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SIX MONTHS ON THE CONGO

FULL TEXT OF THE GREAT AFRICAN EXPLORER'S LETTER.

Friendly Natives Give Stanley an Ovation—A Populous and Wealthy Land—The Natives Know Who their Best Friend Is.

Extracts of a letter from Stanley, the great African explorer, to a friend in Boston, have been published. The following is the letter in full. It is dated Stanley Pool, Congo river. July 14.

You must have read the sensational telegram that appeared in the English papers, stating that one of our stations had been attacked, and the chief of the expedition gravely wounded. It was sent by the Dutch house which, strange to say, has joined our numerous antagonists, and as the Dutch are located at the mouth of the Congo, the slightest rumor of trouble is exaggerated. It was to this silly telegram that I am indebted for being despatched so suddenly to Congo again, when I was very unfit as you know. The news was grave, it is true, but not of the character we were told. The chief had been shot in the arm, but no station had been attacked. Our chief was, however, heartily disliked, and it seems that the subs combined to discourage him. This proved successful, and he left the expedition without a responsible head, and for the post there were half a dozen clamorous claimants. It even became disorganized, for no one's orders were respected by the mass, and the chiefs of stations also getting discouraged from such a state of affairs, many of them had gone home. This was a sad state of affairs, but my station was in danger of attack.

Six months have brought wonders. The natives, after comparison, have begun to learn who their best friend is, and my short absence from the Congo did more to impress them favorably toward me than my three years' work of patient and just dealing. All along the line I received an ovation, and each district testified its joy quite characteristically. It would be unbecoming in me to dilate on this. Since I have arrived carriers have appeared by hundreds, and the question of transportation has lost its importance; that is, I am no longer anxious about the future. Our stations can be supplied easily with native help, though I once doubted that natives here would ever appear in force enough to do reliable and efficient service. Now I am hopeful.

Since I arrived on the Congo last December I have been up as far as the equator, and have established two more stations, besides discovering another lake, Mantumbo, and exploring for one hundred miles or thereabouts the river known on my map as the Ikelambu, but which is really the Maindu. It is not as large as I stated in my book, but a stream the size of the Arkansas, deep, broad and very navigable. The big stream which I expect must drain the largest part of the south Congo basin must be somewhere higher up. Having become better acquainted with the country I am really struck with the dense population of the equatorial part of the basin, which, if it were uniform throughout, would give 49,000,000 souls. The number of products and the character of the people are likewise remarkable. The gums, rubber, ivory, camphor, wood and a host of other things would repay transportation, even by the very expensive mode at present in use. The people are born traders, and are, for Africans, very enterprising and industrious. They are bold in their expeditions, and risk everything to turn an honest penny.

My reception by this people was very flattering. Two incidents which occurred will keep my memory green for some time. A populous district was divided against itself, and there was nothing but war, throat cutting, carrying off of women, and much other atrocious evil. One of the chiefs in more prosperous times had visited one of my stations below, and we had purchased a fine, large canoe from him, which we had with us. He recognized it as we were sailing past, and called out. We went ashore and made up our minds to halt and buy provisions. It was then I learned that the chief was at war with his former friends, and among the names of the chiefs that he mentioned was one who had pledged brotherhood with one of my subordinates. The causes of the war and all else I soon learned, and I then asked:

"How long have you been fighting?"

"Two months."

"Can I not do something to stop it?"

"Oh, yes, if you will. They will all listen to you. We are well tired of it, because we lose money and life, but we dare not ask for peace first."

I sent two of my boats to the rival chiefs and told them if they wished to see me and to make brotherhood with me to stop the war. "We leave it to you," they said. "You decide as to who is wrong, and let the guilty party pay a fine." Three days' talk settled the matter, peace was declared, and I was elected father and mother of the country. A little below there was another populous district called Hoindi. They heard of what I had done and sent me a very hearty welcome. Here also I was elected father and mother.

I have been delighted with my trip and enjoyed robust health. Indeed I feel at this moment as strong and as active as ever. The only anxiety I have is for the new Europeans, who, before they are acclimated or before they have learned the simple art of doctoring themselves, are a great trouble, though I have two doctors to attend the sick.

Burglars at St. Kitts.

ST CATHARINES, Oct. 10.—Last night burglars entered the Woodbine hotel and stole three men's coats, a silver watch and $5 in money. This morning between 2 and 3 o'clock thieves broke into the residence of Mrs Mary Carroll, North William street, gaining admission through a cellar window. There was $7 in a drawer but they failed to find it. One of the men struck Mrs. Carroll on the side of the head, with the intention, no doubt, of making her insensible, but the blow only aroused her and the burglars made off without taking anything. No arrests have been made in either case.

Mann Must Die.

OTTAWA, Oct. 10.—An application was made to-day by Messrs. Labrousse, M.P., Miller and Marston of Lorequal to have the sentence of Mann, the Little Rideau murderer, commuted to imprisonment for life. The governor general refused and the law will take its course.

A New York Preacher Dies in Montreal.

MONTREAL, Oct. 10.—Rev. Dr. Ewer, rector of St. Ignatius church in New York, died here this morning at 4 o'clock from the effects of the stroke of paralysis he received while preaching in the pulpit of the Episcopal church of St. John the Evangelist on Sunday morning last. The reverend gentleman had never been conscious since the attack. In fact he had been in a state of coma throughout.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Two earthquake shocks were felt at San Francisco Tuesday.

Fire destroyed $10,000 worth of property in Middlepoat, N.Y.; partially insured.

R. McNulty & Co. of New York, coffee brokers, have failed. Liabilities, $30,000.

The captain of the Hammonia, accused by the crew of the Canada of refusing to render assistance, says no assistance was asked for.

Edison, Bell and other telephone inventors have appealed from the recent decision of the patent office in the celebrated telephone case.

A cyclone struck Arcadia, Trempleau County, Wisconsin, Tuesday night, destroying barns and outbuildings and causing the loss of live stock.

Chief of Police Campbell of St. Louis, who has been bitterly opposed by the gamblers, has been deposed. A politician named Taafe succeeds him.

A meeting of sixty of the Mossher heirs was held yesterday at Chicago to mature plans to secure an English estate valued at several millions. The heirs number 1000.

At Fayetteville, Ark., United States Deputy Marshals Perry and Weatherford while guarding some Indian prisoners Monday night quarreled over a game of cards, drew revolvers and killed each other.

The summer residence of Thomas W. Pearsall a New York banker, at Black Rock was burned yesterday, with the greater portion of the furniture. The house had been furnished at a cost of $100,000. The loss is $25,000.

At Hagel Green, Ky., last Saturday, Judge Neaple fined two friends of Butler Patrick, said to be a noted desperado. Patrick tried to release the prisoners and offered violence to Neaple, who shot him three times, mortally wounding him.

An improbable story comes from Danville, Pa. The despatch says that James P. Love, angered because his father-in-law pulled the tail of Love's dog, shot his father-in-law, and his brother Charles Love, and a general fight ensued. All three will probably die.

A dynamite cartridge was thrown through a window into the house of John A. Beach, near Pawling, N. Y. A man named S. Graner was wounded, probably fatally. The windows were shattered, the greater part of the ceiling blown down, and the floor timbers split.

The Washington Star says that Senator Edmunds states most positively that he does not intend to remain in the position of president pro tempore of the United States senate. He will resign immediately upon the organization of the senate and Senator Anthony will be elected to his place.

President Arthur was fifty-three on Friday last. Among those who called and offered their congratulations were Barney Biglin, John Jacob Astor, John J. O'Brien, Gen. Grant, Jacob Hess, Chief Justice Waite, Mr. Starr, the commissioner of emigration, Edwards Pierrepont, Commissioner Tainter, Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island, Stephen B. French and Secretary Chandler.

Gould's Gigantic Gains.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—The annual report of the Western Union shows that the company holds the securities of various telegraph, telephone, and other corporations, the remarkable value of which is over $10,000,000, and the most of which is appreciating rapidly in value. These do not represent the stocks of the telegraph companies leased to the Western Union, most of which are owned by it, aggregating $12,000,000 more. The company has 432,706 miles of wire, and 12,917 officers; 40,581,177 messages are handled during the year, receipts from which are $19,454,902, as against $17,141,650 last year. The expenses this year are $11,794,553, net profit $7,660,349. Since July, 1866, the lines have been increased fourfold, with nearly six times as much wire facilities and six times as many offices, handling seven times as many messages, and earning three times as much gross revenue and making three fold as much net profits in one year. The net earnings last year were over nine per cent on the capital stock above fixed charges, and the management believes that it will be considerably increased for the current year.

The board of directors was elected. The only changes are John Hay in place of E. D. Worcester and Frank Work in place of Z. G. Simmons.

Forgers Said to be Canadians.

CHICAGO, Oct. 10.—The secret service reports the arrest at Grand Forks Dak of three men, supposed to be engaged in printing and circulating spurious ten dollar silver certificates. The Federal detectives suspected James McGovern, timber explorer at Duluth. Three or four of the bills passed at Grand Forks were traced to Chas Chambers, a grocer, in partnership with McGovern. Chambers was jailed. A man named Walters, also held under suspicion, was taken to St Pauls. In the paraphernalia for carrying on counterfeiting was discovered, also four copper plates for printing five and ten dollar bills on the bank of Montreal. Chambers is a fine penman, and was formerly employed in the Canada Pacific railroad. Walters is a native of Quebec McGovern's brother, it is said, held high municipal and governmental positions in Montreal.

A Family Poisoned by Weeds.

GREENSBURG, Pa., Oct. 10.—John Stauffer's six children were poisoned this morning by eating weeds in the woods. The mother had been visiting. When she returned she found the children lying around the room apparently dead. A doctor was summoned, and after working with the children for several hours, four were pronounced out of danger. Two will die.

A Fatal Election Fight.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 10.—At a fight last night in Cumminsville between thirty negroes and an equal number of whites officer Delaney was shot in the thigh; Harry Winters, a negro, was shot fatally; two others were slightly wounded. The negroes were hunting for a man who had assaulted one of them at the polls when they were attacked by the whites.

Typhoid Fever in Waterbury.

WATERBURY, Conn., Oct. 10.—Much anxiety is felt regarding the health of the city. There were sixteen deaths from typhoid fever in August, nine in September and several this month, mostly prominent people. Many are sick. The disease is attributed to low water supply and the opening of the streets for sewers.

A Poor Cotton Crop.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—The cotton returns of the department of agriculture show the condition on October 1 worse than on September 1. The general average is reduced from 74 to 68. The indications point to a crop a little larger than 1881, when the yield was less than five and a half million bales.

DISCUSSING BANKS.

Comptroller Knox Addresses the Bankers Convention at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Oct. 10.—The bankers' association met this morning. A hundred members were present. The president, Geo. S. Cox of New York read the annual address. Treasury Comptroller Knox was introduced and received with applause. He took up the question of the different systems of banks, comparing the national system with the old state banks before the war. An experience of 29 years, he said, shows that the national system is the best yet devised, having won to its support its former opponents. He gave an exhibit of the public debt of great nations, with the average interest borne, and showed that on these bonds a safe system of banking might be based. He suggested that the United States bankers might safely use them for that purpose. He did not suppose it probable that congress would consider such a proposition, but it was a subject for the careful attention of this association.

SMOTHERED BY GRAIN.

The Floor of a Granary Gives Way—Four Men Killed.

MOORHEAD, Minn., Oct. 10.—While fourteen laborers were sleeping in the lower story of a granary on Northruff farm last night the floor above fell under the weight of 14,000 bushels of oats. Eight men sleeping at the end of the building where the building first gave way were completely buried. Six men sleeping at the other end were partially crowded through the side of a house which gave way to the sudden pressure of the descending grain, and escaped without much difficulty. After giving the alarm they went to the assistance of their comrades. They they reached them four of them were dead from suffocation and some of the others so nearly so that it was a matter of doubt for several hours if they would recover. The dead are: Andrew Lorson, R. A. Rhodes, Engineer Chas Vine and another whose name in unknown.

The Earthquake at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 10.—The earthquake last night was the heaviest experienced since the great one of 1868. Buildings groaned, roofings were cracked, and many persons rushed half-undressed from their houses. The fact that it was within a day of the anniversary of the earthquake of 1868 increased the fears of the people. Many walked the streets all night. Earthquakes are reported during the night and morning at several places along the coast. The weather is oppressive.

Twelve Prisoners Escape.

LANCASTER, Pa., Oct. 10.—Ike Buzzard, a notorious character, got out of his cell at the county prison this evening and locked in the only two watchmen on duty. He then released eleven companions, the worst criminals in the jail. After helping themselves to food and putting the telephone out of order they left by the front door, taking the keys with them.

Striking Car Drivers Defeated.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—The street car drivers' strike has ended in the defeat of the strikers. Cars on all lines are running as usual. When it became evident that the companies intended to employ new men there was a stampede. The companies made terms with the men. Many of them were not re-employed.

A Panic from Yellow Fever.

BREWTON, Ala., Oct. 10.—Four new cases of yellow fever have occurred. Three people are dying. Nearly all the stores are closed and the people are leaving en masse.

Three Men Lost at Sea.

FORTRESS MONROE, Va., Oct. 10.—The barkentine Voyager Jones, just arrived, reports that she lost her captain and two men on Barrinquilla bar.

Lynch Law in Tennessee.

CHATTANOOGA, Oct. 10.—The negro who murdered a policeman at Huntsville on Monday was taken from jail last night by fifty masked men and hanged.

DOMINION DASHES

The Latest and Best News Found in Our Canadian Exchanges.

The Blade is the name of a new daily journal just started in Brandon, Man.

Capt. Walsh of B battery, Kingston, was fined $10 and costs for interfering with the city police.

There is a report that Hon. Mr. Landry's elect on in Kent, N. B., will be contested in the courts on the ground of corrupt practices.

McKechnie & Bertram, the Dundas machinists, have sued the Southeastern railway company for $21,000 for tools supplied to the company.

Dr. Oille has been elected president, P. Larkin vice president, and G. P. M. Ball treasurer of the St. Catharines and Niagara Central railway company.

A Young lady in a St. Thomas hotel, who was nearly suffocated by blowing out the gas, quietly informed the porter that she had a similar escape in London once.

The suit of the Canada Southern railroad against the Grand Trunk and International Bridge company has been settled on a basis of $250,000 for back tolls instead of the $450,000 claimed.

An Ottawa Free Press reporter has interviewed Viscount Melgunde, secretary to the Marquis of Lansdowne. The viscount did not impart much information, although he received the reporter courteously.

The Winnipeg Times says that a bogus journalist gained admission to the opera house in that city, seated himself at a table with a big dictionary in front of him and took voluminous notes in shorthand.

The Southern Fair.

BRANTFORD, Oct. 10.—The exhibition was formally opened by the lieutenant governor to-day. He will visit the institution for the blind, and to-morrow will probably open the Six Nations Indians' exhibition. The fair is the best held for some years.

A Watchman Killed by a Train.

ST. THOMAS Oct. 10.—Harvey, the watchman at the Ross street crossing of the Canada Southern railway, was run over by a freight train this evening and instantly killed.

D. B. Chisholm Heard From.

HAMILTON, Oct. 10.—Mr. D. B. Chisholm has been heard of in Evanston, Ill. He is said to be on his way to Australia.

THREATENINGS OF WAR.

FRANCE AND SPAIN ARGUING ABOUT GREVY'S APOLOGY.

The Spanish Foreign Minister a Warlike Proposition Rejected—France Still Withholds the Full Apology.

MADRID, Oct. 10.—There is an impression here that France is not disposed to publish the full official account of the interview between Grevy and Alfonso. Correspondencia believes that at a Spanish cabinet council meeting last evening the minister of foreign affairs proposed that the Spanish ambassador at Paris be recalled, if the French government persisted in its refusal to give the reparation desired. The other members of the cabinet considered it inconvenient to recall the ambassador, whereupon the minister of foreign affairs threatened that he would resign.

The ministry has virtually resigned. Prime Minister Sagasta considers the moment has arrived to leave to the new ministry the task of adopting final measures concerning the affair with France. The latter has positively refused to give further satisfaction.

The king has accepted the resignation of the ministry and requested Sagasta to come to the palace to-morrow morning, when he will make his intentions known. The report of the refusal of France to make further reparation has been confirmed. The dynastic left is strongly opposed to Sagasta continuing at the head of the cabinet.

PARIS, Oct. 10.—An indignation meeting was held to-day to protest against the retirement of Thibaudin from the ministry of war. A resolution declaring that Thibaudin had deserved well of his country was passed unanimously. Five hundred persons were present. Deputy Laisant presided.

In case of rupture between Spain and France all the Spanish subjects in France will be placed under the protection of some friendly power, probably Belgium. It is significant that the doors of the Spanish embassy, usually open to all, were closed to-day, even to diplomats. Forty-eight hours will decide whether France yields or the Spanish embassy leaves Paris.

Against French Jingoism.

PARIS, Oct. 10.—M. De Freycinet, ex-minister of public works, in an interview strongly condemned Premier Ferry for his reckless use of troops and money without the sanction of the chambers. The Chinese embroglio would interfere with British commercial interests to the extent of destroying England's friendship for France, and it was folly to scatter an army to protect unimportant points abroad and wage useless war in distant countries while Europe is in its present unsettled state. The interests of France demanded a policy of reconciliation and the restoration of harmonious relations with all countries.

Concessions to France.

PARIS, Oct. 10.—The governor of Cochin-China reports that he has completed an agreement with the king of Cambodia by which the latter will introduce a new constitution. The agreement confirms the establishment of a French protectorate, provides liberal institutions for the people, and measures for security of property, entirely abolishes slavery, and provides the collection of indirect taxes to be entrusted to French officers and that France shall receive 6600 piastres annually.

Cruelty to Egyptian Recruits.

CAIRO, Oct. 10.—Recruits from Upper Egypt for Soudan are being brought here in batches of twenty or thirty, chained together by the necks. Many of them, including gray-bearded men, are handcuffed to huge blocks of wood. They are followed to the station by crowds of women and children raising loud lamentations. Although the attention of the minister of war has been called to the matter nothing has been done to alleviate the sufferings of the recruits.

Hungary and Croatia.

PESTH, Oct. 10.—The lower house of diet has passed a resolution of the prime minister providing that the Croatian inscriptions be retained and the Hungarian and bi lingual inscriptions discontinued.

AGRAM, Oct. 10.—A merchant named Uruca has been arrested on a charge of high treason. He paid 300 individuals to remain concealed in the woods until a signal was given, when they were to enter Bosnia and display a revolutionary banner in the name of King Karageorgewitch.

Teaching O'Donnell to Read.

LONDON, Eng., Oct. 10.—A priest is teaching O'Donnell to read and write in prison. The magistrate visited him to-day and heard his complaint regarding the rules of the prison. The magistrate said they might be relaxed if the prison physician declared it necessary for the prisoner. It is asserted that Chas Russell, M.P. for Dundee has been retained as leading counsel for O'Donnell.

Moody and Sankey in Ireland.

LIMERICK, Oct. 10.—Moody and Sankey successfully inaugurated a series of meetings at the Royal theatre to-day. The building was crowded. The services consisted of singing by Sankey and two powerful addresses by Moody. The audience appeared to be spell-bound by Moody's preaching.

THE OLD WORLD IN BRIEF.

The Duke of Argyle has been made a knight of the garter.

Five thousand miners in Lanarkshire, Scotland, have struck for an advance of wages.

Despatches received at London state that King Usibehn has ordered Cetewayo to leave Zululand.

Twelve hundred applications have been received for the position of public hangman vacated by Marwood's death.

The City of Brussels, a small vessel from Belgian ports, collided off Gravesend yesterday with the steamer Ludgate Hill, for New York.

The state council of Switzerland has issued a decree expelling Miss Booth and all foreigners suspected of intention to organize salvation army meetings.

The police of the city have been very active in ferreting out and arresting the ringleaders and organizers of the attack upon the orange procession in Belfast on Saturday evening and a number of arrests have been made.

At a meeting of anarchists at Lyons, France, yesterday, a bucket of petroleum was poured over a policeman and fired. The man was terribly burned. The mob afterward attempted to burn the stables of the municipality.

THE PORK AND PROVISION TRADE.

Of this City Not in a Healthy State—Several Failures—Bogus Warehouse Receipts.

The pork and provision trade of this city, which seems to centre round the corner of Church and Front streets, is in a demoralized condition. The great drop in the Chicago market a few weeks ago has had something to do with it, but other causes of a questionable character have been at work. First there was the failure of Wm. Monteith of Church street for $30,000 to $40,000, followed by Nixon & Co., Victoria street, for a large sum; next James Herson, 78 Colborne street, for $25,000 or more; and now another Church street firm has been for two weeks trying to compromise with creditors holding claims of $25,000 or more. Besides these are a number of dealers who were involved, and who only got through by their bank account or friends coming to their assistance. Others still are hanging between heaven and earth.

Most of these firms were mixed up in transactions one with the other. Some very questionable warehouse receipts are said to have passed between them; and very peculiar accommodation paper is also said to have passed between them. More developments are expected to-day.

Police Court Pencillings.

Ten drunks faced the magistrate yesterday. John S. Battersby, 39, charged with having an unloaded revolver in his possession, was remanded till to-day. Charles Gross, 22, and Patrick Wilson, 60, were charged with wife beating. Both denied the charge. The case of Gross was dismissed with costs, and that of Wilson remanded till Oct. 15. Mrs. Convey was charged with being the owner of a vicious dog. As several witnesses testified to the quiet nature of the animal, except under severe provocation, the magistrate allowed defendant to go. Wm. McKillop, 30, pleaded not guilty to the charge of aggravated assault on Thomas Callicott by biting his fingers during a scuffle which prosecutor endeavored to separate; remanded till to-day. James Forde, 38, charged with stealing a sample case and book belonging to W. B Stephens, pleaded guilty, and was remanded till to-morrow for sentence. Patrick O'Mally was remanded till the 16th on the charge of feloniously wounding his wife—the latter being unable as yet to leave the hospital. Jane Smith, 55, keeping disorderly house, was remanded till next Tuesday to give her an opportunity to remove. Robt. Berry, selling liquor without a license, 3 cases, dismissed; Charles Schadel, similar charge, abandoned.

A Suit About a Suit.

The case of McRae v. Sheehan, in which plaintiff sued for $25 for a suit of clothes and an extra pair of pants supplied to defendant, was disposed of in the court yesterday. Jerry Sheehan, the defendant, alleged that the clothes did not fit and were not in accordance with agreement. Plaintiff's witnesses stated that no complaint was made at the time the clothes were first fitted on. This the defendant directly contradicted and said that the goods were evidently made by a woman. A great deal of testimony was forthcoming, and amidst general hilarity the cost belonging to the suit was tried on by defendant and seemed to fit excellently though Sheehan protested that the garment had been altered since first submitted on approbation. At the conclusion of the evidence the judge decided that the defendant should pay $21, the price of his own suit, but that he was not responsible for the price of the pants, which were made for his son.

The Rectors Apologize.

The motion charging the plaintiff's in the cathedral lands case with contempt of court came before Vice-Chancellor Ferguson yesterday. The alleged contempt, it will be remembered, consisted of a letter to the newspapers in which the defendant, Canon Dumoulin, was rather severely dealth with. The clergymen moved against were Revs. J. Langtry, J. H. McCollum, A. Williams, J. D. Cayley, G. J. Taylor, R. Harrison, J. P. Lewis, A. J. Broughall and S. J. Boddy. None of them were present yesterday. Mr. Robinson shortly stated the case, and in reply Mr. Maclennan, on behalf of the rectors, read to the court a written apology in the shape of an affidavit signed by the reverend gentlemen, stating that they had no intention of obstructing the case, or of committing a contempt of court, and fully and freely apologizing therefor. The apology was accepted by counsel and court. Plaintiffs were assessed for the costs of the motion to commit. The case proper will be resumed to-day.

George Weisgerber's Attempted Suicide.

George Weisgerber, aged 55, boarded at Mrs. Davidson's house, 47 Richmond street west. When the landlady went to do up his room at 9 o'clock yesterday morning a horrible sight met her gaze. Stretched at full length on the floor Weisgerber lay in a pool of blood which had trickled from a wound in the back of his head. A small seven-chambered revolver lay on the floor beside him, one chamber of which was emptied. He was quite conscious and on being asked by one of the boarders the reason for his strange action he said that he wanted to die and was "sorry he hadn't a bigger revolver" so as to have made the work sure. The police were called in and Weisgerber was removed to the hospital, where at a late hour last night he was in a low condition. The would-be suicide is a gilder, and has a wife and four children but they could not live with him on account of his drunken habits.

A Mock Parliament.

The forum is an organization of students of University college, composed for the most part of men of the present second and third years, and carried on as a mock parliament. Its object is to generate an interest in the present political issues of the country, and by the free discussion of these, which is forbidden to the members of University college literary society, to produce a practical acquaintance with Canadian politics. The first meeting of the session was held yesterday afternoon and was well attended. Mr. E. H. Johnston was elected speaker, and the speech from the throne was delivered. At the regular meeting on Saturday night the speech will be discussed and the government will probably bring down some reports concerning the Canada Pacific railway. Mr. H. B. Witton leads the government, and Mr. L. P. Duff is leader of the opposition.

Business Troubles.

The following business troubles were reported yesterday: A. A. Smith of Copleston, general store, assigned; the stock of J. C. Wagstaff shoes, Lambton, and the effects of J. Leslie, hotelkeeper, Whitby, have been sold by sheriff's sale. Bryant & Co., fruits, Winnipeg, have compromised at 50 cents on the $. M. McCarty, boots and shoes, of the same city, at 50 cents on the $. Rowe, Newton & Co., wholesale dry goods, also of Winnipeg, have had their stock sold at 45 cents on the $. The stock of John Woltz, the Winnipeg jeweler, has been sold by the sheriff. M. C. Charleton & Co., dry goods, of Montreal, have assigned in trust.

A Break in the 'Bus Compact.

Some months ago the proprietors of the leading hotels signed an agreement not to run free busses to the trains for five years. The business was taken in hand by the Toronto Transfer company (Trimble & Co.,) who charge 25 cents to and from all trains. Among the signers of the agreement was Mr. Wm. Mackie of the American. Mr. Mackie lately sold out to his son, Mr. Jas. Mackie, who leased the American for a term of years. Young Mr. Mackie has just purchased a gorgeous 'bus in New York and to-day he purposes running it to the trains free of charge to the guests. As a consequence it is understood the transfer company have or will issue a writ against either William or James Mackie for breach of agreement. It is said the present proprietor of the American does not feel himself bound by any agreement or compact of his predecessor.

An Unneeded Death Trap.

The bridge in the old Great Western depot at the foot of Yonge street, which killed poor Johnston on Tuesday, is quite as unnecessary as it is dangerous. When the premises were vacated as a passenger depot various alterations were made on the recommendations of the customs authorities, one of them being the construction of this bridge. The use to which the bridge was to be put was to prevent people who were down looking after bonded goods in passing from the south to the north platform, or vice versa, passing through the bonded cars with which the depot is always filled. The bridge, although up but a short time, outlived its usefulness and was seldom or ever used, because people would sooner walk round by Young street than cross it. It should be removed at once.

Painting Tenders Awarded.

The property committee yesterday awarded the following tenders for painting city buildings: Dundas street fire hall, J. R. Bell, $45; Queen street fire hall, John Hill, $45, St. Andrew's hall, John Hill, $340; St Patrick's market, John Hill, $178. The following were awarded to E. H. Boddy: Bay street fire hall, $48; Court street fire hall, $90; No. 1 police station, $60; No. 2 police station, $35; College street fire hall, $50; St. Paul's ward hall, $75; registry office, $180; Wilton avenue police station, $25; Yonge street fire hall, $50; morgue, $109; Wilton avenue fire hall, $50; Berkeley street fire hall, $50; Portland street fire hall, $50. The contract for alteration at St. Paul's ward hall was given to Martin & Harnaman at $219.

No Notice Necessary.

At nearly every meeting of the waterworks committee some citizen writes that owing to a failure to get a notice intimating that his water rates will be due on such a date, he neglected to pay them in time, and consequently loses the usual 50 per cent discount. Judge Cameron yesterday made such a complaint, which the committee did not entertain. For the information of the public it may be stated that the practice of sending out these notices is merely a custom with the waterworks department. It is not compulsory. It does not matter whether you get the notice or not, you must pay within the allotted time or lose the 50 per cent discount.

Athenaeum Club.

A meeting of the shareholders of the above club was held in rooms of the club in the Mechanics' institute. The organization has been formed from the members of the recreation room of the late Mechanics' institute. About fifty of the shareholders were present. Bylaws were adopted and officers elected as follows: James Mason, president; Chas. Pearson, vice president; directors, J. E. Edwards, J. O'Hara, H. J. Rose, W. A. Littlejohn, H. J. Hill, J. E. Matthews, Fred Lora, Jno. Littlejohn, secretary and treasurer. The capital stock of the club is $3000, in shares each of $5.

A Slighted Committee.

Ald. Turner and his exhibition committee met at the city hall yesterday afternoon. A large number of accounts in connection with the repairs at the buildings during the late fair were passed. Two or three members of the committee were surprised that their chairman had not been invited to participate in the late southern trip of the industrial fair board. As a mark of courtesy, they claimed that Manager Hill and President Withrow should have invited their chairman at least.

Presbyterian Home Missions.

The home mission committee of the presbyterian church met yesterday at St. Andrew's church. The chief business was the making up of a list of supplemented congregations whose ministers receive salaries of less than $750 with a manse. Dr. Cockrane and Mr. Warden were appointed to represent the committee at the farewell meeting to Dr. King, October 22. William Alexander, who has recently returned from British Columbia, gave a very interesting account of the presbyterian church on the Canadian Pacific coast.

Winter Clothes for the Firemen.

A special committee of the city fire and gas committee was held yesterday afternoon, at which there were present Ald. Farley (chairman), Maughan, Sheppard, Pape, Piper, Adamson, Millichamp and Murray. The meeting was called to award a contract for making 66 winter suits for the fire brigade. Three tenders were opened, when it was found Messrs. Petley & Petley were the lowest, at coats (best of 3 samples) $11.95, pants $5.95, vests $2 45, and they were awarded the contract.

The Statute to the Late Senator Brown.

At the meeting of the city property committee yesterday afternoon a letter was read from Mr. J. D. Edgar intimating that the erection of the statute to the memory of the late Hon. George Brown would be commenced directly, and requesting permission to place it in Queen's park at the intersection of the road north of the volunteer monument, between the road leading to the University buildings and the west drive. The committee unanimously decided to recommend the granting of the site.

THE STATE ELECTIONS.

A SWEEP FOR THE REPUBLICANS IN IOWA.

Close Vote on Prohibition in Ohio—Democratic Majority in the Buckeye State—The Latest Returns.

DESMOINES, Iowa, Oct. 10.—The republican state committee at midnight claims the election of 17 senators which with 20 hold over republicans gives 37 and concedes 7 to the democrats with 1 hold over. It claims the election of 55 republican representatives and concedes 40 to the democrats, 5 senators and 5 representatives being in doubt.

The republican state committee and the state register have full returns from 30 counties, definite returns from 27, and partial returns from other forty. Two counties of these show Sherman and the republican state ticket to have a majority over Kinne and the democrat ticket of from 26,000 to 28,000, and a majority of 12,000 to 14,000 over all.

The democrats now generally concede Sherman elected, but put his majority at 8000, and concede 5 to 8 republican majority in the lower house and 15 republican majority in the senate.

Kinne concedes the election of Sherman by 15,000 over him.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS, Oct. 10.—Returns from eighty counties will it is estimated give the state to the democrats by 12,000 and the democrats to 25 majority for the democrats on a joint ballot. The second amendment will come close to adoption. This estimate is based on Hamilton county (Cincinnati) being democratic.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 11, 1.45 a.m.—The newspapers are yet unable to present anything like a complete report. In Hamilton county the only footings obtainable are for governor and that for a hundred. Out of a hundred and three precincts it stands: Hoadly 31,314, Foraker 28,995. The other three precincts are small and will not materially change the result. This is a republican gain of 5550. The lieutenant-governor runs ahead of Foraker. The county ticket appears to be about 1000 behind Hoadly, which would elect all the democrats, but there are variations which make it probable several republicans are elected.

The Grand L. at Ontario Chapter.

A large assemblage of companions and a brilliant display of grand chapter regalia greeted the most excellent the grand L. of Canada at Ontario chapter, 65, G.R.C., last night, on the occasion of his paying his first official visit in this district. The gavel was ably wielded by his predecessor in office, most Ex. Comp. Menet, who in his usual skilful manner exemplified the R.A. degree. Amongst the present and past officers of the grand chapter of Canada, we noticed R.E. Comps. Sargant, G.H.; Gallow, G.S. T.D.; Patterson, G.N.; Robinson, G.R.; Brown, Saunders; V.E. Comps. Blackwood and Robinson, etc. After the close of work, the brethren and companions spent a pleasant evening over the festive board; and with speeches, songs and toasts, showed how happy they were to meet and how sorry to part. May they soon meet again!

Parliament Buildings.

New parliament are in the distant future. The present ones are being put in repair for another spell of service.

The chamber of the assembly has been repapered, painted anew, newly carpeted, filled with new gas fixtures, and otherwise improved.

The suite of rooms of the speaker are all being refurnished.

The library has just been oil-clothed, and more shelving is about to be erected.

Two new furnaces have been put in, one under the chamber, the other under the library.

Apartments are being fitted up for the new housekeeper, Mrs. O'Brien.

And there is no talk of new parliament buildings.

Championship Pennant.

The championship pennant won by the Toronto lacrosse club on Sept. 29 from the Shamrocks in Montreal is now on view in the window of Suckling's piano store on Yonge street.

The Deputy Mayor to Resign.

After 37 years of service at the city buildings, John Argue, better known as the "deputy mayor," has decided to resign his position of housekeeper. City Messenger Kimber is a candidate for the office.

13 Majority.

A World reporter spoke to a member of the local government yesterday.

"What majority do you now claim?" said the reporter.

"Leaving out the two set aside for recounts, we have a clear majority of 13.

Insurance Rising.

The board of underwriters have decided to charge fifty cents for all endorsements on policies, when they be of transfer, removal or assignment.

A FABLE.

A flock of sheep that had the run of a field were frequently addressed by one of their number, a ram of much pretension but of little merit. His speeches to the flock generally took the form of denunciation of the wolves that attacked the sheep in the neighboring field. He never said a word about the wolves that preyed on the sheep in his own flock. The result was that these latter began to suspect that he stood in with the wolves that pestered them (his own flock), and so they pulled the wool over his eyes and dropped him over a precipice.

Moral.—If you happen to be the bunting ram in the Mail don't talk so much about bank delinquencies in Montreal when there are others nearer home.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING.

I think I ought to inaugurate my assumption of the Toronto office by hanging three balls over the entrance—The Buchanan.

That will not be necessary as long as the president stands on the step rubbing his nose with his index finger—The General-Manager.

An' den dos balls don't look very respectable—Nordy.

When I was in the business we always considered the custody of a pledged article a sacred trust—D. Lorsch, ex-L. P. B.

As at present constituted the senate must go—Brockville Recorder.

Oh why cut I my moustache off—Banley Haines.

SAFE OVER THE SEA.

Steamship	Reported at	From
Oct. 11—Assyrian	New York	London
Oct. 11—India	New York	Hamburg

MORE FINE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Oct. 11 1 a.m.—*Lakes and Upper St. Lawrence: Light to moderate winds; fine weather; not much change in temperature.*