

ARMY REFORM FOR THE GERMANS

War Minister Admits Brutality and Immorality.

DISCUSSED IN THE REICHSTAG

The Case of the Blasen Garri-on— Herr Bebel Criticizes the Artillery Equipment.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—In the Reichstag yesterday, War Minister Von Eimern entered earnestly into the charges of brutality and immorality brought against German army officers, without attempting to exonerate them. He admitted there had been abuses, and declared the army administration was determined to correct them so far as possible. Nobody regretted the evils more than Eimern himself, who never lost an opportunity to impress the seriousness of offenses that had been brought to light.

Referring to Lieut. Bilsen's book, "A Little Garrison," telling of alleged actions discreditable to officers, for writing which the lieutenant was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and to dismissal from the army, the War Minister said it could contain a certain amount of truth, but it was not true that every lieutenant in the small garrisons lived as Bilsen had described. The minister did not deny the possibility of corrupt relations between officers and women in a few cases, but the assertion that such were the rule was a slander against German youth.

Regarding the brutalities, the minister declared that such incidents were not wholly inexcusable. There was the bad private soldier as well as the bad sergeant, and the bad private soldier was largely responsible for the whole difficulty.

During the year ending in June, the War Minister continued, 50 officers and 557 non-commissioned officers and good service men were punished for treatment of privates. The army administration had determined to stop it altogether. Every 100 cases a year would be intolerable.

Discussing Herr Bebel's charge that the German artillery was inefficient, and that the German gun was inferior to the French gun, the minister entered into a technical explanation of why, in his belief, the German gun of the model of 1918 was better than the French gun of 1903 model.

MINISTERS LEAVE SERVIA

Representatives of the Powers Are Disatisfied With Peter.

Vienna, Dec. 12.—According to a dispatch from Belgrade, the German, Austrian and British ministers are preparing to leave the city, ostensibly for a long holiday. The Russian and Italian representatives have already left Belgrade for similar reasons. The real reason for the exodus of the diplomats, however, is said to be that King Peter has accepted the demands of these ministers for the punishment of assassins of King Alexander and Queen Draga. Other reports say that the king has accepted the demands of these ministers for the punishment of assassins of King Alexander and Queen Draga. Other reports say that the king has accepted the demands of these ministers for the punishment of assassins of King Alexander and Queen Draga.

Municipal Matters Are Becoming Rather Warm

The Question of Candidates Now Topic of City Hall Discussion.

Lively Row Regarding the Mayoralty Is Brewing Daily.

Mayor Beck Likely to Seek a Third Term and Ald. Judd Is Disconsolate—Notes.

Matters municipal are beginning to grow somewhat lively among the city hall these days. It is only a short time now until nomination day, and of course, there is much speculation as to who will be the next mayor, and who will fill the aldermanic chairs next year. It is accepted as a settled fact that all of this year's council, including even Ald. Wyatt, who is beginning to manifest a skittishness about running next year, will again seek aldermanic honors. In addition to this fact, it is also stated that Ex-Ald. Joshua Garrett, also intends to run again.

It may be also that Ex-Ald. Stevedy and Ex-Ald. Dreaney will again be candidates. Regarding aldermanic candidates it is said that the local Conservative club is well as the fullest troubles of its own in making out a slate.

The club, it is said, does not want both Ald. Cooper and Ex-Ald. Garrett to run, as both poll practically the same vote, and both of them in the opinions of the political saloons of the club might stand a first-class chance of defeat. Both gentlemen, have, it is understood, declared their determination to run, however, and if all stories be true, the oil has failed to do its work on the troubled waters as yet.

Last year Ex-Ald. Dreaney's name was removed from the Conservative slate and he was defeated. Now Mr. Dreaney's friends want his name removed, and it is said Mr. Dreaney will run no matter what the club does. Mayor Beck, it is said, does not want Mr. Dreaney on the list, and interprets the warfare in the club is the result. There is one other man upon whom

NIAGARA POWER

Four More Available Sites on Canadian Side.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—A report prepared by the municipal power commission states that of 5,500,000 horse power, only 67,000 horse power has so far been taken up, and that there are four more available power sites on the Canadian side of the Falls. The various courses open to municipalities the important questions involved and the mode of procedure are clearly set forth.

IS MISS O'NEIL A MODERN TRILBY?

Charged That Her Manager Keeps Her Under Hypnotic Influence.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—The trouble of Nance O'Neil, McKee Rankin and W. S. Cleveland, the theatrical manager, who has attached the property of the two actors, were aired in the justice court here today. Mr. Cleveland, in his testimony, declared that Miss O'Neil was hypnotized by Rankin. It is a second case of Trilby and Sven-gali, said he. From the stage of my theater I have seen Rankin exercise his influence over Miss O'Neil. When he looked at her, she forgot her lines, and when he snapped his fingers at her, she would not act. He would not let her leave his house, and he had an undue influence over her and had kept her segregated from other actors or managers.

When Miss O'Neil was put on the stand she denied the allegation of Mr. Cleveland that Rankin had any hypnotic power over her. The case, which involves the recovery of advance expenses, which Cleveland claims to have furnished Miss O'Neil and Rankin, was continued until Dec. 14.

HARCOURT ON JOE

He Contrasts Present Policy With Former Statements.

London, Dec. 12.—Sir William Vernon Harcourt, speaking to his constituents at Tredgar last night, drew a parallel between a speech delivered in Birmingham in 1885, and the present policy of the former colonial secretary. In 1885, said Sir William, Chamberlain spoke as follows: "It is impossible that the working classes of this country will ever again submit to the sufferings and misery which have been inflicted upon them by the policy of the Tories. We have only to recall the starved poor, and the country was brought to the brink of revolution." Sir William said he would leave Mr. Chamberlain with his present and historical conscience, and discuss that gentleman's inability to drop out in June last and allow Ald. Judd to slip in. By this arrangement, Ex-Ald. Winnett was to be taken into the council. But political clubs propose (sometimes) and men who, in the mayor's chairs dispose. The story leaked out, it is said, before Mayor Beck was ripe for it, and much to Ald. Judd's disappointment his worship refused to vacate.

As a result, Ald. Judd has been hibernating and waiting for the chair to become vacant through the expiration of the time limit. Now, however, it is said the mayor intends to seek a third term on the ground that much which he has undertaken is still uncompleted—a statement which is not many will deny. Ald. Judd is very much displeased.

Many times during the year slight tiffs have occurred between the would-be mayor and the mayor himself, and recent developments in municipal matters have not served to cultivate a better feeling between these gentlemen.

People who are watching the game, however, give it out as their opinion that Ald. Judd stands to lose, and that the mayor will be a candidate for the office this year. Whether the prime donna arrived in this country last October, and even before that, rumors were afloat of unpleasant relations between her and her husband, but even her closest friends are restrained from making public the true nature of her marital difficulties until today.

FROST FIGHTS FOR THE JAPS

Czar's Troops in Far East Suffer From Cold.

ARE STILL ENCAPSED IN TENTS

Russian Press Says Government Is Not Pursuing a Temporalizing Policy.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—The Novoye Vremya today denies that Russia is temporizing in the Russo-Japanese negotiations. According to the Novokrai of Port Arthur, Russian troops in the far east are suffering greatly from extreme cold. Although ten degrees of frost were registered at Talienwan the soldiers are still in tents and the hospital facilities are inadequate.

London, Dec. 12.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times says it is reported that the possibility of an arrangement between Russia and Japan, which will leave the question of Manchuria in abeyance, coupled with the long delay in the completion of the Russo-Japanese negotiations, tends to shake China's confidence in Japan, and to induce China to take a more favorable view of the Russian demands regarding Manchuria.

The correspondent adds that while Lien Pang, first secretary of the board of foreign affairs, has resumed close relations with the Russian legation, the weight of the French minister's influence is being used in advising China to come to a speedy agreement with Russia, in order to realize the latter's position in Manchuria.

FIRST AID TO INJURED

Illinois Road to Have Train Crews Instructed.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The trainmen of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad are to be given a course of instruction regarding the best method of giving first aid to the injured in case of railway wrecks. The project has been started at the annual banquet in Chicago, 1885, when the various division headquarters and require the trainmen to attend the lectures and demonstrations which will be given on the subject. Examinations will be held from time to time, and before many months one car in each Eastern Illinois train, both freight and passenger, will have an emergency box well-stocked with the necessary articles to use in case of accidents.

SIX BEARS ON ICEBURG

Seen by Captain and Passengers of the Steamer Hanover.

Baltimore, Dec. 12.—Captain Jacobs, of the North German Lloyd steamer Hanover, which arrived from Bremerhaven, reported that while off the Newfoundland Banks he saw an iceburg on which were six large polar bears.

The berg was several miles distant and the big brutes were discernible by the naked eye, but with the glass they could easily be seen shaking their heads and waving their paws. The captain says the berg will drift southward until it melts. This is an unusual season for icebergs.

CANADIANS AT HENLEY

The Dominion's Oarsmen Are Given Special Privileges.

London, Dec. 12.—The Amateur Rowing Association has arrived at an agreement with the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen according to which it recommends the Canadians to the stewards of the Henley Regatta with a view to their entry of 1904. This means that the Canadian association has been taken into affiliation with the English association. Heretofore, rowers have been treated as foreigners, and have been at the disadvantage of being compelled to enter the regatta in their crews earlier in the season than will now be the case.

NEW COAL COMPANY

Will Compete Actively With the Crow's Nest Collieries.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—The first direct competition that the Crow's Nest Coal Company has received in catering to the smelters of British Columbia has been effected by the formation of the Imperial Coal and Coke Company by local interests, with a capital of \$500,000. This company has already secured 30 miles of coal fields close to the Crow's Nest Company and bordering on the Pording River and the Canadian Pacific Railway. Coal ovens will be established at once in order to supply the demand at the smelters. The company will establish a \$5 a ton rate for coke.

Race to Save an Infant.

Pueblo, Col., Dec. 12.—The express companies are to make a race of 2,000 miles against death with the life of a baby in the world as the stake. Physicians say that the fate of the infant depends upon whether an incubator can be brought here by Saturday. Funds for the incubator have been raised by public subscription.

Neighbors Seek Divorce.

New York, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Nordica has begun suit for absolute divorce from her husband, Zoltan Doeme, and the suit will be tried in this city. Since the prima donna arrived in this country last October, and even before that, rumors were afloat of unpleasant relations between her and her husband, but even her closest friends are restrained from making public the true nature of her marital difficulties until today.

NOTABLES AT GEM SALE

A Distinguished Crowd Bought Jewels Cheap.

London, Dec. 12.—An almost unprecedented crowd, including Lord and Lady Coventry, Lord De Grey, Lord Wardworth, Sir Samuel Montagu, Sir P. Alfred De Rothschild, Lady De Bathe and Mary, Duchess of Sutherland, appeared at Christie's auction rooms, when several magnificent collections of jewels were surprisingly cheap, a triple row pearl necklace composed of 153 round pearls selling for \$32,500.

TO PAY BY WEIGHT

New Colorado Road Will Have Scales at Ticket Offices.

Pueblo, Col., Dec. 12.—Passengers will pay fares according to weight on the new Pueblo and Belknap Valley Electric Railway, according to the president of the company. When the road is completed each person will be required to step on an automatic registering scale at the ticket office, and the clerk will assess transportation charges at the rate of a cent and a half a pound. The man and the lean man paying the same price for being hauled about the country is declared unjust.

SPENCER'S BODY NOT FOR ABBEY

The Request That It Be Sepulchred in Westminster Was Refused.

New York, Dec. 12.—A cable to the Westminster Abbey authorities has declined to permit Herbert Spencer to be sepulchred in the British Valhalla.

They were informally approached, but expressed regret that it was impossible. The question of religion could not have entered into the decision, as Darwin is buried there.

Prime Minister Balfour, who had many controversies with Spencer, the dead philosopher, expressed himself favorably to burial in the abbey, but the dean and the chapter proved adverse.

DEER INVADERS A CAMBRIDGE BED

Hunted Animal Bounds Into Apartments Seeking Place of Refuge.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 12.—Deer are becoming plentiful in Massachusetts. Arthur White and Elmer E. Blackman, occupying rooms in the first story of the apartment house at 456 Massachusetts avenue, Cambridge, Thursday morning had the fright of their lives, because of the frantic attempts of a full-grown doe to climb into bed with them.

White was asleep at 7 o'clock, when he was awakened by what sounded to him like the laborious efforts of an intoxicated man to mount the stairs. The next moment his door was burst open with a crash. A large deer bounded in and made a headlong dive for the bed. White used his bare feet in a brave effort to ward off the attack of the animal, and then reinforcements came from his friend Blackman. Together in scanty costume they made efforts to get the deer into a corner, but the strength of the animal was too much for them.

The struggle of the men and deer completely wrecked the furniture of the two rooms. Finally, with the aid of the Newfoundland Bunkie, the doe was penned into a closet, where she wrought havoc with White's clothing. Later, when the deer was locked in a stable, it had been chased along Massachusetts avenue for a mile before seeking safety in White's bed.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Tomorrow—Much Colder.

London, Saturday, Dec. 12. Sun rises... 7:41 a.m. Moon rises... 12:54 a.m. Sun sets... 4:41 p.m. Moon sets... 1:12 p.m.

A change to decidedly colder weather has occurred in Manitoba and the Territories, and temperatures of zero and below were very generally recorded there this evening. From Manitoba eastward the tendency has also been for lower temperatures, with local exceptions in Ontario. Fair weather has been fairly prevalent throughout the Dominion, but light snow has fallen at some few places in Ontario and Quebec.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 19 below—24; Victoria, 40—44; Kamloops, 30—34; Qu'Appelle, 14 below—14; Winnipeg, 10 below—14; Port Arthur, 12 below—14; Fanny Sound, 2—30; Toronto, 12—27; Ottawa, 2—28; Montreal, 8—26; Quebec, 10—18; Halifax, 20—42.

FORECASTS.

Saturday, Dec. 12. 8 a.m. Today—Strong westerly winds, with a heavy snowfall. Sunday—North and west winds; much colder by night.

Temperatures: 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary... 2... —18... Clear. Winnipeg... 3... —18... Fair. Montreal... 10... —12... Snow. Toronto... 22... 20... Cloudy. Ottawa... 18... 18... Fair. Quebec... 18... 14... Fair. Father Point... 25... 25... Cloudy.

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather continues cold in Ontario and Quebec, and has become extremely cold in Manitoba and the Territories. A disturbance is now approaching the great lakes from the west, and is likely to cause a heavy snowfall in the day. Local temperatures: Friday—Highest, 24.5; lowest, 17.5.

PREMIER ROSS AT NORTH RENFREW

Addresses Great Meeting at Beachburg.

PROGRESS UNDER THE LIBERALS

Powerful Appeal to the Electors on the Government's Record—The Gamsy Charges.

Pembroke, Dec. 11.—Into the politically warm atmosphere of North Renfrew, which has been represented as being in rebellion against the Ontario Government, Premier Ross came today and added two more to his long list of platform triumphs. The coming of the Liberal's gifted leader was the occasion of magnificent demonstrations, and the prospects for the election of the Government candidate, Mr. Lorne Hale, were materially increased, though already bright.

The Premier's addresses were exceedingly strong and appealing. He answered the corruption cry once more effectively, and challenged Mr. Whitney to give details of the expenditure of the \$25,000 fund for which he was responsible. He frankly admitted the wrongdoings in West Elgin and North Waterloo, showed how corruptionists had been punished by his Government, and pointedly asked what might have been done had the Liberals adopted the methods of their opponents in many past elections. The Premier also announced that the next general election would reveal a surplus of \$4,000,000, and that a new timber policy was under consideration. A mild sensation was caused tonight by Mr. James Findlay, a former Liberal, and a former friend of Mr. Ross, taking the platform and protesting against the delay in holding the election, and against the corruption for which he held the Premier responsible. The event was the occasion of a forcible but kindly reply from Mr. Ross, in which he showed the chain of unavoidable circumstances which delayed the holding of the election. Mr. Findlay is reported to have spoken against Premier Ross, and not to have voted for the Liberal party for years. The campaign was warming up, and Mr. Whitney speaks here on Monday night. The afternoon meeting was attended by a large gathering of farmers in the Beachburg area, and was presided over by Dr. George Forbes.

Turning to the Government's record and policy, which he discussed at length, Mr. Ross pointed to the excellent work at the Agricultural College, the Farmers' Institutes, the dairy, a task which will be the management of our live stock, the management of our public institutions, and asked if the Government were not worthy of support on those grounds. They had secured \$2,000,000 for the sale of our timber in 30 years, and there was \$40,000,000 or \$50,000,000 worth left. The old Conservative policy was to give it away to the friends of the party. The Government were now considering a plan by which the lumber-camp would be sold to the people, and large trees, small ones, and the like, and thus furnish a perpetual forest. Steps were also being taken to set aside the best of the forest reserve on the east side of Lake Temagami. Through the proceeds of the recent timber sale the Government would be able to announce a total surplus of about \$4,000,000 at next budget speech. (Applause.)

The Ottawa Citizen of today called on the people to resent the diversion of Eastern Ontario trade by the construction of the Temiskaming Railway from North Bay instead of Mattawa. The truth was the latter route was impracticable owing to engineering difficulties. He appealed to them to look at the project from the standpoint of the whole province. As a matter of fact the whole country would benefit by the direct, all-rail route to the Temiskaming district.

Mr. Ross reviewed the Gamsy charges briefly, and asked how they came from a man like Gamsy for a bank director. He might borrow a deposit slip and return another with different markings. How could he like him as a bookkeeper? He might ask to have the entries altered, and, failing that, tear out the leaves and go to Buffalo. (Applause.) He reviewed his policy of building up Ontario, and compared his own ministers with Mr. Whitney and his followers, and asked which they would prefer. "Remember," he concluded, "every here is, and ought to be, in every heart a deep-seated patriotism for this noble land of ours. Governments may come and governments may go, but the constitution of this country must go on forever, and it can only go on being managed by high-minded men."

A standing vote of confidence in the Premier was passed, and the meeting closed with cheers for Mr. Ross and Mr. Hale.

CASHEL STILL AT LARGE

No Clue to Whereabouts of Escaped Calgary Murderer.

Calgary, N. W. T., Dec. 12.—The police have no further information about Ernest Casheul up to a late hour. What he passed out of the guard room last night it seemed as if the earth opened up and swallowed him. The night was a bad one, with lots of snow, but that did not prevent an active search being made. The police started a search on every side, and information was sent at once to the different stations of the Mounted Police, to railway men, and to every side, and everywhere might assist in pursuit. How Casheul secured the guns is a mystery which cannot be explained. It was searched at 8 o'clock, on Wednesday night, so the guns must have been sent in during Thursday. During that time the only man to enter the cell was Rev. Geo. Kirby, Methodist minister here. Casheul's brother was never allowed the cell, and during the day he came up and talked to his brother through the bars.

\$500 for a Bump.

New York, Dec. 11.—Because little Tommy O'Brien collided in some way with a fence belonging to Andrew Carnegie at Fifth avenue and Ninety-first street, and hurt his little head, the philanthropic millionaire paid Tommy's father \$500.

NEW MISSIONARIES

Presbyterian Church Sends Them to Central India.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—Rev. A. P. Leedham and wife, Rev. D. J. Davidson and wife, and Miss Elizabeth McMaster, M. D., left Toronto Thursday night for their journey to India, where they will labor as missionaries of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Leedham are returning to the field, but the other three are just beginning work as missionaries. They go to Central India, where the plague is raging at present.

SUBMARINE BELLS FOR ST. LAWRENCE

Hon. M. Prefontaine and Party Study Them on Trip From New York to Boston.

New York, Dec. 12.—A dispatch to the Herald from Boston says: Study submarine bell signals, with the intention of establishing them in the St. Lawrence River, a party of distinguished Canadians, including Hon. R. Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries; Colonel Gourdeau, the deputy minister of that department; Hugh A. Allan, head of the Allan steamship line; Andrew A. Allan, Judge Robideau, of the supreme court; Messrs. Davidson and Wilson, of Montreal, have made the trip from New York to this city in the steamer James J. Hay. Through the Whitney's receiving apparatus the party distinctly heard the bells on Vineyard Sound, Pollock Rip and Boston Lightship, when six miles away from them.

PORTUGAL'S TURN NOW

Has Cabinet Crisis After Best European Fashion.

Lisbon, Dec. 12.—The ministerial crisis, which has been latent for some months past, may be expected to manifest itself openly on the King's return from Villa Vicosa, at the end of the month.

It is an open secret that grave dissension exists in the cabinet, and the prime minister, Senor Ribeiro, has had extreme difficulty in keeping the ministry together, notwithstanding the numerous reconstructions. On the other hand, the state of health of Senor Luciano De Castro, chief of the progressists, or liberal party, has advanced age, makes it impossible for him to entertain the idea of putting himself again at the head of the ministry, a task which will be incumbent on all probability fall to Senor Vilela Beltrao or Senor Jose Maria D'Alpin.

A Street Tragedy.

London, Dec. 12.—Hurting home from school to show his mother the slip which had been given him by his teacher for good conduct for a month, John Dooly, a 7-year-old boy, was struck down by an English avenue trolley car yesterday afternoon within a few steps of his home, and killed. The hospital physician said the boy had died instantly. Both his limbs were cut off and his head was badly crushed. Beside the body was found the school book from which protruded the honor slip.

Temiskaming Railway.

Ontario and Ontario Railway will, it is hoped, be completed and trains running to New Liskeard by November. A large amount of rolling stock is now under way for the road, and surveys are locating the route for the extension to the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

London's Share of Cost Will Be About \$1,600

Probable Expense of the Niagara Power Commission—An Uncertainty.

The report submitted to the Toronto board of control by the Niagara power commission gives some interesting figures as to the cost to the municipalities of finding out through expert research just what the municipalities will be compelled to expend in order to obtain Niagara power.

Figuring, as was done in determining Toronto's share of the cost, at the rate of \$38.23 per \$1,000,000 of assessment, it will cost London about \$1,588.14 to share in securing the very necessary report, as London's assessment is now about eighteen and a half millions.

The report submitted at Toronto goes fully into the composition and powers of the commission, and states that Messrs. Snider, Ellis, Cockshutt, and Beck are willing to give their services without remuneration in view of the great public interests at stake. Mr. Snider, the expert, will require to be paid and the cost of his service and the inquiry to be conducted by the commission, on the assumption that seven municipalities, of which Toronto is one, will participate, is \$15,000. Taking the seven as carrying an aggregate assessment of \$10,000,000, the proportionate cost would be \$38.23 to each million of assessment. In the event of a large number of municipalities joining in this cost is probably subject to a considerable abatement. Reference is made to the vital importance to this province of the matter of the production and transmission of electric power, and the commission asks Toronto to co-operate in the proposed inquiry into the best mode of utilizing the great power resources of the province for the common good.

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STRANGE RITES FOR THIBETANS

Mysterious Country Described by a Buddhist Priest.

CANNIBALISM AND SACRIFICE

Its Gold Rooted Temple and Relics of Barbarism Curiously Mixed With a Gorgeous Ceremonial.

New York, Dec. 12.—Swami Abhedananda, of India, delivered a lecture on "Lamaism in Thibet," yesterday at Carnegie Lyceum under the auspices of the Vedanta Society of New York, which, it will be recalled, was founded some years ago by the late Swami Vivekananda, delegate to the Parliament of Religions at the World's Fair in 1893.

The lecture was the second in a series of three relating to the different forms of Buddha worship, and is of interest in view of the possible opening up of the "forbidden country" of Thibet to the commerce of the world. The greater part of the lecturer's remarks were devoted to a description of Thibet and its temples.

The country, he said, is governed by the priest kind known as the Dalai Lama, who is believed by his subjects to be the incarnation of the Celestial Buddha, the Lord looking down from on high. The religion of the Thibetans, before the teachings of Buddha took root among them, was that of savages. They practiced devil worship, devil dancing, cannibalism and offered human sacrifices. These practices still exist today. Human sacrifice, however, is not practiced as of old, by killing human beings, but by the substitution of clay images of men. Cannibalism is still in existence, devotees eating a small part of the skin of a very high lama, and using the thigh bones of lamas for trumpets.

He told how the great Mogul warrior, Genghis Khan, conquered China, Thibet and India. He told how Kubola Khan, when casting about him for the best religion, had representatives of different religions brought before him. Among them were the priests sent out by the Pope of that time and several Buddhist priests. The Khan asked for a miracle. This the Buddhist missionaries were unable to perform. But the Buddhist priests caused the Khan's wine cup to be miraculously refilled by his lips. That decided him for Buddha, and he established the Dalai Lama as the ruler of Thibet under his protection. The Thibetans believe that the Dalai Lama is a reincarnation of the Buddha, and that he doesn't die, but simply gives up one body and reincarnates in another. The present Dalai Lama is the thirteenth successive reincarnation. He was 18 years old when he ascended the throne ten years ago, so he is 18 now.

SIX DAYS' CYCLE AGONY

Seven Teams on Even Terms for the Last Sprint.

New York, Dec. 12.—The last day of the six-day bicycle races, four teams of riders pedaling around the big oval at Madison Square Garden, in a team on even terms, of whom five were in apparently good shape for the final sprint to determine the ownership of the prizes. The betting seemed to favor Leonard, \$25,000.00, slightly for first place, Bobby Walthour and Munroe being also backed by many. Ald. Snider, brothers, Bowler and Fisher and Newkirk and Jacobson, were considered to have at least a chance for place, as the team which has the extension to the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

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Lady Durand Aboard.

Liverpool, Dec. 12.—The Cunard liner "Lancania," which sailed from here today for New York, took among her passengers Lady Durand, wife of Ambassador Durand,