apartments at the QUEEN'S HOTEL, where she will continue to give her unequaled palmistry readings for 35c. Hours, 9 to 8. Satisfaction guaranteed. 38n

Houses, Etc., To Let.

TO LET—STORE AT PRESENT OCCUPIED by The Dominion Savings and Investment Society. Apply Thos. C. Knott. 31tf

TO LET—LARGE STORE, NO. 173 DUNDAS street. Possession Dec. 1. Apply Fitzgerald, Scandrett & Co. 3tf

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TO LET—UNION FURNITURE VAN—Furniture carefully handled. John Biggs, Cathcart and Bruce, South London, late of London Furniture Co. Phone 310.

Marriage Licenses.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED AT Shuff's Drug Store, corner Dundas and William streets. No witnesses required.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY W. H. Bartram, 99 Dundas street.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED AT Strong's Drug Store, 184 Dundas street Residence, 289 Dufferin avenue.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED, OFFICE Adkins' Jewelry Store, East London. No witnesses required.

LICENSES ISSUED BY THOS. GILLEAN Jeweler, 402 Richmond street.

RESIDENT LADY PALMIST, 427 WELLINGTON. Hours 2 to 10, Wednesdays excepted; 25 cents.

WILL BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, by J. W. Jones, at his rooms, Dundas street, London, on Monday, the 17th day of December, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., the stock of Hewitt & Zimmerman, of Oil Springs, as follows:

General drygoods	$1,058 56
Boots and shoes	203 28
Groceries, etc	317 86
Crockery	116 33
Shop furniture	57 75
Chattels	150 00
	$1,903 78

Terms: One-quarter down, balance 2, 4, 6 and 8 months, with interest at 7 per cent per annum. Stock list on the premises and with vendor's solicitors, Messrs. Gibbons & Harper, London, Ont.
C. B. ARMSTRONG, Assignee.
36c tzx

TO CONTRACTORS:

SEALED TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED until Saturday, Dec. 15, for the various works required in the erection of a brick building for the Sanitary Dairy Co., of London, Limited. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. H. C. McBride, architect, 213 Dundas street, London. 39u

Steamship Arrivals.

Dec. 12.	At	From
Heligoland	Halifax	Bremen
Mesaba	London	New York
Numidian	Liverpool	Portland
Aller	Genoa	New York
Grecian	St Johns	Liverpool
Ethiopia	New York	Glasgow
Manitou	New York	London
Statendam	Rotterdam	New York

SUICIDE OF A DETECTIVE.

Buffalo, Dec. 11.—Detective Hugh McCabe, attached to the Main street police station, shot and instantly killed himself while lying in his bed this morning. He had suffered incessantly from pain since a recent operation on one of his eyes, and had been unable to sleep. This and a belief that he was gradually losing his sight is believed to have been the cause of the suicide.

ALASKA IS FERTILE.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 12.—Professor C. C. Georgeson, special agent of the United States agricultural department in Alaska, has arrived here. He said: "Grain can be matured almost anywhere in Alaska. I have samples of perfectly ripe barley, oats, wheat and rye from points as far north as Eagle. At Sitka flax attained a height of more than three feet, matured seed and produced a fiber of excellent quality."

CANADIANS ELECTED.

St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The Brotherhood of Railway Trackmen have concluded their third biennial convention. The next meeting will be held in St. Louis in 1902. The representatives from Canada were given royal treatment. In the election of officers of the grand lodge, A. B. Lowe, Kingston, Ont., was made first vice-president, and C. Boyle, of Merrickville, Ont., a member of the executive committee.

THE STANDARD'S LATEST.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—A special from Los Angeles says the Standard Oil Company has acquired all of the interests of the Pacific Coast Oil Company. Purchase price, about $1,000,000. The Pacific Coast Oil Company has been doing business in California for a quarter of a century. Its interests include valuable oil properties in various sections. It owns a steamer, which is used in transporting oil from the southern coast to its refinery at Alameda, which has a monthly capacity of 25,000 barrels. The company's entire holdings are embraced in the transfer.

A RUNNING FIGHT

In Progress Between the Forces of General Knox and General Dewet.

London, Dec. 12.—Lord Kitchener cables the war office from Pretoria, under date of Dec. 12, that Gen. Knox reports from Heilvetia that he is engaged in a running fight with Gen. Dewet, and that the enemy is moving towards Reddersburg, where there is a column ready to co-operate with the other British forces.

Lord Kitchener in another dispatch reports that the Boers attacked the post near Barberton. The British casualties were 3 killed, 5 wounded, and 13 taken prisoner. The captured men have since been released.

The Boers raided the Riverton Road Station Dec. 11. They are being followed up.

HOME-COMING CANADIANS

The Members of "B" Co., R. C. R., Sail From Liverpool Today.

List of the Men as Furnished by Col. Otter---Those in Hospitals---Boers Claim to Have 14,000 Tried Men Still in the Field.

Liverpool, Dec. 12.—The British steamer Lake Champlain, which sailed hence this morning for Halifax, had on board Companies A, B and I, of the Royal Canadian Regiment forming the contingent which has been in London for about a fortnight on its way home from South Africa.

London, Dec. 11.—Mr. Davey, of the Elder-Dempster Steamship Line, presiding at the dinner on the steamship Ems, at Liverpool last night, in honor of the Canadians, highly eulogized their services to the empire. Major Rogers, of Ottawa, responded in a happy speech. Mr. Duff, of New Brunswick, made a patriotic speech, from a Canadian standpoint, giving assurances of material support when wanted.

The Empire Theater was open to the officers and men last night, and "The Maple Leaf" was sung with great enthusiasm. Major Rogers made a speech from a theater box and the audience cheered.

Addressing the contingent in the assize court, where the proceedings were suspended, Justice Bucknill said: "We admire and honor you. You have acted as soldiers and behaved as gentlemen." The officers called on the lord mayor yesterday.

THE MEN OF B COMPANY.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 11.—A list of the non-commissioned officers and men returning from South Africa, under the command of Col. Otter (shown by companies, as originally posted), is given out by the militia department. Following are the members of B Company:

2,701—R. Davies, R. C. R. I.
7,152—G. R. B. Sippi, 7th Regiment.
7,154—F. Gorman, 27th Regiment.
3,068—A. Bethune, R. C. R. I.
7,158—H. Little, 1st Hussars.
2,500—L. Power, R. C. A.
7,101—W. R. Stevenson, R. C. R. I.
7,222—J. Northwood, 21st Regiment.
7,085—A. E. Merrix, R. C. R. I.
3,046—A. Adair, R. C. A.
7,161—E. C. Andrews, 21st Regiment.
7,171—J. Breerden, 38th Regiment.
7,164—H. G. Ballard, 28th Regiment.
3,115—E. Baugh, R. C. A.
7,167—J. C. Beers, 21st Regiment.
7,173—W. Burgar, 38th Regiment.
7,172—J. C. Biggs, 21st Regiment.
7,169—H. Burrell, 26th Regiment.
7,170—A. G. Burwell, 6th R. C. A.
7,171—A. E. Cole, 1st Hussars.
7,185—E. N. Dilman, 21st Regiment.
7,186—P. Dekner, 26th Regiment.
7,191—W. Foote, 29th Regiment.
7,190—G. Greene, 26th Regiment.
7,197—W. J. Green, 25th Regiment.
7,202—J. C. Hill, 26th Regiment.
7,200—J. Herrick, 7th Regiment.
7,203—P. C. Ingamills, 1st Hussars.
7,207—K. G. Johnston, 27th Regiment.
3,206—J. Kingswell, R. C. A.
7,210—C. B. Little, 34th Regiment.
7,209—H. Lane, 22nd Regiment.
3,188—J. Landrigan, R. C. A.
7,220—J. McCalla, 19th Regiment.
7,213—W. W. McMahon, 26th Regiment.
7,214—D. C. McMillan, 27th Regiment.
7,219—G. W. Munro, 26th Regiment.
2,499—W. Nott, R. C. A.
7,224—G. Odlum, 22nd Regiment.
7,226—E. W. Peart, 28th Regiment.
7,235—J. B. Robinson, 21st Regiment.
7,239—G. R. Scott, 27th Regiment.
7,237—F. G. Stanbury, 25th Regiment.
7,238—J. Sutherland, 25th Regiment.
7,241—F. W. Turner, 6th R. C. A.
7,244—W. G. Wardell, 7th Regiment.
7,251—A. B. Webb, 33rd Regiment.
7,245—W. West, 7th Regiment.
7,250—W. Westway, 25th Regiment.
7,246—J. Wells, 30th Regiment.
7,252—A. H. Wheatcroft, 7th Regiment.
7,254—G. White, 21st Regiment.
7,247—A. R. Wilson, 33rd Regiment.
7,248—G. W. Woodliffe, 7th Regiment.
7,159—R. W. Wilson, 22nd Regiment.
7,259—J. B. Milliken, 26th Regiment.
7,261—P. N. Stacey, 30th Regiment.
7,263—R. G. Aitkin, ——.

WILL REMAIN IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Col. Otter reports that discharges have been granted to the following officers and men who desire to remain in South Africa: Pte. Robers, Duke of York's Canadian Hussars; Pte. Moodie, Kaslo Rifle Company; Pte. Doucet, 3rd Victoria Rifles; Corp. McNeil, Royal Canadian Artillery; Pte. Tierney, Dartmouth, N. S.; Pte. Dalberg, R. C. R. I.; Pte. Playfair, Queen's Own Rifles; Pte. Andrews, 5th Regiment, C. A.; Corp. Fowle; Pte. Mallock, 43rd Rifles; Pte. Morrison, 3rd Field Battery, C. A.; Pte. Wallbridge; Pte. Walters, 15th Royal Scots.

AT THE HOSPITALS.

Col. Otter reports that Capt. Weeks was taken ill at Kroonstadt with enteric fever and had to be left in hospital. The case is not likely to be a serious one. The following non-commissioned officers and men are ill at the hospitals designated: Pte. Chisholm, 90th Winnipeg Rifles; Soper, 90th Rifles, Pretoria. Pte. Welch, 90th Rifles, Cape Town. Pte. Wilkie, 6th Rifles, Pretoria. Lance-Corp. A. V. Becher, 26th Infantry, London, Ont., Kroonstadt. Pte. Gerhardt, 10th R. G., Toronto, Bloemfontein. Pte. Wilkins, Kalso Rifle Company, Johannesburg. Pte. Lamden, 5th Royal Scots, Pretoria. Pte. Allen, Norval's Pont. Pte. Smith Lee, Cape Town. Pte. McIntosh, R. C. A., Elandsfontein. Pte. Jones, 6sth King's County Battalion, Pretoria. Pte. Barnstead, Halifax Beaver Company, Pretoria.

A pension of £1 6s per day for twelve months has been awarded to 7,462, Pte. J. L. Bradshaw.

LIEUT. VAN TUYL.

Lieut.-Col. Drury, writing to the militia department from Pretoria, Nov. 1, says: Lieut. Van Tuyl has been gazetted second lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery, but declined to accept the commission, as he had applied originally for a captaincy. He is at present employed in the imperial military railway or construction work near Johannesburg, Captain Eaton having temporarily taken command of his section.

The war office reports that Lieut. W. B. King, formerly captain of the 7th Battery, C. A., now of C Battery, Canadian Field Artillery, South Africa, has been discharged to duty.

RETURNED INVALIDS.

Montreal, Dec. 11. — Twenty-five invalided members of the Canadian Mounted Rifles and Royal Canadian Dragoons, who have returned from service in South Africa, and who have left for their homes, came up from Halifax. Thirty-one all told came over by the Tunisian, but a few remained in the Lower Provinces. The men who came on here were all troopers. They had received their discharge before leaving England. They all wore their khaki uniforms. Most of them seemed to think that they had had enough of fighting, and were glad to get to their homes, but they all admitted that they had been treated well, although hospital comforts, when they were suffering from wounds and enteric fever at the Vet River and Bloemfontein, were of the most meager kind.

The most conspicuous member of the party was Trooper Milloy, of Ottawa, who was so severely wounded in the head and face at Bronker's Spruit that he has entirely lost the sight of both his eyes. His fellow-soldiers declare that he was the life and soul of the entire party as they crossed the ocean.

A LONDONER IN THE PARTY.

Among the party were Sergt. Smith, Ptes. D. J. Cameron and E. F. Morgan, of Ottawa; Trooper. A. Press, Brandon; Ptes. B. Hammond and W. Pollit, of Woodstock; Pte. Milloy, of Ottawa, and Pte. P. J. Coogan, of London.

The Boers.

FORCE OF THE ENEMY.

Berlin, Dec. 11. — According to the Boers, they have lost by death and imprisonment 19,000 men, while 6,500 have temporarily laid down their arms. They have 14,000 tried men in the field, though the number can be increased to 20,000 in January. Botha has divided his army into seven portions, which remain in touch with him. He has ammunition, money, food and warlike stores for 20,000 men till the new year of 1902. Two-thirds of the Free State have taken up the fight against the English.

PRISONERS RELEASED.

Durban, Dec. 10.—Lord Roberts has permitted George Olivier to return on parole from Ceylon. He was captured by the Queenstown Volunteers in the same fight in which his brother and his father, General Olivier, were made prisoners.

Lieut. Dutoit, of the Pretoria police, suspected of complicity in the plot against Lord Roberts, has also been permitted to return here from Ceylon.

THE TROUBLE IN THE FAR EAST.

Gen. Chaffee's Story of His Little Affair With Count Waldersee—Outlaws Active.

Pekin, Dec. 12.—Latest dispatches from Pekin state that there is every prospect that definite steps will be taken for the arrangement of a preliminary settlement. At the meeting of the provisional government yesterday is was stated that all the governments have entered into the plan except France, whose representatives insist that the French territory shall be excluded from the rule of the commission appointed. Though army officers have been appointed members of the commission, it is the desire of the generals to make the rule civil as far as possible.

GEN. CHAFFEE'S STORY.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The war department has received a report from Gen. Chaffee of the incident that occurred at Pekin in connection with his representations to Field Marshal Von Waldersee. It appears that Gen. Chaffee did use some pretty vigorous language in protesting against the thieving and looting of the foreign troops. What particularly hurt the feelings of Waldersee was a pointed reference by Gen. Chaffee to the fact that disgraceful, unmilitary practice of looting was being indulged in, not by the men who did the fighting and opened the way to Pekin, but by the late-comers, who had borne none of the brunt of conflict and hardship. Waldersee himself did not reach Pekin until long after the expeditionary force had occupied the town.

It is recognized here officially that Gen. Chaffee had provocation for his deliverance, but regret is felt that he used this tone in addressing the field marshal.

OUTLAWRY.

Canton, China, Dec. 11.—Outlawry in Kwang Si and Kwang Tung is increasing. The officials appear to be losing their hold of the situation, and are powerless to restore order. Pirating on the West River is increasing.

ITALIAN TROOPS TO REMAIN.

Rome, Dec. 12.—In the Chamber of Deputies the Socialist group introduced a resolution calling upon the government to recall the Italian troops in China. Premier Saracco made the following reply: "To recall the troops would be imprudent and unjustifiable at the present moment, when negotiations for peace are in progress. The government will withdraw the Italian troops from China as soon as the dignity and interests of the country will allow." The chamber then rejected the resolution by an overwhelming vote.

SOMETHING SETTLED!

All the Powers Agree to the Joint China Note as Outlined by Chancellor Von Buelow.

London, Dec. 12.—The negotiations of the powers in regard to the joint China note were concluded satisfactorily yesterday, all agreeing to the conditions identically as outlined by Count Von Buelow, the imperial chancellor of Germany, Nov. 19, with the exception of the introductory clause, saying the demands are irrevocable, which is eliminated.

New York, Dec. 12.—Herr Von Holleben, the German ambassador, in discussing the Chinese situation, is quoted in a Washington dispatch to the World as saying: "The Chinese situation, so far as vital issues are concerned, may be treated as solved. The work of the powers in China is now one of detail. The vital questions from this time will be the disposition of the various treaty rights and concessions. Germany stands for open ports and free access to the Oriental trade. If new treaties are negotiated—individually by the powers with China or collectively by the congress of ministers now in session at Pekin—other questions of detail and administration may obtrude themselves."

CONVICT FOR 45 YEARS DEAD.

Rockland, Me., Dec. 12. — George Knight, an inmate of the Main State Prison at Thomaston for 43 years, a record believed to be without parallel in the United States, died yesterday from the effects of an attempt to commit suicide. He was convicted of wife-murder in 1856 and sentenced to life imprisonment. When the prison physician told him he was dying, the aged man said: "I have told you all I have to tell. I never murdered my wife—never, as God himself knows." All his 43 years here Knight has protested his innocence.

A WINNIPEG BLAZE.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 11. — Yesterday morning fire completely destroyed the following places of business at the corner of Main street and Portage avenue: Jos. Watson, confectionery; Charles Oownie, tobacconist; James Charles Downie, tobacconist James bers; Roberts, cobbler shop; Auer Gas Company, and an electric fixture agency. All the buildings were old and of frame

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SPRANG A SURPRISE

On the Assessment Commission—Christopher Robinson's Proposal Re Taxation of Franchise Companies.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—The corporations represented by Mr. Christopher Robinson, Q.C., and half a dozen other counsel sprung a surprise on the assessors and the assessment commission yesterday by suggesting that all corporations should be assessed on 60 per cent of their gross earnings. His proposal was contained in the following memorandum:

A tax, as hereafter directed to be ascertained, shall be imposed upon 60 per cent of the gross earnings from local or provincial business of companies for the supplying of water, light, heat and power to municipalities and the inhabitants thereof, telephone companies and companies operating street railways and electric railways, such tax to be in lieu of all taxes, rates and assessments of every nature (including school taxes) upon the real and personal property of the company acquired and used for the purposes of the same.

A provincial board, to be appointed by the governor-in-council, shall ascertain in each year the total gross earnings of such companies for the preceding year, and shall apportion fairly the assessable part of such gross earnings between the municipalities in which the companies operate, and thereupon the said municipalities may each of them assess such companies at their respective current rates of taxation upon an amount equal to the proportion of the gross earnings of the company so apportioned to each of them by such board.

The provincial board shall have power to reduce the taxes to be paid by any company of such percentage of gross earnings in cases where to exact the whole amount thereof from such company would be unfair or inequitable.

Existing future contracts for exemption from municipal taxation not to be affected.

Mr. Hellmuth spoke for the London street railway. He said that Mr. Grant, assessor of London, was mistaken in saying that there had been no objection in London to an assessment of $7,500 a mile. Mr. Grant was also wrong in stating that the London Street Railway Company did not make any payment similar to the mileage rental in Toronto. The company did not pay in that form, because the people of London chose to take it in the form of reduced fares instead of mileage. More than that, the city of Toronto maintained the right by way of the railway company, and then charged a rental of $800 a mile for it, which looked like a return from the company, but in London the railway company looked after their own roadbed. Therefore in that way and in the reducedrates the London company paid the equivalent of a mileage rate. They really paid what was equivalent to a mileage rate of $1,500 a year.

Mr. Bell, on behalf of the Grand Trunk Railway, asked to be left alone, as their present assessment was entirely satisfactory.

All of the companies represented except the Grand Trunk supported Mr. Robinson's proposal.

Mr. Fullerton, on behalf of the city of Toronto, asked for time to prepare his reply. He asked for an adjournment of this subject until Thursday, which was granted.

HONORABLY ACQUITTED.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—At the police court yesterday the charge against Ross Cameron, of the meteorological service, which was brought under the Charlton act by the caretaker of Little Trinity Church, on behalf of his 12-year-old daughter, was, after a short hearing, dismissed, and Mr. Cameron was honorably acquitted.

POULTRY FAIR AT PERTH.

Perth, Ont., Dec. 12. — The twenty-second annual poultry fair commenced here yesterday. The absence of foreign buyers was particularly noticeable. About fifteen tons of poultry were sold, with prices not particularly favorable to the sellers. The prices of turkeys ranged from 9 to 11 cents; choice lots at 11 cents; geese, 6 to 6½ cents; ducks, 8 to 9 cents; and chickens, 5½ to 6½ cents. The fair closes today.

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