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HAMILTON NEWS.

A STRAIGHT PARTY FIGHT.

That's What the Municipal Struggle in Hamilton Really Is.

List of the Candidates—Ordination at the Cathedral—Sunday School Rally—Gallagher Acquitted—An Amusing Mock Trial—A Shooting Affray at Burlington—A New Year's Concert—News Notes of Interest.

Hamilton, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—The municipal struggle which closes to-morrow will long be remembered here as one of the most determined ever witnessed in the city. The pivot on which the contest turned has been no momentous question of reform, but a straight party spirit. The minority that at the beginning strongly protested against so narrow a view were speedily swept along and the result has been that several candidates who would, and have served the city well as aldermen, stand in danger of being ousted by mediocre men, but out and out adherents. In the city clubs, offices and taverns, the remark that a man would make a first-rate councillor is almost invariably answered by "It's the Provincial elections we've got to think of."

For some reason the reform party is the greater sinner in this respect. The Young Liberal Club owes its existence chiefly to this, and the Liberal vote wherever it is possible promises to go solidly to-morrow.

The list of aldermanic candidates is:

Ward 1—H G Wright, W J Reid, W J Macdonald and T W Lester.

Ward 2—R Griffith, W F Montague, T Hobson and M H Ten Eyck.

Ward 3—Dr Mercheell, W F Walker, QC, W Findlay, Dr Emory, A Hannaford and W S Lumgair.

Ward 4—J P Macleod, J Donald, A Dunn, J Crooks and R Buscombe.

Ward 5—W Noble, M D Nelligan, J Massie, W Doran and H Carscallen.

Ward 6—W J McAndrew, K Whipple, C J Kerr, J Phillips, W Hill, W J McFadden and A Dillon.

Ward 7—J Dixon, R Pettigrew, B Thompson, E A Fearnside and T J Stewart.

Ordination at the Cathedral.

The impressive ceremony of ordination was held this morning at Christ Church Cathedral. Three candidates presented themselves for deacons' orders. They were Mr. W H. Thomas, H. R. Quinn, both graduates of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, Eng., and H. C. Burt of Trinity College, Toronto. Bishop DuMoulin officiated and was assisted by Revs. Canon Houston of Niagara Falls and Canon Clark of Ancaster. Rev. Mr. Thomas will be attached to the City Cathedral, Rev. Mr. Quinn goes to St. Thomas' Church of this city, and Rev. Mr. Burt is appointed to Mount Forest. The service was made more solemn by the fact that some weeks will elapse before the Bishop, who is so loved throughout the city, will again officiate in the Cathedral services. His Lordship is suffering from nervous prostration, brought about through overwork, and leaves on Monday for treatment at the Dansville Sanitarium in northern New York.

Sunday School Rally.

Following in the lines of Montreal and Toronto the Methodist churches of the city held a Sunday school rally at Centenary Church on New Year's Day. It was the first of the kind, but 1500 scholars filled the building. A number of familiar hymns were led by Mr. Martin, Prof. Parker presiding at the organ. Rev. Dr. Brethour presided, and the clergy taking part were: Rev Dr Smith and Revs W F Wilson, G K Adams, A L Gee, W Rutledge and Inspector Smith.

A New Year's Concert.

Some 50 couples from the Leo Literary Society drove to Caledonia on New Year's Eve and put on a first-class entertainment at Association Hall. L. Vizard kept up his reputation as a monologist, and excellent instrumental music was rendered by J. Nelligan, V. Burke and E. Burke, J. Wilmott whistled in his usual inimitable style, and others who kept up the glory of the society were the Misses Aggie Fee, G. Lalaburte and P. Martin, and Thomas Campbell. A banquet followed at Hotel Revere.

Gallagher Acquitted.

At the Police Court yesterday morning George Gallagher, shoemaker, John-street, was acquitted on a charge of shooting with intent to kill, in which case John Lacey was the complainant. The evidence showed that Lacey had annoyed Gallagher, that two shots were fired on the street, and that Gallagher ran into a questionable house kept by his daughter, Minnie. Gallagher denied shooting.

Amusing Mock Trial.

A very amusing mock trial, based on a breach of promise case, was held in Association Hall last evening. Ex-Ald. McKeown acted as judge, H. P. Buckworth was counsel for the prosecution, and J. Weir for the defence. Mr. Weir created much fun by his witty speech for the defence. During the evening C. Powers gave a reading which was much enjoyed by the audience.

Shooting Affray at Burlington.

There was a shooting affray in Burlington, a suburb, last evening, a man named Isaac General having his throat tickled with a bullet from a revolver. The lead first struck a button on his coat, and the button probably saved his life, as it turned the course of the bullet from the direction of his heart to his throat. The bullet took a little flesh off his neck, but did not penetrate it. It is said that the shot was fired accidentally by a man named Campbell.

David Hastings of The Herald, who is seriously ill with pneumonia, is resting a little easier to-night.

The influence exercised in the city by Wesley Church was evidenced to-night by the public reception of 65 new members. Rev. Mr. Wilson stated that the newcomers included Episcopalians, Baptists, Presbyterians, etc., and pointed to the fact as an example of the increase of charity.

News Notes.

John Higgins, a well-known butcher, was fined $3 for assaulting Mary Foley-Gillies.

John Phillips, a canvasser, charged with fraud by the American Wringer Company, was remanded till to-morrow for trial.

Last night Pat Kelly, John-street, for whom the police have been looking for a week, gave himself up. He is charged with assaulting John Clarkson and his wife.

The circle puzzle solutions received have not exceeded five in number in any week, which proves that it is not by any means easy to solve. The usual cash prize is offered this week to the first person who solves it.

OF CHINA'S TROUBLE.

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China in return would give Russia a monopoly of the railroads and mines north of the Great Wall, open a port as a terminus of the Trans-Siberian Railroad, and would agree that a Russian should succeed Sir Robert Hart as director of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs.

Germany Seeking England's Friendship.

A diplomat, talking over the alleged desire of Germany to arrive at an understanding with Great Britain on the far Eastern questions, explains that the change might be due to Germany's dissatisfaction with her allies. "In the meanwhile," the diplomat continued, "Russia and France are allied and Emperor William is anxious to secure new friends. Therefore, foreseeing the probability of an understanding between Great Britain and Japan, Emperor William is determined to array himself on their side."

It is by no means clear that British interests are seriously threatened at the present moment and she could probably well afford to await the spring, when, unless the normal conditions are resumed, Great Britain will undoubtedly take the steps necessary to protect her interests and re-establish the balance of power.

Will Japan Control China?

The Spectator publishes an interesting article on Japan's policy, in which the writer regards the Marquis Ito's return to power and Japan's offer to assist the officers at Peking to drill the Chinese army, and her proposition to consent to a postponement of the war indemnity, possibly foreshadowing a Chino-Japan alliance. The writer adds that he is convinced the Marquis Ito thinks that securing perpetual control of the resources of trade and soldiers of China are within his power and, if Japan's offer is accepted, Europe would be beaten "for she has not the means to make the effort necessary to conquer the united yellow peoples."

The financial barometer does not show any trepidation, consols even improving. There is not the slightest sign of the selling which always marks real clouds on the political horizon, and there are signs of reaction in the long-continued depreciation in land.

POPE SUPPORTS GERMANY

In Regard to Her Aggressive Action in the Chinese Waters.

Berlin, Jan. 1. — Bishop Anzer of South Shan Tung, China, dined with the Emperor and Empress at the new palace on Tuesday. Baron von Bulow, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Count von Leyder, the new Minister of Japan, were present. The bishop, who has been 34 years in China, and who is about to return, said:

"There is no doubt Germany means to keep Kiao-Chou and its contiguous territory, and if the right measures are taken it will prove a most valuable possession, even more valuable than Hong Kong, because its mineral wealth, coal and iron, although needing a large amount of capital to develop it, is almost inexhaustible."

The Emperor told the bishop that steps were under way to give thorough German administration to the territory and rapidly to develop the natural commercial advantages of Kiao-Chou.

Relative to his audience with the Pope, Bishop Anzer said that His Holiness "highly approved the energy shown by Germany in the gigantic task of opening China and preparing her for the blessings of Christianity and civilization."

The Pope also expressed the opinion that speedy penalty would be meted out to China for the last mission murders, which would "strike wholesome terrors into the breasts of its heathen government." His Holiness touched upon the German protectorate over the Catholic missions in China, hitherto considered to be in the hands of France, and the Pope further intimated that instructions had recently been sent to the bishops and higher clergy of Germany to shape their conduct in connection with the Chinese expedition and the enlargement of the German navy in consonance with the views of the Vatican on these matters.

The Emperor decorated Bishop Anzer with the Order of the Red Eagle and the Regent of Bavaria.

The correspondent of the Associated Press learns that Germany in the spring will commence improving the harbor of Kiao-Chou, and will construct docks and wharves and strengthen the forts materially.

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McCoy Overlooks Walcott.

New York, Jan. 1.—A look of ill-concealed disgust overspread the usually placid features of Charles (Kid) McCoy when Tom O'Rourke's $5000 challenge was mentioned.

"Will you accept the proposition?" he was asked.

"Why, it simply makes me smile," was his contemptuous reply. "Why should I meet Walcott? Has he not been twice whipped by Kid Lavigne, a light-weight, and twice by Tommy West, a middleweight? And did I not put Tommy West to sleep in two rounds? Now, what possible claim has Walcott got for a fight with me? I shall pay no attention to the challenge.

"Whenever a man makes a reputation in the ring O'Rourke immediately wants to match Walcott against him. He offered once to match him against Corbett, but he paid no attention to it."

"But what of the chance to win $5000?"

"Oh, I'm doing well enough as it is."

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BRITAIN NOW WANTS A PITT

Comments of the Newspapers on the Eastern Question.

Various Opinions—The Times Looks on the Situation From Two Sides—The Standard and The Post Express Views—The American Newspaper Correspondents in London Also Have Their Say in the Premises.

London, Jan. 2.—The New Year's leaders in the principal dailies refer at length to the situation in China. The Times says: "The new year opens with ambiguous omens. This country is confronted by the organized and determined rivalry of other powers, which, in their efforts to cut us out from the markets of uncivilized or undeveloped regions, have at any rate an apparent advantage in being able to employ against us weapons we have deliberately renounced for ourselves. Our commercial as well as our imperial interests are deeply involved in the scramble for China, and the advance of rival states on the Nile and Niger. To conduct all these difficult operations, diplomatic, naval and military, to a satisfactory conclusion, would be an achievement that would greatly redound to the honor of our ministers, and especially to the heads of the Foreign Office and the Colonial Office. A failure to maintain firmly, though cautiously, the rights of the British Empire and the claims of British trade would involve an equal degree of discredit."

Japan to be Reckoned With.

The Standard has this to say on the same subject: "Circumstances have already marked out for us the general line on which we have to act. It may be viewed as certain that the recent measures by which Russia and Germany have established themselves on the Chinese mainland were taken in pursuance of some more or less defined understanding. Whether Prince Henry is to prosecute his chivalrous mission at Kiao Chou Bay or transfer himself and his party to some other region where missionaries have not been massacred, but in other respects, a harbor is eligible, hangs in some doubt. But whatever flag may finally wave at Kiao Chou, everything will be done in concert so long as an amicable compact between Berlin and St. Petersburg endures.

"France, subject to similar reserve with regard to the Russian alliance, will perforce remain bound to conform with any policy which the Czar deems proper to pursue. The republic will perhaps be allowed to secure adantages for itself. We may have in what we do a certain amount of inarticulate sympathy from France, which can scarcely view with gratification the growing commercial strength of its European neighbor, but the understanding of the three powers must be accepted as a settled fact or in the problem.

"There remains the Japanese nation, which has even more cause than we for concern at the steps taken toward partition of the vast empire of which its people have for years believed themselves to be the natural inheritors. The geographical advantages enjoyed by Japan would co-operate with her finely-developed resources and make her a potent ally in case of war."

Britain Wants a Pitt.

The Morning Post finds the situation analogous to that which preceded the Elder Pitt's accession to power and says:

"As the years went on towards 1756, there was a good deal of uneasiness in this country. A vague feeling prevailed that great events, perhaps great conflicts, were coming on, and that the party machinery of the day had hardly turned out the sort of man to steer the country's affairs through the breakers ahead. A man of ideas and force of character was wanted. It was in this period of depression that Pitt, unburdening his soul to one of his friends, said: 'I am sure that I can save the country, and that no one else can.'

"It seemed to be a very presumptuous saying for an untried man, but events gave Pitt a chance, and his belief in himself seems to have been justified by his work.

"The present situation recalls those years of national hesitation, not only by the rapid movement and changed tone of the other powers but by the accident that the Great Britain of to-day has not yet found its Pitt."

ENGLAND'S APATHY

Is Due to Her Consciousness of Strength—American Correspondent.

New York, Jan. 2.—Mr. Ford in his cabled letter to The Tribune to-day treats of the situation in a lighter vein. He says: "The rumor mongers are fairly out of breath. After landing the French marines at Hai-Nan, buying out the Japanese at Wei-hai-Wei and the Russian money, calling out the naval reserves and supplanting Lord Salisbury with Lord Cromer at the Foreign Office, their industry is not appreciated. The holiday revel goes on; and there is no excitement in England over the situation in the far East, even when the evidence points clearly to a French understanding with Russia.

"English apathy in reality implies a consciousness of strength. Sea power becomes more important when Continental Europe is deeply concerned in the future of remote countries, and it is England's stronghold. With her chain of coaling and naval stations encircling the globe, she can afford to wait until some nation directly challenges her. To this sense of security is added an instinctive recoil against any policy which will increase the burdens of the Empire, when England is already dangerously near the verge of conscription. The perplexities of the situation in the East, moreover, are dense and English public is waiting for a sign from Lord Salisbury, remembering his dictum that there is enough for all in Asia. The only new fact to-day is the retention of McLeavy Brown as Chief Commissioner of Corean Customs with a Russian associate. This is set down to the presence of the British fleet at Chemulpo, but is no great achievement. With all the foolish talk going on about the prospects of a maritime war, every stock exchange in Europe is tranquil and January dividends are the chief concern."

Sir Havelock-Allan's Death.

New York, Jan. 2.—The London correspondent of The Tribune, referring to the death of Sir Havelock-Allan in India, says: "The death of that gallant soldier, who was not a combatant, is another mystery added to the inscrutable secrets of the frontier campaign. There was no official errand or mission to draw him towards Khyber, but as a soldier with a genuine fighting strain, with a dare-devil love of adventure, he seems to have been lured to his fate."

Corbett Must Meet Maher.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—"We shall pay no attention to it," said Martin Julian when asked what he and Fitzsimmons would do in regard to Corbett's formal challenge to the champion slugger. Fitzsimmons himself refused to discuss the subject, in accordance with his new plan of operations, which is to let Julian do all the talking, which possibly is a worse infliction on the public than if Fitz continued to spout.

"We have told Corbett what he can do," continued Julian. "Bob did not want to reenter the ring at all, but at last I persuaded him to promise to fight again on certain conditions. There were, as I explicitly stated, that he would consider fighting only two men—Corbett and McCoy—and that he should fight them only after Corbett had defeated Maher and after McCoy had defeated a man named by me. I have named Choynski for McCoy to fight. Now Corbett may wear himself out faster about betting $10,000 that he can whip Fitzsimmons."

Charged With Housebreaking.

Harry Fryer, 84 Elizabeth-street, is in police custody, on a charge of housebreaking, the complainant being Chang Lee, who conducts a laundry at 273 Church-street. A couple of weeks ago someone broke into the laundry and took an overcoat and other articles, and Policeman Mackie placed Fryer under arrest on New Year's Day.

MEN AND THINGS.

It is surprising to learn that engine No. 972 on the New York Central Railway was at work three weeks after its jump into the Hudson River at Garrisons. Its boiler was found to be practically uninjured, though the stack, bell, whistle and sand box were gone.

A very good story, hailing from Chicago, is told about the King of Siam. A small merchant in the Windy City had loaned a friend something like $1500. On the last application for an advance he gave it, but said he would like some acknowledgment to file away. His friend laughingly said he would give him a draft for it, and on being asked upon whom, airily said: "On the King of Siam, if you like." "All right," was the reply, and the document was made out and handed over, and the two went out for a drink. The bookkeeper coming in found it on the table with the other business papers and put it in the bank, as one of his employer's securities for collection. It passed through Brown Brothers' Bank there, through Morgan's in New York, White Brothers in Amsterdam, duly endorsed by all these firms, and finally it found its way by the Bank of India, China and Australia to the Palace at Siam. His Majesty denied having owed or borrowed any such an amount, but after examining the bill with its business looking stamps and seeing the firms through whose hands a protest must go, bethought him that his credit in the financial world would be impaired by such a refusal, and the draft was duly paid, and Brown rejoiced greatly.

The rescue by the S. S. Etruria on Dec. 10, 1897, when 178 miles from the Fastnet light, of the crew of the steamer Millsand, deserves more than a passing notice. Not so much for the big steamer standing by, but for the pluck of her seamen. The sea was rolling tremendously and launching the Etruria's boat was a work of great peril. Three trips were made and all the crew rescued, and during one of them the boat was carried off to windward and was only saved by the Etruria turning head on to the gale and steaming along till it was able to overtake the boat. After its last trip it was found impossible to take the boat on board, and it was consequently sent adrift.

Crossing the Atlantic nowadays is made so easy and comfortable that it is only such an incident as that that brings the perils of the ocean under the eye of the happy passenger. The large ships stand steadily in a sea that is appalling to a small boat, and to put out in such a gale as can blow off the south coast of Ireland is courage of the highest order.

Canada's problem to-day is how to make a trade from Canadian ports to England in winter. To reach St. John directly goods must pass through the State of Maine. By a less direct route it is served by the Intercolonial. But the want is a port reached by both the Grand Trunk and the Canadian Pacific. The Government ought to put the Intercolonial in first-rate shape and lease it to the Grand Trunk at a rate that would enable them to overcome the larger haul and compete with the C. P. R. It tells a significant tale when both the Allan and Dominion boats are guaranteed full cargoes by the G. T. R. from Portland, and that they prefer that to the mail subsidy. The finest boats to-day run from Portland and Boston, when they should run from St. John. The Intercolonial, if leased to the G. T. R., would reach Halifax a day's steaming nearer England than St. John, and the gain in time would be partial compensation to that road.

Cold storage by the ammonia process is expensive where ice is so cheap. A Montreal man professes, and with good reason, to have invented a process for effecting cold storage with ice and producing a current of air free from damp, the great drawback of ice storage. Its success would mean much to Canadian shippers.

Onlooker.

A TROLLEY ACCIDENT.

An Elderly Couple Struck by a College and Carlton Car and Very Badly Injured.

Richard Hand, an elderly man, who lives at Downsview, was driving in a sleigh with his wife and son up Jarvis-street on New Year's night, and when crossing Carlton-street a Carlton and College car traveling at a limit rate of speed struck the sleigh amidships. The occupants of the vehicle were thrown out upon the roadway and the elder Mr. Hand was badly hurt. Mrs. Hand was also considerably bruised, but the son escaped unhurt. The injured couple were carried into Dr. Martin's surgery, Carlton-street, and afterwards removed to the home of their son-in-law, P. C. Robert Bell, 6 Treford-place. Mr. Hand has three ribs and his collar bone broken and is suffering from concussion of the brain.

Motorman Mitchell claims that the car was not going at a high rate of speed, and that Mr. Hand foolishly tried to drive across the track instead of waiting.

The Gambling Clubs of Paris.

There has just been another big scandal at the Parisian Jockey Club, which has been obliged to suspend a titled member on identically the same grounds as those which led to the expulsion a few years ago of a well-known prince—cheating at cards by means of imitation counters. In fact, scandals of this kind are far more numerous and frequent than people imagine, owing to the care which is taken to prevent their becoming known through the press. Not a single newspaper man belonging to any of the really swagger clubs at Paris, this is less difficult than might be imagined at first sight.

It is not astonishing that gambling scandals should be so frequent, since even the best clubs in Paris are little better than gambling hells. There is not a club in Paris which is not compelled to depend for its existence on the so-called "cagnotte" or "kitty," which at the Jockey Club yields at least $50,000 per annum net profit.

It is the same thing at the Cercle de la Rue Royale, which until lately had the Prince de Sagan for its president, and which does for steeple chasing what the Jockey Club does for track racing. There also the "kitty" is the sole and only basis and foundation of the prosperity of the club. Frenchmen, and especially Parisians, frequenting their clubs not so much for the sake of reading the papers or chatting with their friends, both of which they can do at a cafe, as for the purpose of having a quiet gamble.

It may be remembered that at this Cercle or club of the Rue Royale marked cards were discovered one night and the servant in charge of the cardroom was arrested and subjected to all kinds of interrogatories for the purpose of inducing him to reveal the names of the members of the club who were his accomplices. He did not make known their names, but the committee of management of the club got a pretty correct idea concerning their identity, and they were dropped quietly.

Compliments and Good Clothes.

Henry A. Taylor, draper, the Rossin block, wishes his many friends and patrons the very heartiest compliments of the season.

CUBA IS GRANTED AUTONOMY

But the Insurgents Are Still Active in the Provinces.

Formal Ceremony at the Cuban Capital and Rejoicing in Spain Over the Event—General Weyler Tries to Square Himself With the Queen—Men Acquainted With the Situation Still Speak Very Pessimistically of the Outlook for Peace on the Island.

Havana, Jan. 1.—Many people assembled at the Palace to-day at 9 a.m., in order to witness the swearing in of Senor Rafael Montoro, Marquis of Montoro; Senor Francisco Zayas and Senor Laureano Rodriguez, as secretaries of the Provisional Government. Marshal Blanco, the Captain-General, escorted by a number of high Spanish officials, the consular corps, army and navy officers, etc., reached the throne room at the hour mentioned. A new Bible was open on the table, and upon it the secretaries took the oath of fidelity to the Queen, the monarchy and the Spanish Government, placing their right hands on the Bible and kneeling down as they repeated the words required.

Senor Galvez, the President of the Cabinet, was first sworn in, and then the oath was administered to the others. To Marshal Blanco's enquiry: "Do you swear fidelity to Spain, the Queen and Spanish institutions?" all replied, "We do."

Peace for Cuba.

Marshal Blanco then addressed the officials, saying: "Consecrated by the oath just taken, the autonomous department of Cuba is now established in accordance with the royal decree of Nov. 27, 1897. Your names and the places you occupy in the political parties to which you belong are simple guarantees of the liberal policy which the Government, the new regime, is to adopt. The new Government should be inspired by high, conciliatory, impartial and just motives. It is proper also to study the necessities of the island, especially economic questions and the means to restore the property destroyed. Peace and the welfare of Cuba should be the best propaganda we can make in behalf of autonomy and against the revolution, which, although it was never justified, will hereafter have no pretext whatever to exist.

"May God concede you the good luck which I sincerely wish may accompany you in fulfilling your noble and thorny mission, so that we may together restore to this privileged island, for which I have professed great affection for years, the peace and prosperity so much needed. To consecrate the carrying out of our good wishes, let us cry, with hearts full of loyalty to our institutions: 'Long live Spain. Long live Cuba! Always Spanish.'"

Convicts Pardoned.

After the conclusion of this ceremony all present attended the celebration of mass by the bishop in the chapel of the Palace. All present knelt down at the elevation of the host, with the exception of the British and German Consuls. At the conclusion of these ceremonies, the Captain-General remitted the death penalty imposed upon persons who had been convicted of common crimes.

Cable messages of congratulation were exchanged during the day between Senor Sagasta, the Premier of Spain, and Marshal Blanco.

Tobacco Embargo Raised.

The Official Gazette publishes an edict of Captain-General Blanco, raising the embargo on the exportation of tobacco. The decree provides for the payment of a duty of $12 in gold per 100 kilos on tobacco for all grades except Santiago de Cuba tobacco, which continues to pay the ruling tariff. All export duty on manufactured tobacco and cigars and cigarettes is abolished, including the fifty cents stamp duty. On cut tobacco the duty remains as at present, plus 10 cents stamp duty per kilo. The importation of tobacco from Puerto Rico and other places is prohibited.

Havana, Jan. 1.—The insurgent general, Francisco Carillo, with one thousand men from Santa Clara Province, has entered Matanzas Province, near Canasbana, and is supposed to be on the way to reunite with the concentrated insurgent forces under Brigadier Generals Suarez and Cepero in Havana Province.

It is reported from Santiago de Cuba that Gen. Pando is greatly disheartened on account of the obstacles which prevented a successful campaign against the insurgents in that province. He declares that he has no base of operations, the insurgents control being so complete that it is impossible to convey supplies to Spanish columns operating in the interior of the province. Gen. Pando is said to be convinced that the insurgents of Santiago de Cuba Province will not accept autonomy.

When he was in Spain he did not realize that the insurgents in the province had such strength.

It is said that Gen. Sagua, operating in Santiago de Cuba has been unable to agree with his superior officers and on the

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Fell and Broke His Leg.

John Hickey, a young machinist, who lives at 50 Sydenham-street, fell at Parliament and Sydenham-street on New Year's Day and broke his leg. He was yesterday removed to the hospital in the ambulance.

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was the careful treatment she might receive at the hospital. We took her there and for eight days they had no hope of her recovery, but later she had a change for the better. Her sickness, however, left her very delicate and weak, and she did not grow any for a year. It was then I thought I would try Hood's Sarsaparilla, inasmuch as I had used it for myself and found it such a good medicine for building up a constitution. She had not taken two bottles before she had improved wonderfully. She has grown rosy and plump and is quite herself again. I have great faith in Hood's." MRS. M. HICKERSON, 938 Bloor Street, West, Toronto, Ontario.

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HEART DISEASE AGAIN.

This Time it Carried Off Jacob Weber of 95 Hayter-street—Another Sudden Death.

Jacob Weber, who is well known in the central part of the city, died very suddenly at his home, 95 Hayter-street, yesterday morning. He was quite well on New Year's Day, but when he got up on Sunday morning he complained to his wife that he was not feeling quite right. Shortly afterwards his wife found him in an unconscious state and life almost extinct. She hurried to her brother, Mr. Henry De Lanburgh, 220 Elizabeth-street, for assistance, and he summoned Dr. Nattress. The medical man arrived in all haste, but death had occurred half an hour before. He pronounced death due to heart failure, deceased having been a sufferer for some time. Weber has for some time past been working at times for his brother-in-law, Mr. De Lanburgh, who is a painter. About a year ago his brother dropped dead on Washington-street, Buffalo, where his father and other brothers live now.

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY.

Items of Passing Interest Gathered in and Around this Busy City.

Alive Bollard seeks your vote as alderman Jan. 3 for Ward Three.

New Year's Day was noticeable particularly in police circles, owing to the few cases of "drunks."

The officers and members of the Conservative Club held a reception on New Year's Day from 2 to 5 p.m., at their rooms, Yonge-street Arcade.

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