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London, Saturday, Jan. 8.

London's Greatest Showman.

Mr. Beck announced last night that he had decided to offer himself for mayor "practically" on the day of the nomination. "Practically" is always a handy word with which to qualify a statement. The fact is that his worship was much discomfited when The Advertiser lifted the curtain and exposed the little comedy that was being rehearsed for the occasion. As a result people heard nothing about the petition that was really presented to his worship, and he failed to appear Monday night at the city hall, where he had intended to burn a good deal of red fire.

From his own point of view, Mr. Beck is taking the proper course in holding on to the mayoralty. It is barely possible the echo of his local fame hasn't penetrated to the press gallery of the Legislature and that the Toronto reporters will be inclined to pay more attention to the cabinet ministers and the leader of the Opposition than to the new member for London. He would be apt to pick up the papers the morning after his great oration and find that "Mr. Beck also spoke." The chances of his picture appearing in the Toronto press would be also very remote. How he would sigh for the dear old Free Press! We know that even a genius like Disraeli struggled for years before he obtained recognition in the British House of Commons, and the Provincial Legislature likewise mightn't know a statesman at first sight. The mayoralty will give him a wider scope for his histrionic talents. It will be a great comfort to him in the comparative obscurity of the backbenches in Toronto, to know that he may always occupy the middle of the stage in London. Here he has his own gallery, his own stage properties, his own scene shifters and his own press agents. He can always have the calcium light pointing his way. Here he can be seen and known of all men; if he isn't it won't be his fault. It was said of another great actor that his disappearance eclipsed the gaiety of nations. If his worship had receded from municipal life the public stock of entertainment in this community would have been sadly diminished. It is bad enough to have the performance interrupted for three months by his legislative duties in Toronto, but no doubt he will see to it that the local puffery bureau is equipped with a long-distance phone.

Consolidating the Rural Schools.

The important question of the consolidation of country schools is just now before the public. At the last session of the Legislature an act was passed to enable school districts to be enlarged by the amalgamation of two or more schools, and providing that in the enlarged districts arrangements must be made by the trustees for the conveyance of pupils living at a distance. The plan is being tested in Eastern Canada and the districts adjoining Guelph have recently discussed the adoption of the McDonald consolidation plan.

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Saratoga, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Owen McCarthy, the oldest person in Saratoga County, yesterday celebrated the diamond anniversary of his birth. He has lived here over 40 years.

By the will of the late William Pitts, of Taunton, Mass., \$35,000 is bequeathed for the erection of chapels and conducting missionary work in order to spread the Episcopal faith among the natives of Georgia and other Southern States.

BRITISH LIBERALS CAPTURE THE SEAT FOR NEWMARKET

Where the Conservatives Had a Majority of 1,000.

FALLING OUT OF ACTOR LOVERS

Hawtrey and Hilda Hanbury Will Not Wed—Lady Lawson Said To Be A Drunkard.

London, Jan. 2.—The bye-election at Newmarket yesterday to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the death of Harry McCalmont, resulted in a Liberal gain. The polling was as follows: C. D. Rose (Liberal), 4,410; L. Brassey (Conservative), 3,507.

As the Conservatives at the previous election had a majority of upwards of 1,000, Mr. Rose's victory is notable. The contest in the great sporting center was fought with remarkable vigor. Horse-owners, trainers and jockeys joined with the politicians in canvassing the constituency, and motor cars were numerous used.

THE WEDDING IS OFF. The papers here announce that the marriage which had been arranged between Charles Hawtrey, the English actor, now on a tour of the United States, and Hilda Hanbury, will not occur.

LADY LAWSON A DRUNKARD. The first notable case under the new licensing act came up in a London police court yesterday when Sir Charles Allen Lawson, the Anglo-Indian newspaper editor and writer, applied for a summons against Lady Lawson, whom

GEN. BOOTH'S MOVEMENTS

Work Mapped Out for Veteran Founder of S. A.

Will Help Raise \$50,000 for the Citadel at Cleveland.

Cleveland, Jan. 2.—Gen. William Booth, founder and the moving spirit of the Salvation Army, who is to visit the Cleveland headquarters, is now in San Francisco. In a few days he will start upon the eastward trip and will arrive in Cleveland in two weeks. The plans that he has made will allow him to spend a full week here, inspecting and aiding in the work that is being directed by Col. Holz.

His coming is anxiously awaited at local headquarters, for a task of no small magnitude is about to be taken up there. It consists in the raising of an even \$50,000 to pay off the debt that has been contracted for the construction of the army citadel on Erie street. The building and the land cost about \$50,000. Some of the funds have already been secured. Twenty thousand dollars came from some friends of the organization, and Col. Booth himself was able to provide another \$10,000.

John D. Rockefeller was appealed to and he has willingly agreed to send a check for \$10,000 for Col. Holz, the moment that the necessary balance of \$40,000 was available. The oil magnate stipulated that the funds be raised by May 1, 1903.

During the Christmas season all thoughts of money raising were laid aside, and the work of the Salvation Army was being carried on. Now the thoughts of the leaders have turned toward clearing off the debt upon the home. The plan is so arranged that part of it can be raised in this way: A fund will be secured that can be used in keeping up the expenses of maintaining and operating the headquarters.

Fifty thousand dollars is needed to meet the construction indebtedness. The plan is to have the headquarters built on a hill, and the cost of the land and the building is estimated at \$100,000. The plan is being tested in Eastern Canada and the districts adjoining Guelph have recently discussed the adoption of the McDonald consolidation plan.

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Lord Beresford's Plans. New York, Jan. 3.—Lord Charles Beresford will sail for New York Sunday on board the Kaiserin Maria Theresa, says the American correspondent in London. His journey to the United States revives the report in parliamentary circles that Lord Charles is being urged by J. Pierpont Morgan to accept a high position in the recently formed International Mercantile Marine Company. It is believed here that Lord Beresford does not obtain command of the channel squadron, which is the last promotion possible for him before his compulsory retirement, he will accept a position in the company. There is some doubt whether the admiralty will give Lord Beresford this command, because of recent utterances by him.

Four feet is the measurement across the wings of a bantam which has been trapped unharmed at Harriet ham, Kent, England.

he described as a habitual drunkard. The summons was granted. The new act enables either a husband or wife to secure a writ of habeas corpus in cases of habitual drunkenness, and allows the police to arrest an inebriate anywhere except in a private house, whether disorderly or not.

ALLEGED OBJECT OF COLONIAL CONFERENCE. Writing to the Times today on the subject of Australia and Imperial defense, "Civis" says: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the colonial conference flatly refused to fall in with any imperialistic defense proposals. He more clearly than any other of the Premiers present, recognized that the real motive in calling the conference was simply to collect contributions from the colonies, without giving them any voice in the control of either the military or naval forces of the empire."

CONFESSED EMBEZZLEMENT. C. H. Elder was remanded at the Guildhall police court, charged on his own confession with embezzling \$5,000 from his employers, Brown, Shipley & Co., the American bankers. The embezzlements had been going on for three years.

ARCHDUKE NOT DEAD. Archduke Leopold, who assisted his sister, the Crown Princess of Saxony, in her elopement with her children's French tutor, has made the sensational statement to a reporter that Archduke Johann Nepomuk Salviator, who renounced his title and took the name of John Orth, and was supposed to have perished in a shipwreck off the South American coast, is really alive. John Orth, or, as an uncle of Leopold and of the Crown Princess. Like his nephew, he left the court to go with an actress, Franziska Strubel was with John Orth when he disappeared.

Archduke Leopold says he believes his uncle is living with the "Archduke Louis Salviator, brother to John Orth, and also the present Grand Duke of Tuscany. Archduke Louis is eccentric, and spends ten months of the year on a tiny Ionian isle, and the rest of his time on a yacht.

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Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 2.—After months of litigation the celebrated "tick-bite" case has been settled. By a compromise the plaintiff receives \$5,000 in cash. She asked for \$10,000. The case as it appeared in the federal court was styled Caroline W. Webb, executrix of Joel G. Webb, deceased, against the Standard Life and Accident Company and the Travelers' Protective Company. The amount asked, \$10,000, represented two policies of \$5,000 each.

Mrs. Webb is a resident of Memphis, and her husband, up to the time of his death, resided here. He carried two policies above described, and on March 18, 1901, went to his plantation in Arkansas to look after interests in a sawmill. While there, he received a severe tick-bite. The wound refused to yield to medical treatment, but showed a disposition to result in other complications. He was brought to Memphis, went at once to St. Joseph's Hospital, and there received the very best possible medical treatment. In 64 hours, he died in great agony.

The policy contained a clause which specified that death must result from external, violent or accidental means, and the view of the company, the deceased did not meet his death in any such manner. Suit was filed in the federal court by the widow. Publication of the grounds of the suit attracted much attention, and since the issue have become public property the famous "tick-bite" case has been extensively discussed in nearly every newspaper of importance in the United States and in the insurance journals.

Both sides were anxious to effect a compromise, and an understanding was reached out of court and an order of dismissal was filed with the clerk. The defendants pay the costs of the suit.

The result will be disappointing to insurance men, as a nice point of law was involved, and one which would have a decided place in the authorities on insurance law, as there is no record of any such point having been raised in court before.

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A Sad letter from a lady whose husband was Dissipated.

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BIBLE SOCIETY CENTENARY

Proposal to Hold a Celebration All Over the Empire.

Toronto, Jan. 3.—An important step in connection with Bible Society work in Canada was taken here yesterday, when a joint committee, representing the Montreal Bible Society, and the Upper Canada Bible Society, met and decided to invite all the auxiliary societies in Canada, and Newfoundland to hold a celebration of the centenary of the founding of the British and Foreign Bible Society in March, 1904.

A prominent feature of the celebration will be the observance throughout the whole British Empire of March 6, 1904, as Bible Society Sunday, the raising of a special centenary fund, the establishment of a Bible society journal, and possibly the federation of the existing auxiliaries into national Canadian Bible Societies in affiliation with the parent society. A joint invitation to all the auxiliaries of North America is now being issued for a conference in Montreal on Thursday, Feb. 18, to mature plans for this celebration, in which all Christian denominations will be invited to participate. This movement has already taken root, and the British public and throughout the colonies, and the celebration in Canada is confidently expected will be heartily taken up. A very influential deputation will visit Canada next autumn to give addresses in the principal cities. During their visit it is probable that a general convention will be held in some central location, one of the interesting features of which will be an exhibition of some rare early editions of the Bible.

Five Cents On the Dollar. Toronto, Jan. 3.—A special to an evening paper from Oakville says the affairs of C. W. Anderson & Son, the private bankers, who suspended recently, are more serious than any of the townspeople thought possible. From the facts that have leaked out it is now known that the depositors have practically nothing to hope for. There are about 500 depositors, and they will not realize more than 5 cents on the dollar.

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ROLLING MILLS FOR TORONTO

In Connection With Steel Works--Will Add to the Plant.

Montreal, Jan. 2.—Arrangements have been completed by which the Toronto Steel Company will establish a rolling mill of its own in conjunction with its other works, and will secure all its pig iron and steel billets to be used in it from the Dominion Iron and Steel Company.

The announcement was made to the shareholders by Mr. S. P. Jones, of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, and Mr. William McMaster, general manager of the Montreal Rolling Mills. Both directors at the bye-election in Burrard. Chinese restriction will be one of his chief planks. Hon. T. R. McInnes announces his intention to remain in the field, so there will be a triangular contest.

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Habitual Drunkards Not Allowed to Buy Liquor for Three Years.

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Another clause in the act provides for a fine of £2, or a month's imprisonment, for a woman found intoxicated while she is accompanied by any child under 7 years.

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