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Teumseh House, London, April 28, 1896.

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Matabeles Repulsed.

The Rebels Run Before Captain Plummer's Troopers.

Revelations Scandalizing the Kruger Party in the Rand.

Brilliant Banquet in Honor of Russia's Rulers.

Cholera on the Increase in Egypt—Emperor William's New Yacht Lost.

THE HONORARY D. L. C. London, May 28.—Oxford University intends to confer the degree of honorary D. L. C. upon the United States ambassador, Mr. Thos. F. Bayard, and upon Mr. John Morley, and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain.

FIGHTING THE MATABELES. Bulawayo, May 28.—After Capt. Plummer's engagement with the insurgent Matabeles, as reported Tuesday, he moved southward and met a large native regiment, which he defeated with heavy loss. One trooper was killed.

PRESIDENT FAURE TO THE CZAR. Paris, May 28.—President Faure has sent a telegram to the Czar expressing the deep attachment felt by France for Russia. Many houses in this city are flying the Russian and French colors and similar decorations appeared in the Provincial towns, where the public offices were closed.

WILLIAM'S NEW BOAT LOST. London, May 28.—While the Meteor, the new yacht built for Emperor William of Germany by the Hendersons, was proceeding from Plymouth for Cowes, Isle of Wight, in tow today, the weather became so bad that the tug having her in tow was obliged to abandon her. The yacht was abandoned off Star Point, and her present whereabouts is unknown.

CHOLERA ON THE INCREASE. Cairo, May 28.—Despite the efforts of the sanitary department, the cholera is spreading in the environs of this city and down the Rosetta branch of the Nile. Great distress prevails in Alexandria owing to almost complete cessation of business in consequence of the flight of the wealthier class of inhabitants. Yesterday 16 deaths occurred in Alexandria, 36 in Cairo and 40 in other cities and towns.

THE DISGRACED COMMANDER. Rome, May 28.—The demand for the authority of the Chamber of Deputies to prosecute Gen. Banti by the Italian army at Adowa has been published. It asks that the general be arraigned on the ground that he attacked the Abyssinians on January 3, from inexcusable motives, and under circumstances rendering defeat inevitable. It is also charged that he abandoned his command for two days, thereby failing to give the orders required for lessening the consequences of defeat.

THE CZAR'S PROCLAMATION. St. Petersburg, May 28.—The proclamation issued by the Czar on the occasion of his coronation prescribes various remissions, of which the following are the principal: All arrears of taxes in European Russia and Poland are remitted, and the land tax is reduced by half for ten years. The sentences of exiles in Siberia are materially reduced, political offenders receiving further remissions, with the restoration of their civil rights in some cases. The Ministers of Interior and Justice are empowered to submit to the Czar deserving cases of those punished after a regular trial. Those per-

sons who shared in the Polish rebellion, who were not guilty of murder, cruelty, arson or robbery, are exempted from the police supervision decreed in 1883, and are granted full freedom of residence if they return to their own country and take the oath of allegiance.

RUSSIA'S RULERS CHEERED. London, May 28.—A dispatch to the Standard from Moscow says that the Czar and Czarina drove through the streets with a carriage and four white horses yesterday, and were cheered vociferously by vast multitudes of spectators. The Imperial pair again drove out last evening in a plain carriage to see the illuminations. The visitors are now rapidly leaving Moscow.

THE TROUBLE IN CRETE. Constantinople, May 28.—The conflict between the troops and the people in the streets of Cania, Island of Crete, have ceased, but the fighting continues in the country adjoining that port.

Rome, May 28.—An official dispatch received from Cania says that fresh disturbances occurred there on Tuesday. The people were panic-stricken, and communication was interrupted with the adjacent villages. Whole families of Mussulmans and Christians are believed to have been killed. No further news has been received regarding the Turkish garrison of Varnos, which was besieged by the insurgents.

BRILLIANT BANQUET. Moscow, May 28.—Only about 1,000 persons actually witnessed the coronation ceremonies. These spectators, as a rule, wore gorgeous uniforms, and the ladies were most brilliantly dressed. The Czar was crowned with exuberant pomp and ceremony, and the same religious observances and gorgeous pageantry as his grandfather and father. The whole city at night was one blaze of light. The Kremlin was outlined in flame, and everywhere the illumination was the grandest ever seen here.

The coronation banquet, which was given at the Granovitya Palace, was a most brilliant affair. It was attended by the highest nobility, the representatives of foreign powers, and the Ministers of State. The Czar, Czarina and Dowager Czarina sat in a kind of lodge, and were waited upon by crated state officials.

A MISSIONARY AND FAMILY MURDERED. London, May 28.—Further particulars from Tunis show that the report of the murder of Dr. Leach on his family was, unhappily, only too true. It was a terrible tragedy. Dr. Leach, his wife, their elder child, a little boy, 6 years of age, fled from room to room as their assailants advanced, and the last stand was made in their bed-chamber, the door of which had been broken down. When the victims were discovered by the commissary of police and the British vice-consul, the doctor was found lying dead on the floor, with ten ghastly wounds, inflicted by a dagger and an axe. His wife had been stabbed in four places, and was also lifeless, while the little lad had sustained a fearful gash in the neck. Only the baby, which was still in its cradle, had been spared.

OVER THE VALL. London, May 28.—A Cape Town dispatch says: A movement has been started in every town in South Africa having for its object the promotion of petitions to the Transvaal Government, asking that leniency be shown to Col. Rhodes, Messrs. Phillips, Farrar, and Hammond and the other members of the Reform Committee.

A dispatch from Kimberley says that Gardner Williams, manager of the De Beers mines, who has been on trial on a charge of having supplied arms to Johannesburg, has been convicted, and sentenced to pay a fine of £30 or to undergo a three months' term of imprisonment.

The Daily Telegraph publishes a dispatch from Pretoria saying that President Kruger, of the Transvaal Republic, is suffering from an attack of influenza.

A Pretoria dispatch says: "As an outcome of the revelations of Mr. Lionel Phillips' private letter-book, implicating influential men of the Kruger party in the Rand for accepting bribes from the mining houses for advancing the Rand interests in the Volksraad, the Transvaal Government has suspended Judge DeKorte, and has asked the Rand to appoint a court of inquiry. The Transvaal Government is trying to suppress the scandal, and the feeling is very bitter. The Government professes to dread the formation of secret societies, and the guard around the residence of the President has been increased. The police watch the house of Dr. Leyds, the Secretary of State, and detectives follow him whenever he leaves his residence."

CABLE NOTES. A son was born to Count William Bismarck, youngest son of Prince Bismarck, and his wife, on Tuesday.

The Spanish Government has shipped 800 bicycles to Artemisa by rail. They are for the use of the engineer corps along the military trocha.

Considerable alarm is felt in Spain over the increase of mortality from small-pox and yellow fever in the hospitals along the trocha in Cuba.

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Western Ontario.

Latest Happenings in this Section of the Province.

The Longest M. C. R. Train—Sarnia Boy Drinks Opium—Buried Under Manure.

Application for the appointment of a receiver for winding up the business affairs of the firm of Holmes, Moore & Courtwright, of Inwood, has resulted in the appointment of Mr. Atkinson, merchant, of Inwood.

On Saturday last ten members of the family of the late Donald Sinclair, of North Yarmouth, met together for the first time in fourteen years, and had dinner in the old log homestead on the tenth concession.

The last sad rite over the remains of Rev. Mother Mary Xavier, foundress and mother superior of the Ursuline Society in Chatham, were performed on Sunday afternoon. Service was held in the chapel of the Academy, after which the remains were conveyed to St. Anthony's Cemetery and reverently interred.

American workmen employed in Windsor have drawn up a petition which has already received more than 200 signatures, requesting United States Senator James McMillan, of Detroit, to work against the Corliss bill excluding Canadians who work in the United States. The petitioners fear retaliation on the part of the Canadian authorities should the Corliss measure become law.

Minnie, the little daughter of Thos. Newsham, of London street, Dover, was seriously injured by a horse on Sunday. The little girl ran quickly into the stable while the horse was eating oats. The animal, which was apparently thinking it was a dog, kicked viciously. The blow struck the side of the girl's face, lacerating it terribly. She was brought to St. Chatham physician for attendance.

Mrs. Campbell, widow of M. D. Campbell, P.L.S., Mitchell, died at Seaforth Tuesday. She was the residence of her sister, Mrs. McGregor. She had not been feeling very well lately, but was able to be about, and was preparing to go to Mitchell on the afternoon train, when she was suddenly seized with an epileptic convulsion, and before any assistance could be rendered, she expired.

Gertrude Carr, the adopted daughter of Mr. W. G. Broderick, who was killed by a falling tree into a kettle of boiling soft soap the other evening at the home of Mrs. W. Brown, painter, Berlin. The child was born at age and nine months old, and had been left there for a visit by its mother, who returned to Buffalo the previous day. The child was terribly burned about the head and shoulders, the flesh peeling off the bones of the face and shoulders. The suffering infant went into convulsions, and she was thought dead. Friday she was taken to her foster-mother's home, Buffalo, by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Bruder, and may recover.

What might have proven a fatal accident happened on Saturday last to Wm. McGregor, son of Robert McGregor, of Berlin. The boy, a lad of 15, was busily loading manure, and he started the horses up, and the whole outfit upset right on top of him, who was between it and the road. He was pinned down and unable to move, the entire load covering him up completely. The boy's assistant rushed to the immediate neighbors for help, which was soon responded to by Mr. Mills and others, who actively set to work removing the load, reaching him in a minute or so, as he was nearly suffocated. Dr. Mitchell being hurriedly sent for, soon applied restorative and after quite a bit of hard work had the satisfaction of putting him on the fair way towards recovery.

Rev. C. Roberts, pastor of Petrolia Baptist Church, has been presented by his parishioners with a bicycle.

It is said that Rev. J. C. Madill has engaged the services of B. B. Osler, Q.C., of Toronto, to prosecute his case against Wm. McLaren at the assizes which open at Sarnia on June 9.

The longest train ever run over the M. C. R. passed over it Monday. It started from Windsor and consisted of 110 new Erie flat cars. Here eleven more cars were added, making a total of 121 cars. The train was 4,600 feet long, and just 600 feet less than a mile in length. The total weight of the train was 1,795 tons.

A short time back Archibald Patterson, of Ridgeway, was sent to the Central Prison for one year for having swindled James Stevens, of Chatham, out of \$700. Patterson thinks that the sentence is not justified, on account of the circumstances attending the case, and on account of the evidence. He has engaged Nelson D. Mills to appeal the case, and the law will shortly lay the matter before the Minister of Justice.

Sarnia Observer: Friday afternoon a little three-and-a-half-year-old son of Mr. Northwick got hold of a bottle of medicine which contained opium, and drank enough of the contents of the bottle to poison a man. The child was in a very critical condition for some time, and grave fears were entertained for his recovery. Medical aid was summoned, and by the almost superhuman efforts put forth the child's life was saved. The little one,

although very weak, is now considered out of danger, and on a fair way to recovery.

The semi-annual district meeting of the Royal Templars of Temperance for the county of Huron will be held at the bazaar, near Exeter, on Wednesday, June 17, commencing at 10 a.m. The council are requested to send as large a number of delegates as possible. Buses will be at the Exeter railway station to meet the morning trains and convey delegates to the place of meeting.

Sparks from the Wire.

Elwin Bathel, the actor, who recently tried to shoot his wife, Dallas Tyler, the actress, at Hartford, has died in jail, caused by a general break-down.

It is announced that Canon Dumoulin, Bishop-elect of Niagara Diocese, will be formally elevated to the bishopric on June 24. The ceremony will take place in St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, of which church the new bishop has been rector for many years.

A Toronto dispatch says: "Mr. J. B. Gordon, who was killed in the disaster at Victoria, B. C., was well known here. For many years he was connected with Bradstreet's, and was at Victoria about six years ago to act as superintendent for the branch there—a position he held until the time of his death." His wife was a Miss Crawford, of Jarvis street.

Fire at Brillion, Wis., destroyed the Brillion Manufacturing Company's factory, the Northwestern Hotel, the Barnes Lumber Company's entire lumber plant, Wiegand's block, C. Tesch's general store and residence, the Union Opera House, several dwellings, the Chicago and Northwestern station, and several barns, Warner's elevator and warehouse, Warner's general store and stock, Weaver's millinery store, and stock, the furniture company's plant, and lumber yard, C. Thiens' warehouse and several other buildings. Loss, \$150,000.

GREAT SHAKING UP. Limon, Costa Rica, May 28.—There have been a series of earthquakes in this district for a week past.

SIX PERSONS MURDERED BY ONE MAN. San Jose, May 28.—At Campbell, a small village, six miles southwest of the city, Tuesday night, Col. R. P. McGilroy, his wife, their daughter, Mrs. James Dunham, James Wells, a son of Mrs. McGilroy, Minnie Shesler and James Briscoe, two servants, were murdered by James Dunham, a son-in-law of Col. McGilroy, who was on horseback. A baby, 1 month old, the child of Mrs. Dunham and the assassin, was the only occupant of the house who escaped alive.

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BIG ROBBERY. Parrsboro, Ont., May 28.—Peter Black, one of Parrsboro's wealthiest citizens, was robbed Tuesday night of \$11,000 in deposit receipts and \$500 in cash. He had taken a room at the Queen's Hotel, and had the money and receipts in a valise, which was unlocked. The contents were removed and the valise locked.

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