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AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC.
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NEW GRAND TONIGHT OPERA HOUSE
No. 1 Marks Bros.' Co. will repeat, by special request,
"UNDER TWO FLAGS."
Handsomely staged. Continuous performance. "Hard times" prices—25c, 15c, 10c.
SPECIAL TONIGHT—A handsome dress will be given away.
Matinee Saturday, 15c and 10c.
Amateur contest Saturday night. b

LONDON OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT
Saturday—Matinee and Night.
LYCEUM OPERA CO.
Strong company. 4—Comedians—4. Gorgeous costumes. Tonight, "Said Pasha." First time at popular prices. 55l

Auditorium Tonight 8:15
and tomorrow, at 2:30 and 8:15.
THE GREAT ENGLISH SUCCESS,
"OUR NAVY"
Evening, 25c, 35c and 50c. Matinee, 25c; children, 10c. b

GOLD ONE DOLLAR AND TWO-FIFTY coins, for Christmas presents. Money exchanged. American and foreign express orders issued. F. B. Clarke, Richmond street, next Advertiser. zxv

MEMORIAL CHURCH SUNDAY School—Annual treat for scholars, "Our Navy" entertainment of moving pictures at Auditorium, Monday evening next. Members of school free; outsiders, 25c. 59c

CUNARD STEAMSHIPS ARE MANNED by captains who have been commanders in the royal navy. They are never over ten hours late, even in the roughest weather. F. B. Clarke, agent, Richmond street, next Advertiser.

DANCING—ADVANCED CLASS, WEDNESDAY evenings. Register this week; number limited. Special rate, season tickets. Private tuition any hour. Dayton & McCormick.

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING BY R. B. Millard, 345 Princess avenue. Special attention given to the waltz and two-step. Rapid teaching. Low rates. Lessons any hour.

MEETINGS.

KILWINNING LODGE, NO. 64, A., F. and A. M., meets this (Friday) evening at Corinthian Lodge room, East London, at 7:30 o'clock. B. S. Murray, W.M.; John Overell, P.M., Secretary. b

MACCABEES — LONDON TENT, 17, will meet this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock, Knights of Pythias Hall, Dundas street. b

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

XMAS CHEER, 1901—ST. GEORGE'S Society.—All applicants for the above cheer may obtain tickets from the following committee: H. T. Smith, 588 Dufferin avenue; W. Skinner, 326 York street; S. A. Roberts, 41 Regina; John Heaman, York; John Pannell, William; B. G. Clampitt, 294 Colborne; Joseph Graham, Wellington; R. A. Jones, West London. P. Birtwistle, president; J. B. Cox, secretary. 57u-xv

MALE HELP WANTED.

BARBER WANTED AT ONCE. APPLY 264 Dundas street. 58c

WANTED—AN OFFICE MANAGER AT once; salary, $12 a week. Also a traveler, on good salary. Apply 414½ Talbot street, London, Ont. zxv

WANTED—A JANITOR FOR THE Talbot Street Baptist Church. Apply P. O. Box 372. 57c

FEMALE HELP WANTED.

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WANTED — GENERAL SERVANT; references required; family of two. Apply between 6 and 8 in the evening, 455 Waterloo street. 59u

WANTED—GOOD GIRL FOR GENERAL work; must be able to cook well. 290 Princess avenue. 57tf

DINING ROOM GIRL WANTED AT once. Apply Queen's Hotel, Carling street. 57c

WANTED—WORKING HOUSE-KEEPER, to go to St. Marys. Apply Mrs. Clark, 307 Wolfe street. 57tf

WANTED TODAY—25 GIRLS, $2 TO $3 per week, housework; also agents, male and female. Lockhart, 442 Park avenue. 'Phone 964.

WANTED.

COME AND SEE OUR NATURAL Pompadours. They are perfect. Combings wanted. Miller's Hair Store, 222 Dundas street.

AGENTS WANTED.

FIRST-CLASS CANVASSER WANTED for Sarnia, Petrolia, St. Thomas, Chatham, Windsor. Regular customers. Good pay. Apply P. O. Box 531, London. 91tf

TEACHERS WANTED.

WANTED—PROFESSIONAL FIRST OR second class teacher for School Section No. 15, Sombra Township. State salary and experience. Robert McNeil, secretary, Thorneyhurst, Ont. 58a

SITUATIONS WANTED.

WANTED—YOUNG LADY (EXPERIENCED) desires position as strenographer or book-keeper; best of references. Address Box 46, Advertiser. 57c

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—STEEL BEAD CHATELAINE, containing $5 bill, silver, etc., on Maitland, between Queen's avenue and Dundas street. Kindly return to 474 Queen's avenue. Reward. b

DOMINION
Savings and Investment Society.
HIGHEST RATES
Paid on Deposits and Debentures.
OFFICES — Masonic Temple Building, corner King and Richmond Streets.
NATHANIEL MILLS, Manager

Gift Footwear.

Something chosen from this splendid stock—SLIPPERS or SHOES—will be appreciated. Surely, if you decide on footwear, there's no other stock from which you'll be satisfied to select. Not if you are particular; not if you care for "exclusiveness"—for "correctness."

All the newest fancies in MEN'S SLIPPERS, LADIES' SLIPPERS, in SHOES for ELDERLY FOLKS, in HOUSE SHOES, in BOUDOIR FOOTWEAR, in DAINTY EVENING SLIPPERS. Dozens and dozens of things to show you, all of which will make very acceptable gifts.

Men's Fine Leather Slippers, right up-to-now in style and finish, different shapes $2 00
Men's Tan, Chocolate and Black Slippers, in vici kid, Morocco and fine calf 1 50
Men's Fancy Slippers, tan, black and other colors, in dongola kid, embossed kid, goatskin, calf, etc., any shape desired 1 25
Other styles in Men's Slippers, in carpet, velvet, etc., at.....
..25c, 50c, 65c, 75c, 85c and 1 00
Women's Fancy Kid and Patent Leather Slippers, latest American styles, width AA to E, sizes 2 to 8, $1 50, $2, $2 50 and $3 00
Women's Vici Kid or Patent Leather Strap Slippers, with fancy bows, American 1 25
Women's Quilted Satin and Velvet high-cut "Juliettes," in red, black and gold, fur-bound and lined 1 50
Women's Colored Felt House Slippers, cozy lined $1 00, 1 25
Women's Fine Black Felt Slippers, laced or elastic fronts, turned soles 90c, 1 00
Infants' Soft Sole Boots, dozens of styles, in kid and satin and felt, lace and button 50c, 60c

Goods exchanged any time. Open evenings till Christmas.

J. P. COOK,
167 Dundas Street.

ARTICLES FOR SALE.

SALE OF PICTURES BY FLORENCE Carlyle, Saturday, 1 to 5. Room 304, Masonic Temple. b

FOR SALE—HOT AIR FURNACE AND pipes; good repair, $25. 64 Elmwood avenue. 59u

FOR SALE—GOOD MARE, FOR ANY purpose. 7 Kensington street, after 7 p.m. A. C. Taylor. 57u

FOR SALE—CHICKENS—B. ROCKS, from prize stock, 25 pullets. Harry C. Newans, Askin P. O., South London. 57c

SKATES HOLLOW-GROUND WITH special machinery, at 15c a pair. D. McKenzie & Co., 298 Richmond street, one door south G. T. R. station.

REDUCTION OF 25 PER CENT ON balance of Fancy Chinaware and Christmas Novelties at Cunningham's, 662 Dundas street.

EXTENSION LADDERS, 20c A FOOT—Best on earth for cleaning eavestroughs, placing storm windows, painting, etc. Catalogue free. The Waggoner Ladder Company, Limited, London, Ont.

THIS IS THE TIME OF THE YEAR that makes the people look for the best wood at the best prices. Ring up 1,212, and ask them about their different kinds of wood and prices. D. H. Gillies & Co., 673 Bathurst street.

BARGAINS AT ALFRED T. PARISH'S store in square and round baseburners and cook stoves. A large assortment of small coal and wood heaters. Mattresses, springs, bedroom suites and all household furniture taken in exchange for new, or sold cheap for cash. Parish, 357 Talbot street, three doors south of King.

$5 00 WILL BUY A $6 50 EXTENSION table this week at Keene Bros., 127 King street, opposite Market House.

$1 20 WOOD—FOR TWO WEEKS WE will sell a load of dry mixed sawmill wood for $1 20 cash. All kinds of coal and wood at the lowest cash prices. Green & Co., William street and G. T. R. 'Phone 1,391.

STOVES—STOVES—STOVES—WE HAVE a large stock of stoves, comprising coal baseburners, hot blast and St. Lewis airtight. Very cheap, at Keene's, 141 King street.

SNAP—GOOD PIANO, ROSEWOOD case, 7 1-3 octaves; in first-class condition, and guaranteed for 5 years. Only $100, on easy terms of payment. Heintzman & Co., 217 Dundas street, corner Clarence.

BOARDING, ROOMS, ETC.

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TWO BEAUTIFUL FURNISHED front rooms; grate; modern conveniences; suitable for married couple or two gentlemen. Apply Box 47, Advertiser. 58c

GENTLEMEN CAN HAVE FURNISHED rooms, with our without board; all modern conveniences; terms moderate. 475 Dundas street. 2tf

BUSINESS CHANCES.

FOR SALE — BLACKSMITH SHOP, tools, house and lot; established business. Apply at once, Box 8, Blyth, Ont. 29bg-vty

GROCERY BUSINESS FOR SALE—DOING good trade; good stand. Good reason for selling. Address Box 36, this office. 43tf

BROKERS.

FOR SALE—LONDON LOAN COMPANY'S stock. John Wright, stock broker, London. 'Phone 693.

REAL ESTATE.

THE RESIDENCE OF THE LATE Col. Lewis; also the store and warerooms occupied by him, for sale. Apply to Purdom & Purdom. 87tf-vzx

FOR SALE — TWO-STORY BRICK; slate roof, bath, w.c., and furnace; large lot. Must be sold. If you want a real good home for very little money, call on J. F. Sangster, 112 Masonic Temple.

FARM FOR SALE—NEAR STRATHROY —75 acres. Good buildings and water. G. M. Haldane, Strathroy, Ont.

It Ought To Be Easy
to select the suit or overcoat you intend purchasing if you visit our store. We have a great range of goods, and will be pleased to give you the benefit of long, practical experience.
DEEKS & MUNSON,
Tailors and Drapers.
393 Richmond Street.

HOUSES, ETC., TO LET.

TO LET — FIRST-CLASS BRICK house, 816 Maitland; 7 rooms; cheap rent. Apply 173 Mill street, or R. Boyd & Son. 51n-xvz

TO LET—COTTAGE, $8 50 PER MONTH, at 85 Clarence street. Parlors, dining-room, three bedrooms, kitchens, city and soft water. The London Soap Company.

TWO OFFICES, WITH VAULT, IN Albion Building, to let. Apply T. H. Carling, or H. & C. Colerick, on premises. 35tf

TO LET—HOUSE, NO. 29 PICTON street; double parlors, four bedrooms, furnace, bath, etc; central locality. Fraser & Moore, solicitors. 29tf

TWO-STORY HOUSE ON TALBOT street, near Horton; rent moderate. Apply 33 Horton street. 12tf

STORE WITH VAULT TO LET—IN Albion Buildings; immediate possession. Apply to T. H. Carling or H. & C. Colerick, in building. 99tf

TO LET—UNION FURNITURE VAN—Furniture carefully handled. John Biggs, Cathcart and Bruce, South London, late of London Furniture Company. 'Phone 310.

EDUCATIONAL.

THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ART AND Design, 493 Richmond street. Teachers, J. R. Peel and David Wilkie, late of South Kensington, England. The work of the school includes mechanical drawing, industrial design, oil and water color painting.

MISCELLANEOUS.

STAMPS—CURRENT CANADA, OLD collections, revenues, bought and sold. Adams, 401 Yonge street, Toronto.

MONEY TO LOAN.

A LARGE AMOUNT OF PRIVATE funds to loan on real estate at lowest rates. Meredith & Fisher, London, Ont.

PRIVATE AND TRUST FUNDS TO loan at 4¾ and 5½ per cent on real estate security, in sums to suit. No commission charged. T. W. Scandrett, solicitor, 98 Dundas street, London.

PRIVATE FUNDS TO LOAN—LOWEST rates. Buchner, Campbell & Gunn, 83 Dundas street, London.

MONEY TO LOAN—$500,000 PRIVATE and trust funds, on first mortgage, at 5 per cent; also on notes and other security. Tennent & Coleridge, barristers, solicitors, notaries, etc., 78 Dundas street London.

VETERINARY SURGEONS.

J. H. TENNANT, VETERINARY SURGEON—Office, 137 King street. Residence and infirmary, corner King and Wellington. Treatment of dogs a specialty. 'Phones 278 and 683.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY John J. Jepson, druggist, 249 Wellington street. Residence, 241 Pall Mall. 'Phone 379.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED—OFFICE Adkins' Jewelry Store, East London. No witnesses required.

LICENSES ISSUED BY THOMAS GILLEAN, jeweler, 402 Richmond street.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY W. H. Bartram, 99 Dundas street.

OFFICIAL ISSUER OF MARRIAGE licenses, C. D. Johnston, 198 Dundas street. Residence, 394 Dundas street.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED AT Strong's Drug Store, 184 Dundas street. Residence, 289 Dufferin avenue.

ARCHITECTS.

MOORE & HENRY—
ARCHITECTS, LAND SURVEYORS, CIVIL ENGINEERS.
John M. Moore Frederick Henry

London & Port Stanley Railway Company.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a special general meeting of the shareholders of The London and Port Stanley Railway Company will be held in the committee room at the City Hall, in the City of London, Ontario, on Monday, the 20th day of January, 1902, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to consider and, if approved of, to sanction the lease bearing date the 20th day of December, A. D. 1901, and made between The London and Port Stanley Railway Company of the first part, The Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway Company of the second part, and the Corporation of the City of London of the third part, whereby the said The London and Port Stanley Railway Company leases to the said The Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway Company, subject to the rents, conditions, provisions and agreements therein contained, its line of railway between London and Port Stanley, and certain appurtenances and rights, for a period of thirty years from the first day of January, A. D. 1901, a copy of which lease is on file in the office of the undersigned secretary, and may be inspected by any shareholder of The London and Port Stanley Railway Company.

Dated at London, this 29th day of December, A. D. 1901.

C. A. KINGSTON,
59k-v Secretary L. and P. S. R. Co.

BUSINESS CARDS.

WM. HODGSON, HOUSE PAINTER, paperhanger, decorator, contractor, etc., 410 Horton street. Orders promptly attended to. First-class work done. Patronage kindly solicited. Estimates free.

WATSON & CO., HOUSE MOVERS—Steam boilers and safes a specialty. 194 Hamilton road. 'Phone 1,231.

Stock of Veneer Lumber, Tea Boxes, Etc., at Sheriff's Sale.

THE STOCK OF VENEER CHAIR seats, veneers, etc., of the Canadian Veneer Lumber Company, will be sold at the Sheriff's office, London, on Monday, the 23rd inst., at 12 o'clock noon. Stock can be seen on the premises, Elm street, London East, on Friday and Saturday of this week, and Monday forenoon next. 59u

CAMPAIGN IN SOUTH AFRICA

Now Making Very Satisfactory Progress,

Though Many Commandos Still Roam the Western Transvaal.

Berlin Kreuz Zeitung Says United States Is Under Moral Obligation to Save the Boers From Subjugation by Britain.

London, Dec. 20.—The correspondent of the London Times in Pretoria says the progress of the war is eminently satisfactory, but care should be taken not to imagine that more has been done than is actually the case, to avoid disappointments.

It is hoped that before long the cleared area in Western Transvaal will reach as far as Mabalstand, but there is a concentration of Boers under Commandant Kemp between Rustenburg and Zeerust. Commandant Lebenburg is probably with Commandant Delarey, who has 400 men 40 miles northwest of Klerksdorp, and another 200 near Wolmaranstad.

IN THE EASTERN TRANSVAAL.

In spite of the line of blockhouses and constabulary posts in the Eastern Transvaal, it is still possible for Boers to pass west. On Dec. 15, 150 Boers passed over the Wilge River, but they are being closely pursued, and will probably either be captured or driven out. Blockhouses do not keep the enemy out, unless built 600 yards apart, with barbed wire entanglements between.

The correspondent accounts for about 500 Boers in the Orange River Colony, besides Dewet's concentration, which is divided into two groups comprising four commandos.

WANTS AMERICA TO SAVE BOERS

Berlin, Dec. 19.—A curious article has appeared in the Kreuz Zeitung, which, although it cannot be called even a semi-official newspaper, sometimes reflects government views. The article dwells on the alleged probability of American intervention in South Africa, remarks that President Roosevelt is not in harmony with the bulk of public sentiment, and adds:

"Americans must remember that in 1783 the union would not have been possible except through foreign intervention. If there are far-seeing statesmen in America it must be hoped that they soon will see that they are under a high moral obligation to intervene in South Africa, and that they are strong enough to do so effectively."

COULD THREATEN CANADA.

The article goes on to say that the United States occupies a unique position, being without powerful military rivals across her border; that she would need only to give orders to march on Canada to bring Great Britain to terms, and that if she took such a step she would win the sympathies of the Christian world.

The editor of the Kreuz Zeitung interweaves considerable talk in this article about corruption in high places in the United States and the dominance of plutocracy there; all of which he says would be forgiven her if she would only intervene in South Africa.

DR. KRAUSE COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

London, Dec. 19. — Dr. Krause, the former governor of Johannesburg, who is charged with high treason and having incited Cornelius Broeksma, the ex-public prosecutor of Johannesburg (who was executed Sept. 30), to murder John Douglas Foster, an English lawyer attached to Lord Roberts' staff, was formally committed for trial at the Bow street police court.

NAVIGATION NEWS

A Lunenburg Schooner Totally Wrecked—Steamship Arrivals.

The schooner Monitor, owned in Lunenburg, has been totally wrecked near Pictou.

With the passing of the James Watt up the Detroit River, up-river navigation closed for the season.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 19.	Reported at.	From.
Germanic	New York	Liverpool
Deutschland	Hamburg	New York
Aller	Naples	New York
Waesland	Liverpool	Philadelphia
Lancastrian	Boston	Liverpool

NO DEATH PENALTY IN HOLLAND.

A London dispatch to the Times says the Dutch Calvinists tried to reintroduce the death penalty in Holland when the estimates for the departments of the interior and justice were being debated in the chamber. The minister of justice, who is a Catholic, declined to accept the motion, and both bills were passed.

London & Port Stanley Railway Company.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual general meeting of the shareholders of The London and Port Stanley Railway Company will be held at the City Hall, in the City of London, Ontario, on Monday, the 20th day of January, 1902, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated at London, this 16th day of December, A. D. 1901.

C. A. KINGSTON,
59k-v Secretary L. and P. S. R. Co.

NOTICE!

IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT APPLICATION will be made by the Corporation of the City of London to the Legislature of Ontario, at its next session, for an act to validate a bylaw of the Corporation of the City of London, fixing the assessment of "The George White & Sons Company, Limited," at $17,000 00, for a period of ten years.

Dated this 19th day of December, A.D. 1901.

C. A. KINGSTON,
59k-v City Clerk.

INVITATION TO WITHDRAW.

Campbell-Bannerman Gets One From Friends of Rosebery.

The Marked Diminution of Christmas Shopping in Germany.

An Evidence of Hard Times—Fortifications of Manila Being Increased—Rhodes Ill—Quiet in China.

London, Dec. 19.—The Midlothian Liberal Association, of which both the late Mr. Gladstone and Lord Rosebery have been president, and which has frequently led Liberal evolutions, publishes a resolution which is regarded in some quarters as tantamount to an invitation to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman to retire from the Liberal leadership of the House of Commons. The resolution acknowledges the great services of Sir Henry, but in the next sentence welcomes with the greatest satisfaction the return of Lord Rosebery to active political life and profoundly trusts his gifts and statesmanship will again be placed at the disposal of the party.

The Vienna correspondent of the London Times, says that since the days of Beaconsfield and Gladstone no speech of a British statesman has excited such keen interest as Rosebery's address at Chesterfield.

HARD TIMES IN GERMANY.

The most conservative estimates place Germany's Christmas spendings at one-third less than a year ago, as a result of the economic crisis. Merchants declare that this is conclusive evidence that the hard times have affected both the masses and the classes.

The curbs are lined with hawkers and venders, ranging from old men to mere babies. The merchants have drawn their recruits for holiday time largely from families whose regular means of breadwinning in shop and factory have vanished.

RISING IN MANILA FEARED.

Steamer reports say authorities in Manila evidently fear a rising, for Manila papers report that artillery is being placed in places about the city heretofore practically unprotected.

The Manila Times says: "Samar Island will be made a desert where birds cannot live. There is a bare possibility that, awed by this terrible punishment about to be inflicted, Lukban and his followers will decide to throw themselves on the mercy of the Americans, trusting to any terms which may be given them.

QUIET IN CHINA.

Col. Collard, a British army officer, who fought under General Gasalee in the Chinese war, and who has arrived in Montreal from the Orient, states that the missionaries are now returning to China, where all is quiet. All the allied troops really accomplished, however, he declares, was to relieve the embassies, as the boxers are liable to rise at any time. Barracks are being built at Pekin to insure the future safety of the embassies. There are now 10,000 British troops in China, of which 8,000 are Indian and 2,000 English.

RHODES TAKEN ILL.

A dispatch to the Central News from Cairo says Cecil Rhodes (managing director of the British South Africa Company) has suffered from a heat stroke, has abandoned his trip to Khartoum and is hurrying back to Cairo.

A FALSE WITNESS.

Patrick A. McHugh, Nationalist M. P. for North Leith, is back in Ireland from his trip to Canada and the United States. Already he is trying to fill up the hearts of the Home Rulers with false hopes. Addressing a meeting at Cork, his first public utterance since his return, he said: "I never heard more enthusiastic cheers than those that were given in Canada for the gallant men against a handful of whom 250,000 British soldiers were fighting." McHugh's remark tried to convey the impression that the Canadians were in sympathy with the Boers. It might be remarked that Mr. McHugh only a short time ago was released from jail after having served a term for intimidation.

THE JACKSONS.

The trial of Theodore and Laura Jackson (Ann O'Delia Diss Debar) was resumed at the Old Bailey. The day was occupied with a reiteration of former testimony in the case, and excited cross-examining of the girl witnesses by Mrs. Jackson, who was frequently called to order by the judge. The defendants contended that there was a conspiracy against them, and expressed the hope that their past career would be fully investigated.

A DRAGON THAT LEAPS.

A Paris cable says Jean de Reszke proposes to introduce a new feature in the French version of "Siegfried," that is about to be produced there. It is a dragon propelled by steam, which will be more lifelike than any stage dragon yet created. Its activities will include leaping.

FEAR WOMEN WRITERS.

The Daily Chronicle, at the demands of the male writers on its staff, has reduced the salaries of all women writers employed on the paper one-third. The men waited on the proprietor in a body, and represented that the rapid advance of women in the practical work of daily journalism was a menace to the profession. Similar demands have been made on other London newspaper proprietors with less success.

CABLE NOTES.

The two solicitors who wound up the estate of Baron Hirsch, the noted Hebrew philanthropist, received $150,000 each for their services.

King Edward received Sir Thomas Lipton yesterday morning and conversed with him for a considerable time. This is the first interview Sir Thomas has had with his majesty since his return from the United States.

British Liberal Imperialists have decided to follow up Rosebery's lead by a campaign throughout the country.

Sailors from the Danish cruiser Valkyrien paraded through the streets of Charlotte Amalia, D. W. I., this morning, accompanied by music and banners. The populace welcomed them with enthusiasm, shouting their desires that the islands be not sold.

LATEST CABLES.

Thousands of New Zealand Men Ready to Join the New Contingents for South Africa.

A dispatch to the London Times from Wellington, New Zealand, says over a thousand volunteers for the eighth New Zealand contingent for service in South Africa presented themselves in one day, exclusive of those in several districts from which the returns have not yet been forwarded. One hundred and thirty-three officers volunteered for the 44 places; 63 of them have previously served in the Boer war.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudyard Kipling are to sail from England for South Africa.

A heavy gale swept over Lisbon Wednesday night. A Portuguese ship was wrecked in the harbor and 15 of her crew were drowned. There have been many casualties along the coast.

Rev. J. Monroe Gibson, of London, England, formerly pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Chicago, while playing golf, was struck in the eye by a ball, and it is feared he will lose his sight.

In the progress of excavations at the Basilica of St. Agnes at Rome, last week, it was found that the silver casket in which the remains of St. Agnes were placed upon their discovery by Pope Paul V., in the seventeenth century, and which was buried in the crypt of the basilica, had never been removed from the crypt.

The failure was announced on the London Metal Exchange today (Friday) of William Sargeant, head of one of the oldest and best firms in the metal market. Mr. Sargeant, who was chairman of the committee of the exchange, was long 2,000 tons of copper. He was also said to be on the wrong side of the tin market. His liabilities are variously estimated at from $150,000 to $300,000. The market was demoralized on account of Mr. Sargeant's failure. Copper dropped $4 and tin dropped $35 to $490. Both partially recovered, but little business was done.

AN EXPLOSION IN PITTSBURG

At the Black Diamond Steel Works—Five Men Killed and Twelve Injured.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—The Black Diamond steel works of Park Bros., on 30th street, was the scene this morning of an awful accident, in which at least five workmen lost their lives and twelve were injured. Reports are freely circulated that from ten to thirty were killed, and it will not be known just how many are dead until the wreckage is cleared away.

It was just 4:15 o'clock, as the night crew was about to turn over the mill to the day force, that four boilers in the ten-inch bar mill, No. 3, exploded with terrific force.

The mill was completely wrecked, and the debris is piled from 50 to 75 feet high. The boiler works of James McNeil, adjoining the Black Diamond mill, were also destroyed.

Five dead and twelve injured have already been removed. The dead have not been identified, and the bodies are now at the morgue. The injured were removed to the West Pennsylvania Hospital.

THE SOHO DISASTER.

The police were notified today that Alexander Clydesdale, who was in charge of the Soho furnace of Jones & Laughlin at the time of the explosion yesterday morning, is missing. It is believed that he has been cremated. That will make the list of killed reach eleven.

Telegraphic Briefs.

Marconi may be married in New York next week to Miss Josephine Holman.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has received a cablegram stating that Lord Strathcona is very much better.

North Waterloo Liberals have nominated Mr. L. J. Breithaupt, M.P.P., for the Legislative Assembly.

The salt manufactured in Michigan in 1901 was the largest annual production yet recorded. Total since the industry started, 96,993,584 barrels.

A telegram from San Salvador says that the steamer San Blas, heretofore reported lost, is ashore near La Libertad and that the passengers are safe.

Six buildings near the corner of Bank and State streets, New London, Conn., in the business center of the city, are burning, and many other buildings in the same block are threatened.

Andrew Carnegie, who gave Iron Mountain, Mich., $15,000 for a public library building, has added $2,500 to his gift. The addition was asked for. The library will be opened Feb. 1.

The marriage of Miss Hazel Singer, daughter of Charles Singer, of Chicago, to Prince John Ghika, son of the Roumanian minister to France, Gregoire J. Ghika, occurred in Paris on Thursday.

The condition of Mrs. Ada Gilbert Dennis, the Washington modiste who has been hovering between life and death as the result of an assault in her appartments last week, is very greatly improved.

A New York dispatch states that the Dominion Securities Company has declared a dividend of 2½ per cent, payable Jan. 15. This is the first dividend on the stock and was declared out of earning for the first six months, the company having begun operations in June.

Chicago is threatened with a coal famine. The severe weather and the floods throughout the coal mining districts have prevented shipments, and the railroad companies are exercising their prerogative of confiscating car lots of coal as fast as they arrive and are putting them to their own use.

WIN PRAISE FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS "DAINTIES."

Christmas is too much of a festival to let any but the best pastries and cakes grace the table. Upon such an occasion there is only one Baking Powder that is good enough to use, and that is "Purity" Baking Powder.

Find out by personal experience what a grand powder it is.

The majority of good cooks use it. Why not you?

Only 20c pound.

CAIRNCROSS & LAWRENCE,
Chemists and Druggists,
216 Dundas St., corner Park Ave.

SEVERELY COLD

Alabama and West Virginia Report Men Frozen to Death.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—The temperature was 19 degrees below zero Thursday morning.

Camden, W. Va., Dec. 19.—Walter Provo, a farmer, was found by the roadside near here, frozen to death.

New Decatur, Ala., Dec. 19.—A stranger was found frozen to death on a straw stack near here today. A card in his pocket bore the name, "John W. Richmond, Cincinnati, Ohio."

LATE LOCAL ITEMS

—Judge Wm. Elliot heard over 30 cases today in the first division court.

—Mr. Felix Lewis and wife leave today for Montreal for a six weeks' visit.

—Mr. John Arnold has sold the Andrew Rouse farm in Plympton to Mr. Malcolm Campbell for $2,600.

—Detectives Rider and Egelton yesterday arrested John Woods, on a charge of seducing a young woman in Ingersoll. Chief of Police Wright took him back today.

—A very interesting Christmas advertisement of Grafton & Co. appears on page 3. Items of interest to ladies and gentlemen for the holiday trade will be profitable reading.

WEDDED AT THE SOO.

Mr. Jack Prescott, formerly bookkeeper at the Wayne Hotel, Detroit, and a son of Mr. George Prescott, of Oxford street, was wedded last week to Miss Bessie Day Jackson, well known in the younger society circles of Sault Ste. Marie. Mr. Prescott will go to Hot Springs to the Park Hotel at that place.

HEAD OF THEIR CLASSES.

Three former pupils of Principal McQueen's school (Victoria, London South) are at the head of their respective forms in the Collegiate institute. They are Miss Phyllis Henderson, niece of Mr. Thomas Alexander; Miss Marguerite Stuart, daughter of Rev. J. G. Stuart, and Miss Ada Nash, daughter of Mrs. Nash, of Stanley street.

ELECTED OFFICERS FOR YEAR.

The annual meeting and election of officers of Woodbine Lodge, No. 321, A. O. U. W., was held last night at the rooms of the lodge in Carling block. The officers elected were: Master workman, W. T. Cottam; foreman, David Hynd; overseer, Wm. Thompson; recorder, Joseph Ward; financier, A. Carrothers; receiver, J. B. Cox; guide, John Bayly; inside watchman, T. H. Bartlett; outside watchman, Geo. Finnegan.

I. B. S. CHRISTMAS CHEER.

The Irish Benevolent Society will on Tuesday deliver Christmas cheer to the homes of hundreds of needy people throughout the city. Last year the society adopted the plan of delivering the Christmas goods to the houses of the poor instead of distributing it to all comers from a central point. The plan was found to work so well that it will be carried out again this year. Last year nearly 250 homes were supplied with good things. The names of those who will receive Christmas gifts are those only of really deserving persons, and they have been obtained from relief societies, churches and other sources.

FOREST QUEEN OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected last night for Court Forest Queen, A. O. F.: Chief ranger, W. Brindlecomb; past chief ranger, J. Premo; sub chief ranger, C. Purdy; treasurer, F. Ball; financial secretary, R. H. Brock; senior woodward, W. Lyttle; junior woodward, J. Cambridge; senior beadle, J. Grayson; junior beadle, G. Carnahan; trustees, Messrs. A. O. Jeffery, G. Mortimore, J. Stevenson; auditors, Messrs. Harrison, Gregory and Wallace; court phyicians, Drs. Neu and Kingsmill; minute secretary, W. Harrison; suspension committee, Messrs. Brock, Harrison and Premo; correspondent to "Ancient Forester," W. Harrison.

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