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Births, Marriages, Death

BORN.

McGILLIVRAY—In London, on Dec 22, to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. McGillivray, twins (son nd daughter).

MARRIED.

WHITEHALL—TACKABURY—On Dec. 27, at the residence of the bride's father, "Riverview Farm," by Rev. J. W. Robinson, Mr. Frank Whitehall, to Miss Mabel L., eldest daughter of Mr. Samuel Tackabury, both of London township.

DIED.

McKAY—In township of Zorra, county of Oxford, on Friday, Dec. 29, 1899, Andrew McKay, aged 56 years,

Funeral will leave his late residence, lot 4, on Monday, Jan. 1, at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

Amusements and Lectures

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Today Matinee and Night. . . . .

Mr. W. H. Wright's Company, presenting Broadhurst's Roaring Farces.

—MATINEE—

What Happened to Jones

—NIGHT—

Why Smith Left Home

Prices—Matinee, 25c, 35c, 50c. Night, 25c, 50c, 75c. Seats now on sale. Next attraction, Tuesday, Jan. 2, Fabio Romani. 41c

London Athletic Club.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE,

Thursday, Jan. 4,

20-Round Glove Contest | Jimmy Smith (Toronto.) | Sandow Snyder (Detroit.)

A. St. Pierre, Detroit, and B. Carroll, Rochester, 10 rounds. T. Taylor and T. Barber, 6 rounds. Admission—25c, 50c, 75c. 39g xvtzyxw

TONIGHT—TONIGHT—AUDITORIUM—Detroit Philharmonic Club, assisted by Bertram Schwaghan, baritone. A fine programme. Tickets 50 and 75 cents. b

BAND THIS AFTERNOON AT RED-LIGHT Rink. Splendid ice. Admission, 10c; children, 5c. b

AUDITORIUM — DETROIT PHILHARMONIC Club, assisted by Bertram Schwaghan, baritone. Popular Concert Course No 6. New Year's night. Plan now open. 42u

W. H. HEWLETT, ASSISTED BY OTHER talent, will give an organ recital at Talbot Street Baptist Church, on the new pipe organ Friday evening, Jan. 5, 8 o'clock. Tickets 25 cents. 43c zxv

WESTMINSTER RINK — GRAND ICE for today; the Harpers this afternoon; band tonight; admission 10c. We give Trading Stamps. b

JUBILEE RINK—MUSICAL SOCIETY—Band this afternoon and tonight. b

PRINCESS—A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO its patrons. Band this afternoon and evening. b

SIX DAYS—LENGTH OF PASSAGE BY the American and Cunard ships via New York to Liverpool and Southampton. Low rates to Paris and the continent. F. B. Clarke, Richmond street, next Advertiser.

A BRIGHT, HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS New Year, we wish our many pupils and friends. Dayton & McCormick.

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WANTED — CHAMBERMAID — APPLY Queen's Hotel, Carling street. 41c

WANTED—EXPERIENCED GENERAL servant. References required. Apply 536 Wellington street. 40tf

Female Help Wanted

WANTED—GOOD MACHINE OPERATORS and hand sewers. Apply Mr. Taylor, Oak Hall, London. 43u

WANTED — MILLINERY TRAVELER; one with experience on the road preferred. John C. Green & Co. 42c

Agents Wanted.

WANTED—GOOD, HUSTLING SALESMAN —At once. Apply Dundas street. 41c

A CANVASSER WANTED TO SELL tea. Valuable premiums given free. Apply Cooper, 532 Clarence street, London, Ont.

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WANTED—CANVASSERS IN EVERY town and neighborhood for the Page Rein Holder. For buggies or farm wagons. Sample for 10 cents in stamps. Apply quick. Page Wire Fence Company, Limited, Walkerville, Canada. 43n

ACTIVE MEN AND WOMEN EVERYWHERE to take orders for "Life of Moody," the great evangelist. Sells at sight. Sample enabling you to make from $3 to $7 daily, by mail free on request. Address Globe Bible Publishing Company, 723 Chestnut street Philadelphia, Pa. 42c

Houses, Etc., To Let.

COTTAGE TO LET—NO. 7 OXFORD street. Alex. Harvey. 69tf

TO LET—UNION FURNITURE VAN—Finest and best. Winter rates. 50 cents an hour; two men. John Biggs, Cathcart and Bruce, South London

TO RENT—STORE—NO. 173 DUNDAS street, formerly occupied by J. P. Cook. Apply at 167 Dundas street. 32tf

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Your money back if you want it.

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$10.00 WILL BUY A HANDSOME quarter cut oak hall stand, with British plate glass mirror, for this week only, at Keene Bros., 127 King street.

UPRIGHT PIANO, SLIGHTLY USED, 7⅓ octaves, large size, Toronto make. Sanborn & Trebilcock "Bell" Pianos, 183 Dundas street (Anderson's Book Store).

HORSE, SLEIGH AND DELIVERY wagon, refrigerator, scales and table, office desk. Apply 380 Richmond street. 39tf

CLEARING SALE OF TOYS, CHINAWARE and novelties, at 20 per cent discount. We bought these before we decided to move to present premises and now desire to dispose of them, as we are giving up these lines. J. H. Cunningham, 662 Dundas street.

IF YOUR RANGE IS NOT WORKING satisfactorily, try our Lehigh Valley Coal. Others have found it an improvement. Phone 1383. R. J. WEBSTER. Yard, Piccadilly street. Office, 713 Richmond street.

COLD WEATHER COAL—THE KIND that heats. W. G. Eadey, 771 Dundas street. Phone 1134.

NEW RIVER COAL—THE BEST AND cheapest coal in the city: all kinds of hard and soft coal and hard and soft wood. All the above is the best quality and cheap for cash. Green & Co., William street and G. T. Railway. Phone 1391.

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NOTICE—STOVES—CALL AT PARISH'S Furniture Store if you want to sell or buy a stove. Coal stoves with ovens, good assortment on hand. Examining them you find them right. 367 Talbot street, south Market Square.

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FOR SALE—A NUMBER OF GOOD COAL baseburners, with ovens, at 97 Carling street. 20tf

Lost and Found.

LOST—BLACK AND TAN HOUND PUP—Also fox terrier dog with black spots on head and one blind eye. Good reward for return of same to 249 Dundas street. 43c

STRAYED IN W. M. FAULD'S, LOT 2, Muncey road, on Dec. 15, six sheep. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses. 42c

LOST—BUNCH OF KEYS—REWARD AT 369 Maitland street, city. 42c

LOST—THURSDAY NIGHT, $5 BILL AT Jubilee Rink. Reward if returned to Advertiser. 42u

LOST—ON WEDNESDAY, A LADY'S silver watch, on north side Dufferin avenue, between Cartwright street and Wellington street. The finder will be rewarded by returning same to this office. 39tf

Real Estate.

FOR SALE—NICE COLLECTION STAMPS —1,500; good ones; cheap. Address E. G. L., Advertiser Office. 43k

FOR SALE—100 ACRE FARM, SOUTH half lot 20, 4th range, south Longwoods road, Caradoc. Good buildings, well watered; also 60 acres, 3rd range, Caradoc. For further particulars apply Geo. Haggerty, Burwell Road P. O., or on premises. 35bu vzx

FOR SALE — FARM — WESTMINSTER township; 105 acres, first-class improvements, 5 miles from London. Apply Joseph McDougall, Pond Mills. 42n

FOR SALE—THAT COMMODIOUS COTTAGE, 442 St. James street; solid brick; sewer connection; handsomely fitted. Apply on premises. 42bu

$1,200 WILL BUY A BEAUTIFUL 25-acre farm, between North Newbury and North Glencoe, convenient to railroad, school and postoffice. Good two-story frame cottage, lately improved; good stables, three acres orchard, mostly bearing. A suitable home for an old couple or a market garden. Apply Box 365, Newbury. 400tf

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DEEKS & MUNSON,

Near City Hall.

Meetings.

"HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU"—THE Young Men's Christian Association extend a cordial invitation to all their friends, and the citizens generally, to call on Monday, at the building, where they will be at home from 10 to 1, and 3 to 6 o'clock. Music furnished by the Mandolin, Guitar and Banjo Club There will be fencing, indoor football, basket ball, gymnastics, flag drill by 20 young ladies, soldiers of the queen by 12 boys, in uniform, and a representation of five nations in handsomely decorated booths. 42u

Male Help Wanted.

CASH FOR ACCEPTABLE IDEAS; STATE if patented. Address The Patent Record, Baltimore, Md.

Board and Lodging.

TO LET—TWO FURNISHED ROOMS IN private family. Location central. Address box 77, Advertiser. 42c

Dressmaking.

DRESS-CUTTING SCHOOL — DURING holidays we are presenting pupils with a valuable Xmas box. Dressmakers' inspection of our method solicited. Mrs. K. Franks, 243 Dundas street.

Wanted.

DRESS SUITS FOR SALE OR TO RENT in first-class condition. A. P. Sainsbury, 90 King street.

Miscellaneous.

THE MISSES WESTCOTT'S SCHOOL, 441 Ridout street, reopens Jan. 8. 43c zxv

I MAKE A SPECIALTY OF REPAIRING electro medical apparatus of all kinds. R. M. Millar, 280½ Dundas street, Spencer Block. 60tf

WELLAND CANAL.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and indorsed, "Tender for Improvements at Port Colborne," will be received at this office until 16 o'clock on Friday, the 26th day of January, 1900, for the works of improvement at the upper entrance to the Welland Canal.

Plans and specifications of the works can be seen on and after the 26th day of December, 1899, at the office of the Chief Engineer of the Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, and at the Superintending Engineer's office at St. Catharines. Printed forms of tender can also be obtained at the places mentioned. In the case of firms there must be attached to the tender the actual signatures of the full name, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of the same, and further, an accepted bank check for the sum of $10,000 must accompany the tender. The accepted bank check must be indorsed over to the Minister of Railways and Canals, and will be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the work at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted.

The accepted bank check thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Contractors are specially notified that the conditions requiring the works to be wholly completed by the 30th day of June, 1902, will be rigidly enforced and all penalties for delay enacted. By order,

L. K. JONES,
Secretary, Dept. Rwys. and Canals,
Department of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, December 21, 1899. 37i eod

WELLAND CANAL

Tenders for Supplies for the Year 1900.

SEALED TENDERS for supplies, addressed to the Superintending Engineer, Welland Canal, St. Catharines, will be received until 16 o'clock on Wednesday, 10th January, 1900, for supply and delivery of various articles of Timber, Hardware, Castings, Fuel, Paints, Oils, etc., for use on the Welland Canal and its branches for the year 1900.

Specifications, forms of tender, and other information can be obtained at the Superintending Engineer's office, St. Catharines, on and after Thursday, the 21st day of December, 1899.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

L. K. JONES,
Secretary,
Department of Railways and Canals.
Ottawa, Dec. 20, 1899. 35i vzx

Chattel Mortgage Sale

Of 30 Standard-bred Horses, property of the Late T. D. Hodgens.

WE HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED, under power contained in a certain chattel mortgage, to sell by public auction, at the Bernard House stables, London, on Jan. 3, 1900, at the hour of 1 o'clock sharp, thirty head of valuable horses, including carriage, saddle, roadsters, trotting horses and stallions, the property of the late T. D. Hodgens. All horses on view at Bernard House stables day previous to sale. Posters and catalogues can be had on application to the auctioneers, H. PORTER & CO., 97 Carling street, London. Phone 1162. 42c

LA GRIPPE COMING BACK.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Chicago physicians expect influenza to appear in this country soon. The cable reports that it is epidemic in London and rapidly spreading. The first epidemic appeared here only three or four weeks after its appearance in London.

Boers Bombarded Ladysmith Again

One Shell Kills a Captain and Wounds Seven Lieutenants.

Party of Boers Cut Off by the Rising of the Tugela --Colonial Authorities Taking Every Precaution to Curb Dutch Disloyalty.

Boers Repulsed at Victoria—Inhabitants of Kimberley Send a New Year's Greeting to the Queen—Lord Salisbury's Son Cecil Wounded at Mafeking.

London, Jan. 1.—The following heliograph message has been received by way of Weeman from Ladysmith, dated, Wednesday, Dec. 27.—"The Boers are actually bombarding the town. One shell struck the Devonshire mess tent, killing Capt. Dalzel and wounding seven lieutenants, Dent, Tuisa, Tringman, Caffyn, Bryne, Scafe and Kane."

A later dispatch from Ladysmith, by way of Weenen, dated Friday, Dec. 29, says: "All well. The Boers have been firing plugged shells, containing plum pudding and the compliments of the season. They are fortifying their positions and are evidently determined to make a firm stand."

METHUEN'S POSITION UNCHANGED.

The war office publishes the following dispatch, dated yesterday, from the general officer commanding at Cape Town. "Methuen's position is unchanged.

"French reports that the Boers, fearing their communications would be cut by our cavalry, have retired to Colesburg.

"Hear unofficially from Sterkstrom that a British reconnoissance, seven miles north of Dordrecht, engaged superior forces and was obliged to retire on Dordrecht."

BOERS CUT OFF.

Frere Camp, Dec. 30.—Saturday—Owing to the flooding of the Tugela River a large party of Boers have been cut off from the south side. They are reported to be in the hills to the right of Chieveley.

Cape Town, Thursday, Dec. 28.—The colonial authorities are using every precaution to prevent an insurrection on the part of the disloyal Dutch in Cape Colony and to suppress a rising if it should occur. Everywhere the British colonists are being organized into home guards drilled, armed and ready to act in their respective localities should armed Dutch colonials gather.

The theory is that the British home-staying colonials should be fully prepared to cope with the Dutch colonials without the aid of regulars.

UNITED ACTION PREVENTED.

The alertness of the British makes united action on the part of the pro-Boer residents difficult. Unable to act openly, they slip away singly or in small groups, to join the enemy's forces. The authorities have been informed of many centers of agitation, which it is considered undesirable to particularize; but there is nothing like concerted action apparent over wide districts.

The case of M. Michan, solicitor to the De Beers Company, who is accused of treason, acquires increased importance, as he has been transferred from the custody of the civil authorities here to the military authorities at De Aar. His high position causes the Dutch to watch his case keenly.

RAILWAY WRECKERS DRIVEN OFF.

Parties of Boers have been operating some 70 miles south of Lord Methuen's position. Boers appeared on Christmas day near the railway, about 20 miles south of De Aar. A force of the Duke of Edinburgh's own volunteers prepared to engage them, but the enemy disappeared.

Another party of Boers fired into the British patrol camp during the night of Wednesday, Dec. 27. This was near Victoria road. An attempt was made not far from that point to damage the railway. One man was caught in the act and shot.

Like attempts are reported from several other points. Evidently small parties of Boers or Dutch colonials have been trying to interrupt the movement of trains, but thus far they have been baffled by the elaborate British patroling.

A BAD MISTAKE.

In one case a patrol of regulars fired on a patrol of colonials. The latter were wearing broad-brimmed hats, and were mistaken by the British for Boers. No casualties resulted, but in consequence of the incident, an order has been issued requiring all classes of troops to wear helmets.

BOERS DRIVEN BACK AT VICTORIA.

Cape Town, Dec. 30.—The troops in the British camp of Victoria West turned out last night to repel an attempt of the Boers to cut the railroad near the station. A patrol reported early in the evening that they had sighted the Boers in the neighborhood. At 10 o'clock at night the Boers opened a heavy fire near the station. The British replied and the Boers retired at daybreak, their attempt having turned out a failure.

WAR RISK PREMIUMS RETARD VOLUNTEERING.

London, Dec. 31.—Advices from Cape Town say there is great dissatisfaction there at the action of the British insurance companies, who are retarding volunteering by making policyholders pay war risk premiums, while the agencies of the leading American companies allow perfect freedom for naval and military service.

CEYLON VOLUNTEERS.

The government has accepted 165 Ceylon volunteers, mostly planters, and has also accepted the offers of Indian princes to supply horses.

MAJESTIC OVERDUE.

The non-arrival of the Majestic, due at Cape Town on Thursday, is causing some surprise among the public, who expected she would maintain her usual transatlantic speed. Shipping circles, however, explain that this is due to the conditions imposed by coaling en route, the necessity of economizing her supply and of traversing the tropics, all of which, they add, combine heavily to discount her usual rate of speed.

SALISBURY'S SON WOUNDED

London, Dec. 31.—Advices from Pretoria regarding the sortie alleged to have been made from Mafeking on Monday last, say that Lord Edward Cecil, son of Lord Salisbury, was among the wounded.

NEW YEAR GREETING TO THE QUEEN.

London, Dec. 31.—The war office issued a dispatch dated Cape Town, Friday, Dec. 19, evening, saying that Col. Kekewich wired, through the general commanding at Modder River, on Dec. 28, as follows:

"I am desired by the mayor and council to forward the following for transmission through the proper channel:

"'To Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen:

"'The inhabitants of Kimberley beg to send your majesty New Year's greetings. The trouble that we have passed through and are still enduring, only tends to love and loyalty towards your majesty's throne and person.

"'R. H. HENDERSON.'"

The war office also issues the following addressed to the secretary of state for war:

"Please send the following to Col. Kekewich for communication to the mayor and council from the Queen:

"'I am deeply gratified by your kind and loyal New Year's greetings. I view with admiration your determination and gallant defense, though I regret the unavoidable loss of life incurred.'"

TO HELP THE BOERS.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 31.—The Boer recruiting office sent another batch of 43 recruits to Norfolk last night, where they will sail on Monday for Antwerp, to join a large expedition which will leave Amsterdam on Jan. 15. The company was in charge of a German named Hermann, who will be responsible for the safe arrival of his charge at the Boer headquarters.

The men were notified to assemble at a given point. They went in small parties to the station to avoid creating comment and exciting suspicion.

The vessel which will bear the recruits to Amsterdam is the Sula, a freighter. In a few days it is expected that another large panty will leave.

THE BUNDESRTH INCIDENT.

London, Jan. 1—4 a.m.—The morning papers are inclined to refrain from commenting on the Bundesrath incident, pending further investigation.

In the absence of confirmation of the reported sorties from Ladysmith and Mafeking, the stories are discredited. Col. Baden-Powell's silence, however, causes some uneasiness.

The dispatches from the front tonight all breathe a confident spirit.

BUGLE BLASTS.

The Queen has approved the appointment of the Duke of Connaught as commander-in-chief of the British forces in Ireland.

Nearly all the artillery men in Dublin are wearing mourning for General Roberts' son.

A war office dispatch from Col. Baden-Powell, dated Dec. 12, after announcing that Lady Sarah Wilson had arrived safe and well at Mafeking, adds that the bombardment and musketry fire continue daily on all sides, and that the health and spirits of the garrison are very satisfactory.

Mr. Somerwell, a British resident in Buenos Ayres, is organizing a corps of 50 men, which, when equipped and armed, will go to Cape Town.

Only one American officer and five soldiers were wounded, but the loss of the insurgents was heavy.

Our troops captured a number of rifles and a quantity of ammunition and provisions.

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SIZING UP THE SITUATION

British Treasury Measures Come in for Criticism.

The Bank of England Will Be Put on Trial—Talk of Cabinet Changes and the Anglo-German Agreement.

New York, Dec. 31.—Cabling from London under Saturday's date, the correspondent of the Sunday Tribune says: This is moralists' day, and everything is under review, from high finances and Boer hunting to drama, literature and horse racing.

The Bank of England will be on trial during the next year, although it has always been regarded as founded on solid rock; it has shown its inability during recent years to retain possession of any portion of the immense stock of new gold which has been added to the world's working resources; and now that the Transvaal supply has been cut off it is a question whether even a high rate of interest will prove strong enough to attract bullion from foreign markets. Two million sterling have come from America during the last week, but ten more are needed for home use, and immense reserves are required for carrying out the viceroy's gold standard in India.

Treasury methods of war finance are still kept in the dark. The chancellor of the exchequer has announced a small issue of treasury bills early in the week, to replace maturing bills for war purposes, and there is some evidence that he intends to persevere in using ordinary revenue for meeting exceptional expenditure on a larger scale. The war will soon cease to have what little popularity it has if the burdens are not carried forward and saddled upon a future generation by a large increase of the national debt.

TALK OF CBINET CHANGES.

Rumors of cabinet reorganization are in the air, but it is not probable that there will be any changes unless Gen. Buller meets with a severe disaster. Lord Lansdowne would then be marked out for slaughter, and the chancellor of the exchequer would be likely to follow him. The strength of the cabinet now lies in four men, Salisbury, Balfour, Chamberlain and Goschen. These four leaders are at their best where they are, and no substitute can be found for any of them.

The persistent rumors that Lord Salisbury will retire from the premiership, as well as the foreign office, and that the Duke of Devonshire will succeed him at one post, and Lord Rosebery at the other, are

IDLE INVENTIONS.

The Duke of Devonshire has steadily lost influence during recent years and could not lead the Unionist party and Lord Rosebery is embarrassed by a swarm of superserviceable friends, who are always nominating him for any office in sight, whether in the gift of one party or the other. There are weak men in the cabinet, notably Lord Lansdowne, who has a talent for consulting private partizans instead of experienced military advisers, and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, who has a small mind to bear upon the solution of large and complex questions. But there will be no immediate change of promotion for younger men like Mr. George Wyndham, unless the British arms are overwhelmed with disaster in Natal, and it becomes necessary to throw overboard one or more Jonahs.

SIR CHARLES DILKE'S EXPLANATION.

Sir Charles Dilke in today's Chronicle ventures upon a shrewd exp

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