

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

MARRIED.
COLWELL-BERBRATH.—In New York, Mr. C. Victor Colwell, formerly of London, to Miss Maud B. Bergrath, of New York.

DIED.
DAWSON.—At family residence, London, Ont., on Saturday, Dec. 23, 1900, Jennie, the beloved wife of Lieut.-Col. M. D. Dawson.
Funeral Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock; service, 2:30. Please do not send any flowers.

AMUSEMENTS.

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LONDON - OPERA - HOUSE.
MONDAY, DEC. 31.
Winston Spencer Churchill, M.P., Warior, writer and orator, in his famous illustrated lecture
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Prices, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50. Plan opens Thursday, 27th.

London Opera House
New Year's day—Matinee and night.
Chas. E. Blaney's big laughing success, "A FEMALE DRUMMER."
Handsome costumes—The greatest all-star cast.
Matinee—25c, 50c, 75c. Night—25c, 50c, 75c, \$1. Plan opens Saturday.

A PIGEON MATCH, LIVE BIRDS.
Homister House, New Year's Day. Sweepstakes. Commencing at 1 o'clock.

MALE CHORUS ST. JOHN'S ATHLETIC CLUB.—At home to their friends at club house, New Year's night, 8 to 10 o'clock. Ladies especially invited. Members have choice programme prepared. 50c.

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SPECIAL NOTICE—PALACE ACADEMY.—All classes adjourned until Jan. 2. Beginners' new term opens week Jan. 7. Dayton & McCormick.

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MEETINGS.

RICHARD COEUR DE LION RECEPTION.—No. 4, Kingsway, 10 o'clock. In Sherwood Hall, Richmond street, this (Monday, Dec. 31) evening at 10 o'clock to confer the K. T. Degrees. A large meeting is desired. W. T. Stenning, registrar.

THE TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL will meet on Wednesday instead of Tuesday evening, as Tuesday is a holiday. 50c.

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THERE WILL BE A UNION SERVICE tonight in St. Paul's Cathedral at 11 o'clock. His Lordship the Bishop of Huron will preach.

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WANTED—50 GENERAL GIRLS and cooks for London, Ont. Thomas and Woodstock, big wages. Mrs. Lockhart's Employment Office, European Hotel, Dundas street. Phone 84.

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All new patterns to select from; made and trimmed in first-class style.

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MERCHANT TAILOR,
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For Evening Dress...

Patent Leathers are the thing.

These swell American

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Don't ask for your size; ask to be fitted. Price

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FOUND—MONEY, IN TAX ROOM AT Fraser House, Dec. 22. Apply E. S. Hunt, collector. 50c.

LOST—ON THURSDAY, ON BELT line car, an ear-ring, with three amethysts. Reward of \$2 at this office. 50c.

THE PERSON WHO TOOK A GRAY Lambskin Collar from the Cronyn Hall at the children's entertainment on Thursday evening is requested to return same to 474 William street. 50c.

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J. T. WOLCOTT, ORGANIST FIRST Methodist Church. Teacher of piano organ and composition. Address 5 Prospect avenue.

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O. E. BRENER

worthy of the trust reposed in me, I beg to have your favor and confidence continued in future. Unable to call on all voters throughout the city, kindly accept this as a personal call, soliciting your good-will, VOTE AND INFLUENCE in re-electing me as alderman for 1901. 50c.

To Electors of City of London.

Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for

C. W. SMITH

As Alderman for 1901. 65c.

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of London.

Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for

WILLIAM GERRY

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To the Electors of the City of London.

Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for

R. WRAY

For re-election as ALDERMAN FOR 1901. 55c.

To the Electors of the City of London.

Respectfully solicits your vote and influence for re-election as

MAYOR

For the Year 1901. 40c.

BOERS CAPTURE HELVETIA POST!

British Lost 50 in Killed and Wounded and 200 Prisoners.

The Place Reoccupied by Reeves' Force—In Spite of Boer Activity the British Press Take a Hopeful View of the Situation—Kruger's Advice.

London, Dec. 31.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener:

"Pretoria, Dec. 30, 7:50 a.m.—General Lyttelton reports that our post at Helvetia was captured yesterday morning by the Boers. About 50 were killed and wounded and 200 taken prisoners.

"Col. Kitchener reports that he is following with a small force in the track of the enemy. Helvetia being reoccupied by Reeves, who has been reinforced from Belfast.

"Helvetia was a very strong position on the Machadodorp-Lydenburg railway, and was held by a detachment of the Liverpool Regiment. Am asking for further information.

"French has occupied Ventersdorp. "Clements reports that he is opposed on the road to Rustenburg.

"The eastern line was blown up near Pan, and a train was held up this morning on the Standerton line, near Vaal station.

"White's column has arrived at Senekal.

"Knox's column and Boyes' brigade are holding Dewet from breaking south."

MORE RAIDERS.
A correspondent at Burgersdorp, writing Sunday reports as follows: "Two fresh commandoes are entering the colony. One has already crossed near Knaapdaar, and the arrival of another is momentarily expected in the Steynsburg district. The Boers are said to have two or three horses each, though in bad condition. They have no guns or transport, but are well supplied with Lee-Metford rifles and ammunition. Captured Boers say that the intention of these commandoes is to roam about and wait until Gen. Dewet appears upon the scene."

NOT DISCOURAGED.
While Lord Kitchener sends rather gloomy news for England, the closing day of the year, the press continues to take a hopeful view of the situation and of revelations of an enormous field of Boer activity. Gen. Dewet is still at large; Kimberley is isolated, while the Boers are in force enough to have captured a strong position at Helvetia, in the Lydenburg district.

AT GREYLINGSTADT.
Details of the Greylingstad affair show that while Colville's column was pursuing the Boers, a second force of 400 of the enemy was seen moving toward the camp where the British transport was stranded. The small British force made a plucky stand and reinforcements arrived with artillery, and after severe fighting the Boers were defeated. The British losses altogether are none killed and 63 wounded and missing. The Boers are said to have 21 killed.

Zeecus is practically besieged, but has provisions sufficient for five months. The garrison at Otto's Hoof has been withdrawn to Lichtenburg.

The Boers admit that in their fight with Gen. Clements' at Noodledad they lost 100 men.

FRENCH'S FORCE.
London, Dec. 30.—According to a Johannesburg dispatch of Friday's date, Gen. French reoccupied Ventersdorp that day without opposition. This place being a great telegraph center, has been much used by the Boers for the dissemination of information. The possession of Ventersdorp, Richtersburg and Zeecus gives the British a strong hold upon this part of the country.

KIMBERLEY ALMOST ISOLATED.
According to a dispatch from Cradock, Kimberley, Cape Colony, is almost isolated by Boer raiders. No mails have reached it.

VETERINARY SURGEONS.
JOHN H. WILSON, VETERINARY Surgeon. Office and residence, 846 Richmond street. Telephone 430.

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WELLAND CANAL.
Tenders for Supplies for the year 1901. SEALED TENDERS for supplies, addressed to the Superintendent Engineer, Welland Canal, St. Catharines, will be received until 20 o'clock on Wednesday, 26th January, 1901, for the supply and delivery of various articles of Timber, Hardware, Castings, Fuel, Paints, Oil, etc., for use on the Welland Canal and its branches for the year 1901. Specifications, forms of tender and other information can be obtained at the Superintendent Engineer's Office, St. Catharines, on and after Monday, the 24th December, 1900.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
L. K. JONES, Secretary, Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, December 20th, 1900.

Luxuriant Glossy Hair

Is woman's crowning glory—and which every woman can have. If your hair is dull, thin, lifeless—Oriental Balm and Quinine Hair Tonic will give it new life, nourish and strengthen the roots, prevent the hair from falling out, make it grow soft, glossy and luxuriant.

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scouts, was severely wounded on Dec. 19 at Ksaroot.

The residents of Kingsville, Ont., are preparing a fitting reception for the seven men belonging to the Kingsville Cavalry who enlisted in the Canadian Mounted Rifles, and who are expected to arrive home early in January. The seven are Major A. H. King, Lieut. Mortimer Wigle, Sergt. Tilley, Angus McDonald, Ed. Tripp and Wm. Maycock. Each will receive a gold watch.

THE CHINESE ASTONISHED!

Princes Ching and Chang Will Sign the Joint Note.

The Imperial Instructions Create Genuine Surprise—Court Preparing to Return to Peking.

Peking, Dec. 30.—The Chinese plenipotentiaries have been unexpectedly ordered to sign the preliminary joint note, and have notified the foreign envoys to that effect. The Chinese themselves are greatly astonished at receiving the imperial instructions. Neither Li Hung Chang nor Prince Ching had expected success in persuading the court under ten days.

THE EMPEROR'S INSTRUCTIONS.
The emperor's instructions are to agree fully to the note, but to endeavor to get the best terms possible, particularly in the matter of limiting the number of the legation guards, and also to the places where these are to be located. The plenipotentiaries are instructed to endeavor to limit the number of railway posts along the line of railway to as few as possible, and finally to request the powers not to destroy the forts but merely to disarm them.

Li Hung Chang's health is bad, and it is doubtful whether he will be able to do more than affix his signature to any of the best terms possible, to Prince Ching until another plenipotentiary has been appointed. He was dressed this morning and carried in a chair to the residence of Prince Ching, with whom he had a long consultation.

Prince Ching then called upon the dozen of the diplomatic corps this afternoon. Minister Senor Deolagan, and requested him to notify the other envoys that instructions had been received from the emperor to sign the note.

RETURN TO PEKING.
Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang say that Emperor Kwang Su has expressed a desire that the court should return to Peking at the end of February.

Shanghai, Dec. 30.—There are persistent reports in circulation here that the Imperial court is preparing to return to Peking. Chinese advisers from the capital say that 90 carts, with mules and horses have been dispatched to Tai Yuen Pu to meet and bring back the imperial personages and their entourage. It is also asserted that Emperor Kwang Su has summoned Hu Ping Chih, former governor of the Province of Shan Si, to Sian Pu, to accompany him to Peking.

SUSPENSION OF HOSTILITIES ASKED.
Paris, Dec. 30.—The Havas Agency has received this dispatch from Peking: "Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang have communicated to the foreign envoys an imperial edict in which the emperor declares that China accepts the joint note and suspension of hostilities."

TO BE BEHEADED.
It is asserted that the emperor has ordered the immediate decapitation of Yu Hsien, formerly governor of Shan Si, who was previously degraded and banished.

The Mohammedan rising in the Province of Kan Su is spreading, and the troops of the viceroy of the Province of Hu Nan are alone able to hold their own against the rebels.