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LONDON, MONDAY, APRIL 25.

### Near the Southern Pole.

The most fruitful expedition in the history of Antarctic exploration is that which arrived at New Zealand early this month on its return from the southern polar region. The exploring ship, the *Discovery*, was under command of Captain E. F. Scott, royal navy, and left Great Britain in 1901. After touching at Lyttelton, New Zealand, the *Discovery* proceeded and reached without difficulty a point off Victoria Land, about 78 degrees south latitude and 170 east longitude, under the shadow of Mount Erebus and Terror. This was made the base of operations. The party in the first year opened up the great Antarctic continent to the east, and discovered a large area of high land which they named after King Edward. Scott and Ross, Lieut. Johnston and Dr. Wilson pushed southwards amid the greatest hardships, as far as 82 degrees 17 minutes, some 250 miles from their base of operations. This is the southernmost point ever reached by explorers. One hundred degrees of frost were recorded in May, 1903, but the winter was less windy and more agreeable than the previous one. Sledging parties again started out in September last, the beginning of the Antarctic summer. Captain Scott and eleven men started west and crossed 150 degrees, the magnetic meridian, on Nov. 29 in longitude about 156½ degrees east. The party reached a point 270 miles from the ship in latitude 78 degrees south and 146½ degrees east. They report that the interior of Victoria Land stretches continuously at a height of 9,000 feet, and is evidently a vast continental plateau. On Jan. 5 of this year the relief ships *Morning* and *Terra Nova* arrived at the edge of the icefield in which the *Discovery* was embedded, and by means of dynamiting the ice was broken up. A shortage of coal compelled the ships to return north.

The scientific work accomplished by the expedition was of great importance. Sandstone fossil remains of dicotyledonous plants at an altitude of 8,000 feet were discovered, showing that the Antarctic once enjoyed a milder climate, probably in the Miocene period. The trend of biological evidence shows that Antarctic flora and fauna are composed of elements similar to those which existed throughout the Arctic regions, and that an immense continent once connected the Antarctic land and Australia. The results of the magnetic investigations are of great value, continuous observations being taken in the neighborhood of the magnetic pole. The expedition is bringing home with it a mass of data and a store of collections that will throw a flood of light on the darkest area of our globe so far as human knowledge is concerned. Neither the German nor the Swedish expedition were able to cross the Antarctic circle in their ship, and the latter met with rare bad fortune. The geographical work accomplished by these expeditions amounts to very little, though in other directions abundant observations have been made. The Scottish expedition is now on its way home, and its commander, Mr. Bruce, will no doubt be able to give interesting details concerning the 4,000 miles of unexplored ocean which, it is stated, he has been able to survey.

### The Port Stanley Extension.

The Free Press utters a long wail over the passage of the Strathroy and Western Counties Railway bill, which gives that company the right to extend its line from St. Thomas to Port Stanley. The mayor is lauded for his "splendid fight" against the bill, his championship of the vested interests of the city, and so forth. We are told that the Western Counties Company's application is an attack upon London's investment in a steam railway, and embarrasses the city by "a menace of competition, ruinous to both interests, or as a lever to squeeze something out of it." Unfortunately for the city's case, the member for London was on another tack just before the Strathroy and Western Counties bill came up. He was then a stout champion of competition, urging that a charter be given a Chicago promoter to parallel the route chosen by the London and Southwestern Traction Company. This charter would have enabled the Chicago people to embarrass the Southwestern Company "by a menace of competition ruinous to both interests, or as a lever to squeeze something out of it." The member for London lent himself to this attack upon local enterprise and his chickens came home to roost when a company asked the privilege of paralleling the L. and P. S. R.

The promoters who applied for a competitive charter against the Southwestern Traction Company had tried unsuccessfully to buy out the latter, and applied for a franchise as a means of bringing the Southwestern people to their knees. The Strathroy and Western Counties Company has been chartered for many years to build a road from Lake Huron to St. Thomas, but obtained a Government grant only last year. They claim this has put them in a position to finance the undertaking, providing they secured the extension to Port Stanley. St. Thomas would be a dead end for the road, which must have an outlet on Lake Erie. The application for this spur line was not an attack on the London and Port Stanley Railway, but a necessary development of the plans of the Western Counties promoters. There is little fear that they will lay tracks alongside the London and Port Stanley

for running rights over the city's line; but it can readily be understood that if they were bound by their charter to use the L. and P. S. R. tracks, they would not have the same facility in financing the project.

The city of London is acting from self-interest in opposing the paralleling of its own railroad, but the Legislature has laid down no general principle to govern such cases, and there is no question of abstract justice involved. The Western Counties promoters had as much right to apply for the extension as the city of London had to oppose it.

The Free Press goes out of its way to attack Dr. Routledge by accusing him of stabbing London because he voted for the bill. The Western Counties road, if it is built, will pass through the county, probably through the riding of East Middlesex. The doctor's first duty is to his own riding and constituents. He has shown his ample good-will toward this city by his exertions to secure a handsome grant for the Western Fair.

Hamilton has landed the Petrie firm of Guelph while London has been doing over the proposition.

Lord Alverstone has been spouting on the necessity of binding closer the various parts of the Empire. His lordship should have thought of that before the boundary award.

It is to be hoped the majority of three will pull through the election courts as well as it pulled through the Legislature.

A contemporary says the local hotel-keepers could not reach an agreement among themselves to keep the law, and that some of them declared their intention of violating it. It is hard to credit the report that such a meeting was held or that the alleged law-breakers would be so lost to ordinary prudence as to make this avowal.

The Deakin Government in Australia has been defeated by a combination of the labor party and the regular Opposition (free traders) in the House of Representatives. The first labor Government ever known is now being formed. Australia is the country of political and social experiments, and the new one will be watched with interest.

Government ownership of railways has its disadvantages. In Hungary the railroad employees are on strike against the state, and in Australia the Government was defeated because it would not consent to compulsory arbitration between itself and the railroad employees. In other words the state would not create a court supreme over itself. The contention that it should erect such a tribunal is absurd and mischievous.

### HAD TO COME ACROSS.

[Smart Set.]  
Guest—Waiter, bring me a tip-top dinner. You know what that means, don't you?  
Waiter—Yes, sah. It's one that you top off with a tip.

### THE PROPER TIME.

[Toronto Star.]  
The time to jump on a fire is when it is in its infancy. No expense should be spared in getting quick and sure notice to the fire halls of every little blaze that starts up anywhere.

### TABOOED.

[Toronto Telegram.]  
The worst of it is that the weather has become a subject that people do not care to mention in polite society.

### AN OVERSIGHT.

[Cornell Widow.]  
"Haf you heard about Isaacstein?"  
"Yes, sah."  
"Dey took him by the hospital and took his appendix avay from him, al-terry."  
"Haf! Vat a pity ain't it he didn't have it in his life's name."

### THE IMPORTANT QUESTION.

[Puck.]  
"Will you," thundered the stump orator "strain at a gnat and swallow a camel?"  
"Are they both sterilized?" he asked.

### THE OBLIGING CONDUCTOR.

[Topeka Capital.]  
"Shall I get off this end of the car?" said a lady to the conductor of a Santa Fe train the other day as it pulled into Topeka.  
"Just suit yourself, madam," said the conductor, "both ends stop."

### YOU'RE WELCOME.

[Toronto Telegram.]  
Toronto will never forget the kindness of Hamilton, London, Brantford, and other Canadian communities near and far, that hastened to render willing and prompt assistance in this city's hour of danger.

May it be long before any of the cities or towns have need for a kindness which they showed Toronto. If the need arrives, Toronto will be as willing to extend help in other people's hour of need as to accept help in the night of her own extremity.

### TRIUMPH.

[Sham Kiser.]  
"Hurrah!" shouted the Russian.  
"That's happened! Have the Japanese lost a cruiser?"  
"No, I've learned to spell 'diphtheria' and 'phthisis' in English."

### HOME OF MRS. FOYSER.

[Boston Herald.]  
A picturesque, but unpretentious, old building, known as Corley Hall Farm, was recently sold at auction in Birmingham, England, that readers of *George Eliot* will be interested to hear about.

A picture, figures conspicuously in "Adam Bede," as the home of the immortal Mrs. Foyser and her unfortunate niece, Hetty Sorrel. The novelist was born within three miles of the place, and American pilgrims to scenes of her early days have always been shown this house on the main road to Nunston.

Who has now purchased it, and whether it must go the way of all other romantic landmarks, has not yet been decided, but

minor of George Eliot, the lady said she had rather live in it than in the finest house in Brooklyn, and I've no doubt she meant it, too.

### PERVITY OF THE BABY.

[Chicago Post.]  
A father of much experience says: "Wash a baby clean and dress him up real pretty and he will resist all advances with the most superlative crossness; but let him eat molasses, gingerbread and cool around the coal rod half an hour and he will nestle his dear little dirty face close up to your clean shirt bosom and be just the loveliest, cunningest little rascal, in all the world."

### HE DESERVED IT.

[Ottawa Citizen.]  
It is all right to say hard things about the Canadian winter, but after all where will you find such bracing air, such brilliant skies, such—cogawf—help—BZZZ!—lemme up!—BZZZ!—bump!—BZZZ!—bang!—ouch!

### A CHILD'S VOCABULARY.

[Hamilton Times.]  
How many words do you use in your everyday communications with your fellows? Fewer than you think, perhaps. Dr. M. Harris, of St. Louis, in speaking of the small number of words necessary to ordinary converse, says he has studied the vocabulary of a 6-year-old daughter who is able to talk freely and express her ideas, and he finds that the totality of her words, his knew and used was just 352, omitting proper names, and that 54 per cent of these were nouns, 18 per cent verbs and 11 per cent adjectives, the remainder being made up of conjunctions, prepositions and pronouns.

### DIDN'T NEED BRAINS.

[New Yorker.]  
He—Algy is well provided with the necessities of life.  
She—Yes, it is a good thing for him that the necessities of life do not include brains.

### THE USUAL THING.

[Town Topics.]  
Askitt—I asked Col. Chinneway, the politician, about it the other day, and he said, "I am not a candidate for Congress, but I think I shall run for Punnitt, that means that he's going to butt in, as usual."

### TWO MEN WILL DIE

Experiment With D'Arson Rocket at Collingwood Proves Disastrous.

Collingwood, April 24.—Last night about 11 o'clock a terrible accident occurred here, by which three men were dangerously injured, two of them so badly that they may not recover. Some of the men who have been helping fit out a large iron freighter here had procured a distress rocket from one of the boats, and last night some of them, being together at a station gate on a street, placed it off on a post and attempted to set it off. After lighting it they were under the impression that it had not caught, and went back to the boat. While they were standing around it and very close to it it exploded with terrific force.

Thomas McLaughlin, who had been working on the steamer *Ames*, was very badly cut on the lower part of his body, and might very little hope of his recovery is held out by Dr. McKay. If the man is not too weak he will be operated on. It is hardly possible that his life will be saved. Thomas Stanford, who had been working on the steamer *Newmont*, of the Farrar Transportation Company, and who is said to be the son of a well-known local merchant, was struck on the jugular vein and also on the temple. He is very badly hurt, and has lost a lot of blood. Part of the bone of the skull has had to be removed. He may recover, but his chances are very slight.

Another man of the name of Slemin is hurt, but it is thought he will pull through. Two others of the party were more or less injured, but not seriously.

### KIPPEL GIVES UP HER CHILD

Member of Royal Set Lets Friend Adopt Daughter.

London, April 25.—Mrs. Ronnie Greville, an intimate friend of Mrs. George Kippel, both of whom are persons of great wealth, has adopted one of Mrs. George Kippel's two daughters. She has no children of her own, and this will be a splendid thing for the little Kippel girl, as Mrs. Greville is the heir of an enormously wealthy brewer, Mr. McEwan, of Edinburgh, whose philanthropy built up the Medical University of Edinburgh. The arrangement appears to be highly satisfactory to both women as well as to their husbands, while the little girl herself is delighted.

### THAMESFORD.

Thamesford, April 25.—It is looking quite sprightly here. Sunday's rain will do much for the fall wheat, although it is considered by most farmers in this locality to be a failure. The remains of the late John S. Shepherd, of Ingersoll, a former resident of this village, were interred in the Methodist cemetery here. His widow, Mrs. Foster, along with all the relatives, have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

The remains of the late Colin Cameron, who died at his son-in-law's residence, last concession of North-berchester, were interred in the Seventh Line Cemetery on Saturday. Mr. Cameron had been feeble for a long time, and his death had been expected for some time. His friends have the sympathy of the community. It is rumored that the village library is soon to be become more centrally located. We believe it would be a wise move, for as it is now situated it is not conspicuous enough.

Miss L. B. Reavey has returned from Ingersoll.

Duncan Hossack sold a very valuable horse to James McCartney last week. The concession is not made public, but there is no doubt it would be in the neighborhood of \$200.

The village is organizing a baseball team. That's what knocks.

Miss Lilly Lazenby, a former village girl, is visiting at Mr. Lawrence's.

Mr. B. S. McKay and his father-in-law, Mr. Thos. Hogg, attended the horse show in St. Marys on Thursday. Mr. McKay was one of the judges.

Mr. A. Morrison, a former merchant, was presented with a very handsome locket on Friday evening by his brother, the late Mr. Morrison.

John R. Robinson was brought home from London on Saturday. He is a little better.

Mr. John McKay, of East Nisour, died yesterday at the residence of his son, William, at a ripe old age. He had a second paralytic stroke, from which he never fully recovered. His friends and relatives have the deepest sympathy.



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### CAST BABIES INTO QUICKLIME

Revolting Story of Infant Murder From Philadelphia.

### AWFUL ACT KILLED THE MOTHER

Witness Declares She Saw Living Children Cast Into the Vats.

Philadelphia, April 25.—Mrs. Ashmead's alleged furnace for baby cremation was a quicklime used at baby farms by members of the malpractice syndicate.

This tale was told to Coroner Dugan by the sister of one of the victims. It is corroborated by at least one witness, who saw living infants dropped into the destroying substance. Two arrests were made, and sensational which will equal those of the exposure of the baby crematory are promised. The revelation of the horror of the quicklime trap for killing babies reached the coroner through the death of a young mother whose child was taken away by a midwife and dropped into a tub of "white stuff" which had been brought into the room by an attendant.

The woman's body, it is said, was placed in a box and shipped to Canada. The mother was told that the little one was dead at birth and that it had been placed in the tub to conceal it when carried away.

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Immense shipments of the best English Tapestry Carpets have arrived. Newest designs in rich crimson and green, also wood shades, all with 5/8 borders to match. Per yard, made and laid, for..... **65c**  
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Our most complete and unprecedented selection of Linoleums and Oilcloths contains many new and varied designs and patterns

**Oilcloths**—An excellent assortment of the newest designs and patterns. Sell- **25c** ing at, per yard.....

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### ROME CHEERS GUEST LOUBET

An Enthusiastic Reception for French President—No Clerical Demonstration.

Rome, April 25.—President Loubet, accompanied by Foreign Minister Delcasse and a distinguished party of French officials, arrived in Rome yesterday to repay the visit of King Victor Emmanuel to Paris in October last.

They were met at the station by the King, who was in state, accompanied by the court dignitaries. At the station also were the members of the Italian cabinet, representatives of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies, and all the high officers of state. At the President stepped from the train the Prince of Colonna, mayor of Rome, formally welcomed him on behalf of the city. The King and the President embraced and kissed each other, while the Marseillaise was played by several bands.

The drive to the Quirinal was then taken up, and it had all the appearance of a triumphal march, culminating in an ovation at the palace, where President Loubet, King Victor Emmanuel, Queen Helena and the princes were obliged to appear on the balcony three times.

Immediately after she had received President Loubet, Queen Helena sent a cordial telegram to Mrs. Loubet, saying that the "rejoicing today only lacked the presence of her of whose hospitality had many proofs while in Paris, and the memory of which is unalterable."

All Rome was magnificently illuminated last night. There was a great torchlight procession, in which 15,000 persons took part. The procession crossed the town to the Quirinal, where it made an imposing demonstration, and was witnessed by 100,000 persons, including President Loubet, their majesties and the prince.

The clericals desired to organize a demonstration of protest against the visit of President Loubet to Rome, but their purpose being to first meet at St. Peter's for prayer at the moment of the President's arrival, but this plan was not carried out, it having been learned that the Pope disapproved of such a demonstration.

From an official source it is learned that Italy desires to prove that loyalty to the triple alliance, which is quite free to entertain friendly relations with other powers, having for her object the maintenance of peace. This object was brought about by the complete Anglo-Franco-Italian accord with regard to affairs in the Balkans which has been working with perfect harmony since last November. Any other interpretation, it is said, which may be given to President Loubet's presence in Italy is unfounded. President Loubet dined with the King and Queen at the Quirinal, while M. Delcasse took dinner at the French embassy, where Premier Giolitti was a guest.

OFF FOR IRELAND.

London, April 25.—King Edward, Queen Alexandra, the Princess Victoria and their suites started today

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### ELEPHANT BLOCKS WABASH

Stubborn Pachyderm Ties Up Road For Five Hours.

East St. Louis, Ill., April 25.—A stubborn elephant, seeking liberty, caused a suspension of business on the Wabash Railroad east of this city for nearly five hours.

The elephant, with three others, was quartered in cars, this particular pachyderm being chained across the middle of the car between the doors. How the door at the rear of the elephant got open is a mystery to the "mahout" who was in charge of the trio.

The first he knew of the trouble was when the squeal of the elephant awoke him. He found that his husky young elephant had backed out of the car and his forefeet were securely chained to the other door.

The elephant showed a decided disinclination toward re-entering the car, and the "mahout" would not release the chains, so the elephant could not move and the pachyderm blocked the other track.

The "mahout" called to a party of seven Hindus who had come from their car to help him, and the eight men attempted to lift the elephant back in the car, and nearly broke their backs before they realized the job was too heavy.

By the time they were ready to give up all of the Asiatic nationalities represented in the party were among the spectators, and all gave a lift, but the combined strength of Asia was unequal to the task. The elephant was finally raised by a pair of jacks, which slipped under the elephant's feet when he raised them. In that way he was moved into the car and reached the world's fair grounds before noon.