

ITALY IN AFRICA

Battle Between the Troops and the Dervishes.

DECISIVE VICTORY FOR THE ITALIANS

Many Hundreds of Natives Killed in the Fight.

Sixty Squads and an English-Made Mitralleuse Captured—Two Italian Officers Killed, Two Wounded—The Dervishes Completely Routed—They Had Planned a Night Attack.

Rome, Dec. 22.—General Luigi Pelloux, minister of war, in the chamber of deputies to-day, announced a victory of the Italian troops over the dervishes between Kassala and Agordat in north-eastern Africa. The dervishes threatened to attack Agordat at night. The battle took place yesterday. The dervishes numbered ten thousands, and were completely routed, leaving a hundred dead, several wounded, and a mitralleuse captured by the Italians. The mitralleuse was made in England. The Italian loss was two officers killed and two wounded.

An Eventful Career. Panama, Colombia, Dec. 22.—Crawford Douglas, chief editor of the Star and Herald, died today. Mr. Douglas was born in Ireland. While an infant his parents sailed for Canada and settled near Toronto. When quite a young man he left for the Isthmus of Panama, and for a time was engaged in engineering work on the Panama railroad. Last summer he accepted the position of editor-in-chief of the Star and Herald. His relatives are in Canada. He was unmarried.

To Steal Baby Ruth.

Ahliene, Kan., Dec. 22.—A plan to kidnap Ruth, the celebrated child, was discovered by a Washington to-day in letters written from Washington to a man here. Two women were implicated in the scheme. The kidnaping was to be done in January. Steps have been taken to arrest the gang.

Horsewhipped a Judge.

Plainfield, N. J., Dec. 22.—Jeff Waggoner, who horsewhipped Judge Codding on Wednesday, was declared insane by the physicians yesterday. He spent yesterday in his cell drawing up claims for damages against the newspapers. He wants a billion dollars for each.

Robbed His Employers.

Saratoga, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Daniel Shaw, shipping clerk, was arrested at Greenfield Hills, his home, 12 miles from this city, to-day charged with robbing Arnold, Constable & Co. the great dry goods firm, of a large quantity of valuable trunks filled with silks and laces and fine linen to the value of \$8000. Shaw is in jail here. The stolen goods were all brought to Saratoga and are being held for identification and return. The prisoner is 45, and had been in the employ of Arnold, Constable & Co. for many years.

British Consul's Liqueur Law.

Charleston, S.C., Dec. 22.—The dispensary got another blow today when the arrest of J. S. Gallop, C. B. Swan, W. H. Pepper and C. B. McDonald, who are key men, was ordered. The United States circuit court before Judge Simonton, and were in the nature of a suit brought by Ava Cantini, an alien, and a subject of the kingdom of Italy, for \$10,000 damages. A considerable amount of liquor was found in the store on a street and searched for liquors, which they failed to find. On the same day they entered his house at 52 King street, maliciously searched the premises, with threats of violence, and carried away a number of cases of wine, the private property of the plaintiff, not offered for sale. The wine was imported before the passage of the dispensary law. Plaintiff's wife was ill at the time, was frightened, and the fight imperilled her life.

Glad of a Holiday.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 22.—The great haste with which members of congress left the city for the Christmas holidays was apparent this morning. The capitol was almost deserted. There was a casual visitor here and there and a few necessary employees in the house.

General American Duilings.

San Salvador, Dec. 22.—President Ezequiel contemplated a journey to the United States in February. Army reorganization is progressing. New guns for the artillery have been ordered.

Custom House Frauds.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Assistant Secretary Hamlin left Washington for New York last night to look into the matter of reported frauds at the New York custom house. Secretary Carlisle and Assistant Secretary Hamlin had a long conference with the president last night on the same subject.

Arrest of a Swindler.

Baltimore, Dec. 22.—S. S. Hart, who was president of the State Bank of Buckley, late of Washington, was arrested here yesterday, charged with embezzling \$30,000 of the funds of the bank. Hart is said to have many aliases and to have conducted his swindling operations in many states. Hart's home was originally in Baltimore, and he was at one time known as the champion billiard player of Maryland. His name then was Louis L. Kann.

Charged With Swindling.

New York, Dec. 22.—There was a panic in Judge Stecker's court, situated in the building on the corner of Second street and First street, this morning. There were some 150 people in attendance on some petty civil cases. When about half of them had been disposed of a rumbling sound was heard, and with a cry that the building was collapsing the crowd made a rush for the doors. For a time the court room was the scene of the wildest excitement. People fought with one another in their efforts

to reach the street first. Before half the crowd got out the door sank some three feet, which added to the excitement. This was followed by the banging outward of the walls. All got out in safety, however. The building has been condemned as unsafe several times.

POOR MRS. FOSTER.

Victim of Ottawa Snobs Officially Recognized—Nick Stek.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Although Lord Stanley while governor-general of Canada withheld the hospitalities of Government House from Mrs. Foster, wife of Hon. George Foster, minister of finance, his successor, Lord Aberdeen, invited Mrs. Foster and her husband to an entertainment at Rideau Hall last Wednesday evening. A few years ago Minister Foster married Mrs. D. B. Chisholm in Chicago, where she had just secured a divorce. Lord Stanley and Lady Macdonald decided that an American divorcee was not just the thing for Canada's eyes. A few years ago Minister Foster married Mrs. D. B. Chisholm in Chicago, where she had just secured a divorce. Lord Stanley and Lady Macdonald decided that an American divorcee was not just the thing for Canada's eyes. A few years ago Minister Foster married Mrs. D. B. Chisholm in Chicago, where she had just secured a divorce. Lord Stanley and Lady Macdonald decided that an American divorcee was not just the thing for Canada's eyes.

STILL UNCONFINED.

Report of Rio Captured by Rebels Not Yet Substantiated.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 22.—Inquiry at the Brazilian legation to-day revealed the fact that no cables had been received there from Rio which referred to the report that Rio had been captured by the insurgents and that President Peixoto had resigned.

San Borja Has Fallen into the Hands of the Rebels.

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enough, and the matter ought to be dealt with as a breach of privilege. Mr. Gladstone held that the matter should not be made the subject of a motion, declaring it to be a breach of privilege. He said further that Mr. Knox had absolutely withdrawn the statement.

Mr. Balfour, leader of the opposition in the house, suggested that Mr. Knox ought to be asked to specifically withdraw the statement that "several members of the house had been allotted shares, £3 being payable on the allotment, which they could sell the next day for 24."

Mr. Knox said he declined to withdraw what he knew to be fact. He only withdrew the inference that members had been influenced in their public conduct by receiving shares.

Mr. Balfour then said that this was the most serious accusation that had been brought against the house during the whole of his parliamentary experience. He recommended that Mr. Knox's apology be accepted; but moved that the statement be placed upon the records and that the words were a breach of privilege.

Sir William Verdon Harcourt, chancellor of the exchequer, said he doubted if anything could be gained by adopting the motion, which was negatived without division.

DAN COUGHLIN'S TRIAL.

Progress of the Hearing of Dr. Cronin's Charge.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—A sensational obstacle was raised to-day by the defence at the trial of Daniel Coughlin, which may keep the testimony of twenty important witnesses for the prosecution from reaching the ears of the jury. The taking of testimony came suddenly to a standstill, the witness whose story was objected to receiving orders to stand down. The jury retired, and during the argument the judge instructed the bailiffs to take the jury back to the hotel for the night. The judge was so impressed with the importance of the question that he adjourned the court without finally ruling upon it, although his previous remarks indicated a leaning towards the defendant. Mrs. Hermann, a milliner, wife opposite the Windsor block, where Dr. Cronin resided, was called upon to testify to a conversation at the Condon home, May 5, with Patrick O'Sullivan, in which the doctor's wife said something about Dr. Cronin being a spy and about the professional contract with the doctor.

Harrison Honored.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—A reception from 12 to 1 o'clock this afternoon was given in the rooms of the Trades League to ex-President Harrison. About 1000 of Philadelphia's business men shook hands with the ex-president. The reception was given to Harrison, Charles Stewart, escorted General Harrison to his home where luncheon was given and where the ex-president spent the afternoon. This evening he will attend the dinner of the Chamber of Commerce and respond to a toast. He leaves for home to-night. The ex-president was in consultation this morning with Whitehead Reid. The latter left for New York saying he would meet Harrison in California.

Nelson's First Trip.

Spokane, Dec. 20.—When Conductor Sinclair's train reached Spokane from the north at 6:30 o'clock last evening with 70 passengers the first round trip over the Spokane and Northern and Nelson & Fort Sheppard road was complete. The arrival of the train at Nelson, B. C., Tuesday evening was the signal for the wildest kind of a demonstration. The entire population turned out. Five gallons of free whiskey was opened by the passengers had fairly alighted from the cars. Free buses decorated with streamers took the passengers all over town, while a merry crowd followed the procession through the streets, making a tremendous din. Everything was free in Nelson, and a good many citizens in the town stayed up all night.

Eastern Canals.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—The condition of Duncun McIntyre is, if anything, improved to-day. Members of the family say he is doing nicely. St. John, N. B., Dec. 22.—Troop & Son have effected a settlement with their creditors by which they will pay 25 cents on the dollar in five payments, without security.

Three Rivers, Que., Dec. 22.—Monsieur Olivier Caron, vicar-general of the diocese of Three Rivers, died yesterday. He had suffered very much during the preceding night till six o'clock, but after that he was apparently without pain, and passed away very quietly. Deceased was 77, and had been office chaplain to the residents for over 38 years. He was created an apostolic protonotary some years ago by Leo XIII, as a reward for his services to the church.

The Brazilian War.

Pernambuco, Dec. 21.—Capt. Baker who left New York in command of the new Brazilian steamer Niteroi, has been superseded by Capt. Alvaro Nunes, formerly commander of the Brazilian warship Republica. The change is not well received by the Americans on board, but it is believed most of the expert men, especially the rapid-fire gunners, will continue in the service. Late to-day Capt. Nunes shipped 60 new men and sent several of the New York crew ashore. The rest of the seamen shipped at New York were compelled to sail in spite of protests and strike for higher wages. There was serious disturbance on board the Niteroi. Several men who desired to leave the ship engaged in a struggle with the remainder of the crew, and a number were finally clapped in irons and confined below decks. The Associated Press correspondent on board the Niteroi has learned that here consort, the America, has arrived at Maranhao and is expected here to-day or to-morrow, when both vessels will probably sail southwards.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Brazilian minister Meolbonca yesterday gave an interesting exposé of the significance of the retirement of Admiral Mello from the head of the revolution and the placing of Senor de Gama in the front. "These revolutionary chiefs," he said, "hold a meeting on November 27, two months after Admiral Mello had begun his movement. At that time Senor de Gama declined to ally himself openly with the insurgents, unless he was permitted to announce that the revolution had only for its object the restoration of the monarchy. Admiral Mello, however, felt that such a step would be unwise, and

MONSON GOES FREE

The Man Who Was Suspected of Having Murdered

YOUNG LIEUTENANT HAMBROUCH

Gains To-Day the Scottish Verdict of "Not Proven."

Equivalent to Acquittal, Though Leaving the Bar Minister of Death—Sentence of a Sporting Aristocrat—Death of Mr. Stanhope, Lord Salisbury's Secretary of State for War.

Edinburgh, Dec. 22.—The jury in the case of Monson, charged with the murder of Lieutenant Hambrouch at Ardmont Point, Argyllshire, some months ago, to-day returned a verdict of "not proven."

Ex-War Secretary Stanhope Dead.

London, Dec. 22.—Edward Stanhope, secretary of state for war from 1887 to 1892, died at his residence, Lord Salisbury, died suddenly this morning at Seven Oaks, Kent. He was born in 1840.

Mrs. Foy's Evidence.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Judge Tutill in the trial of Coughlin this morning overruled the objection of the defence to the admission of Mrs. Andrew Foy's testimony, but said she must be restricted to what she saw.

Determined to Stop It.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Edward Smith and James Thompson, who stopped a man on the street a few weeks ago and robbed him of \$45, were sentenced by Judge Wallace this morning to twenty years each in San Quentin. The judge in pronouncing sentence said he was determined to put a stop to the footpad business, and all the prisoners of this class brought before him would be severely punished.

Winnifred Stanton, the young woman who threw vitriol over Charles Stanzel, her lover, and formerly manager for Pugilist Corbett, was to-day sentenced to five years in prison.

Whiskey Men Will Resist.

Peoria, Ills., Dec. 22.—President Green of the whiskey trust, said to-day Secretary Carlisle's recommendation to increase the tax on spirits in bond: "I think the suggestion of ten cents a gallon is only a first step, but Congress will impose a considerably higher tax. That is generally expected by the trade, and to the application of the tax upon goods allowed in bond, on which tax had no constant effect, but that they were not to stand in law. The goods are admitted on what may be regarded as a form of contract, in which the amount of the tax to be paid is clearly stated, and to make this increase applicable to those goods would be an industrial injury. The best legal authority for the statement that any such attempt would be illegal, and it would be resisted on that ground."

Atchafalaya Topples.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—The Mariposa brought very little general news from Australia or New Zealand and Seneca. There has been a general election in New Zealand, and the government was restored by a handsome majority. It was the first election since women's suffrage became law, and ladies were conspicuous at all the polling places. Nearly 5,000 women voted in the North Island alone.

Steamers of the Messageries Maritimes Company will probably soon be coming to San Francisco. At present the vessels of that line run between Sydney and Marseilles.

When the Mariposa was at Sydney, Counte Douville Mallefeu was at Brisbane, and he was robbed of her pocket book and fur box. Miss Swift was passing an alley, almost within stone's throw of her home, when two men sprang out, threw her to the ground, and snatched her purse and box and ran away. The young lady was nearly choked by the men, who drew the box tightly about her neck. Mrs. Plawden Stevens was attacked at the same place and on the same day, but her screams secured the aid of another party. The events were reported in Brisbane and San Francisco, calling at Fiji, Hawaii and New Caledonia. If this line is put in operation there will then be three lines of steamers between the Pacific coast and Australia.

Daylight Robberies.

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Count Dillon's Suit.

New York, Dec. 22.—Two witnesses were examined yesterday before the referee in the suit brought by Count Arthur Dillon of Paris against the Commercial Cable Co., as a corporation, and individually as John W. MacKay and James Gordon Bennett, for a receiver and to recover \$500,000 and interest from 1890, which he claims is due him in the stock of the company. Consideration of the case was adjourned until this morning, when Larouche Croate counsel for the MacKay company, opened the case. He denied all the allegations of the plaintiff.

Convict Labor Contract.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 22.—The state board of penitentiary commissioners yesterday concluded to make a contract with Corbin & Co., of New York, to work 400 state convicts on the Sunnyside plantation. It is understood the convicts are to be fed, clothed, guarded and transported. The owners of the plantation are to furnish quarters, a general superintendent and give half the crop to the state. On days when the convicts cannot work they are to receive \$2.50 a month. The company is to advance \$2,500 a month to feed the convicts until a crop is raised. Sunnyside plantation is the finest and best equipped cotton farm

in the south and includes about 12,000 acres, 3,500 of which are now under cultivation, on a beautiful island about 30 miles long, in Lake Chicot. It was purchased by Austin Corbin & Co. and Count Ricasne of France some years ago, and they have, it is said, spent \$1,000,000 upon it. It is furnished with 200 fine tenement houses, ideal homes for superintendents, managers and "bosses" and implements of agriculture of the latest improved pattern. The governor thinks the experiment will prove profitable to the state.

GENERAL DISPATCHES.

News in Brief From Various Parts of the World.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The federal council have rejected the proposal to abolish the exceptional laws governing Alsace and Lorraine. This course was taken in harmony with the views of Prince von Hohenlohe, the imperial administrator, who thinks the two provinces are not ready for the ordinary legal conditions prevailing in other parts of Germany.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The new anti-anarchist law provides imprisonment and penal servitude for people who incite others to use explosives. Persons found in possession of chemicals for the manufacture of explosives for evil purposes are liable to fifteen years' imprisonment and persons causing explosions from ten years to penal servitude for life.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 22.—In the United States court today Postmaster W. H. Merrill of South Jacksonville was arraigned before Commissioner Walter on a charge of embezzlement of the funds of the government. The case was managed by Inspector Peter, who discovered the shortage. Merrill was arrested some time ago a shortage in Merrill's money order account. Merrill was arrested last night, and to-day he mortgaged most of his property to make the shortage good. He is an appointee of President Harrison. He was sent over by the commissioner to await the action of the grand jury.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—When his attention was called to the Chicago dispatch to-day stating that Milkman Meesters, a witness in the Cronin case, had been located in this city, Chief of Police Crowley said he knew nothing of the matter and had received no request from the Chicago authorities to look after the much-doubted witness. If he were concealed in this city, this fact was entirely unknown to the police.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Jane Stanford, widow of the late Senator Stanford, and ex-coproprietrix of his vast estate, yesterday confirmed the telegraph report that Leland Stanford, Jr., university is to receive an endowment of at least \$300,000 from one of the brothers of the late Senator Stanford. In the late senator's will \$50,000 was bequeathed to his brother, the late W. Stanford of Melbourne, Australia. This bequest has been turned over to the university.

Athens, Dec. 20.—The British war vessel Humbert collided with an Italian bark of Cape Matapan, the southernmost extremity of Greece, and cut her to the water's edge. There are no further details. The British ship Amphion has gone to the scene of the collision to render assistance.