British Politics

Magliesberg Defeat Attributed to Gross Blundering by Someone in Command.

Unpatriotic Members of Parliament May Be "Sent to Coventry."

Session Just Closed Has Been Marked by Bitter Personalities.

London, Dec. 15.—The astounding and utterly unexpected reverse of the British at Magaliesberg, the news of which was broken to the nation exactly one year after Gen. Buller's defeat at Colenso, utterly disposes of the hope that the war in South Africa is nearly ended, and shatters the myth that the operations there were merely of a guerilla nature. As Mr. Lloyd George (Liberal), said in the House of Commons to-day: "This is one of the most severe reverses suffered by the British, and it is quite evident the war will drag on for many months to come. We have 210,000 men in the field, yet we are unable to protect ourselves from disaster at the hands of small commandoes drawn from a pastoral population."

With somewhat cruel coincidence, the Northumberlands are known as the "Fighting Fifth." The Second Battalion, to which the captured companies belonged, was one of the heaviest sufferers at Stormberg a year ago. The regiment has often been pronounced by home and foreign critics to be one of the finest in the British army. All the forebodings and criticisms which Colenso gave rise to a year ago, have been resurrected by the disaster at the Magaliesberg. The War Office has nothing to do but "grin and bear it," and trust to time. Until Gen. Kitchener's forces are transformed into mounted infantry, and the mounted police get to work, Mr. Broderick sees little hope of improvement in the military situation. But whoever was responsible for the render at the Magaliesberg is likely to suffer, for the new War Office officials are determined to make examples of generals or any other officers guilty of such gross mismanagement, or worse, which it would seem must have occurred at this last defeat. This stern attitude on the part of the present government, however, by no means decreases the scorn and ignominy with which certain Liberal members of parliament, who are avowedly pleased by the Boer successes, are regarded by the major portion of the community.

The Pall Mall Gazette to-day editorially declares that such men as Messrs. Courtney, Bryan-Roberts and Lloyd-George ought to be put in Coventry and be not spoken to by any self-respecting Englishman. The expedient, severe as it is, is likely to meet with approval in all quarters, not excluding the moderate Liberal journals. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader in the House of Commons, does not escape criticism for tacitly permitting his alleged followers to take up such an avowedly anti-British attitude.

NICARAGUA CANAL.

In view of the events in South Africa, it is scarcely surprising that the public do not take a burning interest in the Nicaragua canal, in spite of the United States cable despatches, which break the records for length and seriousness. The London Times correspondent makes a passionate comparison between the present state of affairs and that which existed at the time of the Venezuela dispute, and bitterly arraigns President McKinley and the senate.

Lord Pauncefote has not yet added a word to the foreign office, which only heard of the vote on the Davis amendment through the Associated Press. Such pessimistic and indignant cable messages as most of the London dailies are receiving from their United States correspondents find no responsive echo in Downing Street, where deprecation is freely expressed at these belated efforts to apprise the British public of how badly the senate is alleged to be treating their government. The foreign office officials, while expecting the treaty to be amended, were frankly surprised at the size of the majority, which served more than anything else to open their eyes to the fact that there was no truth in the cabled statements that the railroads' interests were solely responsible for the opposition, or that the irrational jingoism had suddenly become epidemic in the United States. There exists in the foreign office an appreciation of the United States' objections to building a canal and not be allowed to fortify it. "Yet, at the same time," to quote an official, "we don't see why the treaty which we made with the people whom we believed to be the responsible representatives of the United States should be treated so cavalierly by the senate. We do not regard the present issue as of any great importance, for we doubt if the Nicaragua canal will ever be a paying institution, and whoever builds it, it will be of little use to Britain, either in peace or war. What we do regret is the apparent hopelessness of making treaties with a country whose senate takes such opposite views to those it empowers to act in its behalf. There seems to be an impression in the United States that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty was secured by the shrewdness of the British representative, and gave Britain an unfair advantage. That view has never existed here—in fact, rather the reverse. However, we shall not bother our heads till the senate finishes its labors and we receive the result through the diplomatic channels. We are anxious to know what the United States really does want, and until we know, it is absurd to surmise what to do. However, the Clayton-Bulwer treaty worked satisfactorily for years, and as new treaties seem to cause dissensions in the United States, maybe it is just as well if we are obliged to revert to the former agreement, the equity of which we have never for a moment doubted, in spite of our concessions in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty."

PERSONAL ATTACKS.

The first session of the new parliament, just closed, will ever be memorable owing to the extent whereto personalities were introduced. The deliberations included voting £16,000,000 for war, yet this was almost forgotten in the flood of personal attacks which permeated the proceedings as it never did before in the history of Westminster.

It may be said that Mr. Chamberlain, the centre of this movement, has come out of it little the worse. The denouncement of nepotism exemplified by Lord Salisbury's "Cecil cabinet" has accomplished nothing, though the vigorous crusade against cabinet ministers holding directorships has brought about more resignations of such positions than expected. Public opinion on this topic, and the inclusion in the government of so many of Lord Salisbury's relations, is much divided, without regard to party lines, though the Liberals appear satisfied with the efforts to impress on the country this curious condition of affairs. Apart from these questions, which plunged even the sedate Lords into a vortex of personalities, the excommunication of Mr. Timothy Healy is the most noticeable political feature. The Spectator refers to him as by far the ablest living Nationalist, while all the important journals agree that a period of unrest and grave import lies ahead of Ireland.

When parliament re-convenes in February it will face the Irish members more determined than ever to obstruct, while the Liberals bid fair to make a United effort to bring home to the Unionists to a considerable degree the responsibility for the mismanagement and terrible losses of the war in South Africa.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

A strong committee has been formed in Toronto to formulate a scheme for the maintenance, in connection with Women's Medical College, of a women's hospital for Ontario, in which all operations shall be performed by women surgeons and the resident physicians shall be women.

The government of Anhalt has officially published the decree divorcing Prince and Princess Adalbert, of Anhalt. The latter is a grand-daughter of Queen Victoria. The divorce has been granted in consequence of their mutual desire.

Mr. J. M. Bell, of the Geological Survey, has returned to Ottawa, after an absence of eighteen months in the North. He visited Athabasca lake, Great Slave lake, went down the Mackenzie river to Fort Norman; thence went to Great Bear lake, and was within fifty miles of the Arctic ocean before turning South.

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To Be Fought In This City

Action Commenced to Decide the Ownership of Deadman's Island.

History of the Case Which Has Played a Part in Politics.

During the present week an interesting case arising out of the title to certain lands will be tried in the Supreme court sitting here. Its issues have ranged far beyond the matter of the twenty acres or less that make up the little islet in Burrard Inlet known by the unpleasantly suggestive name of Deadman's island. From the outset it figured in political affairs, and while, as a party question, it raged hottest in Vancouver, where municipal and every other sort of election for some time was affected by the Deadman's island question—so much so that a seat on the school board or the office of poundkeeper depended upon the candidates' pronouncement of this shibboleth—it also found far wider sphere for its ultimate result. Cabinet changes hinged on the matter. Governments, too, fell before its insignificance, and at least one great political leader found retirement through so small an affair as this.

The history of the matter is a short one. Theodore Ludgate obtained a lease of the island from the Dominion government as a mill site. But putting it to such a use threatened to spoil some of the scenery at the Terminal City, so when his workmen began to clear it an injunction was obtained from Mr. Justice Martin, and the American lumberman was cast into jail. This was at the instance of the then provincial government, who put forth a claim to the property involved, and over a difference of opinion on the matter Mr. Joseph Martin resigned the office of attorney-general in its cabinet. The injunction still stands, and now the matter of the title to the island is about to be adjudicated upon.

At an early stage in the proceedings of the suit, the Dominion government were, at their own request, added as co-defendants with Mr. Ludgate in the case, and while that gentleman is of course represented, the legal fight is one between the Provincial and Dominion governments, each claiming the property at stake.

On behalf of the Dominion government it is claimed that Deadman's island, together with Stanley park, is a military reserve, created by the late Col. Moody as chief commissioner of lands and works in the old crown colony days of 1860-65. Also that it never passed out of the control of the Imperial government until after confederation, being by them transferred to the Dominion authorities as late as 1885.

On the other hand, the provincial government disputes the creation of such a reserve, whether for military or any other purpose, upon the ground of its legal authority, etc. The claim is also made that under the B. N. A. Act public property, with certain exceptions, of which this is not one, became the property of the province; that at this time it is impossible to tell for what purpose such a reserve was created, if it ever were created; and that, having regard to the manner with which reserves of land have been dealt with in this province, it cannot in any case be said that either the island or the park were finally devoted and set apart in such a way as to bring them within the language of the act.

Because of the many public documents and officials required at the trial, which will, it is expected, be of considerable length, a change of venue has been ordered from Vancouver to this city. Of the counsel engaged, Messrs. Bodwell & Duff will appear for the province; Messrs. Peters and Howay for the Dominion; and Mr. D. G. Macdonell for Mr. Ludgate.

PORTO RICO.

Military Government of the Colony Has Now Ceased.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 15.—The House of Delegates to-day passed unanimously its first bill. The measure, which was introduced by Delegate Todd, declared that membership in the House of Delegates is incompatible with the holding of other public offices.

The military department of Porto Rico ceased to exist at noon to-day, with Gen. Davis' departure on the transport Crook for Newport News. The American colony turned out en masse and gave Gen. Davis an ovation. Troops of the Fifth Cavalry and 102 other passengers sailed on the Crook. Horses and mules to the number of 320 were shipped by the transport.

DROWNED.

Body of Lady Catherine Manners Found in a Fish Pond.

London, Dec. 15.—The body of Lady Catherine Manners, eldest daughter of the Duke of Rutland, who had been missing since Friday, was found in a fish pond in the grounds of Belvoir Castle to-day.

REICHSTAG ADJOURNS.

German Legislators Have Gone Home For the Holidays.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The reichstag, after months of hard work, has adjourned for the holidays.

EXPOSITION RESULTS.

Loss Less on French World's Fair Than on the Preceding One.

Paris, Dec. 15.—The official report of the finances of the exposition shows a loss of 2,000,000 francs. The total expenditure is 116,500,000, and the receipts amounted to 114,500,000 francs. The loss is less than in the case of either of the preceding expositions.

Collegiate School.—As the result of the Christmas term's work and examinations, the following boys have been promoted in the different forms by the head master, Mr. J. W. Laing, M. A., Oxford: From Form V. to VI., none; from Form IV. to V., Newcombe, Kerfoot, Kay, Campbell; from Form III. to IV., Houghton, Marshall, Hastings, Vincent; Upper II. to III., Holden; I. to Lower II., none. At the commencement of the Easter term, the fifth form will be divided into upper and lower.

SHARP BURGLARS.

Lock Up the Town Constable and Then Break Into Bank.

Brighton, Ills., Dec. 15.—Five men posing as tramps were permitted to lodge in the lockup here last evening. During the night they overpowered the town marshal, locked him in a cell and broke into the private bank of Blodgett Bros. Several charges of dynamite were exploded, but the vault, which contained a large sum, was only partly wrecked, and the men gave up trying to secure it. The general store of Edward Butler was next visited. Here the safe was blown open and several hundred dollars secured. The men were entering another store when an alarm of fire was sounded. Meantime the robbers escaped. A posse with bloodhounds is in pursuit.

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AN EDUCATED GENTLEMAN wishes to correspond with a lady of musical ability with a view to matrimony. Address M. A., Colonist office. d16

TEACHER WANTED—A female teacher is required for the Lac La Hache public school, duties to begin on January 7. Salary, $50 per month. Gavin Hamilton, secretary board of trustees. d15

WANTED—Gentleman requires comfortable home, as paying guest, with a family living in a good neighborhood; or well furnished rooms, with board. References, if desired. Full particulars to S. H. O., Box 390, Victoria. d15

WANTED—Second hand typewriter. Address P. O. Box 452, City. d13

SALESMEN wanted to sell our goods by sample to wholesale and retail trade. We are the largest and only manufacturers in our line in the world. Liberal salary paid. Address Can-Dex Mfg. Co., Savannah, Ga. n4

WANTED—A reliable girl, to take charge of young child. Apply Mrs. Proctor, 10 Stanley avenue. d13

YOUTH required in a merchant's office; must be well educated, intelligent and write a good hand. Apply to Merchant, Colonist office. d12

WANTED—By a middle-aged woman, a situation as gentleman's housekeeper. Address S. M., this office. o31

FARM WANTED—We have several buyers for improved farm property in Saanich and Cowichan districts. Address, with particulars, Heisterman & Co., Victoria. 9

WOMAN wants any kind of work, by the day; washing, ironing or cleaning. Apply 47½ View street. d4

WANTED—Magazines and sheet music to bind; cheapest rates compatible with first class work at the Colonist Bookbindery. n24

AGENTS WANTED—To sell our Boer-British War and Family Record Pictures. Our agents make from $100 to $200 a month canvassing these beautiful pieces of art. See our large ads. (every day) in another part of his paper. Home Novelty Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill. o2

56 FORT STREET—The People's Boot & Shoe Shop and Repair Depot is the best place to buy men's boys' youths' and misses boots and shoes, where the sale price is marked in plain figures on each pair in window and open for your inspection in seven large glass cases inside. Shop open till 9:30 every evening for the accommodation of workingmen to buy and bring repairing. Dont be misled by silver tongued advertisers. Nangle, the Anatomical and Prize Boot and Shoemaker, is in a position to undersell all other shoe shops in Victoria. You don't have to pay high expense, shop or credit prices. Remember the number, 56 Fort street. o24

FOR SALE.

SEALING SCHOONER FOR SALE—Eastern built; oak Gloucester fishing schooner in first class condition; ready for sea; 84 tons register, for sale. J. G. Pacey, with Macdougall & Southwick Co., Seattle, Wash. d16

FOR SALE—Young heifer; good milker. J. Lukes, Gordon Head. 16

FOR SALE—New three story brick block, with cement basement 125x25 on Hastings street for sale. Present owner will take ten years' lease, will pay insurance, and keep the same in good repair; this will bring ten per cent. on investment. Address Box 518, Vancouver, B. C. d16

FOR SALE—A fine fresh Jersey cow. Apply to Mrs. Stubbs, Foul Bay road, near school house. Go through first bars past school; on same side, just through the woods.

FOR USEFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS—Go to Mrs. Hewartson, 28 Broad street; ladies' and children's trimmed hats, wrappers, blouses, hosiery, combinations, flannelette underwear and fancy goods at lowest prices. 16

GOOD FIVE ROOMED COTTAGE—With store front, good business position; cheap, $850. Neat 4 roomed cottage, very cheap, $475. Acre lot, near Lion Brewery, $225. Lot, North Park street $325. Lot, Market street, near Fountain, $450. Lot, Green street, 7 minutes from City Hall, $350. Lot, Pembroke street, off Quadra street, $450. House and lot, Victoria West, $325. 5 acres partly excellent land, good buildings, $1,100. Excellent business property, $12,600. A. Williams, 104 Yates street. 16

FOR SALE—Smart-looking, two-wheeled cart; can be seen at Mable's, 115 Johnson street. d15

FOR SALE—Watch dog. Apply 44 North Park street. 14

FOR SALE—A three-legged rooster. 7 mos. old; big and strong. Owned by John Wall, 150-Mile House, Cariboo Road. 9

FOR SALE—Team heavy horses, some good buggy and cart horses. Apply B. C. Market Co., Ltd. d5

FOR SALE—Modern residence, with five acres of land; every convenience, including steam heat, beautiful location, commanding the finest view of the city. Will be sold at cost of house alone. Particulars on application to Heisterman & Co. d5

FOR SALE—Very desirable building lots on Belcher street and Bellot street, at moderate prices. Heisterman & Co. d5

CANARIES FOR SALE—Good singers. Apply to 84½ Douglas street, upstairs. Mrs. Lange. n25

FOR SALE—Visiting cards, copper plate, engraved in the latest style; artistic work at moderate prices. The Colonist. n24

FARM FOR SALE—116 acres; will be sold cheap. J. E. Church, 14 Trounce avenue.

PEDIGREE COLLIE PUPS FOR SALE.—Apply to T. B. Macaulay, 113 Simcoe street.

FOR SALE—Pony and buggy. Address Pony, this office. o23

EDUCATIONAL.

EDUCATIONAL—Miss C. G. Fox has reopened her school, at 86 Mason street. 27

SHORTHAND SCHOOL—15 Broad street Individual instruction in shorthand, typewriting, book-keeping. n30

LODGES AND SOCIETIES.

VANCOUVER & QUADRA LODGE, No. 2, A.F.&A.M., meets 3rd Wednesday of each month—Masonic Temple, 80 Douglas St.—8 p.m. A. MAXWELL MUIR, Secretary

TO LET OR LEASE.

TO LET—In pleasant locality, within five minutes of the car lines, a well furnished front bedroom; electric bell, etc; use of sitting room and piano; breakfast, if desired. Apply D., Colonist office. 15

TO LET—Furnished rooms, 90 Douglas Street. d13

TO LET—Wharf Street.—Fine big store or warehouse; rent cheap. Apply 40 Government street. 12

TO LET—Furnished house on Esquimalt road; modern conveniences. Cars pass the door. Apply to J. T. L. Meyer, 47 Langley street. d12

COMFORTABLE, HEATED ROOMS, with or without board; first class cooking. Apply 173 Pandora avenue, on car line. d7

TO LET—Six roomed house, with modern conveniences, close to town. Heisterman & Co. d5

TO LET—Three five roomed houses, on Centre road; one on the Oakland, 6 roomed house, 3½ acres, stable and outhouses. Apply 3 Centre road. d4

TO LET—Comfortably furnished rooms, suitable for gentlemen. 182 Fort street. 30

TO LET—Five roomed house, with bath, $8.50 per month. Four roomed cottage, including water, $4.00; close to car. A. Williams, 104 Yates street. n27

COMFORTABLE furnished front rooms, with use of kitchen, if required. 139 Michigan street. n27

FOUR ROOMED COTTAGE—(Furnished) suitable for single men or small families; including water, $7 per month. A. Williams, 104 Yates street. n27

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE PARTY WHO REMOVED THE GATE from 126 Belleville street will be prosecuted unless they immediately return the same.

DRESSMAKING PARLORS FOR RENT—As Mrs. Fraser is retiring from business on Jan. 1, the rooms now occupied by her at 35 Fort street, will on that date be for rent, furnished. Apply Miss McDonald, 45 Menzies street. d5

LESSONS IN BALL ROOM AND FANCY DANCING—Miss Telfor, teacher, privately or in class. Children's class Saturday afternoon. Class nights, Monday, Thursday and Friday evenings. 107 Blanchard street. n25

DR. GOLSTON removes corns, bunions and ingrowing nails without pain. Parlors, No. 3 and 4, Clarence hotel. n8

MADAME HELLER is now prepared to execute all orders on reasonable terms for accordeon pleating, at her dressmaking parlors, Nos. 68 and 70 Yates street, over Messrs. B. Williams & Co. n2

THE YORK LAUNDRY MACHINERY & Supply Co., Limited, 82 Church street, works, North Toronto. o7

FORTY-THIRD YEAR

Chinese Situation

British and U.S. Representatives Have Consultation Over the Tangle.

Some Doubt as to Whether Affairs Have Taken Hopeful Turn.

Foreign Envoys in Pekin Will Hold a Meeting To-day.

London, Dec. 19.—"Great Britain's proposed alterations in the preamble of the joint note have been practically accepted by all the powers," says the Pekin correspondent of the Daily Mail, wiring Monday. "Both Russia and Japan, whose support was regarded as doubtful, have agreed. Only the attitude of the United States remains as yet not clearly defined, but the acquiescence of the United States is anticipated, and it is probable that the joint note will be signed and delivered to the Chinese plenipotentiary within three or four days. The German minister has warmly supported the British proposal.

London, Dec. 18.—Mr. Choate, the United States ambassador, had a long conference this afternoon regarding the Chinese situation with the Secretary of State for Fore