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Kitchener Keeps a Tight Rein on the News—Rumor That He Has Demanded Heavy Reinforcements—Joy at Salisbury Mansion on the Return of Lord Edward Cecil.

London, Dec. 20.—The War Office last evening could give no information regarding the reports of a Boer invasion of Cape Colony. The officials expressed the opinion, however, that the newspaper accounts were exaggerated, and that probably the troops who had been employed in chasing General Dewet will be diverted to deal with the invaders. Having regard to the customary methods of the War Office, this can only be interpreted as confirming the reports.

Lord Kitchener, in the meantime, keeps a tight rein over the news, which increases the public disquiet. There is a persistent rumor that he has demanded heavy reinforcements.

Situation Somewhat Ominous.

According to The Daily Mail, private telegrams received in London to-day depict the situation in Cape Colony as somewhat ominous. It seems that the invading Boers are receiving considerable assistance from the local Dutch, and that the troops at the disposal of the British authorities are not sufficient to cope with any serious spread of the military operations. It is believed that the Government has at last awakened to the seriousness of the situation, and is making the utmost efforts to provide Lord Kitchener with horses and mules.

A Mafeking Hero's Return.

London, Dec. 20.—Lord Edward Cecil, fourth son of the Marquis of Salisbury, returned to Hatfield House last evening from South Africa. He was received with picturesque rejoicings. His carriage was encircled with a ring of flame by torch-bearers. The family group, headed by Lord Salisbury, together with Lord and Lady Lansdowne, Mr. Arthur Balfour, Mr. George Wyndham and Lord Selbourne, stood upon the steps of the Elizabethan Mansion to bid him welcome. All were surrounded by tenantry of the estate, bearing torches.

IN THE IMPERIAL SERVICE.

Canon Bland of Hamilton Receives Word That His Son Is With Col. Girouard.

Hamilton, Dec. 19.—Canon Bland has received letters this week from his son, E. Maltby Bland, who went to South Africa with the Strathcona Horse, announcing his appointment by Colonel Girouard on the staff of the Imperial Military Railways at Johannesburg. His duties are in the construction department under Capt. Hodgins, and he receives the rank of acting sergeant until he gets his discharge from the Strathconas. He has signed for 12 months' service, at the expiration of which time he may continue for five years longer.

In his letter the young man says that Johannesburg is in a very bad condition. Most of the stores are nailed up and the mines are in a bad way, many of them being full of water and the machinery rusting and going to ruin. The Government, however, is taking hold of the matter, and, it is expected, things will soon improve.

Hamilton Men to England.

W. R. Fowler of Strathcona's Horse, who has been invalided to England from South Africa, is a son of Mr. Benjamin Fowler of Hamilton. J. Porteous of the same city, who enlisted as a driver in C Battery of the second contingent, is also en route to England, on the invalid list. Pte. W. Hornibrook, who is already en route for home, from South Africa, resides at Grimsby.

SMALL MULES FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Little Animals Are Best Suited to the Climate, Say British Officers.

New Orleans, Dec. 19.—The British transport Montezuma left here to-day with a cargo of 1400 mules. A big revival in the shipment of stock to South Africa for the use of the British army has occurred. Nine vessels have left for Cape Town during the month, carrying 3788 horses and 5700 mules, worth more than $1,000,000. Nearly all the animals were purchased in Texas and Missouri.

The British officers bought originally the largest and finest mules in the market. They are buying to-day only the smallest animals, which would be rejected on any plantation, animals not much larger than a burro, and they report that these little mules are far better adapted to the climate of Africa, stand the exposure better and have proportionately longer lives than larger ones. The transportation of the mules is so perfect here than the loss in transport is barely 1 per cent., in spite of some overcrowding of the vessels, a long voyage of 7500 miles and very bad weather all the winter.

KNOX HAD TO QUIT THE CHASE

And Go After the Boers Who Have Invaded Cape Colony—Winburg Threatened.

London, Dec. 19.—It is reported this afternoon that Gen. Knox has been forced to abandon the pursuit of Gen. Dewet, owing to the situation created in Cape Colony by the Boers crossing the Orange River. It is said that 3000 Republicans have entered Cape Colony, and that a considerable number have reached Philipstown. The report adds that Dewet, with about 4500 men, is northwest of Ladybrand, and that an attack on Winburg is momentarily expected.

MAJOR FORRESTER HEARD FROM.

Has Returned to South Africa After Having Taken Boers to St. Helena.

Mr. John Small, Collector of Customs, received a card yesterday morning from Major Forrester of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, stating that he had just returned to the front in South Africa, after taking a number of Boer prisoners to St. Helena. While on the island Major Forrester had a chat with Gen. Cronje.

Clements After Delarey Again.

Krugersdorp, Transvaal, Sunday, Dec. 16.—A pitched battle is imminent between the British under Gen. Clements, who has been reinforced, and the Boers, under Gen. Delarey.

The Nooitgedacht Casualties.

London, Dec. 20.—The British losses at Nooitgedacht, according to the official accounts, were 82 killed and wounded, with 44 missing and still unaccounted for.

Many Boers Were Killed.

London, Dec. 19.—A despatch from Pretoria reports that many Boers were killed and injured by an explosion of powder among the stores abandoned by the British at Nooitgedacht. The Boers fired the supplies for the purpose of destroying them.

THE BANQUET TO SIR CHARLES WAS A BRILLIANT SUCCESS

Hon. Hugh John Macdonald Was the Principal Speaker—He Says a Leader Will Be Found When Necessary—Education to Be Made Compulsory in Manitoba.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—At the banquet in honor of Sir Charles Tupper this evening about 225 guests were present, Premier Roblin presided, and among the prominent guests who responded to toasts were: Hon. Messrs. H. J. Macdonald, Rogers and Davidson, Mayor Wilson, Dr. Roche, M.P.

Among the guests of honor besides Sir Charles were: J. W. Tupper, F. H. Phippen, F. W. G. Haultain (Premier of the Northwest Territories), N. Boyd, M.P., for Macdonald, Dr. McInnis, M.P. for Brandon, Hon. Dr. McFadden, Mr. W. Ferguson, M.P. for Saskatchewan, and many prominent Winnipeg gentlemen. The banquet was a great success.

Conservative Policy Stolen.

At a banquet to Premier Roblin last evening, Hon. Hugh John Macdonald said the Conservative party of the Dominion, which had always been the party of progress, would have to adopt a policy in keeping with the spirit of the times. The party were handicapped at the late election by the fact that their policy, body, bones and breeches, was stolen, and they could not attack their own policy, when it was being advocated by the Liberals. He foresaw great danger growing out of the action of J. I. Tarte raising the race cry in Quebec. He paid a high tribute to the statesmanship of Sir Charles Tupper. In regard to a new leader for the party he said the House will produce the man. There are plenty in the ranks of the party fit for the position.

They Want School Lands.

Hon. C. H. Campbell, Attorney-General, left this afternoon for Ottawa, where he, with Hon. J. A. Davidson, will interview the Federal Government on the matter of Manitoba's school lands and school funds. Mr. Davidson will go east to-morrow, and the first interview with Premier Laurier will probably be held on Monday next. Mr. Campbell has prepared the statement of case on the school lands question, and Mr. Davidson will deal more particularly with the swamp lands, which he intends to request from the Dominion authorities, along with all arrears of dues since 1886. Mr. Campbell will visit Montreal before returning.

Compulsory Education.

Hon. C. H. Campbell announces that it is the intention of the Local Government to introduce a system of compulsory education into the province at an early date. This step had been decided upon after mature consideration by the Government, and it was felt that something must be done to ensure the proper education of the large foreign population, which, in the near future, the province will have to take into account. It could not afford to allow these people to grow up in ignorance of the English tongue, and consequently compulsory education was felt to be a good remedy. There was also a large class besides foreigners who would be compelled, under the new law, to send their children to school. The Government would not at present consider the matter of free text books.

A COUPLE OF TROLLEY SMASHES.

Motormen and Passengers Fatally Hurt and Many Others More or Less Injured.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 19.—In a head-end collision in a fog to-day, between two electric cars on the Greenfield and Indianapolis Inter-Urban Line, near Jim, Ind., Emory Scott and John Glasscock, motormen, were fatally injured. Six passengers were badly hurt.

Three Persons Fatally Hurt.

Ashland, Ky., Dec. 19.—In a head-end collision between two street cars to-day in this city, three persons were fatally hurt, five were seriously injured, and half a dozen more sustained severe cuts and bruises.

A dense fog caused the accident. The cars were nearing the centre of the city, and were filled with passengers.

For a keg of ale, porter or lager, phone 2387.—Dan Fitzgerald's.

Native Wine, 90c per qt.—Dan Fitzgerald's.

Lady Dorothea Rose, the most exquisite perfume of the century. A free sample to ladies at Bingham's Pharmacy, 100 Yonge. ed7

The Smith Premier typewriter has been adopted for official work at the Pan-American Exposition to be held in Buffalo in 1901. Merit wins. Newsome & Gilbert, sole dealers.

Smokers' presents, Cigar Cases—Alive Bollard.

City Taxes.

Pay your taxes on or before the 20th inst., and save the five per cent. penalty. Collectors and receivers will be in their offices from the 15th to the 20th inst. 634

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FOUR LARGE GRAIN CARRIERS

To Be Built for the Trade Between Duluth and Buffalo.

Minneapolis, Dec. 19.—Frank H. Peavey, the well-known grain elevator capitalist, is organizing with a number of lake capitalists a steamship company to operate on the great lakes. Mr. Peavey admitted today that contracts have been closed for the construction of four large freighters at Cleveland, at a cost of a million and a half of dollars. They will run between Duluth and Buffalo, carrying grain, ore and general freight.

The songs that are sung in praise of Hobberlin Bros.' made-to-order overcoats are in everybody's mouth. Be dressy for Christmas and order quickly one of these overcoats. You know the store—153 Yonge St., Toronto.

Sir Wilfrid Shopping in New York.

New York, Dec. 19.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, accompanied by Lady Laurier, and a party of friends are here. The Premier is here for a few days and incidentally to do some Christmas shopping. Last evening the party attended a theatre.

Cook's Turkish & steam baths, 204 King w., cures colds, coughs and rheumatism

Pember's Turkish Baths, excellent sleeping accommodation, 127 Yonge.

You can save nearly half your money by buying useful clothing presents for men and boys at the Oak Hall stores, 115 King-street east and 116 Yonge-street, any day this week.

Smokers' presents, Alive Bollard's Smoking Mixture.

Headache Cured While You Wait.

Bingham's stimulating headache powders are not depressing. Money refunded if they fail, 25 cents for a box of 12. Bingham's Pharmacy, 100 Yonge-street. ed7

E. R. Case, patents procured, Temple Bldg.

DIDN'T SEE THE OTHER CAR

Mrs. Evans of Grange-Avenue Sustained Injuries Which Soon Resulted in Her Death.

WENT ROUND BEHIND A TROLLEY.

And a Second One Ran Over Her Before It Could Be Stopped.

Mrs. Alice L. Evans of 69 Grange-avenue, widow of the late ex-Ald. George M. Evans, barrister, was run over by trolley car No. 542 at the corner of Peter and Queen-streets shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and received such severe injuries that she died in the Emergency Hospital about an hour later.

Did Not See the Other Car.

Mrs. Evans was crossing the road on her way to the home of a friend, and had apparently gone round behind a west bound car, in charge of Motorman Edward Williamson of 715 Euclid-avenue, and did not notice a Queen and Dundas trolley going east. She was knocked down by the latter car, and before the motorman could bring it to a standstill the wheels had almost passed over her legs. She was picked up by the railway employes and carried into Tuthill's drug store.

Doctor and Ambulance Passing.

Dr. Pepler of John and Adelaide-streets, who was passing almost at the moment the accident happened, was called, and he ordered immediate removal to the hospital.

The police ambulance was also passing just at the time it was required, and Mrs. Evans was taken to the hospital, where it was found, besides the injury to her limbs, she had a sever fracture of the base of the skull.

An Inquest Ordered.

It was apparent on her admission to the hospital that she could not recover, and she gradually sank until her death occurred about 3 o'clock. Coroner N. A. Powell of College-street was notified of the death, and he issued a warrant for an inquest to be held to-night at the hospital.

Deceased Was Well Known.

Mrs. Evans was 56 years of age and was well known in the West End, where she had resided for many years. She was a member of St. Philip's Church, and is survived by her three sons, Charles Evans-Lewis, barrister, Fred P. Evans and Vernon Evans, employes of E. & S. Currie, wholesale manufacturers of neckwear, West Wellington-street.

Motorman E. T. South of 148 Symington-avenue was in charge of the car which knocked Mrs. Evans down.

CAMERA CLUB AWARDS.

Lantern Slides Judged—H. B. Lefroy of Toronto Gets the Silver Medal.

The final item in the tenth annual exhibition of the Toronto Camera Club was concluded at the clubrooms last night. This was the judging of the lantern slides. There were twenty sets thrown upon the screen, 80 slides in all, and the judges, Messrs. C. M. Manly, Alexander and Staunton, had no easy task in determining the winners, so excellently even was the quality of most. Finally, the awards were made, the silver medal to Mr. H. B. Lefroy of the Toronto Camera Club, and the bronze medal to Mr. Frank N. Lord of the Orange, N.J., Camera Club. Mr. Lefroy was congratulated upon having a set good enough to keep the chief prize in Canada.

A Passport to Favor.

You can choose from over 100 different Havana brands at Muller's. In fact, there is no cigar made in Cuba which holds a good reputation that Mr. Muller has not in stock. His importations are so large that on one day the Customs House received from him a cheque for $3000 for duty. "From Muller's" is a passport to high favor with any smoker, for a cigar has to have merit before it is accorded a place in his store. He has Christmas boxes of cigars, put up, 10, 25 and 50 cigars in a box.

Smokers' presents, Boxes of Cigars—Alive Bollard.

Those "Corrington" Novelties for Men.

Men do not, as a rule, look for novelty in the hats they select. The splendid line of Corrington, fine English soft hats in stitched, wool, camel's hair effects and in colors of heather, fawn and brown mixtures, can really be classed as novel, and yet they're sedate and gentlemanly enough for anyone's taste; add to this a special shipment of Youmans and Hawes, and you'll find at Fairweather's (84 Yonge), today, as complete a range of high quality, new style, winter hats, as one might wish to chose from.

Old Rye, special value, 65c per qt.—Dan Fitzgerald's, 105 Queen St. W.

Give Him Something From the Rounded Corner.

Gentlemen's wool-lined kid gloves, dome fasteners, light or dark tan shades, in a neat fancy box, if so desired, for 75c. A box of the famous Hollywood cigars only cost $1.25. A choice case pipe, sterling silver mounted, for $1.50. A vast choice of new flowing end ties at 50c. A thousand correct things on Jamieson's ground floor.

Edwards and Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants, offices Canadian Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

Ready for Her Launch.

The new steamer Kingston of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company's fleet will be launched the first week in January. At the Bertram Shipyards, everything is being put in readiness for giving the boat her initial dip, which will take place in the slip at the foot of Bathurst-street. The Kingston will be ready for commission on June 1.

Have lunch in new dining-room.—Thomas' English Chop House, King St.

TWO WAIFS.

Peace and Goodwill were two merry waifs
Who followed the wind all the year;
Unfettered they wandered wherever they willed,
Till the Christmas season drew near.

Then the hearts and the homes of humble and high
Invited the waifs in to stay
For a visit beginning on Christmas Eve
And ending with New Year's Day.

For a week they were honored, they heard their names ring
Thru the aisles of cathedrals grand,
From the lips of sweet singers, great men told their worth,
They were spoken of all thru the land.

Their kindred, the Carolers, widened their fame,
As they sang in the stars' tender light;
By prince and by pauper, in word and in deed,
Their praises were sung day and night.

But alas! when the holiday wreathings were dead,
And the holiday season was past,
With the old decorations whose mission was done,
To the winds once again they were cast.

—Mrs. J. J. Butchert.

Ring 3657 when you want a messenger boy.

FIVE THOUSAND QUEBEC SETTLERS

Are to Come From Finland Yearly and Take Up a Million Acres

ON THE PERABUKA RIVER

In the Lake St. John District, Which Is Noted for Its Butter and Cheese.

CANADIANS TO RETURN TO CANADA.

Colonization Agent Dupont of the Provincial Government Talks in a Hopeful Strain.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—There is a great scheme on hand to add very largely to the population of this Province. It is understood that negotiations are progressing between the Quebec Government and certain representatives of Finland to secure a concession of a million acres of land on the Perabuka River, Lake St. John, and that the proposition is to settle 5000 Finlanders every year on these rich agricultural lands of the Lake St. John.

The Perabuka is 450 miles long, and millions of acres of fine land, and well-wooded, are to be found on both sides of this great stream.

The delegates who represent the Finlanders say that the climate of Quebec is not so severe as that of their own country, and, with the pulp mills and other industries now under way, they claim that these proposed newcomers will make prosperous homes for themselves, and, at the same time, become valuable settlers.

French-Canadians to Return.

Lake St. John also expects a heavy French-Canadian immigration from the State of Maine next season, no less than 1800 new settlers having gone in this year.

Reports say that in spite of the alleged manufacturing prosperity of the New-England States, the French-Canadian operatives thruout Maine, and in other States, are only working about half the time, and that they have decided to look to the motherland for homes.

Butter and Cheese Exports.

Mr. Réne Dupont, the Colonization Agent of the Lake St. John country, declares that, while the very few French-Canadians who have succeeded in the States oppose the repatriation movement, the masses have but one dream, and that is to return to the Province by the St. Lawrence.

Lake St. John, in 1898, exported butter and cheese valued at $150,000, and, in 1899, $200,000, which will have increased to $400,000 by the end of 1900.

ENGLISH FORTUNE FAKE.

Another Case Where It Worked—Trying to Get Millions That Do Not Exist.

London, Dec. 19.—The Corey family of Nebraska and Kansas has been trying to get a fortune of two hundred millions alleged to be lying in the English Court of Chancery. Elisha Corey of Omaha, who believes himself to be heir to two millions, is leader of the project, while Jay Corey of Towanda, Kan., thinks his share is thirteen millions.

Letters circulated declare that gold, stocks and bonds belonging to the Corey family, and held by the English court for 65 years, are now about to be secured. Inquiries having been made thru official channels, the Court of Chancery replied to-day that not a penny of the Corey estate was held.

This fake has been worked profitably by one of the numerous London law firms which live off expectant heirs.

DOES NOT CARE TO BE SHOT AT.

Jilted Student Has Decided Not to Join the Army.

Syracuse, N.Y., Dec. 19.—Frederick Le Clair, the theological student who, because he was jilted, applied for enlistment in the army, weakened when it came time to take the oath this morning and concluded not to enlist. He says he will try by less heroic means to forget his sorrow.

Furs That a Man Can Select.

The big demand created by the popularity of fur sets this season has made it extremely difficult to get them from the workrooms fast enough and yet have the quality of furs the finest and the workmanship faultless, but we have succeeded so far in having plenty of stock and keeping it up to the highest standard of excellence. This is what the head of the fur department had to say specially on the subject yesterday, and he was talking then to a gentleman who was looking for something extra nice for a lady that would make a suitable and appropriate Christmas present. Sets are quite the thing this season, and Fairweather's (84 Yonge) are showing a very choice collection of them, the higher quality furs, such as Hudson Bay sable, stone marten and fine Canadian mink. The wise man will not delay in making a choice, because stocks get broken in a hurry these days.

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Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W.

Save money and at the same time get the genuine article. Direct importation of sterling silver cut glass and ebony toilet requisites. Bingham's Pharmacy, 100 Yonge-street. ed7

Patents.—Fetherstonhaugh & Co., King-street West, Toronto, also Montreal, Ottawa and Washington.

Suitable Xmas Presents.

Fancy goods in great variety, small, dainty water colors, Lichsonne enamels, this afternoon at 2.30, by auction, C. J. Townsend & Co.

Smokers' presents, Tobacco Pouches—Alive Bollard.

Christmas and Its Joys.

No house at Christmas should be without Radnor Water as a mixer with either "Bergede" Scotch or "Rye."

Good cheer and a good mixer are what is wanted at the merry Christmastide. 24

Pember's Turkish Baths, 127 Yonge-st.

Havana Cigars.

If you are a smoker read Messrs. A. Clubb & Sons' announcement on back page. They are quoting very tempting prices for fine Havanas.

Try English Chop House Quick Lunch

The Christmas number of The Sons of England Record is a creditable one, showing much cleverness on the part of its editor, Frank Vipond.

ABOARD THE ROSLYN CASTLE

Official Announcement From the War Office of the Sailing of the Canadians.

MOUNTED MEN AND ARTILLERY

Nurses, Doctors and Chaplains Are All En Route for Their Home Land.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—The Star publishes the following special cables from London:

The War Office makes the following official announcement: The Roslyn Castle left Cape Town for Halifax on December 13 with the following on board: Col. Lessard, Surgeon-Major Duff, Capts. Nelles and Wynne, Majors Williams and Forrester, Veterinary-Major Hall, Lieut. Sutton, Col. Evans, Surgeon-Major Davine, Capts. Cuthbert and Allan, Lieuts. Wroughton, Cosby, Eustace, Nevertent, Sinnett, Majors Saunders and Bliss, Capt. Baker, Lieuts. Moodie, Begin and Davidson, Veterinary-Lieut. Reddell.

Canadian Dragoons 213 men.

Canadian Mounted Infantry 180 men.

Canadian Artillery, staff 10 men; Canadian Artillery, 378 men; Col. Drury, Surgeon-Major Worthington, Rev. Mr. Cox, Capt. Thacker, Veterinary-Major Massie, Col. Hudson, Lieuts. Leslie, Irving, McCrae, Morrison, Murray and Goode, Majors Hurdman and Ogilvie, Capts. Panet, Eaton and Costigan, Lt. Ogilvie, Major Laurie and 4 men, Major Osborne, Nursing Sisters Forbes, Pope, Richardson, Russell, Affleck, Macdonald and Hurcomb.

REVOLUTION OVER ASPHALT

Venezuelan Government Cancelled Concessions Held by a New York Asphalt Co.

LIFE AND PROPERTY IN DANGER

United States Residents Call on the Washington Government for Protection.

New York, Dec. 19.—The Tribune says: A cable message has been received at the office of the National Asphalt Company, from its agent in Venezuela, which announces that a revolution has broken out in that country. No details were contained in the message.

The revolution, it is said, is probably the outcome of an attempt on the part of the President and Cabinet of Venezuela to deprive American corporations of their property and rights. The National Asphalt Company will be a sufferer if this be true. The company owns large concessions and mining titles in the State of Bermudez, Venezuela.

A Second Cablegram.

New York, Dec. 19.—A second cablegram, additional to that which came yesterday, was this afternoon received by Vice-President Avery D. Andrews of the National Asphalt Company, concerning the revolution which has broken out in Venezuela.

The Situation Is Desperate.

This second cablegram asserts that the situation is extremely desperate as regards Americans and their property in the South American Republic. The message, which was sent by a representative of the National Asphalt Company, which has extensive interests in Venezuela, is urgent in its appeal for immediate action by the United States for the protection of Americans, whose lives and property are imminently endangered. A general attack, the cablegram says, is being planned upon all American interests in Venezuela, and if succor, in the prompt despatch of warships by the United States Government, is not forthcoming at once the results may prove disastrous.

The Trouble Is Over a Lake.

The cablegram is from Caracas, and goes on to say that the revolution has been endangered by the fight between the National Asphalt Company and its rivals for the possession of the Bermudez Asphalt Lake. The lake is situated 20 miles from the coast of Venezuela, and contains extensive and rich deposits of asphalt. It has been in the possession of the National Asphalt Company, or its constituent company, the New York & Bermudez Company, for over 12 years.

Concessions Were Cancelled.

The companies' concessions to operate the lake were cancelled by President Castro and his Council on Dec. 13. The right to operate the concession known as "La Felicidad" was then awarded to a rival syndicate, which carries the alleged right to work a tract of 1000 acres, which comprises about two-thirds of the lake. This tract the National Asphalt Company claims as its exclusive property.

The Members of the Syndicate.

The head of the syndicate, which has acquired this property under the title of "La Felicidad," comprises the following: C. M. Warner of Syracuse and P. Sullivan of Philadelphia. Mr. Warner was formerly president and heaviest stockholder of the Columbia Construction Company, which was some time ago acquired by the Asphalt Company of America, now owned by the National Asphalt Company. Mr. Warner obtained his Venezuela concession by purchase, the price, it is said, being $40,000. The concession, which was first granted in 1897, was appealed by the National Asphalt Company and a decision rendered in its favor. This decision has been upset by President Castro and his Council.

"Le Felicidad" is said to be now worth 20 times its alleged purchase price of $40,000.

Will Ask for a Warship.

Vice-President Andrews said this afternoon that he believed the situation to be desperate, not only as far as the interests of his company were involved, but regarding the interests and properties of all Americans in the United States of Venezuela. He said that he believed that the present revolution was as much generated by the overturning of precedents by President Castro and his Council as the internal state of dissatisfaction that has been rife in Venezuela for some time. Mr. Andrews said that the National Asphalt Company intended making every effort to secure the despatch of a warship to Venezuela.

Go to Dan Fitzgerald's for all your Christmas wines and liquors, 105 Queen St. W.

An Interesting Ceremony.

An interesting ceremony will be performed in St. Paul's Church, Power-street, on Saturday morning, when the Archbishop will confer honors on four aspirants for the priesthood. Rev. Mr. McGrand will be ordained a priest; Rev. Mr. Staley, C.S.S., Kingston, a deacon; Mr. Foster of St. Michael's College, a sub-deacon, and Mr. Laughney of Pittsburg, Pa., will receive minor orders.

3657 is our phone number—jot this down, you'll need us. Toronto Messenger Co., 147 West King Street.

Smokers' presents, Handsome Pipes—Alive Bollard.

TAPS FROM THE WIRES.

A Washington despatch says that a plot has been discovered to murder McKinley, Roosevelt, Hanna and Depew.

The New York police have refused a locomobile license to the Duke of Manchester on the ground that he is an alien.

Mayor Kelly of South Omaha, Neb., will have to face the Criminal Court, charged with having accepted bribes from brewers as an inducement to allow saloons to keep open all night and Sunday.

KURDS PLAN A REVOLUTION TO RISE AGAINST THE SULTAN

Osman Pasha Visits London to Secure Salisbury's Neutrality in an Effort to Throw Off the Yoke of Turkish Tyranny—An Army of 100,000 Ready.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The Chicago Record prints the following from its London correspondent:

Osman Pasha, son of the late Ameer of Kurdistan, has come to London to enlist the friendly offices of Lord Salisbury in an uprising the Kurds intend to lead against Abdul Hamid, the Sultan of Turkey, when the neutrality of Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria, Italy and Spain has been assured.

Osman declares that an army of 100,000 Kurds and Armenians is ready to take the field under his banner and wage a fight for independence. He expects Russia to side with Turkey. St. Petersburg will therefore be omitted from his missionary tour of the European capitals, which has begun with his present visit to England.

Has Made the Kurds Murderers.

Speaking yesterday, Osman, who is a statuesque, soldierly man of 48 years, talked of his people's grievances and aspirations. He said: "Abdul Hamid has hopelessly demoralized the Kurd nation. At his instigation we have become a race of murderers. Under the penalty of our own lives we have been incited to butcher and massacre the Armenians, with whom formerly we enjoyed the closest bonds of affection and friendship. When the last slaughter at Constantinople was ordered, my father, as chief of the Kurd troops, personally saved the lives of thousands of Armenians by hiding them away from the Sultan's fury.

"I expect that Armenians in great numbers will come from the United States to join our army. I am sprung from an ancestry that has fought Turkish tyranny for generations. Notwithstanding the frequent defeats we have administered to the Sultan's troops, he has managed by means of intrigues to rob us of the fruits of victory and keep us in a state of subjugation amounting to servitude.

Confident of Victory.

"When we whipped Turkey in 1878 freedom was denied us under the flimsy pretext that Kurdistan could not exist as an independent state. We were told that Russia was waiting to swallow us up. We are not so sure that such a fate does not hang over us to-day.

"We fear the Sultan's inhuman excesses must inevitably bring him into conflict with some of the great nations of the world. We have determined to strike for our freedom before such a crisis overtakes the empire. We shall have the support of Persia. If the Czar keeps his hands off, we shall achieve certain victory."

Outbreak to Be in 1901.

Osman asserts that his military plans are fully prepared, and will be ready for execution at the latest during the midsummer of 1901. He says that the famous Hamidia cavalry, the flower of the Turkish army, of which he himself is adjutant-general, is composed entirely of Kurds, who are ready to fight for him whenever he is ready to place himself at their head.

"Kurdistan," continued Osman, "is admirably constituted for offensive military operations, being the seat of most of the Sultan's artillery forces, which the Kurds will simply close in upon when war is declared."

Osman asserts that Abdul Hamid has instructed his ambassador in London to approach the British War Office for the purpose of inducing it to reject the Kurds' overtures.

Two Hundred Christians Killed.

London, Dec. 20.—A despatch to The Daily Express from Vienna reports recent Moslem excesses against the Christian population in the central provinces of Turkey, where 200 Christians have been killed.

THE BRITISH MODIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AT PEKIN

Representatives of the Powers Got Together and Reached an Agreement on Terms Yesterday—Russian Paper Charges Von Waldersee With Brutality—Belgian Missions Destroyed.

Pekin, Dec. 19.—At a meeting of the foreign Ministers late this evening everything in regard to the terms of the joint note was agreed to, including the British modifications. The Ministers refuse to disclose anything in connection with the matter, believing that the home Governments should give the particulars to the public.

BELGIAN MISSIONS DESTROYED.

Bishop, Belgian Missionaries and Chinese Priests Saved by Russians.

Brussels, Dec. 19.—The following despatch, dated Vladivostock, Dec. 18, has been received at the headquarters of the Scheut Missions here: "In the district of Pins all our interests have been entirely destroyed, except the Episcopal residence. The bishop, 19 Belgian missionaries, four Chinese priests and 3000 Christians were saved by Russian troops arriving in haste in five columns.

"Commander Eletz, with a flying column, arrived first, Oct. 18, and made an heroic defence for five days. During the terrible siege he lost in dead and wounded one-third of his force. Altho twice wounded, he refused to leave his post until the arrival of reinforcements."

Waldersee Charged With Brutality.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—The Novoe Vremya observes that there are evidences of discontent in all the armies, including the German, with Field Marshal Von Waldersee's brutality. The paper supports the demand that each army act henceforth on its own responsibility.

THAT WILL CASE.

Editor World: In your issue of Saturday last, I notice the Markham paper says that the money was paid to Mrs. Walsh many years ago. The following telegram to the solicitor in the case will speak for itself:

Toronto, Dec. 15, 1900.

To M. J. Kenny, Barrister, Lindsay: No accounts passed. Nothing in accountant's office. Have written. J. G. O'Donoghue.

I might say that, if what these people say is true, it will be so much the better for them when the question will be settled in the law courts at Osgoode Hall, Toronto.

D. B. McNab.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS.

Probably the oldest lady in Toronto is Mrs. Loudon, mother of President Loudon of the University. She celebrates her 96th birthday to-day, and is in the enjoyment of all her faculties. Mrs. Loudon has been a resident of Toronto for 70 years.

A Sifton Stumper Elected.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—A. C. Fraser has been elected Mayor of Brandon by a majority of seven over Mr. Hanbury. Politics entered into the contest. Fraser was one of Sifton's stumpers in the late Dominion elections.

February 5 or 12.

It is probable that the Legislature will open on either Feb. 5 or 12. The Government have not decided upon the date yet.

Gibbons' Toothache Gum is sold by all druggists. Ask for it. Price 10c. 246

A Charming Gift.

A lady always appreciates a box of flowers, a palm or fern as a Xmas gift. Nothing is more acceptable, and Dunlop's name on the parcel assures her they are the best. Visit our salesrooms, 5 King-street west and 445 Yonge-street.

Monuments.

Finest work and best designs at lowest prices. The McIntosh Granite and Marble Company, 1119 and 1121 Yonge-street, Toronto (terminal Yonge-street car route).

BIRTHS.

KELLY—At 380 Wellesley-street, on Tuesday, Dec. 18, the wife of Hugh J. Kelly of a daughter. Both doing well.

MARRIAGES.

BOOMER—MOORE—At St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., by the Very Rev. B. B. Smith, D. D., Dean of Ontario, rector, assisted by the Rev. Canon Sweeny, D. D., rector of St. Philip's Church, Toronto, brother-in-law of the groom, George Anthony Boomer of Osgoode Hall, barrister-at-law, to Louisa Alberta (Bertha), third daughter of the late Robert Morton Moore, Esq., of Kingston.

DEATHS.

DIXON—On Wednesday, 19th Dec., at his mother's residence, 126 McCaul-street, Edward J. Dixon, youngest son of the late J. J. Dixon of this city, in his 34th year.

Funeral private, Friday morning, at 9 o'clock, to St. Patrick's Church, thence to St. Michael's Cemetery.

NEWBURY—Suddenly, at his late residence, 110 Hazelton-avenue, on Tuesday, Dec. 18th, 1900, W. G. Newbury, in his 61st year, deeply regretted.

Funeral from the above address Thursday at 2.30 o'clock to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Please except this intimation.

WATERMAN—On Dec. 18, 1900, at the residence of her brother, 229 Logan-avenue, Sarah L. Waterman.

Funeral from the above address, Thursday, at 2 p.m.

$5 Christmas Hampers.

Christmas hampers, containing six bottles, according to choice, of brandy, Scotch, Irish and Canadian whiskey, gin or rum, port and sherry, claret, Sauternes and Burgundy. Marn's, 79 Yonge-street. Phone 1708. 3456

IS THIS A MURDER CASE?

Body of John Julian Found on the Railroad Track—Frank Colridge Arrested.

Rouse's Point, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The body of John Julian was found on the railroad track at Alburgh, Vermont, this morning. Foul play was suspected, and it was discovered that the murdered man had been seen the evening previous at Rouse's Point, in company with Frank Colridge. Colridge was apprehended to-night at Lacolle, P.Q., on his way to Montreal. Robbery is believed to have been the motive. No details are obtainable to-night.

Xmas Gifts.

A box of flowers is always an acceptable gift, but at Xmas doubly so. Make your selection from Dunlop's fine stock of cut flowers and palms. Visitors are always welcome. Dunlop's salesrooms, 5 King west and 445 Yonge-street.

The Yule Tide.

This is just a lull in the northern tempest to come. Perhaps to-morrow we will be again viewing the mercury at zero. Anyway, it's Christmas, and no doubt we have accumulated a few odd dollars for gift-giving and to spend upon ourselves in jollification and celebration. What better use could we make of this money than by investing in a fur-lined coat? We will need one—without doubt—it will last for several years. Dineen has them, the best value in America, for fifty dollars each. Store open until 10 o'clock every evening this week.

Generally Fair To-day.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 19, 8 p.m.—Mild weather now extends from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Showers have occurred in the Maritime Provinces, and light snowfalls in Quebec. Elsewhere the weather has been fair. A disturbance is developing in Louisiana, and should it become important, which is very likely, stormy weather will shortly occur from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces.

Minimum and maximum temperatures—Victoria, 48-50; Kamloops, 38-48; Calgary, 22-42; Qu'Appelle, 12-26; Winnipeg, 22-24; Port Arthur, 26-34; Toronto, 36-43; Ottawa, 8-36; Montreal, 8-36; Quebec, 6-24; Halifax, 20-40.

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