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VICTORIAN ERA BALL.

Most Magnificent Spectacle Ever Seen in Toronto.

COSTUMES OF ALL KINDS AND NATIONS.

The Armouries Aglow With Color and Beauty—Arrangements Were Most Admirable — The Scene Witnessed by Thousands — A Message from the Queen—Fitting Celebration of Her Majesty's Long Reign.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Countess of Aberdeen have honored many cities in the Dominion by their hospitality and splendid entertainments, but Toronto has been especially favored in that it was the scene last night of the celebration of the Victorian Era ball, than which there has been nothing more magnificent given in Canada. It was nothing short of an historic event in the social history of the Dominion, and will always be associated with the names of Their Excellencies, who spared neither time nor expense, nor thought that this ball, in honor of Her Majesty's long reign, should pass off without a flaw, and linger long in the memory of those who participated, either as spectators or dancers, as one of the most beautiful and enjoyable of affairs.

The preparations for the Victorian Era ball were upon an immense scale; the Armouries were secured for the occasion and fitted out with ball room, supper room, cloak rooms and buffets; an immense kitchen was built for the occasion and fitted out with a great steam boiler and every cooking appliance and utensil; furnaces were put in to heat the vast place and electric lights in scores and hundreds were required both for lighting and decoration; everything that could be thought of to add to the comfort of the guests and the beauty of the scene was supplied generously and even lavishly, so that everywhere were heard expressions of delight and appreciation.

The Armouries were divided into two great sections, the western being converted into a splendid ball room, and the eastern section into a supper room of immense proportions. The walls of the ball room were beautifully draped in white and pink and latticed with evergreens. Galleries for the spectators ran along each wall and were all covered with green, which made a very effective background for the vari-colored gowns of the ladies. On the north side of the ball room an exterior view of Windsor Castle was framed by a magnificent porch or vestibule, with pink draperies and pillars, wreathed in evergreens at the top a great crown, flanked by the dates 1837 and 1897, glowed like jewels under softly-tinted glass bulbs. Wide green steps led up to the vice-regal chairs, and smaller steps led from the dais to the interior of the castle. This alone was one of the most charming spots in the room, and when filled with the vice-regal party, ablaze with jewels and stars and orders, was a sight not soon to be forgotten. The three great colonies were each represented by large arches. India having the central and east arch, Canada the south and Africa the west; the names of the minor colonies and British possessions all over the world decorated the crimson shields, which hung amid evergreens at various points along the walls, and each shield was surmounted by a crown, flanked by great red globes, which glowed like carbuncles in the green.

Light refreshments were served during the evening in a beautiful room, which was improvised for the occasion, high up between the supper and ball room, and immediately behind the great Indian arch. It was a most commodious and comfortable place and was much appreciated by thirsty souls during the long, gay hours of the dance. The west gallery, too, was a thing of beauty, all white with pink festoons and drapes, and divided off into panels, with green St.-Andrew's crosses. The supper room was immense in size, the floor covered with light, plain oilcloth and lighted with big white globes, which hung low above the innumerable tables, all sparkling with snowy napery and gleaming silver and glass. Covers were placed for 500 guests at a time, and, as there were over 2000 of these, the tables had to be replenished four separate times. The central table was splendid with silver candelabra and red and white candles; festoons of green and silver guirlands hung from the centre to the flower vases, which were gay with roses, and here Their Excellencies and party sat down to supper. Two other tables, one with bridesmaid roses and pink guirlands, and the other with violets and white hyacinths, were also reserved for the vice-regal parties, while the Lady Dorothea rose in quantities decked the tables of the guests. The walls of the supper room, too, were covered with white and festooned with pink, and silver candelabra and epergnes glittered and shone from every table.

The scene in the ball room, long before the arrival of the Vice-Regal party, was brilliant beyond description; the glowing light spread a soft radiance over the beautifully-decorated room, and on the hundreds of guests all seated closely in bright attire in the surrounding galleries; while in constant procession across the floor passed all the characters in fiction, art and music which the genius of the Victorian age has created; representatives from every land, to "the last least lump of coral," over which the British flag waves, passed in picturesque procession, and a goodly and inspiring sight it was. Among the American representatives, Lady Marjorie Gordon was a charming bit of Canadian girlhood, and Aide Wyatt, as a trapper, in skins and snowshoes, was much noticed; then there were noble red men, in war paint and feathers; miners, prospectors, and a delightful vision in golden yellow, with pick and nugget, suggested the now world-famous Klondike. There were Her Majesty's jollies, "soldiers and sailors, too," Highlanders, Hussars, Cape Rifles, judges in the wigs, theatrical personages in powdered wigs and patches; monks, professors, alchemists, all noted in fiction and easily recognizable; George Eliot's heroines, Romola, Maggie Tulliver, Dinah, in quaint, quiet costume; Hetty Adam Bede, Tito, the beautiful and false, and all the heroes and heroines dear to the lover of poetry and fiction. But easily surpassing all these, in gorgeous color and picturesqueness, were those composing the Indian group; girls, brown as berries and beautiful as houris, in the splendid Eastern attire of soft silks, gold and silver tinkling ornaments and with half-veiled faces, were grouped with Indian princes and potentates, in rich attire and huge turbans; South African warriors, with assegais, were there, and the Black Prince nodded his plumes amid a gay group of early Victorian maidens in hoops and rose-crowned heads. It was all a bewilderingly beautiful anachronism, a mingling of costumes and styles and personages from fiction and reality that gave a fine idea of what has passed during the reign of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.

At about 9 o'clock the whole vast assemblage rose as one to receive Their Excellencies, who entered with a brilliant suite, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Col. Gibson and others, and a couple of tiny pages supporting Her Excellency's train. Her Excellency looked handsome and regal in a Royal blue velvet gown, edged with ermine, cream Irish poplin, richly embroidered with designs in gold, bodice trimmed with same embroidery and Irish point lace. Train of cream Irish poplin, with deep border of gold Celtic embroidery, four designs in the famous ancient illuminated manuscript book of Kells. Train lined with crimson satin. Ornaments, Indian necklace and earrings of ancient emeralds, diamonds and rubies, with pearls and enamel, with other Celtic gold ornaments.

In her hair crimson court plumes and lace veil.

His Excellency, in the full dress uniform of Imperial Privy Councillor, with mantle of Saxon blue satin and crimson, with knights grand cross of St. Michael and St. George. Also the following orders: Collar and stars of St. Michael and St. George; star and badge of P.G.M. of the Order of St. Patrick; badge of baronet of Nova Scotia.

After the National Anthem, the bugles blared out the first historic dance, which was representative of the Empire, embracing North America, India and Australasia, Europe and Africa. It was a splendid and inspiring sight to see these groups all in characteristic costume, rich in color and beautiful in every particular, march through the intricate figures, now in single file, now in companies and again in a great moving mass of color, to the world-known tunes, the British Grenadiers, Maple Leaf and Rule Britannia; in this last air a fine effect was produced by the men's voices taking up the refrain "Rule Britannia, Britannia Rules the Waves." After the dance those taking part were all presented to Their Excellencies.

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MENU.

CHAUD.
Bouillon.
Petits salpicons de venaison.
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FROID.
Galantine a l'imperatrice.
Dindonneau roti.
Aspic de langue. Jambon.
Mayonnaise de volaille.
* * * *
Cailles roties aux tomates.
ENTREMETS DE DOUCEUR.
Baba a la Parisienne.
Charlotte Russe. Gelee en bellevue.
Gateaux varies.
* * *
Glace Neapolitaine. Petits fours.
Bonbons. Fruits glaces.
Cafe.

Off to China.

A farewell service was held at the headquarters of the China Inland Mission last night to bid good-bye to a number of missionaries, who leave for the Orient to-day. They are Mr. and Mrs. Home, and Misses Mackenzie, Macpherson, Weber, Standon, Macdonald, Bennett and Tilley.

McCarthy is All Right.

It was Henry Fields, not Phil McCarthy, who slashed his throat with a razor on Saturday night. McCarthy took Fields' part in the play that night, but Fields played the role himself at the hotel.

Telegraphic Briefs.

Mrs. Ballington Booth is much improved in health.

General Sir Charles William Adair is dead, in London.

The latest appeal on behalf of Theodore Durrant has been denied, and it is probable that the alleged murderer of Blanche Lamont in San Francisco will be executed.

President S. R. Callaway of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway says the long distance telephone is responsible for the falling off in passenger traffic on the railroads. Business men use the phone instead of taking a trip.

Five thousand Spanish workmen are employed in modernizing Gibraltar, which Great Britain will put in a state to afford absolute protection to a vast fleet. The heaviest artillery is being mounted and a great dock is under construction.

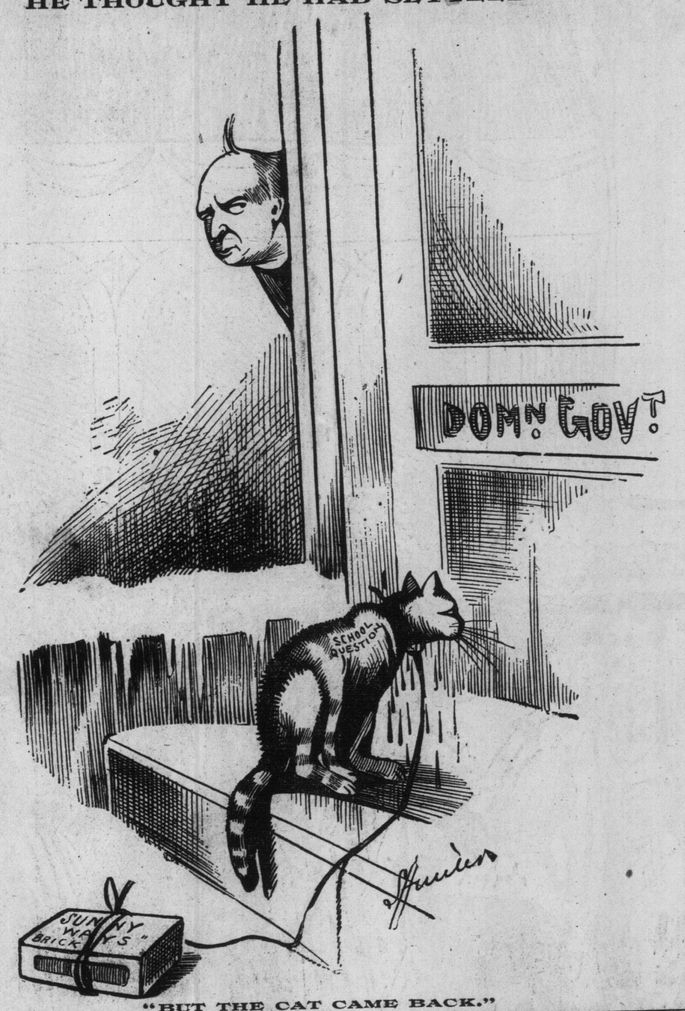
The steamships of the French Line have been ordered by their owners not to cross the Newfoundland banks during the fishing season (April to October). This will make their passages between New York and Havre about three hours longer.

The annual meeting of the American Geological Association opened at Montreal yesterday. Dr. G. M. Dawson of Ottawa was elected second vice-president, and Robert Bell of Ottawa one of the councillors. All other officers elected belong across the line. John J. Stevenson of New York being president.

Gideon Deguire and Joseph Lalonde, French-Canadians, have been committed at Montreal for trial charged with murdering Alexio Graeco, an Italian, at Coteau du Lac. The three were laborers on the Soulanges Canal, and it is claimed the Frenchmen were the aggressors in a fight which led to the killing.

James Lynch, the notorious York-street restaurateur, spent last night in the cells. He was arrested on a warrant charging him with aggravated assault upon Mabel Stewart, a woman of the town.

HE THOUGHT HE HAD SETTLED IT.



"BUT THE CAT CAME BACK."

ROBUST SCANDAL SCENTED.

Chapleau-Tarte Letter Still the Big Political Topic in Montreal.

The Little Extracts Have Intensified the Clamors for Publication of the Whole Epistle—The Star Has Not Heard of Mr. Tarte Shooting Anybody, and Suggests That Perhaps This is the Close Season for Banditti.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The extracts from the Chapleau-Tarte letter, published in The World yesterday, have created the impression here that one of the biggest scandals ever heard of in the constitutional history of Canada is about to be unearthed. Little was talked of to-day in political circles except this famous letter, and all hands are clamoring for its publication. The Star, after quoting The World's despatch, says editorially: "If His Excellency the Governor-General does not deem it to be his duty to demand from his Ministers an explanation of one of the gravest scandals in Canadian history, we can scarcely imagine but that when Parliament meets, 'ambitious Nova Scotia' will ask the attention of the House of Commons to the peculiar correspondence alleged to have taken place between a Minister of the Crown and the Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec. We have not heard of J. Israel shooting anybody; perhaps this is the close season for bandicti. But he has evidently been doing his best to temper the Grit atmosphere in the Cabinet, and even out of the Cabinet the temperature of the Grit atmosphere which surrounds him seems to have fallen very low. The letter must be very bad, indeed, if its publication can make a worse impression upon the public mind than its suppression is now making."

Of course everyone realizes instantly that "Ambitious Nova Scotia" refers to Sir Charles Tupper, and the extreme gravity of the case is at once made manifest by the fact that, although Sir Adolphe Chapleau had consented to enter the Tupper Government, he backed out at the last moment, and all sorts of rumors are afloat as to Sir Adolphe's motives in refusing a portfolio, which his friends at least had solicited. But the theory possessing the greater number of adherents is that Mr. Tarte sent Postmaster Danserean to Lieut.-Governor Chapleau, threatening His Honor with all sorts of revelations in connection with the North Shore Railway if he dared to enter Sir Charles' Government.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., patent solicitors and experts, Bank Commerce Building, Toronto.

Final Notice.

Having published a warning in the daily papers for a month informing the public that we have the sole right of selling and renting incandescent gas lights in Toronto and all cities and towns in Central Ontario, we now give notice that legal proceedings will be taken for damages and royalties against all persons hereafter renting, purchasing or selling any other incandescent gas light.

The Toronto Auer Light Company, Limited, 38 Toronto-street. 135

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King West. Ladies 75c; gents day 75c, evening 50c.

Eddy's cardboard box of matches contains about 2500 matches, all good, yet we have known of people who for one cent less will buy a smaller box of unknown and inferior matches and consider it a stroke of economy. 135

Edwards & Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants, Bank of Commerce Building. Geo. Edwards, F.C.A. A Hart-Smith C.A. 136

FARMERS' LOAN CO.

The Shareholders Will Hear To-Day the Exact State of the Defunct Concern.

The officials of the Toronto General Trusts Company have completed the verification of the list of shareholders and others interested in the Farmers' Loan and Savings Company. A report will be made before the Master in Ordinary to-day and his instructions asked for regarding meetings of the shareholders, depositors and debenture-holders for the appointment of advisory committees to act with the Trusts Company in the liquidation.

Thoughts of the New Year.

Each season brings its own peculiar duties and responsibilities, but at this season of the year there is one duty and one responsibility that no person should neglect. The Confederation Life Association issues a policy which may save your wife and family from poverty and neglect in case of your death or provide for yourself in your old age. Make it a point to secure one of these before another year begins, as your failure to attend to this matter now may mean a great deal to your wife and family before another year has passed. The Unconditional Accumulative Policy of the Confederation Life Association has no conditions and guarantees extended insurance or a paid-up policy after two years or a cash value after five years. Rates and full information sent on application to the Head Office, Toronto, or to any of the Association's agents. 136

Gibbons' Toothache Gum sold by all druggists from Nova Scotia to British Columbia. Price 10c.

Mr. R. J. Score in Ward No. 3.

Ex-Alderman Score is a candidate for alderman in Ward No. 3. Mr. Score, when he quit the Council before, left a splendid record behind him, and he is one of those who should certainly be elected in Ward No. 3. An active, energetic business man, of the highest reputation, he is just the type of representative that Toronto wants in her Council chamber.

Every grocer sells Monsoon Tea.

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We have for to-day and Friday fresh-caught fish of all kinds. Whitefish, salmon trout, haddock, cod, smelts, halibut, mackerel, salmon, flounders and Booth's best Baltimore oysters in quart and pint cans, also in bulk. Imperial and solid meats. Tel. 241, 169.

Pember's Vapor, Russian and Turkish Baths, 127 and 129 Yonge.

Good News for the Children.

By sending your name and address, plainly written, to Adams & Sons' Co., 11 and 13 Jarvis-street, Toronto, Ont., and one wrapper from the 5-cent Tutti Frutti gum, you will receive two beautiful paper dolls with movable heads and shoulders free.

Useful Xmas gifts—Neckwear, Mufflers, Fur-lined Gloves at Varcoe's, Rossin Block

Ask for "White Horse Cellar," Mackie & Co.'s celebrated Islay Blend 1746 Scotch whiskey, and you will get it at all the leading hotels and wine merchants; if not, please notify Philip Todd, agent for Canada, 36 King west.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W. Open all night. Bath and bed $1.

Grand & Toy's Snaps.

Day books, journals, cash books, ledgers, bill books, letter books, trial balance books, memo books, travelers' order books, invoice books. Grand & Toy, Wellington and Jordan-streets.

Something new—Lucky Strike Chewing Tobacco. High grade, popular price. Try it.

THE INDIAN RISING CRUSHED

British Columns Have Returned to Peshawur from Khyber Pass.

Military Operations on the Frontier Concluded and All the Rebellious Tribesmen Have Been Severely Chastised—Enemy's Loss Has Been Heavy—New Strategical Routes Discovered by the British.

London, Dec. 28.—A despatch from Peshawur says: "The British columns have returned from Khyber Pass, after punishing with slight opposition the Zakka Khels in the Bazar Valley. Military operations on the frontier are now concluded. Every Afridi and Orakzai valley has been visited.

"It now appears that the enemy's loss has been more severe than was at first believed, and out of all proportion to its possible fighting strength. Their trade with our centres for the necessaries of life has been closed and their autumn tillage prevented. The complete submission of the Orakzais is now accomplished.

"Many hitherto unknown strategical frontier routes have been surveyed and mapped out. The vaunted prestige of the Afridis has been lowered, and their punishment has paved the way for the permanent settlement of the country. It is firmly believed that, cut off from India and threatened with a re-invasion of their country in the spring, they will now submit. It is also expected that the internal friction resulting from the operations will prove almost as severe a punishment as the operations themselves.

Smoke the old reliable "Tonka Mixture," cool, lasting and sweet

Dineens' Fur Week.

Business men are preparing for the customary turning over of the new leaf for the New Year, with a new inventory of stocks. At Dineens', 140 Yonge-street, corner Temperance, stock-taking begins next week and there are thousands of dollars' worth of fur garments which the firm are desirous of turning into cash before Friday night. To-day, to-morrow and on Friday until 10 o'clock at night, Messrs. Dineen offer their patrons special closing prices on any fur garment desired for immediate purchase.

"Salada" Ceylon Tea is pure.

The finest stock of Rhine wines in Canada must be sold within the next few days, at the late Dawson & Co.'s store, 16 King-street west. Tele. 106.

"Salada" Ceylon Tea is delicious.

Suitable Picture Framing.

One of the choicest and newest lines of picture framing in the city can be found at A. H. Young's, 498 Yonge-street. Prices low for the quality of the goods.

Champagne, regular price $22, is now selling at $12 per case at Dawson & Co.'s store, 16 King-street west. Tel. 106. 34

Pember's Turkish Baths 75c. Evening 50c. Bath and Bed $1. 127 Yonge.

White Horse Cellar in the stoup is the popular Scotch whiskey at Ed. Sullivan's.

MARRIAGES.

HENDERSON-HANNAH—On Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the Church of the Redeemer, by the Rev. Septimus Jones, Isabella Mary (Dotty) Henderson of Port Elgin, to Mr. R. J. Hannah.

BRITISH DOGS OF WAR

Are Hovering Around Keeping an Eye on the Bear.

MORE THAN A SCORE OF H. M. WARSHIPS

Have Arrived at Port Hamilton for the Purpose of Seeing What is Going on.

The Japanese Fleet Said to be Also in the Immediate Neighborhood—John Chinaman is Getting Alarmed—No Settlement as Yet With Germany, and Funds Are Running Low—Japan Will Certainly Oppose a Permanent Occupation of Port Arthur by Russia—Shé Has Twenty Warships Assembled at Nagasaki, and is in Close Touch With Britain.

London, Dec. 28.—A special despatch from Shanghai says the British fleet has anchored at Port Hamilton. The despatch further says that a report is current at Ché-Foo to the effect that the Japanese fleet has also arrived at Port Hamilton.

Over 20 British Warships.

London, Dec. 28.—The Globe this afternoon says a private telegram reached London yesterday evening, announcing that over 20 British warships have arrived at Port Hamilton.

Port Hamilton, according to the maps, is a small island south of Corea, and not far from Quelpart Island.

CHINA IS BECOMING ALARMED.

German Question Unsettled and There Are Calamitous Forebodings.

Pekin, Dec. 28.—The German question is unsettled. China's difficulty is increased owing to the uncertainty of the attitude of the powers. Germany's withdrawal from Kiao Chou Bay is said to be conditional upon her finding a suitable naval station elsewhere.

China is becoming alarmed at the present situation. The Government appears to be utterly powerless. No answer has been received from Russia concerning the proposed loan, and there are calamitous forebodings connected with the sun's eclipse on the Chinese New Year's Day.

JAP FLEET OUTSIDE NAGASAKI.

Over Twenty Warships Waiting Near Goto Island for Instructions.

London, Dec. 29.—A special despatch from Shanghai, dated yesterday (Tuesday), says: "It is reported that a Japanese fleet of over 20 warships is waiting near Goto Island, outside Nagasaki, fully equipped for war, and only awaiting instructions. This includes the Yashima and the Fuji. The sudden dissonition of the Japanese navy, and the Chen Yuen, that was captured from China. The Japanese fleet, it is understood, is acting in close touch with the British squadron, under Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Buller, Commander-in-Chief of the China station.

Japan will certainly oppose a permanent Russian occupation of Port Arthur. The sudden dissonition of the Japanese Diet was owing to the war spirit. It is expected that the Japanese fleet will attempt to prevent the landing of reinforcements from Odessa for the protection of the Russian Trans-Asiatic Railway in Manchuria."

The War Spirit is Lively.

A despatch to The Times from Kobe, Japan, says the dissolution of the Diet has greatly angered the political parties. It is probable that the Marquis Ito, former Premier, and Count Okuma, a former Foreign Minister, will form a coalition Ministry, with a vigorous foreign policy. The military party is eager for action; extraordinary activity prevails at the military and naval depots, and warships are assembling at Nagasaki.

BATTLESHIPS AND CRUISERS,

Sloops and Torpedo Destroyers Which Compose the British Squadron.

London, Dec. 28.—The British fleet, now stationed in Chinese waters, under the command of Admiral Sir Alexander Buller, and Rear Admiral Oxley, embraces the following vessels: First-class battleship Centurion (flagship), 14 guns, tonnage 10,500; first-class cruisers (second flagship), Grafton, 12 guns, 7350 tons; Immortalite, 12 guns, 5600 tons; Narcissus, 12 guns, 5600 tons; Undaunted, 12 guns, 5600 tons; first-class gun boats, Peacock, 6 guns, 755 tons; Plover, 6 guns, 755 tons; Pigmy, 6 guns, 755 tons; Rattler, 6 guns, 715 tons; Redbreast, 6 guns, 805 tons; Redpole, 6 guns, 805 tons; second-class cruisers, Aeolus, 8 guns, 3600 tons; Rainbow, 8 guns, 3600 tons; Pique, 8 guns, 3600 tons; third-class cruisers, Archer, 6 guns, 1770 tons; Porpoise, 6 guns, 1770 tons; second-class gunboats, Fire Brand, 4 guns, 445 tons; Linnet, 2 guns, 736 tons; Spartan, 8 guns, 3600 tons; Swift, 2 guns, 756 tons; sloops, Dapane, 8 guns, 1140 tons; Wild Swan, 8 guns, 1130 tons; torpedo destroyers, Handy, 6 guns, 290 tons; Hart, 6 guns, 290 tons; despatch boat Alacrity, 4 guns, 1700 tons, and the store boat Humber of 1640 tons.

WHAT HAS CHINA DONE

That She Should Be Divided Up Among European Powers?

New York, Dec. 28.—In an interview with The World, Wu Ting Fang, Chinese Minister to the United States, explains the Eastern situation:

"What has China done?" he asked by way of preface, "that she should be divided up and parceled out among the powers? What is her offence against the nations or against civilization?

"Germany is incensed, we are told, because two of her subjects have been murdered. If this be true, my Government will make all the reparation in its power. It has never refused to do that, and, never having refused, there is no reason for German ships of war to seize Chinese territory.

"They talk of dismembering China. Why do they not partition Turkey? Everybody knows she was long the scourge of Europe and time and again has made bloody conquests, some of which she still holds. On the other hand, the Chinese have kept well within their own territory, and have never disturbed the peace of Europe.

"As for Russia, I have no notion that she intends to take any of our territory without our cordial consent. Russia may get concessions, but I do not think that means that we shall be divided up and handed around like cake."

An Austrian View

Vienna, Dec. 28.—The Neues Wiener Tageblat reinims that Count Goluchowski, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, foretold everything in the famous speech appealing to Europe to unite against America. It adds: "There is plenty of room for all, and if England will fight with the European powers against those dangerous rivals, the United States and Japan, the proof of what United Europe is capable will be given in Eastern Asia."

WHAT STARTED THE RACKET?

Russia Seized the Korean Finances and Forced a British Officer Out.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 28.—A copy of the peculiar and remarkable contract under which Russia seized the Korean finances and customs, and thereby forced out McLeavy Brown, the representative of English interests, recently, and which so offended England that the British Pacific squadron has been despatched to Chemulpo, near Seoul, the capital of Korea, has been received here, and a translation reveals the fact that Russia not only seized the finances and customs of Korea, but proposed to hold forever the same, notwithstanding that in her treaty with Japan after the China-Japan war she specifically agreed to join with Japan in maintaining the independence of Korea, and not to do any act that would jeopardize Japan's influence there. Japan has thus far observed the Russian-Japanese treaty regarding Korea, but in the above contract Russia has not only offended Japan, but aroused England. McLeavy Brown, however, refused to accept his dismissal and returned his discharge to the King and Emperor of Korea. He appealed to the British consul, and the latter reported the situation to England.

Turks Fired Again.

London, Dec. 29.—The Athens correspondent of The Daily Chronicle says: As the Greek gunboats to-day (Tuesday) were leaving the Gulf of Ambracia they were fired on a second time by all the Prevesa forts. The garrison, which was outlining the quay, also fired repeated volleys, though no damage was done. This action, after Turkey had apologized, is supposed to be intended to create a precedent for closing the Gulf.

THEY LIKE THE BRITISH FLAG.

West African Natives Escaped an Attack by French Native Troops.

Lagos, West Coast of Africa, Dec. 28.—Ilesha and Berehara, important Bariba towns, have been occupied by the Lagos Hausas. The inhabitants are enthusiastic over the presence of the British flag, as they feared an attack from French native troops, who are endeavoring to force themselves on the Bariba country and are devastating it.

Boycott of Harland & Wolff.

Glasgow, Dec. 28.—A newspaper of this city says the Employers' Federation is considering the question of boycotting Harland & Wolff, the shipbuilders who refused to join the federation. The Federated Employers propose not to deal with firms furnishing materials to Harland & Wolff.

Interview on the Sealing Question.

London, Dec. 28.—Col. John Hay, the United States Ambassador, had a conference to-day with Sir Thomas H. Sanderson, the permanent secretary of the Foreign Office, on the sealing question. The Marquis of Salisbury was absent.

Forty Conservatives Etc.

At the Arcade restaurant last night about 40 friends and members of the Liberal-Conservative Club eat down to dinner. The toast list included the "Conservative Party," responded to by Messrs. Medcalf, Rogers and Virtue; "Toronto," responded to by Messrs. J. R. Allan, F. McLeod and H. E. Johnston. "The President," by Mr. E. M. Dumas, and "The Club" by Messrs. Goold, Brown, Patterson and Beck.

Golden Cache Clean Up.

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The result of the Golden Cache clean-up of 750 tons put through was 210¼ ounces, or $3535; average $4.40 per ton.

Milder Weather.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Esquimalt, 48—50; Calgary, 24—40; Qu'Appelle, 12—38; Winnipeg, 2—30; Port Arthur, 6 below—24; Toronto, 4—24; Ottawa, 10 below—6; Montreal, 2 below—6; Quebec, 2 below—4; Halifax, 8—30.

PROBS: Southerly and southwesterly winds, mostly fair, turning milder, mild on Thursday.

Clothology—Oak Hall knows it from beginning to end. Their men's eight-fifty tweed suits are a sample.

Steamship Movements.

Dec. 28.	At	From
Obdam	New York	Rotterdam
Georgic	New York	Liverpool
Catalonia	Boston	Liverpool
Roumanian	St. John's, Nfld.	Liverpool
Bremerhaven	Antwerp	New York
H. H. Meier	Bremen	New York
L. Winnipeg	Liverpool	St. John's, Nfld
Sicilia	New York	Stellin
Westernland	New York	Antwerp
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