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WAR BETWEEN RUSSIA AND AUSTRIA SEEMS UNAVOIDABLE.

Austria's Position Stated by the Hungarian Prime Minister — While Professing Peace It is Interpreted as Meaning the Reverse—The Sinews of War.

PESTH, Jan. 29.—In the Hungarian Diet yesterday Premier Von Tisza emphatically declared that there was no ground to doubt the reciprocal bona fides of the Powers allied for the preservation of peace and for their own security. In consequence of the marked displacement of Russian troops and their transfer in the direction of the Austrian frontiers, the Government, without doubting the Czar's pacific declarations and avoiding all semblance of provocation, considers it its duty to see that necessary measures are taken to assure the safety of the frontiers and the efficiency of the army in case of an emergency.

Russia on the Alert.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 29.—The semi-official announcement is made that the political situation is unchanged, but that Russia must be on the alert in consequence of the continued increase of the armaments of Germany.

War Accepted as Inevitable.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—Herr Von Tisza's statement in the Hungarian Diet yesterday has confirmed the conviction that war between Austria and Russia is accepted by both sides as inevitable. Private advices from Vienna state that the diplomatic negotiations recently opened between Prince Lobanoff, the Russian Ambassador, and Count Kalnoky have been abandoned. The condition of affairs now existing means the two governments is simply that each is lying in wait for the first chance to strike.

Reports received at the War Office from agents on the Polish frontier intimate a renewal of activity among the Russian troops. Austrian war officials suspect that the object in view is the invasion of Bulgaria and that the aim of the Czar's strategy is to entrap Austria into sending the bulk of her forces into Galicia while the real coup is delivered in the Balkan peninsula. If Russia enters Roumania, Austria will hold the step to be a casus belli.

The sinews of war has been obtained by the Russian treasury by a loan arranged in Amsterdam, the amount of which is said to be 25,000,000. Herr Von Tisza has concluded negotiations with the Frankfort Rothschilds for a loan of 29,000,000 florins.

Stormy Debate in the Reichstag.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—There was a stormy debate in the Reichstag yesterday, on the Anti-Socialist Bill. In the lobbies the consensus of opinion was that the Government would be defeated if they persisted in attempting to pass the bill.

Germany's Aim.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—The committee on the Military Bill, Dr. Windthorst said the Government had obtained the assent of the Reichstag to the Septennate Bill by representing that the measure would be a guarantee of a pacific future. Now they come again demanding more sacrifices in men and money. When these demands are satisfied, what assurance is there that the country will have anything sufficient to give it rest from the military burdens? Count Von Schellendorf, Minister of War, curtly responded that if the approval of the Septennate Bill had been associated with any promise of permanent peace it was a mistake. The Government's aim was to protect the country, and the best way to do so was to make it strong against all attacks.

Association Hall should be crowded to the doors to-night to welcome this eminent Elocutionist.

American Railroad Securities in London.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Business on the Stock Exchange during the week was restricted. There were few changes in prices. American railroad securities were lifeless, but yesterday there were some symptoms of animation under the improvement in cable quotations. Erie, Norfolk and Western, Ohio and Mississipi and Denver and Rio Grande closed with a factional rise on the day.

Lord Durham's Libel Suit.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Some time ago Lord Durham made an unsuccessful application to the courts for divorce on the ground that his wife was insane when he married her. Yesterday a summons was granted Lord Durham against the owner of the paper, Bate, for libel in stating that Lord Durham's brutality drove his wife mad.

American Pilgrims Visit the Pope.

ROME, Jan. 29.—The Pope received 300 American pilgrims Saturday, among whom were the Archbishop of Philadelphia, the Bishop of Buffalo, the Vicar-General of Charleston and the Rector of the American College at Rome.

Cheaper Cable Rates in Prospect.

LONDON, Jan 29.—John Pender, chairman of the Direct United States Cable Company, has invited the cable companies to hold a conference for the purpose of fixing upon a tariff on a basis of 1 shilling per word.

Bismarck's Rheumatism.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—Prince Bismarck is still suffering from rheumatic pains. Nevertheless it is expected that he will speak in the Reichstag to-morrow.

In Honor of Prince Ferdinand.

PHILIPPOPOLIS, Jan. 29.—The officers of the garrison here gave a grand ball last night in honor of Prince Ferdinand and his mother.

French Deserters Shot.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—Advices from Tonquin say eighteen French soldiers were recently shot at one time for desertion.

Murder at Tarrytown.

TARRYTOWN, N.Y., Jan. 29.—Yesterday afternoon Smith Murphy, colored, shot and killed Patrick Tyner, also colored.

Remember the plan closes at 5 p.m. at Nordheimer's.

CHAT ACROSS THE CABLE.

Prince Bismarck arrived at Berlin Saturday night.

Louise Michel is suffering from mental aberration.

The Porte has requested England to evacuate Zeilah.

The Riviera has been visited by a heavy snowstorm.

The Khedive has been made Grand Master of the International Masonic Lodge in Egypt.

The Bundesrath has decided to expel Haupt and Schroeder, the alleged German spies.

Business on the Paris, Berlin and Frankfort Bourses last week was extremely dull.

Prince Oscar of Sweden was formally betrothed to Miss Munck in the Royal Palace yesterday.

The Austrian papers make an urgent appeal for aid for the starving peasantry in Georic, where a famine prevails.

Cardinal Manning has forbidden the proposed requiem services in memory of Prince Charles Edward Stuart.

Advices from Massowah say King John has moved his camp two days nearer that place. Kas Alula is with the king.

One hundred and five million florins was realized from direct taxes, and 1,840,000 florins from indirect taxes in Austria in 1887.

Intense excitement was caused in Galway yesterday by the arrest of a company of musicians who were returning from the Bishop's house.

At a special meeting of the Municipal Council, on Thursday, the freedom of the city of Dublin will be conferred upon Lord Ripon and John Morley.

The committee having the matter in charge has decided to give a public reception to Messrs. T. D. Sullivan and Wm. O'Brien in London on Feb. 13.

Advices from St. Petersburg say that the Government intends to largely increase the Russian garrison on the Pacific coast and greatly augment the Pacific fleet.

Don't forget Mr. Belford's recital to-night, Association Hall.

SNOWBOUND AT PICKERING.

Stuck in a Cut for Fifteen Hours—Montreal to Toronto via Peterboro.

The biggest snowstorm of the winter is responsible for a good deal of strong language which is being used by the traveling public just now. Persons who left Montreal on Friday via the Grand Trunk struck town yesterday morning, after having come through an experience which, as Sol Smith Russel says, "makes them very tired." Until the train reached Pickering everything was lovely, and expectations of seeing Toronto on Saturday seemed about to be gratified. After getting through Pickering the train ran slap into a big drift which completely filled a deep cutting and stayed there. The snow reached as high as the top of the car windows, and things looked rather dark in two ways. For fifteen hours the engine had no work to do.

The passengers indulged in consultation or objurgation, as their state of mind prompted them. One young man was seized with a brilliant idea and he organized a farm house march party. The ambassadors struck luck, and the farm house pantries were seriously depleted.

Baskets were filled and taken to the train, and soon the snowbound travelers were filling up on agricultural provisions. The baskets didn't last long, but their contents put the crowd in good humor.

The drift in which this train stuck extends for ten miles along the track. The passengers were transferred into a train which was sent up from Montreal. This train then ran down to Port Hope, up to Peterboro, and then over the Midland Division to Toronto, reaching town at 2.20 yesterday afternoon. On Saturday relays of men were working to clear the line. A snow-plow brought in ran off the track and further delayed progress. A number of other trains were also late.

No. 2 from the east came over the Midland Division and got in yesterday morning, and No. 4 got in at 8 last evening, having come over the same line.

On the Canadian Pacific Railway the trains were all on time with the exception of the express from Ottawa and Montreal, which was due at 8 Sunday morning. It ran into Union Station at 4 yesterday afternoon. On the Northern trains were from one to two hours late.

A large number of travelers are snowbound in Toronto. Persons wanting to go east over the Grand Trunk went down to the Union several times yesterday and Saturday, but had to return to the hotels.

Fifty-two passengers who were on the snowbound train at Pickering signed and forwarded this letter to Mr. Wm. Edgar, General Passenger Agent of the Grand Trunk:

"We the undersigned passengers on No. 2 through train from Montreal to Toronto, many hours late at Pickering, beg to bear testimony to the handsome manner in which we have been treated by the Grand Trunk Railway, through the agency of Conductor R. Purdon, on a most inclement night and one of the worst storms of the season. He managed, by his cheerful demeanor and urbanity, to keep the passengers, great in number, in the best of possible spirits, in obtaining sleighs and providing good meals and refreshments for the passengers, he almost caused them to be thankful for the delay, as it showed plainly that the comfort of the Grand Trunk Railway patrons was of the first consideration to the management."

Mr. R. Laurence of Montreal drew up the letter and fifty-one passengers signed it.

Professor Plumptre says Mr. Belford stands in the foremost rank of modern reciters.

THE SNOW BLOCKADE.

Trains Delayed in New York—Cold Weather in New England.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The running of ferry boats across the North and East Rivers is much impeded by ice. The delay in the arrival and departure of trains, owing to the snow blockade, continues, and was worse last night than during the preceding twenty-four hours. The trains have not been so irregular for several years.

Gathered from New England.

BOSTON, Jan. 28.—Despatches from numerous points in New England to-night do not indicate any substantial improvement in the state of affairs resulting from the snow blockade. The weather remains cold, high winds continue to prevail, and the snow is still drifting. The following temperatures are reported to-night with the mercury falling rapidly in most cases: Boston, 4 below; Gloucester, 15; Marblehead, 12; Montpelier, Vt., 12; Cape Cod, 4, the coldest for seventy years; North Adams, 10.

The Blockade Lifted at Montreal.

MONTREAL, Jan. 28.—The snow blockade has lifted somewhat and two trains arrived from New York at midnight last night. One was due Thursday night and the other Friday morning.

N.Y.C.'s Passenger Tracks Clear.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Railroad officials here state that the New York Central's passenger tracks are now all clear. Through trains from the North and West arrived here to-day not over one hour late.

No Mails at Oshawa.

OSHAWA, Jan. 29.—No mails have arrived here from either quarter since Friday night.

Shot by a Negro Gambler.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The fracas which occurred in Fitzpatrick's Hotel, back of Dobb's Ferry and near shaft No. 5 of the new aqueduct, on Saturday, is likely to result in the death of two colored men, Patrick Tyler and Wm. Hart, who were shot by a negro gambler named Smith Murphy. It was erroneously reported that Tyler had been killed almost instantly. Murphy escaped.

Sensation Scene in a Chicago Court.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Thomas Walsh drew a revolver in Judge Clifford's court room yesterday and attempted to shoot James Britton, whom a jury had just acquitted of the charge of having assaulted Walsh's daughter. Walsh was overpowered before he could carry out his purpose.

Colored Carolinians Lynched.

PLYMOUTH, N.C., Jan. 29.—Jack Blount, his brother, Matthew Blount, and Patterson Spruitt, all colored, were taken from jail by a masked mob on Thursday night and shot to death. They were charged with killing John Dawson, a pedlar, on New Year's Day.

A Colorado Brute Lynched in Louisiana.

AMITE CITY, La., Jan. 29.—Ben Edwards, colored, outraged Miss Catharine Hughes, white, Friday. He was captured and lodged in jail. Last night a body of armed citizens compelled the sheriff to give up the keys of the jail and, securing Edwards, banged him to a tree.

An Engineer Killed.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 29.—The second section of a passenger train ran into the first section near Screven, on the Savannah, Florida and Western Railroad last evening, killing Engineer Devine and seriously injuring his fireman.

Loss $75,000 to $100,000.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 29.—The Chemical Paper Company's mill at South Holyoke was burned last night. Loss $75,000 to $100,000; insured. It was one of the largest establishment of its kind in the world.

Killed by a Jealous Husband.

AUGUSTA CENTRE, N.Y., Jan. 29.—Norton Metcalfe, aged 40, accompanied Mrs. Virgil Jackson to her home after church. They were met at the gate by Jackson, who, in a jealous rage, shot and killed Metcalfe.

An Epidemic at Marblehead.

MARBLEHEAD, Mass., Jan. 29.—This community is affected with a serious epidemic of diphtheria and membranous croup.

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Geo. Edwards, a farmer, was shot and killed Saturday at Guyton, Ga., by a trap gun set for burglars.

The greenhouses of Jas. R. Petcher, President of the Essex County Toboggan Club at Short Hills, N.J., were burned Saturday. Loss $60,000.

THE HOME RULE SPECTER.

ENGLISH POLITICS CONTINUE MAINLY IRISH.

The First Government Business in Parliament Will be the Reform of Procedure—Mr. Cox, M.P., Sentenced to Four Months' Imprisonment with Hard Labor.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The announcement is authoritatively made that the first Government business in Parliament will be the reform of procedure. English politics continue to be mainly Irish politics. The statements of the prison doctor that Mr. McLane, M.P., has become a subject of delusions, owing to the severity of his treatment in prison and insufficient food, have made a profound impression. Yesterday's sentences were the heaviest yet passed.

Father McFadden and Mr. Blane.

DUBLIN, Jan. 29.—Rev. Father McFadden and Alexander Blane were removed from the Londonderry jail at 5 o'clock yesterday morning and taken to Dunfanaghy, County Donegal, where they will be tried. A few stones were thrown at the police as the prisoners departed. When Father McFadden and Mr. Blane arrived at Dunfanaghy, 1000 peasants, armed with sticks, gathered on the hillsides in military order. The crowd tried to enter the town but were prevented by the military.

"Cowardly, Slimy Renegades."

DUBLIN, Jan. 29.—Michael Davitt, speaking at Rathkeale to-day, advised the tenants of Lord Guillamore not to accept the offer tendered them to purchase their farms, because of the heavy burdens which would surely accrue under present circumstances and also because Lord Guillamore had evicted two of his tenants. He considered persons taking the farms of evicted tenants cowardly, slimy renegades and social lepers.

Herbert Gladstone's Apology.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Herbert Gladstone has written a letter to Lord Clanicarde in which he says that while speaking at Leeds he was prompted by strong feelings to apply most offensive epithets His Lordship concerning the evictions on the Clanricarde estates, and he begs to express his sincere regret that he should have used such language.

Imprisonment With Hard Labor.

DUBLIN, Jan. 29.—Joseph R. Cox, M.P., was convicted yesterday on the charge of addressing proclaimed branches of the National League and sentenced to four months' imprisonment with hard labor.

German Comments.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—The North German Gazette, commenting upon the recent arrests of Irish members of Parliament, says that such prompt and vigorous action well befits a Government which is conscious of its duty.

Earl Grey's Book.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Earl Grey will soon publish a volume describing his experiences in English and Irish politics. He maintains that the union was a success until 1868, but that since that year Ireland has been used for party ends.

Their Appeals Dismissed.

DUBLIN, Jan. 29.—The court has dismissed the appeals of twenty-one tenants on Col. Tottenham's estate at Wexford against sentences imposed upon them for violation of the Crimes Act.

"Rubenstein's Piano" and "What he did with it," to-night, Association Hall.

A CRISIS AT HAND.

An Attempt to be Made to Break up the Reading Strike.

READING, Pa., Jan. 29.—The reports from the coal regions are not so favorable. The storm having interfered with the working of collieries and transportation of coal, the strikers took advantage of the delay and by exercising an influence over the miners have again aroused a feeling in favor of standing by the railroad employes and continuing the strike. An effort will now be made to operate several of the largest individual collieries with non-union men. It is said if these hands go to work in the mines next Monday there will be trouble. Several non-union miners while on their way to work at the Henry Clay and Bear Valley collieries were halted while crossing the mountain at 5.30 o'clock yesterday morning and commanded to return home, which command they obeyed. They were stopped at various points on the mountain paths, but were unable to recognize the parties who halted them, as it was quite dark. They were told if they persisted in going to work they would be killed. The coal and iron police are daily escorting some of the men who were threatened to and from work.

The Strike in Congress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The report of the Commerce Committee on the Anderson resolution for an investigation of the Reading Railroad strike will be submitted to the House on Tuesday and a motion will be made for unanimous consent to take it up for immediate consideration. The majority report will recommend the reference of the matter to the Inter-State Commerce Commission. Representative Rayner, of Maryland, will present the minority report in favor of investigation by a special committee of Congress.

$200,000 Fire at Malone, N.Y.

UTICA, N.Y., Jan. 29.—Malone, Franklin County, N.Y., was visited by a terrible fire early this morning. It was first discovered in the crockery store of M. C. Fuller, situated in the Empire or Howard House Block, and was then under full headway. Owing to the hydrants being frozen no water could be obtained and long delay was caused until connection was made with the river. Meanwhile the fire had completely gutted the store and communicated to the Howard House. During the burning of the Howard House an explosion occurred, blowing out a portion of the brick walls and killing Isaac Chester and injuring several others. The whole Empire block was completely destroyed; loss $200,000, insurance $75,000

The Fisheries Commission.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The fisheries negotiators, who have held daily sessions at the State Department during the past week, adjourned yesterday until Monday at 2 o'clock. It is understood that they are nearing the end of their deliberations.

Mr. Belford possesses a flexible and powerful voice, a remarkable range of facial expression, good taste in gesture and attitude and a large amount of dramatic ability.

$50,000 Claimed as Damages.

A writ was issued Saturday against ex-Reeve Henry R. Frankland by the township of York, claiming $50,000 damages for dereliction of duty while in office. Messrs. Stephenson, Dickson and Taylor issued the writ, and the action will, it is expected, cause no little excitement in the township.

—Free.—Sheffield half-gallon patent Stanhope tea pots with adjustable steamer. These pots are honestly worth a dollar each, free with three pounds of tea. The Li-Quor Tea Company, 258 Yonge. x

The Board of Health Adjourns.

The Provincial Board of Health concluded its business on Saturday and adjourned till May. Dr. Macdonald's report in regard to the Niagara Falls Muddy Run Creek nuisance was adopted. The Publication Committee presented its report for material for the annual report and for the issue of the monthly health bulletin.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The City Council meets this evening at 7 o'clock.

Dr. Frank Krauss has removed to No. 29 Elm-street.

The Wanderers' Athletic Club Hockey Club will meet to-night.

Registered vital statistics last week: Births 56, marriages 10, deaths 38.

H.R.H. Princess Christian "admired and much enjoyed" Mr. Belford's recitals at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Park.

DAN CHANDLER PULLED.

The Quebec House and Aggie McKinley's Also Visited by the Police.

The police had a raid fever on Saturday night and yesterday. They went forth to get what they might get. The most important raid was that on the all-night restaurant at Church and Lombard-streets, the old Kingston House. Sergt. Hales, accompanied by Constables Geddes and Fyfe and nearly all of the relief at Police Headquarters, visited the place at 3 o'clock Sunday morning. They had easy access and arrested Daniel Chandler, whose real name, they say, is Daniel J. Mullin, formerly of Philadelphia, on the charge of keeping a house of ill-fame.

They also arrested a young man, who said his name was Wm. Egan, and a woman who was with him, and who said she was his wife. They further nabbed a youth of the name of James Johnston and a young woman named Maggie Winfield.

At 1.30 Sunday morning Constables Geddes and Fyfe visited the old Quebec House, at 55 York-street, and arrested the proprietor, James Keely, on the charge of keeping a house of ill-fame, and Bella Warren, who was found in his company. They paid official attention to Annie Quinn, a notorious woman who only got out of jail Saturday, and to her companion, a man, who said he was a Montreal commercial traveler, named John Foster.

At 10 o'clock last night the police visited the house at 149 Queen-street east, supposed to be kept by Agnes McKinley, but not a soul was found in the house.

Expect a thoroughly artistic evening to-night at Association Hall.

A PROPOSED COMPROMISE.

The Manitoba Ministers Will be Unopposed Except Martin.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 29.—The proposed compromise of Brandon Conservatives relative to disallowance is: Disallowance to cease May, 1891; the Canadian Pacific to build and operate before Nov. 1 next extension of the Glenboro branch of Southwestern Colonization; twenty miles extension of the Deloraine branch of the Canadian Pacific Southwestern to the western boundary of the province; to build the Souris branch from Brandon to Souris coal fields, twenty-five miles to be finished by November; the Red and Assiniboine Rivers to be made navigable. A great difference of opinion exists as to whether it should be adopted or not, and it is probable the Conservatives will hold a provincial convention to decide upon the acceptance of the compromise.

It is positively well decided than none of the ministers will be opposed except Attorney-General Martin, the Conservatives holding themselves for the general election in the spring.

John MacDonald and Alex. Moffat have been appointed to investigate the books of the late Government.

The Icelandic paper demands representation for its people in the Legislature.

Mr. Greenway has gone home and will be banquetted Wednesday.

DR MONTAGUE SUSTAINED.

The Haldimand Election Petition Dismissed With Costs.

CAYUGA, Jan. 29.—The Haldimand election trial was concluded at noon yesterday. In the morning the petitioner desired to go into the charges respecting votes cast by persons claiming to be farmers' sons, and whose names appeared upon the list as such, but who, at the time of voting, did not possess the requisite qualification. His Lordship held that the revised voters' list was final and conclusive and could not be inquired into.

The petitioner's counsel then claimed that, though a sufficient number of irregularities had not been proved to have affected ten individual votes, yet there appeared from the evidence what amounted to a general disregard of the law on the part of deputy returning officers, which could be very fairly held to have affected the general result. His Lordship said he could not so hold from the facts, as they appeared to him, and dismissed the petition with costs.

Dr. Montague stands elected with a majority of four.

The case was hotly contested and ably conducted on both sides.

Tennyson's famous "Ballad of the Fleet" to-night, Association Hall.

B. C. LEGISLATURE.

The Speech From the Throne—Measures to be Submitted.

VICTORIA, B.C., Jan. 28.—The Legislature was opened yesterday afternoon by the Lieut.-Governor who, in the course of the Speech from the Throne, referred to the fact that the case to recover on the bond given by the sureties of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the construction of a line to Coal Harbor was pending; that in consequence of the failure of the Kootenay and Columbia Railway Company to comply with their agreement with the Government the $25,000 deposit was forfeited. The Crofter scheme is referred to.

A railway to the Cariboo district and extension of the Island Railway to the northern end of Vancouver Island will be considered. Amongst measures to be submitted are a bill constituting County Courts with limited jurisdiction in criminal matters and a bill for increasing the efficiency of County Courts.

Death of Bishop Racine.

CHICOUTIMI, Que., Jan. 29.—Bishop Racine died suddenly yesterday morning.

A rare treat to-night at Association Hall.

Three Larceny Cases.

Two youths named James Murphy and Frank Kelly, both living at 109 River-street, were arrested last night and lodged in Wilton-avenue Police Station on the charge of stealing a lot of brass fixings from the tug Frank Jackman.

A newsboy named Chas. Hetherington was arrested Saturday night on the charge of stealing some newspapers from another newsboy named Geo. Barton.

James Mosey was run in on Saturday night, charged with stealing from Alex. Bourdon.

Chief Ardagh in a Collision.

While Chief Ardagh was hustling to the fire at Martin, Toms & Co., Saturday night, his sleigh came in collison with a runaway team at Yonge and Queen-streets. His horse and the team were both on the gallop, and the crash did much damage to the vehicles. The chief was thrown out, but escaped unhurt so as to be able to proceed to the fire.

The Coat Was on His Back.

On Dec. 24 Fred Meuthie of 753 Queen-street east had a cloth coat stolen from a sleigh in St. Lawrence market. The police were notified, and on Saturday last Detective Davis went to Hamilton and arrested a young man named John Dunn, who had the identical coat on his back. Davis brought his man back to Toronto on Saturday night.

Robbed a Tobacco Store.

At 10 o'clock last night burglars entered Grundy's tobacco store at 12 Queen-street east. Mr. Grundy, who lay upstairs, heard them and raised an alarm, but they got away with two bundles of cigarettes and two meerschaum pipes. They had effected an entrance through a rear skylight.

CANADIAN NOTES.

A city improvement association has been organized in Montreal.

Thirty-one whites and forty Chinese were killed in the Nanaimo disaster.

The annual report of the Montreal Board of Trade shows an increase in the trade of the city.

George Gregory, the tramp who had his feet frozen at Hamilton, has been removed from the jail to the hospital, where several of his toes will be amputated.

The trial of the persons found guilty of bribery in the recent Halton election trial will be held at Milton next Friday, and of those in a similar position in the Glengarry case, at Cornwall on Saturday next.

Mr. Belford in Association Hall to-night. Reserved seats 50c. General admission 35c.

THE GRAND TRUNK'S ACQUISITION.

Mr. Barlow Cumberland Talks About Northern Railway Matters.

Mr. Barlow Cumberland last evening gave The World some points on the Grand Trunk Railway's recent acquisition of the Northern and Hamilton and Northwestern Railways. He said:

"The turning point in the negotiations on the part of the Grand Trunk with the Northern was reached when they were enabled to secure the preference stock held by the Canadian Pacific Railway, the latter disposing of its holdings when it was found that the Grand Trunk was ahead on the deal. The agreement has been ratified by the Northern and the Hamilton and Northwestern Companies, and the Grand Trunk Railway will take formal possession of these lines on Feb. 23. The two roads will be entirely fused into the Grand Trunk Railway system as the old Great Western Railway was. The holders of all ranks of Northern and Hamilton and Northwestern bonds and stock will be given Grand Trunk Railway securities of equivalent value. As far as the municipalities of Simcoe and Toronto are concerned, it is unquestionably to their advantage that the companies should be worked by a large and commanding corporation as the Grand Trunk Railway. It will ensure a better service and that is what will give a return for their stock. The County of Simcoe has indicated its consent and the City of Toronto, it is expected, will do likewise. It is to the advantage of the private stockholders to obtain something tangible for their holdings in lieu of scrip, whose value was entirely problematical.

"In this connection it has been suggested by some that the bondholders of the Northern have dealt adversely in the past with the stockholders. There was never a more thorough misconception. In 1859 the Northern was ordered to be sold at auction by the Government for the benefit of its creditors, when the bondholders come forward, doubled their own investment, made arrangements by which over three-quarters of a million of arrears of debts were compromised, and instead of wiping out the stock genorously arranged for it to maintain its reversion position. Again in 1875 the bondholders advanced the moneys necessary to pay off the Government lien, which otherwise would have wiped out the stock, and effected arrangements by which the annual charges in front of the old stock were decreased by $50,000, and their position was consequently that much improved.

At several crises in the company's history influential bondholders came forward and by their personal assistance enabled the company to be carried successfully through dull periods. The sole difficulty has been that the demands of the country for increased railway extension and business facilities have called for all surplus earnings, and the trade of the district would have been hampered had not these facilities been provided.

"It is to be remembered that the preference stock, which ranks in front of the old stock, is several years in arrears on the dividend, and in no possibility at any time could the old stock receive a dividend till these were paid. The arrangement appears to be a most favorable one for the creditors, the company and the country at large."

In the City Council.

Ald. Baxter has a resolution to move in the City Council to-night concerning the absorption of the Northern by the Grand Trunk. The worthy alderman will say nothing on the subject to reporters or anyone else. His resolution will ask the Council to agree to the proposed amalgamation on the ground that it shows the position of the Council will not be prejudicially affected, but rather benefited. In any event the action of the city will not be effective in preventing the amalgamation, and the most that could be done would be to protest against it.

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THE "MOUNTAIN PINK" BLOWN.

Bella Moore's Company Disbands Because of a Disastrous Season.

The company presenting the "Mountain Pink" at the Toronto Opera House last week disbanded after the evening performance on Saturday. Internal dissensions and the continued ill health of Miss Bella Moore, the star, are the reasons assigned for the collapse by Manager Walter Jemmison.

On the other hand, W. T. Gregg, the husband of Bella Moore, declares that Jemmison's failure to pay salaries for weeks caused the trouble. The discontent was noticeable during the performance on Saturday night, and at one time a riot was imminent behind the scenes. Miss Moore left for New York on Saturday night, but the other members of the company had to lay over till yesterday.

Just before leaving for the station, Jemmison and Gregg got into an altercation at the Grand Pacific Hotel. Blows were exchanged by the combatants, but neither seriously hurt. Gregg however went out in search of a policeman, but Jemmison had gone to the station when he returned to the hotel with an officer.

A RATTLING SLEIGH RIDE.

New Mr. Justice Street and the Political Lawyers Reached Home Early.

The Haldimand election trial closed at Cayuga at noon on Saturday, and as the only train by which the judge and counsel could reach Toronto had left, they procured an open sleigh—the only kind to be had on the Grand River—and started at 1.45 p.m for Hamilton to catch the 5.30 train for Toronto, the thermometer showing 10° below zero. The distance between the two places is at least twenty-five miles, and that ground was covered in three hours. The party consisted of Mr. Justice Street, Dalton McCarthy, A. B. Aylesworth, N. R. Butcher and O. Macklem. When they alighted at the Grand Trunk station they felt pretty stiff and to the people on the railway platform they looked like animated icicles just arrived from the North Pole. They had the satisfaction, however, of getting to Toronto at 7.05 o'clock Saturday night, and thus spending Sunday at home, instead of having to pass another twenty-four hours in country exile.

Mr. Belford in Association Hall to-night. Reserved seats 50c. General admission 35c.

Osgoode Legal and Literary Society.

On Saturday night the President, Mr. Fullerton, gave his third lecture on the Judicature Act, which, like the others, was interesting and useful. Mr. Wright gave a clever essay on Longfellow's poems. The debate for the evening was: "Resolved, that a party press is beneficial to the community." Mr. J. A. Ferguson led the affirmative, and advanced many arguments in favor of a party press. Mr. Widdowson, on the negative, followed. He gave an interesting sketch of the history of the press, and strove to persuade his hearers of the benefit of an independent sheet, and the hurtfulness of one that is tied to a party. Mr. Starr followed, and ably supported Mr. Ferguson. Mr. Stewart took the platform for the negative. The debate was then thrown open, and Messrs. Ryckman, Knowles, Douglas, McGee and Hughes took part in the discussion. The debate was declared, by vote, in favor of the affirmative.

"Rubenstein's Piano" and "What he did with it," to-night, Association Hall.

In Memory of Rev. John Smith.

The usual Sunday afternoon meeting in the Pavilion, under the auspices of the Young Men's Prohibition Club, was held yesterday when it took the form of a service in memory of the late Rev. John Smith. Rev. Dr. Potts occupied the chair and delivered a short address referring to the character and work of the late pastor of Erskine Church. Addresses were also made by Rev. Dr. Thomas, Rev. Isaac Tovell of Peterboro and W. H. Howland and J. J. MacLaren. There was appropriate singing.

Yachtsmen Will Have Their Inning.

Bright and sparkling as the foam-crested wave will be the Royal Canadian Yacht Club ball on Feb. 2. Everything that taste can devise in the matter of decorations is being pushed forward. Determined that this shall be the most *recherche* event of the season the gallant tars have issued the mandamus that the dress shirts, ties and gloves shall be procured from quinn.

Mr. Vanhorne Passes Through.

Vice-President Van Horne of the Canadian Pacific Railway arrived yesterday from Chicago and went east in the evening.

Don't forget Mr. Belford's Recital to-night, Association Hall.

PARKDALE'S ANNEXATION.

SHALL TORONTO TAKE IN THE FLOWERY SUBURB?

Both Will Be Mutually Benefitted—The Queen City Will Gain Four Thousand Population—Parkdale to be One of the Finest Residential Parts of the City.

When is Parkdale to be annexed to Toronto? They say the present moment is the very time she should embrace the golden opportunity. The majority of those whose opinions are valuable on this question say that now is the time to act. At any rate, that the flowery suburb is destined soon to lose its own identity and become an integral part of the great and enterprising city upon which alone it depends for its existence, is a supposition admitting of little doubt. The district west of Dufferin-street and along the Lake Shore may have a separate municipality of its own, but it is virtually as much a part and parcel of Ontario's metropolis as Yorkville is, or as the part of the city east of the Don is. Parkdale at present is like the female boarder who cooks her own meals and eats from a separate table. Let her rise to the dignity of the occasion and become a full-fledged partner in the housekeeping.

Annexation is going to be in the interests of both Toronto and Parkdale. It will increase the prestige of both. Building and commercial progress is retarded in Parkdale because people have the impression that the flowery suburb is a village or town run on the village principle, possessing a town pump, from which the people draw their water, and having a town constable who applies and executes the law with as much assurance as a carpenter drives home a two-inch nail. Now when the retired farmer or the opulent country storekeeper decides to come to live in the metropolis he gives Parkdale the go by. He does not want to live in any town pump, town constable municipality. It reminds him too much of Wayback from which he came. He wants to live in a genuine city. He may take a house three or four miles from the centre of the city, but as a rule that house is within the city limits. Parkdale loses a great many such families who, as a rule, have considerable money to spend in the pursuit of business and in their household.

What else will annexation do for Parkdale? It will give the people better police protection and better protection against fire.

Some allege that annexation will increase the taxes that the Parkdalians now pay to the village tithe gather. This is not the case. A thorough investigation into the matter will show that taxes paid by Parkdale to Toronto are just about the same as those paid by the citizens of Parkdale. Last year Toronto's rate was 15¾ mills with a liability to extra taxation on two local improvement bylaws only, the sewer and block paving bylaws. In Parkdale the general rate was 16½ mills, but in addition to that the taxpayer was liable to be assessed on twelve different local improvement bylaws. These bylaws are for such services as block paving, sidewalk, tree planting, sewerage, street watering, street cleaning, house numbering, curbing, etc.

The World examined a few of the tax papers that Parkdalians had to meet for last year. One showed $175 for the general rate at 13 mills and $200 in the way of taxation for local improvements and local services. Put these two sums together and we have a total of $375 or about 28 mills on the dollar in that case. Two other papers showed $10 general rate and $20 local rates. This would make the total rate about 39 mills. These may be exceptional cases (although the reporter does not know that they are), but they show that it is absurd to state that Parkdale's taxes are less than Toronto's because the former's rate is only 13 mills on the dollar. When the proposed committees of the two municipalities come to consider the question of relative taxation should be enquired into and the people will be surprised to learn how much greater their taxes are than they have any idea of.

There are a large number of the inhabitants of Parkdale who have their business in Toronto or who are employed in Toronto. Almost all of this class are decidedly in favor of annexation. If a union between the two places were once effected the population of Parkdale would be increased by many clerks and business men going to reside there who now refuse to do so because of the all potency of the town pump and the town constable. The population of Parkdale has grown a great deal too slowly in comparison with its undoubtedly fine position and great advantages. Many districts of Toronto proper, less attractive and advantageous, have far outstripped Parkdale in material development and progress.

Annexation would secure for Parkdale an early completion of the King-street subway. It would be the means of securing one, two or five lines of railway track cross Brock-ton-road and where several accidents have already happened. If Parkdale were part of Toronto it would be but a short time before the barriers on Dufferin-street at the Queen-street subway would be removed and the street made available for wagons and pedestrians from the Bay right up to Bloor-street. This could be effected by some slight and not expensive alterations to the present subway. It is an improvement that is much needed. There are also some defects to the Queen-street subway itself which would no doubt soon be remedied were the two municipalities acting under one head. Another thing annexation would accomplish would be the extension of Lansdowne-avenue in Parkdale to Jamieson-avenue in Toronto, and there are many other such like improvements that annexation would be the means of bringing about and thus immediately.

Annexation would increase the value of property in Parkdale generally and especially in the north and west sides where property stands at lower figures than less desirable property in Toronto.

The proposed drive and park scheme should be engineered by Toronto and Parkdale under one head. Parkdale has the facilities for supplying the finest portion of the proposed drive. Mr. J. J. Threlkeld, T. A. Thompson and one or two others have elaborated a scheme for building a drive and boulevard extending along the lake front for 7000 feet, beginning at Dufferin-street and running to a point where it will connect with the Lake Shore-road. The roadway would run right alongside the water, would be seventy-five feet wide, and would have grass plots planted with shade trees and sidewalks on either side of the road bed. The cost of this drive and boulevard is estimated at $94,000.

The Island ferry question is another thing in which Parkdalians are becoming more and more interested. They want a direct ferry communication to Hanlan's Point, and certainly by availing themselves of Toronto's ferry system they would have much better prospects of having a direct service than they have now. A necessary undertaking to bring this about will be the building of a wharf at the bottom of one of the avenues. The present wharf leading to the Exhibition Grounds is not available on account of its situation and from the fact that it is fenced off from the public thoroughfares.

As far as Toronto is concerned annexation would benefit it in the same way that the yearly increase in population and property is held to benefit any city. No city now-a-days will refuse an increase in its population, knowing that the more populous any place is the more valuable is property and the greater is the field for acquiring wealth. A large number of Toronto's aldermen view the annexation scheme with favor and so do the majority of citizens at large. When recently interviewed on the question both ex