

PREPARING TO ADVANCE.

A RECONNAISSANCE IN FORCE FROM SKAKIM.

The Rebels 'Hunting in the Valley—A Reconnaissance in Force from Skakim.

Skakim, March 19.—The whole force started this morning at 7 o'clock, with a day's rations and a hundred rounds of ammunition to each man, in the direction of Hasheen. The troops are now three miles from the city, and the cavalry have been sent to beat up the enemy, and fighting is expected. Five hundred of the enemy were seen on the hills near Hasheen.

The route reached the summit of the hills and discovered that the Arabs had massed in a position of strength in the direction of Hasheen. The British remained in this position until the British advance reached a ridge of hills. The Hasheen tribes then rushed from their ambush and made an attack. Captain Birch was speared through the shoulder. The Arabs succeeded in getting within ten yards of the British line before the latter opened regular fire, which the enemy promptly replied to. Three of the infantry and several Hadidians were wounded. Four of the infantry were killed, including Lieut. O'Connor, whose horse was shot from under him.

The object of the reconnaissance having been attained, the British retired, the Arabs showing no disposition to follow. The British infantry and guards were left on the road half way between Skakim and the Hasheen hills, supporting the Indian contingent. The Bengal cavalry took most of the prisoners. It was ascertained by the reconnaissance that the Arabs were in large bodies along the entire range of hills, and evidently awaiting their forces.

After the skirmish Gen. Graham's right, consisting of British infantry, Indian infantry and the gendarmes, advanced rapidly. The mounted infantry and Bengal cavalry occupied Hasheen and found Osman Digna wounded and retreating toward Tamal. The concentration of the Arabs was effected in unusually good order. Scouts reported that the Arabs numbered from 7000 to 10,000. Lieut. O'Connor was not killed, as previously reported.

Disagreeable Experiences at Hori. Hori, March 19.—It is estimated that reinforcements to the extent of 25 per cent. over the present strength of the troops will be required before the autumn owing to the large number of cases of sickness and death from the heat. The camel drivers refused to remain here. The navigation of the Nile is very difficult and the transportation of the wounded tedious.

As the British retired after having entered Hasheen they were rapidly re-occupied the positions previously evacuated by them. The entire British force with the exception of the Bengal cavalry, preceded to an advance to Tamal, where it is expected to give battle to the enemy. Gen. Graham's right, consisting of British infantry, Indian infantry and the gendarmes, advanced rapidly. The mounted infantry and Bengal cavalry occupied Hasheen and found Osman Digna wounded and retreating toward Tamal. The concentration of the Arabs was effected in unusually good order. Scouts reported that the Arabs numbered from 7000 to 10,000. Lieut. O'Connor was not killed, as previously reported.

Waning Influence of the Mahdi. Korti, March 19.—General Wolsey and his staff have returned to Korti. The Mahdi's influence is waning. The Mahdi's influence is waning. The Mahdi's influence is waning.

French Influence at Cairo. Cairo, March 19.—The bitter feeling shown by the English toward the French is due to the hostility of the Egyptian natives to the British. The suppression of the paper appears to be a military necessity. The Mahdi's influence is waning.

LOYAL LIBERICK. The Council Resolved to Present an Address to the Prince. LIBERICK, March 19.—The chamber of commerce has voted to present an address of welcome to the prince and princess of Wales. It is announced that the prince and princess will make a special visit to the city to allow the corporation to make an imposing and memorable event.

The German Cottonier Explosion. BERLIN, March 19.—A hundred and thirty-seven bodies have been recovered from the colliery at Camphansen, where the explosion occurred yesterday. Fifty-five persons have been rescued.

CABLE NEWS. The war with France has already cost China sixty million taels. A general reduction of expenses a day in miners' wages has been ordered in Scotland. Rioting was renewed at Lurgan, Ireland, yesterday. Several more arrests were made.

The British government has provided £25,000 for extra mail facilities across the Atlantic. A detachment from Calcutta says Lord Dufferin has thirty thousand troops at his command that he is prepared to throw across the Afghan frontier on the slightest pretext.

Several skirmishes have taken place between the Turkish troops and the Albanian insurgents in the vicinity of Maritsa. Two hundred and fifty Turkish and forty Albanian have been killed. The British members of the International African association have called to Germany all the territory east of the Upper Congo, bordering on Lakes Tanganyika and Victoria Nyanza, including the station of Maritsa.

The English papers generally express themselves satisfied with the Egyptian agreement as about the best that could be made, although they think England will ultimately find it impossible to resist some species of multiple control. Mrs. Stephens, wife of the head contractor recently expelled from France, says her husband is dying actually from want and several Irishmen have contributed to a fund that is being raised for Stephens.

WORK FOR OFFICE-SEEKERS.

A Big Commission Appointed at Washington to Investigate Depressions.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The secretary of the interior has approved the plan of operations proposed by Labor Commissioner Wright for the present year. The plan embraces the question of industrial depression, involving a study of their character and causes, and whether they are controllable in the great producing countries of the world, and whether as to duration, severity and periodicity they are alike in such countries. The investigations involve a question of the influence of depression on the cost of living, the extent to which the industries have been developed, and the cost of production reduced through the use of machinery; difference in rates of wages in like industries in different localities of the United States, the influence of climate on the use of machinery, rates of wages and cost of living; influence of taxes on all matters relating to living, and as to industrial depression, how far "corners" may be influential in such matters; productivity of diseases in various localities, influence of climate on the use of machinery, and the employment of foreign contract labor in bringing about depression; what industries have proceeded with depression, and whether large importations or exportations or extensive railroad building, etc. have proceeded. The commissioner expects to be able to report next January, and says the plan will involve the employment of three special agents from three to five months in Europe, including the great industrial centers, and eight or ten special agents from six months each in the United States.

SCENE IN A CHURCH.

A Pious Lady Denounced as a Conspirator to the Devil.

SCANTON, March 19.—An exciting episode occurred at the Providence Presbyterian church, in the outskirts of this city, yesterday morning, immediately after the services. The pastor and prominent members were in the act of extending the hand of fellowship to about 60 converts, the result of a recent revival, when a man named Aaron McDonald, who is not connected with the church, arose, and vehemently denounced a married lady member of the congregation as a hypocrite and a cheat. The lady in question, who is a stately person of middle age, was in the act of congratulating some of the new converts. McDonald, who refused to be silenced, declared in a loud voice that she had conspired with the devil to bring about the revival, and that she had had ten other converts in her charge, and said it would be much better if she stayed at home and tried to pay her debts. This occurrence caused a great sensation, and is still the talk of the town. All the parties concerned are well known and prominently connected.

THE WITNESS AGAINST THE FOSTERMASTER.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—A story that is perhaps apocryphal, but which is good enough to be true, is told of a Mississippi visit to the White House in quest of a postmaster. "How soon does the incumbent resign his term?" inquired the president. "Oh, in about three years, unless it is cut short." "Are there any charges against him?" "Well, yes. We denigrate don't like him." "On what ground do you ask for his removal?" "On the ground, Mr. president, that eleven millions of dollars' worth of money that he wanted to change."

TRAGEDY IN A HOUSE OF HONOR.

ST. PAUL, March 19.—D. M. Britton, a woman of bad repute, was found dead in her room last night with a man who was also dead. The body of the man was found in a state of collapse. The man was identified as Harry Kellogg, a former merchant of New Orleans. The woman's husband is a gambler, but is missing. Kellogg kicked in the door and reported finding the bodies. Kellogg leaves a wife and five children. The police are hunting for the woman's husband.

PETER BAKER'S DAUGHTER.

BUFFALO, March 19.—Mary Baker, aged 15, the adopted daughter of Peter F. Baker, of the firm of Baker & Farron, sloped last night with a young man, aged 18, a dry goods clerk. The runaway couple were traced to Cleveland, where they were arrested early this morning. A detective has been sent there to bring them home. It is probable that a charge of abduction against the young man cannot be maintained as his intended bride appears to have accompanied him on her own free will, but both parties being under age their arrest was considered in order.

A WICKED WOMAN'S WILES.

MILWAUKEE, March 19.—It is reported that W. H. Spaulding, head book-keeper of the Racine wagon company, disappeared in February with a respectable woman after defrauding the company to the extent of \$20,000 to \$30,000. The woman deserted in Buffalo and returned here yesterday. It is believed Spaulding went to Canada. He has a wife and family here.

COVETED HER RECENT HUSBAND.

PHILADELPHIA, March 19.—Mrs. William Burrass created a sensation on Tuesday night by coveting her husband on the street. She is 27 years of age and has not lived with her husband for several years. She says she has been living with another woman and circulating false stories about her, and she determined to stop it.

A HEADSHAKING.

LYNCHBURG, March 19.—Ellen Craig colored, has been jailed on a charge of inhumanly treating her two children. After beating them until their bodies were covered with welts she poured boiling grease into their hands. She also applied hot iron to their persons.

A STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE FORCIBLY ENTERED.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 19.—The governor with a file of militia took forcible possession of the state auditor's office today by breaking in the doors. Auditor Brown was arrested. Much excitement prevailed.

THE CENTRAL AMERICAN SITUATION.

SAN JUAN DEL SUR, March 19.—It is the Nicaraguan and San Salvador troops that are making on the frontier of Honduras, and that attacks will probably be made soon. It is reported Honduras is in a state of insurrection. It is reported the rebel leader Prentiss has given reinforcements twenty-four hours to quit Colón. All quiet here. It is semi-officially stated that Blamark has offered to arbitrate between England and Russia on the Afghan matter.

DRAW POKER AND THE N.P.

A NEW BRUNSWICK M.P. THINKS ONE IS NOT BETTER THAN THE OTHER.

Introduction of the Government's Franchise Bill—The St. Croix Cotton Mill's Big Closures Decried.

OTAWA, March 19.—Sir John Macdonald introduced the franchise bill. He explained that it was drawn on the same lines as the bill of last year. Acts relating to the department of the treasury board and to the bank of British Columbia were read a first time. Replying to Mr. Blake, Mr. Fogo said the government section of the Canadian Pacific in British Columbia is being utilized for the conveyance of freight and passengers by the contractors who are building the road. Replying to Mr. Patterson, Sir Leonard Tilley said that no official steps had been taken to deal with the relations between Canada and Mexico. Mr. Bowell, replying to Mr. Edgar, said the St. Croix cotton mill is now closed. The government was taking steps towards having the debt liquidated. Mr. Casey resumed the budget debate. Mr. Stairs followed. Mr. Gilmore then succeeded in turning the matter into a question of the employment of immigrants from foreign countries. He said it was not necessary to have the whole inhabitants, from Vancouver to Halifax, were playing draw poker as believing in the national policy. It is associated with the whole of the country. He said that if he had, bread, cotton and sugar were not cheap he would not take a risk on the lives of the ministerial members. Mr. Wood (Brookville) followed and the house adjourned at midnight.

SCENES FROM THE CAPITAL.

OTTAWA, March 19.—Arrangements have been made at last with the government under which the Canadian Pacific South-western railway will be extended eighty miles from Manitoba in the direction of Clear Water lake, and the Manitoba and the Saskatchewan, thirty miles during the present year. The two extensions will be made under the charter of the Manitoba Southwestern company. The name of Mr. McCallum, M.P., is connected with the extension of the railway to the westward of Senator Benson. The speaker of the senate has notified the press agency that his members will honor him on the 24th inst. by electing him a member of the senate. A ministerial caucus was held today on the 19th inst. C. P. R. affairs were not touched upon.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Wm. Hubbell, a fanatic, at Goshen, Ind., yesterday killed his wife and wounded his child fatally. James Blackburn, superintendent of the Lake Shore traffic association, is a defendant in the amount of \$20,000. J. W. Smith, confidential clerk at St. Helena mines, N.M., has absconded with a bar of gold worth \$18,000. Labor Commissioner Peck sailed from New York yesterday on an important mission for the Washington government. It is estimated there are 5,000,000 colonies of bees in the United States, which will yield 130,000,000 pounds of honey. The United States senate has ratified a treaty with Egypt conceding the same commercial advantages as enjoyed by Great Britain.

M. W. Klein & Co., Johnston, Pa., on \$2000 capital started a bank, incorporated with \$40,000 and suspended payable. No assets.

The old in the Hudson valley is reported to be intense. Every morning this week the Hudson river is a sea of mud.

Ryan, a confidence man, and "Hungry Joe," another notorious scoundrel, did not escape from the crown prison of \$1500 cash at Chicago by pretending to sell him a panorama in the exhibition of the World's Fair.

Preparing Men-of-War.

LONDON, March 19.—The Devonport dock yard officials inform the admiralty that they can have ten men-of-war ready for service in a fortnight. A Treasonable Cartoon. LONDON, March 19.—The attention of parliament will be called to a cartoon in the Illustrated London News, entitled "Spain on his death-bed."

PERSONAL.

The queen has returned to Windsor. The figure says President Cleveland has returned to the White House. The queen's list is engaged on the fourth volume of her memoirs. The work is expected to be six volumes. The Duke of Richmond, carefully preserved in a velvet case, is said to be in the possession of the Paris police. Frederick Horn, a schoolmaster of Prince Bismarck, publishes an English country newspaper in Wisconsin. Dr. Wilson, the father of Emma Reynolds, the famous opera singer, is dying at San Francisco. He was stricken with paralysis Wednesday night. Dr. Helmuth, formerly bishop of Huron, Canada, and for a short time assistant to the late bishop of Huron, has accepted the presidency of Bridgton, offered him by the Simpson trustees in the room of the late Canon Blackley.

General Grant received enough of his book yesterday afternoon to allow him to send the printers copy for three days. His throat looks better last evening. There is no talk of the use of cocaine has been discontinued. The "Wreck of the Great Eastern" is a subject of much interest.

Sir Stafford Northcote will withdraw from the conservative leadership of the house of commons at the close of the present session in favor of the disunion of many members of the conservative party. He will be succeeded by Sir Michael Hicks Beach.

The prince of Wales, Prince Albert Victor and the duke of Edinburgh have arrived at Berlin. They were met by the crown prince and princess and a short time by the crown prince and princess and a short time by the crown prince and princess.

Whitlaw Reid, the editor of the New York Tribune, is a society man. The night he was attending a full-dress party at one of the fashionable houses in New York, where as he was practicing his name on a fair young woman, she was seized by a man who was a newspaper man, to their indignation. Whitlaw Reid, the editor of the New York Tribune, is a society man. The night he was attending a full-dress party at one of the fashionable houses in New York, where as he was practicing his name on a fair young woman, she was seized by a man who was a newspaper man, to their indignation.

Germany Agrees that Rice is Contraband.

PARIS, March 19.—The German ambassador has informed M. Ferry that Germany will not contest the French proclamation, declaring rice contraband of war.

THE BANKER'S WIFE.

A Clerk of the Commerce Elopes With His Manager's Wife.

ST. CATHARINES, March 19.—An elopement took place on Tuesday evening last. The parties are Malcolm Wilson, account in the bank for the manager of the same bank, and Mrs. Hankey, who is in Toronto at the time, Wilson being in charge of the bank. He purchased tickets for Buffalo and, taking a hack, drove from here to Toronto. He was followed by Mrs. Hankey, who missed the train and are supposed to have procured a conveyance and gone on to Buffalo. Mrs. Hankey leaves three young children and a young woman 15 or 16 years of age. Mrs. Wilson has been living with relatives in Buffalo for a month past. She recently converted a mortgage that he held for \$2000 into cash. His relations with his own wife were unhappy. His accounts are perfectly correct.

HORRIBLE OUTRAGES.

A Number of Horses Butchered in the Township of Warwick. WARWICK, Ont., March 19.—A series of dastardly outrages were perpetrated in this township last night. George Thompson and Jacob Oliver put up their horses in the Arlington hotel stable. The hostler found Oliver's horse bleeding to death. The horses had been severely injured. A search was made for the mercant, but without result. When Thompson returned, he found that his horse had been severely injured. He was told that the horses had been severely injured. He was told that the horses had been severely injured.

Bank Statement for February.

OTTAWA, March 19.—According to the bank statement for February, issued as a supplement to the Official Gazette to-day, the circulation has enlarged to nearly half a million. The balance due agents in the United States has crept up \$19,000, making the total amount \$1,000,000. While on the other hand, the balance due agents in the United States has fallen off \$2,500,000, making the total amount \$1,000,000. Loans to commercial co-operators are high, being \$2,000,000 over that of the previous month. Public deposits have fallen off about \$500,000. A falling off of \$800,000 in notes and \$1,000,000 in Dominion notes. The total liabilities in February were reduced from \$135,102,000 to \$131,532,000, while the total assets ran up from \$213,088,000 to \$213,111,000, showing a net gain of about \$200,000.

Her Maternal Feeling Too Strong.

SHEFFIELD, Ont., March 19.—Alber Weaver and Melissa Knapp have been committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter. Weaver drove his horse over the door, and it was found broken to death. They denied criminality at first, but at the trial they admitted the deed. Weaver was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year. Knapp was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year.

LEAD PIPE THIEVES.

An Increasing Spectre of Crime That Should be Specially Considered in Toronto is the sneak thieves who strip unoccupied houses of their plumbing apparatus. Often \$200 or \$300 damage is done and all that the thieves realize on their plunder is \$3 or \$4. The crime is steadily on the increase, and the magistrate should make a thorough examination of the city. A police officer named McGraw was passing No. 97 Church street, an unoccupied house, and noticed the door open. He went in and found a corner was snaff half full of lead pipe. The practice of this class of thieves is to enter the house during the night, and to strip the house of its plumbing apparatus. They then take the pipe to a shop and sell it for a few cents.

LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

Remember the concert at Knox church this evening at 8 p.m. Notwithstanding the severe weather, the large number of arrivals at the hotels the past few days. John Griffin, aged 29, of 27 Duquesne street, was arrested on a charge of stealing several articles of furniture from his mother. The potato race at the roller rink last night was won by Dave Thompson. The floor manager, who has been a member of the rink for some time, has been a member of the rink for some time. The floor manager, who has been a member of the rink for some time, has been a member of the rink for some time.

ONE MORE IN COURT.

The Famous Case of Gainer Against Lillio Before a Judge and Jury. Gainer against Lillio was begun in the assize court yesterday. The case, it will be remembered, was tried at the assize a year ago, when the jury disagreed. It is a case brought by a farmer named Michael Gainer of Wellington county to recover the amount of a note for \$500 given by plaintiff to Robert McKim, M.P.P., and discounted by the latter in Lillio's private banking house in Arthurval. Gainer afterwards discovered there had been a change made in the date of the note, and he had signed it. The note was for the amount of the note paid the bank. The plaintiff was first examined, and testified to the facts as given above. The bank manager was called to show that the note had been discounted at the bank on the ground of its being a forgery. Robert McKim, M.P.P., was a witness. He admitted having altered the date of the note, but claimed to have done so in the presence of Gainer. His firm had failed. His liabilities were some \$40,000, and no dividend on the estate had yet been declared by the assignee.

Robert Bruce Concert.

Robert Bruce camp, Sons of Scotland, will hold its seventh anniversary concert in Occident hall this evening. A select program of music and Scotch dances has been arranged. David Miller, the chief, will preside at the piano. From the Manchester Times. A draper's assistant in London who was in the habit, with his master's cognizance, of attending a workman's socialistic meeting, neglected for a week or two to attend the meetings, and the following dialogue took place between master and man. Master.—"Well, John, and how is it that you have not kept up your attendance as usual?" John.—"Well, sir, I don't think I shall go any more." Master.—"But how much thought it was. At the last meeting there attended we calculated how much there was divided up, and we found it would only be \$105 each, and you know, sir, I have \$103 in the bank."

THREE WINS, ONE DEFEAT.

THE SCOTT ACT RECORD FOR YES. YESTERDAY.

A Close Fight in St. Thomas—The Mercantile Section of Quebec County and Carried by Overwhelming Majorities in Rigby and Lambton. BEDFORD, Que., March 19.—The Scott act was defeated in Missisquoi county today by a majority of 40. ST. THOMAS, Ont., March 19.—The Scott act was carried here today by 754 to 743, majority for the act. The vote is the largest ever polled in the city. In the county the act is carried by a majority of 1711, with three small places to be counted.

ANTI-SCOTT ACTERS IN HAMILTON.

Election of Officers by the City Association—Police Court Items. HAMILTON, March 19.—Dundas firemen will have a big demonstration on May 24. Robert McQuillan, the carter who was driving a load on Charles street when he collided with a coasting trolley, and caused serious injury to Wm. Moore and Misses Bella and Beatrice Barrows, was committed for trial today on a charge of malicious injury, but being acquitted. The firemen had three runs from the new school for a year for a cow's tail. Miss Edith Robb, of Toronto, was bridesmaid yesterday at the marriage of Miss Jennie Robb, of this city, to Geo. H. Richardson, of Listowel. The firemen had three runs from the new school for a year for a cow's tail. Miss Edith Robb, of Toronto, was bridesmaid yesterday at the marriage of Miss Jennie Robb, of this city, to Geo. H. Richardson, of Listowel.

THE BOARD OF TRADE PROTESTS.

A Memorial to the Legislature Against Borrowing Any More Street Bonds. The board of trade yesterday issued a memorial which was distributed among the members of the Ontario assembly and the court house master. As an effort will be made to have the clauses struck out of the act "respecting the city of Toronto" by the committee on private bills of the legislature reintroduced, the board of trade in objection to the city council being granted power to borrow an additional \$100,000 for court house purposes without the sanction of the ratepayers. Among other things the memorial says: "A most imprudent use has already been made of the power given by the act of the legislature in having committed to the city council the authority to borrow the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of the purchase of the site of a new court house. The sum of \$100,000 is a large sum of money, and the expenditure will be a heavy one. 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