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EUROPEANS IN CAPTIVITY.

FORTY OF THEM STILL HELD AS SLAVES IN OMDURMAN.

They are Kept Loaded With Manacles and Often Cruelly Beaten—The Dervishes Desert Darfur, Which is Now Infested With Wild Beasts—The Mahdists Tired of War.

CAIRO, Dec. 18.—More news of the Austrian missionaries, whose arrival at Korosko, near Wady Halfa, after escaping from the hands of the Mahdists at Omdurman, was reported from here on the 14th inst., has been received.

In an interview at Korosko after Ohrawalder, one of the members of the Austrian Soudan Mission who fell into the hands of the Mahdists in 1883, when Kordofan was captured, states that 40 Europeans are still held in captivity at Omdurman. These captives, he says, are kept loaded with manacles and often cruelly beaten and are so strictly guarded that they have lost all hope of ever being able to effect an escape.

The priest declares the people are tired of strife and desire to have the Egyptian Government of the country restored. He also states that the province of Darfur, which was formerly overrun by the Dervishes, has been deserted by them and is infested with wild beasts.

PERMANENT DANGER TO EUROPE.

How Russia Regards the Dispute Between France and Bulgaria.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—The Novoe Vremya prints a semi-official article concerning the dispute between France and Bulgaria growing out of the Chadouine incident. The article approves of the action of France in withdrawing her representatives from Bulgaria, and declares that if France had yielded any but her demands that the decree of expulsion against M. Chadouine should be rescinded she would have established a dangerous precedent.

The Novosti says that the Chadouine incident may render in incumbent on France and Russia to intervene to prevent Bulgaria from being made a centre of agitation by the dreibund and a base for Austria's advance upon the Balkans.

In addition The Novosti says that whatever the outcome of the present difficulty may be the incident shows that Russia is right in regarding the coming regime in Bulgaria supported by the dreibund as a permanent danger to Europe.

The Austrian Government, probably acting in concert with Lord Salisbury and Chancellor Von Caprivi, supports the Bulgarian bureau. Austria's agent at Sofia has instructed Premier Stambuloff to address a note to Governments of Turkey, Germany, Austria and England, vindicating the expulsion of Chadouine.

France Shows Her Hand.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The rupture of diplomatic relations between France and Bulgaria on the pretext of the expulsion of the French journalist, Chadouine, now proves to be the initial step of a French diplomatic scheme to ask the Sultan to use his suzerain right to interfere in Bulgaria in Russian interests. Advices were received at the Foreign Office to-night that M. Cambon, the French Ambassador at Constantinople, has demanded and will obtain a formal conference on the subject with the Sultan tomorrow.

The development is no surprise to Lord Salisbury and his diplomatic allies in Vienna and Berlin. M. Cambon, in an interview with the Foreign Minister of the Porte on Wednesday last, was understood to intimate that as France had never recognized Prince Ferdinand, the Government of France must look for redress to the suzerain before taking directly active measures. As M. Ribbot must know or expect that the Porte will decline to interfere in a question concerning the international administration of Bulgaria, anxiety pivots on what the French Government will next do.

The Paris correspondent of The London Chronicle says it is stated that M. Ribot, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has declined to grant an interview to a confidential agent of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, who sent the messenger to France to explain the Chadouine affair.

WILLIAM PRAISES VON CAPRIVI.

The German Emperor Speaks Kindly of His Chancellor.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Emperor William while at a banquet this evening at Feltow near Potsdam received a despatch containing the information that the Reichstag had just passed new commercial treaties. The Emperor thereupon rose from his seat at the table and informed the company of the news that had been brought to him.

"This satisfactory result is due to the devoted labor of Chancellor Von Caprivi, a simple, honest, Prussian general," he said. "In two years he has succeeded in becoming conversant with and mastering problems of extreme difficulty, with rare political insight he has at the right moment saved the Fatherland from evil consequences. It is only natural that single individuals should make sacrifices in order that the whole people might reap the advantage of their achievements."

"I am convinced," continued the Emperor, "that not only the fatherland, but the millions of subjects of the other countries united with us in the Customs League, will sooner or later bless this day. I ask you to drink to the health of General von Caprivi, Er Lebe Hock.

THE MELLINITE SECRET.

The Whole of the Formula Was Not Given to the Armstrong Company.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—In June last four men, Tripone, Fasseler, Turpin and Fetiver, were each sentenced to imprisonment, fine and deprivation of civil rights for selling the secret of the manufacture of melinite to the Armstrong Gun Company. Tripone, who was an officer in the French territorial army, was also an agent for the Armstrong Company. Turpin was the inventor of melinite.

The Gaulois to-day says that experiments have been secretly made in England in the manufacture of this explosive, according to processes divulged by the convicted men, and they have been complete failures. The natural deduction is that when the Frenchmen gave the formula and processes for the manufacture of melinite to the England gunmaking firm they did not give the details with sufficient clearness to allow the foreign company or power to take advantage of the French invention. This fact may have an important bearing on the appeal the convicted men have taken from their sentences.

AUSTRIA'S EMPEROR ILL.

Confined to His Bed with the Grip—Archduke Ernst Dying.

VIENNA, Dec. 18.—Considerable anxiety is expressed concerning the health of Emperor Francis Joseph. The Emperor has been confined to his bed for over two days, and his physicians are in almost constant attendance on him. Archduke Sigismund died of the grip, and his brother, Archduke Ernst, is now dying.

King and Queen Sick.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 18.—The King and Queen of Denmark are suffering from influenza.

An Infernal Machine in the Mails.

DUBLIN, Dec. 18.—The new newspaper, The Irish Independent, appeared to-day. The paper asserts that a large package, bearing no address, was recently posted in the Dublin postoffice. The sorter of the mails noticed the absence of an address and while examining the package found a fuse protruding from it. The postal authorities were immediately notified and the package taken to a Dublin chemist, where it was found to contain a quantity of dynamite.

Claimed to Be a U.S. Colonel.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Lochiel Lorimer Graham, who stated upon his trial that he was formerly a colonel in the United States army and who claims to be still a pensioner of the Mexican war, was to-day sentenced to three years' penal servitude for passing a worthless check for £2.

It is reported Graham has committed extensive frauds in various European capitals. He was at one time attached to the American consulate in this city.

A Mansion for the Clarences.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The city guilds have started a movement to subscribe a fund for the purpose of building a suitable mansion for the Duke of Clarence and his bride, and there is little doubt but that this movement will result in an enormous subscription. The idea was only broached to-day, but it was eagerly received and subscription books were at once opened.

The Emperor and Empress of Germany, the King of Greece and a host of German and Danish princelings will come to the wedding of the Duke and Princess.

The bride's dress will be purely of English manufacture.

English Socialists Sentenced.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Eighteen Socialists were recently arrested at Chelsea on the charge of creating a disturbance in the streets while spreading their doctrines. They were convicted and to-day they were each sentenced to pay fines varying from £20 to £3. Several, in addition to being fined, were also sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

The Cashiered Officers.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Captains Boileau and Butcher, cashiered army officers, who were concerned in the Manipur massacre, are returning to England to demand that the War office authorities reconsider their case. A number of military men both here and in India support their appeal.

Danced on the Eve of Waterloo.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Dowager Lady Deros is dead. She danced at the famous ball given in Brussels on the eve of the battle of Waterloo and was the last survivor of that ball.

Bishop of Winchester Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Right Rev. Edward Harold Browne, D.D., Bishop of Winchester, is dead. He was chairman of the committee employed on the revision of the Old Testament.

Chat from Over the Sea.

A violent earthquake shock occurred at Corleone, Sicily, yesterday.

A member of the German party is to be added to the Austrian Reichstag.

The Liverpool Chamber of Commerce has decided not to take part in the Chicago Fair.

Six professors of the University of Vienna, including the eminent surgeon Billroth, have been stricken with influenza.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice and her children left Windsor Castle yesterday, and went to Osborne House on the Isle of Wight, where the Christmas holidays will be spent.

Anton Rubenstein, the Russian pianist, has accepted an offer of £25,000 for a series of fifty concerts to be given in the United States in 1893.

Emperor William has made Chancellor Von Caprivi a count as a reward for his efforts in the successful establishment of the commercial treaties recently concluded between Germany and several other countries.

The British steamer Springhill, which arrived at Swansea yesterday from Caen, reports she was in collision with the schooner Gladys off Hartland Point. The schooner was cut in two and three of her crew drowned.

Fashionable Furs at Bankrupt Prices.

If you are really desirous of getting something first-class and fashionable in the way of furs you ought to visit the store 77 King-street east to-day, where the whole of the bankrupt stock of Grant & Co. will be offered to the public at prices much below the original cost. The attention of ladies and their husbands is especially directed to the line of seal and Persian mantles, furlined circulars, seal and Persian muffs, and ladies' gauntlets and mits in both seal and otter. Special bargains are to be had in fur caps of all kinds and styles, while in the way of capes in all classes of furs and in hats and caps for men there is an immense stock to choose from, and a range in prices that will suit everybody.

Collision and a Panic.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The steamer Havana, Captain Henry Beebe, with an excursion party of 450 on board, was run into and badly wrecked yesterday afternoon off Coney Island, on her return trip from the Cholera Banks, by the four-masted schooner Mary A. Randall, bound from Baltimore to Norfolk, Va.

No lives were lost, though a number of passengers were severely injured. The steamer narrowly escaped being sunk. There were a number of women on board, and they were terribly frightened, several fainting.

A guardsman to defend you against coughs and colds, Adams' Wild Cherry and Licorice Tutti Frutti Gum. Sold by all druggists and confectioners; 5 cents.

Their Christmas Gift.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—It is stated that the three ex-mail clerks, Catellier, Hollingsworth and Hayes, who were sentenced to Kingston about two years ago for stealing letters, have been pardoned and will be released Christmas eve.

Remember the Home for Incurables.

At Christmas one of the institutions that certainly deserves to be remembered by the charitable is the Home for Incurables, now containing over 120 inmates. Anything in the way of Christmas cheer or in the way of clothing will be thankfully received by the ladies who are in charge of it.

Smokers' presents, pipes, cigar boxes, low prices; alive Bollard. 561

Burned to Death.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—During the absence of its mother from the room the infant child of R. Laschance, stone mason, pulled a lighted lamp over on the floor. The lamp exploded, setting fire to the babe's clothing and it was fatally burned.

The demand for fine pictures is increasing in Toronto as a result of improved artistic tastes. At Matthews Bros.' art gallery may be seen a recherche stock of oil and water color paintings, etchings, engravings, etc., including a special exhibition of Mr. L. R. O'Brien's latest works. An early selection is advised. d

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THE TIME IS DRAWING NEAR

FOR THE DECISION OF THE COUNCIL RE SUNDAY CARS.

All Signatures to The World's Petition Must Be Sent In By Monday Noon—Do Not Relax Any Efforts—The Opponents Busy and Anxious—Street Railway Men Favor the Sunday Cars.

Yesterday brought a gratifying addition to the number of signatures fortifying The World's position as to trusting the people with the decision of a people's question. All were ratepayers and hence citizens who will give effect to their opinions on Jan. 4

This cannot be said of one-twentieth of the signatures which The World has seen to some of the sheets of the ministerial counter petition. Shop girls and servants have been asked to sign, as well as children living at home. The council on Monday night will appreciate this factor when the boasted "mammoth" opposition petition is presented.

Presented it will be, there is no doubt, although the Mayor told the clerical deputation that it could have no result in preventing the appeal to the people, providing 5000 ratepayers request the same.

The terms of the council's resolution of January last are clear and definite: "The said question shall be submitted in due course."

Amongst those who yesterday signed The World's petition were many conductors, drivers and stablemen in the employ of the street railway company.

Ratepayers, go on signing the petition to-day and Monday morning and make assurance doubly sure that not 5000 but many thousands more of the citizens are in favor of ascertaining, not stifling, the voice of the people.

The World has received a copy of the resolution which the opponents of Sunday cars will submit to a public meeting in the Pavilion on Tuesday evening next. The resolutions are framed on the well-founded conviction that the aldermen will do their duty on Monday evening and relegate the decision of the question to the polling booths. The motions are framed to influence the votes of the people on the well-known grounds set forth in the speeches of the ministers at the City Hall. One thing is noticeable, as a concession to the strong and impregnable position of the Baptists the word "Sabbath" is not mentioned in any of the three resolutions, nor is the Fourth Commandment. "Lord's Day" occurs three times and there is not a word of religious obligation in any of them. They refer to "best interests of the people," "moral welfare of the community," and works of "necessity and mercy."

On page 4 will be found The World's petition, and on page 7 a series of letters on both sides of the Sunday car question.

Verifying the Names.

When those engaged in verifying the signatures to The World's petition to have the Sunday street car question referred to the people had concluded their work yesterday evening, 4538 names were certified to. There are still about 1700 names to be enquired into and there is little doubt that there will be a liberal surplus over the remaining 962 names required to make up the necessary 5000.

Many of those who signed the petition put down their place of residence instead of the address at which they are assessed. As a result several who are really entitled to vote and qualified to sign the petition have had their names struck off.

Clergymen Slandering Toronto.

Editor World: It is time to protest against the continuous slandering of Toronto by the statements of the anti-Sunday car section of the Ministerial Association. To get signers for their anti-car petition, the following are their stock-in-trade statements and arguments: They declare that if we have Sunday cars, then Sunday saloons, Sunday beer gardens, Sunday gambling and the general pandemonium which it is said afflicts Chicago will all be introduced.

I shall demonstrate by figures and facts known broadcast over the Dominion that the application of such statements to this city is false prophecy, is a slander on our good name, and further, it is even slanderous of the very clergymen who make it. Being so, it is the appropriate accompaniment of the jug-handled petition which would establish one code of Sunday morals for the rich, and a different code for the poor, leaving the way open for the former and closing the door to the latter in the matter of Sunday riding. Here is the proof of the clerical slander on Toronto.

Sunday cars have been running in the other large cities of Canada for years without being followed by Sunday saloons, beer gardens and the etc. evils propounded of Toronto. The cities of St. John, N.B., Halifax, Montreal, Quebec, Winnipeg, Belleville, St. Catharines have had Sunday street cars for years, but they have never had a Sunday saloon nor any of the Sunday evils predicted for Toronto, and their ratio of crime is less than ours.

Now, as we are kith and kin and our education and moral training is similar to that of the people of our sister cities is it not a libel and slander on the citizens of Toronto to say that our moral fibre is so much weaker than that of our sister cities; that the Sunday cars, which have not diminished their morals, would demoralize Toronto? What right have they to assert that we are morally weaker than the other cities of the Dominion?

The fact that these cities with Sunday cars have something less crime is proof that the Sunday cars improve their morals by carrying people to church and away from tempting dens of vice out to the fresh air.

The introduction of Sunday cars is needed to keep our morals as high as that of our sister cities, but chiefly for our health and sanitary purposes. A.

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Empress of India.

Large crowds are daily viewing the oil painting of R.M.S.S. "Empress of India," now to be seen at the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's new ticket office, northeast corner King and Yonge-streets. The "Empress of India" is the sister ship to the "Empress of China" and "Empress of Japan," the latter being the vessel which formed so important a factor in the 21 days' historical record from Yokohama to London, Eng., making the journey from Yokohama to Victoria in 10 days.

The Money Market.

Large sums of money are invested in real estate. In the event of the death of a person holding such real estate, it would be difficult to realize upon the same immediately without incurring loss. The opposite is the case of the holder of a compound investment policy in the North American Life Assurance Company, which is payable immediately in case of death, or would realize a handsome return in case the holder lives to the end of the investment period. 246

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Hear Harry Rich at the Phonograph Parlors.

MRS. TOUGHER AND THE TOUGHS.

A Burford Man Injured in a Farm Dispute—Will Probably Die.

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 18.—Some residents of the second concession, Burford, got into an altercation yesterday over the removal of some hay from a farm which had been rented by J. Rapp from a Mrs. Tougher. Mrs. Tougher objected to the removal of the hay, whereupon Rapp and two other men endeavored to take it by force. In the dispute which followed, Mrs. Tougher was knocked down and badly hurt. A Princeton doctor was sent for, who reports her recovery doubtful.

Mrs. Tougher's son at first blocked the doorway, but he was tossed aside and then the mother and sisters came to the rescue. The girls were struck in the face, but it appears the old lady fared the worst.

THE BANKERS' MEETING.

The Canadian Bankers' Association Formed—The Officers Elected.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—The Canadian Bankers' Association was formed yesterday at a large and representative meeting of bankers held in this city. Two honorary presidents were elected, Hon. J. D. Lewin, president of the Bank of New Brunswick, St. John, and R. W. Heneker, president of the Eastern Townships Bank, Sherbrooke. The regular officers are: President, Mr. George Hague of the Merchants Bank; vice-presidents, Messrs. Walker of the Canadian Bank of Commerce; Ward of the Bank of British Columbia; Stephenson of the Quebec Bank, and Fysh of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

A council was elected, composed of Messrs. Clouston of the Bank of Montreal, Grindley of the Bank of British North America, Thomas of the Molsons Bank, Burnet of the Bank of Ottawa, Bousquet of the People's Bank, Schofield of the Bank of New Brunswick and Farewell of the Eastern Townships Bank.

Considerable time was spent in discussing the constitution of the association, which was finally adopted.

The council met after the adjournment of the association and elected a secretary-treasurer. An informal discussion took place over a number of matters interesting to bankers, including, it is understood, the advisability of taking steps to reduce the volume of U.S. currency afloat in the country.

For an Electric Road at Niagara.

NIAGARA FALLS, Dec. 18.—The Commissioners of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Park, Niagara Falls, Ontario, have reached an agreement with the syndicate who purpose building the electric railway along the bank of the Niagara River. The line will in time run from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Fort Erie, but for the present work will be done only on the section between Chippewa and Queenston. The syndicate, it is said, gives a bonus of $10,000, and agrees to pay a rental of $10,000 a year. Surveyors are now mapping and staking out the route, which will be located just under the bank, along the western boundary of the reservation.

Taps From the Telegraph.

Edward Field has been indicted for forgery in the second degree by a New York grand jury.

Several deaths from measles, ship fever and diphtheria occurred in the steerage of the Polynesia on her voyage from New York.

Michael Harvey of Brooklyn while temporarily insane shot and killed John Pennerton, aged 25, wounded Samuel and Mary Dickerson and Catharine Duffy and then blew out his brains.

Mr. Otersa, late secretary of the Cuban treasury, convicted of embezzlement, must serve 18 years in prison, three months in the chain gang, pay $2500 fine and return $10,000 to the treasury.

Reception chairs, corner chairs, easy chairs, fancy rockers, tea sets, dinner sets, fancy pieces in glassware and china ware and hosts of other suitables for Christmas gifts in C. F. Adams Company, the Home Furnishers' establishment, 177, 179 Yonge-street. The most notable gathering in town and best of all, by buying there one can get easy credit at cash prices. Every housekeeper should see C. F. Adams' $2.50 hall rack and $4.50 extension table. Curious combinations don't know how they can be sold at the prices. That's a secret of wise buying. 136

Removal.

S. Corrigan, Merchant Tailor, late of 63 King-street west, has removed to 123 Yonge-street, where you can get the finest goods made up most elegantly at prices which will astonish you. Our productions are not surpassed in the Dominion for style and workmanship. Fine imported trousering from $5 up. Note the address. 246

Struck by an Electric Car.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Warden Morgan of Carleton county was struck by an electric car to-day and received probably fatal injuries.

Undisputed Facts.

The Ontario Mutual Life has, during the past 22 years, given better returns to its policy-holders than any other Canadian company. Its security and equitable dealing is unquestioned. Rates most favorable. Office, 32 Church-street.

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To fit a truss, especially scrotal, is done to perfection only at Charles Clothe, 134 King west. There is no more experienced man on this continent in adjusting trusses than Charles Clothe, 134 King west, Toronto. The greatest relief as much as human skill, as produced for ruptured and deformed people, may be had at Charles Clothe's, 134 King-street west, Toronto. 6

Fact—at half price, stylish self-feeding hall and parlor stoves at Wheeler & Bain's, 179 King-street East.

The Civil Service Question.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—The civil service commissioners assembled in full force this afternoon, Messrs. Hague and Barbeau having arrived from Montreal by the noon train, and held their final conference to decide upon the procedure to be adopted by them. The taking of evidence will likely begin on Monday or Tuesday.

Specialties.

Ladies' ¾ coats.
Sealette.
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Black silks.
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At N. Rooney's, 62 Yonge-street. 136

Artistic, unique, beautiful. Something new and novel in Xmas cards, booklets and calendars. A choice assortment at Winnifrith Bros., 6 Toronto-street.

The Dead.

There died at 424 Ontario-street on Friday morning, one of Toronto's oldest residents in the person of John H. Clark. He came to Canada 54 years ago from Ireland.

Lady Dufferin's new book, "My Canadian Journal," 1872-1878, with illustrations by Lord Dufferin, at Winnifrith Bros., 6 Toronto-street.

A Handsome Gift—a Dressing Gown for $8.00. Just think of it. A. White, 65 King-street west.

Gloves, Gloves, Men's Warm Gloves. Treble's, noted for best quality of Men's Gloves. You cannot buy a more acceptable present for your gentlemen friend than a pair of those Elegant Fur-Lined Gloves. Treble's, 53 King-street west.

THE TIMES ON MR. MERCIER.

Angers Did Perfectly Right in Dismissing the Mercier Government.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Times, commenting on the political situation in the province of Quebec, says: "Lieut.-Gov. Angers acted within his right in dismissing the Mercier ministry. His reasons were neither flimsy nor unimportant. Whether he acted wisely is another matter. On the whole, we would rather he had acted with more deliberation, but it will be disappointing and surprising if the good sense of Canada does not approve his bold attempt to purify political life."

OPERATIC ATTIRES.

What Should Be Worn and How to be Comfortable While in Attendance.

Next week two high class opera companies will be in the city. One will be distinguished for its dramatic portions, the other will be characterized for the pure comedy with which it abounds. Both will be patronized by the most fashionable circles of Toronto's upper tendom, as well as by those not probably quite so opulent but none the less appreciative of operatic music of every class. In order to be well equipped for these two events, all ladies contemplating attending should first pay a visit to W. & D. Dineen's; inspect their extensive stock of fur-lined opera cloaks, and consummate the object of their visit by going away the possessor of one of these most useful articles. By acting upon this suggestion theatre-going ladies will not alone be securing a necessary and appropriate article of wearing apparel, but will also be ministering to their future comfort and enjoyment. Now is the time to act. Ladies, make yourselves comfortable during the remainder of the operatic season.

One cannot inspect Dineens' goods in the line mentioned without being surprised that within so limited a compass as the room in which they are exhibited could be gathered so much fashion, so much beauty, so many elegant cloaks. Two or three styles prevail but of these there are almost an unlimited quantity.

The most fashionable are the Russian circulars. The style originated in Paris; are manufactured extensively in London and New York; and present an unusually pleasing appearance. They are furnished with Elizabethan fur-edged collars of natural opossum, lynx, martens and Alaska sable. Some are lined with gray Siberian squirrel, while the interiors of others are decked with white and gray fur from the same animal. The cloth employed in the main body of these cloaks, for the most part, is figured wool cashmere, navy blue, garnet, electric blue and black being the prevailing colors.

Two other samples of these Russian circulars are worthy of notice. The first are those in which the above mentioned furs are employed, the only difference being that brown hempster fur is used for trimmings, and satin as lining. The other assortment are manufactured from Chinese wool, fancy patterns, trimmed with brown opossum, and lined with silk. These latter are quoted at $25.

Besides the opera wraps just described Dineens' have on hand a line of street cloaks, suitable for persons of every age, from the bright, vivacious damsel to the stately matron well advanced in years, and which will be within the reach of every class. Some of these are mink-lined, with sleeves, and brown opossum trimmings. Quotations are given at $75. Elderly ladies will find in the Australian coon garment, covered with heavy black serge, a comfortable, warm wrap. The collars are of black opossum and are marked at $25.

For those who cannot stand the expense of an opera Russian circular Dineens' are offering, at prices ranging from $10 to $25, a plain round circular. Some are lined with a variety of squirrels of natural shades, while others white and black rabbit is employed. Heavy ribbed cashmere is the cloth used.

Trades and Labor Council.

The proposition of General Booth to found a colony of London paupers in Australia was the subject of much adverse criticism by the delegates to the Trades and Labor Council last night. Recent despatches report that Australia is most adverse to the pet scheme of the "General," and the council expressed the wish that he will receive no more encouragement should he desire to found his colony in Oceania, as it would tend to cheapen and lower the dignity of labor, where it is already a drug on the market.

The council were in favor of having ladies in public positions of trust, and so far as a matter of principle they will support those who are candidates for public school trustees.

Delegate D.J. O'Donoghue, however, ungallantly said ladies were always against labor. They were always sentimental enough to favor those who could turn a nicely rounded sentence, no matter how poor their arguments. Women are emotional and vote for persons rather than principals. "We want them," he said, "to have their rights, but we want them to be equal to the rights. However, it is a matter of principle with me and I will support the ladies."

The council adopted the report of the Municipal Committee, which entered a strong protest against the action of the City Council in re-leasing Island lots. Two years ago Ald. Swait introduced a motion, which was carried, declaring that island lots should not be released.

The council also approved of the stand taken by Hon. Mr. Hardy in the interview with the City Council delegates re the Ashbridge marsh reclamation, when he assured Ald. Leslie that no compensation would be made to property just north of the channel, as that property would in reality be benefited by the completion of the schemes. The council also felt that in any case the land should not be disposed of in fee simple to any syndicate.

The next meeting will be held on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 30.

Fine Wood Mantels.

Messrs. W. Millichamp, Sons & Co. of 234 Yonge-street, have in stock a full line of wood mantels of the newest and most artistic styles. Parties building, who desire their rooms to present a fine, comfortable, home-like appearance, should see Messrs. Millichamp and inspect their stock. 246

Buy your presents this week before the rush. Elegant dressing gowns, lounging jackets, silk mufflers, silk handkerchiefs, etc., all imported expressly for Xmas. Treble's, 53 King-street west.

She is a Sister No More.

HONOLULU, Hawaii, Dec. 18.—Sister Rose Gertrude, the young Englishwoman who came to the islands to minister to the leper settlement at Molokai but who was refused a landing there, has been married to Dr. Lutz of this city. Sister Gertrude is Miss Amy C. Fowler of Bath, England.

Beat The Record.

We served nearly 300 people on Saturday with ties. Never in the history of Toronto has there been such a display under one roof. We are retiring from the manufacturing business and selling at cost of production. Levian & Co., 136 King-street west, opposite Rossin House. 246

Don't Buy

your Christmas presents until you call and see Bonner's stock of Christmas novelties in gents' neckwear, gents' four-in-hand scarfs, 15c or two for 25c, sold all over at 25c each; 25c four-in-hand scarfs worth 50c, gents' scarf pins for 50c, gents' silk handkerchiefs from 25c up, gents' fine silk hemstitched handkerchiefs for 50c, sold all over at $1. Bonner's, cor. Yonge and Queen streets. 246

Q.O.R. Bugle Band at the Phonograph Parlors.

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OUSTING OF THE CABINET.

MERCIER SCORES LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR ANGERS.

The Interim Report Due to the Fact That Judge Jette Was Indisposed—The Excitement Continues Unabated in Quebec—Speculation as to the Formation of the New Cabinet.

QUEBEC, Dec. 18.—This morning Mr. Mercier made public his views on the political situation, and has published the correspondence between himself and the Lieutenant-Governor and the interim report of the Royal Commissioners. The report contains about 3000 words and is signed only by Judges Baby and Davidson, Judge Jette being incapacitated by illness. It says that Mr. Pacaud acted as intermediary between the Government and the contractors, who were persuaded that this functionary was necessary. The report continues: The bargain between Armstrong and Pacaud by which $100,000 was paid to Pacaud was fraudulent, contrary to public order and an audacious exploitation of the provincial treasury.

We are of opinion that Mr. Garneau gave proof of carelessness, but that he was in good faith and benefited in no way by the transaction.

The fact of Hon. Mr. Robideau having in his possession Pacaud's note for $20,000 endorsed by P. Vallier, and to which was attached one of the $20,000 checks signed by Jean Chrysostome Langelier, commissioner in the Baie des Chaleurs affair, constitute very compromising acts for that gentleman.

Mr. Langelier Inculpated.

Mr. Langelier was one of the Ministers who took the greatest part in the adoption of the sham proposal, and we cannot avoid saying that when Mr Langelier accepted money from Pacaud he was perfectly aware of its source.

Mr. Mercier also was included among the endorsers, and when the payment was known better it was not repudiated by them and they profited by it.

The commissioners then point to apparent contradictions between Mr. Mercier's statement to the Government and the evidence before the commission in connection with moneys forwarded for his use while in Europe. The report regrets that certain correspondence was not produced, and concludes: "It is not proved that Mr. Mercier knew of the existence of the bargain between Armstrong and Pacaud, and that gentleman declares that he benefited in no way thereby. Hon. Messrs. Ross, Sheyhn, Boyer and Duhamel derived no advantage whatever from the transaction."

In transmitting the report to Mr. Mercier the Governor states that it proves carelessness and illegalities and shows the statements and justifications of the Premier to be of no value. "The request," he says, "forces upon me the conviction that the Ministry is not in a position to advise the representative of the Crown and therefore he must dismiss them."

The Court's Request.

Mr. Mercier then demands a copy of Judge Jette's letter supposed to be dissentient from the report and permission to publish the letter of dismissal, both of which the Governor refuses. Then follows Mr. Mercier's final reply, in which he says: "I have to do not with the impartial head of the executive, but with a political actor subjected to the outside influence of evil counsellors and bad passions, and have knowingly and willingly violated the usages of constitutional law. You have had the audacity to do what our august Sovereign Queen Victoria would not have dared to do in England without provoking revolution among the English people. All good citizens must admit there is a limit to endurance and that a man though he may have been a Prime Minister is not a slave. The report is that of two partisans, from whom you have dragged an unjust and unfounded opinion, and it is altogether informal and without legal value. The allegations of this pretended preliminary report are contrary to the proof. They contain gratuitous insults to your ex-Ministers supported by the great majority of the Legislature of this province."

He then charges the Governor with personal and autocratic government, with having arrested the working of the Government, refused to pay legitimate debts, to call the Legislature at the request of its majority to transact public business and of having carried out one of the most odious conspiracies ever entered against the constitutional liberties enjoyed by a free people. He taunts the Governor with a desire to place power in the hands of political friends by taking abusive advantage of the illness of Judge Jette, against all the rules of decency and professional etiquet, and trampling under foot the dignity of the crown. He charges him with leaving politics for the bench where even there he was a partisan.

Considered Constitutionally.

Mr. Mercier then discusses the constitutional side of the question, referring to Lord Dufferin in the Pacific scandal, who laid the matter before Parliament, and he charges the Governor with supporting the then guilty ministers and to-day he says: "You obey the will of the Federal Prime Minister, Mr. Abbott, who was himself the distributer of this bribery money to the ministry. Your conduct puts our political institutions in jeopardy. I will try to undo your nefarious work with the assistance of my colleagues and my political friends, and will willingly expend all that I possess to save our cherished province. I denounce you before public opinion, and it is not far distant when the representatives of the people will again resume the power of which you have stripped them and vindicate the constitution which you have broken. You will shortly receive from Mr. Abbott, your master, the price of your national treachery and I shall soon go before the people and receive from its strong and powerful hands a new mandate which will enable me to resume in the legislature the position from which you have driven me and to chase you constitutionally, but surely, from Spencerwood."

Notes.

Monster mass meetings are being organized by the Liberal voters of St Roch and St. Sauveur Wards of this city. St. Roch is perhaps the strongest Liberal stronghold of the Dominion, is represented in the House of Commons by Hon. W. Laurier, and in the Local House by Hon. Mr. Shehyn, ex-Provincial Treasurer. Both these gentlemen and Mr. Mercier are idolized by the St. Roch people.

Hon. Mr. De Boucherville is busy forming his cabinet. Very little can be gleaned of that gentleman's doings, however.

Excitement is rapidly gaining on the masses. The flaming editorials of L'Electeur are read and commented on all over.

THERE'S A GOOD TIME COMING.

Mercier Says He Will Go Back to Power and Take Revenge.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—Mr. Mercier arrived here to-night and addressed a meeting of 3000 people in the Bonsecours Market. His speech dealt with the unconstitutionality of his dismissal and was a appeal to the people for support against the encroachment of Federal power. He was very bitter in his denunciation of Mr. Angers and the Dominion Government. He assured them that he would go back to power and mete out punishment to those who had thwarted the will of the people.

TRADE QUIET; PRICES STEADY.

Bradstreet's Report for the Past Week as to State of Business.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Special telegrams to Bradstreet's review previous reports of a general slackening up of the movement of general trade from jobbers and producers, which appears to include nearly all lines except those of leading cereals. Mild weather, which continued until within two days, added a depression to staple lines such as clothing, hats, shoes, woolen and cotton goods of some varieties which they probably would not otherwise have experienced. The lower temperature is too late to stimulate much increase in the demand prior to the new year.

In the Dominion of Canada direct exports of grain and flour have ceased for the winter, Boston, Portland, Me., and Halifax to some extent becoming winter ports of export for Ontario and Quebec. General trade in those provinces is quiet and prices, except for wheat, are steady.

The total number of business failures in Canada this week is 23 compared with 45 last week and 35 in the like week last year.

Bank clearings at four Canadian cities this week aggregate $21,410,986, a decrease of 2½ per cent. on the week.

STORY OF A HANDKERCHIEF.

A Clue For the Detectives in the Ancaster Murder Case.

HAMILTON, Dec. 17.—On the day following the murder of John Heslop, a handkerchief was picked up on the road near the Heslop homestead. Certain initials were worked in it, and when it reached the detectives they were sure they had a valuable clue. For a long time efforts to trace the owner were unsuccessful. Finally the secret came out. The owner was Mrs. J. H. Smith, wife of the inspector of the county schools, who had gone to offer her sympathy and assistance to Mrs. Heslop on the morning after the murder and had dropped her handkerchief on the way.

FISHERMEN MEET.

The Second Convention of the Inland Fishermen's Association at Collingwood.

COLLINGWOOD, Ont., Dec. 18.—At the meeting of the Inland Fishermen's Association at Collingwood every district was represented.

The election of officers for the ensuing term resulted:

W. A. Clark, Collingwood, president.
J. Logie, Kincardine, vice-president.
A. Montgomery, Collingwood, secretary.
C. Noble, Collingwood, treasurer.

Messrs. D. McAuley, Southampton; James Clark, Wiarton; J. D. Van Vlack, Van Vlack; C. Duffy, jr., Collingwood; James Anderson, Midland; N. McDonald, Goderich; William Ferguson, Bayfield; John Boyd, Collingwood; J. Pinch, Thornbury; J. Noble, Killarney; D. W. Port, Toronto; G. P. McIntosh, Meaford; Donald McDonald, Owen Sound,