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MEN ALL DID THEIR BEST IN THE ZEEFONTEIN FIGHT

Twelve Hundred Boers Under Dewet Surprise British at Two in the Morning—Casualties Number Seventy—Enemy Had Two Wagon Loads of Killed and Wounded.

London, Dec. 29.—In a despatch to the War Office, Lord Kitchener gives further details of the action at Zeefontein, on Dec. 24, when General Dewet rushed the camp of Colonel Firman, who commanded four companies of Imperial Yeomanry. He says:

"The column was encamped on a solitary kopje, whose southern side was almost precipitous. The outposts on the northern side were well pushed out. The position, which was naturally a strong one, had also been entrenched. The night was moonlit, but cloudy. Details have not been received, but it is stated that the Boers climbed the precipitous southern side and collected near the top.

"At 2 o'clock in the morning, the Boers suddenly attacked the pickets on the summit, in superior numbers. Before the men in camp were able to get clear of the tents, the Boers rushed thru, shooting them as they were coming out. The officers were shot while trying to stem the tide. Lieut Harwich, who worked the pompom, was shot thru the heart. There was no panic among our men. All did their best.

"Including the casualties, half the column is now at Elands River Bridge. The remainder are prisoners. Two wagon loads of dead and wounded Boers were removed from the scene of the action. The Boers numbered 1200, and were under command of Dewet, who behaved well, leaving men to attend to the wounded.

"The Imperial Light Horse, which was 14 miles distant, arrived at 6.40 a.m., and pursued the Boers, but without effect."

The War Office prints a list of the casualties in the fight at Zeefontein, These include: Killed, 6 officers, 11 non-commissioned officers and 40 privates; severely wounded, 8 officers, and, missing, 5 officers.

Simultaneously with the above, the War Office gave out a despatch from Lord Kitchener, chronicling a big success of the South African Constabulary, who made a raid on Bothaville and captured 36 Boers.

SCHEEPERS IN HIS OWN DEFENCE.

Denies Murders and Justifies His Treatment of Natives—A Native Spy Killed.

Graaff Reinet, Cape Colony, Dec. 29.—Commandant Scheepers, who is probably the most hated of all the prisoners now in the hands of the British, and whose trial was recently suspended, owing to his physical collapse, today testified in his own behalf. He made a vigorous defence, and denied six of the seven murders with which he is charged. He declared that in the other case the man killed was a native spy, who had been tried regularly and convicted. Scheepers admitted whipping natives who had been found guilty of conveying information to the enemy, so-called unarmed native scouts being, in his opinion, simply spies. He said he had had them whipped frequently, and justified their shootng. He declared that the looting and burning of government buildings were reprisals, in accordance with Dewet's proclamation. Scheepers asserted that he always fed and treated his prisoners as well as he was able.

THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY AGAIN TO BE DISCUSSED

Lord Lansdowne Sees the Need of It and Lord Pauncefote Wants a Clean Slate.

Washington, Dec. 29.—It is expected that efforts will be renewed before long for the settlement of the numerous controversies which have long existed between the United States and Great Britain, growing out of relations along the Canadian border, the Atlantic fisheries, warships in the Great Lakes, the Alaskan boundary and other questions. Heretofore, the negotiations designed to secure a settlement of the matter recited have not proved effective, largely because of the cumbersome machinery of negotiations, and this has led to a belief that much more could be accomplished by direct negotiations between Secretary Hay and Lord Pauncefote, on the main points, and the subsequent assembling of a commission representing the United States, Great Britain and Canada, to give form to the basis of agreement rendered.

Lord Pauncefote desires to clear up all pending differences, and have a clean slate before his present term as Ambassador comes to a close. When he came to Washington, there were four great issues between the two governments. The first of these was the Behring Sea controversy, which had reached an acute stage. Diplomacy disposed of this issue. The second issue was over Venezuela, which, like the seal question, at one time threatened war. But the efforts of diplomacy were again successful. The third important issue was the Isthmian Canal, which has been satisfactorily disposed of by the recent Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.

This leaves only one issue remaining, in order to bring about a "clean slate," viz., the border controversy, both as to Canada and Alaska. At present, a modus vivendi exists as to the Alaskan boundary, chiefly for the purpose of avoiding a clash along the border, and holding each side in check until a final boundary is determined upon.

It seems to be conceded on both sides that the modus cannot be carried on indefinitely, and that, sooner or later, the main question of establishing a permanent boundary must be settled. Lord Lansdowne's desire to take up the question was expressed clearly in his note to Secretary Hay last spring, when the British government declined to accept the same amendment to the first Hay-Pauncefote Treaty. Recently, Lord Lansdowne again has expressed in speeches the need of taking up the Alaskan boundary question.

These declarations by the head of the British Foreign Service, together with the well-known wish of Lord Pauncefote to clear away all pending differences between the two governments, doubtless will lead to the formal exchanges necessary to an adjustment. Just what steps will be adopted are not disclosed, but it seems likely that direct negotiations and the subsequent assembling of a commission will commend itself to the parties concerned, as the most feasible procedure.

Warehouse Site.
$250 per foot purchases magnificent building lot, West Wellington-street, between Bay and York; lot 65 feet frontage by 110 feet, to wide lane; special terms for quick sale. See my list of special bargains in real estate column this issue. H. H. Williams, 10 Victoria-street.

Thomas' English Chop House—music from 5 to 7.30 p.m.

DOCTORS ORDER STRATHCONA.

London, Dec. 29.—It is stated that Lord Strathcona, altho restored to health, left London by express orders of his medical advisers.

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GUELPH LIBEL SUIT.

The Guelph Herald has instituted an action for libel against The Mercury about some comments of the latter concerning the former's reports of a year ago.

Pember's Turkish Baths, 129 Yonge.

MARCONI IN MONTREAL AT OTTAWA TO-NIGHT

Purpose is to Consider Future Plans and to Thank Government for Friendly Offices.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 29.—Signor Marconi arrived from Cape Breton to-night. He was accompanied by an attendant and by Mr. Smith, secretary of the Canadian Postoffice Department. Marconi will remain in Montreal to-morrow, when he will be the guest at a luncheon, tendered him by the Elder-Dempster Company. Mr. Marconi said to-night that he had not come to Canada to interest Canadian capitalists, as he had all the financial backing he required. He will leave for Ottawa to-morrow evening to confer with the Canadian government.

IN OTTAWA TO-NIGHT.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Word has been received that Signor Marconi will arrive in Ottawa to-morrow night.

MILLIONS IN HIS GRASP.

Marconi Disdains an Offer of $1000 a Night for Lectures.

Halifax, Dec. 29.—Signor Marconi passed thru here yesterday from Sydney, bound for Montreal, where he will arrive to-night. With him, on the train, was the Canadian Minister of Militia, who met him at Truro.

Marconi laughed at the published statement that he was to be married while on this side of the Atlantic, on this occasion. He said it is true that he is engaged, but that his marriage is yet quite a distance in the future. He will reach New York on Jan. 2, if his conference with the Canadian government at Ottawa does not unexpectedly detain him longer, and he will do his best to be in England by Jan. 10.

The four sites for stations that he has examined on this coast are all open to the same objection, as the line of communication for messages passes over a part of Southern Newfoundland. He thinks that this land resistance can be overcome by increased power at the stations. If the land should prove an insuperable difficulty, however, Marconi says that he will place a station on the Azores. The King of Portugal is anxious that he should do so. This will not be done, tho, till the inventor has clearly demonstrated that the intercepting portions of Newfoundland cannot be overcome.

It turns out that the site examined at Louisburg is the property of the Cape Breton Railway. A. L. Meyer of Broadstreet, New York, one of the directors of that company, told Mr. Marconi that his company would be glad freely to give him the site and all the land required for the station. This makes the second such offer, the Dominion Coal Company having made one the day before.

Marconi has received an offer of $1000 a lecture, for 12, to be delivered by him in the United States. He declined. Marconi's hopes and ambitions soar beyond lecturing at $1000 a night. He is neglecting the immediate development of short-distance wireless telegraphy, in which, he says, money can be made at once, in order to demonstrate the possibilities of trans-Atlantic work, and he says that he has no inclination to stand on the lecture platform while such a great matter engages his attention.

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Smokers' presents Cigars 10 in box—Havana. Alive Bollard, manufacturer.

LEAVES ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—Mr. F. H. McGuigan, general superintendent of the Grand Trunk System, stated to-day that Mr. Hays, who is now in St. Louis, will probably leave for Montreal on New Year's Day.

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PRISONERS RELEASED.

London, Dec. 29.—The War Office has received a despatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Johannesburg, saying that the British prisoners, captured when the Boers successfully rushed Col. Firman's camp at Zeefontein, Dec. 24, have been liberated.

PEACE TERMS FOR BOERS KITCHENER NOW ACTING

Burned Homesteads to Be Rebuilt at British Expense—General Amnesty Within a Year.

New York, Dec. 29.—The Sun's London correspondent cables: During the past week there has been a continuance of those indefinite and contradictory rumors regarding steps toward the re-establishment of peace in South Africa, which have been prevalent for many weeks now. There has not been even the slightest intimation from any official source on which these rumors can be based, but the belief that there is good foundation for them increases steadily.

The following information comes from a source which there is every reason to believe is accurate and trustworthy. Negotiations for peace, informal but extremely promising, are actually proceeding between Lord Kitchener and the Boer leaders in the field. Lord Kitchener, thanks mainly to the influence of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, England's Chancellor of the Exchequer, has a free hand, subject only to reference on political matters to Lord Milner.

Gen. Louis Botha has already received assurances that the burned homesteads of the Boers will be rebuilt at the cost of the British imperial exchequer. He has also been informed that if peace can be arranged the banished leaders will be permitted to return to their country within twelve months of the official proclamation of a settlement, and that within the same period an amnesty, which shall include the convicted Cape rebels, will be declared for all bona fide acts of war.

Practically the only question of importance still at issue is the form and extent of local self-government, which shall be allowed the burghers of the Transvaal and Orange River Colonies. Even that, according to present information, does not present insuperable obstacles.

If the Boers obtain the terms here indicated their heroic endurance will undoubtedly have received the reward which could have been gained by no other method. The recent successes of Christian Dewet and other commandants may for a time make it more difficult to persuade some of the most irreconcilable of the Boer leaders to abandon the unequal contest. It now seems certain that whatever part the Boer representatives now in Holland may take subsequently, the first negotiations must be with the leaders in the field.

PLANS OF KING AND QUEEN.

Both Are Going Abroad During the Coming Spring.

New York, Dec. 29.—The Herald's London correspondent says: I am informed that there is no truth in the report that the King and Queen are to go into residence at Windsor in February. They will stay at Sandringham, off and on, till the opening of parliament, when they will come up to Marlborough House for some little time.

Early in March the King will go abroad, probably to the Riviera. The Queen will then go to Sandringham, there to remain till she starts for Copenhagen, early in April.

Their Majesties will entertain Prince Nicholas of Greece at Marlborough House in February.

COMING TO AMERICA.

Santos-Dumont Will Sail for New York Next Spring.

Paris, Dec. 29.—M. Santos-Dumont informs me that he intends to go to New York in the spring.

He will make a series of ascensions at Monte Carlo after next week with his new balloon before attempting his proposed trip to Corsica.

About April his motors, machinery, etc., will be shipped to Genoa, whence he will sail for New York.

His intention is to conduct his future experiments in America, where his energy, initiative and fresh ideas should find congenial surroundings.

THE POPE IS ILL.

New Year's Reception to the Diplomatic Corps Postponed.

Paris, Dec. 29.—A despatch from Rome says the Pope is ill. The New Year's reception to the diplomatic corps has, therefore, been postponed.

SCHOONER HAD RIGHT OF WAY.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 29.—Judge McLeod yesterday gave judgment in the suit of the Nova Scotia schooner Roland against the steamer Pawnee. The schooner was sunk by the steamer in the Bay of Fundy some months ago. Capt. Norris, the owner of the Roland, got judgment for $4000, the value of the schooner. Joseph A. Likely, the owner of the cargo of coal, got judgment for $735, and the crew of the schooner received the sum amount of their claim. The judge held that it was the duty of the steamer to keep out of the way of the schooner.

Music and Musical Instruments by auction, 2 and 7.30 p.m. Butland's, 37 King West.

New Williams Machines $25—289 Yonge Street.

HIS ONLY REGRET.

St. Thomas, Dec. 29.—A letter to Andrew J. Clark from relatives in Ireland tells him that a few days before Dr. Flannery's death he said his only regret was that he could not see his old friends in St. Thomas once more and expressed a wish that his remains be embalmed and sent there for interment, there to rest among his beloved people. It is said it is the intention of his former parishioners to erect a memorial tablet to his memory to be placed in the Church of the Holy Angels.

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CAMBRIDGE'S SON DEAD?

London, Dec. 29.—The Echo prints a rumor that Alexander Ormonde FitzGeorge, the eldest son of the Duke of Cambridge, died last night at Farnham, in Surrey.

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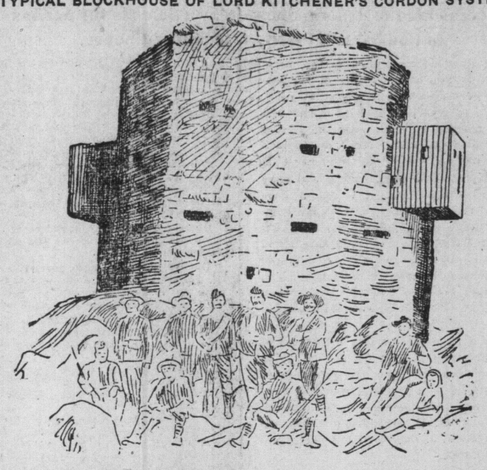

One of the Blockhouse Forts now being erected thruout the Transvaal and Orange River Colonies.

HON. HORACE PLUNKETT ON THE IRISH QUESTION

At National Club Dinner He Deals With the Problem in a Commonsense Manner—Empire Needs to Be Harmonious if it is to Stand as a World Power.

In the National Club on Saturday night an engrossing, passionless exposition of the Irish question, the question that has baffled statesmen and ruined the political lives of hundreds, and that has caused untold trouble for generations, was given by a distinguished Irishman, and one eminently fitted to handle the subject—Hon. Horace Plunkett, ex-M.P., whose name has become well-known thru the celebrated election contest he had with Col. Lynch of the Boer army for Galway, in the imperial parliament. The occasion was a dinner given in his honor. Mr. Plunkett resembles Lord Aberdeen, late Governor-General of Canada, and the welcome he received was cordial in the extreme.

The dinner was the usual pleasing affair that all National Club dinners are. Everything was splendidly arranged and carried out to the letter. The party sat down promptly at 7.30 o'clock. Shortly after 9 the speeches commenced, and at midnight an exceptionally enjoyable evening had terminated all too soon.

The president of the club, Mr. J. F. Ellis, was chairman, and on his immediate right and left sat the guest of the evening and Hon. G. W. Ross, and around the handsomely decorated tables sat 75 or so others.

Letters of regret at not being able to be present were received by the secretary from Hon. William Mulock, Dr. G. R. Parkin, Hon. F. W. Borden, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the presidents of the Toronto and Albany Clubs, Judge Ferguson and others.

Those Who Sat Down.

Among those present were: Frank Arnoldi, K C, W K McNaught, Rev Prof G M Wrong, Col James Mason, R Millichamp, Rev Prof Cody, W Laidlaw, W P Gundy, W C Matthews, W J Davis, J R Shaw, G H Kilmer, Farquhar Shaw, W A Medland, W Moffatt, A R Capreol, E W Cox, Arthur White, R Northcote, Noel Marshall, L T Pemberton, James P Murray, S Casey Wood, J H Woods, A Kelley Evans, E T Carter, E A Willis, W F Cockshutt, S G Beatty, S Frank Wilson, R A Smith, R Defries, E D Fraser, H J Carter, H R Marshall, F W O'Flynn, A D Lawrie, Hugh Blain, W E Thompson, K C, J S McMaster, F Wyld, Robert Jaffray, Alex Nairn, Dr J I Davidson, W H R Anderson, W B Tyndall, A J Mason, T G Mason, S George Curry, W Goulding, Fred M Rutter, A F Rutter, Fred B Fetherstonhaugh, T A Russell, J W G Andras, G G Burnett, Philip Dykes, J Alex Culverwell, S W McMichael, F S Belton, R S Wilson, G T Irving, Frank Denton, K C, P C Larkin, J Worrell, K C, J T Small, G R R Cockburn, Dr G Kennedy, W K George, President Loudon, Col G T Denison, A E Kemp, M P, J Wylie Grier.

After the toast to the King had been honored, the chairman said: "It affords me a great deal of pleasure to introduce our guest, Mr. Plunkett, to you all. This gentleman is the man from Galway, but as recent results have shown, he is not the man for Galway. [Laughter.] However, this I can say, our guest's one life-long ambition is to improve the conditions of his native country, Ireland, and I am sure we heartily sympathize with him in his wish. [Cries of "We do."] Mr. Plunkett, I might tell you, is a very busy man, so busy, in fact, that he has not had time to look around and pick out for himself a companion. [A voice: "Poor man."] He comes among us full of his mission, and I am sure you will all be glad to hear him."

The Guest of the Evening.

When Mr. Plunkett arose cheers for him-

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ITO'S LONDON MISSION DESIRES IMPERIAL AID

Wants Japanese Excluded From Operation of Australian Immigration Legislation.

London, Dec. 29.—The Marquis Ito, who is now in London, loses no opportunity of making it known that his visit is entirely one of pleasure and that when he left Japan he had no intention of coming to England. The latter statement is undoubtedly correct, for it is now learned that he altered his plans while he was in the United States on receipt of a cable request from the Japanese government to go to London and see what could be done to bring imperial influence to bear upon the Australian commonwealth government to agree to exclude the Japanese from the scope of the colored immigration legislation.

Marquis Ito discussed the question with Lord Lansdowne at the Foreign Office yesterday. He doubtless referred to it in the course of his long audience with the King, but the most important interview the Marquis will have in this direction will be with Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, the date for which has already been fixed. The Marquis expresses great admiration for Mr. Chamberlain's character and ability. He will find him sympathetic enough, no doubt, but certainly too astute to interfere directly with the Australian Commonwealth in such a delicate business.

Opinion here universally favors a certain limitation in favor of the Japanese, and it is well known that one of the chief objects of high imperial policy is to have the closest understandings with Japan. All accounts agree, however, that the feeling in Australia is very bitter on this subject, making it dangerous for the home government to try to use any undue pressure on a great self-governing federation.

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NOT FOR KOCH.

London, Dec. 29.—An interim report of the Royal Commission on Tuberculosis is expected to be issued shortly. It appears that the laboratory researches of members of the commission do not tend to modify the accepted theory on the question of communication of tuberculosis, which was undisturbed until Professor Koch made his startling statement at the Queen's Hall Congress.

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BOERS AIM TO TIRE OUT LORD KITCHENER'S MEN

Plan to Make England Realize That Campaign of Occupation Costs Blood and Money.

Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—The Record's London correspondent wires: The generally accepted idea that the Boer military program has become a haphazard affair is erroneous, according to a Boer representative in Europe, who is well qualified to speak upon the matter. According to him, the Boer war policy has undergone no change and is being systematically carried out. It is to tire out and wear out the British forces and to diminish them by fighting only when the Boers can strike without great danger to themselves. He says:

"Our military operations are perfectly well defined and consistent. For many months our main purpose has been to prolong the British occupation indefinitely while reserving our strength for occasional strokes sufficiently methodical and effective to cause the most obstinate British jingoes to hesitate before dubbing us 'roving ruffians.'

Striving for Dramatic Effects.

"Furthermore, our generals understand the art of properly stage managing their attacks, and so time what they do as to give it the greatest possible sentimental value. They realize that unexpected revivals of Boer activity count more for good to the burghers when they interfere with British plans for national rejoicing and turn holidays into days of mourning.

"Boer generals like to wait until convictions possess the British mind that the war is nearing an end, and then tear up those convictions by the roots. Such a policy accomplishes as much as we know how to accomplish in the direction of breaking the spirit of the nation that is trying to exterminate the Boer Republics. Our tactics—witness the recent operations on the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony—quickly accommodate themselves to changes in Lord Kitchener's methods of warfare.

Attacks on Weary Columns.

"By means of long night marches the British surprised the burghers for a while, but now our soldiers watch them and attempt to launch attacks on the marching columns at the end of their exhausting labors.

"Kitchener's blockhouses and barbed wire fences are spreading in spite of the efforts of the Boers to stay them, but many months must elapse before the vast stretches of South Africa can thus be closed. Meanwhile we are showing such correspondents as Burleigh that the burghers find land to cultivate and operate to raise mealies. When the blockhouses and barbed wire fences really hinder our plan of campaign perhaps we will find means of breaking thru them."

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MAYORALTY.

Everything points now to a short and sharp contest from the nomination at 10 o'clock this morning until the close of the polls a week hence. Mr. W. F. Maclean is a candidate against Mayor Howland, and will present his claims for the office at the nomination meeting this morning.

SEVEN WENT THRU ICE ONE LITTLE GIRL LOST

Sad Skating Fatalities at Merritton in Which Flossie McDonald Was Drowned.

St. Catharines, Dec. 28.—About 6 o'clock to-night seven small children, ranging in ages from 8 to 15, while skating on a pond near the Grand Trunk freight shed in Merritton, broke thru the ice, and all had narrow escapes from drowning. Six of them were rescued, but one little girl, named Flossie McDonald, is still under the ice. William Darling heard the screams of the unfortunate children. He grabbed a pole and jumped into the icy waters. Six of the little ones clung to one another. One succeeded in getting hold of the pole Mr. Darling held, and had strength enough to hold on and bring his comrades with him out of the water. The other little girl by this time had sunk from view and was drowned. Dr. Vandecburg and others after six hours' hard work restored to life the six children. Five of them it was feared could not be brought to, but after some minutes showed signs of life, and at 7 o'clock were said to be out of danger. The names of the children rescued were: Four Ramseys, one McDonald and one Leamey. Flossie McDonald was 9 years old, and the daughter of a prominent family of Merritton.

TOOK AN OVERDOSE.

Miss Hemmerly Used Carbolic Acid to Cure Sore Throat.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Last night a young woman, Miss Hemmerley, while staying with her sister, Mrs. Pellusch, complained to a young lady friend, who had called on her, that she was suffering from a severe sore throat, and was told that a carbolic acid solution was good for it, and on saying there was none in the house her young lady friend volunteered to send her some. She, Miss Hemmerley, who was alone, prepared the solution and took it. Her sister, on returning home later, found her in bed suffering terrible agony from the overdose, which she must have taken. Medical aid was quickly summoned, and all was done possible to relieve the unfortunate girl to no purpose, death relieving her suffering early this morning. Deceased was 21 years old.

FOUND DEAD.

W. L. Coulter Evidently Committed Suicide at Avening.

Creemore, Ont., Dec. 29.—W. L. Coulter, a prominent merchant of this place, and who resided at Avening, two miles from here, was found dead last night in his stable at Avening, with a bullet wound in his head and his gun lying under him. He was last seen by his family about 11 o'clock in the morning, when he left the house presumably to go to Creemore, as was his habit. His son came up to the store here in the afternoon and, finding that his father had not arrived there, he at once returned to Avening, and a search was instituted, resulting in the body being found in the stable as stated. The County Crown Attorney at Barrie was communicated with and decided that an inquest was unnecessary. As far as is known there is nothing to indicate that he contemplated committing suicide and it will probably never be known whether the shooting was other than accidental. He leaves a widow and three children.

SENDING DEBTORS TO PRISON.

British System Has a Good Effect in Forcing Payment.

London, Dec. 29.—There is a popular impression that imprisonment for debt has been abolished in Great Britain. The County Court returns for 1900, which are just published, show that 4692 debtors were imprisoned during that year. Technically they were imprisoned for contempt of court in failing to pay after the judge of the County Court had ordered them to do so, but the non-payment of debts was the real offence. The system apparently had a good effect in the case of the majority of the debtors, as the returns show that of 129,044 against whom commitment warrants were issued, 124,352 paid up when they came face to face with the alternative of going to prison.

CASTIGLIONE LETTERS.

Those Seized at Spezzia Now Said to Be Unimportant.

Rome, Dec. 29.—Despatches from Spezzia state that the papers seized at the residence of Angelica Vergazzola, who was lady's maid to the late Countess Castiglione, prove to be unimportant. It was stated when the woman was arrested that voluminous private correspondence of great historic interest between the Countess and Napoleon III., King Victor Emmanuel and Cavour had been discovered.

SMALLPOX IN SOMERSET HOUSE.

London, Dec. 29.—The epidemic of smallpox in London is increasing steadily, and there are now 637 cases under treatment. The latest cases reported include two in the Probate Department in Somerset House. These are attracting considerable attention owing to the danger involved to officers who handle wills and others who examine them, as these documents are often signed in sick rooms.

Edwards and Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants, offices Canadian Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

WHEN CROKER SAILS

New York, Dec. 30.—The Press this (Monday) morning makes the following announcement: Richard Croker will sail for Europe on or about Jan. 23. When he returns he will not be leader of Tammany.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Camera Club, 8 p.m.
Annual dinner Ridley College Old Boys, Temple, 7.45 p.m.
City License Commissioners, 4 p.m.
Ministerial Association, 10 a. m.
Nominations—For Mayor, City Hall, 10 a.m.; for Aldermen, 7.30 p.m.: Ward 1, Dingman's Hall; Ward 2, Pavilion; Ward 3, Victoria Hall; Ward 4, Broadway Hall; Ward 5, West Association Hall; Ward 6, St. Mark's Hall.
"Dolly Varden," Princess, 8 p. m.
Robert Mantell in "Richard the Third," Grand, 8 p.m.
"A Convict's Daughter," Toronto, 2 and 8 p. m.
Vaudeville, Shea's, 2 and 8 p.m.
"Wine, Women and Song," Star, 2 and 8 p. m.

For the holiday season, we are showing some very choice neckwear for both ladies and gentlemen.—Harcourt & Son, 37 King St. west. 135

NEARLY TEN MILLIONS ADDED TO PUBLIC DEBT

With the Largest Revenue in the Country's History There Was An Addition to the Indebtedness Last Year of Nearly Three Millions—Loss on the I.C.R.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—With the largest revenue in the country's history, there was an addition to the public debt during the last fiscal year of nearly $3,000,000. The exact amount added to the debt was $2,986,196, leaving the net debt of the Dominion at the close of the fiscal year $268,480,000. In five years the Liberal administration has added $9,982,569 to the public debt, and that during a period of constantly expanding revenue.

The total revenue and expenditure for the five years have been:

	Expenditure.	Revenue.
1897	$42,972,755	$37,829,778
1898	45,384,281	40,556,510
1899	51,542,635	46,743,102
1900	52,717,466	51,031,466
1901	57,984,866	52,516,332

Deducting from the difference between expenditure and revenue the amount of the sinking fund each year, the net additions to the debt are found to be:

1897	$3,041,163	1899	$2,317,047
1898	2,417,802	1901	2,986,196

In the year 1900, the debt was reduced by $779,639.

The railway subsidies paid during the fiscal year 1901 amounted to $2,512,328; paid to the following companies:

Atlantic and Northwestern	$186,600	Midland	$170,264
Massawippi Valley	5,376	Canadian Pacific	92,800
Great Northern	345,323	Ottawa and New York	90,000
South Shore	88,400	Quebec Bridge	74,570
Inverness and Richmond	132,800	St. Mary's River Railway	75,000
Canadian Northern	537,600	Crow's Nest Pass Railway	205,523
Grand Trunk	228,371	P. P. J. and Gatineau Railway	212,500
Central Ontario	67,200		

The Intercolonial Railway was operated at a net loss of $488,186 for the fiscal year, while there was spent upon it $3,633,836 on capital account. The revenue of the road increased $420,164, compared with the previous year, but the working expenses increased by $1,029,017.

The official explanation that the increase is largely due to enhanced cost of coal probably refers to the 100,000 tons of American coal which Mr. Blair bought last winter at $1.60 higher than the ruling Canadian price. The loss on the operation of the road in 1900 was $120,667. The loss on the Prince Edward Island Railway that year was $46,193. In 1901 it was $67,882, and the capital expenditure upon the road $280,173.

The receipts on Dominion lands for the year were $1,517,319, the principal items being $209,399 for timber dues, $349,518 for mining fees, $594,368 royalties and $125,861 for miners' certificates.

The government made a profit during the year of $271,987 on silver coinage and $22,384 on copper coinage.

WATER SPOUT DROWNS TWO HUNDRED.

Part of Saffee, Morocco, Under Water for Twelve Hours—Enormous Damage Done.

Tangier, Dec. 29.—A water spout has burst over the town of Saffee, Morocco. It inundated the lower part of the town for the space of 12 hours, sweeping everything into the sea. Two hundred persons are reported to have been drowned. There are no Europeans among the dead. The damage to Saffee was enormous. Saffee is a fortified seaport town of Morocco. It has a population of 12,000, including about 9000 Jews. It is enclosed by massive walls, and has a palace and a small fort.

TWENTY FATALITIES IN COLUMBIA STORMS

An Entire Indian Village on the Coast Swept Into the Pacific.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 29.—Twenty fatalities are reported from exposure and drowning as a result of the terrific wind, rain and snowstorm of Thursday night and Friday, in which more than thirty salmon canneries were destroyed, railroad tracks were washed away and towns were four feet under water.

An entire Indian village and the buildings of a big quarry on the upper coast were swept into the sea.

The ship Santa Clara of San Francisco is still hard and fast on Trial Island, the efforts of the tugs to remove her having proved fruitless. The captain still has hopes of saving her.

The bark Burn, which, like the Santa Clara, drifted from Trial roads during the gale Christmas, was located to-day, safe at anchor off San Juan Island. The tug Coleman was passing Destruction Island with a brigantine in tow, when her engines went wrong. The brigantine made sail and escaped, and the tug was still drifting at last reports, her master having declined assistance.

Since it has been learned that the storm area extends beyond the straits, grave fears are entertained for the collier San Mateo, which left on Christmas Day.

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YORK, N.B., BYE-ELECTION.

Fredericton, Dec. 29.—A. B. Gibson, jr., Liberal, was elected a member of the Dominion parliament for York County yesterday, defeating Rev. Dr. Joseph McLeod, Conservative. Gibson's majority, with five places to hear from, is 817. This was a bye-election, the same candidates running before, and Gibson winning by 70 votes. The election at that time was protested.

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DEATHS.

BOULTBEE—On Dec. 29, at his residence, 35 Crescent-road, Alfred Boultbee, in his 76th year.

Funeral from his late residence at 3 p.m. on Tuesday.

DUNLOP—At her residence, 644 Lansdowne-avenue, on Friday night, Dec. 27, 1901, Alice Emma, beloved wife of John H. Dunlop, in her 45th year.

Funeral this afternoon (Monday), at 2.30 o'clock, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

HOLLAND—At Cobocconk, on Dec. 28, William Henry Holland, aged 61, formerly manager Dominion Bank at Oshawa and Whitby.

Funeral from Whitby uptown station to St. George's Cemetery, Oshawa, on Monday, 30th inst., at 1 o'clock, on arrival of train from the north. No flowers.

KIMPTON—On Dec. 28th, 1901, Matilda Kimpton, widow of the late F. S. Kimpton, aged 75 years.

Funeral Monday, Dec. 30th, at 2 o'clock from 51 Gwynne-avenue, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

McKILLOP—At Berachah, Devon, Jamaica, West Indies, on Dec. 17th, the wife of Rev. D. A. McKillop, of a son.

ITALIAN SHOOTS A MAN FLEES, BUT IS CAUGHT

Chief Mains and Posse Overtake Him at a Gallop and Arrest Him.

Niagara Falls South, Dec. 29.—An attempted murder occurred here about 3 o'clock this afternoon. An Italian known as Z. Achery, fired two shots from a revolver at Richard Stewart, one ball going thru his clothing, striking a rib just over the stomach. The other missed. Before Achery could fire another shot Stewart took the revolver away from Achery, and knocked him down with it. The police are looking for the Italian, who has not been arrested as yet.

CAUGHT HIS MAN.

Niagara Falls, Dec. 29.—Chief of Ontario Police Mains, who was notified of the shooting affray at Niagara Falls South shortly after it occurred, started with a posse of his men for the scene, and found that the Italian Achery, who did the shooting, had made his escape towards Buffalo by the Canadian side. The chief and his men traced him to Chippawa, and found that he had taken the track towards Bridgeburg. The officers whipped up their horses to a gallop and headed the Italian about four miles above Black Creek Station, arriving there just as he was making across the culvert, and pounced upon him. He was disarmed and placed under arrest and brought back to the lockup here this evening.

Don't Forget the Children.
If you only knew just how much a child appreciate a fur garment, just how much she thinks of a little present in that line, you won't disregard this list of the W. & D. Dineen Company: Baby Carriage Rugs, white lamb, $7.50; Baby Carriage Rugs, were $4.50, Coney, with pockets, $3.50; Iceland Lamb Baby Rugs, were $7.50, with pockets, $5.50; Children's Angora Sets, $2.50; Children's Iceland Lamb Storm Collars, $2.50, $3.50 and $4; Children's Iceland Lamb Mittens, $1.25; Iceland Lamb Caps for Children, $1.50 and $2; Iceland Lamb Tams for Children, $2.50 and $3; Grey Lamb Gauntlets for Children, $2, $2.50 and $3; Grey Lamb Caps for Children, $1.50 to $3.25. They are all guaranteed solid quality and best style.

CLOUDY TO FAIR.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 29.—(8 p.m.)—The low area which was developing in the Mississippi Valley on Saturday, passed to the south of the lake region and has, during to-day, caused a general snow fall in the St. Lawrence Valley, and gales with rain in the Maritime Provinces. The weather continues wonderfully mild over the western half of the continent.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Kamloops, 30—42; Calgary, 24—40; Edmonton, 38—50; Qu'Appelle, 30—40; Prince Albert, 36—52; Port Arthur, 14—18; Parry Sound, 24—36; Toronto, 30—34; Ottawa, 30—32; Montreal, 30—34; Quebec, 26—34; Halifax, 26—50.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Northerly to westerly winds; cloudy to fair weather; a little lower temperature to-day, then milder again.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Northerly to westerly winds; cloudy to fair, with a little lower temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence—Northwesterly winds; clearing and a little colder.

Gulf—Westerly to northerly winds; continued unsettled, becoming a little colder at night.