40TH YEAR, NO. 403.

LONDON, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1903.

WHOLE NO. 16794.

Births, Marriages, Deaths. DIED. PROUDFOOT-At his home, in London Township, on Jan. 14, 1903, Rev. John

J. A. Proudfoot, D.D., in the 82nd year Funeral from his late residence at 3 o'clock Friday; service at 2:30. 93u BRYAN-In this city, on Jan. 13, 1903, at

her parents' residence, 297 Hill street, Ethel, the third daughter of John and Careline Bryan, aged 21 years. Funeral from above residence on Saturday, at 2:30 p.m.; services at 2 o'clock.

Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation. ASHPLANT-On Jan. 14, 1903, at the residence of her brother, H. B. Ashplant, 766 Dundas street, Edith, fourth daugh-

ter of the late William Ashplant, of Haberhill, England, aged 32 years. Funeral private, on Friday at 2:30 p.m.; services at 2 o'clock.

McKENZIE-In this city, on Jan. 15, 1903, William B. McKenzie, of the firm of McKenzie & McLeod, coal and wood merchants.

Funeral on Saturday, Jan. 17, at 10:30 a.m., to G. T. R. depot; services at 10 o'clock. Interment at Detroit. Detroit papers please copy.

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC.

TUESDAY, 7 JANUARY ZU

CHARLES FROHMAN PRESENTS HIS GREATEST LAUGHING SUCCESS, Alfred Capus' Four-Act Comedy, THE

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SPINSTERS' CONVENTION — MRS. Taylor's, London Junction, Friday even-ing. Refreshments. Admission, 15 cents.

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Senior City League hockey tomorrow
(Friday) night. Two games.

LOW RATES TO OR FROM OLD Country, via Allan Line—Tunisian sails from Halifax to Liverpool, via Derry, Monday, Jan. 12. Grand Trunk or C. P. R. tickets to St. John or Halifax in connection. F. B. Clarke, next Advertiser

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MEETINGS.

NOTICE—THE ANNUAL GENERAL meeting of shareholders of the Canadian Fire Engine Company, Limited, is hereby called for Wednesday evening, Jan. 28, inst., at 7:30 o'clock, in the offices, Robinson Hall Chambers, for the purpose of receiving the annual reports, electing directors and auditors, and doing other necessary business. George necessary business. George ing other necessary business. Pritchard, secre ary-treasurer.

A. O. U. W.-WOODBINE LODGE meets this evening. Visitors welcome W. T. Cotton, M. W.

MALE HELP WANTED. MAN WANTED, WHO UNDERSTANDS

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TWO STOUT BOYS WANTED AT Campbell's Carriage Factory, WANTED-YOUNG MAN WITH SOME

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WANTED.

WANTED-MILK BY QUANTITY, IM-MEDIATELY; highest price paid. Ap-ply Box 82, Advertiser. 94u

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WANTED-CITY LCP. I COMPANIES' stocks. John Wright, stock broker, London.

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WANTED—AN APPRENTICE FOR THE dressmaking. Miss Logan, at Smallman & Ingram's. 93c

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M. Hunt, auctioneer. NOTICE-LOTS ON THE OLIVER SUR-VEY will be advanced in price on the 15th of January, 1903. Get your choice now, as there are only a few left. Easy terms. J. F. Sangster, 112 Masonic

BOARDING, ROOMS, ETC. WANTED, BY JAN. 17-FIRST-CLASS board and room, by gentleman; must be within ten minutes of this office. Apply Box 20, this office.

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South London, small black cocker spaniel dog pup. Reward on returning to above address. Anyone retaining him after this notice will be prosecuted. LONG STONE-MARTEN RUFF, IN northern part of city, or north Adelaide street. Finder liberally rewarded on returning to this office.

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TODAY

at 2:30 and 8 p.m. Some great bargains were obtained yesterday, and better ones are likely to be obtained today. NEIL COOPER, Auctioneer.

IN THE MATTER OF JAMES WARD. of the City of London, in the County of Middlesex, grocer and liquor dealer, insol-Notice is hereby given that the above-named James Ward has made an assignment to me of all his estate and effects ment to me of all his estate and effects in trust for the benefit of his creditors. A meeting of the creditors of the sold estate is hereby convened and will be held at my office in the Masonic Temple, in the City of London, on Thursday, the 22nd day of January, A.D. 1993, at the hour of 11 a.m., for the appointment of inspectors and the giving of directions hour of 11 a.m., for the appointment of inspectors and the giving of directions with reference to the disposal of the estate. All the creditors of the said estate are hereby required to file their claims with me, duly verified by affidavit, and stating the nature and value of security (if any) held by them, on or before the 15th day of February 1903, after which date I shall proceed to distribute the assets, having regard only to such the assets, having regard only to such claims as I shall have notice of, and I shall not be responsible for the assets said estate or any part thereof to any person or persons whose claim or claims shall not then have been filed.

ALFERD ROBINSON, trustee. JOHN
D. O'NEILL, solicitor for trustee. Dated at London this 14th day of January, A.D.

KENTUCKY BRIDE FOR ROSE-BERY.

A letter from Mrs. Joseph Armstrong, who is at present in Vevay, Switzer-land, says the engagement is reported there of Mrs. Alice Carr Chauncey, formerly of Louisville, Ky., but now residing in Cannes, France, and Lord Rosebery, the former prime minister

Loss of appetite is an ailment that indicates others, which are worse-Hood's Sarsaparilla cures them all.



WALTER HERBERT. Once Pleaded Guilty to Murder, Changed Plea and is Free.

HERBERT GIVEN NEW TRIAL, PLEADS NOT GUILTY--IS FREE

This Is End of Sensational Sifton | fore doing this accused should be given a jury trial. Tragedy. ENTITLED TO CLEMENCY.

Crown Agreed to New Trial and Did Not Prosecute.

Jury Was Drawn From Amongst Spectators in Court Room-Case Took One Hour.



for over two years.

is the final act in the sensational Sif-

con tragedy. It was a few minutes after 11 o'clock when Justice Meredith pronounced the words that removed the shadow of the gallows that has been hanging over Herbert's head

Whatever may have been Herbert's feelings it was not evidenced in his demeanor. His face, a stolid one, masked his feelings to perfection. Despite his long confinement he appeared to be in first-class physical condition.

PLEADED NOT GUILTY. In spite of the fact that the case was a most complicated one, it was quickly disposed of. Mr. Edmund Meredith, K.C., appeared for Herbert, and made an application for a jury trial, entering a plea of not guilty. He was assisted by Mr. Thomas Meredith, Mr. Magee prosecuting for the crown. The plea put forward was that the finding in Gerald Sifton's case entitled Herbert to a new trial at least. The gist of the arguments were that

f Sifton were innocent, Herbert could not be guilty. Summing up Justice Meredith also took this view, and granted the appli-

A jury was immediately drawn from amonget the spectators, Mr. Magee said the crown would not prosecute, and his lordship ordered them to acquit the prisoner.

SMALL CROWD PRESENT

Few Spectators in Courtroom When Herbert Was Released.

In view of the widespread and intense interest shown in the Sifton trial there was a comparatively small number of spectators present to learn Herbert's fate. It was the first to come up at this morning's sitting. Promptly at 10 o'clock his lordship called the case. Mr. Ed Meredith, K. C., immediately made an application that Walter Herbert be permitted to change his plea to one of not guilty, and that he be allowed the privilege of a trial by jury. Counsel went into an elaborate and exhaustive review of the Sifton trial. He referred especially to the contradictory testimony of the medical experts as to whether Joseph Sifton had been killed by the blows of an axe or not. In this evidence there had been much to prove that an axe had not been used as stated by Herbert in his confession.

In view of the action of the fury in Gerald Sifton's case, counsel thought this evidence would tend to acqui Herbert were he given a trial. would, of course, be said that Herbert had confessed, but admitting that, it did not follow that he would not have some defense. He asked for a trial, not an acquittal. He also spoke of the lack of motive in Herbert's case, and concluded by submitting it to the clemency of the court.

NOT UNCOMMON.

Mr. T. G. Meredith followed in a similar strain, and quoted a number of authorities to show that applications of this nature were not uncommon in British law. He considered the case as one that should be left entirely to the discretion of the court. The position of Herbert was an unusually grave one. Should sentence be passed

Mr. Magee spoke briefly for the crown. To prevent the establishment of a precedent he formally opposed tha application, but added that as Herbert had been used as a crown witness he was therefore entitled to some clem-ency f.om the crown. He favored the granting of the application.

This ended the arguments, and his lordship summed up the case in a few words. He warned counsel that if given a new trial the evidence in the Sifton case could be used against Herof a new trial.

JURY EMPANELED IN COURT Petit Jury Had Been Discharged Befor

Case Was Callet.

This threw the case into the hands of the crown, and the following jury immediately empaneled from amongst those in the court room: George Macbeth, Thomas Beddegood, D. H. Porter, David Beddegood, James Munro, Neil Stuart, Thomas Parkin-

son, William Gibson, R. Nichol, E. Scatcherd, K. Wallace and D. York. Herbert was then arraigned, and to the charge of the murder of Joseph Sifton, pleaded not guilty. Mr. Magee, for the own, declared there was no evidence to be brought forward, and his lordship ordered the jury to acquit

the accused. In acquitting Herbert, Justice Meredith said that although the court had absolved him of the guilt of murder, the prisoner alone knew whether he was guilty or not, and he hoped that mercy that had been shown him would prove of lasting benefit Herbert was then discharged and immediately

left the court room.

Herbert, immediately after his release, went down to Governor Boston's office and after obtaining the few belongings that had been brought for him, left the court house through the back door. What clothes he had were given him by the jail authorities. He went over Dundas street bridge, and it was thought that he was heading for his aunt's, whose home is in West London. An Advertiser reporter brought the news of his acquittal to his relatives and found out that they had seen nothing of him. They surmised, however, that he had gone to his relatives, the Brocks, who were witnesses in the case, in London Township near St. John's. Herbert had friends in the city, but he did not go

to them. Governor Boston said that Herbert had been a model prisoner all through his term of imprisonment. He had always done work assigned him without grumble and was always bright and nopeful. Herbert's abilities as a sketcher, as is generally known, are of no mean quality. He spent his spare time drawing and in reading the daily papers. He did not have money when put in jail, and what clothes he had were soon worn out.

Herbert has relatives in several parts of Ontario, who, it is said, are ready to help him. NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Work at the Adelaide Street Bapt's Church Prospers.

Officers were elected and reports of a

very gratifying nature were received at the annual meeting of the Adelaide Street Baptist Church, held Tuesday evening. The new officers are: Treasarer, David Shaw; clerk, Thos. Shaw financial secretaries, W. A. Gurney and Alex. S. Chalmers; financial commitree. R. Angus, J. E. Adkins, W. H. Watson, James De Wolfe and S. B. Taylor: superintendent of Egerton Street Mission, A. L. Grover; organist, Miss Rendell; caretaker, Isaac Seighon. These are nearly all new officers, the old ones having thought it time to rein the church work. The reports of all the church organizations showed them to be in prosperous condition. The state of affairs at the Egerton Street Mission is particularly satisfactory and

DAILY MARCHES OF UNEMPLOYED

Cause Some Uneasiness to the People of London.

A RAP AT THE STANDARD OIL CO.

Menelik Friendly to France-Will Visit Djiboutil When the Rail way Is Opened.

Paris, Jan. 15.—It is reported that King Menelik of Abyssinia will visit Djiboutil officially on the occasion of the inauguration of the Djiboutil Rail-

way. He will be escorted by 6,000 men. LONDON'S COXEY BRIGADE. London, Jan. 15.—The marches of the unemployed, which are now a daily reature of London streets, are causing uneasiness. About 2,000 persons traversed the metropolis in procession today, escorted by a body of police. While these demonstrations thus far have been orderly the shopkeepers are putting up shutters while the processions pass.

PACIFIC CABLE EXPENDITURE. A parliamentary return gives the expenditure under the Pacific Cable Act as £1,044,701 to March 31, the balance of the authorized issue in excess of expenditure being £16,233. The payments include the cable contract, £1,-009,285; instruments, £10,119; ship contract, £15,975; engineers' fees and expenses, £9,135. The cable authorities say the amount of the traffic exceeds all expectations, especially between the United States and Australasia. They have no doubt that when perfect it will prove a sound financial success. HAULED DOWN THE OLD FLAG. The London Times' Cork correspondent says: "At a meeting of the board of governors of the lunacy asylum, County Councilor O'Neill moved that the Union Jack be hauled down from the asylum flagstaff, as being unsight-Councilor Cronin said they could do business without the emblem of British rule, and they should not fly it while some of their best people-were

imprisoned.

The resolution was passed, and the flag hauled down.

CHAPMAN'S POWDERS. A circumstantial story has been published in London purporting to detail the life of George Chapman, the Southwark salconkeeper, who is charged with the murder of three wobert. He considered the position that men by poison in different parts of Sifton was innocent and Herbert London, from his birth on a farm in guilty to be an impossible one, and in Michigan to the year 1895. The testiview of this would permit the withdiawal of the plea and the granting entirely disproved the statements as against crude, in order to establish made. In the course of the evidence another weman testified to having resolution is directed against the Standeived powders from Chapman, which, however, she burned.

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Chemists and Druggists 216 Dundas St., corner Park Ave. are at a standstill on account of the tremendous influx of seals along the coasts and fjords. The seals, which

are coming from the White Sea, have been fought without avail. The large fishing population have now asked the Government to help them exterminate this plague, which

is partly eating and partly hunting all the fish away. BATTLESHIP AT AUCTION. The old-fashioned battleship memnon, which was built by the British Government in 1883 at a cost of \$2,500,000, was offered for sale at public aucion at Portmouth. The vessel was offered intact with her engines, etc., but one of the condition was that she should be broken up in two years. The

firm of Eppenheim & Co., London metal brokers, bought her for \$100,000. JOHN BULL SHIVERS. Severely cold weather continues to prevail in the United Kingdom. Traffic on the railroads of Scotland is empeded by snow drifts, and temperatures are, in some localities, the lowest

for ten years. Deaths from exposure have been reported, and a number of minor shipwrecks are reported. IN MEMORY OF BRET HARTE. To mark the resting place of Bret

Harte in Framley churchyard, Surrey, there has been erected a massive and costly monument. The monument consists of a slab of white granite weighing two and a half tons, on which is placed a block in the form of a cross. Simplicity itself is the inscription: BRET HARTE, Aug. 25, 1837-May 5, 1902.

Death shall reap no braver harvest.

AIMED AT STANDARD OIL COM-PAN I. Berlin, Jan. 15. - The Reichstag adopted, by 143 to 70 votes, the tariff committee's resolution asking the Government to consider whether it is not in the interests of the nation to place ard Oil Company. Baron Heyl Zu Herrnsheim said: "The Standard Oil Company sells oil cheaply only long enough to ruin competition, and then

The fisheries in Northern Norway sharply advances prices." TERRIBLY FATAL EXPLOSION; TWELVE EMPLOYES PERISHED

Powder Mill at Departure Bay, cessation of the stirring meaning disas-B.C., Blown Up.

BUILDINGS REDUCED TO SLIVERS

A Brockville Man Among the Victims-Shock Felt for a Distance

of Twenty Miles.

Powder Company at Departure Bay, yesterday morning, no fewer than twelve a widow and three children in the eastemployes were hurried into eternity, and ern town. the majority of the buildings utilized in the manufacture of high power explosives

WENT ON STIRRING. Close by the gun cotton room George Preston was engaged in the mixing house, it being necessary in his duty that a mixture of explosives be constantly stirred until a certain period, a moment's large the explosion printarny of about one carbonal printarny of a

news of the disaster.

fortunate. Of the dead, George Simonetti, very recently married, had had a narrow escape Vancouver, Jan. 15 .- Through a double a few weeks ago, being but twenty feet explosion in the works of the Hamilton away when the mixing room went up, killing James Sloan. Fulford came from Brockville, Ont., a year ago. He leaves

ter. When the crash came, the windows

and doors were blown in about him, but

Preston, with admirable nerve and pres-

ence of mind, stirred on. Miraculously,

his mixture did not explode, nor was he

Charles Stevens and Mat Mayland,

working in the new glycerine building,

also had miraculous escapes from death

or injury, although some dozen other

employes, chiefly Chinamen, were not so

injured by the flying debris.

VIOLENCE OF THE EXPLOSION. As for the victims of the tragedy the body of one of the ten Chinese was found reduced to matchwood. The concussion practically intact; the eleven others were was so severe that a few windows in literally reduced to shreds of flesh and Nanaimo, more than three miles distant, Lone, an arm being the largest portion were simultaneously shattered, while recovered of any. Illustrating the violence numerous chimneys and unsubstantial of the explosion, it is known that steel structures in the coal city came tumbling rails from the railroad track were whichto the ground. The shock was less dis- ed up and twisted round the half-demoltinctly and less disastrously felt as far ished trees, like fantastic corkscrews. as Parksville, twenty miles north, and while buildings tottered and fell fully Ladysmith, equidistant on the south, four miles away. The cause of the exwhile even in Vancouver the solid earth plosion can only be surmised. It is preso trembled that a supposed minor earth- sumed that either James Fulford or quake shock was recorded in advance of George Simonetti, who, with a force of Chinese, were working on a large order of gelignite in that room, passed into the gun cotton room to weigh some material

VENEZUELAN TROUBLE

Expected To Be Soon Settled Without Reference to The Hague.

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 15.-When ing to do everything to reach a soluthe dispatch boat Dolphin, with Ministion of the Venezuelan difficulty, she ter Bowen on board, called here Mr. Bowen visited the Governor's residence. He says he has full powers as the the lead in all measures. representative of Venezuela at the New York Jan. 15 .- M. F. J. S. coming conference at Washington, and Goffart, the Belgian vice-consul and has strong Lopes that the powers and charge d'affaires pro tempore, has ob-Venezuela will reach a settlement without referring the questions in dispute of Belgians against Venezuela by to The Hague court of arbitration. means of a mixed commission, says Caraças was quiet when he left, although public feeling was still run-

It is officially denied at Rome that it must recepsarily be the death sen- the congregation hopes to place a stu-tence, and he asked the court that be- i dent there during the summer months.

President Castro, of Venezuela, has in- Be gium is to receive place, and he asked the court that be- i dent there during the summer months. President Castro, of Venezuela, has in- Beigium is to receive payment as the

to pay the expenses of maintaining the blockading squadron in Venezuelan waters on condition that the blockade be raised immediately, and it is absolutely denied that Italy would be

if it were made. It was said that while Italy is willinsults to be entitled to take

inclined to accept this proposal even

a Telejan arother a Venezuelan and the third will be named by these two.