

The Nile Campaign.

Fighting Anticipated on the West Bank of the River.

Dervishes Massing to Meet the British Expedition.

Probable Loss of a Steamer With All on Board.

The Story of an Anglo-Japanese Alliance Reiterated.

Speculations as to the Plans of Germany France and Russia Regarding China - Concessions to the Methodist Episcopal Body in Africa.

ALL HANDS LOST! London, Jan. 7.—It is reported at Marseilles that a large steamer, as yet unidentified, has foundered with all hands, off Beauduc, in the Mediterranean.

WANT WELSH MINES. London, Jan. 7.—It is reported from Cardiff, Wales, that an American syndicate, with a capital of \$10,000,000, is about to purchase the Dowlais steel works and collieries there belonging to the Wimberley family.

THE WAR IN EGYPT. London, Jan. 7.—The Marseilles correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "I learn that a week ago the khalfia sent his women and treasure from Omdurman, on the Nile, opposite Khartoum, to the south, and that he then proceeded 20 miles northward to Kerret, where the dervish force is assembled. As he possesses no safe means of advancing against Berber, the extreme southern point of the British advance, it is believed he intends to operate against our lines from the west bank of the Nile.

LEVIATHANS OF THE ATLANTIC. Berlin, Jan. 7.—The Hamburg-American Line has ordered a sister ship of the Pennsylvania and Pretoria, the largest carriers in the world. These ships are of 14,000 gross register tons and 23,000 tons displacement. The company has also contracted for two other steamers of 10,000 gross register tons each. These three ships will be laid down at the yards of Blohm & Voess in Hamburg. There are, besides, building for the Hamburg-American Line at different yards in Germany and England, three steamers of 10,000 gross register tons each, one of 7,000 and two of 5,000 tons. Upon completion of these ships the Hamburg-American Line will have a tonnage of 235,400 gross register tons. The company has already a larger tonnage than any other line.

METHODIST ENTERPRISE IN AFRICA. London, Jan. 7.—A correspondent at Delagoa Bay writes that Bishop Hartshof of the Methodist Episcopal Church received with the greatest cordiality during his tour as bishop of Africa. He has been offered concessions of lands and other valuable property for missionary purposes. One donation includes six thousand acres of land on the British flag in a mountainous and healthy region. The bishop is at Delagoa Bay, on his way to Delagoa, five hundred miles further north from the east coast, from which point he will go inland several hundred miles to locate his concessions. His plan is to make this point a base of operations from which to extend missions northward to the equatorial lake regions, and northeastward toward Angola, on the west coast, from which a chain of Methodist missions are already being pushed eastward. The bishop's wife accompanies him.

CABLE NOTES. Emperor William will attend the coronation of Wilhelmina, the Queen of the Netherlands, next September. The German legation at The Hague has rented a palace for his accommodation. It is the general belief at Madrid

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that the decision not to prosecute Gen. Veyler may lead to the resignation of the Spanish minister of war, Gen. Corra.

In the Far East.

Russia Seeking to Make a Bargain With China.

Similar to That Which Germany Has Secured—Alleged Alliance of Britain and Japan.

RUSSIA'S SCHEME.

London, Jan. 7.—According to a special dispatch from Shanghai, Russia is endeavoring to obtain terms similar to Germany's for the occupation of Port Arthur and the Liao-Tung Peninsula from a point considerably north of the Liao Tung. It is believed that the attitude of England and Japan will frustrate her demands.

The Hong Kong correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: "The Russian occupation of Port Arthur completely blocks the entrance to Peking, and it is imperative that the court should be transferred to Nankin (the southern capital)."

The Daily Graphic publishes a dispatch from Baron Hayashi, Japanese ambassador to Russia, to the Japanese Government, intimating, on the authority of the German ambassador at St. Petersburg, Prince Von Kuroki, that no understanding existed between Russia and Germany with reference to the occupation of Kiaoo Chau.

The Times says it understands the terms of Germany's lease of Kiaoo Chau to be \$9 instead of 50 years.

A dispatch from Peking, dated Thursday, says: "Under the agreement between Baron Heyking, German ambassador to China, and Prince Kung, president of the Tsung-Li-Yamen, Germany will pay a nominal annual rental for Kiaoo Chau. She acquires the right to begin forthwith the construction of a dock and a fortified coaling station.

The belief in an early French occupation of Hai Xan Island is general here.

ANGLO-JAP. ALLIANCE.

According to a special dispatch from Shanghai, the existence of an Anglo-Japanese alliance is openly asserted there in well informed quarters; an alliance to maintain the status quo in China and Korea, and to declare the independence of Korea under the joint guarantee of England, Russia and Japan.

GERMANY'S POLICY.

Berlin, Jan. 7.—The North German Gazette, in a semi-official article, says: "The development of affairs in East Asia is becoming more tranquil. Tension is caused by the political antagonism of Great Britain and Russia, but behind the political antagonism, now appears an economic one, which, however, should be arranged with little difficulty. There is no reason why one state should exclusively undertake the Chinese loan."

In another article the North German Gazette says: "The main purport of the Chinese agreement shows in full light the German objects in Eastern Asia, which are free from all violence. Germany does not seek to force her way into Chinese territory as a conqueror, but she will use, as peaceful co-operators in the prosperous development of her affairs, those powers which the Chinese Government wisely and conciliatorily conceded her."

As in all Germany's transactions in East Asia, further action is subordinate to that of moderation, from which comes the motto "Harm to None." The arrangement has strengthened rather than prejudiced the China-German relationship. Moreover, we have, from an economic and commercial point of view, secured a place which we could claim without presumption, but which we could not renounce without self-depreciation."

AN AUSTRIAN VIEW.

Vienna, Jan. 7.—The Deutsche Zeitung, echoing German feeling, says: "England has suffered a crushing defeat, but there is no fear of war. The British lion roars, but he does not bite. All civilized nations ought to be grateful to Emperor William for having destroyed the myth of Great Britain's universal domination."

FIRE IN A PRISON.

Chapel in the Kingston Penitentiary Takes Fire—Panic Among the Prisoners.

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 7.—There was a panic in the penitentiary yesterday, when a candle at the altar in the Roman Catholic Chapel ignited the decorations. It flashed up and spread to the whole altar. The women screamed and wept, and the men dashed frantically about. The prisoners soon subdued the flames by smothering them with their coats. The tumult brought a score of guards to the chapel, who feared a riot had broken out. A fine painting by Jas. Sturdy, of Guelph, while an inmate of the prison, was badly damaged, as were also the altar adornments.

A LONG TALK.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 7.—A Bell Telephone Company representative has talked from Gallatin, Tenn., to Norfolk, Va., a distance of 1,500 miles. This is believed to be the long distance telephone record.

CRAZED BY CIGARETTES.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 7.—Calhoun Culkin, formerly a young society leader, is on trial on the charge of burglary and larceny. The defense is that he was made insane by the excessive use of cigarettes.

CUT TO PIECES.

Belleville, Ont., Jan. 7.—James Corbett, night agent of the Bell Telephone Company, was killed on the G. T. R. track, two miles west of the city, by falling from a freight train. His body was cut to pieces. Corbett was 30 years of age and unmarried. His relatives live in Atlanta, Ohio.

SUICIDE AT CANFIELD.

Canfield, Ont., Jan. 7.—Jas. Glasby, farmer, aged 40 years, residing one mile from this village, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by cutting his throat with a large knife at his father's house. No cause can be ascertained. He was an industrious man in good circumstances and unmarried.

The small boy thinks the road to knowledge has too many branches. It is never too late to learn, but we sometimes learn that it is too late.

THE NEW JUDGE.

Judge Barro Warmly Welcomed to His Duties in Perth County.

Stratford, Jan. 7.—Judge Barro, the newly-appointed judge of the county of Perth, arrived in this city from Lindsay yesterday, and at once entered on his duties. He was met at the station by Mr. Sheriff Hossie, a delegation of the city bar, and a number of citizens, who extended to him a hearty welcome. Yesterday he held division court at Perth, and presided over the trial of a number of cases.

Mr. Barro is a native of Ontario, and has been practicing law in this city for several years. He is a member of the Ontario Bar Association, and is well known to the public.

His appointment to the bench is a great honor, and it is believed that he will do credit to his office.

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WESTERN ONTARIO.

Mr. James Woods, Q.C., ex-judge, of Stratford, has formed a partnership with Mr. J. J. Conaghan, barrister.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Watson (nee Miss Ada Neville) are the guests of Mrs. Watson's parents in Fort Burwell on the occasion of their honeymoon trip.

Mr. James E. McKinley, of Ridgetown, who died at London, was buried from Rodney today (Friday), the remains being taken to New Glasgow Cemetery.

The annual meeting of the West Kent Agricultural Society will be held at Chatham on Wednesday, Jan. 19, for the election of officers for the ensuing year and the transaction of general business.

An order has been received by Col. Stacey, of the Twenty-fifth Battalion, St. Thomas, to the effect that all soldiers running between St. Thomas and Fort Erie, and was usually known as Gordon Elliott.

The Stratford Young Liberal Club held its first open meeting under the auspices of the newly-elected officers Tuesday night. It was a grand success. Stirring speeches were delivered by Mr. W. C. Moscrip, Liberal candidate for South Perth, and John Brown, Liberal candidate for North Perth.

Wm. Ingram, who was killed on Tuesday near Ridgetown by a train, was released to go to Oshawa. Mr. Hodges will have a larger congregation and his salary will be \$1,100.

The Tisbury Church will be declared vacant on the first Sunday in February. Rev. Mr. Hunter, of Ridgetown, has resigned, and a meeting of the Presbytery will take place at Chatham two weeks from Tuesday to consider his resignation. He wishes to go to Colorado.

One of the oldest residents of Morpeth has been removed by the death of Mr. Henry Wilkinson, son, at the advanced age of 81 years. Mr. Wilkinson, who passed away on Monday, was born in England, removed to this country when 17 years of age, and had lived in the county for 50 years or over. He was known everywhere as a kindly old gentleman. Rev. G. E.

Hooper conducted the funeral services at St. John's Church, and the burial at Smith's burial ground. Deceased leaves a widow, aged 82 years, and three sons—Henry, butcher, Morpeth; William, farmer, near Sparta, and Robert, farmer, near Raglan.

REGISTRAR ISAAC MASTER DEAD.

Berlin, Ont., Jan. 7.—Isaac Master, registrar for the county of Waterloo, died yesterday morning. He was about 64 years of age. He succeeded the late D. M. McDougall, and he was for many years M. P. for South Waterloo. He was greatly respected and widely known.

MAN AND \$25,000 MISSING.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 7.—On Sept. 21 last John W. Horn left San Francisco for Seattle with a letter of credit of \$25,000, issued by a San Francisco bank, since which time nothing has been seen or heard of him. Horn was a returned Klondiker, and a letter from relatives in Eldon, Iowa, suggests that possibly he has been murdered.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Governor Budd has announced that he will not interfere with the execution of Durrant at San Francisco.

Thomas Mars, who went to Toronto in 1822, and was alderman in 1848 and 1846, died there Thursday morning in his 90th year.

The six-story type foundry of A. D. Farmer & Son, on Beakman and Gold streets, New York, has been damaged by fire. Loss \$50,000.

It turns out that \$24,000 of the stock of the Army and Navy Company, Toronto, is hypothecated to Robert Carleton, of Toronto, for 60 per cent of its value.

The fire losses of Toronto for the year of 1897 amounted to \$668,873, of which \$1,135,000 was on buildings and \$499,724 on stock. The insurance on these losses was \$2,500,000.

Fire broke out in Sing Sing prison, New York, this (Thursday) morning, and the convicts, instead of trying to escape, worked hard in extinguishing the flames.

Henry Fryer has been sentenced to fifteen months in the Central Prison for breaking into a Chinese laundry in Toronto, and stealing a number of articles therefrom.

The third appellate division, New York, has decided against David C. Thomas, son of the late G. V. Lachin Robinson, and for the Mutual Life Insurance Company, in ten cases, involving \$1,500,000.

No matter what controversies arise, Capt. Sverdrup, Dr. Nansen's Norwegian navigator, who directed the perilous course of the Fram during the explorer's last expedition, will lead an exploring party to the troser, north next summer.

manent buildings of the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo have been put to the Grace & Hyde Company, of Chicago and New York. The contract price calls for the expenditure of something more than \$700,000.

WHEELBARROW PASSENGERS.

Since the institution of cotton mills at Shanghai the wheelbarrow has been extensively used as a passenger vehicle, especially for carrying workmen to and from the mills. One man can wheel six women for a distance of three miles, morning and evening, the charge being 34 cents per month. The average earnings of a wheelbarrowman are about 17 cents per day. About 4,000 licenses are issued monthly to the same number of wheelbarrows plying for hire in the streets of the foreign settlements at Shanghai, where, being under the municipal regulations, they are, perhaps, the best in China. Some times as many as 50 barrows may be seen in the streets, traveling one behind the other, each carrying two barrels of English Portland cement, and pushed by one man. Very frequently a load is carried on one side of the barrow only, and it is extraordinary to see a Chinaman skillfully balancing and propelling it. The upsets and accidents are remarkably few when it is considered that about 4,000 of these vehicles are in use in the streets, in addition to a large traffic of other kinds.

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