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GEN. DEWET REAPPEARS BUT HE IS NOT TERRIBLE

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Generals Dartnell and Campbell Drove Him Off After a Four Hours' Fight—Boer Casualties Were Twenty-four, British Only Fifteen.

Harrismith, Orange River Colony, Dec. 22.—The first fight in which Gen. Dewet has figured for some time is reported to have occurred at Langberg, Dec. 18. It was rather a fiasco, considering the recent ominous reports regarding the noted general's rejuvenated commando.

Dewet, with 800 men and two guns, clashed with Generals Dartnell and Campbell.

After a four hours' fight the Boers drew off, with a loss of four killed and 20 wounded.

The British loss was one killed and 14 wounded.

General Dartnell has been making a series of surprise visits to farms in the Harrismith district lately by night, and has thus captured 24 Boers in bed.

Fourteen Boers surrendered in a body yesterday near Standerton. Dartnell says signs are increasing of an inclination on the part of individual Boers to surrender.

GLAD OF A THOUSAND MEN.

London, Dec. 23.—Telegrams received here from South Africa still refer to the probable decision of the Boers to surrender, but a despatch to The Daily News from Volksrust to-day declares that the Boers are determined to continue the war, and that their recent conferences have been with the object of planning a summer campaign.

A despatch to The Daily Mail from Sydney announces that Joseph Chamberlain, the Colonial Secretary, has telegraphed to the Right Hon. E. Barton, the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, to the effect that the British government would be glad of 1000 men for service in South Africa. Premier Barton having previously declined to offer men unless the government asked for them.

FIFTEEN "FRIENDLIES" SHOT.

London, Dec. 22.—A correspondent of The Daily Mail says: I am in a position to state that by a proclamation dated November 15 General Botha ordered the execution of all Transvaal and Free State burghers enrolled among the British forces under the name of National Scouts who fall into the hands of his men. Up to the present 15 of these auxiliaries have been shot by Gen. Botha's orders and a certain number flogged owing to their comparative youth.

[The National Scouts, who are commanded by ex-Generals Andries Cronje, Celliers and others rendered valuable service in the capture of 93 Boers at Oshock, near Ermelo, a few days ago and on other occasions.]

XMAS GIFT FOR BOER CHILDREN.

Utrecht, Dec. 22.—The Rev. Mr. Schaeffer, a Protestant clergyman of Remscheid, Rhenish, Prussia, presented to Mr. Kruger to-day a purse of 10,000 marks, subscribed, as a Christmas gift to the Boer children, by the children of the Rhine provinces and of Westphalia.

CHINA OPPOSES RUSSIA REGARDING MANCHURIA

Representatives of the Two Nations Meet—Substantial Modifications, Aiming Toward the Maintenance of Sovereignty, Suggested in the Treaty.

Pekin, Dec. 22.—The first discussion of the Manchurian treaty between Paul Lessar, the Russian minister here, and the Chinese plenipotentiaries, Prince Ching and Wang Wen Shao, occurred here yesterday. Prince Ching and Wang Wen Shao displayed much less compliance with the Russian policy than had the late Li Hung Chang.

They urged the following substantial modifications:

1. The stipulation of an early date for the withdrawal of all Russian troops from Manchuria, except the railway guards, the number of which should be limited.

2. They opposed the paragraph restraining China from increasing the number of her troops in Manchuria without consulting Russia, contending that China must be at liberty to maintain whatever force was necessary in Manchuria to preserve order there.

3. The request that an early date be fixed for returning the New Chwang Shan Hai Kwan Railway and the considerable reduction of the indemnity claimed by the Russians for repairing and maintaining the railway.

4. The Chinese plenipotentiaries opposed giving Russia a monopoly of future mining concessions in Manchuria.

Prince Ching has received a long telegram from Chang Chi Tung, Viceroy of Hankow, exhorting him to maintain the sovereignty of China and Manchuria.

FOUR PERSONS WERE BURNED TO DEATH

Farmer's Home Destroyed By Fire, Which Originated From Overheated Kitchen Stove.

Dubois, Pa., Dec. 22.—Word reached here to-day of a terrible holocaust that occurred about three miles from Summerville, Jefferson County, yesterday morning. The home of John Ashbaugh, a farmer, was destroyed by fire and four persons were burned to death. One other is burned in such a manner that recovery is very doubtful, and four others are seriously burned and injured.

The dead are:

William Ashbaugh, 22 years of age, a brother of the owner of the Ashbaugh home.

Mabel Ashbaugh, a 12-year-old daughter.

Harry Ashbaugh, a 10-year-old son.

James Ashbaugh, a 9-year-old son.

The injured are: Herman Ashbaugh, 8-year-old, burned in such a manner that recovery is doubtful.

Mrs. Ashbaugh, severely burned; leg broken and injured internally by jumping from a second storey window.

John Ashbaugh, the husband and father, severely burned and suffering from exposure.

Two young children painfully burned.

The affair happened at an early hour in the morning, and the fire was undoubtedly caused by an overheated stove.

Mr. Ashbaugh got up in the morning, replenished the fuel in the kitchen stove and then went back to bed. He was awakened a short time afterwards by smoke entering the room he occupied, and he found the lower part of the house ablaze. He ran thru the house and awakened everyone, and then made his way outside with his two smallest children. He hurried back and looked for his wife, brother and four children, who were still in the house. He succeeded in reaching a room that had been occupied by the children, but only one, the eight-year-old boy, Herman, was there.

He could hear the screams of the four others in a room across the hall, where it is supposed they were lured in their bewilderment, supposing it to be a way out of the house. Mr. Ashbaugh could not enter the room. The flames were so fierce he was compelled to fight his way from the house. Meantime Mrs. Ashbaugh had jumped from an upper storey window, and was lying on the ground, with a broken leg, and suffering from internal injuries and burns.

Mr. Ashbaugh dragged his wife and the three children further away from the burning house, the walls of which were now falling in. He carried bundles of hay, straw and feed sacks from the barn, with which he wrapped them up. Then tying his own feet, which were badly burned and cut, in sacks, and with nothing on but his night clothes, and they having been partly burned off him, he ran over a mile thru the snow and zero weather to the homes of neighbors and gave the alarm.

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$3750 buys, on choice avenue, in Parkdale, a most desirable detached solid brick modern residence; contains 9 rooms, finished in polished oak, separate commode, hot-water heating, latest plumbing, porcelain baths, colonial verandah, lot 30x135; possession any time; terms only $750 cash. See plans at office. H. H. Williams, 10 Victoria-street.

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Pember's Turkish Baths, 129 Yonge.

WOUNDED IN ACTION MAJOR OGILVY DIES

Gallant Canadian Who Served With Distinction in South Africa Succumbs at Last.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—His Excellency the Governor-General received a cablegram yesterday from the Colonial Office, announcing the death of Major J. H. C. Ogilvy, D.S.O., who had previously been reported severely wounded in action.

Major Ogilvy went out to South Africa as adjutant of the first contingent and received the distinguished service order for his gallant work at Paardeberg. He was also in action at Driefontein, Thabanchu, Israelspoort, Houtnek, Zand River, Doorn Kop, and at the capture of Pretoria, being several times mentioned in despatches.

When the first contingent left South Africa, Major Ogilvy joined the staff of Gen. Smith-Dorrien, and was in close touch with the second contingent during the three months that the Canadian artillery were so actively employed around Belfast.

An unusual honor was paid to Major Ogilvy at the time of the departure of the second contingent. He was offered a captaincy in the Gordon Highlanders, which meant that every officer below him was willing to forego his seniority in favor of the intrepid Canadian officer. Major Ogilvy, however, declined the offer, and returned with the Strathconas. But soon afterwards Major Ogilvy went back to South Africa and took an important position on the staff of Major-General Baden-Powell's South African Constabulary.

The sad news of the death of this popular young Canadian officer was communicated yesterday to his father, Mr. Ogilvy of Montreal, by the Governor-General.

BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL.

300 Acres of Land on Canadian Side of Niagara Falls Acquired.

Niagara Falls, Dec. 22.—One of the largest real estate transfers on the Canadian side of the river has taken place within the last few days, and the fact has just been put on record.

The Canadian Niagara Falls Power Company, which is now developing a large electrical power for manufacturing purposes, has acquired some 300 acres back of the high bluff and the power plant owned by Sutherland Macklem.

The consideration is private, but it is supposed to have been less than $300 per acre. The property will be used for factory and industrial sites.

The same plan is to be carried out on the Canadian side by the company as has been adopted by its sister company on the American side, which is to provide sites and power for any company desiring to locate here.

NOMINATIONS IN YORK, N.B.

Fredericton, N.B., Dec. 22.—Yesterday was nomination day for the bye-election in York. Alex. Gibson was nominated by the Liberals, and Rev. Dr. Joseph McLeod by the Conservatives.

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

A Busy Store.

One of the busy stores on King-street on Saturday was A. Clubb & Sons', which was thronged all day with customers buying smokers' presents for their friends; they have still a very fine assortment of fine Havana cigars, leather-covered tobacco pouches, fine briar pipes in cases, at prices to suit everybody.

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

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BEGUN UNOFFICIALLY

Duchess of Albany's Visit to Queen Dowager Emma of Holland Declared Preliminary Step.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Sun's London correspondent says: The increase in the strength and circumstantiality of peace rumors, to which reference was made last week, has received a fresh impetus from Lord Rosebery's appeal to the government to give a willing ear to suggestions for negotiations if such should come from the Boer leaders in Holland. His reference to the possibility of arranging an accidental meeting preliminary to discussion, such as has occurred before now at a "wayside inn," is considered by many to have more behind it than the mere expression of a personal wish and that nothing should be allowed to stand in the way of any possible means of bringing about cessation of hostilities. There is an impression that the suggestion was in the nature of a "ballon d'essai" to test public opinion in reference to some such procedure.

Preliminary steps in this direction by way of carefully sounding the Boer leaders at The Hague have already been taken quite unofficially and without implicating the government in any way. The chief influence which it is believed has been at work with this object in view is that of the English court where the anxiety to see peace, at any rate within view of the date of the coronation, is probably even keener than in any other circles. The Duchess of Albany, who has been visiting her sister, the Dowager Queen Emma of Holland, is believed to have been the intermediary for this work of sounding the Boer executive in the Netherlands.

Rumors regarding the Boers' attitude have been frequent and contradictory. One of the latest has been contradicted as flatly as it was asserted. It is that they are ready to accept the proposition of a federal unit in a confederation of South African states analogous to the federation of Australian colonies. It is, however, too early yet to discuss any very definite arrangement; and tho the British people grow daily more wearied of their inglorious war, their temper is such that any steps towards settlement must be taken with the greatest caution.

FATALITIES OF A DAY.

Killed by a Train—Crushed by a Tree—Drowned in Cistern.

Merrickville, Dec. 21.—George Derrick, farmer of the Township of Oxford, was killed by the Perth local at Mosher's-crossing, Township of Wolford. His body was on the cowcatcher when the train reached here at 9 o'clock. Deceased leaves a widow and family.

TREE'S FATAL FALL.

Woodstock, Dec. 21.—Octave Delaire, a lumberman in the employ of Wilson & Holmes, lumber merchants of this city, was instantly killed by a falling tree at Currie's-crossing, five miles from here, this afternoon. The unfortunate man's head was split open. He was about 60 years of age, and leaves a wife and family in Quebec city.

DROWNED IN A CISTERN.

Thorold, Dec. 22—The body of Mrs. Jas. Armstrong was found in a cistern at her house here this morning. It appears that she got out of bed during the night and while wandering outside her house fell into the cistern and was not found until morning. She leaves a husband, son and daughter. Coroner B. H. Lemon will hold an inquest.

QUALIFIED TO TEACH.

The following candidates have been successful in the late Model School examinations at Newmarket, Toronto and Toronto Junction, and are entitled to receive third-class teacher's certificates, valid for three years.

Toronto—Misses Amoss, Beeman, Brazill, Brown, Chant, Cole, Downard, Elliott, Furguson, Ford, Fraser, Haney, Heck, Hinch, Howell, Hunt, Jones, McFarlane, Morrow, Murton, Reid, Ritchie, Robb, Shand, Sharpe, Smyth, Stevenson and Messrs. Blackley, Christie and Patterson.

Toronto Junction—Misses Allison, C. E. Black, Burk, Brett, Burton, Chester, Eade, Gray, Middbrook, McClure, M. T. McDonough, J. McDonough, Rae, E. M. Stewart, A. J. Stewart, Scott, Selby, Wideman, and Messrs. Agar, Casserley, Hoover, Kirk, Pilkey, Peters, Robbins, Stonehouse, Thompson and Tomlinson.

Newmarket—Misses Bennett, Cane, Johnston, Skinner, Widdifield and Messrs. Bowes, Baker, Doan, Foote, Humphreys, Harper, McCormack, Richardson and Skinner.

AGAINST CERTAIN PLAYS.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 22.—The Archbishop of Montreal has issued a pastoral letter against a certain class of plays, which His Grace says have become far too frequent in the city of Montreal, and Monsignor calls upon people to distinguish between good and bad plays, and asks the French papers not to publish the ads.

HUTTON SEES KING.

London, Dec. 22.—King Edward received visits yesterday from Gen. E. T. H. Hutton, formerly commander in Canada and now appointed commander-in-chief of the federal forces in Australia, and from Sir Thomas Lipton.

MR. REAL ANGERS DEAD.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 22.—Mr. Real Angers of the company of Frothingham & Workman died to-night after a short illness.

KIPLING SAILS.

London, Dec. 22.—Rudyard Kipling and his family sailed from Southampton last evening for the Cape. Mr. Kipling is making the voyage for the sake of his health.

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"Jingle Bells."

The sleigh bell to our northern ears is as familiar as it is pleasant—and the grating of the crisp snow, and the merry laughter of the party wrapped snugly up in their big fur robes. Talking about fur robes, the Dineen Company, corner Yonge and Temperance-streets, have an assortment hard to beat for quality and low price.

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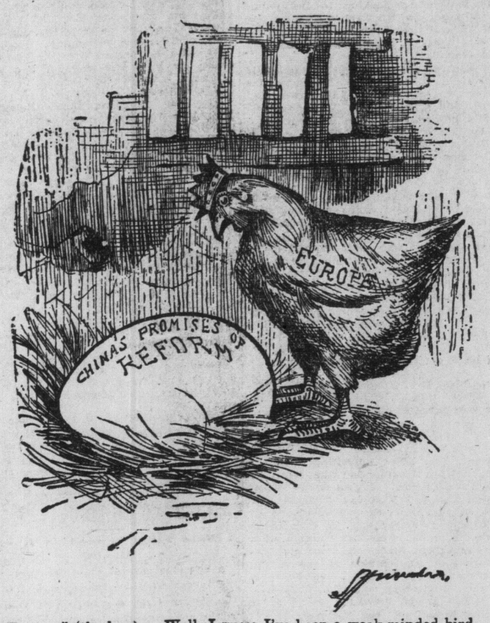
Made in Canada. "Girardot Brand" wine: something worth having at Xmas —Sullivan's.

Uncertain Weather.

It may not be raining just now, but is likely to do so within the month. How serviceable is an umbrella? How suitable for a gift to either a lady or a gentleman? Dineen Company carry a fine of the latest pearl and silver mounted New York umbrellas at all prices, but best goods only.

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

NOTHING HAS COME OUT OF IT.



"EUROPA" (the hen): Well, I guess I've been a weak-minded bird. It's only a China egg anyway.

THEN WHO SHALL CROWN THE QUEEN, ASKS ALL LONDON

Archbishop of York Claims the Honor at Coronation Belongs to Him.

London, Dec. 22.—The King fortunately does not have to buy a crown for his Queen as a Christmas gift. The State supplies it. Who will crown the Queen is a question that is interesting coronation experts. It is unusual for the King being crowned to himself place the crown on the head of his consort. This graceful and appropriate method is what Edward would like. He has always displayed a tender and affectionate desire to honor with his own hand Alexandra.

There is, however, another claimant for the honor, namely, the Archbishop of York. The Archbishop of Canterbury as Primate has the undoubted right to crown the King, but the Archbishop of York is also Primate Secondary, by virtue of which position he claims the privilege of placing the crown on the Queen's head. The claim has not yet, however, been allowed.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA SICK.

Journey to Sandringham for Christmas Has Been Postponed.

London, Dec. 22.—The court circular announces to-night that the journey of King Edward and Queen Alexandra to Sandringham, where they were to go to spend Christmas, has been postponed in consequence of a slight indisposition of Queen Alexandra.

ETON BOYS BETTING.

Secret Discovered When Master Got a Cheque From Bookmaker.

London, Dec. 22.—The schoolboys at Eton have been forbidden to purchase newspapers in the streets. The edict to this effect was prompted by the discovery that the boys were betting extensively on horse races by correspondence, and bought the afternoon papers merely to see the winners and watch the betting. The masters had noticed an eager rush for papers, and when inquiries were made as to what was interesting the boys so keenly, the answer was that it was football or cricket matches.

One house master, however, who happened to have the same name as one of his pupils, received in error a cheque from a bookmaker and circulars from betting agents and tipsters, with the above result.

STATUE OF BAUDIN.

Frenchman Who Knew How to Die Will Be Remembered.

Paris, Dec. 22.—President Loubet inaugurated to-day in the Faubourg St. Antoine a statue to the memory of Deputy Charles Baudin, a representative of the people, who was killed on the barricade of the Faubourg St. Antoine Dec. 3, 1851, the day following the coup d'etat of Louis Napoleon. Baudin was memorable for the reply to the workman who refused to defend the barricade. To this man Baudin said: "You will see how a representative of the people can die for 25 francs a day." He then mounted the barricade. The soldiers fired a volley, and Baudin fell dead.

EXCAVATIONS AT POMPEII.

London, Dec. 22.—Another important discovery has been made at Pompeii, at the same spot where was recently found what was believed to be the mummified body of the elder Pliny. It consists of a grand Roman villa, one room of which is filled with objects of Greek and Roman art. These include a bronze statue, representing Genius, with a torch in its extended right hand, the whole being of superb workmanship. There are also four of the most beautiful Etruscan vases and models of various descriptions. Seven other rooms were found to be full of cereals and other foodstuffs.

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WORLD'S NEXT GREAT WAR WILL BE UNDER THE SEA.

Then the Nation Strong in Submarine Boats Will Be Ruler of the Earth.

Paris, Dec. 22.—Lucien Millevoye, Deputy, said to-day to The Journal correspondent:

"The next great war will be won by the nation possessing the most powerful submarine navy. The ships that won at Manila and Santiago are out of date. A terrible war of nations is inevitable sooner or later.

"Men talk of peace, but the war spirit is abroad. The big cruisers of to-day are at the mercy of tiny submarines, and nations careful of their safety will have to build a submarine navy.

"France is well supplied, but it is not building enough submariners. Aerial navies may come, but I do not see how they can be as destructive as invisible battleships under water. We have science enough to build a great submarine navy if our public men were only enterprising."

NO LIQUOR TO CHILDREN.

Most of London Saloonkeepers Will Not Seek to Evade the Law.

London, Dec. 22.—A recent act of parliament forbids saloon keepers from serving children under 14 with intoxicating liquors either for consumption on the premises or for the purpose of taking it home to their parents. This particular section of the law is known as the "Cork and Seal" clause, permitting the serving of juveniles for the latter purpose if the vessels used are corked and sealed.

This apparently has offered a loophole for many saloon keepers, who keep in supply corks and mucilage paper to avoid penalties. But the majority of London publicans, after consideration, have decided not to take advantage of this, and have agreed to prepare notices informing the public that they will not supply intoxicants in any form to children under 14.

ROSEBERY AVOIDS POLITICS.

Confines Himself to Municipal Topics at Swansea.

London, Dec. 22.—Those who anticipated that Lord Rosebery would again discuss national politics, on the occasion of the presentation to the Liberal statesman of the freedom of Swansea Saturday morning, were disappointed. The mayor, in his welcoming address, did his best to draw the former Premier, by congratulating him on the fact that he left the "lonely furrow," but Lord Rosebery confined himself to referring to municipal matters, especially dwelling on the responsibility of taxpayers in controlling the expenditures of city governments.

AGREEMENT WITH BRIGANDS.

It is Said They Will Accept £14,000 and Release Miss Stone.

London, Dec. 23.—According to a Sofia despatch to The Daily Telegraph, an agreement has been reached between the brigands holding Miss Stone captive and the American Legation at Constantinople, under the terms of which the brigands are to accept £14,000 for the release of Miss Stone. It is said the ransom is to be paid on Bulgarian soil and that Miss Stone is to be liberated in Turkish territory.

SMALLPOX IN OTTAWA JAIL.

Several Prisoners Are Quarantined Whose Terms Have Expired.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—A prisoner in the county jail was to-day removed to the Porter's Island Hospital, suffering from smallpox. All the occupants of the jail corridor in which the patient had been confined have been quarantined, with the result that several of them who would otherwise have regained their liberty will have to spend their Christmas holidays behind the bars.

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TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Annual meeting Astronomical Society, Canadian Institute, 8 p.m.

Camera Club meets, Forum Hall, 8 p.m.

Federated Council of Building Trades, Richmond Hall, 8 p.m.

Ministerial Association meets, Central Y.M.C.A., 10.30 a.m.

Conservative meeting at Sampson's Hall, 8 p.m.

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.

SPEECH OF LAST WEEK PUTS PARTY IN ORDER

Lord Rosebery Causes the First Step Toward Unity to Be Taken.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Sun's London correspondent wires: The week before Christmas in England is proverbially the quietest in the whole year in the political world. This year, however, Lord Rosebery's speech at Chesterfield has provided a topic which has been eagerly discussed every day by the entire British press, while it has also been the main subject of discussion in all the political clubs and among the general public.

Now, after a week's consideration, the prevailing verdict is that the speech has shown Lord Rosebery to be the one man able to head the party, which, whether composed entirely of Liberals or partly of Liberal-Unionists and Conservatives discontented with the present government, is capable of affording the country an alternative administration to the present one. Apart from the comparatively few denunciations of the speech as entirely useless, such as the Conservative party organ, The Standard, has uttered, the hearty praise which was accorded the day after the speech was made has been repeated daily.

There is one chief doubt which has been expressed widely, namely, whether Lord Rosebery will follow up the speech of a leader by assumption of real leadership.

"Boldness, boldness, boldness," is what The Spectator urges on the former Liberal Premier, declaring that it is necessary for him to get his former followers in the Lords and Commons with the chief notable figures in the Liberal party to accept formally his leadership, thus deposing Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the present nominal head of the party.

It is not expected that Lord Rosebery will take any such revolutionary step at once, as it would be calculated to make confusion worse in an already chaotically disorganized party. There has been evidence in the last week that the speech is doing its work in ranging Liberals thruout the country into something like order. Meetings of various Liberal clubs in different quarters have shown that the first step toward the unity of the party has already been taken. This may be described as the institution of a clear line of demarcation between the supporters of Lord Rosebery and the rest of the Liberal Radical party instead of the present multitudinous party divisions and subdivisions.

WHY MARCONI WAS WIRED.

Mr. Fielding Understood He Had His Eyes on Nova Scotia.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—It is learned that Hon. W. S. Fielding's message to Marconi, of wireless telegraph fame, was prompted by the information that the inventor was experiencing difficulty in Newfoundland in conducting his tests and was turning his face towards Nova Scotia. The Finance Minister accordingly wired to Mr. Marconi, conveying to him a cordial welcome to Canada, and assuring him that if officials of the government could be of any service to him the government would be happy to place their services at his disposal.

IN OTTAWA NEXT SUNDAY.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 22.—Mr. Marconi to-day received a second cablegram from the Canadian Minister of Finance, Mr. Fielding, inquiring when the inventor would leave for Canada in order to arrange that some official of the Canadian government might meet him at Sydney, N. S. Marconi expects to reach Ottawa next Sunday and to remain there about one week.

KAISER PREPARES FOR ACTION.

Will Compel Settlement of Claims Against Venezuela.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—It is stated upon good authority that the German government is preparing for military action against Venezuela in order to compel a settlement of German claims against that country.

It is said that Germany has sent an ultimatum to Venezuela, threatening forcible measures to compel the satisfaction of German creditors of that country.

U.S. BATTLESHIP MOVES.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 22.—The United States battleship Indiana left here this morning to La Guayra, Venezuela. The German training ship Moltke is now here.

WILL ROBERTS RESIGN?

London, Dec. 22.—The rumor cabled during the week that Lord Roberts, who has just ended 50 years of service in the army, would resign his position after the coronation, has not been contradicted. Lord Roberts merely saying that he never notices in any way anonymous statements. The report is, however, generally regarded as probably correct.

Lord Roberts is now showing signs of age and some permanent officials of the War Office complain of the accumulation of unsettled matters in the office, to which he does not give sufficient attention. There is no doubt that the permanent high officials in the War Office would welcome the Duke of Connaught as commander-in-chief, if only for the protection which a royal holder of the post would give them from much of the strong personal criticism which must be freely vented on any other holder.

Long Winter Evenings.

These long winter evenings may be rendered very pleasant by installing a Siche Gas Plant, and long gas bills may, by the same means, be avoided. Prof. Vivian Lewes and other high authorities have fixed the illuminating power of Siche Gas (which is the purest form of acetylene known to science) at fifteen times that of coal (city) gas. If you want to see it in operation drop into the Queen City Hotel, corner Queen and William-streets, any evening. Since the 1st inst. the Siche Co. has installed the following large plants: Alexandra Industrial School, Little York; Armow Presbyterian Church; Rev. Mr. Madill's new church (Episcopalian), and the Ontario Hotel, Caledon East, and the Queen City Hotel, Toronto. Also three smaller plants. It has still more orders to fill in December than can conveniently be overtaken, and if you want Siche Gas to save your eyesight and money, you will do well to take the matter up at once, otherwise you may have a long wait before your order can be filled. Catalog on application. Head Office: 83 York-street, Toronto. Phone main 1971.

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Dec. 21.	**At.**	**From.**
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Philadelphia	New York	Southampton
Westernland	Philadelphia	Liverpool
Pomeranian	Boston	Liverpool
Palatia	Hamburg	New York
Lucania	Liverpool	New York
Aller	Genoa	New York
Parisian	Halifax	Liverpool
Dec. 22.		
Statendam	New York	Rotterdam
Celtic	New York	Liverpool
Kaiser W. D. G.	Plymouth	New York
Friesland	Antwerp	New York

FULL HOSPITAL CORPS ACCEPTED BY BRITAIN

Grand Total of Sixty-One Officers and Men Needed to Make Up the Service—Canadians Who Have Received Imperial Army Commissions.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The War Office has approved the list of officers for the third contingent submitted by the Minister of Militia, and they will be given imperial army commissions.

The officers of the contingent will be as follows, except that Lieut.-Col. Cameron, instead of being a captain, will most likely be commissioned as major:

Lieutenant-colonel commanding—Col. T. D. B. Evans, C.B., A.D.C.

Major and second in command—Major W. Hamilton Merritt.

Adjutant—Sergeant-Major Church, N. W. M.P.

Quartermaster—Quartermaster-Sergt. Graham, C.M.R.

Medical officer—Surgeon-Captain Devine, C.M.R.

Veterinary officer—Veterinary-Lieutenant Riddell, Q.M.R.

Transport officer—Captain Snider, N.W. M.P.

Captains—Lieut.-Col. Cameron, 5th Royal Scots; Lieut. J. E. Leckie, Capt. Moodie, N.W.M.P.; Captain Elmsley, R.C.D.; Major J. F. Macdonald, late Strathcona's Horse; Major R. E. Leckie, R.M.C.

Subalterns—Capt. P. E. Thacker, R.C.R.I.; Quebec; Lieut. W. R. Marshall, late R.C. R.; Lieut. Markham, 8th Hussars; Bruce Carruthers, late R.C.R.; T. Callaghan, Canadian Scouts; Inspector Demers, N.W.M.P.; Lieut. Homer Dixon, R.C.R.I.; Sergt.-Major Richard, N.W.M.P.; Sholto Douglas, late R.C.D.; Lieut. Brunton, late R.C.R.; Lieut. Graham, 43rd Regiment; Capt. Fishwick, N.W.M.P.; Lieut. Clarkson, C.A., Kingston; Lieut. Gait, 5th Royal Scots; Lieut. Tyron, late C.M.R.; Lieut. Ashmead, Q.O.C.H.; Major Woodside, unattached; Lieut. McKay, 5th Royal Scots; Lieut. H. C. Hiam, R.C.R.I., Halifax; Lieut. Lambkin, R.C.R.I., Halifax; Lieut. Farrell, 66th Regiment; Cadet London, R.M.C.; Lieut. J. W. Allen, 5th Royal Scots; E. B. Allen, late R.C.D., Windsor, Ont.

Hospital Corps Accepted.

The offer of the Minister of Militia to furnish a field hospital of a bearer company with the Mounted Rifles for service in South Africa has been accepted by the War Office, and Hon. Dr. Borden will at once proceed with the organization of a complete field hospital service. It is understood that it will be under command of Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. Worthington. Besides the lieutenant-colonel in command, there will be a major, Surgeon-Major Charlton Jones, Halifax; a captain and two lieutenants, one of whom will be quartermaster, with 35 non-coms. and privates, a transport section in addition consisting of a sergeant-major and 20 men, a grand total of 61 officers and men. The service will be thoroly equipped and in every respect up to the standard of an imperial field hospital on war establishment. The transport wagons will be so constructed as to be convertible into ambulances, capable of carrying four men each in a recumbent position.

PIANO MAKERS GO OUT FIVE FIRMS AFFECTED

Between 400 and 500 Men Quit Work This Morning for Better Pay and Shorter Working Day—The Newcombe Company Submit to Demands.

Between 400 and 500 pianomakers go out on strike this morning because their demands for an increase in wages and a shorter working day were not granted. The decision to strike was reached at a meeting of the men, held on Saturday night in Richmond Hall. Over 600 were present, representing all branches of the trade.

Mr. Samuel Moore, the business agent, told of the many efforts put forth by the committee to arrange a settlement, and their failure to do so. After a discussion of nearly three hours, the men decided to go out of the shops where their demands had not been acceded to.

In the case of the Prince Piano Company and the Nordheimer Piano Company, action was withheld pending a further conference. In these two shops, where several hundred are employed, the men will return to work this morning. A committee will wait upon them to-day, and, if possible, arrange a settlement.

Five Firms Affected.

The following firms are affected: Heintzman Piano Company, 120 men; Gerhard Heintzman Company, 100 men; Mason & Risch, 150 men; Palmer Piano Company, 60 men, and Mendelssohn Piano Company, 60 men.

The only firm to grant the men's demands was the Newcombe Piano Company. In this factory 100 men are employed.

The strikers have secured the sanction of the International Council, who will stand at their back during the struggle.

The action of the men in deciding to strike was not taken before a long and careful consideration of the situation. Several weeks ago a committee was appointed to wait on the bosses and try and arrange a settlement. In every case, with the exception of one firm, it was impossible to come to an agreement. In a last endeavor to settle the trouble the union issued a notice, whereby they agreed to deal individually with the firms. This, however, also failed to bring about the desired settlement.

Demands of the Men.

What the men demanded was a nine-hour working day, with a half-holiday on Saturday, and a uniform scale of wages, ranging from 20 to 27½ cents per hour, and 30 cents an hour for action finishers. They also wanted certain regulations established concerning the engagement of apprentices and for dealing with all grievances, and the abolition of what is known as the contract system.

The piano manufacturers also met on Saturday. They do not think that the strike will continue any length of time, and look forward to an early settlement of the differences. Several manufacturers when spoken to stated that the present was a busy season, and a strike could not fail to greatly affect them.

INDICTS WAR OFFICE FOR CIVILIAN CONTROL

Lord Wolseley, Former Commander-in-Chief, Has Written His Memoirs.

London, Dec. 22.—Field-Marshal Lord Wolseley, late commander-in-chief of the British army, has been occupied during the last year in writing his memoirs, which he has now finished. The Morning Post understands that he dwells with special emphasis on the period of five years ending last year, when he was commander-in-chief, and that his book will in the main be an indictment of civilian control in the War Office before he became commander-in-chief. Lord Wolseley wrote a preface to Col. Henderson's Life of Stonewall Jackson, in which he made remarks to the same effect. His recent speeches in the House of Lords had to be toned down on account of his official position, but The Morning Post is informed that he now speaks his mind freely, illustrating his views from instances of his personal career. This will only be one more item in the many troubles of the War Office.

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

Monuments.

The McIntosh Granite & Marble Company, Limited, 1119 and 1121 Yonge-street Tel. 4249. Terminal Yonge-street car route 146

BIRTHS.

SMALLPEICE—At 11½ Spencer-avenue, on Saturday, Dec. 21, the wife of Charles F. Smallpeice of a daughter.

DEATHS.

ANDERSON—At 241 Wellesley-street, Toronto, on Saturday morning, 21st December, 1901, Duncan Anderson, formerly Crown Lands Agent, at Apsley, Peterborough County, aged 70 years.

Funeral private, on Monday, at 2 o'clock. Interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

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

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

METCALFE—At her late residence, 179 Crawford-street, on Dec. 21, 1901, Maria Metcalfe, widow of the late George Metcalfe, in her 81st year.

Funeral Tuesday, the 24th, at 2 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

WELSH—On Sunday, Dec. 22, 1901, at her late residence, 7 Waterloo-avenue, Louisa Carmichael, the beloved wife of Thomas Welsh, in her 36th year.

Funeral on Tuesday, Dec. 24th, to 1.15 p.m. C.P.R. train to Hamilton.

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

Turkish and Russian Baths, 129 Yonge

ANOTHER FORGERY TRACED TO LAUTREC

Scapegrace Count Made Note on R. Wolfe, Yonge-Street Furrier, Amounting to $45.45.

Count Talouse Lautrec, who was arrested in New York some time ago on a charge of defrauding A. A. Allan & Co., furriers, of this city, out of a Persian lamb coat, and who was released because the Ontario government would not go to the expense of bringing him here for trial, has been heard from again. This time it is alleged he secured $45.45 from a New York firm by forging the name of R. Wolfe, furrier, 107 Yonge-street, to a cheque on the Union Bank.

Count Lautrec turned up at Wolfe's store on Nov. 29 last, and made overtures loo