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BRITISH CLOSING IN ON BURGHERS IN ORANGE RIVER AND TRANSVAAL

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Kitchener Reports Sharp Fighting on December 18, 19 and 20, in Which the Casualties Aggregated About One Hundred and Fifty Equally Divided.

It Is Feared That Two Hundred Mounted British Infantry, Divided Into Parties to Search Farms, and Attacked by Three Hundred Boers and Forty Armed Natives, Have Suffered Severely.

London, Dec. 23.—Lord Kitchener, in a despatch from Johannesburg, dated Saturday, Dec. 21, sends reports of sharp fighting in the Orange River Colony and Transvaal Colony.

The engagements occurred Dec. 18, 19 and 20, at points widely apart. The casualties, so far as known, aggregate about 150, equally divided; but heavy British losses, the totals of which have not yet been reported, have occurred in the Transvaal.

In the eastern part of the Transvaal Colony, Col. MacKenzie attacked Commandant Smit's force of Boers at Lake Banagher, Dec. 20, and killed six and captured sixteen of the enemy. Commandant Smit escaped.

COMMANDANT KRIEZE KILLED.

A force of Boers, during the night of Dec. 19, attacked the British post at Eland Spruit, but the burghers were driven off, leaving eight men killed, including Commandant Krieze. Field Cornet Mahon, who was wounded, and three other wounded men were also left on the field. The British casualties were seven men killed and six officers and eighteen men wounded.

Two hundred mounted infantry, in the neighborhood of Beginderyn, were divided into parties and were searching farms, when they were attacked by three hundred Boers and forty armed natives, under Commandant Britz. The Boers charged determinedly in overwhelming numbers. The British casualties were severe, but no details have been received.

Lord Kitchener also reports that during General Dewet's attack on the British force commanded by Generals Dartnell and Campbell at Langberg, Dec. 18, the Boers charged bravely, and fought desperately for several hours. Dewet was driven off, with the loss of twenty men. There were twelve casualties on the side of the British.

ENGLISH COLONEL WOUNDED.

On Dec. 20, M. Botha, with eight hundred Boers, surprised Col. Demant's advance guard at Tafel Kop, Orange River Colony. The Boers rushed a kopje, commanding the main body and the guns. But Demant rallied his men, and drove the Boers from the kopje. The British casualties were heavy. Demant was dangerously wounded, two officers and twenty men were killed, and three officers and seventeen men were wounded.

The Boers left six dead on the field, and dispersed. The British pursued the enemy and captured a number of prisoners, including Commandant Keyter. Later, the Boers, under a flag of truce, asked permission to remove their dead. They admitted having buried twenty-seven men.

BOERS OUTRUN BRITISH.

In the fight at Tafel Kop, the Boers, dressed as British yeomen, engaged in a splendid race with the British in the attempt to be first in gaining the crest of the kopje. The Boers gained the summit first, and opened a heavy fire on the single troop of Demant's Horse which took part in the race for the kopje.

These troopers took advantage of all the small amount of cover available immediately below the Boers, and fought until all but four of them were killed or wounded. By that time reinforcements of Demant's Horse came up, and charged and captured the kopje.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES IN SOUTH AFRICAN WAR

New Brunswicker Dangerously Ill—An Ontario Man Succumbs to Enteric.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—According to the cablegram received by His Excellency from Cape Town, Major J. H. C. Ogilvy, D.S.O., died of his wounds on Thursday last.

The Governor-General has received the following from Mr. Chamberlain: "London, Dec. 23.—Regret to inform you Hugh Gordon McNaughton was dangerously ill Dec. 18. No reports as to nature of disease."

His father is R. McNaughton, Black River, Northumberland County, N.B.

The Casualty Department at Cape Town has cabled Lord Minto as follows: "Please inform James H. Elliott, Porter's Hill, Ontario, that his son, Samuel Herbert Elliott, South African Constabulary, died of enteric fever, near Bloemfontein, Dec. 6."

Dr. Johnson of Charlottetown, P.E.I., has been appointed captain in the Field Hospital Corps, which is being raised for service in South Africa, with the Canadian Mounted Rifles.

Two of the recruits for the latter accepted at Ottawa, one Arnold V. McDougall, assistant private secretary to the Premier, and Capt. George Bowie, formerly captain in the Ottawa Field Battery, and a graduate of the R.M.C., both volunteered to serve in the ranks of the third contingent.

Manufacturers, Speculators.

Stop! Here is a value that has seldom had a peer or parallel in Toronto real estate sales: $21,000 will purchase, if sold at once, two solid stores and brick warehouses in the heart of the business centre, were recently valued by two of Toronto's most reliable valuators at $30,000. Have four large flats, also full-sized basements. Steam heated. Hoists. Ample office room. Fine shipping facilities. See plans and photos at office, H. H. Williams, 10 Victoria-street.

LEAVES FOR CANADA TO-NIGHT.

Marconi Wires Edison That Wireless Has a Future Before It.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 23.—There was no new development to-day in the situation between Marconi and the Anglo-American Telegraph Company.

Marconi sent the following telegram to Thomas Edison this evening.

"Thanks for your very kind letter to the press. I hope soon to show you wireless telegraphy working between the United States and Europe. I wish you a happy Xmas."

Marconi will leave here for Canada to-morrow evening.

WHY HE IS COMING.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The Minister of Finance received this morning a cable from St. John's, Newfoundland, stating that Marconi was coming to Canada on Tuesday. Marconi did not say whether he was coming to Ottawa or not. Mr. Fielding offered Marconi all facilities for carrying on his work in Canada, and that is, no doubt, why he is coming here.

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

The "Elboner" punch. Do you know where to get it Xmas morning? You will have to hurry. We close at 2.

WOULD BE MORE THAN A FIGUREHEAD.

Hamilton Times: Does William F. Maclean really intend to run for Mayor of Toronto? If so, The Times would be delighted to see him get there, not only because he was a Hamilton boy before he became a Toronto man, but also because he has a mind of his own and would be something more than a figurehead in the Mayor's chair.

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

Go to Bingham's when you want the best perfumes, 100 Yonge St.

BOERS HAVE THE MEASLES.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 23.—The Boer prisoners of war landed on Hawkin's Island have been isolated. Several of them are suffering from a mild form of measles.

Smokers' presents — Briars — Meerschaum—fine assortment. Alive Bollard

GREAT BRITAIN WILLING TO ACT AS ARBITRATOR

But Neither Chili Nor Argentina Has Sought Her Services as Yet.

London, Dec. 23.—The British government is watching with considerable anxiety the progress of the dispute between the Chilian and Argentine republics. A representative of the Associated Press was informed to-day that neither side has yet approached the British Foreign Office. If both Chili and Argentina request Great Britain to arbitrate the matters in dispute between them, Lord Lansdowne, the Foreign Secretary, will promptly acquiesce.

The statement, however, of Dr. Alcorta, the Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs, that Argentina has referred the matter to the arbitration of the British government under the agreement of 1898, appears to be inaccurate, for the Foreign Office says the present contention is quite beyond the powers of that commission. As the Foreign Office understands the case, it is not one of boundary between the two countries, but whether Chili has the right to build neutral roads in the disputed territory. This commission, of which Lord MacNaghten is president, has been sitting in London for nearly two years, and is now almost ready to go out and personally inspect the disputed boundaries. For various reasons, however, the departure of this commission has been delayed, and is likely to be delayed for some time to come. The appeal of Dr. Alcorta has not yet officially been communicated to the British Foreign Office. When this appeal does reach Downing-street, it will meet with the foregoing answer. Altho Lord Lansdowne, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, holds the MacNaghten commission to be powerless, he will intimate the willingness of Great Britain to arbitrate the difficulty between the two countries if Chili agrees to that proposition. Up to a late hour to-night neither country concerned had requested Great Britain to take this action.

Opinion in Downing-street is that while the cause of the dispute is petty, serious consequence may ensue, unless prompt action is taken.

REPORTED PROTOCOL.

Valparaiso, Dec. 23.—It is reported here that the governments of Argentine and Chili have signed a protocol by which they agree to submit the questions pending between them to the arbitration of Great Britain.

TO EXPLAIN TO-DAY.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 23.—The Chamber of Deputies voted this afternoon to accept the proposal to prohibit the exportation of horses and mules. The Chamber will to-morrow discuss an interpellation asking that Senor Alcorto explain the present status of the Chilian matter.

DOES HE SMOKE?

Then Let It Be Something in the Line of Pipes, Tobaccos or Cigars.

The cigar store of Messrs. A. Clubb & Sons at 49 West King-street is one of the really busy spots in Toronto at the present time. A thriving trade in all kinds of smokers' supplies is being done, and persons are buying cigars, fancy pipes, etc., who have probably never made a tobacco purchase before. Right here, too, is where the novice is just as safe as the experienced smoker, for Messrs. Clubb & Sons have an enviable reputation for fair dealing, and inexperience on the part of a purchaser is rather an incentive to them to give exceptional value than otherwise. At any rate, if a smoker's present is to be purchased, Messrs. Clubb & Sons' fine, large store will be found an ideal place to make it. There is an immense assortment of the newest and best goods in imported and domestic cigars, choice tobaccos, pipes of every description, walking sticks, tobacco pouches, cigar and cigarette cases, tobacco jars, humidors, ash trays, pipe racks, cigar cutters, match boxes, pipe cleaners, snuff boxes and other novelties not usually found in the average tobacconist's stock.

There is really no more suitable gift for a smoker than one of the many articles to be found at this up-to-date store. Intending purchasers are advised to shop as early as possible this morning.

Made in Canada. "Girardot Brand" wine—something worth having at Xmas. Sullivan's.

New Idea.

It isn't raining just now, but it won't be long till it starts in for the season. An umbrella is always an acceptable gift, and especially if it's nicely mounted. Dineen Company have everything in the newest New York styles, made with silk and pearl handles—any price you care to pay for them.

When you want the best perfumes go to Bingham's, 100 Yonge St.

FESTIVITIES MARRED BY QUEEN'S ILLNESS

She Suffers From a Chill, But Her Condition is Not Considered Serious.

London, Dec. 23.—The Associated Press hears that the condition of Queen Alexandra is more serious than has been given out, and that it causes some anxiety. Doctors are in constant attendance on Her Majesty. A bulletin issued at noon to-day says the Queen is progressing favorably, but that the extensive arrangements made for Christmas festivities at Sandringham, including large shooting parties, have all been upset and that Their Majesties will spend Christmas at Marlborough House.

It was announced later in the day that the Queen was suffering from a chill, but that her condition is not considered to be dangerous. It is expected that Her Majesty will be able to leave her room in a few days.

KAISER TO VISIT KING.

London, Dec. 23.—The World announces the probability of a visit from Emperor William to London, Jan. 20, where he will remain the guest of King Edward until Jan. 24. The purpose of his visit is to attend the memorial service for the late Queen Victoria at Frogmore.

WOMAN'S ABSENCE MYSTIFIES.

Fears That Mrs. Powell of Vancouver Has Been Murdered.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Grace Powell, a young German woman, living on Seventh-avenue, Mount Pleasant, a suburb of Vancouver, has been missing for three days, and is supposed to have been murdered. On Thursday the woman was at home with her father and was called to the door by a stranger, an undersized man, who wanted to sell her some poultry. She agreed to buy and the man said he had the fowls at his place, a short distance away. She threw on her shawl, took her purse, containing $45, and went out, saying that she would be back in a few minutes. Since then she has not been seen.

LAST OF A BROTHERHOOD.

Concord, Mass., Dec. 23.—William Ellery Channing, the last of the brotherhood, including also Thoreau, Hawthorne and Emerson, which made Concord famous, died to-day. He was born in Boston Nov. 29, 1818.

While in Buffalo stop at the Manhattan, 620 Main Street. European. Rates reasonable. 246

What to Buy To-Day—The Best Place in Which to Buy.

This is the last great day of selling before the world's greatest holiday. A great deal of money is usually invested in merchandise that has no value, except in appearance. The gifts that are appreciated most are those of utility and beauty. Such things McKendry's ladies' store caters for entirely. Belfast handkerchiefs, from the cheapest to the finest grades. Silk and French flannel waists, in every new style and color. Costumes, jackets, skirts, neck ruffles, in silk and chiffon. Fancy silk collars and bows, pocket books, purses, lace collars, lace ties, etc., etc., all marked at special closing-out prices for to-day. No lady can make a mistake in buying to-day at McKendry's store, where prompt and efficient service is assured, as well as the very best values possible to obtain.

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Mr. Melton Prior.

Mr. Melton Prior, the famous war correspondent and artist, who accompanied the "Royal Party" during their trip through Canada, writes under date Oct. 24, 1901, as follows:

I think, perhaps, you might like to know "Radnor Water" was very much appreciated on the train during the Royal Tour to Vancouver and back; in fact, all the English Press men, as well as others, asked for it in preference to any other, and I think as a rule they are pretty good judges.

I should be glad if you would let me know where it is to be obtained in England.

Yours truly,
MELTON PRIOR.

Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths Bath and bed $1. 202 and 204 King W.

A Charming Gift.

A box of Dunlop's roses is a gift sure to delight any of your friends. Visit our salesrooms and examine our display of cut flowers and plants. Now is the time to order for Xmas. 5 King St. West, 445 Yonge St., Toronto. ed

Turkish and Russian Baths, 129 Yonge

LIBERALS CAN'T GO PROHIBITION.

Mr. Ross will not be able to induce either his colleagues in the government or his party in the house, or his supporters without the house, to go with him in the adoption of the Manitoba Liquor Act with or without a referendum. They are making up their minds in the most determined manner to turn down a demand for legislation that is only supported by a few, and which, if passed, cannot be enforced, but which, if passed, would have the effect of putting Ontario back for twenty years. Not a single Liberal paper has declared for the measure; quite a number have declared against it as an impossibility

Said one Reformer: No matter what we have said when we were pressed by prohibitionists, and when the question was put to us in an academic form, now that it is coming up as a substantial proposal, we must take it seriously, ignore what we may have said for bunkum purposes, and face the music. Let us stop this trifling, as Conservatives, too, must stop trifling with it, and let us declare that Ontario is not ready for any such illusory law. As a party, we will have to let Mr. Ross know that we do not believe in prohibition and cannot go with him if he proposes it.

Here is a substantial illustration of the foregoing:

In Lincoln County the Liberal candidate for the legislature is Donald J. McKinnon, a former Public School Inspector in Peel County, who was secretary of the Scott Act Association in that county and supported the Act against E. King Dodds at most of his meetings. Mr. McKinnon has issued a manifesto, published in full in The St. Catharines Star, dealing with the prohibition question. He states that it is desirable that candidates for office should express their views on timely subjects without waiting to see what action their leaders might take. It may be necessary for men who are tongue-tied by party considerations to withhold their opinions (if they have any) until they have heard those of their leaders, but for a man who aspires to at least a little independence of judgment to conceal his attitude upon a question so serious as the question of provincial prohibition would be to ignore his duty to the public and to himself.

Briefly, Mr. McKinnon says he looks upon the liquor traffic in Ontario as a partnership business carried on by the public and the license-holders, the conditions being that the license-holders should provide certain accommodations for travelers; pay a certain proportion of the expenses of carrying on the public service, and, in return, receive a monopoly of the trade in intoxicating liquors. The public has found this partnership more hurtful than helpful. The partnership agreements are drawn for one year, so that at the close of any period the public can lawfully refuse to renew, but it has been the unvarying policy of the public to renew the agreement upon the license-holder's continuing to observe the conditions of his contract. Nevertheless, the public has not only a legal, but a moral, right to change its policy and withdraw from the partnership which has resulted in so much loss.

Arguing, then, from the maxim that "the greatest good for the greatest number" should govern, the public has a perfect right to close up every barroom if deemed necessary for the public good. But there is a higher law which says "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you do you even so to them." "If I were a license-holder," asks Mr. McKinnon, "would I think it just that after I had spent all I had in providing accommodation for the traveling public, relying upon the profits of my liquor sales to make the investment pay, my business should be ruined without compensation? My partner, the public, has divided the financial profits of the business with me this many a year, why should not my partner now share the financial loss?"

The question next arises whether prohibition, such as the province has the power to enact, would be effective from a temperance standpoint. "I am forced to believe," the candidate says, "that in the state of public opinion, so far as shown by the very meagre vote at the last plebiscite, no prohibition will be effectual unless it can be made national rather than provincial in its scope, and extended to include the manufacture and importation as well as the sale of intoxicants, except for medicinal purposes."

Mr. McKinnon goes on to point out the moral evils which accompany or flow from "prohibition which does not prohibit," and then states definitely what his course in the legislature will be if he is elected. Here is his platform:

(a). Should Premier Ross introduce a bill such as has been passed by the Manitoba legislature for prohibition without compensation, I will vote against it, on the ground that it is unjust to the license-holders, and it is wrong to do evil that good may come.

(b). Should Mr. Ross introduce a bill to provide for provincial prohibition with compensation I must still vote against it, because I do not believe that with the limited powers possessed by the legislature it could be enforced satisfactorily without the support of a majority of the whole community. A man who does not take the trouble to come out and vote for prohibition cannot reasonably be expected to support it if enacted.

(c). Should Mr. Ross introduce a bill for phohibition conditioned upon its approval by a majority of the whole electorate as shown by the voters' lists, I should vote for it, and do everything in my power to secure its efficient working, believing that the will of the majority should govern.

(d). Should Mr. Ross introduce a bill for the taking over of the whole liquor traffic by the government, as in South Carolina and elsewhere, with fair compensation to license-holders, and conditional upon its approval by a majority of the people, I should vote for it, provided there were proper safeguards to keep the appointments of the government sale agents out of politics, as, for example, placing that power in the hands of a board, consisting of the county judge, one of the county officers appointed by the provincial government and one of the county or city officers appointed by the municipal councils. Perhaps a board elected by the people might be equally good. I believe this will be the eventual solution of the problem, but doubt whether public opinion is yet ripe for it.

Further, he would favor a change in the method of administration of the license law. In some counties it is administered fairly and impartially for the good of the community, while in others it is administered for the (supposed) benefit of the party in power. "Let us make haste slowly," he urges.

In taking this stand, Mr. McKinnon says he is aware he shall disappoint many friends and supporters of extreme views on either side, but should his position be disapproved of by any large number he promises to resign at once.

A TEMPERANCE REVIVAL.

Brother Courtice, editor of The Christian Guardian, is getting on sound lines, and The World has much pleasure in transferring to its columns his well-timed article of last week dealing with reform in the drinking habits of our people. There is no advocacy in this article of making people abstainers thru acts of Parliament and the pledges of politicians. What Brother Courtice is relying on, and what The World endorses, is an appeal to the individual, not to the law, not to the politician. Here is his article:

A Practical Meditation for Methodists.

Editorial in The Christian Guardian [Methodist], Dec. 18th, 1901.

Is an old-time temperance revival needed in our Methodist circles, that is, in Methodist churches, Sunday schools, societies and homes? We have received several letters urging this subject on our attention, and private conversations have pressed its importance. Is Methodism, in preaching and practice, as advanced, as earnest, as forceful, as united now as in former years in her temperance work? In proposing a serious consideration of this question to our readers, we have no reference to Annual Conference resolutions or General Conference reports and recommendations; these are solid, clear and unwavering.

We have in mind the depth and warmth of personal conviction; the clearness and strength of personal example; the purity and consistency of social customs, and the humble willingness to be singular, if needs be, in order to be safe and useful. The old-time temperance revival was built on these, and was aimed at voluntary total abstinence and at pledges to abstain. A grand work was done. In England the evangelical, free churches are in the midst of such a revival now, seeking a million pledges. In the midst of such a work both reason and conscience have been stirred so deeply that neither the public bar nor social wine-cup could shake the firm resolve to abstain. Young women and young men have been safe-guarded and greatly strengthened.

We fear that there are usuages in society to-day, in Methodist circles, that are unfavorable to total abstinence. Women are yielding to social standards in afternoon gatherings that are of very questionable tendency, for fear that "fidelity to old principles" will be considered "narrowness or fussiness."

Let the old fervor for total abstinence arise; let the old appeals ring from platform and pulpit, backed by new evidence and light, let the fathers and mothers, who would lead society, pledge themselves to put away strong drink from sideboard and table and social festivity; let the sons and daughters, instructed in day-school and Sunday-school, put their intelligent convictions into binding form; let song and story lift the emotions to a fervor commensurate with the great issues—personal, social and national. Then we will have a genuine old-time temperance revival. If the Canadian public cordially gives approval and honor to such heroism and sacrifice as was shown by young Harper of Ottawa and Dr. Sweetnam of Toronto, because the effort in each case was to save an imperilled life, surely the giving up a small and dangerous luxury in our social customs to safe-guard a hundred imperilled lives, is a simple and reasonable service. We must do it or stand condemned, and this is the condemnation—the light has come, but we have loved the darkness rather.

ONSLOW FORD, R.A., DEAD.

London, Dec. 23.—Edward Onslow Ford, R.A., the sculptor, is dead. He was born in 1852. He was made an Academician in 1895.

EXPECTED TO-DAY.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—General Manager Hays of the Grand Trunk arrived in New York to-day, and is expected here to-morrow.

A PROSPECTIVE CHRISTMAS BOX.

SANTA CLAUS ROSS: "Well, if I can only afford it, that's about as nice a Christmas box as I could give Ontario."

BYE-ELECTION IN YORK M'LEOD VERSUS GIBSON

If Bargain for a Pure Election is Observed, Prohibitionist Has a Chance.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 23.—It would be expected that Rev. Dr. McLeod has small chance of success in York, as he has against him the influence of the federal and provincial governments, and the Liberal candidate, Mr. Gibson, is the son of the well-known lumber king, and a member of a company which owns a sawmill, a cotton factory and a railway in the county. Moreover, the government candidate is a prohibitionist, and is determined to run an absolutely pure election. If the bargain is observed, McLeod has a fair chance. When on nomination day McLeod put the question to Gibson whether he proposed to run a pure election, he refused to answer.

When Gibson was unseated McLeod refused to stop the proceedings for disqualification until he had signed an agreement that the next contest would be clean.

Only once in 20 years has York elected a candidate whom the Gibsons opposed. When he supported Blair in the provincial the latter was safe, but in 1892 he turned against the local government and defeated Blair's whole ticket. In 1896 he supported Foster, who had a majority of 1400. After the change of government he went back to Blair and elected the latter's provincial ticket by nearly the same majority against Gibson's former friends. Gibson, the junior member, on this successful ticket, then resigned and captured the county for the Commons.

He has also secured the support of The Gleaner newspaper, formerly a Conservative, and of the chairman of the County Conservative Association, both, it is supposed, by business relations.

On the other hand, McLeod claims accessions from the ranks of those who sympathize with his moral campaign and others who are tired of having the county changed from side to side by one family.

ENGLISH NEWSPAPER TRUST.

Rumored Amalgamation of Harmsworth Firm With Other Publishers.

London, Dec. 23.—For some time past rumors have been afloat about the formation of a British newspaper trust. It is reported that Mr. Alfred Harmsworth's firm was to be merged into a new amalgamated newspaper company, which would control all the Harmsworth publications.

The Sun publishes a story to-day declaring that it has information that Mr. C. Arthur Pearson, Mr. Harmsworth's greatest rival in the newspaper field, has been negotiating with him and would enter the consolidation with all his publications, Mr. Harmsworth's to be the controlling voice in the trust.

The Sun further says the new house may undertake the distribution of its own papers instead of intrusting the task to an agency as at present.

Age, purity and flavor. "Girardot Brand" Canadian wines. Sullivan's.

Some Homes Made Happy.

Many a home will be made brighter and more cheerful when the music boxes purchased at Gourlay, Winter & Leeming's, 188 Yonge-street, are presented and set in operation. A large number of these boxes have already been secured as Xmas gifts, and the firm expects the day before Christmas to be a record-breaker so far as the sale of music boxes is concerned. Every preparation has been made to secure an easy and rapid selection, and the array of Stella, Regina and cylinder boxes has never been surpassed. Everything marked in plain figures and at cut prices.

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

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Distribution of good cheer by the St. George's Society and the I.P.B.S., all day.

Princess Theatre, Lulu Glaser, in "Dolly Varden," 8 p.m.

Grand Opera House, "The Christian," 8 p.m.

Toronto Opera House, "One of the Bravest," 2 and 8 p.m.

Shea's Theatre, vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.

Star Theatre, "Gay Paree Burlesquers," 2 and 8 p.m.

Pember's Turkish Baths, 129 Yonge.

BROTHERS ARRESTED FOR $1300 ROBBERY

Detectives Murray and Greer Take Walter and Isaac Kersey to Sarnia.

Sarnia, Dec. 23.—Detectives Murray and Greer have been in this vicinity for the past week investigating the robbery at Edy's mills in the Township of Dawn. They left here this morning and visited the scene of the robbery. They arrested the Kersey brothers on the charge of having committed the deed. The prisoners were brought here this afternoon and lodged in jail.

It will be recalled that the published accounts of the robbery were to the effect that entrance to the store of Walter and Isaac Kersey at Edy's Mills had been forced during the night or early morning of Dec. 17, the safe blown open and $1300 stolen. Of the stolen money $1150 had been left by John McTaggart for safe-keeping with the Kerseys, and $150 belonged to the two brothers.

TUNNEL BECAME A FURNACE.

Burning Train Rushes in and Railroad Sleepers Take Fire.

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—An explosion in a fuse box set fire to a train on the Electric Overhead Railway at Dingle Station to day.

Seven of the railway employes were terribly burned, and two were killed.

It appears that the burning train entered a tunnel stored with sticks of creosoted railroad sleepers.

These were also set on fire, and the tunnel became a blazing furnace.

The fire brigade had the greatest difficulty in extinguishing the flames.

Later the bodies of the station foreman and the signal boy were extricated. Seven deaths have been reported so far, including the driver and the guard of the train. Apparently no passengers were killed, but it is possible that other bodies may be recovered later.

The accident occurred at 6 o'clock in the evening. The train was packed, but the majority of passengers had alighted at the previous station.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE.

It is Understood That It Will Be Called Together January 9.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—It is understood that the Manitoba legislature will be called together Jan. 9 for the despatch of business.

Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths Bath and bed $1. 202 and 204 King W.

The Knights Templar of Toronto District will assemble in the Masonic Hall, Temple Building, to-day at 12, noon, to send greetings to the most eminent the Supreme Grand Master, D. L. Carley, at Windsor. E. C. Davies, Provincial Grand Prior. Francis Blackburn, Provincial Registrar.

DEATHS.

COATSWORTH—On Sunday, Dec. 22, of pneumonia, at 233 Wilton-avenue, Hattie Eliza Bresee, aged 35, dearly beloved wife of Charles E. Coatsworth.

Funeral Tuesday, at 2.30, from above address, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

BAILEY—At her late residence, 19 McMillan-street, 2.30 p.m., Monday, after a lingering illness, patiently borne, Charlotte Elizabeth Morris, beloved wife of J. L. Bailey, in her 57th year.

Funeral private, to St. James', 3 o'clock p.m., Thursday.

McCLURE—At his late residence, 1007 East Queen-street, on Dec. 23, Samuel McClure, aged 42 years (builder, etc.), a native of Belfast, Ireland.

Funeral service will be held in East Queen-street Presbyterian Church Wednesday afternoon at 2.30.

Belfast, Ireland, papers please copy.

MULVIHILL—On Dec. 23, John Mulvihill, late engineer G.T.R., aged 73.

Funeral on Thursday, at 9 o'clock a.m., from his late residence, 200 Grange-avenue.

PRINGLE—On Monday, Dec. 23, 1901, at 328 Wellesley-street, Ida Mabelle Booth, wife of Albert M. Pringle.

Funeral Wednesday at 3 p.m.

MURDERER OF PROGENY IS GUILLOTINE'S PREY

French Peasant Found Guilty of Killing His Four Daughters—A Child's Pathetic Plea.

Chartreuse, Dec. 23.—After a week's trial, which has attracted the attention of the whole of France, Briere, the farmer of this vicinity who on April 21 murdered four of his daughters, aged, respectively, 14, 11, 5 and 4, and his son, 7 years of age, stabbing and beating them to death while they were in bed, was found guilty to-day and was condemned to be decapitated by the guillotine.

Briere persisted in declaring himself innocent, and defended himself with the habitual cunning of the French peasant. But the circumstantial evidence was overwhelming.

A pathetic incident of the trial occurred when Briere's surviving little daughter (who the police declare only escaped the fate of the other children by not responding to Briere's invitation to go to see him) went on the witness stand sobbingly and protested that her father was innocent, and begged the court to restore him to her.

COWS AS WORKING ANIMALS.

Tests to Ascertain Effect on Milk Show Favorable Results.

Stockholm, Dec. 23.—Careful investigation of the suitability of milk cows as working animals by Professor Wicksell shows that the quantity of milk is diminished, but the quality, especially as regards fat substances, is improved. The milk of working cows yields more butter without increasing the need for food. The work is thus obtained free of cost.

When Lights Are Low.

The night before Christmas. Have you forgotten a friend or a relative? Do you know of any one to whom you want to be good. Nothing like a fur garment—no fur garments like Dineen's. They have some garments ready to put on in all popular styles and in the latest fashions. Alaskan Seal, Persian Lamb, with Chinchilla, Ermine and mink collars and trimmings at Xmas prices, which means at very much reduced prices. Dineen Co. are open until 10 o'clock to-night.

SNOW OR SLEET.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 23.—(8 p.m.)—The weather is very unsettled in nearly all parts of the Dominion, and particularly so in the lake region, over which a shallow area of low pressure is hovering. The temperature has risen very generally to the freezing point, or even higher, except north of Lakes Superior and Huron, where it continues moderately cold.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 44—46; Edmonton, 28—32; Prince Albert, 18—36; Qu'Appelle, 22—28; Winnipeg, 12—32; Port Arthur, 6—18; Parry Sound, 26—40; Toronto, 32—36; Ottawa, 28—30; Montreal, 22—32; Quebec, 16—28; Halifax, 24—42.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Cloudy, with light local falls of snow or sleet; not much change in temperature.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Cloudy, with light local falls of snow or sleet; a little lower temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Cloudy, with light local snow falls; a little lower temperature.

Maritime—Strong easterly to southerly winds; mild and unsettled, with occasional rain.

Lake Superior: Easterly and southerly winds; milder; light snow.

Manitoba—Cloudy, with a light snow fall; not much change in temperature.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Dec. 23.	At.	From.
Prinz W.	New York	Bremen
Pretorian	Glasgow	New York
Prinzessin V.L.	New York	Hamburg
Rotterdam	Rotterdam	New York
Columbia	Genoa	New York
Irishman	Boston	Liverpool
Devonian	Boston	Liverpool
Hekla	Copenhagen	New York