

PUERTO PLATA CITY ATTACKED BY MORALES.

The Fighting Was Severe and Lasted from Morning Until Five in the Evening.

The Population is Divided in Its Allegiance and Fighting Occurred in the Streets.

Morales' Troops Retired but are Preparing for Another Attack on the Place.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, Jan. 3.—Advised here early this morning from Puerto Plata, on the northern coast of Santo Domingo, say that the troops of the fugitive President Morales, under the command of General Demetrio Rodriguez, attacked Puerto Plata at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The fighting, which was severe, lasted until 5 o'clock, when the besieging force, a number of men were killed on both sides in the engagement, which bayonets and swords were used. The forces of Rodriguez, which are massed at Puerto Plata, from where the

WILLS FOR PROBATE.

LATE ROBT. LOVETT, ANCASTER, LEFT ESTATE VALUED AT \$17,743.

The wills of the following deceased persons have been entered for probate: Patrick Hanlon, Chicago, \$2,572.50. Thomas Collins, city, \$2,900.

John W. Haystead, city, \$2,875.96. Richard Wakley, city, \$2,255.54.

Duncan A. Robeson, Flamboro', \$270.88. John Lewis, Barton township, \$1,690.

Robert Lovett, Ancaster, farmer, \$17,723.50.

Mrs. Nora Bishop, city, \$1,164.24. Wm. Dickson, Beverly, \$9,052.20.

Mrs. Julia P. Drysdale, New Orleans, \$540.

Letters of administration have been applied for in the case of the following: David McDonald, city, \$1,532.96.

Thomas J. Patrick, Beverly, \$4,885.75. Lewis Edworthy, city, \$5,000.

James Adam, city, \$134.24. David E. Mather, Beverly, \$50.

James Workman, city, \$40. Joseph McInerney, city, \$400.

Michael McInerney, city, \$400. Robert Hall, Saltfleet township, \$2,396.15.

COURT HOUSE NOTES.

NAMES OF THOSE WHO WILL SERVE ON THE GRAND JURY.

The Winter Assizes will open here next Monday. Following is the list of the grand jury: W. H. Montague, Geo. C. Holden, H. J. Gilbert, A. H. Moore, J. R. Moodie, Hamilton; W. B. Bridgeman, Fred Stewart, Saltfleet; Wm. Moffatt, sen., Jacob Olmstead, Ancaster; Robert T. Binbrook; W. E. Stock, East Flamboro'; Jacob R. Binkley, West Flamboro'.

The name of the late Mr. Stewart Malloch is on the list, and the judge will have to instruct the jury to draft a man from the petit jury list. The docket closes on Friday.

This morning Mr. W. M. McClelland, for the plaintiff in the suit of Aitchison v. T. H. & R. R., got an order from Judge Monck for an examination of J. Christopher, a superintendent of the company, in regard to an accident which, it is claimed, caused the late Mr. Robt. Aitchison's death.

FROM THE DEAD.

LETTER FROM THE LATE HON. MR. PREFONTAINE MADE PUBLIC.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 3.—(Special).—To-day Le Canada prints a letter from the late Hon. Mr. Prefontaine, dated Paris, Dec. 19, to Marc Sauvalle, managing editor of Le Canada. In view of the death of the Minister the letter has a pathetic interest. Mr. Prefontaine said he was unable to get sleep in London, and that he was fated day and night. In Paris things were even worse. "But," he continued, "this will not last long. I will set out for Rome next week, and later have a restful cruise on the Mediterranean."

One Hundred Pair

Nice young, plump pigeons. What's more nourishing, more satisfying, more dainty than a properly made pigeon pie. We're not charging thirty-five or twenty-five cents per pair; all you want at twenty cents. It's like giving them away. Order early, they won't last long at that price. Also young fat rabbits, fresh cut lettuce, celery, ripe tomatoes, cucumbers. Bain & Adams, 89 to 91 King street east.

This is True.

There are selling wood suitable for summer use, cut and split to suit, at \$4.25 per cord. Hard coal, \$10.00. The Connell Anthracite Co., Limited. Phones 1,499 and 1,500.

A Blackmailing Letter.

Jan. 3.—Cardinal Vincent Vannutelli, archpriest of the Librarian, received a note which was posted in Rome on Dec. 30, threatening the publication of compromising letters, said to have been written by the cardinal, did not send \$1,000 lire (\$200), addressed to the initials "C. E." at the post-office until called for. The cardinal handed the letter, who this morning arrested a well-dressed man, who asked the initials "C. E."

whose name is kept secret, and who protests his innocence, in the blackmailing letter was posted in Rome he was landed on reaching Italy from New York.

Fresh Off the Wires

Theodore P. Ralli, for many years the senior manager of the American branch of the firm of Ralli Bros., importers, New York, which has its headquarters in London, died yesterday in London.

Senator Brackett, of Saratoga, soon after the New York Legislature convened, introduced a resolution demanding of Chauncey M. Depew his resignation as United States senator from that state.

The cable companies were advised today that the telegraph lines to St. Petersburg are now working well. There is communication with all stations except Odessa, Saratov and Rumania. The Caucasus and Siberia are still cut off.

At Troy, N. Y., Supreme Court Justice Howard yesterday notified District Attorney Jerome, of New York, that he had denied the application of Col. Robt. Ammon for a discharge from Sing Sing prison. Ammon was convicted for his connection with the Franklin Syndicate frauds, and was sentenced under the law for indeterminate sentences.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. James, of this city, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Roszel, Brantford.

Mrs. Thomas McDougall, 26 Paquette street, is improving after a severe illness.

Hamilton Collegiate Institute, Public and Separate Schools, reopened this morning after the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. R. Soper and Miss Soper will receive the first and third Thursday of each month at 857 King street east.

Mr. and Mrs. Pellow and family, of Princeton, and Miss Overholt, of Eastwood, are visiting Mrs. Callahan, 18 Albert road.

Miss Ethel Holder returned to Hamilton this morning after spending the holidays at her home in the city—St. Catharines. Star-Journal.

Mrs. H. W. Hill, of Wilson, will receive at her home in East Flamboro' on Wednesday, January 10, and after on the second and third Wednesday.

Miss Isbister, of the W. W. Wilkinson millinery department, left for her home in Hamilton on Monday, and will not return to Galt—Galt Reformers.

Mr. Herb. Connell, son of Mr. William Connell, of the Waterworks department, who has been in South Africa for some years, purposes returning home in May.

Nurse Currie, of the St. Vincent street home, has returned from Toronto, where she has been with Miss Mitchell, of Watford, her patient, visiting Mrs. Geo. Rohr, Miss Mitchell's sister. She has gone with her parents.

Mr. H. Smart, of Detroit, Mich., who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Smart, Homeview avenue, for the past two weeks, returned home last night. His brother Wilfred, and his cousin, Walter Smart, of Drayton, Ont., going with him for a two months' visit.

Miss Rita Price entertained a number of her young friends last evening at the Thistle Club, and a jolly time was spent. Among those present were: Grace Kirkpatrick, Alpha Turner, Vivian Smith, Cecile Barry, Lizzie Findlay, Kathleen Arland, Katie Burkholder, Bertha Severs, Bruce Frost, Russell Murray Barry, Harry Wilson, Reggie Cochran, Gordon Ennis, William Taylor, Frank and Peter Gaghan.

RUNAWAY BOY.

GEORGE MINER CAUGHT YESTERDAY BY INSPECTOR BIRD.

George Miner, the lad who was given over to the St. Vincent de Paul Society recently by order of the Magistrate, ran away from the St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum the other day. He was caught yesterday after a chase of about two miles, over fields, by Mr. Charles Bird, the society's inspector. Young Miner said the man with whom his mother lived in a shack near the corner of Wilson street and Sherman avenue, told him to run away.

The shack was torn down yesterday and the couple moved their belongings to a shack on the Beach road. They were later ordered away from it by the owner.

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Junior's Successful Sale.

As advertised in the Times on Saturday Mr. Robert Junior began his sale of china and art goods yesterday. Mr. Junior's customers know the value of his goods for they are celebrated for their quality and exclusiveness. The sale will continue for 20 days and every piece in the house is marked at a discount of twenty-five per cent. Lovers of bric-a-brac and art goods should not overlook this chance of securing genuine bargains in goods that cannot be duplicated in the city.

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BRITISH FLEET TO SMASH RUSSIAN.

Rojestvensky Declares That Had Japs Failed the British Would Have Destroyed His Fleet.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 3.—The remarkable allegation that the British fleet was held in readiness to destroy the Russian fleet if the battle of the Sea of Japan had gone in the Russians' favor is made by Admiral Rojestvensky in a letter published in the Novoye Vremya to-day, with the permission of the Minister of Marine.

NOTED CROOK WALKS OUT OF JAIL.

Green Keepers Allow the King of Second Storey Men to Escape from Prison.

New York, Jan. 3.—The Tribune says: Frank Brown, alias Bud Morton, alias Dick McGuire, said to be one of the cleverest crooks in the country, calmly sauntered by half a dozen of the green keepers and attendants of the Raymond street jail, Brooklyn, yesterday, and made his escape. He had been in the prison less than one hour, after having been arraigned in the County Court, charged with robbing the home of ex-Senator Wm. J. Larocche, in Brooklyn, of jewelry valued at \$3,000, and several hundred dollars in money, on Nov. 24. He was caught in Chicago and had just been brought east after the Brooklyn authorities had made a hard fight to get him from the jurisdiction of the courts there.

Sheriff Flaherty, who took charge of the jail with a new force on New Year's day, was much disturbed over the loss of so important a prisoner, and will probably dismiss one or more of the keepers as soon as he can fix the blame.

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AN UNJUST OPINION OF THE NEGRO.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 3.—Governor Vardaman in his annual message to the Mississippi Legislature, which assembled yesterday, again took a strong stand against spending public money for the education of the negro, saying, in part: "As a race the negro is deteriorating morally every day. Time has demonstrated that he is more criminal as a free man than as a slave, that he is increasing in criminality with fearful

AN IMPORTANT BUSINESS CHANGE.

MR. GORDON HENDERSON LEAVING THE CATARACT COMPANY.

Has Purchased a Large Interest in the Duncan Lithographing Company, and Will Devote Himself to It.

It will surprise many to learn that Captain Gordon Henderson is severing his connection with the Cataract Power Company. Mr. Henderson has purchased a large interest in the Duncan Lithographing Company and he and Mr. F. R. Close will control and manage the business in future. Mr. Close has been manager for some years past, and will continue in that position, but Mr. Henderson also will devote his entire time to the new enterprise, as soon as he can make arrangements to withdraw from the Cataract Company's service. He has been with the latter company ten years, filling the important position of superintendent of the power and lighting department. His many friends wish him success in his undertaking.

After many years' connection with the firm Mr. J. Kneeshaw, formerly of the firm, Mr. Henderson has had 60 years of active business life in Hamilton and has well earned the rest.

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The Man In Overalls

I suppose the Spectator will now be posing as an "independent."

So Lamoreaux has got the political bee in his bonnet. But Charlie Gardner gave him quite a scare.

Of course which ever way Trustee Armstrong votes Trustee Robinson will have to follow suit or he may lose his job at the cotton factory.

Don't forget the fact that three of the anti-slave candidates were second, third and fourth in the aldermanic race.

How did Ald. Sullivan happen to get lost? Did the P. P. A's. drop on him?

"Now, there's grammar," says Trustee George Allan, "then college bred fellows think that's the only lingo to go for. But it's only a fact and we'll cut it out and save the money."

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NO CAUCUS YET.

WE WILL TRY TO SETTLE CHAIRMANSHIP PROBLEM.

At a standstill with regard to the arrangement of the civic committees and chairmanships. It is likely that the Tory caucus will be held on Friday night, and the workers are trying to have things patched up before there is a squabble in the caucus. Ald. Stewart says he is taking no active steps to secure the chairmanship of the Finance Committee. He has canvassed no alderman and does not intend to. It is the stand that Ald. Main also takes. At the same time if these gentlemen are not working, their friends are in their behalf. Ald. Stewart still declares if he does not get the chairmanship of the Finance Committee he wants no other. With regard to the Board of Works, he says that if there were no Tory aldermen competent to take the position he might be induced to again accept it, but he is satisfied that both Ald. Birrell and Ald. Baird, the aspirants, have the necessary qualifications. Ald. Birrell will probably be the choice of the Tories if he is represented, and we have no doubt they are, there are no number of healthy, good looking, moral living young women in this and other Canadian cities, towns and villages who are just looking for such snaps, and who would, in the nature of things, make better wives for these men than any they can fetch from abroad. I protest in advance against the overstocking of the Canadian matrimonial market, and have no sympathy with the movement to cheat these girls out of their husbands. My motto in this matter is "Canada for the Canadians." If these Northwest farmers mean business they can be accommodated right in this city, and Commissioner Coombs should know it.

CLIPPED.

The fellow with no reputation doesn't have to look up to it.

Put up a good front if you don't want to be talked about behind your back.

She—Mormonism is a terrible thing. He—Yes, just suppose a man should be hanged.

A Government subsidy proves the truth of the Bible saying: "To them that hath it shall be given."

When a married woman begins to complain that all men are alike, she might just as well pack up and go home to mamma.

Nell—They say she has written a book. Nell—Yes, it is called The Inner Life. Nell—A religious work? Nell—No, a cook book.

De Tanque—Guzzler hasn't been around lately. I wonder if anything is wrong with him. O'Soague—I'm afraid so. I heard he was going to be married.

FLINT STORY FALSE AND MYSTERY UNSOLVED.

Horton Admitted That His Whole Confession Was a Fake—Was Never in Hamilton.

Detective Greer Did Not Go to Michigan on Learning the Facts by Telephone.

Horton is Said to Have Been a Thief and a Victim of the Drug Habit.

Whatever doubt existed in the minds of the Hamilton police as to the genuineness of the remarkable alleged confession of John Horton, detained by the authorities at Flint, Mich., suspected of having a hand in the Barton murder, was removed when the prisoner exploded his sensational story by declaring last night that he was never in Hamilton, never knew Mrs. Marie Hartz, and had no knowledge whatever as to who the murderer was.

Once more the police are as far away from the solution of the baffling mystery as when it was first discovered last October. At no time did they place much confidence in the story as told by Horton to the Flint police, and when it was completely disposed of by the man's own admissions last night, the officials were not surprised.

As related in the Times yesterday, Horton's statements were full of discrepancies, and his whole story was completely at variance with any clues the police have as yet followed. Provincial Detective Greer, who planned to go to Flint to investigate the story yesterday afternoon, changed his arrangements after having a talk with Chief Constable Rust of that place, over the long distance "phone. When acquainted with the facts, the improbability of the man's story and his admissions that he had been lying, had never been in Hamilton, and had faked the story he told the detectives, the Provincial officer decided it was useless to waste time and money going there. He came to Hamilton this morning and had a talk with the officials at headquarters.

When asked about the despatches saying he had been to Flint to investigate Horton's story, Mr. Greer smiled broadly.

"I have no intention," he said, "of going to Flint. We know all that is to be known now, and it would be useless to go there."

"Do you think there is a probability of there being anything in the story?" he was asked.

"I don't take any stock in it at all," was the reply.

While Mr. Greer intimated that he would investigate further in the hope of finding out something, it is said he will ignore this phase of the case altogether to follow up more likely clues.

The story told by H. H. Rines, who identifies the victim as a woman who sailed on the Parisian from London last September with a man who answers the description, was related to the Provincial officer, who will further investigate it. This clue did not seem to impress him any more than a score of others that have proved worthless. He left for Toronto at noon.

"First, as I expected," commented Chief of Police Smith, who, when he heard the story told by Horton yesterday, predicted that it was the dream of a man mentally unbalanced. There was no investigation in it, he said, he pointed out, to warrant anyone acquainted with the facts in believing the Flint story.

The Chief is still hoping against hope that the mystery will not remain such for ever.

Other officers take the same view. Said one, who has been at work on it from the first:

"The truth may come out. Many of the enquiries we have received from the dead woman possibly being a relative of the party writing showed that people had been missing from periods of one to two and eight years. The relatives of this woman may yet hear of the murder and come forward to identify her. An instance of these mysterious disappearances is the case of the young girl who was employed by Mr. Birge's, on Main street east, and dropped completely out of sight a few months ago. Now what has become of her. She has never been heard from nor has anyone been able to get any trace of her. Yet none of those who knew her fear that she has met with harm."

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Horton was completely unstrung. He was recognized by Clarence Swift as having lived near Ossville, this

county. Swift says Horton has a reputation for lack of truthfulness.

Horton is still at the jail and will be held as a vagrant. He did not have a cent in his pocket when he surrendered, but will have a berth in a cell for some weeks now.

Chief Rust examined Horton for several hours yesterday.

He made a number of contradictory statements and the police suspected much of his story is groundless. At times he encouraged his questioners in the belief that his story was made out of whole cloth, but when another seized him he insisted he was telling the truth.

Before being taken to jail Horton was arraigned before Mr. Justice Torrey on the charge of vagrancy. He refused to plead declaring that he would not demean himself by recognizing an accusation which placed him on so low a scale, and he was remanded for a hearing on Friday morning.

Horton knew nothing whatever about the names of the streets in Hamilton and could not give the names of anyone he professed to work for.

He admitted that he was not in Hamilton at the time of the murder, but he could not say definitely, and claimed that the idea that he had been mixed up in it had since taken stronger hold of him.

Horton was seen by Clarence Swift, and on being recognized said he had lived with Dugan Campbell near Ossville from the age of nine to nineteen years.

Before the reporter finished interviewing Horton he admitted that his entire story was a lie. He will be given a short term in jail as a vagrant until his story can be further looked into. He said he was in Toronto about a year and a half ago.

Not the Chatham Man.

A Chatham despatch says: John ton, the man who said at Flint, that he assisted in the Barton murder, lived here for some time, moved West about eight years ago, was committed to the penitentiary for six months at the December of 1893, for the larceny of money, stock and other goods.

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Strange Funeral Cortège.

Tarrytown, N. Y., Jan. 3.—In large rowboats, that trailed slowly and silently through the water, a funeral cortège made its way across the Hudson River yesterday to Nyack, a distance of three miles. The ferry party had come from Albany, only to find that the ferry boat from this city had been laid up for repairs.

In the coffin was the body of an Albany man. Seven large rowboats were hired to take the party across the river. The coffin, weighing eight hundred pounds, was placed in one boat, which led the strange line of mourners following in boats, single file.