

At Death's Door.

Lord Churchill in a Semi-Comatose Condition.

Dissolution of Italy's Parliament Likely to Take Place Soon.

Report of the Japanese Attack on Wei Hai Wei Confirmed.

Windfall for the Princess of Wales - \$50,000 Left Her by the Czar - Price of Killing a Wife.

CHURCHILL WORSE. LONDON, Jan. 21.-At midnight Lord Randolph Churchill had another attack of heart failure. He is now semi-comatose.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A CHURCH DIGNITARY. PARIS, Jan. 21.-Julian Florian Felix Desprez, Cardinal Archbishop of Toulouse, died suddenly in that city today from heart disease. He was born on April 14, 1807, and created cardinal May 12, 1875.

ITALIAN ELECTIONS IN MARCH. ROME, Jan. 21.-The parliamentary session which was adjourned immediately after the publication of the Giolitti documents, was today declared closed by royal decree. The dissolution and appeal to the electors will take place probably in March.

HENRI IS ALL RIGHT. LONDON, Jan. 21.-Upon receipt of the dispatch from Paris saying that it was rumored there that Henri Rochefort had been murdered, a representative of the United Press sought that gentleman and found him enjoying excellent health. He was greatly amused at the large number of telegrams which had been received at his apartments asking for confirmation of the report and particulars. He was unable to give any idea as to the origin of the report.

BRIGHTER COMMERCIAL PROSPECTS. LONDON, Jan. 21.-The new year opened very hopefully in London. There is a general idea that commercial prospects are altogether brighter, and this winter the ranks of the unemployed will be far less in number than they have been for many years. It is surprising with what rapidity the proposals of Gen. Booth are received by the papers which condemned him so bitterly as late as two years ago. Among recent subscriptions received by the Army was a check from Sara Bernhardt.

DRESSED FOR THE OCCASION. LONDON, Jan. 21.-This piece of healthy philosophy was uttered by Commissioner Kerr at the City of London Court. He was trying the case of a wife seeking to enforce payment of \$280 due her under a separation deed from her husband, the defendant. The man lived in good style, but pretended that he was only earning \$6 or \$7 a week. He appeared in court in a dilapidated suit of clothes, and it was hinted that he had dressed himself for the occasion, so as to impress the court with his improved condition. It was stated that he was usually stylishly attired, and had all the outward marks of a man of means. It was in adjourning the case in order to ascertain the defendant's resources that the commissioner made his speech on the value of appearances.

MAY BREAK UP FOX-HUNTING. LONDON, Jan. 21.-An American inventor is in a fair way to break up the English sport of fox-hunting. In consequence of the rapid increase of barbed and other wire fencing in the Shropshire Hunt country, which has caused a number of serious accidents this season, including one to the first whip, Heywood Lonsdale, the master of the Shropshire hounds, has intimated to the secretaries that he shall decline in future to allow any of the whips or huntsmen in his employ to endanger their lives if the objectionable practice is allowed to continue.

THE JAPS' FORWARD MOVEMENT. United States Secretary Gresham has received two cablegrams from Minister Denby at Peking, dated today, confirming the report of a Japanese expedition against the great Chinese arsenal of Wei Hai Wei. The first conveys information of a report reaching Peking that the Japanese had bombarded Ting Chow Foo, 50 miles north of Chee Foo, and had landed forces on the Shantung promontory, 40 miles north of Wei Hai Wei. The latter dispatch, apparently a confirmation of the one received several hours earlier, stated that three ships bombarded Ting Chow Foo, and that the American missionaries had left on the Yorktown.

Ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster, who was selected several weeks ago by the Chinese Government to assist negotiations for peace with the Japanese Government, arrived at Yokohama Monday morning.

COST OF KILLING A WIFE. LONDON, Jan. 21.-The price for killing one's wife has been judicially fixed in England at \$500. At the North London Police Court, before Mr. Lane, Q.C., Arthur Fasnacht, 39, comedian, of Clarence terrace, Haggerston, was charged with causing the death of his wife, by severely beating and otherwise ill-treating her. The evidence that the woman's death had been caused by her husband's blows during a drunken row was conclusive, and Justice Lane asked Inspector Bailey if he had all the necessary witnesses present. Inspector Bailey replied that he had, but he would ask for a remand until the inquest on the deceased had been held.

Mr. Lane (to the prisoner)-Have you anyone to defend you?  
The prisoner-I have no means.  
Mr. Lane-I shall remand you for a week.  
The prisoner-Can I have bail.  
Mr. Lane-This is a very serious charge, and if I admit you to bail it will have to be very substantial. I shall require two sureties in \$50 each.

WINDFALL FOR THE PRINCESS OF WALES. LONDON, Jan. 21.-The will of the late Czar brings a windfall to the Princess of Wales, and one that will be more than appreciated. He has left to his sister-in-law the sum of \$50,000, "because I love her," reads the imperial testament. It is unnecessary to add that this little sum of money is acceptable, if only for the fact that it will

pay for the trousseaus of the two young Princesses of Wales, who must soon be parted with husbands. The jointure of the widowed Czarina is \$500,000 per annum, together with three residences in various parts of the country, to be maintained at the expense of the Russian nation. All this to the second daughter of the always imperious King of Denmark, a monarch who in the days when the throne seemed far distant from him added to the support of his family by giving drawing lessons. For is this all the money that comes to the widow of Alexander III. Her two young daughters are to have \$200,000 a year for life as soon as they come of age.

It is not right, so I am told, to use the title "Czarina," as applied to the wife of a reigning Czar. Only an Empress of Russia, reigning in her own right, must be given that title. The designation of the bride of Nicholas II is "Empress," and nothing more. On the day of the wedding, by the by, I heard that all the jewels, the official property of the Czar's wife, were transferred to one of her apartments and then carried back to the imperial treasury. Over 100 iron safes contain these jewels, which include the celebrated Stuaac's chain of diamonds and emeralds made for the Empress Elizabeth, containing 178 diamonds and 129 emeralds valued at \$1,200,000. Another invaluable treasure is the crown of rub. emeralds, diamonds, pearls and opals all strung together to form a shawl cape. This article is so heavy that when the Empress wears it two porters on either side are held at so to relieve the weight from the imperial shoulders. The jewels themselves have a suite of attendants who do nothing else but look after them. Ten polish them all the day long. Five or six spend all their time in searching for flaws and in making daily tallies of their value, whilst a captain's watch over them by day and night.

ON THE BIG BRIDGE. Two Cars Collide - The People Hurt - Blocked for One and a Half Hours.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.-A rear-end collision occurred early this evening on the Brooklyn Bridge, 200 yards west of the signal on the Brooklyn side. Two cars were badly damaged and three people injured. Those hurt were Edward H. Haight, aged 66, a clerk, No. 54 field street, Brooklyn, left leg fractured, and a woman, aged 20 years, stenographer, of No. 166 Lee avenue, Brooklyn, face cut with flying glass; a young man, name and address unknown, and hands cut by glass. The accident was indirectly due to another which occurred a few minutes before the New York side, in which a car stalled, stopping traffic from Brooklyn. A train dispatcher who was on duty at the Brooklyn end of the bridge and of the New York accident had been hunting cars into the sheds of the depot to get them out of the way. A train of five cars, with the conductor in charge, was passing the signal near the Brooklyn entrance to the trestle on its way to Brooklyn, when the conductor was sign to stop, and the train came to a standstill. The object was to hold the train until the Brooklyn depot was cleared of cars. A train following Lehman's from New York, with Conductor R. H. Hewitt in charge, crashed into the rear of the train. The train hid behind the signal, and the shock of collision threw down many of the passengers.

The two accidents caused the most stupendous block that has ever occurred on the bridge. For more than an hour and a half the traffic on both promenade and the big joggled bridge was fairly jammed.

THE MAN CAPTAIN. New Orleans - Her a Kousing.

Last evening the New Orleans river, was a great stir on the levee, and prolonged blowing of steam whistles everybody in the city, something unusual had occurred. It was the case, but nothing had happened to make the insurance men sleep. The noise was all about a little lady, Capt. Leathers, who left yesterday morning for New Orleans, leaving his wife, who received her license a few months ago, in charge of the boat. She only wanted to see her husband, and she only wanted to see her husband. An emergency had arisen, and she only wanted to see her husband. An emergency had arisen, and she only wanted to see her husband.

THE BOY SHOT DEAD. Seven Boys Were Playing Burglar - Didn't Know the Pistol Was Loaded.

DETROIT, Jan. 21.-Seven boys played burglar in a shanty in the rear of Germania Hall on Mullett street last night. At the climax of the sport Fred E. Lapiere was shot and instantly killed by Frank Lane. The weapon used was an old-fashioned seven-barreled revolver loaded with a Flobert cartridge. The tragedy is the fruit of the "Deadwood Dick" variety of fiction literature.

The shooting took place in a "bunk," which the boys had fitted up in the rear of Germania Hall. The bunk consisted of a rough board shanty, about twelve feet square. Its principal furniture consisted of a tumble-down stove, a table and three or four chairs. The interior walls of the shanty are lavishly decorated with cigarette pictures and wild west scenes clipped from the flashy illustrated papers of the east. Here a crowd of six boys have been wont to congregated every evening. The latest report from the boys is that the pistol went off in Lane's hand, the bullet entering Lapiere's head.

Housekeepers who have been induced to try some new brand of baking powder immediately become more emphatic than ever in their approval of Dr. Price's.

CALIFORNIA SNOW-BOUND. Railroad Blockade Feared - Snow from Three to Twenty Feet Deep.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 22.-The worst snow storm for five years is raging in the Sierras, and threatens to repeat the great railroad blockades of 1889. Hard-packed snow lies from 3 to 50 feet deep in the railroads, while on the level of the summit of the Sierras it measures 20 feet. The latest report from the mountains is that trains are moving slowly, and that snow slides are expected.

The snow is deep along the ranges, and rain is reported as falling in all parts of the state. It is especially heavy in Southern California, where floods and washouts have occurred in the Colorado desert of San Diego county, where rain seldom falls.

The patella, or knee pan, projects in front of the knee to afford a proper fulcrum of some of the muscles of motion.

Late Canadian News.

Malden Township Farmer Killed by the Cars - Ottawa's Carnival Opened.

Sir James Grant opened the Ottawa carnival on Monday.

During the year 1894 England imported from Canada 28,711 tons of hay.

On Saturday Mr. William Cox, one of the best known pork curers of Hamilton, died after a short illness.

Haire Chief Inaiah, of Toronto, who was badly hurt at the Globe fire, is reported a little better, and will now probably recover.

An order was procured at Osgoode Hall on Saturday to serve Mayor Kennedy of Toronto with notice of quo warranto proceedings being taken to unseat him.

Mr. John Leeson, of Malahide, uncle of ex-Mayor Leeson, of Aymer, died at his home in Malahide on Saturday in the 77th year of his age.

Mr. J. H. Malcolm, who was arrested on the charge of arson a week ago in Brantford, was taken to Hamilton on Monday to give evidence in the case of Malcolm vs. the Perth Mutual Insurance Company.

The Bank of Montreal, which has undertaken to re-establish international exchange in Newfoundland, shipped \$100,000 in gold to St. Johns on Monday. The gold was withdrawn from the United States sub-treasury in New York.

Dr. J. E. White, of Carlton street, Toronto, died suddenly on Monday night at his home in Toronto with a heart ailment. He had been attending to his patients and returned home, but fell just inside his doorway, and died within a few minutes. He was 47 years old.

At Georgetown, on Sunday evening, Albert Turner, a young man, was escorting a lady friend to her home after church, when he was struck two terrific blows from behind by some person unseen, and he fell unconscious ever since. Joe McMaster is suspected of doing the deed.

Miss Maria Cobban, a maiden lady of about 50 years of age, was walking on Wilton avenue, Toronto, Saturday evening, when she was struck by a faintness of the heart. She went into the Salvation Army Rescue Home, where she died without regaining consciousness.

Mr. Charles E. Maddison, of Toronto, city agent of the Western Assurance Company, and president of the Toronto Curling Club, died on Monday at his residence, 106 St. George street. He was about 42 years of age, and leaves a widow and four children.

John McHugh, a well-known Malden township farmer, aged about 50 years, was killed at 7 o'clock on Monday night at an M. C. R. crossing there while driving home from Essex. The deceased was a brother to Judge McHugh, Windsor, and a member of a prominent family in Essex county.

James J. Hurley, who is employed in the Brantford Exposition, and Miss Herington, of Brantford, drove to Hamilton on Sunday afternoon and proceeded at once to the Jam's Street Baptist Church, where they were quietly married by Rev. E. G. Boville. Mr. and Mrs. Hurley attended the evening service and then drove back to Brantford.

W. McAdam, an employe of the G. T. R. works, Brantford, had the top of one of his fingers taken off Saturday. While he was away having his injured finger dressed a shafting broke, letting a heavy pulley fall on the spot where he stands to attend his machine. Had he been there he would undoubtedly have been crushed to death.

Clara Ford will not be tried until the Spring Assizes in Toronto for the murder of Frank Westwood. This was the dictum of Judge MacMahon, before whom Mr. Johnson, Q.C., who is associated with W. G. Murdoch, made application on Monday afternoon. Clara wants an opportunity to bring forward more witnesses.

Mr. Jacob Zilanski, an eclectic specialist of Toronto, has begun action against the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons to recover \$95,000 damages. He was imprisoned for an alleged violation of the Medical Act, and also forbidden to practice medicine in Ontario. He claims, however, that he was a practitioner before the present law was ever thought of.

Queer Doings!

Nine Hundred Dollars Voted to the Directors

Of the London and Port Stanley Railway by the Retiring Members.

Two Hundred to Ex-Mayor Essery - Ex-Ald. Coo Gets \$300, and the Directors \$50 Each - Initial Meeting of the New Board.

The retiring London and Port Stanley Railway Board was good to itself in its dying hours yesterday. The directors were so good that they divided \$900 among themselves. Last year's board was composed of Mayor Essery, Ald. James Fitzgerald, Judd, Taylor, Shaw, Dreaney, Carrothers, Coo, Messrs. F. A. Fitzgerald and F. E. Leonard.

Messrs. F. A. Fitzgerald and Judd were not present at the meeting yesterday. During the year Ald. Coo was granted \$150 for "extra services" as secretary. Yesterday he was voted \$150 more, making \$300 in all.

Then ex-Mayor Essery, the retiring president, was voted \$200. Following that the directors got \$50 each, with the exception of Mr. F. A. Fitzgerald, who did not attend regularly. Mr. Fitzgerald was only granted \$25. The other \$25 was voted to Mr. Pope, city treasurer.

The meeting was a star chamber one. At the new board meeting took place later in the afternoon, and once again reporters were allowed to sit through a meeting of the London and Port Stanley Railway Board. They have not done so for the last couple of years. Some of the old members had no faith in the publicity of the press.

The motions dealing directly with the matter read as follows: Moved by Ald. Coo, that the board make a grant to the president (Mr. Essery) of \$200 for his services, and that each director who has attended the meetings regularly be paid \$50, and that the secretary be granted \$150 for the past year." Carried.

The next motion was as follows: "Moved by Ald. Shaw, seconded by Ald. Carrothers, that the treasurer be instructed to pay to each director the sum of \$50, except F. A. Fitzgerald, who should be paid \$25; also the sum of \$150 to the secretary and \$200 to the president. Also that the treasurer be paid \$25 for his services."

The new board met at 4 o'clock in the mayor's office. Ex-Mayor Essery was in the chair, and on motion of Mayor Little he was accorded a retiring vote of thanks. Mayor J. W. Little was then elected president, and Mr. Frank Leonard was re-elected vice-president. Ald. Parnell was elected secretary pro tem without salary.

Ald. Wm. Heaman moved that Parke & Purdon be the board's solicitors. Ald. J. W. Jones seconded.

Mr. Ed. Meredith was reappointed. There was no second.

Engineer Graydon was appointed resident engineer.

A number of resolutions were passed. The question of erecting a new freight house and other buildings in this city was discussed and the matter laid over. The annual report was in the late mayor's handwriting. It read:

"Your directors beg leave to report that the M. C. R. operated the London and Port Stanley Railway Company until April 30, 1894, after which the road was taken possession of on May 1, and has been operated since by the L. E. and D. R. R. under their lease. We have received from the M. C. R. the sum of \$1,883.94, after deducting our share of the running expenses and the payment by our company of \$2,742.25 out of the total cost of the interlocking switch built by the M. C. R. under an order issued by the Dominion Government for that purpose, which was paid by our company. The roadbed has been placed in good repair by the lessees and the new overhead bridges have been rebuilt. A warehouse at Port Stanley and a station and freight shed combined has been erected at St. Thomas on the company's property, under our direction, and the amounts expended are shown in the accounts filed with the secretary.

"The lessees have endeavored to keep their passenger service up to the requirements of the lease, and the board has pleasure in making a statement. Your board have prepared plans and specifications for the erection of freight sheds, round house, stand pipe and coal docks as required by the terms of the lease. They have been referred to the incoming board with a recommendation that the same shall be constructed. We have received no rents from the present lessees as they have expended the amount so far due in improving the railway bed and property, as agreed to by the lease. The treasurer's statement shows a balance of \$1,192.22."

The financial statements showed the receipts to have been \$2,019.63, and the expenses \$827.40, leaving the balance mentioned above.

The disbursements included \$150 to ex-Ald. W. C. Coo for "extra services," and \$438.86 to Ed. Meredith as solicitor.

The members present were: J. W. Little, Ald. Wm. Heaman, Ald. J. W. Jones, Ald. O'Meara, John Bland, Moses Masuret, Ald. Carrothers, F. E. Leonard, Ald. Parnell and Wm. Dowman.

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