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Chili Invaded By a Devastating Army.

BUT'TIS AN ARMY OF LOCUSTS

The Southerner Not Likely to Feel the Eagle's Talons

WHILE ITS SCREAMS HAVE CEASED.

The U.S. Cabinet and Foreign Committee Considering Affairs.

Meantime the Chilian Cabinet Has Decided to Make Any and All Apologies Which Uncle Sam's Government May Ask—In View of the Disparity Between the Forces of the Two Powers Chili is Willing to Sacrifice Any Dignity She May Possess.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The latest mails from Chili bring the news of a terrible invasion of locusts from the Argentine republic. Advices from Valldivi received at Santiago state according to reports just received, the locusts are marching southward without abandoning the line of Cordillera or approaching the centre where there are important crops. The damage already done to the crops at Porcon and Villarica can only be remedied by charity, as in a few months hence there will be a scarcity of food.

A telegram from Vilarica says: "The swarm of locusts passing into Chili rapidly increases. All the tract from Inning to Porcon, 40 leagues, is covered with locusts. No remedy is known. The only hope is that they may fall into water. Here they have destroyed all kinds of crops and grass."

In the House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The session of the House to-day was devoted to consideration of a resolution, introduced by Mr. Breckenridge of Kentucky, calling upon the President for additional information concerning the Chilian correspondence, which after remarks in opposition thereto by several members was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Meetings of Committees and the Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—At the request of members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee a special meeting was called to-day for the purpose of considering the President's message in the Chilian controversy and the accompanying correspondence. The members of the committee spent some time in the consideration of it. There was an informal discussion of a very general character, but no conclusion was reached, partly because of the latest phase given the case by the Associated Press despatch from Santiago announcing a substantial compliance by Chili with the request of the President, and partly because of the necessity of a careful examination of the correspondence.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations had a short session this morning, but the meeting was merely of an informal character and was devoted to a brief exchange of opinions among the senators regarding the President's message and accompanying correspondence on the Chilian affair. No action was taken.

The Cabinet met promptly at 11 o'clock to-day and devoted neary the entire session to a discussion of the Chilian controversy. All the members were present except Secretary Elkins and Secretary Foster.

Discussing the Apology.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The Government to-day received a long message from Minister Egan, conveying an offer on the part of the Chilian Government for the settlement of all existing difficulties with the United States. This despatch confirms in every particular the statements made in the Associated Press despatch received from Santiage last evening, which was in effect that Chili had agreed to withdraw the offensive note sent by Senor Matta, to withdraw its request for the recall of Minister Egan and to submit the Baltimore affair to the arbitration of some neutral nation, or to submit the matter to the decision of the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Egan states these proposition at greater length than the press despatch, but the exact additions cannot now be ascertained. There is reason to believe however, that the Chilian Government not only offers to withdraw the offence note, but in addition offers to apologize for it. It also agrees to the position taken by the United States in regard to the right of asylum and the safe conduct of refugees.

Mr. Egan's dispatch was submitted to the cabinet at its meeting to-day. The entire question was discussed and it is understood that a difference of opinion was developed as to the propriety of accepting the offer without modification so far as it related to the submission of Chili's liability for the attack on the sailors of the Baltimore to the arbitration of a neutral nation or the decision of the Supreme Court. Without reaching a decision the meeting adjourned.

The President will doubtless communicate Mr. Egan's despatch to Congress, but will probably not do so for several days unless it is called for by the House.

To Remain at Callao.

The Secretary of the Navy this afternoon sent a cable message to Commander Evans of the Yorktown, now at Callao, authorizing him to give his crew shore leave as requested in his message of yesterday. This in itself shows that the vessel will remain at Callao for at least two or three days if that fact were not already established by the necessity of coaling. It was said at the Navy Department this afternoon that it had not been decided whether the Yorktown or the Boston or both should return to Valparaiso. The impression is general among naval officers, however, that the Yorktown will be selected for that service and that she will be the only American vessel sent there for the present unless some unlooked-for incident should require the immediate presence of others.

Have Dined on Leeks.

SANTIAGO, Jan. 26.—It is confidently affirmed that the Chilian Foreign Minister, in accordance with a decision arrived at by President Montt and the Cabinet, and after consulting with the Council of State, has replied to the American ultimatum in terms which will satisfy the President and Government of America. In view of the disparity between the forces of the two powers it would seem that Chili had no other resource left than to make the sacrifices of dignity necessary to satisfy the more powerful nation.

Chili's reply, it is expected, will be as conciliatory as possible. It will probably refer any differences mentioned in the note Mr. Egan delivered on Saturday, which the ministers themselves failed to settle, to the arbitration of the United States Supreme Court. But for the appearance of American cruisers coming from the Atlantic this sudden recrudescence of the difficulty might be considered only as one of the many phrases through which this strange crisis has been passing for months according to the exigencies of American home politics. The impending arrival of an American squadron at Valparaiso, however, imports an element of danger.

The British Minister arrived at Santiago to-day.

PATTI AT THE PAVILION.

The Great Diva's Magnetism Over The Crowded Assembly—A Great Success—Pointers For Pleasure-Seekers.

Madame Adelina Patti triumphantly demonstrated her unrivalled "drawing" powers last night. Every seat in the Pavilion was filled last night and a number of devotees were content to stand for two hours and a half in the rear of the hall. During the progress of this tour the musical critics of New York have been analyzing the causes that enable the great prima donna to fill the largest houses at prices that no other artist or attraction would have the temerity to ask. The causes are not far to seek. Granted that the personal charm and the marvelous organ that combined have enraptured millions have gained nothing in the flight of years there is yet left to us a sprightly figure, a piquant face and the velvet notes of a voice that time itself that spares nothing seems loth to destroy. Madame Patti's audience of last night was not composed of one class of persons There were real lovers of music present—there were others who were merely curious. There were young folks who heard the matchless Adelina for the first time and believed that it was also, probably, for the last, but to their dying day they would be able to say they had heard the divine Patti. There were many who had listened to her notes years ago in other lands, and to them it was the renewing of a memory and a time for comparisons—comparisons mingled with sighs for days that are fled. For the wonder of this woman's art is as much in the span of its reign as in its unquestioned supremacy. Thousands of men and women who have listened to the diva with ravished ears are now dead in death and to thousands of others the gracious utterance will be a sweet memory when the voice itself is hushed forever, but in the history of song the name of Adelina Patti will never die.

To enter into criticisms of Madame Patti is fortunately not required at this late day. Her appearance last night was a signal for the usual burst of warm greeting, and her numbers were encored and encored again. She was in high spirits and the best of humor and liberally responded to demands for repetitions. Half her art is born of the magnetic confidence in her powers that a thousand triumphs in the capitals of the world have inspired. The audience were evidently pleased to hear her oft-heard but never stale rendition of the Last Rose and Home Sweet Home. The company supporting her is above the average. Signor Guille, the tenor, was a surprise. He has a remarkably fine voice and a deplorably insignificant person, but his peanuty ensemble was forgiven for the glorious gifts of song that he displayed. Mlle. Fabbri, the contralto, has a fine voice and shows considerable dramatic power.

Signor Arditi was an excellent conductor.

Notes.

"Blue Jeans" drew a crowded house last night. It is a splendid play and will draw big houses the rest of the week. Matinee today.

Toronto's old favorite, Gus Williams, will appear at the Grand Opera House next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

A very valuable record has just been received at the phonograph parlors. It is a speech by the Hon. W. E. Gladstone, ex-Prime Minister of England, and is now produced in Toronto by the courtesy of General W. E. Sherman, New York City. A few excellent records by Rabbi H. Phillips, ex-minister of Holy Blossom Church, Toronto, have also been taken.

A MYSTERIOUS ROBBERY.

Frank S. Taggart's Store Plundered by Unknown Men.

At 7.30 last night the electric signal in the office of the Holmes Electric Protective Co., 8 Wellington-street east, gave the alarm, showing that the door of Frank S. Taggart's jewelry store in King-street west had been opened, John James, one of the company's men, was immediately sent up to investigate, and going to the store found the door open. He stepped inside, and just then two men walked past him and went out into the street. They acted in such a cool manner that he was rather dumfounded and allowed them to get out without trying to stop them. They ran across the street and the watchman, then suspecting them, gave chase, yelling for the police. He was too late, however, and the robbers made the best of the start they had obtained and disappeared up the lane beside the C.P.R. offices into Pearl-street.

On examination it was found that over $100 worth of jewelry had been taken from the store.

How the thieves got in is a mystery. Some carpenters were working in the store in the evening and it is supposed that as the door was opened from inside, they in some manner must have entered while the men were at work and secreted themselves until they were left alone in the building. It seems strange, however, that they could have entered unnoticed.

The case was put into the hands of the detectives, but at a late hour last night no trace of the thieves had been found.

Mr. Taggart is away on his wedding trip. The value of the Holmes Electric Protective System is shown in giving the alarm, for King-street was deserted at the time and the two men leaving the store had in it nothing to attract attention.

Joked on Eternity's Threshold.

HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 26.—At Pleasantville Miss Lucy Logan, a young school teacher, slept with a friend and then joked and laughed a greater part of the night. In the morning, in assisting her from the bed, she suddenly expired in the arms of her friend. Death was caused by heart failure.

Ladies' Seal Jackets at Dineens'.
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Prices greatly reduced on all
Furs purchased at
Dineens', cor. King and Yonge-streets.

Try the Restaurant at the Hub.

Run Down By a Locomotive.

BRANTFORD, Jan. 26.—Daniel Durham of Cainsville was crossing the B. & L.H. track near Brantford, when his democrat was struck by a train. One of the horses was killed, but Durham escaped with a fractured arm and severe cuts on the head.

Gloves, gloves, fine English gloves, lined and unlined real Buck skin. The best assortment of men's fine gloves always at Treble's, 53 King-street west.

Northwest Immigraation.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 26.—A. J. McMillan, Manitoba's representative in England, says there will be large emigration from England this spring.

Clearing Out.

At White's clearing-out sale you can get underwear at cost. Come and be convinced. Scarfs below cost in lots of cases. Facts! Stubborn facts, I assure you; 65 King-street west.

THE WINNING TRIUMVIRATE.

ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED AT ST. CATHARINES.

The New War Minister in Great Fettle—Mr. Haggart Gives Emphatic Denial to the Section B and Other Charges—Mr. Patterson's Maiden Effort as Secretary of State—Lincoln and Welland Likely to go Conservative.

ST. CATHARINES, Jan. 26.—The political fight is waxing warmer in the old county of Lincoln. To-day new zest was given it by the advent of a triumvirate of cabinet ministers: Mackenzie Bowell, Minister of Militia; John Haggart, Minister of Railways; J. C. Patterson, Secretary of State. They arrived here shortly after 4 o'clock in the Intercolonial car "Cumberland." Mr. McKay, M.P., of Hamilton, and Mr. Arthur Boyle, ex-M.P., of Monck, were also with the party.

The first to welcome the distinguished visitors were Dr. Ferguson of Welland, Capt. Sylvester Neelon, the Conservative candidate, and Dr. Montague of Haldimand.

St. Kitts was en fete. The weather was bitterly cold, but not so the reception. The band of the 19th Battalion was on hand with a supply of good music, while a crowd of electors, the greater part of whom were workingmen, who had thrown down their tools for the occasion, greeted the visitors with hearty handshakes and vociferous cheers.

A procession was formed and the party was taken to the Grand Central Hotel. The procession was about half a mile long and was headed by the 19th Battalion Band. A reception was held in the parlor of the Grand Central.

The Evening Meeting.

In the evening a meeting was held in the Grand Opera House in the interests of Capt. Neelon. The house was packed as if the attraction was a popular comedy instead of a political meeting. The boxes were occupied by ladies, and a large number of the fair ones were also sprinkled among the sterner sex in the audience.

The chair was occupied by Mr. James A. Keyes, president of the local Young Men's Liberal-Conservative Association.

As the ministers and the ministerial candidate appeared on the stage they were greeted with cheers and "Rule Britannia" from the orchestra.

The chairman's remarks were brief and felicitous.

Mr. Arthur Boyle was the first speaker. He referred to the legal procedure in his own constituency by which his opponent in the last election was unseated. He believed Lincoln was Conservative and loyal and would be redeemed Thursday. "The eyes of Monck are upon you," he concluded, "and the result here will largely determine the result there."

Dr. Montague's Address.

Dr. Montague followed. He was received with tremendous applause. He said the eyes of the country were turned upon Lincoln and more especially by those who had been accustomed to look upon it as one of the Conservative strongholds of the Dominion. The veterans of Haldimand had deputed him to bring them the motto which had led them to victory after fifty years of defeat namely, "Work and Win." Lincoln, he held, would be redeemed. "The Conservatives here have slept the sleep of the just and are awakening to a glorious resurrection." [Cheers and laughter.] Sir Richard Cartwright, he continued, had professed to be confident of the result of the election trials, "but you know what the result is," added the doctor, amid applause. "Cartwright will grasp nothing but the apples of Sodom, which will turn to ashes at his touch." He asked the electors to have in mind when they exercised the franchise Thursday the destiny of the country and cast their ballots for the Conservative candidate.

Mr. Haggart's Address.

Hon. Mr. Haggart, Minister of Railways, was warmly received. He first dealt with the public debt, and showed that of its total amount of $237,000,000 nearly every dollar was built up by the Government assuming the liabilities of the provinces at Confederation, by the building of the Intercolonial and other public works, for which the Reform party were just as responsible as the Conservatives. "We managed the debt of the county so well," he added, amid loud cheers, "that the interest is now less than it was during the Mackenzie regime and, what is more, we can borrow money lower. These are the true tests. Furthermore the interest on the public debt is only 6 cents a head more than in 1869."

The alleged poverty of Canada was touched upon and figures produced to show that in comparison with the United States Canadians were per head more wealthy.

Unrestricted reciprocity was referred to. "Leaving sentiment aside," he said, "let us ask the question whether there is more money in it. I say," he added amid applause, "that England is our natural market. It is of more value to us and for it we are competing with the United States." He spoke of the boodling charges made against the Government and added: "The Dominion is trying to make the guilty ones return what they have wrongfully taken and punish them by criminal trial. If there is any evidence that our opponents can produce which will help us to recover the stolen money let them do so. It is their duty." He said that whatever wrong had been perpetrated by the employes of certain departments nothing could with justice be said against the ministers. Sir Hector Langevin might have been careless but he was not criminal. [Cheers.]

Those Immorality Charges.

He next took up the charges of immorality against himself. "Several young ladies in the postoffice department," he continued, were absent from their duties on account of sickness. It was alleged that it was on account of certain immoral connection with the Postmaster-General. "I have denied it in the House and out of it, but it seems to be no use for me to do so. My traducers continue to malign me, but," he added, "I am willing to be tried in any court in this land." [Cheers.]

The charge that he had shared in the profits of section B was referred to and refuted and he only desired to have an opportunity of doing so before some tribunal.

The New War Minister.

Hon. Mackenzie Bowell was greeted with round after round of applause. He spoke of the National Policy as related to the farming industry. He showed that in 1879, 292,805 barrels of flour were entered for consumption in Canada, and only 57,487 in 1891. Wheat imported in 1879 was 4,268,765 bushels, and in 1891 only 147,521 bushels, a difference of over 4,000,000 bushels. It was said, he continued, that the McKinley bill was going to ruin the Canadian egg trade. That it did at first, he was free to acknowledge. Taken on the whole, however, it had not. Exports of eggs to Great Britain during the three months ending Sept. 30, 1890, were 3652 dozen, valued at $588; to United States during same period 5,487,794 dozen, valued at $817,008. During three months ending Sept. 30, 1891. 1,126,391 dozen were exported to Great Britain, valued at $157,744; to the United States during the same period 1,260,581, valued at $141,240. This showed that the amount paid for the eggs sent to Great Britain exceeds that of those shipped to the United States by $16,504. [Tremendous cheers.] "So you will see we are receiving more money from the lesser than from the greater." [Cheers.] He showed that since the Conservative party had come into power there was a saving by the removal of the duty of $12,000,000 on tea, $1,000,000 on coffee and $3,000,000 on sugar.

"So taking it on the whole," he added, "the government from 1878 to the present you will find has imposed heavy duties on the luxuries of the rich in order to raise revenue but removed it where it rested upon the great mass of the people."

When Mr. Bowell took his seat the audience rose en masse and cheered vociferously.

The Secretary of State.

Mr. J. C. Patterson was the last speaker. As the hour was late his remarks were brief. He scathingly pointed out the inconsistencies of the Reform party, and added "They are like Davy Crockett's coon up the tree. Don't fire, they said, we will come down."

A resolution of thanks to the speakers was moved by William Chaplin and Capt. Milloy, and carried.

The meeting was the most successful ever held in St. Catharines and broke up at 12.15 a.m. with cheers for the Queen and the Conservative candidate.

Prospects in Welland.

The prospects in the adjoining county of Welland for the Conservative party are excellent. Mr. German is not likely to bring his case to the Court of Appeal. The fact that the Reform party have already nominated Mr. James Towel as their standard bearer in his room and stead gives color to this supposition.

Mr. James Lawson, the Conservative candidate, is in the field with his coat off. He is making a personal canvass and is confident of being able to redeem the constituency.

MACDONALD ELECTED.

The Conservative Candidate Again Returned in Victoria, N.S.

HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 26.—Macdonald (Conservative) was re-elected in Victoria to-day by a majority of about 50.

East Elgin Election Feb. 12.

OTTAWA, Jan. 26.—East Elgin bye-election writ was issued this evening. Nomination will be Feb. 5 and polling Feb. 12.

Political Gossip.

East Hastings Conservatives will select a candidate at Coeslin on Feb. 3.

The election in Kings, N.S., has been fixed for Feb. 13.

Sir A. P. Caron was sworn in as Postmaster-General yesterday.

The approaching session of Parliament is expected to last five or six months.

London Conservatives will select a candidate to oppose Mr. Hyman on Saturday.

Morgan, the defeated Conservative candidate in Richelieu, will petition Bruneau's election.

Haggart and Lister are to meet face to face on the platform at Kingston this evening and discuss the section "B" scandal.

The Dominion Alliance will meet at Ottawa during the session of Parliament and will institute enquiries as to that prohibition commission.

The first to congratulate Sir A. P. Caron after having taken the oath of Postmaster-General at Ottawa yesterday was Col. Denison of Toronto, who called on the minister at the Militia Department. The Colonel is the guest of General Herbert.

Mr. M. Connolly, one of the contractors of the Kingston graving dock, is in Ottawa. "What about the $32,000?" asked a reporter. "We got the $32,000 all right but it is a very small amount of what the Government owe us. From the way some of the newspapers were talking about it one would imagine that we were going to spend $30,000 in the election and keep $20,000." "Which you are not apt to do," put in the newspaper man. "We are apt to put the money where it will do most good and is in the meantime required," replied Mr. Connolly.

From Stage to Pulpit.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 26.—A sensation has been created in theatrical circles here by the announcement that George Hanlon of the Hanlon Brothers, producers of spectacular pantomime, has deserted the theatrical profession for the pulpit. William Hanlon, now here, has received a letter from George saying that he has determined to devote the remainder of his life and his means to religious works.

Dropped Dead on the Bench.

JERSEY CITY, Jan. 26.—Judge Manning F. Knapp of the New Jersey Supreme Court and presiding judge of the Hudson County Circuit Court dropped dead this afternoon while delivering a charge to the grand jury at the Court House. The judge was referring to the violation of the law by the Hoboken theatre proprietors in giving Sunday performances when he suddenly expired.

The Best of Chums.

The success that has crowned our efforts to place before the public a superior "Cut Plug" smoking tobacco is unprecedented in the annals of the tobacco trade, as shown by the great and continuously increasing demand for our "Old Chum Cut Plug," and which has encouraged us to make the Old Chum in plug form as well as in cut. We have no hesitation in stating that the "Old Chum Plug" is the finest ever placed before the public. A trial will convince the most skeptical. D. Ritchie & Co., Montreal. The largest cigarette and oldest cut tobacco manufacturers in Canada. 136

Banish coughs and colds by using Adams' Tutti Frutti, Wild Cherry and Licorice Gum. Sold by all druggists and confectioners; 5 cents.

Three Lawyers May Not Save Him.

ALBANY, Jan. 26.—William Woods of Toronto, Canada, indicted for importing women into the state for immoral purposes, was placed on trial. Woods was defended by three lawyers and the District Attorney and his assistant looked after the people's interests. No witnesses were sworn today.

1892—"The Cream of the Havana Crop

"La Cadena" and "La Flora" brands of cigars are undoubtedly superior in quality and considerably lower in price than any brand imported. Prejudiced smokers will not admit this to be the case. The connoisseur knows it. S. Davis & Sons, Montreal. 136

Taps from the Telegraph.

The annihilation of Garza is promised today by the Mexican authorities.

The tugboat Webster, with two scows belonging to the New York street cleaning service, drifted out to sea last night with 100 Italian laborers on board.

The Metropolitan Opera House at Columbus, Ohio, was destroyed by fire yesterday and the Bijou partially damaged. The loss will exceed $1,000,000.

The Earl of Aberdeen has been gazetted representative of the Province of Manitoba in the permanent governing body of the Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, Colonies and India.

The total number of immigrants arrived in the United States during the 12 months ended Dec. 31, 1891, was 590,666, against 491,026 in 1890.

WORSE THAN BURKE AND HARE.

Horrible Recital of a Murderer in a Vienna Court Room—Strangled Half-a-Dozen Servant Girls.

VIENNA, Jan. 26.—The trial of Frank Schneider and his wife for the murder of eight servant girls was resumed here to-day. The prosecution succeeded in getting Schneider to confess that he murdered all the victims after outraging them.

Schneider volunteered to tell how the murders were committed and dramatically went through the blood-curdling performances. He showed how he used to seize the struggling victims by the breast with his left hand and with his powerful right hand clutch them by the throat and thus strangle the poor creatures.

In concluding his confession Schneider said that he had not killed the first woman he had outraged and robbed, because he had not at that time had the practice in the method of strangling which he afterwards acquired. The case has created a great sensation here.

SPURGEON DYING.

The Great Pulpiteer not Expected to Live Until Morning.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Rev. Mr. Spurgeon, who it was announced yesterday was suffering from an attack of gout in the head and hand, has become worse, and this evening it is announced that he is in a critical condition.

SAVED THE SULTAN'S LIFE.

Prince Charles of Hohenzollern Wins a Medal and a Ribbon.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 26.—During a banquet and concert in the Sultan's Palace to-day in honor of Prince Charles of Hohenzollern a heavy screen was overturned and would have fallen upon the Sultan had not Prince Charles sprung forward and prevented it. The Sultan gratefully thanked Prince Charles for this act and conferred upon him the Turkish life-saving medal and the Grand Cordon of the Order of Osmanich.

Chat from Over the Sea.

An unknown steamer has been lost off Cape Finistere, Spain, with all on board.

Sir Oscar Clayton, surgeon in ordinary to the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh, is dead.

A despatch from Teheran says that the Mollah's prohibition of tobacco has been withdrawn and the people are again allowed to smoke.

Cardinal Ledochowski has been made Prefect of the Congregation de Propaganda Fide in succession to the late Cardinal Simeoni. Cardinal Vannutelli becomes Prefect of Briefs and Cardinal Ricci Prefect of Memorials.

In the town of Sokoloff a number of starving Russian peasants, who supposed that a certain priest was carrying some funds, planned to waylay him and take away the money. The conspirators carried their plans into execution, and after securing the booty they dragged the victim to the River Oka and flung him in. The priest was drowned.

All the hospitals of Paris are so crowded with patients, as a result of the epidemic of influenza, that there is no room for new sufferers, and the municipal authorities have been compelled to ask the government to permit the use of vacant barracks as temporary hospitals for the large number of affected persons seeking relief.

ESCAPED AT THE JAIL DOOR.

A Burglar Eludes Two Constables and Takes Leg Bail.

BELLEVILLE, Jan. 26.—Thomas Geary, who was committed at Tweed for burglary, made his escape from Constables Bealy and Wilson of Tweed after the vehicle in which he was brought to town had arrived in front of the jail. When one of the constables got out of the cutter Geary, who had got rid of the handcuffs, jumped out on the other side of it and made his escape.

A Faithless Lover.

BRANTFORD, Jan. 26.—Unless a compromise is arranged in the course of the next few days, an interesting breach of promise of marriage suit will come before the court at the spring assizes. A good-looking young lady, daughter of a well-known farmer, recently deceased, sues a young farmer, living with his father in the neighborhood of Mount Vernon, for $2000 for breach of promise of marriage.

A Slight Misunderstanding.

Smith: "Have you met your old chum?"

Jones: "No. How is he? When did you see him?"

Smith: "Well, I have seen him loose and disorderly in a good many places, but lately I have found him looking like a picture."

Jones: "Where is he now?"

Smith: "In every place in the Dominion where tobacco is to be found."

Jones: "What are you talking about? My remarks had reference to Dobson."

Smith: "Ha! Ha! Good joke! I thought that you referred to the 'Old Chum' Plug that is being introduced by D. Ritchie & Co Montreal, in connection with the 'Old Chum Cut Plug' that has such a large sale. Have a pipe full?" 136

Died on Route to the Hospital.

KINGSTON, Jan. 26.—An old man, name unknown, who boarded the Grand Trunk day express at Trenton to-day bound for a hospital at Brockville, died before reaching Kingston.

Met Death on Yellow Girl Bay.

RAT PORTAGE, Ont., Jan. 26.—Donald Sinclair was found frozen to death on the ice in Yellow Girl Bay.

Personal.

Mr. Justice Street was much better last night.

Messrs. D. E. Cameron Deputy Provincial Treasurer; M. J. McMurtry, General Manager for Ontario; William Wilson, Warring Kennedy, H. E. Smallpiece, William Green, Dr. McPhedran of Toronto, and H. A. Ward, ex-M.P., Port Hope; N. F. Paterson, Q.C., Port Perry; James Farr, warden of Northumberland and Durham, and James Wilson, miller, of Fergus, left town yesterday on the Erie Flyer en route for New York to attend the annual meeting of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, which will be held in New York to-day.

Local Jottings.

William Cummings, 263 Wilton-avenue, was arrested charged with aggravated assault on Joseph Lancaster.

The will of James Rogers, a farmer of King township, was yesterday entered for probate. The estate is valued at $8600, of which $7500 is in realty.

Edgar Morris, B. Ashley and R. Radler, three young lads, are in custody charged with stealing $3 from a till in the store of Samuel Frazer, 90 Davenport-road.

Thomas Colbany, 70 Victoria-street, and John Mines, 47 Ontario-place, were yesterday fined $3 each or 10 days for assaulting Timothy Epps, an employe at the Musee.

Peter McIntosh, the young man who fell at the new Parliament buildings on Monday, died at the Hospital yesterday afternoon at 4.30 from his injuries. No inquest will be held.

A praise service for timely aid towards the new building of the Y.W.C. Guild was held Monday night. Miss Bambridge was appointed to represent the guild at the New York convention.

Miss Wetherald, a talented young lady, gave a charming recital in the Western Congregational Church last evening. The audience present was large and enthusiastic.

Alexander Robinson was arrested last night on a charge of forgery. It is said that he forged the name of George Leslie, jr., on two checks of $7 and $8, respectively and passed them on Mr. Young of the Musee cigar store.

The Erskine Church service of song last evening was largely attended. A silver collection was taken in aid of the choir fund. Miss Morrell's sweet soprano was much admired, and Mr. Ed Lye fully sustained his enviable reputation he has secured in the musical fraternity. Miss Authors and Mr. M. A. L. Davies also assisted the choir.

SAYS HE SPEAKS FOR GOD.

MERCIER SHOULD BE ASKED TO PRODUCE HIS CREDENTIALS.

The Impious Remark of the Boodling ex-Premier: "God, in Whom I Trust, Will Soon Avenge Me!"—The Recent Disclosures of the Royal Commission Are "Nothing Worth Noticing."

QUEBEC, Jan. 26.—Hon. Mr. Mercier spoke in St. Peter's Hall to-night before a crowded house.

"Politics nowadays are getting somewhat irksome," said Mr. Mercier. "You have seen lately the constitution for which many of our countrymen shed their blood assailed most audaciously by a man whose name has always been honored until now. Political blindness is the worst of all from a high representative."

Speaking of the Royal Commission he said he appeared before his judges, of whom two were his executioners. "You remember when the commissioners went to Spenderwood on the memorable afternoon. It was there that my downfall was plotted. You remember also, when the commissioners came down from Montreal, Mr. DeBoucherville, my successor, accompanied them as far as St. Anne. Very well then, a few hours after I received from His Honor my dismissal a telephone message was transmitted to me from St. Anne to the effect that Mr. DeBoucherville had been apprised of my dismissal and of his nomination to the head of the present government. Now, gentlemen, this is how the plot was concocted against all laws of decency.

An Impious Scoundrel.

"But God, in whom I trust, will soon avenge me." [Cries of yes.]

Mr. Mercier continued: "However, not satisfied with having executed me the conspirators said: 'Let us find some more scandals about Mercier, let us kill him over again.' [Laughter.] They then ransacked all the departments, but they found nothing worth noticing."

His Jaunt at the Public Expense.

Mr. Mercier then spoke of his voyage to France, the country of his ancestors and the founders of Canada, "Wherever I went, gentlemen, in that ravishing country of our forefathers, I was proud of speaking of the Province of Quebec. I was happy when acclaimed by the French people, for I knew that it was the Province of Quebec which was thus greeted. I came back and I was assailed with the bitterest accusations from my enemies; even some of our followers thought that the time had come to give us the last kick, but never fear, we are not dead yet! [Cheers.] By and by we will crush the tyrants, great and small, and the national standard will again re-enter the sanctum of Parliament from where it was unconstitutionally taken down. [Cheers.]

In the Same Old Line.

"As for our future politics I cannot give you now the least glimpse, but you may rest assured that we will not vary from the progressive policy which we inaugurated in 1885." [Cheers.]

TO BE READ OUT.

The Bishops Expected to Denounce Mercier from Their Pulpits Sunday.

MONTREAL, Jan. 26.—Politics here took a lull until to-day when the near approach of the sitting of the royal commission in Montreal has again started tongues wagging. It is understood that the session here will be a short one, and on its conclusion the commissioners will present a supplementary report.

The aspect of affairs is changing directly against Mercier. The cures of St. Rose, Boucherville and Longueuil, all old friends of the ex-Premier, have declared against him, and are advising their congregations to defeat him at the polls. There is every indication that the bishops next Sunday will launch their thunderbolts against the Mercierites all over the province.

The Conservatives are laughing at the ridiculous figure cut in Laval by L. St. Armour, the Mercierite candidate. This morning he was fined the usual amount for selling without a license.

Hon. Mr. Chapleau and Mrs. Chapleau are at the St. Lawrence Hall, and will leave for the south to-morrow morning. He was sworn in as Minister of Customs last night at the residence of Sir Joseph Hickson, Mr. McGee, clerk of Executive Council, acting as the Governor-General's deputy for the occasion. The Grand Trunk has placed a special car at Mr. Chapleau's disposal.

It will be remembered that the Montreal and Sorel Railway received a large subsidy from the Provincial Government some years ago. Among the many unique accounts sent into the railway company was the following, which speaks for itself:

LONGUEUIL, July 1, 1887.

Montreal & Sorel Railway Company, Dr., to Routillard & Co., Printers and Proprietors of L'Impartial:

Seven trips to Quebec	$ 700
Three trips from Longueuil to Sorel	150
Three trips to St. Joseph and speech to obtain municipal subsidies	100
Five trips from Sorel to Montreal	125
Printing the rules of the several municipalities and publishing notices	300
127 columns in L'Impartial, L'Hochelaga and La Patrie	6350
10,000 copies of the above papers	200
Telegraphing stamps, etc	71
Total	$7996

Among the items which have increased most wonderfully under the Mercier regime is the cost of running the provincial police. In 1882 to 1887, the cost was $22,952.55; 1887 to 1891, $37,156.47. The total disbursements in this department from 1882 to 1887 was $37,362,02, and from 1887 to 1891 it was $80,487.61, or an increase of almost threefold.

Read the "Pink 'Un" and "Referee" at the Hub Smoking Room.

"Canada as a Dumping Ground."

If Havana manufacturers of cigars were to hear the favorable criticisms of some of our connoisseurs regarding the trash that is sold in this country of their manufacture they would "chuckle" to themselves at the good fortune that they had found an El Dorado in Canada.

It is a well-known and undisputed fact, and no one knows it better than the Havana manufacturer himself, that Canada is the dumping ground for the poorest quality of cigars made in Cuba.

The look of bewilderment and surprise on the countenance of the parties from whom our buyer purchased tobacco for our "La Cadena" and "La Flora" cigars would have afforded a rare subject for a Millais' brush.

"What are you going to do with that tobacco?"

"How are you going to obtain prices to profitably work it?"

"Why! only the cheapest cigars are sold to Canada!"

These and similar expressions were made by the sellers.

The same class of tobacco that is used in the brands we have mentioned, if manufactured into cigars in Havana, would bring double the price here that is obtained by us.

Our numerous medals obtained in competition with the world at Paris, 1867, Centennial, 1876, etc., fully demonstrate that we are masters of our business. Don't be humbugged; if you want a superior article at a fair price, insist upon having our brands. S. Davis & Sons, Montreal. Largest and highest grade cigar manufacturers in the Dominion. 136

For coughs, colds, sore throat, etc., try Watson's Cough Drops. 135

ALL THE GIFTS BUT ONE.

Patti we have seen before; *Deo volente* we shall hear her again, for Mr. Abbey says on the bill that the diva will visit America next year; so that in her own estimation and that of the far-seeing Mr. Abbey her voice is still the voice of Patti and her powers of attraction from a money point of view just as great as ever.

We must admit that she is still unrivalled; though we much prefer the singing of the Patti of 15 years, of 10 years ago. But as Patti has apparently only her former self to dread she may for years yet rule the lyric stage.

Patti to us grows more and more artificial as a natural result of persistent public adulation. She never loses herself in the characters she essays: there is always before you Patti, the woman with the fine voice, the fine costumes, and the still richer jewels. And she never loses herself in her common womanhood; it is still the individual Patti, always of course with the magnificent voice that stands before you. Nilsson could make you forget herself and make you think of her as the embodiment of all that was best and noblest in her sex. But you can't get rid of Patti, but Patti always of course of the admirable song. The gods gave her every gift that an artist of her class should have gave one thing and that was soul.

TRADE WITH THE ORIENT.

An Enormous Trade Bound to Spring Up Between Canada and China and Japan.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Jan. 26.—Vice-President Shaughnessy of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who has been visiting the leading trade centres of China and Japan, arrived here this morning on the Empress of Japan, which vessel made another remarkably quick passage.

Mr. Shaughnessy states that the possibilities of trade between Canada and China and Japan, with a combined population of over four hundred millions of human beings, is simply a wonder to baffle the ordinary conception. He states that if properly watched and judiciously handled an enormous trade is certain to spring up for Canadian millers and manufacturers in flour, cotton and woolen goods, boots and shoes, provisions, fresh, canned and preserved fruit and manufactured goods.

The Chinese and Japanese are just beginning to use these staples, and Canada is preferred to the United States in China, in consequence of the manner in which the Chinese are legislated against by the United States. The goods from this country are certain to become a favorite with the surging millions of human souls in the Celestial and Flowery Kingdom. The market for Northwest and interior of British Columbia flour will become not only a steady but practically an illimitable one. Mr. Shaughnessy stationed Mr. Callaway, who went out with him, at Hong Kong, where it has been decided upon that the Canadian Pacific will establish a special office under the latter.

BEHRING SEA.

Conference of the Commissioners at Washington—The Arbitrators Decided Upon.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The Secretary of State has arranged with the British Minister for a conference at Washington between the commissioners representing Great Britain and the United States who visited Alaska last summer for the purpose of obtaining definite information in regard to the seal fisheries. This conference is understood to be merely preliminary to the formal submission of the Behring Sea question to ar