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LONDON IN A BLAZE!

Terrific Conflagration in the British Metropolis.

Twenty Steam Fire Engines Powerless to Check its Progress.

Celebration of Gladstone's 81st Birthday —The Noteworthy Work of Count Tolstoi's Niece.

Terrific Conflagration in London.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—A terrific conflagration is now (2 p.m.) ranging in this city. The scene of the fire is in Queen Victoria and Thames streets, near Blackfriar's Bridge. A number of warehouses are blazing and London seems to be destined to suffer one of the largest and most destructive fires in its history. Fourteen fire engines were soon on the spot, and the firemen did their utmost, but with little success, to check the course of the flames. A high wind was blowing, and it materially added to the fury of the flames, while hindering the firemen in their efforts to save property. Sheets of flame and hot smoke were frequently hurled dangerously close to the struggling firemen, who met with little or no success against the fiery element.

The large wholesale furniture manufactory of Revillon Freers, extending from 127 to 141 Queen Victoria street, was said to be doomed shortly after fire gained headway. Following this news was the information that a large paper warehouse, a number of fancy goods stores and the Gulcher Electric Light and Power Company's building were also a complete prey to the flames. The flames spread rapidly on all sides as if there were no firemen or engines present.

As the fire progressed it spread to the headquarters of the Salvation Army, illuminating that red painted building in a most ominous manner. The salvationists are working like beavers to place the records and other property of the army in a place of safety.

At this hour (4 p.m.) the fire is rapidly spreading in all directions. The buildings from the corner of Bennet's Hill to No. 135 Queen Victoria street are either blazing fiercely or else are gutted, smouldering red ruins with scorched, blackened shells around them. All this ruin has been done and much more is being done, to all appearances unchecked, in spite of the presence of twenty steam fire engines. Two fire escapes and a large number of old "Manual" fire engines are upon the scene. The latter, however, might just as well be in the British museum as operating on such a conflagration.

Death of an M. P.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Thomas Richardson, Liberal Unionist M. P. from Hartlepool, is dead.

Over 150 Bigamists in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 30.—There are over 150 persons in this city who are liable to be indicted for bigamy, and Jewish circles are greatly agitated over the illegal methods of some of the Rabbis in annually performing the marriage ceremony.

A Noteworthy Work.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—A noteworthy work has just been completed by a niece of Count Leo Tolsoi. This lady, who is a daughter of Mme. Kuseminskaya, has transcribed the book, "War and Peace," in raised characters for the use of the blind. The book, which is the outcome of two years' constant labor, numbers 5,000 pages.

Caught at Its Old Tricks.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Mr. O'Brien, in denying in his dispatch from Paris that he ever wrote a line for the Irish World as stated by the London Times, added "that he had caught the London Times at its 'old Pigottry tricks,' and that he would not allow that newspaper to sail away with 'its quibbling dishonest reply pinned to a false, malicious libel.'"

Tragic Ending of a Honeymoon.

BELFAST, Dec. 30.—Seven weeks ago a miner named McDowell, who had acquired a fortune by diamond digging in South Africa, married a handsome young woman at Kimberly, Griqualand. After the solemnization of the marriage the newly-married couple sailed for Ireland, where they intended spending the honeymoon. In the course of their tour through Ireland McDowell and his young wife visited Bangor, twelve miles distant from this city. Sunday the body of the bride was found lying by the roadside with a bottle which contained poison by her side. The tragedy has created a decided sensation, and the theory of suicide is by no means undisputed.

Gladstone's Birthday.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—At Hawarden Castle yesterday the 81st birthday of Hon. William Ewart Gladstone was celebrated with great rejoicings. Telegrams of congratulation and a large number of presents arrived during the early part of the day from all parts of Great Britain, and there were also received congratulations from the United States. Nearly the whole of Mr. Gladstone's family were present at the castle and the village was crowded with visitors. During the day Mr. Gladstone drove in an open carriage to the spot outside the chief entrance to Hawarden Castle, where a memorial fountain was unveiled. This fountain was erected by the residents of Hawarden, irrespective of politics, to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone. At the unveiling of the fountain Mr. Gladstone made a speech, in which he said that after a residence of 50 years at Hawarden he was warmly attached to the place and hoped to continue his residence there during the remainder of his life. Mr. Gladstone's health is excellent.

Found Dead in Bed.

AILSA CRIG, Ont., Dec. 30.—Andrew Donaldson, a farmer, who lived about four miles from her, was found dead in his bed on Saturday night. It was supposed at first that he had taken his own life, but it has since turned out that he died of heart disease. Deceased had been married only a few months.

A Five-Year-Old Boy Killed by Whisky.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—An inquest has been held in the case of Thomas Sweeney, 5 years of age, of 1,145 Baltimore street, who died on Christmas night from the effects of alcoholic poison. John Sweeney, father of the boy, testified that he had been in the habit of allowing his child to take whisky. On Christmas Day the boy took a glassful of Irish whisky out of his hand, and the father supposed that he would merely taste it. Instead the child almost drained the glass, and was immediately thrown into convulsions.

THE DAY'S DOINGS.

Chronicled and Summarized for Busy Readers.

CANADIAN.

Strong gales are reported all along the Nova Scotia coast, with rain and snow.

Dr. Winnett, a Toronto physician, writes very hopefully from Berlin concerning the Koch discoveries.

The mail steamer Circassian and other vessels arriving on this side report having met rough weather on the Atlantic.

A 15-year-old boy named Meloche was spearing muskrats through the ice on the Conrad River, in Anderdon, when he fell through the ice and was drowned.

The coroner's jury yesterday returned a verdict of willful murder against the Indian Peter Sharbot, accused of killing a child, and he was committed for trial.

Messrs. Watters and Mitchael, of the Customs Department, Ottawa, are visiting Winnipeg for the purpose of removing some differences between importers and the customs office there.

The fifth annual meeting of the Science and Modern Language Association of Ontario commenced at Toronto yesterday. The classical teachers of the Province organized themselves also into an association.

UNITED STATES.

The snowfall in in the Virginia region is the heaviest in 50 years.

Many animals are dying of glanders in the central portion of New Jersey.

Frank A. Early, a telegraph operator, was found dead Monday morning at the corner of Pearl and Frankfort streets, New York.

In the United States Senate yesterday Mr. Carlisle introduced a resolution providing for the appointment of commissioners to inquire into the trade relations between Canada and the United States.

A Pine Ridge Agency dispatch says that there was a fight on Porcupine Creek yesterday between 120 Indians and 100 United States cavalry in which 50 soldiers were killed or wounded, while 50 Indians were killed outright. The troops are pursuing the fugitive redmen.

FOREIGN.

Floods have been doing much damage to railways in Italy.

Octave Feuillet, the well-known French novelist and dramatist, is dead.

The conference between O'Brien and Parnell is to take place at Boulogne.

Two patients who were being treated with the Koch lymph died in St. Petersburg hospital.

The Christian forces lately defeated the Moslems in a fight on the frontier of Uganda, and now peace has been established.

Yesterday, at Whitly, Yorkshire, Walter Grimshaw, the eminent chess player and composer, cut his throat with a razor. No reasons assigned.

Italy has decided again to allow the importation of German products forthwith. A certificate from a health officer is to accompany each shipment.

The Dublin stock-broking firm of Dubedat & Son failed yesterday. Losses estimated at over £250,000. The prices of stocks fell all along the line.

Mr. Gladstone in a letter to an Irish priest says: "I anxiously watch the course and await the close, not long, I hope, to be delayed, of the lamentable conflict in Ireland."

The Belgian steamer Ferdinand Vandertaelen, from Odessa, for London, foundered during a gale Dec. 23, in latitude 37° north, longitude 6° east. Her crew have arrived at Gibraltar.

The house of the cure of Hertimont, near Arras, France, was entered by burglars yesterday. The burglars murdered the cure's mother, aged 89 years, and attempted to burn her body. The murderers escaped with their plunder.

Vincent Scully, the recently defeated Parnellite candidate for North Kilkenny, speaking of the attitude of the Irish bishops, says that the Irish struggle is essentially a political and not a moral one —a struggle for leave for the Irish to manage Irish affairs after their own fashion. The struggle is one of pounds, shillings and pence, and not of the sacraments.

POLITICAL POINTS.

The annual meeting of the West Elgin Dominion Reform Association will be held at West Lorne on Wednesday, Jan. 14.

Judgment was given in the Frontenac election case yesterday in favor of the respondent, Hugh Smith, M.P.P.

Steamship Arrivals.

Dec. 29.		
La Bretagne	New York	Havre
Spaarndam	New York	Rotterdam
Umbria	New York	Liverpool
S. of Pennsylvania	Glasgow	New York
Samatian	Boston	Glasgow
Marcela	Halifax	Hamburg

Killed at the Falls.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 30.—A rock slide yesterday morning at the mouth of the new tunnel instantly killed Wm. Anger, of Bertie, Ont. Peter Scranton, of this place, had his leg broken and his skull fractured. Both were workmen.

Free—Strong's Cook Book, containing 1,000 carefully selected practical receipts for bread, biscuit, cakes, puddings, pastry, etc., invaluable to every lady. Secure a copy free by calling at Strong's Drug Store, 184 Dundas street, London. To insure satisfactory results Strong's Baking Powder should always be used, as all baking powders are not of uniform strength and some are not pure. This powder is made fresh daily and sold only at Strong's Drug Store, 184 Dundas street; price, 25 cents per pound. Canadian agency for Halsey Bros.' homeopathic remedies. Marriage licenses issued at above address. 24tf

Sewing machines repaired and guaranteed to work as good as new by Wm. Smith, practical repairer, 286 Dundas street, next to Fulcher's livery. ywt

$1. A carpet rocker for $1. Do not let your children go without a rocker when you can buy one so cheap, finished in oak or mahogany. A large stock of fancy chairs of all kinds, suitable for presents, very cheap. W. J. BRYANTON, 123 King street. Telephone No. 479.

BATTLE IN THE BAD LANDS.

Bloody and Desperate Encounter with Indians.

Heavy Loss in Killed and Wounded on Both Sides.

Treacherous Traits of the Red Men—No Quarter Given by the Infuriated Cavalrymen.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. — Official dispatches from Gen. Miles, dated Rapid City, S. D., were received last night by Gen. Schofield, telling of the fight in the Bad Lands to-day between the Indian hostiles and the white troops. The first was as follows: "Whiteside had four troops of cavalry and held the Indians till Forsythe reached him with four more troops last night. At 8:30 this morning, while disarming the Indians, a fight commenced. I think very few Indians have escaped. I think we will have this matter in hand as soon as all are in position. There was no precaution omitted. The fight occurred near the head of Wounded Knee Creek. I have just seen many of the Indians who went out towards Forsythe this morning come back."

The next dispatch says: "Gen. Brooke telegraphs Forsythe reports that while disarming Big Foot's band this morning a fight occurred. Capt. Wallace and five soldiers were killed. Lieut. Garlington and fifteen men wounded. The Indians are being hunted up in all directions. None are known to have got their ponies. Gen. Brooke also reports that many of the young warriors that were going out from the camp in the Bad Lands to the agency have gone toward Forsythe. All troops have been notified."

There are 5,000 Sioux encamped about the agency buildings. If all these Indians revolt it would not take them long to wipe out the handful of infantrymen from Omaha and massacre the entire camp. Every building at the agency is built of wood, and after looting the traders' stores and the Government storehouse the Indians could complete their work in short order by applying the torch. There are nearly 200 Indian boys and girls in the schools near the agency. The teachers are whites or half-breeds. People who can leave the agency are doing so as rapidly as possible.

THE FIGHTING FEVER SPREADS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—A special dispatch from Pine Ridge agency received this morning says: "The news of the battle at Wounded Knee excited the Indians at the agency in an alarming manner. The entire camp was soon in commotion, and restless young bucks at once took to the hills. Even the most loyal of the Indians were affected and the couriers themselves seemed eager for blood. Desultory firing was soon heard near the agency. Little Wound's men have fled back to the range west of here toward Two Strike's band, and both gangs are preparing to attack the agency. The troops here are the infantry under Major Wheaton, with one Gatling, four heavy guns and one Hotchkiss rifle.

HOW THE FIGHT BEGAN.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 30.—A dispatch from the camp on Wounded Knee Creek, S. D., dated the 29th, says: "The remaining four troops of the Seventh Cavalry arrived from Pine Ridge agency last night. At 8 this morning Gen. Forsythe issued orders to have the 150 Indians who had been preparing called from the teppes, saying he wanted to talk to them. They obeyed slowly. By twenties they were ordered to give up their arms. The first twenty went to their tents and came back with only two guns. This irritated Major Whiteside. After a hasty consultation with Gen. Forsythe he gave the order for the cavalrymen, who were all dismounted, to close in. They did so, and took a stand within twenty feet of the Indians, now in their center. When this was done a detachment of cavalry men afoot was sent to search the teppes. About 70 guns were found, but while this work was going on the warriors held an incantation pow-wow. The teppes having been gone through, an order was given to search the warriors. All thought of trouble was evidently wholly out of the mind of the soldiers. A dozen warriors had been searched, when like a flash all the rest of them jerked guns from under their blankets and began firing bullets into the ranks of the soldiers, who a few minutes before had moved to within almost gun reach. Those Indians who had no guns rushed on the soldiers with tomahawks in one hand and scalping-knife in the other. It was

A DEMONIAC RUSH.

With Gen. Forsythe and Major Whiteside I stood when the firing started, within touching distance of the death-dealing devils. The only thing that saved all three of us from instant death was that the Indians had their backs turned to us when they began firing. Their first volley was as if fired by one man, so that they must have fired 100 shots before the soldiers fired one, but, oh how they were slaughtered after their first volley. Some, however, succeeded in getting through the lines and away to the small hills to the southwest. The firing lasted a half hour, and even as I write these words I hear that Hotchkiss gun pouring shots into the gullies to the north, where a few of the devils have taken refuge. Father Cratey, Catholic priest, was mortally wounded in the lungs. Many of the wounded will die. Capt. Wallace was tomahawked squarely in the forehead. Lieut. Kenzie received but a slight wound in the cord of the ankle.

Be Warned.

Don't be a fool; know what you want and refuse to be imposed upon by greedy dealers when they attempt to palm off sore-producing substitutes for Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor, the only safe, sure and painless corn cure. Putnam's Corn Extractor is the best, the safest and only painless corn remedy. Sold by all dealers in medicine.

Modern Dentistry.—Latest dental operations performed. Teeth inserted without plates; roots retained, restored to health, crowned with porcelain or gold and made useful and comfortable. 192 Dundas street. O. H. ZIEGLER, L.D.S., C. H. ZIEGLER, D.D.S., dentists.

Sewing machines of all kinds repaired, umbrellas mended with dispatch, saws and cutlery sharpened. T. P. COMISKEY, 383½ Talbot street. yt

Tally Ho! Stable.

This stable still maintains its good name for turning out a first class livery of all descriptions to suit the public. In the stable are two fine Tandems to let with or without drivers, also a fine buss for sleighing parties. J. FULCHER, proprietor. Telephone 678.

THE WORKING WORLD.

Possibility of 80,000 English Railway Men Being Involved in the Scotch Strike.

A dispatch from Glasgow says 150 English railroad hands have arrived there, and will be set to work on the Caledonian road. The Southwestern is resuming work. The miners at Kilmarnock are joining the strikers. It is announced that the secretary of the English Railwaymen's Union threatens to bring out 80,000 English railroad men in case the Scotch railroads do not soon come to terms with their employes. The railway officials say numbers of men from the shires and counties are offering their services on the Scotch railroads. The directors feel confident they can fill all vacancies, and declare the strike will soon collapse. A chain was found fastened to the rails of the City Union line Monday. It was removed before any damage was done. The strikers are charged with having committed the outrage. Through railway traffic between Edinburgh, Glasgow and Perth is almost completely re-established. The Scotch railway officials now decline to recognize Secretary Tait, of the men's organization, and also talk of refusing to reinstate the strikers who failed to apply for work after the strike.

Brantford printers have formed a typographical union with the following officers: President, Robert McMeans; vice-president, Henry Carman; recording secretary, John Pettibert; corresponding secretary, James Campbell; treasurer, James S. Hurley; sergeant-at-arms, John Gardner; executive committee, R. McMeans, H. Carman, J. Ryan, J. J. Hurley, J. Gardner. The number of the charter is 273.

TELEGRAMS IN A NUTSHELL.

The Toronto Ministerial Association on Monday expressed its hearty approval of the course of the City Council on the question of Sunday street cars.

A special from San Augustine, Texas, gives particulars of the burning of the entire business portion of that town. Loss, $100,000; insurance, $50,000.

Grant Allan has been awarded first prize of $5,000 for the best story received in answer to an invitation from a London magazine. He is a Kingstonian.

The carriage-house and other outbuildings at "Boscobel," Peekskill, N. Y.—the summer home of Henry Ward Beecher—were burned on Monday. Two horses perished in the flames.

The inquest in the case of Robert Scarlett, who died from injuries supposed to have been received at the Aquatic saloon, Toronto, resulted in the acquittal of James Douglas, proprietor of the saloon, who had been held to await the result.

La Belle King, an opium smuggler who escaped from the United States secret service officers in Michigan two years ago, was captured on Monday at Olympia, Washington. He is said to be at the head of the largest smuggling ring in the United States.

The Eastern window glass manufacturers will unite with the American Window Glass Company at a meeting which will be held in Chicago to-day, thus combining all the window glass factories in the United States. The price of window glass will no doubt be advanced.

At Peterboro, Ont., on Sunday, Rev. Alexander Bell, for thirteen years pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, preached his farewell sermon. The Rev. P. C. Parker, Baptist, also preached his valedictory sermon, having accepted the pastorate of the First Avenue Baptist Church, Toronto.

The New York Herald's Washington correspondent says the treasury experts are now of the opinion that the frauds in the importation of dutiable merchandise from Canada have cost the revenue a very much greater sum than the amount hitherto estimated. The actual loss to the revenue of the United States has been millions of dollars.

The coroner's jury at Milton, Ont., in the case of the late Wm. Harrison, jun., found that he was accidentally killed Dec. 23 by a freight car, and the company are censured for not complying with the sanitary requirements of having a man on the last car of a backing train, and also for allowing shunting at a station so near the time of the arrival of the passenger train.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

Annie Pixley denies the report that she intends closing her season prematurely. Miss Pixley will finish her present season but will probably rest next year and visit Europe.

John J. Buckley, manager of the opera houses at Bay City and Saginaw, and a partner of Sam Clay and W. H. Powers, the well-known theater men, died at his home in Bay City Sunday night of heart failure after a week's illness. He was about 60 years old.

BASEBALL.

President A. G. Spalding completed arrangements with President John Addison for the transfer of all the players and property of the Chicago Players' League Club to the Chicago National League Club at once. The consideration was $25,000 in cash. The transfer will involve the return of the ex-St. Louis Browns—Comiskey, O'Neill, Boyle, and King—to St. Louis. Mark Baldwin will have to go back to Columbus under the National agreement, and Capt. Anson will decide on the disposition of Duffy, Ryan, Farrell, Pfeffer, Dwyer, Williamson, Darling and Barston. There is talk that Anson may leave Pfeffer and Williamson out in the cold. It is thought both grounds will be retained, the games in Chicago being played alternately in each.

No Humbug.—In connection with my Christmas stock I have a large consignment of samples of fancy goods (no two alike), which I will sell at the wholesale prices. You can secure a genuine bargain if you will call and examine goods and inquire prices. Xmas cards in great variety and very cheap. Pictures, picture frames, boxes of oil and water color paints—all suitable for Xmas presents and very cheap at E. N. HUNT'S, 190 Dundas street.

Mr. G. F. Robertson, who has represented the Confederation Life Insurance Company in this city, is now to be found at 650 Dundas street, where he has opened out in the book and stationery business. yvt

Give Holloway's Corn Cure a trial. It removed ten corns from one pair of feet without any pain. What it has done once it will do again.

MIRTH AND MELODY.

An Evening of Unalloyed Pleasure at the Grand.

Brilliant Performance of the Young Liberal Minstrels.

An Unqualified Success—Large and Enthusiastic Audience—Excellence of the Programme—A Credit to Local Talent.

Good-night! Good-night!
Good-night to all of you;
To feel we've made you happy
Is to make us happy, too.
When we've so many friends, no doubt
A pleasant season opens out;
And who shall say
What pleasures may
Result in consequence.
May every good in life pursue
All people who have ventured to
Come here to-night,
We hope we've pleased
And offered no offense.

Such were the words of the melody which closed the Young Liberal Minstrels' performance last evening; and the song was appropriate. Everybody was pleased—in fact, delighted; the performers must have been happy in consequence; and offense was unknown.

The event had been much talked of, had been thoroughly advertised, the Young Liberal Minstrels had a past reputation to speak for itself, and the entertainment culminated in a triumphant success. Long before the hour of commencement the people began to arrive, and soon the auditorium was filled with a most fashionable assemblage. The balcony was also crowded and the "gods" packed.

THE PERFORMANCE.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the curtain rose and revealed a scene of unrivaled splendor. Four tiers of Venetian marble setting were presented to the view, and subdued lights of variegated colors threw a refulgent charm over the whole. On the lowest were seated the bones and tamborine players in black (visage and vesture), with five choristers in white; on the second were the members of the orchestra, dressed in pale blue; on the third the songsters in pink costumes and dark faces; on the highest tier another aggregation of the same in sombre garments. At the landing of the grand staircase sat the interlocutor, and at his feet several youthful pages reclined. It is seldom, indeed, that such a beautiful and dazzling stage effect has been produced, and their appearance was the signal for an outburst of applause. The bones thus gorgeously arrayed were: Fred W. Saunders, John Herald, Harry McKenna, John Kirkpatrick and Lou Paladino. The tambourines were: Geo. H. Belton, A. Sippi, M. J. Morkin, Ed. Masuret and Wm. Brophy. Mr. Walter Simson officiated as conversationalist. The first-named in each were the end men.

The first overture dash of the entire company over, a beautiful refrain, "Who's Dat a Calling?" was sung by the chorus, Messrs. J. S. Ashplant, C. J. Sippi, Fred L. Evans, W. H. Skinner and Kingsley Evans, and the sweet childish voices of the pages (Masters H. Hutchinson, H. Milling, R. Mason and R. Hutchinson), lending a touching and pretty effect in the chorus. Then followed the solo parts. Fred Saunders rendered "The Golden Uniform" in his inimitable style, with corresponding gesture, and received an encore, as did nearly every selection on the programme, so enthusiastic were the audience. Mr. J. S. Ashplant's fine voice was well shown in "I'm Sailing Home to Thee," which was warmly received. George Belton, in his original topical song, "To Hear Him Tell It," literally took down the house with his local "hits" and clever rendition. He had to respond to three or four encores, which brooked no refusal. In "When My Hair is Turning Gray" Mr. C. J. Sippi showed himself a talented vocalist, his notes being particularly true. Mr. John Herald sang "Keep a-Hammering" in capital style and got the usual encore. Mr. Fred L. Evans rendered "In Old Madrid" exceedingly well. He was recalled and responded gracefully, finishing amidst applause. "Climb Up, Chillen, Climb," was excellently given by Mr. Arthur Sippi, while Mr. W. H. Skinner concluded the part by singing "The Children's Good-Night" in his magnificent bass. In the intervals of the songs the end men, Messrs. Saunders and Belton, and, upon their retirement, Herald and Sippi, elicited unstinted laughter by their jokes and dialogue.

Part two was opened by Mr. Fred. Saunders, who appeared with an alleged telegram on a piece of paper about 4x2 feet in dimensions, stating that his friend, Mr. Geo. Belton, would arrive by balloon in a few minutes. By his witty impromptu remarks he kept his hearers in great good humor, until pretty soon the aforesaid Belton came in view in a manner that caused roars of laughter. He descended in a basket attached to a captive balloon labeled "New York and Chicago. Cheap rates to the World's Fair," and dressed in a most ludicrous fashion. After some extremely amusing conversation, Saunders was induced to enter the balloon basket with his friend; the vessel is freed, Belton falls out, and Saunders soars to the clouds with a smile on his face. The whole scene, though brief, was at once original and cleverly enacted.

A beautiful terpsichorean idyl was the next interesting feature. The participants were Messrs. M. J. Morkin, Harry McKenna, E. Johnson, A. Johnson, Lou Paladino and Sam Hunter, and the entertainment, especially the dancing portion, would have done credit to professionals. Mr. Morkin got these artists into shape.

John L. Stodart followed with "Midshipman's Pastimes," and in his sailors' reels showed a surprising nimbleness of action and elasticity of step, for which he was loudly encored. His dancing has seldom been equaled in the city.

President T. S. Hobbs here stepped on the platform and thanked the audience for the kindness shown the performers. He reminded them of the appearance of the Young Liberal Minstrels in Brantford on New Year's Day and subsequently in Toronto, and extended a hearty invitation to any of their friends to accompany them.

Then came what might be considered one of the most brilliantly executed parts of the entire performance—and that is saying a great deal. This was denoted on the programme as the "Graceful and Intricate March of the Richly Caparisoned Swells of the Colored Four Hundred." The drummer boys, led by John Sheere, assisted by Saunders, McKenna, Sullivan, Brophy, Tatham and Hunter in handsome costume, prefaced the drill with a grand clash and retired. The members of the corps were elegantly dressed in scarlet jackets, white trousers and black top boots, with cuirasses, helmets and swords of glittering steel, with the exception of the commander, Mr. Cameron Brown, who was distinguished by a gilt head armor. The maneuvers were of the most intricate nature, and as the various movements, so puzzling to the eye in following, were perfected with neatness and celerity, rounds of applause broke from the delighted spectators. A genuine ovation was tendered to Captain Brown and his company for the splendid issue of that which could only be attained by patient practice and cool confidence. Those in the corps were: Messrs. Spittal, J. Wanless, Simson, Morkin, Meyer, McKinley, Kirkpatrick, Trebilcock, McIlwain, McLeod, Rivard, A. Johnson, Wright, Sippi, R. Tatham and Rychard.

Master Willie Avey proved himself a genuine wonder in his sartorial performance. The marvelous ease with which he tied himself into a knot, rolled himself into a ball, hung his feet gracefully around his neck and put his body into every conceivable shape astonished the audience. The youthful contortionist made a humorous response to the outburst of applause.

Sheere's shadowgraphs were something new, and appealed strongly to the risibility of the audience as the frequent laughter demonstrated. The figures were well displayed and managed artistically.

The last chapter in this novel of minstrelsy was the exceedingly droll musical burlesque, "Tootsy-Wootsy." Mr. Fred Evans, as female impersonator of the twin sisters, Tootsy and Wootsy, made a most charming young lady, and in the love scene with Prince Dudelette, represented by Mr. Walter Simson, showed an exquisite conception. His singing, too, was as excellent as usual. Mr. Geo. H. Belton as Lorenzo, the hen-pecked papa, created plenty of laughter by his ideal acting. As Fresheta, Mr. J. Courtland did splendidly his girlishness being worthy of any actress, and Mr. W. K. Evans as Mamma Lorenzo was the perfection of tyranny over her ever-obedient spouse. The minor parts were well taken and the choruses clearly and effectively given. Amid a shower of applause the curtain fell and the performance was over.

NOTES.

Go to-night.

It was the best of the whole lot.

The biggest and most fashionable house of the season it was claimed to be.

"What a pretty girl Mr. Evans makes," remarked a young lady.

The liverymen did a good business in coupes and cabs.

Everybody says it was the event of the season and always will be.

The performance will be repeated this evening to allow those who did not attend a chance to see it.

A handsome bonquet was thrown on the stage during the acting of "Tootsy-Wootsy." Dudelette gracefully handed it to his beloved Tootsy.

Opera glasses were put to constant use by the ladies, but the performers could not be seen blushing. The burnt cork on their faces probably explained it.

The whole affair was highly creditable to the energy, patience and aptitude of its participants and promoters, the musical portion, which was under the direction of Mr. Fred. L. Evans, being a special honor to local talent.

Manager Killmaster, of the Brantford Opera House, and a party of friends occupied a box, and were tickled with the performance. They go back to Brantford with the intention of giving the troupe a hearty reception New Year's Day.

Clara—Jack intends to have everything his own way when we are married. Clara's Mamma—Then why do you marry him? Clara—To relieve his mind of a false impression.

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