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SERVIA'S ILL-SUCCESS.

KING MILAN'S TROOPS RETIRING FROM BULGARIA.

Widdin Being Bombarded and also Being Vigorously Defended—Evacuation of Conquered Positions by the Serbs.

BELGRADE, Nov. 23.—An official report says King Milan has brought his main force into operation with the Drina and Moravia divisions, and a decisive attack on Slivnitza is imminent. It also states that if King Milan is victorious he will agree to an armistice so as to allow the conference of powers to settle the terms of peace.

Only trifling skirmishes took place to-day, as both sides are awaiting reinforcements. The Servians are preparing for a powerful bombardment of Slivnitza prior to an attack by infantry on that town. Meanwhile the popular hated of the Bulgarians has dwindled owing to Prince Alexander's submission to the porte. The hopes of a final victory are fading and there is much depression. Foreign intervention is eagerly hoped for. On account of the strength of the forts at Slivnitza and their obstinate resistance, the Servians call that town "Plevnieza," or "Little Plevna."

The foreign diplomatic representatives here are of the opinion that the powers are about to intervene between Servia and Bulgaria, believing that both sides have suffered enough, while the results are decisive. Austria alone hesitates. The Russian government has requested the Servian minister at St. Petersburg to notify his government of Russia's formal disavowal of the conduct of the Servians.

The Servians have evacuated all the positions hitherto occupied by them. Dragoman, Bresnek, Pernik and Iroov are in the hands of the Bulgarians. The Servians are still retiring. It is stated that Bulgarian cavalry have occupied Tsaribrod.

The Servians have bombarded Widdin and that city is on fire.

The bombardment of Widdin continued for an hour without any decided result. The Bulgarians replied vigorously to the Servian fire.

Russian Dislike for Prince Alexander.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 23.—The removal of the initials of Prince Alexander of Bulgaria from the officers' epaulets of the rifle battalion has been decreed. Prince Alexander was honorary colonel of the battalion and his name was excluded from the rolls of the Russian army by order of the czar. The battalion was known as the Thirteenth rifle battalion of his highness Prince Bulgarski, and is now simply the Thirteenth rifle battalion.

The Greeks Eager for Action.

ATHENS, Nov. 23.—General Sapundaki, commander of the first army corps, which is encamped at Larisha, is waiting orders to cross the frontier and advance on Salonica. The Greeks in Lower Macedonia are rising. They are forming a force of irregular troops.

Prince Alexander's Pinch.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 23. — Prince Alexander has requested the porte to postpone sending a commissioner to Eastern Roumelia until the termination of the war. He says that his soldiers can only propose an armistice when within Servian territory.

EXCITED BY WINE.

A Number of Russian Officers Become Turbulent After Dinner and Are Imprisoned.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 23.—A military scandal is attracting much attention. A party of officers belonging to various regiments of guards, while dining recently, became somewhat turbulent, and a commissioner of police falling in his attempts to quiet them, summoned Gen. Gresser, governor of St. Petersburg. The officers then locked and blocked the doors of the salon. Gen. Gresser ordered the doors to be forced, which was done. In coming from the salon, Count Scheremeteff, a captain of hussars, struck Gen. Gresser in the face. A corps of guards then arrested all of the officers, who were imprisoned. The czar has ordered a court-martial.

A Disturbance in Church.

From the London Truth.

A most unseemly row took place on Sunday week in a parish church in the diocese of Salisbury. There had been "differences" between the vicar and the curate, and the temper of the former reverend person seemed entirely to have given way on the sacred day. He arrived at the church shortly before the hour of morning service, and on entering the vestry found the curate arraying himself in his surplice, with the intention of reading the prayers as usual. The vicar ordered him to leave the place, and, on his refusing, some strong language passed between the enraged divines, the scene ending in the vicar rushing furiously on his subordinate and tearing the surplice from his back, after which he threw the garment into the churchyard. The astounded and horrified clerk hurried into the church (where the congregation had by this time assembled), and summoned "the squire" from his pew to mediate between the combatants. The result of his interference was that the vicar presently proceeded to the reading-desk, leaving the curate to compose himself in the vestry, and the squire was good enough to aid him in his duties by reading the lessons. It seems to me, however, that this exemplary incumbent can scarcely have been in a fit state of mind to read the service, much less to preach a sermon.

CABLE NOTES.

It is not true that the porte has summoned the Servians to evacuate Bulgaria.

Official and press telegrams from Burmah have been stopped. The reason is unknown.

John Thomas Simes & Co., wool brokers of 68 Coleman street, London, have suspended. Their liabilities are believed to be heavy.

Germany and Spain have concluded their negotiations touching the Carolines question, the agreement having been despatched to Berlin from Madrid.

A Greenock firm has received orders to build five steamers which will form the nucleus of a passenger service between Shanghai and Melbourne.

Mr. Gladstone has been presented with an address signed by 1500 Scottish clergymen, urging that the time has arrived for the disestablishment of the church.

The trial of action for libel brought by Mrs. Weldon against Sir Henry Bathe, concluded yesterday in London. Damages to the amount of £1000 and costs were rendered in plaintiff's behalf.

M. Martin, editor of the Provincial newspaper at Copenhagen has been sentenced to four months' imprisonment on a charge of inciting people to take up arms and drive Premier Estrupp from power.

A despatch from Calcutta says 5000 people have been drowned and 150 villages submerged in Orissa by a cyclone, and that 1211 square miles in Moorshedabad and Huddea districts have been devastated.

The British expeditionary force has reached Mingyare without opposition. King Theebaw has issued another proclamation similar to his first, which he concludes by ordering 25,000 troops to be held in readiness for action.

A group of French conservatives, representing the farming interests, will introduce in the chamber a bill to prevent the government from accepting tenders for foreign goods, such as American meats, for the army. It is probable that the bill will pass, but possibly a compromise will be made.

THE EXPEDITION TO BURMAH.

All Things Progressing Satisfactorily—Press Despatches Delayed, but not Stopped.

RANGOON, Nov. 23.—The British expedition to Burmah is in excellent health. The wounded are doing well. The captured forts are strongly garrisoned. The wounded Burmese who have been captured are being taken care of in the English hospitals. The villagers are returning to their homes.

It is denied that press telegrams have been stopped. Despatches have been delayed, it is explained, because of the defective condition of the telegraph system.

Four deputy commissioners and four assistants have been appointed for Burmah. This is tantamount to annexation.

BURMAH AND THE BURMESE.

What a British Engineer Saw in the Land of King Theebaw.

From the St. James' Gazette.

It was my heavy task to do with the crop destroying Irrawaddy what Canute admitted his inability to do with the sea; in other words, I was told off to construct an embankment against a river that destroyed on an average one crop in every three.

I had 16,000 Burmese working for me, men, women and children. The embankment was seventy miles, the swollen water would have run over it had it been less than twenty feet high; and would have whirled it into the plain if its base had not been a hundred feet broad. Then we could only work by snatches even in the dry months, and not at all during the long and dreary wet season. My workpeople returned to their homes for the wet months, but I stayed on to see that our foundation was not washed away.

My best laborers were the women. The mass of them were not from British Burmah, but slaves of the king of kings, the Burmese of the highlands. If there is to be fighting, it is from these that the king of Burmah will draw his army. Had they their own way, I am quite certain that there would be no war. They have not the practical experiences of the English possessed by the natives of British Burmah; but they know them by repute and by their works. In the heat of the day, when work was out of the question, I have listened with astonishment and pity to their talk over the everlasting cheroot. It was evident that such an idea is not carrying out to the letter the mandates of the king was inconceivable to them.

I have said that my workpeople returned to their homes during the wet season. There was no option in the matter; they had to do it. The king takes a fatherly interest in them, and sees that they pay for it if they desert him. His favorite method is to keep hostages, and my laborers had to leave their families in his hands before they came to me. Had they failed to render an account of themselves by the stipulated time, the hostages would have been given over to the state, and, if the king desired it, trampled to death by the elephant, which in Burmah discharges the duties of public executioner. Out of every rupee I paid my laborers part had to be laid aside for the king.

The Burmese smoke to a man, to a woman, I might almost say to a child. I was physician-in-chief to those under me, and I soon learned to rely upon it that when a patient gave up smoking he or she was really ill. The Burmese ladies have a very peculiar cigar case. But there are two objections to its ever becoming popular here, of which the less important is that each cigar case only holds one cigar. And then the cigar case is the lady's ear. Instead of wearing ordinary earrings, the Burmese women have a large hole in their ears and wear a cheroot in it till wanted. The really great advantage of this cigar case is that it is never left behind. The men would think it beneath their dignity to carry cheroots in this manner, but they do not mind helping themselves from the wife's case. When the king of kings wants to keep his women folk together or to punish them, he strings them, so to speak, by the ear. A long cane is passed through the holes made for cheroots, a dozen women or even more going to one cane.

Of late years there have been attempts on a small scale to grow tobacco in Burmah; but most of it is sent from Madras in monster stacks of tobacco leaf. The climate is not cold enough for growing potatoes and other vegetables; and the trade in ivory, etc., is so slight that the natives may be said to live entirely on their rice. The German speculators in Rangoon, who are always on the spot to relieve the Burmese when in need of money, are really their worst friends. The course of affairs is this: A flood destroys the rice crop, and the natives have no money to raise another. Then the German puts in an appearance, offering them so much for the next crop in advance. The rupees they get are nothing like an equivalent for the crop, but the native is glad to take them. So far as I could learn, no respectable English merchant lent rupees to the Burmese on these principles.

The Prize Money to be Divided.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—The manager of the billiard tournament just closed this afternoon decided that the tie should not be played off but that the stakes and receipts should be divided between the players as follows: Vignaux $3500, of which $2000 is for expenses; Schaefer $1750, of which $250 is for expenses, and Slosson $1500. Slosson being a resident of Chicago will receive nothing for expenses, and as he donated $500 to the entertainment his receipts will be only $1000.

The Queen's Novel Show.

From the London Truth.

The queen opened the new bridge at Ballater on Friday with considerable ceremony. As it is the first occasion on which her majesty has publicly appeared for several years, the proceedings excited great interest, and there was a large attendance from all parts of Aberdeenshire. The queen left Balmoral in an open carriage, drawn by four horses, at 11.30, accompanied by the Duchess of Connaught and Princess Beatrice. The rumble of her majesty's carriage was occupied by Francis Clark, who succeeded the late John Brown as "personal servant," and by Hugh Brown, the younger brother of that domestic, who has been attached to the household since his relative's lamented demise. Her majesty seems to have aged considerably during the last ten months; but she appeared to be in excellent health and in good spirits, for she looked very cheerful and was all smiles during the ceremony. Her majesty was in black, and Princess Beatrice would have done well to follow her example, for her costume was a perfectly frightful one, quite a triumph of bad taste, being composed of flowing crimson with a bonnet of green and bronze. Connaught and Prince Henry of Battenberg were both arrayed in Highland costume and the latter was evidently suffering from the weather, it being a very cold and raw day, for he kept shivering in a truly piteous fashion and excited the audible sympathy of the crowd, whose remarks, however, were not unmixed with derision. Prince Henry always looks grotesque, chilly and ill at ease in Celtic garb, and it is unfortunate that the queen should persist in ordering him to wear so unsuitable a costume.

THOSE TERRIBLE TENEMENTS.

One More Burnt in New York and a Whole Family Killed.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The accidental upsetting of a kerosene lamp in the rooms of Otto Mattonzek, on the third floor of a five-story tenement, 464 East 64th street, early this morning was the signal for agonizing scenes of terror and death. The house and the one adjoining were filled with Bohemian cigarmakers, employed in a neighboring factory. One hundred and fifty people slept soundly when the cry of fire was raised. The flames communicated to the floors above through air shafts, and a scene of wild confusion and panic ensued. The frightened tenants took to the fire escapes with all haste.

Reinforcements were summoned and the fire with much effort subdued. There had been some narrow escapes and one or two women with their children were reported to have been slightly burned in their rush for fire escapes. But the firemen were not prepared to find a whole family smothered to death in the rear room on the top floor. They came upon Mary Tialka, a Bohemian widow 40 years old, and her children Mary, aged 7, and Annie, aged 6 years, lying dead. They had been smothered by the smoke ascending through the air shaft that cut off their escape to the front and the street. It was three hours after the outbreak when this discovery was made. A second and closer search was made, but no other bodies were discovered. The report spread early among the homeless tenants that the house had been deliberately set on fire by one of their number. Henry Kohub, a Bohemian cigarmaker, was said to be the guilty one. The police arrested him. The Bohemians had become furious, and threats of lynching were made. Kohub is insured for $900, while his furniture is scarcely worth $75, and the charge is that he set fire to get the money.

NEW YORK'S NEW RAILWAY.

The Interest in the Big Deal Unabated—Montrealers Who Profited.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The morning papers again refer at length to the new deal between Robt. Garrett and Erastus Wiman, by which the latter affords a railroad entrance to the city of New York through his Staten Island route. The aid of the New Jersey legislature, which some time ago passed a resolution opposing the Staten Island bridge bill because Mr. Wiman is a British subject, is to be again invoked and all the forces of the opposing railroads will be marshalled in opposition to the new combination; but Mr. Wiman claims that he and his associates have already secured the necessary legislation and if more is wanted congress will readily grant it in ample time to complete the road by next July. In addition to Sir Roderick Cameron and Erastus Wiman, named as Canadians participating largely in the advantages of the new railroad deal, it is ascertained that Mr. Oswood and Mr. Hugh Mackay, of Montreal, also add largely to their fortunes by the transaction.

ARRESTED IN FLORIDA.

After Giving Canada the Cold Shake a Defaulter is Captured Among the Orange Groves.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—P. M. L. Shepard, for thirty-five years cashier of the freight department of the New York Central & Hudson River railway, Buffalo, passed through New York to-day, en route for Buffalo, in custody of a detective, who arrested him in Florida. Early in June, 1884, Shepard left Buffalo, having appropriated moneys of the company amounting to $27,000. He was traced to Canada. He resided in St. Catharines and other points, finally establishing a cigar store in Montreal, whence he absconded after swindling a wholesale cigar dealer out of $200. He was traced to Florida, where he was found living with his family in good style, having purchased an orange grove, horses, etc., and was thought to be wealthy.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

A considerable sensation has been created by the publication of a statement that John Pierson, penitentiary convict, had confessed that he killed Col. Watson B. Smith, November 5th, 1881, in the United States court house at Omaha, Neb.

Wm. S. Wark, Ferdinand Ward and J. Henry Worner were indicted at New York yesterday by the United States jury for conspiracy to defraud the creditors and stockholders of the Marine bank. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of Warner and Work.

The announced injunction has been served on President Depew of the New York Central, also on the company, enjoining the lease by the New York Central of the West Shore property. The injunction was obtained by the holder of two hundred shares of stock who resides in Syracuse.

Big Storm in the New York District.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The tide about the city was full 2½ feet above the average to day, and seriously interfered with business along the water front. All the uncemented cellars down town were flooded and a small army of men were kept busy pumping them out. In the markets business was almost suspended. At Long Island City the bridge of the ferry house was a foot and a half under water. All the East river ferries and bridges were elevated to the highest extension, and loaded teams had to be hauled on board by ropes. It is anticipated that a large number of shipping disasters will be reported to-morrow from along near by the coast.

Changed to Stone.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 23.—The sexton at Topsfield last week removed the body of Israel Galloup from one part of the cemetery to another. After much difficulty the body of Mrs. Galloup, who had been buried thirty years, was raised to the surface, when it was found to be completely petrified. The eyes and a portion of the nose showed signs of decay, but the rest, even the folds of her robe, had changed to stone.

Panic in the Oil Market.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 23.—The oil market took another tumble to-day. The closing prices this afternoon were nearly 10c lower than the final sale of Saturday. Rumors of possible failures in New York and elsewhere created a panicky feeling, and a general rush was made to sell. A scene of wildest confusion followed and values dropped steadily.

The World is sold for A Cent.

Kernels Worse than Colonels.

From the Kingston (N.Y.) Freeman.

Many people are complaining of sore necks. Physicians say that lumps appear in twelve hours' time. Occasionally they are large in size. The neck becomes rigid, and, if by accident the head is thrown back suddenly, it makes the patient scream with pain. Some persons have designated the complaint as "kernels." Like the mumps, "kernels" seem to be catching. Doctors say they have many such cases. The disease usually lasts about four days. The lumps on the neck are as large as a person's thumb. Sore necks, it is said, like the measles, may become epidemic.

THE EXPIRING EPIDEMIC.

MONTREAL RECOVERING HER NORMAL CONDITION.

Nineteen New Cases, However, Reported on Sunday—Only Forty-One Deaths in the District in Two Days.

MONTREAL, Nov. 23.—During Saturday and Sunday 27 reports of smallpox cases were made to the health department, 24 physician's visits were made, 19 new cases verified and 48 houses disinfected. This morning there are 25 patients in St. Roch's, 146 in St. Camille and 44 in St. Savior's hospital.

There were 13 interments in the Protestant cemetery, two of which were deaths from smallpox, for the first twenty-two days of this month. There have been 730 deaths in that time, and since the beginning of the epidemic 3371.

The Protestant relief office in the east end was closed to-day, there being no more families to relieve.

The relief committee report that from September 22 to November 20, 1446 families received relief from them. At the present time the Providence nuns are relieving 163 families, the Grey nuns 33, and the Protestant ministers 16, or a total of 212 families.

There were only 41 deaths in Montreal and district yesterday and Saturday.

A TRAGEDY AT HAMILTON.

A Woman Found Dead Under Somewhat Mysterious Circumstances.

HAMILTON, Nov. 23.—Mrs. Blowes, an old woman, 55 years of age, was found dead in her house, 334 Hughson street, this morning. Health Inspector Peacock had occasion to call there, but was unable to gain admittance, and upon enquiry found that the woman had not been seen for several days. He reported the matter to Police Sergeant Prentice and two men were detailed to investigate the matter. They burst open the door and found her dead body in a kneeling position between the bed and a trunk with her head hanging over a pail. A horrible stench pervaded the room, and it was evident that life had been extinct for two or three days. The deceased lately sold three frame houses for $800. She was greatly addicted to drink, and on several previous occasions would have perished but for the kind attentions of the neighbors. An inquest will be held to-day.

A young man named Thomas Alexander, living at 22 Locomotive street, was sentenced to two years in penitentiary for stealing a suit of clothes and a shirt from the house of Geo. W. Complin, Queen street, while that gentleman was absent.

At a meeting of the committee of the Girl's home a resolution was passed thanking the Garrick club for the splendid donation of $179 netted by their late ball in the opera house. The home has received $807 in all from this club, the result of different entertainments.

The Hamilton & Dundas railway was formally turned over to Mr. Weatherston, the new lessee, to-day. The road has been newly railed throughout and other improvements made, and under the new regime the public will be most efficiently served.

The West Shore route announces the cheapest excursion of the season for to-day —$5 to New York and return, tickets good for ten days, for sale on all Grand Trunk trains to-day.

GABRIEL DUMONT IN MONTREAL.

A Restaurant-Keeper's Strange Guest—He Leaves for Springfield, Mass.

MONTREAL, Nov. 23.—Mr. Francis Larin, proprietor of the Princess Louise restaurant, Notre Dame street, states that yesterday he believes he had Gabriel Dumont as a guest, and that after partaking of breakfast he enjoyed a quiet smoke and went over to the Champ de Mars about 1 o'clock to attend the great mass meeting. On returning to the restaurant he displayed symptoms of being greatly moved, even weeping at what he had listened to. Mr. Larin, suspecting that his guest was Gabriel Dumont, put several questions to him to ascertain if possible his identity. He displayed a remarkable familiarity with the condition of the Northwest, especially during the rebellion, and his strong resemblance to Gabriel Dumont arrested Mr. Larin's attention. The stranger, however, was reticent as to his identity and Mr. Larin of course could only infer. He left this morning for Springfield, Mass.

DR. McCULLY THE RIELITE.

A Toronto Physician Expresses the Opinion That Riel was Only a Fool.

QUEBEC, Nov. 23.—L'Evenement to-night contains a letter signed by S. Edward McCully, M.D., and dated at Toronto, Nov. 18, in which he says he was the first person who suggested to the cabinet, through Sir Hector Langevin, to appoint a medical commission to enquire into the mental state of Riel. He says that having made a special study of brain and nerve diseases, he was of opinion that Riel in his "mission" was insane, and this he endeavored to impress on the government, and prevent them from committing a judicial murder. At first Sir Hector was fully convinced by his correspondence, and really moved in the matter, but he was so continually besieged by the Ontario ministers that he abandoned the matter. He reproaches Sir Hector for not immediately resigning, and protesting by this resignation against the execution of a fool, etc.

DOMINION DASHES.

The Scott act is being agitated on Manitoulin island.

Port Hope is illuminated with thirteen electric lights.

There is six inches of snow at Ottawa and four inches at Allandale.

Mayor Beaugrand has withdrawn his libel suits against Le Monde and La Presse of Montreal.

Several French Canadian priests have declared themselves against the national party and state that Riel deserved his fate.

L'Electeur of Quebec mentions with gratitude that many English Protestants of Quebec have generously subscribed to the fund for requiem masses for Riel.

The next move of the leaders of the Riel agitation will, it is said, be to get the county councils throughout the province to pass resolutions proposed at yesterday's meeting condemnatory of the present government.

"Happy Sid," a Salvation army hero employed in the Kippen, Ont., postoffice, is charged with stealing registered letters. The postoffice official sent to take him in tow had the wool drawn over his ears and Mr. Sid made good his escape.

Confessed to Murder.

WATERTOWN, Nov. 23.—The police today received a despatch from New York stating that a negro, Frazier Cunliffe, had just confessed to the murder of Mrs. Etta G. Carlton of Watertown, implicating Carlton, the murdered woman's husband, in the crime.

THE EXILES ARE HEARD FROM.

Indignation Meeting of French Canadians at Troy, N. Y.

TROY, N. Y., Nov. 23.—A mass meeting of 600 French Canadian citizens was held in the city hall to-night to protest against the course of the British government in executing Riel. Amos Lefebvre was chairman. The proceedings were in French. Speeches were made by J. M. Authier, editor of La Patrie, R. J. Clarke, Leon Gay, Capt. C. L. Roberts and others. M. Authier declared that the barracks of Regina had become a prison of patriots and said that the policy of French Americans was to labor for the annexation of Canada. He denounced Sir John Macdonald and the French ministers who aided him. A committee, consisting of seven prominent French citizens, was appointed to draw up resolutions for publication protesting against the course of the British government, and money was raised to have masses sung for the repose of the soul of Louis Riel.

Young Liberals Want Politics in Municipal Affairs.

Moved by H. L. Dunn, seconded by J. F. Grierson, that the Young Men's Liberal club, while recognising the necessity for using every proper means to secure good government in our municipalities, disapproves of the introduction of politics into municipal affairs.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Gilmour, that this club considers that the municipal government of the city of Toronto would be carried on with greater economy, efficiency and honesty if conducted on party lines.

The Young Liberals discussed these two propositions last night and carried the latter one on a vote of 24 to 20. The speeches were short, incisive and many of them well delivered, showing marked improvement in the debating power of the club. Those who favored politics in municipal affairs were mostly the stalwarts. Major Bob Hamilton told how when he was a young man and sat in the council some seventeen years ago the conservatives ruled the roost and they did so now. The stalwarts were highly pleased when they carried the vote. Mr. Douglass presided.

The I. F. B. S. Concert.

The fourteenth annual concert of the Irish Protestant Benevolent society was given in the pavilion at the Gardens last night before a very large audience, who were thoroughly well pleased with the program and insisted on numerous encores. The following ladies and gentlemen took part: Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Blight, Miss Ryan, Miss Katie Kerr, Messrs. Warrington, Richards and Fax, and it is only necessary to say that they fully sustained the reputations which have made them so popular. The selections were principally set to melodies of the Emerald Isle, and were much appreciated by the thoroughly representative audience. The lady soloists were each presented with a handsome boquet. The proceeds were in aid of the charitable fund of the society, which must have been substantially increased by the generous patronage of last night.

A Sunday School's 67th Anniversary.

The Metropolitan Sabbath school held their 67th anniversary last night, the pastor, Rev. E. A. Stafford, occupying the chair. There was a good attendance of the children and their parents and friends. The secretary's report showed a membership of 607 on the roll, with an average attendance of 407. There are 61 officers and teachers. The total receipts for last year were $1566.15. The evening was spent in addresses and singing by the choir, which was composed of nearly 300 scholars. Rev. J. E. Starr, in an address, humorously referred to the parliament buildings as the "magnificent old ruins." Rev. Dr. Withrow spoke a few words concerning the late Dr. Carroll, who had been one of the first pupils of the school.

The Queen City Toboggan Club.

A second meeting of those interested in the formation of a toboggan club was held Saturday evening, when the executive committee were instructed to petition the city council for permission to erect a slide in one of the parks and to report at a future meeting. Judging by the large number of gentlemen present the new club will have a goodly membership. Captain Davidson sent in his resignation as president.

At the Grand.

The Private Secretary, as played by the McDowell Comedy company, was enjoyed by a large audience last night. There was plenty of go and snap about the piece, and the "do you know" never failed to provoke laughter. On account of its success The Private Secretary will run for the balance of the engagement to-night, to-morrow matinee and to-morrow night.

Normal Schools.

The full number of teachers in training that can be accommodated for the next session of the Normal schools at Toronto and Ottawa, beginning January 19, have already been accepted, there being more applications than can be granted.

Officers of Zetland Lodge.

Zetland Masonic lodge elected officers last night as follows: W.M., S. Davidson; S.W., J. Fletcher; J.W., C. A. B. Brown; treasurer, Major James O'Hara; secretary, Bro. Craig, chaplain, Bro. Watson.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The guarantee fund for the musical festival has now reached $2750.

Night classes were opened in the Bolton avenue school, St. Matthew's ward, last night.

Lady Howland has, on account of illness, postponed her At Home until Wednesday, December 2.

John O'Connell was yesterday arrested on a charge of having been implicated in a recent assault on County Constable Busby.

Robert Woodward of 229 Ontario street is laid up with a broken arm, sustained by a fall in alighting from a train at North Toronto.

E. J. Joyner, hatter, of 65 Walton street, was kicked and beaten by two men on Elizabeth street Saturday night, but he frustrated their efforts to rob him.

The annual concert of St. Phillip's church came off last night in Shaftesbury hall. A program, consisting almost entirely of singing, was successfully carried out under the direction of Mr. J. T. Jones.

Francis Scott, carpenter, of this city, yesterday applied in the surrogate court for letters of administration to the estate of his late wife, Elizabeth Scott, who died intestate Nov. 8, leaving personalty to the amount of $2,604.

Richard Stone and Geo. A. McLaren have instructed Solicitor Reeve to issue writs against Dean Geikie, of Trinity Medical school, for alleged false arrest in the Parliament street outrage, damages in each case being placed at $5000.

About 8 o'clock yesterday morning Mrs. Bowering of 4 Armstrong avenue went out, leaving her 10-year-old girl in the kitchen. The child accidentally upset a lighted coal oil lamp, setting fire to the floor. The flames spread until the firemen arrived and extinguished them. Three little children sleeping in an adjoining bed-room were nearly suffocated by the smoke, but they speedily revived on being brought into the open air.

Prof. Frank L. Melrose, the wonderful one-legged skater, opened a three nights' engagement at the Metropolitan rink last night, which was witnessed by a very large and interested audience. His exhibition on the single skate was simply marvelous, and his horizontal bar performance is far superior to anything similar ever witnessed in this city, even by any person having the use of all their limbs. He will appear again this evening, also to-morrow evening.

When regard is had for class and number of readers and price per line The World is the best and cheapest advertising paper in the city.

THE SITUATION.

The Globe is mad or it is in the hands of madmen. Never were reformers execrated as were Deacon Cameron and J. D. Edgar yesterday by men of their own party. Timothy Warren Anglin also comes in for a share of the condemnation. Even Mr. Mowat does not escape, for it is known that he has the most powerful say of any one man in the control of the Globe. The whole of the Nelson interest is in his hands. But it is not likely that he had a hand in the articles of Saturday and yesterday.

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Still he will be a sufferer thereby. For, as a prominent citizen said yesterday: "I'd like to have Mowat and Pardee in this room for five minutes and if I wouldn't show them that the Deacon had about cooked their goose my name isn't ——"

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The damage to Mr. Blake is incalculable. One would have thought that Sir Richard Cartwright would have been consulted as to the line to be taken, but Edgar ignored him, went to Montreal, and wired the Deacon how to preach.

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The "Rielites," as The World dubbed them yesterday, has caught on. The Globe is the Rielite organ.

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The articles in the Mail of Saturday and yesterday on the crisis are the most powerful written in Canada for many a day, and are credited to the pen of Mr. Farrer. They furnish a pleasing contrast to the sickening stuff of the Globe. The only good thing the Globe has had for many days was its take-off on the "however and nevertheless" Evening Twaddlegram. It is reprinted in another column.

HE DIED IN HARNESS.

A True Incident of Life in the Ward with a Moral.

A horse belonging to T. Milligan, coal dealer, suddenly fell down on Hayter street yesterday morning and speedily a crowd of the ward residents assembled to see what was the matter. It was soon apparent by its groans that the animal's internal organization was out of order, and several doses of ward whisky hot were administered, but apparently no relief came, and some of the boys who were present said it was a shame to be throwing the "hot stuff" away on a horse. The poor animal was then treated to a few pailsful of cold water and marched up and down the street for some time, supported on either side by prominent residents, but all to no purpose, as it seemed to grow worse. Finally, about two hours after it was taken ill some great head thought of a veterinary surgeon, but when he arrived the animal was about handing in checks, which he did about an hour later. Had, however, the veterinary and not the hot whisky been thought of at first the animal would doubtless have recovered. There is a moral to this true tale which reflects sadly on the ward "hot stuff."

Forger Lee Free.

The sensation in police circles early last year was the arrest of Harry Lee for forging $10,000 worth of checks on his employers Woodrough & McParlin, saw manufacturers at Cincinnati. Lee, a dashing swell of the blonde type, had been leading a fast life, squandering money at a great rate upon variety actresses and other women. He was particularly lavish in his presents to Kate Castleton, of For Goodness Sake, Don't Say I Told You fame. His forgeries being discovered, he made a bee line for Toronto, being accompanied by a Miss Lizzie Robinson, who stuck to him in his troubles like a brick. His arrest here was followed by an order for extradition, and the fascinating but frail Harry was taken back to Cincinnati, where he was tried, convicted and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. Prominent and influential friends have been working to get him pardoned ever since and have at last been successful, a despatch having been received last night that he has just been set at liberty. Lee's incarceration has not robbed him of any of his attractive and entertaining qualities. He intends to live at Cincinnati for a while, and means to do better and show the people that he can do better.

Ladies' Aid to University College Y.M.C.A.

Several ladies of the city have expressed a desire to assist in the furnishing of the new Y. M. C. A. building of University college. In order that all may have an opportunity of doing so, a public meeting of ladies will be held Wednesday next at 3 p.m. to consider what action should be taken. It is very desirable that the meeting should be large and thoroughly representative of all the various religious denominations.

[The lady or gentleman who contributed the above paragraph has omitted an all-important particular—the place of meeting. Where will the meeting be held?—ED. WORLD.]

Along the Esplanade.

The schooners are busy discharging stone, gravel and coal, and workmen are engaged replacing the buildings recently destroyed by fire. The buildings erected so far are just as frail and shelly as ever, the only improvement being that they are covered with painted corrugated iron, in accordance with a bylaw of the council. Why not have all the wooden structures along the water front covered with the same material? A lot of youngsters were gamboling on the top of shunting freight cars. This should not be allowed. At the waterworks the new engine is running. Superintendent Hamilton will make a test and let the public know what he thinks about it as soon as the boilers are repaired.

An Anti-Riel Meeting.

There is talk of holding a public meeting in this city as a set-off to the inflammatory gatherings held in Quebec province re Riel's execution. A well-known citizen told The World yesterday that he and a few friends were moving in the matter, and, added he, "we'll have a buster, too." Saturday night was mentioned as the time of meeting.

Live Merchants.

—In this enlightened age, when people who have money to spend look to the newspapers as to the how, when and where to spend it, the merchant who tells the people what he has to sell takes a front rank in the commercial affairs. Dineen, the hatter and furrier, is always to the front telling the public the advantages of dealing with him. His establishment, corner of King and Yonge streets, is always crowded with ladies purchasing his choice winter mantles.

Sound Talk.

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"
Down to The World with an ad., she said.
There is the road to The World, indeed,
Now I shall find all the things I need—
A new pug dog, a Maltese cat,
An Indian shawl, a six-room flat,
Saucers and spoons, scissors and knives,
Cousins and aunts, husbands and wives,
Hostlers and maids, at a small outlay,
Find what they want in The World each day.
For sand or soap, or the latest caper,
This is Canada's best-read paper. —N.R.N.

THE PRIMROSE CAMPAIGN

LORD CHURCHILL'S CANDIDATURE FOR BIRMINGHAM.

Lady Randolph and Three Hundred Ladies Doing All the Campaign Work —Much Interest Felt in the Result.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—The greatest personal interest of the whole electoral field centres in the contest at Birmingham between Mr. Bright and Lord Churchill, which will be decided to-morrow. The Duchess of Marlborough and Lady Churchill are at the head of 300 "Primerose dames," who have been making a house to house canvass on behalf of Lord Randolph. Each lady is responsible for a section of the district and returns the number of promised votes to the central ladies' committee. The duchess and Lady Churchill during their progress through the streets are greeted with cheers by the radicals. Lady Churchill says that she has visited the poorest houses in Birmingham and encountered the roughest people, and with one exception has been received with the greatest courtesy and politeness. She has also addressed workmen in the principal factories. Lord Randolph is also a candidate for Iddington, where he is certain to be successful. Mr. Bright in his speeches refers humorously to the "Primrose campaign."

A Tory Triumph Certain.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Lord Salisbury, in his speech at St. Stephen's club to-night, said that a conservative majority was assured, but he warned the tories against the danger of over-confidence. He chaffed Mr. Gladstone on Mr. Parnell's treatment.

The Contest for Liverpool.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Mr. Parnell, speaking at Liverpool last night, said he had withdrawn from the contest there because he thought it imprudent to run the risk of defeat. He urged the Irish voters to support Mr. O'Shea, the liberal, who opposed Cochran, but to vote against the other liberal candidates for Liverpool. He further advised the Irish voters to support Messrs. Cowen, Storey, Thompson and Labouchere. These are the only exceptions alluded to in his manifesto. In a subsequent speech Mr. Parnell promised the Protestants a fair proportional representation in the new Irish parliament.

Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Chamberlain have telegraphed to Mr. O'Shea, wishing him success. Mr. O'Shea supports Mr. Gladstone's manifesto.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Parnell has withdrawn from the contest for member of parliament for the Irish district of Liverpool.

Mr. Gladstone unveiled a cross in Edinburgh on Sunday, and joined in a hearty manner in singing the One Hundredth Psalm.

W. C. Weir, who is now finishing his theological course at McMaster hall, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Guelph Baptist church and will be inducted next May.

A curious partnership is that between Ruskin and Kate Greenaway. They are at works together on a Christmas book which is to bear the title of "Dame Wiggins of Lee and Her Seven Wonderful Cats."

Capt. S. Frank Peters of the 8th Fusiliers, who has suffered severely with rheumatism in his arm, contracted during the Northwest campaign, has been advised to go to New York for treatment. It is feared that he may lose the use of the limb altogether.

The World's Ottawa correspondent wires that Sir John Macdonald will positively return to the capital in five or six weeks; that his visit to England is on important public business and incidentally in connection with his health.

Mr. E. P. Roe narrates that in a recent visit to Canada he hardly had crossed the border before his own books were thrust in his face by itinerant peddlers, and everywhere the publishers were offering pirated editions, but he complains of no such eagerness to disseminate his works on the United States side of the line.

Nonc.

Editor World: How many members of parliament are there for the Northwest territory, and who are they? B. M.

His Opera House Speech Pointed That Way

Editor World: To decide a wager will you inform me if Sir Richard Cartwright has ever spoken in favor of independence for Canada? I refer this matter to you as an independent paper. SUBSCRIBER.

The Fly on the Wheel.

Editor World: After mature study of this problem I have come to the conclusion that it won't stick together. My reasons are:

1. Wagons are never constructed with fly wheels. I have this on the authority of an eminent carriage builder.

2. An equally eminent natural historian assures me that no fly in possession of ordinary intelligence was ever known to adopt such extraordinary means of locomotion.

I am willing to figure on a tin-tack. But the interests of a truth-loving public demand that this fly story be withdrawn. BLUEBOTTLE.

The Deacon's Club.

Deacon Cameron has a club that meets at his house every Saturday night. It has been going on for over a year. Among the members are Dr. Withrow, J. J. McLaren, A. Blue, S. C. Wood and a dozen others. On Saturday night they discussed: Is The World getting better. They decided that it was, and recommended their friends to subscribe. Every number of Toronto's great and only one-cent morning paper is better than its predecessors. The World congratulates the Deacon's club on its sound sense.

Riel's Sanity.

Edmund Collins in Truth.

As for the traitor (Riel) himself: he was a foolhardy and arrogant demagogue, about whose intellectual responsibility nothing would be said save that he was simply an exaggerated type of Frenchman. In France, where