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A BRITISH PEACE ENVOY AND DEWET BECOMES MURDERER

Report From Lord Kitchener Causes the Utmost Indignation in London—Two Conciliatory Boers With the British Subject Were Flogged—Canadians Capture Prisoners and Cattle.

London, Jan. 14.—(4.30 a.m.)—The brief report of the fate of the three members of the Peace Committee, who were sent to see Gen. Dewet, excites the deepest indignation on all sides. One or two papers express a hope that Lord Kitchener has been misled by false Kaffir reports, but it is generally felt that he would not have reported the matter to the War Office without undoubted evidence.

The Daily Mail heads the report with the word "murder," and declaims against any further attempt to coax the enemy into submission. Dewet has placed himself outside the pale of humanity, says The Daily Mail, "and not proclamations, but large reinforcements, must be our watchword."

Bandit Phase Begins.

The Morning Post says: "This marks the point where the guerrilla phase ends, and the bandit phase begins."

All the papers appeal strongly to the Government to hurry forward reinforcements, since it is evident that the Boer leaders have now become desperate and conciliation is quite useless.

The Pretoria correspondent of The Daily Mail announces the return to Pretoria of Mr. Pretorius, a former President of the late South African Republic, from a futile endeavor to persuade the Boer leaders to surrender.

Small But Plucky Garrison.

The details of the attacks upon Kaalfontein and Zurfontein Stations show that there were only small garrisons of about 120 men at each station. The British had excellent trenches, which enabled them to withstand the attacks until the Boers, having ascertained that reinforcements were coming to the garrisons, retired.

At Zurfontein a party of Boers in khaki succeeded in capturing a British patrol of eight men, whom they subsequently liberated. The railway and telegraph lines will be speedily restored.

GALLANT CANADIANS AGAIN.

Howard's Scouts Chased Boers and Captured Prisoners and Cattle.

London, Jan.13.—A special despatch from Pretoria, dated Jan. 11, and describing the fight of Jan. 9, near Commando Nek, dwells upon the excellent work of Howard's Scouts, a new corps, composed of Canadians, who remained in South Africa and re-enlisted. These scouts chased the retreating Boers a distance of five miles, harassing their rear and taking some prisoners. One of Delarey's horses, with wallets containing the commandant's papers, strapped to its back, and 500 cattle were also captured.

CONCILIATION OUTLOOK BAD.

Peace Commissioners Who Waited on Dewet Flogged, and a British Subject Shot.

London, Jan. 13.—The War Office has received this despatch from Lord Kitchener: "Pretoria, Sunday, Jan. 13.—About 1400 Boers crossed the line, attacking both Zurfontein and Kaalfontein stations, but were driven off. They are being pursued by a cavalry brigade."

Lord Kitchener reports also several skirmishes at different points, with trifling British losses, and adds: "Three agents of the Peace Committee were taken as prisoners to Dewet's laager, near Lindley, Jan. 10. One, who was a British subject, was flogged and then shot. The other two, burghers, were flogged by Dewet's orders."

BOERS AFTER SUPPLIES.

They Cut the Wire and Attacked Kaalfontein, But Were Driven Off by the Garrison.

Pretoria, Saturday, Jan. 12.—Last night the Boers cut the wire between Irene and Olifantsfontein stations. Early this morning 800 Boers, under Commandant Beyer, invested Kaalfontein station. A hot rifle fire and shell fire with two field pieces and a maxim was maintained for six hours. An armored train and reinforcements were sent from Pretoria, but before they had arrived on the scene the garrison had driven off the Boers, who retired unmolested with a transport train half a mile long. The Boers blew up the line beyond Kaalfontein, compelling the mail train to return here. It is supposed their object was to obtain supplies, a great quantity of which are stored at Kaalfontein. The British had no casualties.

No News From Cape Colony.

No further news has been received regarding the invasion of Cape Colony. Sir Alfred Milner writes to a correspondent in England, saying: "It would be useless for me to notice the wholesale lies that are spread about concerning me. If I attempted to do so, I would have no time for anything else."

THAT NOTE HAS BEEN SIGNED. SURE THING THIS TIME,'TIS SAID

Ching Attached His Autograph Saturday and Li Hung Chang Sunday—Ching Does Not Want Chang Chih Tung as a Partner in the Negotiating Business.

Pekin, Sunday, Jan. 13.—The joint note of the powers has finally been signed by the Chinese Peace Commissioners. Prince Ching signed yesterday, and Li Hung Chang, who is better, signed it to-day.

It is understood that the malady from which Li Hung Chang is suffering is Bright's disease. He was feeling worse yesterday, and therefore postponed the affixing of his signature, but Prince Ching was hopeful that he would be able to sign to-day, which proved to be the case.

Prince Ching has protested to the court against the appointment, said to be contemplated, of Viceroy Chang Chih Tung as a plenipotentiary in the place of Li Hung Chang. He thinks the latter's advice absolutely essential, altho he believes it might be advisable to appoint a third plenipotentiary for China, and reiterates his desire for the appointment of Sheng, who would be acceptable to the foreigners.

As to Chang Chih Tung.

So far as Chang Chih Tung is concerned, the foreign envoys, who know him personally, say that, while he is strongly anti-foreign, and has never made any secret of his likes and dislikes, they believe he would be a satisfactory representative of the Chinese, and there would not be any objections to him on the score of his recent utterances. Indeed, some of the Ministers think it would be wise for China to make Chang Chih Tung a plenipotentiary. Most of the envoys have received word from their Governments that the negotiations must be conducted in Pekin, on the ground that for various reasons other places suggested would be objectionable. The Russians say they will formally turn over the railroad to the Germans immediately.

M. De Giers, the Russian Minister, objects to the British attitude in refusing to permit the Russians to distribute rice and wheat to destitute Chinese in the British section.

Only for Target Practice.

Shanghai, Jan. 13.—The Italian consul at Shanghai, in explaining the presence of Italian warships at San Mun Bay, says they went there for target practice. It is again reported here that the allies are preparing to enter the Province of Shan Si.

A French force is reported to have defeated a body of Boxers west of Pao Ting Fu, killing a thousand.

Reason of Japan's Objections.

Berlin, Jan. 12.—A despatch from Pekin says Japan's objections to the United States' proposal to transfer to some country other than China the negotiations for the settlement of the questions at issue between the powers and China, were that for a conference outside of the Chinese Empire Chinese statesmen would be invited whose presence in China is at present necessary, and that a knowledge of the Chinese affairs, such as is possessed by the accredited representatives at Pekin would be indispensable.

ENTERED PORTSMOUTH BAY.

Tremendous Sensation Created in European Naval Circles by Extraordinary Submarine Feat.

Paris, Jan. 13.—A supplementary report on the working of submarine boats, which has just been presented to the French Navy Department, states that the submarine boat Morse proceeded under special orders from Brest to Portsmouth, and that the boat, having been submerged, actually entered Portsmouth Harbor, stayed there for a little time, and then returned to Brest without mishap. It was enabled by the periscope to manoeuvre perfectly in and out of the harbor. In naval circles here the feat is creating an immense sensation, and it is admittedly a great accomplishment, as it is conceivable that it might revolutionize naval tactics. A well-known naval expert said to-night that the French Government did not hope to long maintain the secret of the boat's construction, and that very soon all nations would be able to build good submarine boats, with the result that naval power will be much equalized, since 30 submarine boats could be built for the cost of one small battleship. As a means of defense, he said, the submarine boats are unequaled, and the overpowering might of a navy like England's could be largely paralyzed by cheap and efficient submarines.

Adam Dockray, Massey Hall, Jan. 15.

Remember A.O.U.W. Concert, Tuesday night.

Monster A. O. U. W. Concert, Massey Hall Jan. 15.

Augusta Going to Pieces.

The severe gale which swept across Toronto on Friday morning has had its effect on the schooner Augusta, which is stranded near Port Credit. The vessel is going to pieces, and is now a complete wreck.

Manuel Garcia Cigar only 5c. Bollard.

Cool smoke—Alive Bollard's Mixture.

A.O.U.W. Popular Concert. Massey Hall, Jan. 15, 25c.

A VERY COSTLY COLLAPSE.

Big Thread Place in Montreal Tumbled Down Yesterday.

Montreal, Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The building occupied by the Central Agency, Deresole-street, representing leading thread manufactories of the world, fell in to-day, and the damage is placed high, as the stock was valued at $100,000.

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

A. O.U.W. Concert, Tickets only 25c.

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Frankel Bros'. Iron and Metals:

Toronto, Jan. 12, 1901.

Holmes Electric Protection Co., of Toronto, Limited, 10 Melinda-street, Toronto:

Gentlemen,—We wish to thank you for the efficient services rendered to us by your staff during the night of Jan. 10, when they successfully caught two renowned burglars on our premises, handed them to the police authorities and secured their conviction. Special Chamberlin deserves mention. We kindly ask you to send him to our office during business hours, as we wish to show him our appreciation more materially. Thankfully yours,

Frankel Bros.

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

Monster A. O. U. W. Concert, Massey Hall, Jan. 15.

Millions of Money.

New York, Jan. 13.—It is estimated that since Nov. 4, 1900, J. D. Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan, J. J. Hill and J. R. Keene have together made a profit of $23,690,000 in Wall-street.

A.O.U.W. Concert, Jan. 15th, 25c.

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

Popular A.O.U.W. Concert, Tuesday, 25 cents.

Trains Were on Time.

Railroad traffic was not affected by the snow to any great extent on Saturday. Nearly all of the passenger trains arrived on time, and the freight trains were also run on schedule time. Traffic was comparatively heavy on Saturday.

A.O.U.W. Concert, Massey Hall, Jan. 15

BESIEGED WOMEN SCHOOLED TO EVADE CAPTURE BY BOXERS.

Thrilling Disclosures Made by Miss Smith, Who Was Shut Up in the British Legation at Pekin—"Men Were Pledged to Shoot Everyone of Us."

Washington, Jan. 13.—The thrilling experiences of Miss Mary Condit Smith, sister-in-law of Major-General Wood, and the other women who were shut up in the British Legation at Pekin during the siege, were kept in a diary from day to day by Miss Smith. To-day Miss Smith told a most remarkable story of the doings in the legation during the awful siege, which facts had never been disclosed before. The desperate condition of the besieged horde has never even been hinted at. Miss Smith said:

"We grew to be horribly expert in pistol practice. Every woman in the legation was provided with a pistol, and the vital spots where a well-directed bullet would kill instantly were pointed out to her. For hours every day we practised target shooting and firing—most horrible of all—with blank cartridges at ourselves to steady our nerves and accustom us to the use and sound of a pistol.

"At sight of the first Boxer scaling the wall or forcing the gates of the legation we were to place the muzzle of the pistol in the mouth and blow off the top of the head. Should any woman's courage fail here the men of the legation, down to the lowliest, were solemnly pledged to instantly shoot the women until not one should be left alive when the Boxers took possession of the place.

Women Expected Death This Time.

"For days and nights together not a soul in the legation dared to sleep, but stood ready at any moment to use the pistols in their hands, which, tired as they were, never once relaxed their hold upon the weapon of death.

"On one never-to-be-forgotten occasion we were actually lined up with the men in a solid line in front of us, for it was momentarily expected that the Boxers would gain possession. Had they done so at that time not one woman would have been alive, for, at a given signal from those on the watch, the men were to turn and shoot us down as we stood.

"The indescribable horror of that time will never be effaced from my mind. Night after night since then have I lain awake, going all over it again, or sunk into sleep only to be tortured with dreams as harrowing as the actual experiences. But even at such times, or, more properly speaking, after the extreme tension of such times would be temporarily relaxed, there was left in us an appreciation of certain comicalities over which we actually laughed. And that, too, with the shot and shell hustling thru the very air about us.

"If anything could have been worse than this standing, pistol in hand, ready to blow out one's brains at any moment, it was to witness the suffering and starvation of the poor children, huddled in the legation. For a long time we had but two spoonsful of rice a day for each man, woman and child, upon which to subsist during the 24 hours.

"The positive heroism of some of these children in trying to distract the attention of the starving ones from their pitiable condition, and give them heart to live thru the awful experiences, is beyond anything that ever was written. No pen can ever properly do justice to those splendid young heroes of the siege of Pekin—the children of the legation.

Poisoned Flour From the Empress.

"It was at such a time when, in our weakened, starving condition, there came a present from the Dowager Empress, which looked fairly like manna rained down from heaven upon us. This was a present of horses and mules, ostensibly to help us escape, but in reality only to have helped in our capture by the Boxers.

"With the horses and mules came long sacks of flour, which happily were ordered to be first examined by a chemist who happened to be among the legationers. Two of these sacks were found to be absolutely good, but every one of the others was mixed with horrible poisons.

"I remember on one occasion one of the officers came to us, holding out his sword, reeking with Boxer blood, and, giving it into my hands, told me to use it for my own destruction upon the instant of hearing the signal, which was then momentarily expected."

VICTORIA SEEKING NEW OUTLET BY FERRYBOAT AND RAILWAY.

The British Columbia Capital Agrees to Pay a Bonus to Get Connection With Jim Hill's Railway System by Car Ferry Service Across Gulf of Georgia.

New York, Jan. 13.—The Journal has the following:

The citizens of Victoria, B.C., are making vigorous efforts to obtain a better communication with the outside world. United States Consul Abraham E. Smith, at that city, reports that they have agreed to give a bonus of $15,000 a year to a syndicate which proposes to organize a railway and ferry to connect Victoria with the Fraser River Valley and the Great Northern Railway of the United States.

The company intends to build a railway from the terminus of the Victoria & Sidney Railroad, in Victoria, thru the streets to the terminus of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway; to lease and use the Victoria & Sidney Railway for running cars to Sidney, 18 miles away, on the east coast of Vancouver Island; also to maintain a car-ferry service between Sidney, across the Gulf of Georgia to Steveston, the great cannery town on the Fraser River; thence to build a railway to Cloverdale, B.C., 26 miles away, where connection will be made with the Great Northern Railway.

The distance between Sidney and Steveston to be covered by a car-ferry boat is 45 miles, which, it is expected, will be traveled in less than three hours, the proviso being that the ferry-steamship shall be capable of making 14 knots an hour, and of carrying eight loaded freight cars of the capacity of 30,000 pounds each, and 400 passengers on each trip.

The Great Northern Railway has a five-year contract to carry all freight to and from Victoria by this route, which will enable cars to come direct to Victoria without breaking bulk, thus avoiding wharf charges for freight and trans-shipment of passengers.

FIRST CONVERTING PLANT

British Columbia Copper Co. Will Be the Pioneers in That Line in British Columbia.

WILL COST $40,000 TO COMPLETE.

Will Turn Out Forty Tons of Matte Per Day—A New Era is Dawning for Greenwood.

Greenwood, B.C., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The first converting plant in the province will be installed at Greenwood smelter, owned by the British Columbia Copper Company. Yesterday H. V. Croll, manager of the Spokane branch of the E. P. Allis Company, closed a contract for the complete plant, involving an expenditure at the factory of $40,000.

The converter will handle a daily capacity of two furnaces at the smelter, amounting to six hundred tons. Roughly, this amount will produce forty tons of matte. That, passing thru the converter, means twenty tons of blister copper daily, averaging ninety-eight and a half per cent. pure metal.

The contract is to be completed in three months, and will consist of a forty-ton electric crane, crushing plant, blowing engine, one stand of converters and accessories. By the time it is ready for operation a second furnace will have been installed at the smelter, bringing it up to a daily capacity of six hundred tons.

City Lodges, A.O.U.W., Massey Hall, Jan 15th, 25c.

NEW MANAGER FOR I.C.R.

Appointment as Good as Made, According to a Report Going in Montreal.

Montreal, Jan. 13.—(Special.)—There is a report here to the effect that the appointment of a new general manager of the intercolonial Railway is as good as made. This statement was made yesterday by a gentleman in close touch with Hon. Mr. Blair. The same authority states that Mr. David Pottinger will still remain, but whether at Moncton or Ottawa is not stated.

Pottinger Has Resigned.

Mr. David Pottinger, who arrived this evening, has resigned the general managership of the I.C.R., and it is understood that his successor will be known in a day or two.

Concert of the season. A.O.U.W., Tuesday, 25c.

Oscar Amanda Cigars only 5c, Bollard.

Perfection in trifles—the making of button holes and the sewing on of the buttons, sewing the seams and the careful cut—is what gives so much popularity to the made-to-order clothing of Hobberlin Bros., 153 Yonge-street, Toronto.

WANTS TO LIVE A CENTURY.

Pope Leo Gratified When Told That He Might Span the Eight-Year Interval.

London, Jan. 13.—Prof. Mazzoni, who visited the Pope after His Holiness had received the English pilgrims, described his interview thus:

"The Holy Father received me with great benevolence and smilingly remarked:

"'Let us see, doctor, whether your science, with the help of God, will enable us to reach 100 years. Our program is not yet fulfilled, and we wish to sing the Nunc Dimittis before we leave our beloved flock.'

"I, with my confrere, Dr. Lapponi, assured His Holiness that there was every probability of his reaching that age, from which only eight years separate him, whereat His Holiness seemed much gratified."

Holy Door Closed.

Rome, Jan. 13.—The Pope's major-domo, accompanied by the pontifical dignitaries, performed yesterday evening the ceremony of closing the Holy Door. A casket containing medals bearing the portrait of the Pope was placed beneath the door, together with many souvenirs sent by individuals and Catholic societies.

A.O.U.W. Concert, Massey Hall, Jan. 15

The Third Letter.

Dear Jim,—Thanks for "congrats." Another guy had got his elephantine foot into the horoscope—old friend of Flo's—nearly a case of "pistols and coffee." She gave him the icy mitt all right, all right. She said: "See the photos I had taken since I became engaged to Frank?"—calls me Frank now!

"No," he replied, a thirty-cent smile playing tag with his ears.

"Well, they're very good, you know, only I've got a kind of a 'go-to-Hamilton' expression about the eyes. I must give you one for old time's sake."

"Very appropriate," he said, taking his "chapeau."

Wouldn't that freeze you? Bought Flo a $25 chinchilla muff at Dineens' on the strength of it—worth fifty. Yours, Frank.

Pember's Turkish Baths, 127 Yonge-st

A.O.U.W. Concert, Tickets only 25c.

To-Day's Program.

Mayor's inaugural and installation of the new Council, Pavilion, 11 a.m.

The Great McEwen, hypnotist, at Association Hall, 8 p.m.

Retail Grocers' Association, St. George's Hall.

"Daughters of the Regiment," organization meeting, 3 p.m.

Fire Underwriters meet in Lancashire Building, 3 p.m.

Federated Council of Building Trades, Richmond Hall, 8 p.m.

Grand Opera House, "The Cadet Girl," 8 p.m.

Toronto Opera House, "Watch on the Rhine," 8 p.m.

Princess Theatre, "The Stowaway," 8 p.m.

Shea's Theatre, Vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.

Pavilion, benefit concert to sufferers in Matthews fire, 8 p.m.

City Lodges, A.O.U.W., Massey Hall, Jan. 15th, 25c.

FALSE ALARM, PANIC AND DEATH AT A HEBREW ENTERTAINMENT.

Cry of Fire Raised During the Progress of a Play in Chicago Caused a Wild Stampede and Six Persons Were Trampled to Death on Saturday.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Six people were crushed to death and as many more severely injured in a panic which followed a man's cry of "Fire!" late this afternoon in West Twelfth-street Turner Hall. About 800 people were in the place, gathered to witness the performance of a play entitled "The Green Horn."

The Dead and Injured.

The following people were killed and injured:

Dead—George Shafner, aged 9; Mrs. Annie Solomon, Mrs. Samuel Mendelsohn, Annie Goldberg, aged 7; Regina Mittenbach, aged 4; unknown woman, aged 30.

Missing—Samuel Mendelsohn and two children.

The Audience All Hebrews.

The play was in Yiddish, and the audience were all Hebrews, composed for the most part of women and children.

The hall stands in the centre of a district densely populated by Jews. The play was nearly over when the cry which caused the panic was raised, and within five seconds after it rang thru the hall, the entire audience was converted into a frantic mob, every member of which was fighting for the safety which lay beyond the doors of the building.

The hall is frequently used for dances, and when a theatrical performance is given, chairs are set for the spectators.

The Wild Rush.

As soon as the wild rush toward the doors began, chairs were knocked down in every direction, the aisles disappeared and the excited people ran, climbed and stumbled over the chairs in their way toward the doors.

Around the upper part of the hall extends a balcony, which is open only at one end. Here were seated 150 women and children, and the women at the farther end of the balcony, away from the stairway, seeing that the rush toward the exit was blocked to them and their children, began at once to throw the little ones over the railing to the floor, 10 feet below. The children fell into the midst of the maddened throng, and were at once trampled under foot. It is known that three of the dead were children thrown from the balcony, and were trampled by the crowd, with not a chance for their lives.

Women Sprang From Balcony.

Following the children, many of the women sprang from the balcony upon the crowd below, and others hung by their hands before they dropped. The railing of the balcony was broken thru in half a dozen places by the pressure brought against it by the maddened crowd. On the main floor the crush was much worse than in the balcony. The main exits from the hall, and the only ones known to a majority of those who frequent the place, are two doors in the south end of the main auditorium that open upon winding stairs, which, eight steps down, unite into one broader flight, leading to the main door at the Twelfth-street front. Around the two doors a frantic mass of screaming men, women and children was packed, all struggling fiercely to force their way down the stairs.

A Woman Stumbled and Fell.

At the landing where the two flights of stairs winding down from the main hall unite, a woman stumbled and fell. In an instant a score of persons were down, and, before the crush was over, four lives had been crushed out in a space four feet wide by six feet long. Within five minutes after the beginning of the panic, it was all over, and the police and firemen who came hurrying to the scene of the disaster were called upon to do nothing beyond carrying away the dead and injured, and keeping back the thousands of people who tried to force their way into the building.

A Desperate Struggle.

As soon as the news of the panic had spread thruout the districts all the Hebrews from that part of the city rushed to the place. Men and women fought desperately with the officers in their efforts to enter the building and learn if any of their beloved ones were among the dead. The crowd was so great, so excited and so unmanageable that several calls were sent for additional officers and firemen before it could be restrained.

The Alarm Was False.

The alarm of fire was false, there having been no blaze at any time. The furnace in the building is somewhat defective, and at times allows sparks to pass up thru the registers. It was the sight of these sparks rising into the room that frightened the man who raised the cry of fire.

The hall has several times been the scene of panics, and it is only a few months since a number of children were hurt in a rush for the doors, which occurred during a juvenile party.

Difficult Task to Get Names.

It was a most difficult task to secure the names of the dead and injured. Many of the latter were taken to their homes before the police were aware of their names, and many of them were learned only by canvassing the district surrounding the Turner Hall. Mrs. Mendelsohn was taken to her home by friends, and her death, which occurred shortly after the panic, was not told to the police for over three hours. Her husband and two children are still missing, and it is not known whether they have been killed, or are wandering around seeking the woman, who lies dead. In many instances the families of those injured refused to give their names.

COMPENSATION TO FRANCE

Lord Salisbury Would Give Her Territory in Exchange for Newfoundland Rights.

PERHAPS A FREE HAND IN MOROCCO

Whenever the Republic Desires to Annex That Country—That is Lansdowne's View.

London, Jan. 13.—Prime Minister Salisbury has summoned a meeting of the Cabinet for Jan. 18, mainly for the purpose of deciding on a legislative program for the coming Parliamentary session. It is hoped that by that time the Marquis of Lansdowne, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, will have completed his negotiations with the French Foreign Minister, M. Delcasse, for a settlement of the French shore of Newfoundland question. When the Marquis of Lansdowne took the Foreign Office portfolio he told his colleagues that it was his ambition to get this question settled once and for all.

The Cabinet long ago accepted the principle that any territorial compensation in reason might be given to France in exchange for her Newfoundland rights. A year ago, when the Marquis of Salisbury proposed to resume the negotiations in view of the pending expiration of the modus vivendi, a hint was received that Cyprus might be acceptable to France. The hint was not taken, for the reason that Cyprus was regarded as too valuable as a strategic point and for other reasons of high policy. When the Marquis of Lansdowne took the matter in hand he thought of Morocco, in the disposal of which England has always claimed a good deal. Despite more or less authoritative denials there are reasons to believe that the Marquis of Lansdowne is now negotiating on the basis of giving France a free hand in Morocco whenever she decides that the time has come to annex that country. The time is almost ripe for action in that direction.

TWO WOMEN BURNED TO DEATH.

Apartment House in Buffalo Took Fire and Servants on Fifth Floor Perished.

Buffalo, Jan. 13.—Mary Spitzman and Clara Meyers, servants, were burned to death between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning in a fire that gutted the fifth floor of the Buckingham apartment house on the corner of Allen and Mariner-streets. The fire started in the kitchen on the fifth floor of the building, directly below the rooms occupied by the servants. Ordinarily eight girls occupy these quarters, but last night six of them were out of town, leaving but two girls in the house and these two were the ones burned to death. The dead women come originally from Titusville, Pa. The property loss is estimated at $85,000, $35,000 on the building and $50,000 on furniture and other contents of the building.

W. J. A Carnahan, Massey Hall, Jan. 15

The Horse Ran Away.

Mr. R. Wolfe, who lives at 39 Pembroke-street, was thrown out of a cutter on Saturday morning, thru the horse running away. He received a shaking up, but escaped injury. The horse was captured before any damage was occasioned.

A.O.U.W. Concert, Massey Hall, Jan. 15

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

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

Harry Bennett, Massey Hall, Jan. 15th

IS MRS. STILLWELL LIVING?

Brockville Lady, Who Had Been Despondent, Disappeared on Saturday Evening.

FEAR THAT SHE IS IN THE RIVER.

There Are Indications Pointing to Suicide—A Melancholy Affair.

Brockville, Ont., Jan. 13.—Mrs. Stillwell, wife of Fireman Stillwell of the Waterworks Pumping Station, disappeared Saturday night, and it is believed she now lies at the bottom of the St. Lawrence River.

Mrs. Stillwell has been in ill-health for some time. She was under treatment at the hospital for nervous prostration a short time ago. Recently her two children contracted measles, and this proved a further strain on her nerves, making her very despondent.

The family live at the pumping station, and of late she had been in the habit of taking a walk alone in the evening. She left her house in the usual way last night, and appeared in better spirits than usual. As she did not return, search was made for her, and her glove was found on the wharf near by, and her footprints were traced out on the ice to the river channel, which is open, and near by her hat was found. Search was made all day Sunday for the body, but up to the present time it has not been recovered. She was about 35 years of age.

VAGRANT REJECTS A FORTUNE.

Fifty Thousand Waiting for Chuck Galloway, But He Scorns It, See?

Bloomfield, N.J., Jan. 13.—George Galloway, alias "Chuck" Galloway, a hobo, is heir to a fortune of $50,000 and refuses to accept the money. Galloway has been accustomed to living by his wits and now is in a hospital in Easton, Pa., having been removed from the Warren County jail in Belvidere. He is a nephew of James H. Galloway, a farmer, living at 224 Spruce-street, Bloomfield, who has just received news of the legacy thru a letter from his sister, Mrs. Mary J. Hurst of 806 Montgomery-street, Syracuse, N.Y. Mrs. Hurst writes that she has received information from Kingston, Ont., that a distant relative has died, leaving $50,000 to George Galloway. When "Chuck" heard the news he turned up his nose, saying: "I'll have nothin' to do with it, see?" He says he prefers to keep to the road. All efforts to induce him to take advantage of his good fortune have been unavailing. He is suffering from consumption.

Purest whisky made "Clan Mackenzie"?

Cure a Cold in a Few Hours
Without any disagreeable after-effects. Dr. Evans' Laxative Grip Capsules, 25c a box. Bingham's Pharmacy, 100 Yonge-street. ed7

Use "Clan Mackenzie" Scotch for grip.

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Bessie Bonsall, Massey Hall, Jan. 15th

RECEPTIONS TO SOLDIER BOYS AT THEIR DIFFERENT HOMES.

Hamilton Contingent Were Right Royally Welcomed—Immense Crush at the Armouries—London, Woodstock and Other Places Were Full of Enthusiasm—Winnipeg Men Arrived Sunday.

Hamilton, Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The Hamilton members of the second contingent were given a royal welcome here yesterday afternoon, when the 3.25 train of the G.T.R. arrived from Toronto.

They were met by the 13th Regiment and Band, the Hamilton Field Battery, the S.O.E. Band and thousands of citizens.

A procession was held, and it passed thru the principal streets and wound up at the Drill Hall, were addresses were read by Mayor Teetzel, Mayor-elect Major Hendrie and Lieut.-Col. McLaren.

The addresses of welcome were tendered to Dr. Osborne, the senior officer, and the doctor made a short reply. "These are the men," he said, pointing to the returned soldiers, "who have brought credit on Canada and on Hamilton."

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Lyle, Rev. Mr. Forneret (the chaplain of the 13th Regiment) being unable to reach the platform on account of the tremendous crowd in the hall.

Those Who Returned.

Those who returned are: Surgeon-Major Osborne, W. H. Barnard, W. Patton, W. J. Robertson, F. W. Blackley, James A. McCullough, James Maclean, J. B. Smith, Henry McCamis, J. Higginson, Peter Bell, James Garry, W. Bell, R. S. Hope, James Letten, W. H. Hopkinson, H. A. Barker, Malcolm Isbester, E. O. Fitzgerald, J. C. MacKelcan, Johns, William Williamson, William Allen, J. O'Reilly, H. L. Stringer, W. A. Robertson. All the men belong to Hamilton and suburbs.

There was a large crowd at the G.T.R. station to meet the midnight train, on which Miss Russell, the nurse, arrived. She was accompanied by her father, Dr. Russell, Superintendent of the Insane Asylum.

One Sad Feature.

Higginson's home-coming was a sad one. His mother died early in the week, shortly after hearing of the arrival of the troopship at Halifax. A telegram was sent to Higginson, and he wired back to hold the funeral Sunday. The funeral took place this afternoon.

THE LONDON MEN

Were Escorted to Wolseley Barracks Amid Cheering Crowds of the Populace.

London, Ont., Jan. 12.—Three more of the South African volunteers arrived in the city to-day at noon. They were Pte. Mills of this city, Trooper Cotter of Petrolea and Pte. Garnet of Delaware. They were met at the station by a large number of friends.

At 12.30 o'clock this morning four members of the Canadian Mounted Rifles arrived in the city from South Africa via the C.P.R. They were Corp. McConnel, Pte. Miles, Pte. Munro and Pte. Hines. A squad of over 100 men from Wolseley Barracks, under Lieut. Uniacke, was at the depot to meet them and as the train pulled in they were greeted with loud cheers. The boys were conveyed in hacks to Wolseley Barracks, where they were sumptuously entertained.

WARM TIME AT ST. KITTS.

Eighteen Heroes Returned to the Garden City and Had a Grand Reception.

St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 13.—Eighteen of the South African heroes, who enlisted from here about a year ago, arrived home on the Grand Trunk train at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday, and were given an enthusiastic reception. Lieut.-Col. R. W. Gregory of the 2nd Dragoons met them at Toronto, and escorted them here. Their names are: McCuster, Hallett, Van Every, Clendenning, Loosemoore, McCalla, Harper, O'Neill, Green, Martin, Edwards, Care, St. Catharines; Bennett, Chippewa; Baldwin, Oakland; England, Stamford; Taylor, Guelph; Palmer, Speck, Niagara Falls; Greenfield, Thorold.

The Procession.

They were met at the depot and a procession formed, which marched as follows: 10th Batt. Band, 2nd Dragoons,

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FATHER O'LEARY IS ILL.

The Revered Chaplain of the First Contingent a Victim of Pneumonia.

Quebec, Jan. 13.—Not only Quebeckers, but Canadians generally, will regret to learn that the Rev. Father O'Leary, Roman Catholic chaplain to the first contingent, is an inmate of the Hotel Dieu Hospital, suffering from pneumonia and threatened with pleurisy.

THE "MEANEST MAN" IS DEAD.

Sam Lewis, the Notorious Money Lender of London, Has Passed Out.

London, Jan. 13.—Samuel Lewis, the notorious money lender and usurer, who has been called the "greatest and meanest of modern Shylocks," is dead.

MAYOR HOWLAND'S DINNER.

Mayor-elect Howland was particularly urbane as he presided at his banquet given to the new Council on Saturday night at the National Club. All the councillors except Messrs. Burns, Ward, Fraleigh and Sheard were there.

Ald. Lamb occupied the vice-chair, and, after the toast to the Queen had been drunk, vigorously but silently, grew reminiscent and told of his 15 years in the Council, and of his serving under W. H. Howland, the new Mayor's brother and predecessor. Everyone spoke, and pledged the Mayor loyal support in all his schemes. Mr. Howland, in a happy speech, followed his guests and suggested that after the election of the Board of Control a reception be held and the Council adjourn till Tuesday evening. This was his first suggestion, but the loyal aldermen, regardless of their pledge, uttered so recently, one and all strenuously objected and the suggestion was killed in infancy.

The dinner was a success and the Mayor ingratiated himself into the good opinion of his colleagues. Not a little of the success of the affair was due to the efforts of Ald. Cox, who acted as chaplain.

Instruction for the student, a roar of laughter for the downhearted, a night of pure enjoyment for everybody at Prof. McEwen's hypnotic entertainment to-night.

Famine on the Yukon.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 13.—The stranded Alaskan passenger steamer City of Topeka, which was successfully raised Jan. 3, has reached here. There is a food shortage at Circle City and on the lower Yukon, amounting almost to a famine in certain communities. Flour is held at $45 per sack and is purchasable only from men with outfits, the stores having run out. Potatoes, bacon, sugar and rice are unobtainable at any price.

Do you want to study hypnotism from a scientific standpoint? Attend Prof. McEwen's marvellous exhibition to-night at Association Hall.

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Mrs. Martin Murphy, Massey Hall Jan. 15tn

BIRTHS.

CATTO—On Sunday, Jan. 13, 1901, at 46 Breadalbane-street, Toronto, the wife of Charles J. Catto, of a son.

SUCKLING—At 2 Chicora-avenue, Friday, Jan. 11, 1901, to Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Suckling, a daughter.

DEATHS.

CORRIGAN—On Sunday evening, Jan. 13, 1901, at 411 Sackville-street, Annie E., eldest daughter of Thomas S. and Elizabeth Corrigan, in her 21st year.
Funeral notice later.

JOHNSON—On Jan. 12, at her late residence, 4th con., Markham, Mrs. V. Johnson, aged 73 years 8 months.
Funeral Tuesday, 1.30, to St. John's Cemetery.

McGINN—At the residence of her sister-in-law, Mrs. McGinn, 140 Bay-street, on Monday, Jan. 14, Catharine McGinn, sister of the late James McGinn.

STOCKDALE—At her home, 58 Grant-street, Toronto, on Saturday morning, Jan. 12, after a short illness, Edith, youngest and beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stockdale, passed away.
Funeral from above address to the Necropolis, at 4 p.m., Monday, Jan.