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RUSSIA'S ROAD TO INDIA.

A LECTURE INHIBITED BY THE RUSSIAN WAR OFFICE.

Lord Randolph Churchill Explains—Mr. Labouchere's Discovery—Dr. Mackenzie Rejected—Resignation of the Spanish Ministry—Sharp Fighting at Bagamoyo.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The officers of the Woolwich garrison recently invited Charles Marvin to deliver a lecture on the cutting of Russia's road to India. Mr. Marvin accepted the invitation and made the necessary arrangements, but the War Office on learning his intention interfered and refused him permission to deliver the lecture.

Mr. Bright had a shivering fit to-day which left him in a very weak condition. Other grave symptoms were manifested.

Lord Randolph Churchill writes as follows with reference to the Suakim debate: "Had I wished to snatch a division in order to defeat the Government and aid the Opposition I should not have occupied 50 minutes with my own speech nor have selected a night when a five-line Conservative whip was out. The fact is that the present Government's Suakim policy is so irreconcilable with the Tories' attitude when in opposition that I felt very confident of receiving appreciable support in the ministerial rank."

The "Blackman" Question.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Bombay Gazette, discussing the "blackman" question, says: "Lord Salisbury seems to have spoken in terms as impolite as they were discourteous."

The Times of India refuses to believe that Lord Salisbury used the words.

The Indian Mirror says the words are a libel upon the whole Indian race and a deliberate insult meriting the Queen's severest displeasure.

Other papers make equally strong comments in saying that Lord Salisbury is unworthy to retain his position.

A Serious Question.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Mr. Labouchere has made the discovery that the steamships of the Inman line are chiefly owned in America, and will question the Government in the House of Commons to-morrow regarding the use of these ships in the capacity of cruisers in the event of war. This serious question leads to the incidental statement that Lord Sackville will remain in London during the ensuing week.

Boycotting Sir Morell.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The boycotting of Dr. Mackenzie by the Edinburgh physicians is the result of something like an order from the London medical fraternity, which, as the sense of a largely attended meeting, requested the Scotch doctors not to notice him. As Mackenzie, however, has compelled not only the notice but the patronage of persons to whom the existence of the Scotch doctors is unknown, it is to be inferred that he is not heartbroken over their action.

To Wed a Dying Man.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The report that Prince Van Pless would marry Miss Woodville of Maryland is declared untrue. Miss Woodville has long been engaged to Prince Sapieka. The mother's opposition has delayed the marriage, but as the Prince is now mortally ill the ceremony will probably be permitted.

London Money and Stock Markets.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Discount was firm during the past week at 4 and 3½. The rates are rising to the level of the official quotations, with the prospect of increased stringency. On the Stock Exchange prices were weak. The dearness of money hampered business. Foreign securities were dull. English railway securities lost the recent advantages. American railway securities were unsettled.

Depression on the Paris Bourse.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—On the Bourse during the week there were active fluctuations with an increasing tendency toward depression. Yesterday the market closed with marked dulness.

The Panama Canal Co.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—A meeting was held at the Ministry of Finance to-day to consider the affairs of the Panama Canal Co. Leading jurists and financiers, Ministers Floquet and Peytral, several senators and other public officials were present. After a general discussion the meeting adjourned until Monday.

The conviction grows that liquidation of the Panama Canal Company is inevitable. The continuance was without practical result.

Resignation of the Spanish Cabinet.

MADRID, Dec. 9.—The whole Spanish Ministry has resigned.

The Queen Regent has entrusted Senor Sagasta with the formation of a new cabinet. Senor Sagasta encounters much difficulty in fulfilling the trust.

Severe Fighting at Bagamoyo.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 9.—The British steamer which was recently sent to Bagamoyo returned here to-day with several Indian traders and their families on board. They report that the town is wrecked. There was severe fighting on Thursday and Friday and the rebel loss was heavy. Two Germans and two native dependents were wounded. Bushiere subsequently retired five miles inland. It is reported that he looted an ivory caravan and brutally maltreated the Wanyamweze porters who refused to join him.

Bushiere seized the ivory and either killed or cut off the hands of the porters who refused to join him. He left Bagamoyo abandoning his guns owing to a false report that the German stronghold was somn with torpedoes. The rebel loss was 100 killed. The insurgents at Lindi have seized all the gunpowder in the Indians' houses and the Sultan's stores.

Dynamiting Strikers Arrested.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 9.—Two battalions of the line have been ordered from Antwerp to Galonviere, the centre of the strikes and attempted dynamite outrages. A large number of strikers have been arrested.

The Welland Canal Closed.

PORT COLBORNE, Dec. 9.—The Welland Canal officially closed at midnight on Saturday.

For Stealing an $8 Dictionary.

On Saturday night at the instance of A. G. Hewish, 32 Front-street, Detective Slemin proceeded to West Lodge-avenue, Parkdale, and there arrested W. J. Weatherly, a young man of 19, on a charge of stealing an $8 dictionary and a vault key, the property of Mr. Hewish. Weatherly was taken to Dundas-street. The young man is well connected and had a large circle of friends.

The County Court.

In the County Court on Saturday the case of Thomas Moor against W. H. Best and H. C. Fortier to recover $150 for commission on the sale of land was heard, judgment being reserved. The list for to-day is: McCarthy v. Park, Scott v. McDonald, Wilson v. Pritchard, King v. Collins, Toronto Lime Co. v. McOonnell.

BRAKEMAN ALLEN'S BOY.

A Hamilton Clergyman Charged with Unlawfully Detaining a Child.

HAMILTON, Dec. 8.—At this morning's session of the Police Court Rev. Thomas Geoghegan, rector of the Church of St. Matthew, was charged by John Burlinghoff with having on Dec. 7 "unlawfully and by force detained one Walter Allen, a child under the age of 14 years, with intent to defraud John Burlinghoff, the person having lawful care of the said Walter Allen." Walter Allen is the son of Brakeman Robert Allen who was killed at Merritton in the collision on the Grand Trunk Railway last Monday. Burlinghoff testified that the Allens boarded at his hotel and that the father had asked him to take care of his boy in case anything happened to him. Mr. Geoghegan took charge of the boy at the funeral and refused to surrender him. County Crown-Attorney Crerar was directed by the magistrate to take charge of the case and after consultation he said that as Allen's father had been killed on the railroad, it might be possible that the railroad company would be responsible to the boy, and, as the boy had said that Rev. Mr. Geoghegan had said something about putting him in a home, it might be possible that the boy would be made away with so that action could not be brought against the railway company. However, Mr. Burlinghoff was willing that Rev. Mr. Geoghegan should have the boy until a proper guardian should be appointed, if he and Mr. Armstrong, Grand Trunk station master, would give an undertaking to produce him whenever wanted. This was done and Allen, who has not a relative in this country, remains with the clergyman.

Joseph Holdsworth, a dealer in new and second hand goods, doing business on James-street north, was arrested at his place of business this morning, on the charge of cattle stealing. About three weeks ago James Murray, a farmer residing in Esquesing, had six heifers and a calf stolen from his his place. He went to Milton, reported to High Constable Chapman and gave the matter into his hands. Chapman at last traced the animals to this city, and discovered that they were in the possession of Mr. Alfred Stroud, at his farm on the Dundas road, just west of this city. It was there ascertained that the cattle had been sold by Mr. Holdsworth. The prisoner was taken to the Police Court this morning and High Constable Chapman returned to Milton to get the necessary documents for the removal of the prisoner to Milton for trial.

Thomas Cusack, a Dundas young man, was before the Police Magistrate this morning on a charge of escaping from the custody of a police officer and also on a charge of felony. The alleged offences were committed seven years ago. He was committed for trial at the next assizes. He and three others of the same name have already been committed on another charge.

The art exhibition will be continued on Monday and Tuesday. Over $1100 was the amount taken in yesterday, making the receipts to last night $3100.

Polished brass library and hall lamps Milne & Co., the Housefurnishers, 169 Yonge-street. 546

PROF. WIGGINS THEORIZES.

A Possibility of the Earth's Destruction by Flood.

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—Prof. Wiggins, the weather prophet, in an interview yesterday said he was greatly interested in the eclipse of the sun on Jan. 1 next. "If the scientists obtain good photographs," observed the Professor, "they will decide my theory of 24 years ago, that the photosphere of the sun is electricity, and that this photosphere repels and attracts the comets through space by the well-known law of like and unlike electricities. The coronal streamers, in my opinion, are meteors carried through space on the trail of comets. Should they be proved to consist of meteors, my theory will be established.

"The ridges and lines on Mars observed through the Lick telescope are genuine canals, which the people have excavated for navigation, but especially for irrigation purposes. Mars has more clouds and less rains than any other planet, on account of the smallness of its moons. The constant fear of the inhabitants is the dread that Encke's comet will become a satellite of their planet. This great comet is constantly shortening its orbit's eccentricity, and moving very slowly across Mars' orbit makes it peculiarly liable to be attracted and thrown into an orbit about that planet.

"The earth is the only other planet liable to this danger, which is less realized owing to the comet's greater motion in crossing the orbit of our planet. What would be the effect if the comet were to become another moon to us? The earth's oceans would rise in a few hours 20 feet or more above their ordinary level, overwhelming a large portion of both continents. Australia and the Gulf Stream would be no more. The chances are a thousand to one that this will happen and yet this one might contain the certainty. Mars, however, is on the line of the greatest danger. Encke's comet, it is certain, must in a few years become a primary or secondary planet. I have a theory that many floods and earthquakes are caused by dark or tailless comets, invisible even through telescopes, passing near the earth's surface."

Fen, pocket and table cutlery. Milne & Co., the Houseturnishers, 169 Yonge-street. 156

Louis Riel's Citizenship.

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—There has been some talk here over the resolution introduced in the United States Senate by Senator Blair to investigate the citizenship of Louis Riel. It is surmised that the purpose is to impugn the legality of his trial and execution. Messrs. Robinson and Osler, Q.C.'s, who were crown counsel at Regina, say the idea that Riel was improperly tried is ridiculous. He was indicted on six counts and was arraigned for high treason as a subject of Her Majesty, and also as one who, being a resident of Canada, owed temporary allegiance to Her Majesty.

A Dinner to Poor Children.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the dinner and musical festival on Christmas day to poor children met in St. James' School House on Saturday afternoon. Tickets have been issued to the number of 550 and will be distributed among the most needy children. The Spadina-avenue orchestra has promised to be present, and Mr. Warburton of St. Bartholomew's choir will arrange for a number of Christmas carols. The charitable people of the city will be asked to supply the provisions necessary for the dinner, and children's clothing will be received by Mr. Edmund Taylor at Simcoe and Richmond-streets. Mr. J. J. Kelso and Mayor Clarke will receive contributions in money from those desiring to give.

St. Mark's Church Literary Society.

The opening meeting of St. Mark's Church Literary Society, Parkdale, was held on Saturday evening and a large number of young people of the congregation were present. The program was made up of an instrumental duet by Misses Pyke and Fahey, songs by Mrs. Shaw, J. A. Colverwell and Mr. Blackburn of Holy Trinity, with recitations in the intervals and an inaugural address by the President, Rev. C. L. Ingles.

Lydon's Art Sale.

Mr. Lydon's great annual holiday sale by auction of English art manufactures, will commence at the rooms of Oliver, Coate & Co. to-morrow at 11 a.m. Sales each day at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. The stock to be sold is a fine one, one of the best Mr. Lydon has ever brought to Canada.

TOPICS FROM THE CAPITAL

GENERAL MIDDLETON TALKS ABOUT MILITIA MATTERS.

The Mormon Colony at Lee's Creek—Candidates or the Ottawa Mayoralty—That Stolen Mail Bag—Homestead Rights and Ranching Leases.

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—In conversation yesterday with reference to The Mail's attack on the militia, General Middleton said: "In regard to the granting of appointments it is altogether absurd to say that the French-Canadians are better treated than the English. Out of fifty-five government staff positions only eight are held by Frenchmen." With regard to clothing, he said it could be procured cheaper in England than here, but he advocated the protection of home industries and the giving our manufacturers a chance to learn how to make the kind of articles wanted.

The Railway Committee of the Privy Council will meet on Dec. 18, when the case of crossing the Canada Southern Railway by the Lake Erie, Essex, and Detroit River road will be taken up.

The writ for Cumberland has been issued. Nomination Dec. 19, polling Dec. 26.

The Governor-General has received notice from the Imperial Government that the Royal assent has been given to the reserved act of last session providing that in criminal cases there shall be no appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Imperial Privy Council.

Collector Allen of McLeod, who is here, says that the Mormon colony at Lee's Creek which is forty miles south of McLeod, is flourishing. He says that he had an interview with Elder Card when the Mormons first came and warned him that polygamy would not be tolerated. Card promised that it would not be practiced. He was not aware that this promise had been broken.

The French-Canadian delegates appointed at Thursday night's meeting to select a candidate for the mayoralty met yesterday afternoon and selected Dr. F. X. Valade. It is probable the only other candidate will be Alderman Errat, who has been acting Mayor for several months past.

On the night of Dec. 1 one bag of mail matter was stolen from a truck on the platform at Prescott station, and although the loss was discovered at once the bag was not found until Tuesday last, when it was found under the platform. It had been carefully gone through and all the letters opened, but whether any letters containing money had been abstracted is not of course known.

John Allen, Collector of customs at McLeod, says that he has only heard of one instance, and that occurred years ago, of a settler being refused permission to homestead on a ranching lease, although the old leases do not contain the same homestead clause introduced in recent leases. All the leases are liable to termination on two years' notice, and the holders of old leases know that if they attempted to prevent homesteading they would be given notice of termination of their leases. He represented this as a most successful year for ranchmen and says the crops in that section have been wonderful.

Mr. Frank Arnoldi of Toronto is here in connection with the subscription of stock for the Ontario Trust Company. A large amount of the stock has been placed with leading capitalists here. It is rumored that Sir John Macdonald has subscribed for $10,000.

HARDWARE AND HORSES.

Two Ten Thousand Dollar Fires in Montreal on Saturday Night.

MONTREAL, Dec. 9.—A fire broke out in the wholesale hardware store of C. C. Snowdon & Co. on St. Paul-street last night and before it was extinguished some $8000 to $10,000 damage was done. The fire was confined to the third flat, in which was stored hollowware, etc., and the stairway.

Immediately afterwards a fire broke out in the stables of Dunaine & Halpin on Notre Dame-street. The stables were destroyed together with four horses. Loss about $10,000.

A Large Shipbuilding Plant Burnt.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 9.—Three-quarters of the large iron ship building plant of the Globe Iron Works on West River-street in this city was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The loss is approximately fixed at $200,000, and it is probably covered by insurance.

Five Firemen Injured.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—A slight fire in the Northwestern furniture factory yesterday morning resulted in an explosion of mill dust, by which five firemen were injured, two of them dangerously.

Business Houses Consumed.

DURAND, Miss., Dec. 9.—A fire broke out in Pikins, a small town near here, yesterday, and five business places were destroyed.

Burned to the Water's Edge.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The big ferryboat Maryland, which transports trains from Mott Haven to Jersey City, was burned to the water's edge on the Harlem river last night. A train of passenger cars was also destroyed and the railroad depot is in ashes. No lives were lost. The damage is placed at $400,000.

Barely Escaped with Their Lives.

MERRITTON, Dec. 9.—A frame house occupied by Mr. B. Darby, near the Lybster mills, was burned down about 1 o'clock yesterday morning. The inmates barely escaped with their lives. There was only a small portion of the furniture saved, and the loss is placed at $1000, on which there is an insurance.

A Normal School in Ashes.

LOCK HAVEN, Pa., Dec. 9.—The Central State Normal School in this city was burned to-day.

A New York Thief Run Down in Chili.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—William A. Bushnell, who ten years ago was bookkeeper for the law firm of Butler, Stillman & Hubbard of this city, has been arrested in Santiago, Chili, and will be brought to New York for trial on a charge of stealing and hypothecating securities which the firm paid $35,000 to recover when the theft was discovered.

Conspicuous by His Absence.

MASON CITY, Ia., Dec. 9.—R. Noisted, merchant at Ruddio, Ia., has skipped out. He was treasurer of the Creamery Association and is short about $1300 with that concern. The district school fund, of which he is treasurer, is short $1000. He was postmaster of the village and several registered letters are unaccounted for.

Six Whipped Convicts to Death.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 9.—J. A. Gifford, the warden who whipped convicts to death at Coal Hill, was convicted of murder in the second degree at Clarksville yesterday and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

"The Difficulty Overcome."

The young lady in search of a handsome holiday present for her "best fellow" need not this year be a prey to the uncertainty of indecision of "not knowing what to get." Neckties are works of art now-a-days, and the feminine taste, always inclined to things beautiful, turns with great pleasure to see the large and handsome assortment at Levian's, 92 Yonge-street.

WHO CAN GUESS IT?

The World will give a year's subscription to the person sending in to this office before 3 p.m. Wednesday the nearest guess to the figures of the census of Toronto to be taken on that day. Put your figures and your name on paper and mark the envelope "Census Editor, World."

He Saw the Figures in a Dream.

Editor World: Would it astonish you if the population of Toronto at the special census turns out to be about 141,326? I dreamed about this combination of figures last night, and on reading your yesterday's remarks about the new count in Toronto it has struck me that the above figures may have something to do with the number.

TORONTO.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.

BUSINESS TROUBLES IN TOWN.

E. M. Trowern, the Jeweler, Makes an Assignment—The Liabilities.

Thomas Fisher, expressman, 539 Yonge-street, assigned on Saturday morning to Blackley & Anderson. The assets and liabilities will not be large.

F. L. Godfrey, upholsterer and furniture dealer, 345½ Spadina-avenue, made an assignment on Saturday to Clark, Barber & Co. He offered a compromise with his creditors a short time ago of 25 cents on the dollar, but it was refused and the assignment is the result. The liabilities will amount to about $1354 with assets nominally $350.

E. M. Trowern, jeweler, 171 Yonge-street, who assigned to E. R. C. Clarkson on Friday night, has been in shallow water for some time. He is a young man 27 or 28 years of age, and has been in business about 10 years. He left Kent Bros. to go into partnership with A. H. Welch; this connection continued until 1885, when there was a dissolution, and Mr. Trowern continued the business alone. His capital was not large, but Schwob Bros. and Lewis Davis, wholesale houses in Montreal, gave him credit, and he from them has always kept an excellent stock. Other accounts he had with Toronto houses, but they were not large.

Business was insufficient to meet demands and the web tightened around him. Last Monday or Tuesday a sheriff was put in charge of the store for a claim of $150 put in by W. J. H. Lowe. This was paid, but the place of Mr. Lowe's bailiff was taken by one from F. W. Ellis & Co., who had an unsatisfied account $520. This precipitated an assignment. The liabilities are placed from $25,000 to $30,000, while the assets are said to be considerable, as Mr. Trowern has been investing in real estate. Schwob Bros are probably the largest creditors with $14,000 and there are a number of Toronto houses nipped.

The name of Martin, Toms & Co., druggists and truss manufacturers, 152 Yonge-street, is numbered with the firms which have ceased to exist. Martin is in the States and Toms is out of the business, Martin senior having closed up the store under a chattel mortgage. The liabilities amount to from $7000 to $10,000 and one creditor who will receive a cent for his advances is Martin senior, the others being left completely out in the cold. It is said before his departure Martin junior raised various sums on checks, which when presented at the banks on which they were drawn, were sent back with the explanation "no funds."

Office stoves and parlor stoves cheap. Milne & Co., 169 Yonge-street. 156

KILLED BY GAS.

A Young Lady from Port Perry Suffocated in Her Cousin's House.

Miss Kate Dowding of Port Perry, a young lady about 19 years of age, has been staying with her uncle, Mr. H. J. Wickham, of this city. On Saturday evening she went to visit her cousin, Mrs. J. T. Boyd, of 22 Bellevue-avenue. The family retired to rest after midnight, and Mrs. Boyd asked Miss Dowding if she understood how to turn the gas out. She inadvertently replied that of course she did. Yesterday morning it was thought she was sleeping rather late, and Mrs. Boyd went to her room to call her about 10.45. She was horrified to find Miss Dowding lifeless, with her face buried deep into the pillow. The room was full of gas, which escaped through a partially opened jet. Dr. Mach ll was at once summoned and said that death had occurred some hours before.

It is thought that Miss Dowding turned off the gas, but her sleeve might have caught the stop-cock and opened the jet partially. Her relatives at Port Perry were notified of the sad event by telephone yesterday.

Silverware, graniteware and agateware, Milne's, 169 Yonge-street. 156

BISHOP WALSH IS THE MAN.

His Lordship Will be Advanced to Toronto—Dr. D. O'Connor for London.

The World is in a position this morning to state that it is undoubtedly settled that Bishop Walsh of London will succeed the late Archbishop Lynch of Toronto. Moreover, it is understood that the advancement of the popular Forest City bishop was about settled at the same time that Bishop Dowling was translated from Peterboro to Hamilton and Dean O'Connor of Barrie was made the successor of Bishop Dowling at Peterboro, but for certain reasons the news was not transmitted to this country from Rome at the same time. Bishop Walsh's successor at London has also been appointed. He is Dr. D. O'Connor, President of the Sandwich College. Like his namesake of Peterboro, the Doctor is popular with the priests and the Roman Catholics of the province.

It is said that these new honors will be made public about Christmas. There will be another consistory meeting at Rome on Dec. 22, when it is expected they will be fully consummated.

Buy your Xmas numbers to-day—"Graphic," "London News," "Holly Leaves," "Yule Tide," "Chatterbox," "Paris Illustre," "Le Figaro," "Pictorial World," etc., at Winnifrith Bros., 6 and 8 Toronto-street.

Keeping Within the Appropriation.

Ald. Johnston presided at a special meeting of the Markets and Health Committee Saturday morning, there being present Ald. Pells, Macdonald, Verral and Hill. This statement of the expenditure in the City Commissioner's Department was submitted by that official:

Health department appropriation and receipts	$57,081 21
Expenditure	54,350 76
Balance	$ 2,730 45
Market department appropriation	12,000 00
Expenditure	11,711 12
Balance	$ 288 88
Street watering appropriation	24,900 00
Expenditure	23,991 86
Balance	$ 908 14

It will be seen that the expenditure is still within the estimate. The sale of market fees was fixed for Dec. 22.

Half price—no humbug—we will sell full plated new Base Burner Stoves from $14 to $20, regular prices from $28 to $40. Wheeler & Bain, King-street East.

Christmas Gifts—Tables Full of Bargains. Dineen's fur store is the resort of young and old just now preparing for Christmas. Tables full of tempting bargains are displayed in every imaginable kind of fur. Boxes full of seal gloves for ladies and gentlemen—ladies' and gents' fur collars—ladies' fur capes in otter and beaver. Extra fine long boas in all the shades of Siberian and Hudson Bay bear skins. Fine white fox and polar bear boas and muffs. Lynx and fox boas and muffs, and boas all the way down to $4.00 each. Dineen is doing a rushing trade just now. He believes in selling goods cheap when the people want them and not wait until the season is over. Ladies' fur coats in seal, Persian, Astrachan and other furs, to be sold very cheap. A lot of very fine seal muffs well worth seeing. The store is on corner of King and Yonge-streets.

Facts, Stubborn Facts. We tell no story, simply state facts in our reading ads. to lead the unwary astray, but give the public startling facts. Our ordered and ready made overcoats, winter suits, boys' overcoats and suits, winter underwear, etc., are the best value and lowest price in the city. The British Arms Clothing Store, 221 Yonge-street, corner of Shuter-street, R. Baker & Company.

TO-MORROW MORNING.

Roland Gideon Israel Barnett Will be With Us—The Wandering Jew Talks.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 9.—Roland Gideon Israel Barnett, the alleged Central Bank wrecker, passed through here this afternoon en route for Toronto. He arrived at Halifax this morning by the steamship Sarnia, from Liverpool, in charge of Inspector Andrews of the Metropolitan Police.

They were met at Halifax by Inspector Stark of Toronto, who takes charge of the prisoner to that place, where they will arrive by the Grand Trunk on Tuesday morning.

Barnett is very reticent about his alleged crime, but stated to a correspondent that he has done nothing outside of the usual way of business, still the liquidators are trying to prolong the agony in order to get their fees, etc., from the shareholders; that he had done nothing to place himself in the power of the law.

Big Shipments of Plaster.

MONCTON, Dec. 9.—Mr. O'Shaughnessy, the agent here for the Albert Plaster Manufacturing Company, handled and shipped to points in the west over the Intercolonial Railway in two days recently, 2000 barrels of calcine. Capt. John H. Wright, who has been scowing plaster from Hillsboro to Moncton all summer, has finished for the season. He has handled 21,000 barrels. This does not, however, nearly represent the output of the works, as Messrs. Scott and Balser have also been engaged scowing, and large shipments have been made by vessel direct from the works to St. John, Montreal and other points. The plaster brought to Moncton in scows has all been for transhipment over the Intercolonial.

Sudden Death.

GUELPH, Dec. 9.—Mr. James Hamilton, who kept the hotel on the Brock Road about three miles out for a year or so after the death of his father, died very suddenly yesterday morning. He had not been well for some time back, but came down to breakfast. He complained of being sick then and went up to his room. His brother followed him in a few minutes to ask him to come down where it was warm. He found him sitting on a chair, seemingly gasping for breath and ran down stairs to get him something to drink. When he returned he found his brother dead. The deceased was unmarried.

Robbed in Broad Daylight.

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 9.—The neatest and most daring robbery ever recorded in Ft. Wayne was committed at high noon yesterday, right in the heart of the city, with hundreds of people passing back and forth every minute. On Calhoun-street, just after 12 o'clock, burglars entered Mr. Isaac Lauferty's private banking house in Avedne House block while Mr. Lauferty was at dinner and made off with some $2000 in cash and a number of valuable and not negotiable securities without leaving a trace that might lead to their identity.

A Smuggler Arrested.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Dec. 9.—A man named J. Sheurman has been arrested here on a charge of smuggling cigarettes and playing cards from the United States. The prisoner has been in the smuggling business for some years and is reported to have amassed a large fortune by concealing opium in barrels of cranberries and shipping the barrels to the United States. Property in Portland, owned by the prisoner, is valued at $10,000. He was brought before the magistrate at New Westminster and remanded for eight days. Sheurman is out on $5000 bail.

Struthers' Narrow Escape.

WINDSOR, Dec. 9.—John Struthers, a resident of Tilbury Centre, had a narrow escape from death yesterday. He was on his way to Stony Point, and had just driven on the Great Western Railway track when the noon express came along. In spite of his efforts the horses would not budge off the track and in a second they were both struck by the locomotive and thrown into adjoining fields. Struthers escaped with a few bruises.

Plenty of money to loan on first and second mortgage, chattels, collaterals and notes. The Land Mart, 52 Adelaide-street east. ed

A Blenheim Brute Breaks Jail.

BLENHEIM, Dec. 9.—Yesterday afternoon Hugh Finlayson, painter of this town, enticed two young girls, daughters of George Breeze and Thomas Holland, aged six and seven, into a stable and attempted to assault them, handling them severely. He was arrested and placed in the lockup, but broke out during the night by making a hole through the stone wall and made good his escape. Finlayson is a married man with a family.

Don't forget the Concert in Central Methodist Church. Silver collection at door.

Whipped by White Caps.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 9.—A special despatch from Ottawa, Putnam County, says that last night a party of White Caps took out James Solik of Leipsic in that county and whipped him unmercifully. His alleged offence was whipping his wife and abusing his family.

AMUSEMENTS THIS WEEK.

"A Dark Secret" and "The Lights o' London" Open To-night.

To-night the original "Dark Secret" company with its great aquatic scenes and realistic effects will commence an engagement for one week at the Grand Opera House. Manager Sheppard worked hard to secure this attraction last year, but the immense success of the play in New York, Boston and Chicago absorbed twenty-seven weeks of the season, preventing an engagement at that time. The arrangements here for the production have been quietly progressing under the direction of a competent engineer, and to-night the performance will move with all smoothness and promptitude of a steady run. The Henley regatta and the river by moonlight will prove a genuine surprise to the patrons of the Grand Opera House this week.

The well-known "Lights 'O London" melodrama will be on at the Toronto Opera House all week. Mr. Jacobs' own company will present it in a manner, it is said, never before seen in Toronto; "Billy" Lytelle, the well-known comedian, is the "Jarvis" of the company and Blanche Mortimer plays "Bess."

The plan of seats of the first concert this season by Mr. Torrington's orchestra, which takes place on Thursday evening, opens to-day. In addition to the rich treat of orchestral music provided, the public will have an opportunity of hearing Mlle. Adele Strauss, a young lady who received her vocal training at the famous Strasbourg Conservatoire. Her voice and style are eminently suited for the correct delivery of the pieces she will sing at this concert. They are Mozart's masterpiece, "Cosi fan tutti," and the celebrated cavatina from Bellini's Romeo e Giulietta.

The soul stirring strains of Hungarian national music will again resound in the Permanent Exhibition, as Nicholls & Howland have re-engaged Archduke Joseph's Gypsey Band for the last three evenings of the present week and a Saturday matinee. The enthusiastic audiences which greeted them when last here assures them of a royal reception this time.

The matinee musicale given by the Conservatory of Music on Saturday afternoon was of exceptional interest. This was proved by the character and rendition of the music and the enthusiasm of the large and select audience present. The program was sufficiently varied, and consisted of vocal, piano and violoncello selections in which pupils, assisted by some members of the faculty, took part. The concert was under the direction of M. Edward Fisher, the principal of the Conservatory.

The Campanini operatic concert at the Pavilion to-night will be one of the unusual events of the season. The sale of seats has been large. The plan is at Nordheimer's.

THE PRESIDENT IS ANGRY.

DR STAFFORD ATTACKS THE "SMALL PAPER" FROM HIS PULPIT.

Because of the Part The World Took in the Jeffery Jumble—Is the Pastor of Sherbourne-street Church an Archangel?—Oh! no, not Much.

Before his sermon at the Sherbourne-street Methodist Church yesterday morning Rev. Dr. E. A. Stafford, President of the Toronto Conference, made this reference to the Jeffery unpleasantness:

"All the Toronto newspapers of the past week have said much concerning the part which the pastor of this church was compelled, from his official position, to take in the settlement of a difficulty in another church. One small morning paper has been especially malignant, its viciousness being exceeded only by the incorrectness of its statements. Now, personally I love peace, and would sacrifice anything but right and truth to secure it. I never willingly take part in other people's quarrels, but I have been compelled to stand between two parties separated by strong dissension. In such a position one is sure to be misjudged by both, each thinking him to be shielding and aiding the other. So it has been in this case. In the intensity of feeling the pastor of that church now regards myself and Dr. Stone as working with the trustees of the church and against him all along. So one of his immediate supporters was yesterday reported to have said. But early in November we were reproached in the newspapers by the trustees because we did not step in and help them. Many complaints also came to us from their side which were not published. What we actually did was to treat all who came to us as courteously as we could, to advise them as to what they could do and what we thought they ought to do, and all with the design of securing harmony. And I believe every thinkable plan of relieving the difficulty was proposed.

"As I review it now I can solemnly affirm that nothing unkind nor untrue nor unjust was said or done by us, and all we did or said was right, according to my best knowledge and judgment to discern, except errors in details which I see now. But they were not more numerous than nearly everyone finds in his work when he looks back upon it. I want also to add that nothing was done in darkness. We are reproached because we refused to tell everything or anything to the reporters while delicate work was in progress. The press has as much right to enter your breakfast room or your closet and make an inventory of what you are eating or of your wearing apparel as it had to a knowledge of our work during its progress.

"All alone I promised all who came to me that when the acts were finished and became facts I would make them known. This I did, but no representative of the paper referred to above has ever, from beginning to end, asked me for a word. Had he done so he would have received the same courtesy as others. Now, while I am pastor of this church I care more for your individual confidence than for what all the world beside may think. Therefore if any of you feel sufficient interest in the affair as to desire further knowledge of its details, if you will call upon me and if I am acquainted with you, I will answer your questions and you shall know as far as I can tell, all about your pastor's relations to this distressing church trouble."

The Doctor then preached one of his eloquent sermons based on the 5th verse of the 10th chapter of II. Corinthians. It was a talk on Truth vs. Falsehood, and the Doctor was good enough to refer to The World as being permeated with venom and viciousness in its chronicles of the Jeffery episodes.

Dr. Stafford not an Archangel.

Michael the Archangel, when contending with the Devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke thee."

The World has good authority for this statement: Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, who narrates what no other one knew in his General Epistle. The World had as good authority for its statements respecting the Jeffery case. The two accounts are in Dr. Stafford's case on all fours. There is doubt thrown upon the authenticity of both the Archangel's dispute and also that which took place in the Methodist Book Room. Reporters were not present at either encounter, but Michael was in those far off days more considerate of his language than Dr. Stafford is in this enlightened nineteenth century. And this is why The World maintains that the President of the Toronto Conference is not an archangel. "Men rush in where angels fear to tread." The Ecclesiastical Young Man, the Doctor will perceive, has modified the quotation out of respect to the President's delicate feelings. Still he brings his "railing accusation" against "the small morning paper" as part of the spiritual pabulum administered to the flock worshipping in Sherbourne-street Methodist Church yesterday morning.

The World can generously afford to pass over the contemptuous diminutive adjective; though memory has only to go back to exactly twelve months ago when the "smallness" of The World did not deter Dr. Stafford from communicating in advance outlines of sermons intended to influence the municipal election.

As to the accusations the first does not relate to The World at all. It never said or intimated that Dr. Stafford and Dr. Stone had been on the side of the trustees throughout. The Doctor should be fair and accurate when he makes charges of unfairness and inaccuracy. The only other tangible fact is that the Doctor says he would have given the information asked for if The World had waited on him at his house. This, after telling the waiting reporters that it was a private meeting, secretly charging those present not to reveal a word and lecturing one representative on the duties of reporters not intruding on people's privacy! To those to whom he did speak "neither did his testimony agree." Charity thinketh no evil and sees none where none was intended.

The World's young man did nothing extenuate nor aught set down in malice. It was not the lenient treatment of Rev. B. Longley (principally and primarily at the urgent appeal of the Doctor when the conference met at Norwich a six months ago), and the drastic method brought to bear on Rev. T. W. Jeffery.

Yesterday afternoon Dr. Stafford said to the Spadina-avenue Methodists that he would speak in a legend, a similitude, the nearest approach to the truth. This the unfortunate Scribe did, and now the vials of the President's wrath are poured on his devoted head. But the "good conscience" the Doctor preached about in Spadina-avenue is to the Scribe a solatium and balm for the "slings and arrows" launched in the early part of the day in Sherbourne-street. The World's young man is "weak in the faith," and fights shy of "doubtful disputations" against which a greater than a Methodist President says a word of caution. There are ways of correcting errors without "railing accusations." The method the Scribe would have preferred is David's:

Let the righteous smite me, it shall be a kindness; let him reprove me, it shall be an excellent oil which shall not break my head.

So very much depends upon the way in which 'tis done, and who does it.

THE BEREAVED CHURCH.

The Supplies at Bloor-street Yesterday—No Mention of the Trouble.

There was a lamentable falling off in the attendance at the Western Methodist Church yesterday morning. Sympathy with Mr. Jeffery, the deposed pastor, is being shown by abstention of attendance at the place where he was wont to minister. Yesterday morning well-known church workers were conspicuous by their absence. The leader of the choir's place was vacant; so were the seats of a number of the principal singers. The diminished audience consisted principally of women and the young members of their families. There is no talk among Methodism on the part of the absentees. The local churches in proximity to Bloor-street will benefit: St. Paul's, Avenue-road; Bathurst-street; and Dr. Langford's Spadina Tabernacle. Applications are now on a wholesale scale, including stewards, local-preachers, class leaders, teachers and older scholars. There was some little hitch in securing the pulpit supplies for yesterday: Rev. Thomas Griffiths in the morning and Rev. Robert McKee in the evening. The former stated that he had had to cancel another engagement to occupy the pulpit that morning, and although it had been announced he would preach at night it would be impossible for him to do so, as he must keep faith with the Bathurst-street Methodists. In the dilemma Mr. McKee had promised to preach. Mr. Griffiths fought shy, however, of that which was in everybody's mind, and made not the slightest allusion to the church trouble which had transpired during the week. In the sermon there was a graphic description of the scenery of Palestine, the Judean hills, the homes amongst the lakes, and the golden stre