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PERPLEXED POLITICIANS.

BRITISHERS PUZZLED OVER THE RESULT OF THE ELECTIONS.

The Outcome Decidedly Doubtful—A Proposed Arrangement Between the Two Great Parties—Parnell's Balance of Power.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The political situation to-night is one of great perplexity to all British politicians. The liberals close the week with a tie with the tories and Parnellites combined. There are, however, enough constituencies yet to vote to make the whole issue one of absolute uncertainty.

A week ago the conservatives were so certain of retaining power that a cabinet council was called to meet next Monday to arrange a government program. To-day the situation is so changed that this council has been postponed for a week. It is plain that Lord Salisbury is now disinclined to remain in office without the necessary support to carry on the government.

The liberals are divided in opinion as to whether they should take office or not. The radicals demand that if the liberals secure a majority of twenty members over the number elected by the conservatives and Parnellites together, Lord Salisbury shall resign before parliament opens. The moderate liberals, however, prefer that Gladstone shall decline office and adopt a policy of guarded support of Lord Salisbury.

The Spectator advocates such an organization, which, it says, would free the conservative party from the pressure of the Parnellite demands, and give the liberals their proper influence in the management of British affairs. The fact that the Spectator is frequently inspired by Mr. Gladstone, and that in this instance it insists, as a condition of the proposed alliance, that Lord Salisbury shall first meet Parnell with a positive and direct refusal of coalition, would indicate that the primary aim of both Mr. Gladstone and the tory premier just now is to form in British politics an element which shall always be able to place imperial affairs beyond the dictation of Irish politicians. Both may calculate that such an alliance as is proposed between them will have the ultimate effect of rendering impossible by its ineffectiveness the reappearance of such a disturbing and tremendous organization as Mr. Parnell has succeeded in creating and operating.

In the conservative party Lord Randolph Churchill leads the element which favors meeting Parnell's demand for a broad measure of local self-government for Ireland in return for the support of the nationalists on tory measures concerning local taxation in England, land law reforms, and foreign policy. The more powerful among the conservative politicians on the other hand, and the more influential element in the conservative clubs, are strongly opposed to forming any coalition with Parnell. They prefer arranging with Gladstone for a united opposition to the league's demands. They even advocate that no matter how the elections result Lord Salisbury shall remain in office, open parliament and challenge a vote of confidence. It is reported that the premier himself favors this latter line of conduct. He has been warned by his most valued supporters that any attempt on his part to arrange a compact with Parnell will lead to an immediate secession from his (Salisbury's) party of a large body of tories, who will go over to the Gladstone opposition.

The Marquis of Hartington, speaking at Matlock to-night, said that the attitude of the conservatives in regard to the Irish question was virtually tantamount to accepting Parnell's terms. The tories, he said, by their complicity or silence had allied themselves with the enemies of England. It would be impossible for the tories to obtain more than 280 seats in parliament. The liberals might not have a majority over the tories and Parnellites combined, but British patriotism would finally assert itself.

The Situation.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The latest returns show that 313 liberals, 249 tories, and 70 Parnellites have been elected. Seventy constituencies are yet unpolled. Of these 22 are English, 1 is Welch, 4 are Scotch, and 17 are Irish. A careful estimate of the probable results in the unpolled district shows that the house of commons will strict shows that the house of commons will almost certainly be composed of 331 liberals, 255 conservatives, and 84 Parnellites.

Some Results.

Antrim, east division—McCalmont (con.) 4180; Dalway (lib.) 2105.

Waterford, east division—Power (nat.) 3291; De la Poer (loyalist) 314.

Lancashire, North Lonsdale division—Ainsley (con.) 4168; Sir Farrar Herschell (lib.) 3941. The latter was Mr. Gladstone's solicitor-general, and makes the eleventh member of his government defeated.

Cumberland, Cockermouth division—Valentine (con.) 3845; Sir Wilfred Lawson (lib.) 3835.

Donegal, west division—O'Connor (nat.) 4089; Lea (lib.) 2992.

Radnorshire—Walsh (con.) defeated C. Coltman Rogers (lib.) the old member.

Londonderry, south division—T. Healy (nat.) 3733; McCalmont (con.) 2343; Findiater (lib.) 1816. The last mentioned was the old member.

Wick—Cameron (rad.) 913; John Pender (lib.) 868.

Kerry, south division—Lord Mayor of Dublin O'Connor (nat.) 2742; O'Connell (lib.) 133.

Kilkenny, south division—Chance (nat.) 4088; De la Poer (loyalist) 222.

Queen's Co., Ossory division—O'Connor (nat.) 3959; Coldbeck (loyalist) 293.

Inverneshire—MacIntosh (crofter) is elected.

Incidents of the Fray.

Col. W. R. Trefusis, of the Scots Guards, who recently returned from Egypt covered with distinction, and last week inherited an enormous fortune from his aunt, the famous Lady Rolle, was the tory candidate in Devon division. He died while the votes were being counted and before the announcement of his defeat by a large majority was announced.

Mr. Callan brands Mr. Parnell as a slanderer and a coward and says he shall certainly petition against the return of Mr. Nolan on the grounds of intimidation, undue influence, spiritual denunciation and obstruction of voters going to the polls.

James Stephens, ex-headcentre of the Fenian brotherhood, has issued a manifesto to the Irish people, concurring in the views of Mr. Parnell that the restoration of the Irish parliament is the minimum of the demands of the Irish party.

The queen has personally invested Lady Randolph Churchill at Windsor Castle with the insignia of the Imperial Order of the Crown of India. This signal mark of favor is looked upon by politicians as a royal approval of Lady Randolph's electioneering efforts in the tory cause.

Excitement in Utah.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 6.—All is quiet here to-night and there is no probability of trouble. McMurrin, who it was supposed had been fatally shot by Deputy Marshal Collins, is recovering.

A CONFIDENTIAL CLERK DECAMPS.

Alex. R. Carmichael Becomes "Involved" and Bids Adieu to Toronto.

Commercial circles and "the street" were considerably agitated throughout Saturday over the announcement of changes in the partnership of the well-known wholesale dry goods firm of A. R. McMaster & Bro. of Front street. In addition to the retirement of Mr. Wm. F. McMaster, one of Toronto's oldest and most respected citizens, there were several very ugly rumors about the sudden departure from the city of Alex. R. Carmichael, who for a number of years held a confidential position with the firm. The disappearance of Mr. Carmichael, who had a very extensive acquaintance in Toronto, was the talk of the town. It was given out by those who evidently knew whereof they spoke that Mr. Carmichael had not been seen since Friday night, and that he was a defaulter. The rumors as to the extent of his defalcations were so ridiculously far apart that the figures would appear foolish in print. Wishing to learn whether Mr. Carmichael had really left the city or not, a World reporter yesterday afternoon called at his comfortable residence at 149 Bloor street east. In answer to the reporter's enquiries, a domestic who came to the door said that Mr. Carmichael had not been at home since Friday night. She did not know where he was or when he would return. The rumor of Mr. Carmichael's hasty exit was a surprise to many of his friends, and several of them stoutly refused to believe it. The causes of the downfall of "Alec," as he was familiarly called, are too well known to his friends and need no repetition in these columns. They should prove a warning to hundreds of young men in Toronto who are now speeding towards a very undesirable wind-up.

It is not at all probable that the peculations, if such they can be called, of their confidential clerk will in any way affect the standing of the firm, which has always been and is now of the very highest order. The business will be continued by Mr. W. F. McMaster's two brothers, Mr. James S. McMaster of London, Eng., and Mr. Samuel F. McMaster of Toronto, under the old firm name of "A. R. McMaster & Brother."

DAMAGE AT CHICAGO.

Terrible Experience of Vessels on Lake Michigan.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—The weather here this morning, and throughout the northwest, was generally clear and cold. The mercury was 23 above zero. The storm last night raged fearfully on the lake, and it is feared great damage has been done to shipping. Four or five vessels were discovered off the mouth of the river this morning, having been unable to make this port on account of the heavy sea and the fact that the rigging could not be handled by reason of the heavy coating of ice which encased it. The storm last night beat up a tremendous sea along the lake shore. The waves broke up the heavy planks over the breakwater like tinder. The Illinois Central tracks are protected by the breakwater, which is about 100 feet away. The waves broke over this and 31st and 39th streets, and washed away the outside track for several hundred feet. At 22d street the outside track, which was protected by two breakwaters, was also washed away.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—At 9 o'clock this evening the temperature in the central part of the city stood at zero with the prospects of much lower temperature before morning. The damage done here by the storm of Friday night is much greater than at first supposed. For more than a mile the entire width of the lake shore drive with pavement and coping is washed out, and in its place is a tangled mass of wreckage. The damage amounts to many thousands.

Attempted Abduction of an Absconder.

WINDSOR, Ont., Dec. 5.—An attempt was made to abduct Joseph Hosdowitch, the absconding clerk of the Mansfield, O., National bank. He accompanied the bank officials sent to negotiate with him over to Detroit and then said they had better return and get the stolen bonds which he had secreted near this city. The party returned and Hosdowitch became defiant. The bank officials put up a job on him and got him into the ferry ticket office. They then tried to push him through, but Hosdowith, who appeared to have been drugged and was ghastly pale, hung desperately to the railings. Finally the local police interfered and took him before the magistrate, who released him. He went to the Crawford house, where he has been boarding, and was taken so seriously ill that he had to be put to bed, where he now lies.

A Cruiser for the U. S. Navy.

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 5.—The government cruiser Chicago was successfully launched to-day from the ship yard of John Roach & Son. The Chicago will be one of the most formidable vessels of the American navy, and will range in size and speed among the higher class of cruising vessels of the world.

Terrific Gale at Panama.

PANAMA, Dec. 5.—A terrific storm commenced at Colon Wednesday, continuing with great severity until Thursday. Of twenty-nine vessels anchored in the harbor only fifteen are now to be seen, many of them having sunk with their crews. The loss of life cannot at present be estimated.

A Violator of the Scott Act.

BURLINGTON, Ont., Dec. 5.—Peter Zimmerman, hotelkeeper, was sentenced to two months in jail on a fourth conviction for violation of the Scott act. He lit out, but returned the other day. This morning an attempt was made to arrest him, but his son interfered, and overpowering one of the two constables engaged, secured his baton and unmercifully beat the officer over the head, leaving him cut, bruised and bleeding in the roadway. Father and son then got away, and it is believed are now safe on the other side.

CABLE NOTES.

The pope has written a letter to the Catholic bishops of England approving of their opposition to the radical scheme of free education.

The terms of peace offered by the Bulgarian government have been rejected by Servia, and it is expected the war will be renewed to-day.

The funeral obsequies of King Alfonso have been arranged to take place at the church of San Francisco the Great, the largest edifice of the kind in Madrid.

It was rumored at Dublin on Saturday night that Mr. Parnell had been shot, and great excitement prevailed until it was found that the rumor was without foundation.

Prime Minister De Pretis of Italy explained to the chamber of deputies on Saturday that Italy had annexed Massowah in order to effect a better development of trade. The inhabitants had welcomed the change.

It is announced that if Mr. Parnell should find himself unable to attend the coming Chicago convention he will send a deputation to represent him consisting probably of Messrs. Healy, Sexton, and Thomas Power O'Connor.

A decree signed by King Alfonso, and dated Nov. 5, assenting to the marriage of his sister, Princess Eulalie, to Prince Antoine, son of the Duc de Montpensier, is gazetted at Madrid. The princess was born Feb. 12, 1864, and the prince February 23, 1866.

It is positively affirmed at Belgrade that the Russian and Austrian governments will to-morrow intimate to Prince Alexander and King Milan that they have decided to occupy Bulgaria and Servia respectively if hostilities be renewed.

J. D. KERRISON'S WIVES.

MARITAL TROUBLES OF THE WELL-KNOWN MUSICIAN.

His First Partner Secures a Limited and Conditional Divorce and His Second Also Wishes to be Free.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Early in 1874 John D. Kerrison was married in Toronto, Canada, to Ellen Flynn, who had been a servant in his mother's house. In June of that year Mrs. Kerrison left her husband and came to this city. On July 3rd following he left his home in Toronto also for the purpose of coming to this city. At Rochester, N.Y., he was joined by a woman named Lucy Kauffman. The Kauffman woman was a friend of Kerrison's wife. Kerrison had corresponded with a New York divorce lawyer, and on his arrival here Kerrison called on him. He was told he must become a resident in order to properly institute a suit for divorce.

Meantime Kerrison discussed the situation with his wife, and she imposed the condition that if they were to be divorced she should secure the divorce. This Kerrison agreed to, and the divorce was obtained by Mrs. Kerrison on the basis of her husbands relations with the Kauffman woman. He was forbidden to marry during Mrs. Kerrison's lifetime.

During his stay in this city Kerrison gave lessons at the New York Conservatory of Music. Among its pupils was Olivia M. Jeens, a young and pretty girl, with whom Kerrison became infatuated, while she became greatly attached to him. He finally told her of his divorce troubles, but stated that the divorce was his against his former wife. The Jeens girl consented to marry Kerrison, notwithstanding her parents strenuously opposed the match. Kerrison then told his pupil he could not marry again in this state, and they went to Jersey City and were married. Not long afterward they went to Toronto, where they remained several years.

Subsequently the young wife returned to this city and instituted proceedings against Kerrison for annulment of their marriage, on the grounds that both had gone from the state for the purpose of being married, knowing that he was prohibited from marrying again by the decree in the divorce suit. That case was passed upon by Judge Macomber, and the ruling case at that time was that of Marsh against Mareh, in which it was held that a marriage under the circumstances as above set forth was void. Judge Macomber was inclined to criticise the rulings in this case, and in an opinion held that even if the marrying was void she was equally in the wrong with Kerrison, and therefore the court would not grant the relief prayed for.

Mrs. Kerrison, or Jeens, as she now calls herself, then brought a further action in the supreme court for the annulment of her marriage upon the ground that he being a resident of Canada, and the marriage having been entered into with the intention of going to Canada to live afterward, and being void by the laws of Canada, it was void everywhere else, and therefore void in Jersey. She also contended that neither Kerrison nor his wife were residents here at the time they were divorced. A referee heard the case, and reported in favor of the young woman.

His report was presented to Judge Lawrence for confirmation, but his honor concludes that he would like further testimony with reference to the facts in the case. He desires counsel to inform him how Mrs. Kerrison, or Jeens, expects to avoid the decision rendered by Judge Macomber, as the case before the latter judge was between the same parties and related to the same judgment which it is now sought to have declared null and void. Judge Lawrence thinks the decision of Judge Macomber is conclusive, but will hear arguments.

EXCITEMENT IN UTAH.

Mormons Try to Assassinate a Federal Official—One of their Number Shot.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 5.—The city was full of rumors to-day of secret meetings of Mormons and the storage of arms. The movements of the United States troops are pretty well settled. A company from Fort Douglass will picket the city to guard against disorder and to protect life and property. It is said that a battery of artillery from Nebraska is now on the way here. The crowds of Mormons in Temple Block this afternoon caused some wild rumors to be circulated, but it is now thought there was no significance attached to the meeting.

All available soldiers at Omaha have been ordered to rendezvous in the vicinity of this city prepared for immediate service.

A mob on Friday night set upon United States Marshal Collins and attempted to kill him. He shot one of his assailants named McMurrin and surrendered to the federal officers. The church organs have been preaching vengeance. The prison containing Collins was assaulted without success by Mormon mobs. Last night it was reported McMurrin had died. The people became furious. Collins was hastily removed to Fort Douglas, three miles from Salt Lake. Crowds gathered upon every corner and collisions between Mormons and Gentiles were frequent. At 10 o'clock a mob gathered and marched to Fort Douglas. The handful of soldiers there put on a bold front and levelling their rifles threatened to fire. A parley ensued, the mob demanding that Collins be given up. The soldiers refused and the mob retreated threatening to return in larger numbers.

THE CURE OF HYDROPHOBIA.

Dr. Pasteur's Cure to be Tested on Six American Children.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Dr. O'Gorman, of Newark, who has taken a deep interest in the cases of the six children bitten by a mad dog on Wednesday, sent the following cable despatch to Prof. Pasteur, the French scientist, Thursday: "Six children bitten by a dog supposed to be mad. Dog prematurely killed. Will you take charge of children sent to Paris? I have head and spinal column of dog. If requested will forward. Answer."

Yesterday Dr. O'Gorman received the following from Prof. Pasteur: "If you fear danger send the children immediately." It will require $1000 to send the children to Paris. One hundred and fifty dollars have already been subscribed.

N. Y. C. Sleepers on the G. T. R.

BUFFALO, Dec. 5.—An arrangement has been made with the Grand Trunk by which New York Central sleeping cars will be run over the Grand Trunk in connection with the West Shore from New York and Boston to Chicago, as soon as the West Shore has been fully reorganized. The Grand Trunk will run only New York Central sleepers between Buffalo and Chicago, and will continue to run Pullman cars between Portland, Montreal and Chicago.

Quick Revenge.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 6.—Edward Harding, second lieutenant of police, was shot and almost instantly killed to-night by Wm. Courtney, a negro rough, who was himself shot and instantly killed a minute later by Officer Ferguson.

ACCIDENT ON THE NORTH SHORE.

Two Cars Destroyed and the Mail Matter Burnt—Escape of the Passengers.

A C. P. R. passenger train while rounding Dog lake on Saturday morning left the track when about a mile and a half west of Lock Walsh. A. D. Carmichael, a young man from Winnipeg, who was on the train at the time of the accident, arrived in the city on Saturday night, and put up at the Albion. In an interview he gave the following facts:

The train left Winnipeg on Wednesday at 8 p. m. On Friday morning, about 7 o'clock, when near Lock Walsh, as stated, the train arrived at a place where there was a spread in the rails, resulting from the unballasted road. The engine crossed the spot in safety. The mail car, however, left the track and turned over. The coal from the two stoves ignited the woodwork, and in about a half hour the car was totally destroyed. The mail clerk and one baggageman had a narrow escape. All the mail-bags but two were burned, and all the baggage with the exception of two pieces.

The second-class sleeper left the track and rolled down a fifteen-foot embankment. The car itself was wrecked, but strange to say none of the twenty passengers in it sustained any more serious injury than some pretty severe bruises. Mr. Carmichael himself was badly cut about the head and face, and had one arm injured.

The first class sleeper and the first and second class passenger coaches all left the track, but did not fall down the embankment. No one in them was injured. The tender conveyed the passengers to Lock Walsh, where, after an eight hours' delay, a new train was made up and the journey continued.

THE SMALLPOX RECORD.

The Deaths on Friday and the Cases Now in Hospital.

MONTREAL, Dec. 5.—The deaths from smallpox yesterday were: City 5, Enfant Jesus 1, St. Cunegonde 3, St. Henri 1; total 10. Thirteen new cases were reported and 16 verified. In St. Roche's hospital there are now 46 cases, of which 5 are bad; in Mount Royal (Catholic) hospital 171, of which 22 are bad; in St. Savior's (Protestant) hospital 40, of which 8 are bad.

The patients at St. Roch's, with the exception of five bad cases, left in charge of two sisters, were removed last evening to Mount Royal hospital. The hospital is now virtually abandoned.

Two writs of habeas corpus were granted by Judge Taschereau, this morning, at the instance of Joseph Gagnon, whose children, about thirty-three days ago, were taken from their home on Rolland lane and sent to the Mount Royal hospital. The writs were granted on the evidence of Dr. J. A. Roy, and Dr. J. Coderre, who assert that Rosa Anna, aged 14, and Eveline, aged 18, are not now suffering from smallpox, but Eveline has consumption, and it is imperilling the health of both children to keep them longer in the hospital. Dr. Laberge of the health office objected, as they were not in a fit state to be removed. Mr. Roy, the city attorney, also objected on the grounds that Drs. Roy and Coderre were anti-vaccinationists, and consequently inimical to the board of health. The case will come up for argument on Monday.

There were eighty-six deaths during the week.

THE REVOLT OF THE FRENCH.

Quebec Members Who Will and Will Not Vote Agin the Government.

QUEBEC, Dec. 3.—L'Electeur (liberal) says the situation with regard to the Bleu members is now as follows on the Riel question:

Pledged to vote against the government—Messrs. Desjardins, Girouard, Bergeron, Coursol, Hurteau, Guilbeault, Dugas, Gigault, Dupont, Daoust, McMullan, Bain, Bourbeau, Benoit, Gaudet, Deassauliniers (Maskinonge), Amyot, Gagne, Cuthbert, Lesage, Labrosse—21.

Censured the government in writing and likely to withdraw their support—Messrs. Desaulniers (St. Maurice), Vanasse, Montplaisir, Massue, Landry, Taschereau, Ouimet, Cimon—8.

The hangman's party—Basse, McGreevy, Curran, DeGrandbois, Blondeau, Fortin, Pinsonnault—7.

Not yet heard from—Messrs. Riopel, Valin, Billy—3.

English members for the government, 12; Rouges, 15.

QUEBEC, Dec. 5.—It seems that a number of the bleu members, who were still classed as among the "doubtful," and several even of those classed as intending to support the government through thick and thin, have formally protested against the classification published to show the actual situation, and desire it to be understood that they, too, have withdrawn their support from Sir John and his colleagues.

The statement that Mr. Joly's resignation has been refused by Mr. Speaker Wurtele is authoritatively denied. It has been accepted, and writs for a new election in Lotbiniere will shortly be issued.

KIDNAPPED FROM MONTREAL.

A Man Made Drunk and Taken Across the Lines.

MONTREAL, Dec. 5.—John C. Kennedy, ex-policeman of New York, tried in Brooklyn on a charge of seduction last March, and sentenced to four years' imprisonment, broke jail at King's county, N.Y., jail and escaped to Montreal recently, where he defied the authorities to come and re-take him. The sheriff of King's county followed his escaped prisoner, and on Thursday last is said to have met him at the Windsor hotel, made him intoxicated and then and there kidnapped him across the lines.

OUR HIGH COMMISSIONER.

A Report that Sir Chas. Tupper is to Resign and Re-enter the Political Arena.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 6.—Information has been received from Sir Charles Tupper stating that he is seriously considering whether he will resign the high commissionership in London and return to Canada to again enter politics. In such an event he will contest Cumberland, it being understood that C. J. Townshend, the present member of the commons for that county, would be appointed a judge of the supreme court of Nova Scotia.

Incendiarism in Missouri.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 5.—Between 1 and 2 o'clock Friday morning the barns, stables and outbuildings of the Widow Stoddard farm, in the township of West Nissouri, about two miles from Thorndale, were consumed by fire, together with the season's crop, sixteen head of cattle and a couple of horses, the property of Mr. Adam Turnbull, the lessee of the premises. The fire was evidently the work of an incendiary, as no fire had been used about the barns or stables for many hours previously.

Fatal Fall Through a Trap-Door.

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 6.—George Armstrong, driver for the American express company, went to the stable with his horse Friday night, fell through a trap-door, broke his arm, and injured himself so that he could not rise. He lay where he fell until found on Saturday morning, and died Saturday night from his injuries and exposure. He was 22 years of age, single, and lived at 36 Day street, north.

ON BROOKLYN BRIDGE.

TWO TRAINS COLLIDE WITH TERRIBLE EFFECT.

Half a Dozen People Severely Injured—The Accident Caused by the Grip of the Cable Giving Out.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Two trains on the Brooklyn Bridge railroad ran into each other at 8.45 o'clock this morning, and in the smash-up six persons were badly injured. The rain increased the crush, and when a two-car train started from the Brooklyn terminus at 8.33 it was loaded to its utmost capacity. The platforms of both cars were packed The train had gone to within 150 yards of the Brooklyn tower when the grip on the cable gave out and it came to a stop, and then began, despite the efforts of the brakemen to stay it, to back down the incline, first slowly then with increased speed until it swept round the curve near the Brooklyn end with great speed. Another train had just left the Brooklyn platform when the preceding train was seen to display danger signals. It stopped promptly and began to back toward the station. But it was too late. The disabled train came rushing down the incline, diminishing the distance with every second. The passengers on both trains saw the danger and rose to their feet in alarm. A scene of terror ensued. Escape was impossible. In an instant the second train was overtaken and the two crashed together in a common wreck. Shrieks of pain and horror arose from the surging mass of struggling and bleeding men and women, while the police and train hands with the passengers waiting on the platform ran to the rescue. The casualties were found to be:

N. E. Myers, conductor, Brooklyn, breast crushed and several injuries and general bruises.

John Dwyer, shoemaker, Brooklyn, back sprained, ribs broken, and breast badly bruised.

Victor Schaumberg, clerk, Brooklyn, leg broken, foot nearly cut off, severe internal injuries.

F. Baker, silversmith, Brooklyn, left ankle broken, chest crushed, and general bruises.

Charles R. M. Bristow, Brooklyn, nose broken.

A passenger who refused police attendance and would not give his name was badly burned and rode home in a coach. A number of others sustained minor bruises, but hurried to New York by way of the ferry of to their homes.

An investigation by the bridge authorities showed the accident to have been caused by the failure of the grip of the train that was nearing the Brooklyn tower. On wet days the cable is slippery and does not work as well as on dry days. The train at the hour at which the accident occurred was on a headway of a minute and a half, and carrying 16,000 passengers an hour. This is the first serious accident that has occurred on the Bridge railroad. The officers state that the railroad has carried 38,500,000 passengers since the opening of the bridge, and not one life has yet been lost on it.

Mr. Florence in Our Governor.

To-night at the Grand opera house Mr. Florence will present his new play, a four-act society comedy by Jessop & Gill, entitled Our Governor. This is how the New York Advertiser speaks of it:

It abounds in humor, which, as rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Florence, kept the audience in laughter. Mr. Florence, the Governor, was the "phenomenal liar." There were few places where he had not been, few positions he had not occupied. He had fought with Comanche chiefs in Connecticut, had been chancellor of New Jersey, minister and consul-general to several European and Asiatic countries; was the owner of ocean steamship lines; had been president of a rolling mill; had worked a Brooklyn bridge car grip and acted as president of an agricultural college on Long Island. He had enjoyed all sorts of thrilling and curious experiences; had been in a western cyclone which carried a house fifteen miles and landed it in the branches of a tree; had owned a Texas ranch; who owned a million head of cattle, excluding the calves; had seen a girl so cross-eyed that the tears ran down her back; had painted the picture of a dog so naturally that other dogs barked at it and bit it; had dropped his pocketbook in the surf off Coney Island and found it afterward in the belly of a fish; had been the target for Indian tomahawks, and had run a matrimonial bureau in Yonkers. Mrs. Florence was Miss Matilda Starr, an English authoress on her travels, taking notes upon America for her next book. All her works had been "published for yeahs and yeahs, you know." She found in her observations that the New Jersey of America differs from that of England in that it does not button down the back. She too had painted dogs, and so naturally that they had jumped out of the canvass. Her dresses were dazzling.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Yesterday was the anniversary of St. Nicholas.

The Unitarian church has donated $10 to the Newsboys' home.

Vital statistics last week: Births 12, marriages 12, deaths 32.

Mr. J. H. Mackie was immortalized by the crayon artists at the Grand on Saturday night.

The police were out with their comfortable lamb skin caps on Saturday night for the first time this winter.

The Toronto Sanitary association hold an interesting meeting to-night in the Canadian institute. The public are always welcome.

Ten prisoners were sent over the Don yesterday. Mary Cooper and Jane Fitzgerald, arrested for larceny, were among the number. The rest were drunks.

The University authorities have granted permission for the erection of a tobogganing slide in the Queen's park, from Bloor street south along the eastern boundary to Mr. Christie's residence.

The Royal Arcanum councils, Beaver No. 845 and Toronto, have decided to unite their forces after the New Year on account of their financial and numerical weakness. The amalgamated council will retain the name of Toronto, which will reduce the number of city councils to four.

OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Items of General Interest Received by Mail and Wire.

Wm. Brown fell with a pot of hot solder at St. Thomas Saturday and was fatally burned.

Loudre Brady was fatally crushed while coupling cars at Ste. Therese, Que., Saturday.

Rev. George Robinson of Abbottsford, Que., is reported as having already vaccinated 1100 people with vaccine furnished by himself.

John Bryan injured on the Canadian Pacific railway by an engine at Mile End crossing recently, died at Montreal on Saturday of his injuries.

The new Roman Catholic church at Longueil, which will be finished in about ten months, will cost $150,000. It is one of the finest edifices in the province.

The French editors of the province of Quebec have held a secret meeting for the purpose of planning their policy of opposition to Sir John Macdonald.

W. H. Raybould, shipping clerk for J. M. Fortier, the Montreal cigar man has been arrested on a charge of stealing large quantities of cigars and cigarettes.

Abraham Longpre, a farmer at St. Henri de Mascouche, attended the market at Montreal on Nov. 29 and has not been seen since. He had a good deal of money with him and his relatives are persuaded that he has been murdered.

The corporation of Ottawa has awarded local improvement debentures to the value of $67,000 in equal shares between Mr. W. Mackay, the lumberman, and the Metropolitan Loan and Saving Co., at three per cent. per annum.

R. D. McGibbon, president of the Montreal carnival committee, says he is in receipt of communications from all parts of Canada and the United States urging him to organize the usual winter carnival. It is too late to do anything on a large scale, but it is the intention of the committee to call a meeting and discuss the question.

If you have an announcement that you wish to make to the business men in the morning utilize the columns of The World.

FROM FIRE TO ICE.

A London Man Delirious with Pain from Burns Plunges into the River.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 5.—A fire broke out last night in a double two story frame house situated on the south side of Beech street, in Kensington, and owned by Mr. John W. Stockwell, of Toronto. The house was totally destroyed, together with most of the effects of the two tenants living in it. Mr. Redding, one of the tenants, and his son had a very narrow escape. The son awakened about 2.30, and found himself surrounded by fire and smoke. Hastily awakening his father he dashed out of the burning building without a stitch of clothing on him except his shirt, and was badly burned. In escaping from the house his father was badly scorched, and the little clothing he had on caught fire. Delirious with pain, and knowing little what he was doing, he dashed through the blinding snowstorm down to the river and plunged into the cold water. The sudden transformation from the pain and heat of the burning to the frigid temperature of the stream had the effect of completely dissipating whatever remnant of recollection and self-control was left. Upon striking the current he floated downwards in an utterly helpless condition until his head came in contact with a quantity of slush ice, some hard portions of which cut him severely. The shock of this aroused him from the state of partial insensibility into which he had lapsed, and he started to swim across the river. Finally after a protracted and laborious struggle he managed to reach the opposite bank, and emerging from the water proceeded to the residence of Mr. George Walker on Centre street, where he was taken care of. A man named Wm. Flach occupied one portion of the building with a family of five children, and they managed to escape from the house in their night clothes, but lost everything they possessed.

NATIONAL CLUB "AT HOME."

A Happy Social Event on Saturday—How the Ladies Were Pleased.

The National club presented an unusual appearance on Saturday on the occasion of the semi-annual "At Home." This event, which has now become one of the regular social gatherings of the season, passed off in a most happy manner. The abode of the bachelors looked its very best, and the ladies who thronged the festive halls could hardly believe that no fair hands had assisted in the handsome decorations. No finer building could be imagined for the purpose than the club house in Bay street, and on Saturday it did full justice to the occasion. Dancing was carried on from 4 till 8 in the dining and reception rooms, and between those hours the front of the club was besieged by cabs and carriages. The billiard room was utilized as a dining hall, and Steward Barnett did himself and staff great credit in this department. The menu was elegant and substantial. Lieut.-Governor Robinson and party honored the event with their presence, and were received by the strains of God Save the Queen and the welcomes of Messrs. Hugh Blain and Bert Lee, the chairman and secretary of the at home committee. Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Otter were also present. The music, which was under the direction of Consul Bendelari, was everything that could be desired, and the ladies, young and old, were all so pleased with the effort of the members of the club that the main question asked on leaving was, "When will the next one be held?" The social closed sharply at 9 o'clock, and many of the married ladies, who had always been doubtful about the interior of a club, departed with the idea that clubs, and especially the National, were not such bad places after all.

Fires in Kansas.

WINFIELD, Kans., Dec. 6.—Terrific fires are reported as a result of Friday's gale. The most destructive and continuous northeast wind ever experienced in this section prevailed and the country was swept by fire with frightful destruction to property of all kinds.

NOMINATED FOR 1886.

Possible Officers for the Commercial Travelers' Association.

The quarterly meeting of the Commercial Travelers' association of Canada was held in the society's rooms in the public library building on Saturday night. There was a good attendance of members. Officers and directors for 1886 were nominated. The election will take place at the annual meeting, which is held at the latter end of this month. The nominations closed as follows:

President—Hugh Blain (elected).

First Vice-President—J. G. Black and Wm. Wilson. Second vice-president—F. H. Maulson. W. G. H. Lowe, A. Finlayson. [Mr. Lowe yesterday notified Secretary Sargant that he would not stand.]

Treasurer—Robert H. Grey (elected).

Directors—A. A. Allan, John Burns, A. A. Benson, Wm. Christie, R. H. Crosbie, H. S. Davison, Samuel Davison, Geo. H. Evans, C. S. Finch, H. Goodman, T. P. Hayes, Wm. Ince, C. H. Murdock, R. J. Ore, Thomas F. Smith, C. C. Vannorman, Joseph Walker.

Hamilton Board—E. A. Dalley, first vice-president; W. G. Reed, second vice-president (elected). Directors—J. H. Stone, J. H. Herring, J. A. Ore, R. Turpin, S. Kemp, A. Munro, T. M. Davis, C. A. Burdon, H. G. Wright, F. A. Ashball, George Hamilton.

The boards for Montreal, Kingston, Winnipeg, London, Guelph and Brantford were all re-elected.

The association will not hold the customary annual dinner this year, but instead a conversazione, promenade concert and ball will take place in the Pavilion on the night of Dec. 30.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

The cranberry crop of Massachusetts is nearly double that of previous years.

Stormy weather, with much damage to property and loss of life, is reported in all the Northern states.

The Zipp building, Nos. 257 to 263 Franklin street, Chicago, was burned last night, involving a loss of $350,000.

The retort of the Mt. Olivet, N. J., crematory, in which the body of Eugene Livre was placed on Friday afternoon, was opened Saturday morning. The incineration was found to be perfect.

The Mutual Self Endowment and Benevolent association of America, with head quarters at Fort Worth, Texas, has suspended payment. Liabilities $1,000,000, assets $14,000. Julien Field, postmaster of Worth, Texas, is president, and will probably be indicted.

Samuel J. Tilden has written a letter to Speaker Carlisle urging that the defences of the sea coast should receive prompt and liberal attention from the coming congress, and giving it as his opinion that this work should precede a reduction of the revenue, or any excessive rapidity in the payment of the public debt.

Christmas Presents.

—The festive season will soon be upon us. At Christmas every loving husband makes his wife a nice little present. You don't know the effect it has on her nerves. Why, you get up in the morning and you will find your toast buttered on both sides, the baby all dressed, three fresh eggs instead of two at your elbow, and your coffee so steaming hot and sweet that you would think you were in Paradise. Husbands take warning, buy your darling little wife—or big, as the case may be—a handsome fur dolman for her Christmas gift, and if you don't live well during 1886 it won't be her fault. Dineen's is the place to buy the dolman. x

Steamship Arrivals.

At Queenston: Oregon from New York in 6 days 11 hrs. and 10 mins.

At New York: Ems from Bremen; Jan Breydel from Antwerp; W. A. Scholten from Rotterdam.

AN ERA OF SHORT SERMONS

PASTOR PICKERING SAYS ALL HE WANTS TO IN TWENTY MINUTES.

Too Many Drones in the Church of the Present Day—A Plain Question Put to the Congregation.

Pastor Pickering of Richmond street Methodist church announced to his congregation yesterday morning that during the winter the services would be as brief as possible. He said he was aware that the cold weather precluded many from attending church. People liked to be warm while worshipping, and he assured his hearers they would have no cause to complain on this score. The sermon preached yesterday morning was certainly short enough, not having taken more than twenty minutes in delivery. It was brimful of forcible remarks, however, which evidently made a deep impression on all present. The pastor said in these days there were too many drones in the church. One half the congregations were all the time busily engaged in endeavoring to keep the other half faithful to their profession. In the early days of the church, after the Saviour's time, all were workers, and to this may be attributed its rapid and permanent growth. Of ten converts who recently joined Rev. Mr. Spurgeon's London tabernacle but two had been converted by the great preacher's discourses. The others had been brought to love the Saviour through the efforts of church members. All should work to save sinners. When a man became a christian his first thought should be to save others. No man could really be a christian unless he felt it a part of his duty to bring others to Christ. Indeed he (the pastor) seriously put the question to himself whether or not it was the duty of ministers of the gospel to visit the members of their flocks from week to week for the purpose of stirring them up to religious work? Members of christian churches should not need this continual stirring up, and pastors should have their time for the purpose of bringing sinners to God. It was not necessary either for a christian to be ordained by bishop or conference, or pope or prelate, to go forth and save souls. If any one felt that God had ordained him for His work he should at once go and do it, disregarding the formality of the laying on of earthly hands. Pastor Pickering, at the close of his sermon, put the following pointed question to his congregation for their consideration: Are you a drone, or a worker in the church and in the saving of souls? After the evening service the sacrament was administered to a large number of communicants.

PERSONAL.

Clawed W. Lawton of the Beeton World is in town.

George W. Cable has turned evangelist.

Mr. Gladstone indulged in his old pastime of felling trees