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ROBERTS DISSATISFIED

Real Cause of Desire To Resign His Office.

London, Dec. 10.—The rumor of the approaching retirement of Lord Roberts from the position of commander-in-chief of the army is revived again by Charles Williams, the military expert of the Morning Leader, who asserts that the field marshal is dissatisfied with army reform schemes of the Government, and he avails himself of his poor health to retire. Mr. Williams indicates that the Duke of Connaught will be appointed to the command of the army, though with a different title to that of commander-in-chief.

HUNTLEY VS. WALLACE

\$5,000 Damages Claimed for Misrepresentation.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—The statement of claim of John Hamilton Huntley, an engineer of the Michigan Central Railway, St. Thomas, has been filed at Ontario Hall, in his action against A. E. Wallace, late president and manager of the insolvent Atlas Loan Company. On May 12, 1902, Mr. Huntley, who had money on deposit and was a holder of stock in the Atlas Loan Company, alleges that he called at the head office of the Atlas Loan Company, and asked Wallace, who was at that time president of the company, if he had been dealing in margin stocks with the funds of the company, and told him that if this was the case he would withdraw his deposit and dispose of his stock in the company. Mr. Huntley alleges also that he was thereupon informed by Mr. Wallace that it was not true that he was dealing in margin stocks with the deposits or securities of the Atlas Loan Company, and that everything he was doing of that nature was with his private funds or with the funds of others given to him for that express purpose. Defendant further represents that the officers of the company were in a sound financial position, and the plaintiff, relying on these statements, left his money on deposit and retained his stock. Huntley claims \$5,000 damages for the misrepresentations.

The Dreyfus Case.

Paris, Dec. 10.—M. Victor Mercier, reporter of the Dreyfus commission, has completed his examination of the documents submitted to the commission by the ministers of war and justice. He will now begin the preparation of his report, which he expects will be finished in another week. M. Mercier's conclusions are not known, but Dreyfus hopes that he will advise a revision of the case.

Burned to Death.

Manchester, Cohn, Dec. 10.—A message received from North Coventry, sixteen miles from here, states that while Fred. Ode, a farmer, and his wife were visiting friends his house caught fire and four small children who had been left in bed were burned to death. The house was completely destroyed, and no search has yet been made for the bodies.

Daring Robbery.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 10.—An unknown man hurled a stone through the window of the E. H. Kostamp Jewelry Company of North Broadway last night, seized a tray of diamond rings valued at \$5,000, and escaped. Later the police arrested Samuel E. Kendrick, a laborer, and Thomas Treastor, his brother-in-law, on suspicion.

A Satisfactory Pile Remedy.
Will cure the conditions causing the piles. Try Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butterbur, the frequent use prevents piles. No case ever known where the use of Dr. Hamilton's Pills failed. Price 25 cents.

An interesting comparison of the physique of modern English schoolboys with that of his predecessor of a quarter of a century ago is made from careful records of height and weight of pupils which have been kept during this period at Rugby and Marlborough schools, which show the advantage in both height and weight with the boy of today.

W. C. T. U. "SELLS" NEGRO

Women Thus Get Home for Friendless Colored Man.

Indianapolis, Dec. 10.—"If you could get anything for me I wish you'd sell me," said an aged colored man to one of the women who was conducting the Marion County Woman's Christian Temperance Union rummage sale at 611 West Washington street today. He explained that he had been tramping over the country, was tired and hungry and would work for anyone who would clothe and feed him.

The woman took him at his word and he was placed on a stool in the middle of the room. A member of the society cried the bids.

The bidding was far from being spirited and the sale dragged along for twenty minutes, when the negro was knocked off to H. W. Shay, a commission merchant, for \$2.75.

The negro left with his new master and appeared well satisfied with the prospect of having good home. Mr. Shay says he will give him some light work and if he proves worthy will pay him wages.

HAS THRILLING SLIDE

Milking in Barn Which Slides 500 Feet.

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 9.—Mrs. William Kidd Midland, of this county, had a thrilling slide for her life as she milked in a barn on the hillside near her home, and had just finished when the barn, loosened by the frost, started from its moorings, sliding 500 feet down a steep incline on the snow, landing right side up on the level. It swayed greatly in its descent, but the woman clung frantically to her post, while the timbers twisted and ground about her. When the building settled she, unharmed, emerged with the bucket of milk, and leading the uninjured cow.

ONE OF A SCORE

In a Newfoundland Town Cured of Lame Back and Kidney Disease by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Fortune Harbor, Nfld., Dec. 7.—Richard Quirk, one of the best known residents of this place, is one of a score of people here who suffered from Lame Back and Kidney Disease, and were permanently cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills. Mr. Quirk says:

"I suffered from Lumbago and Kidney Disease for about twenty years. At intervals I was totally unable to work. Doctors and medicines gave me little relief, and I had almost made up my mind my trouble was incurable, when I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. I experienced relief almost at once, and seven or eight boxes cured me permanently."

Cure your Backache with Dodd's Kidney Pills, and it will never develop into Bright's Disease.

Farley Pleads Guilty.

New York, Dec. 10.—Henry Farley, walking delegate of the Painters' Union, who committed perjury in connection with the trial of Samuel J. Parkes, pleaded guilty yesterday in the court of general sessions, and was sentenced to not less than one year, nor more than two years in the state prison.

Connoisseur in Sheets.

London, Dec. 10.—The young Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, the daughter of John H. Davis, of New York, has a fast unusual fond for extraordinary and costly sheets which reveal continual surprises to her guests when they get to bed.

PAIR WED IN DEATH

Marriage Festivities Marred by a Tragedy.

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—A compact with death was carried out in Camden today when, at a wedding reception, Dell Thompson killed Addie Hacker and then blew out his brains. The young woman died without a groan, and in her hand was found the paper in the case—the compact with death: We wish to die together.

ADDIE HACKER. DELL THOMPSON.

The message, "We wish to die together," was written by Miss Hacker, and first signed by her and then by Thompson. The signatures have been properly identified.

The couple wedded in death selected a wedding feast as the surrounding for their death. The room they were in died in the parlor while she and her daughter, Mrs. Snyder, went to the dining room to arrange the luncheon. A half hour passed, and then, while both women were in the kitchen, the reports of two pistol shots were heard. Mrs. Lewis and her daughter ran upstairs and were horrified to find Miss Hacker lying full length on the floor under the mantel, with blood streaming from her left temple. At the foot of the bed was the body of Thompson, lying in a heap with his knees bent beneath him. For his right hand was clutching a revolver, and blood trickled from a wound in his right temple.

WANTED ICE IN HIS BATH

Water Wasn't Cold Enough for an Australian in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—The water in his bath wasn't cold enough to suit an Australian staying at the Auditorium annex. "Send me a 50-pound cake of ice," was the order received by the clerk from the room he had assigned to Capt. Sidney Hinman of Melbourne. "Eh? what? 50 pounds? Do you take this for a cold storage plant?" came the quick retort over the telephone. "I am waiting to take a bath."

THE PENTATEUCH

Knox College Professors Discuss Its Reliability.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—The Knox College alumni were greatly perplexed yesterday as to the veracity of the Pentateuch, and God's love and justice as revealed in his dealings with man. The speaker, Professor McCurdy, said the cruel commands obeyed by the Israelites in their warfare could not have been given by God, and the narrated accounts must have been due to tribal prejudices on the part of the Hebrew writers. Principal Caven held that the Pentateuch was literally true, but admitted that it was difficult to explain the reasons for the great sufferings of the human race. It was suggested that the question be threshed out at a conference.

"The Protector of Kings."

London, Dec. 9.—Superintendent Melville, called "The Protector of Kings," who retired from active service on the last day of November, has received a flattering offer from the Czar to be in command of his personal staff. He wished Melville to be in command of the secret service men, to watch the anarchists of the world, and to reorganize the Russian secret service in all capitals of Europe. The Czar offered the famous detective an enormous salary, but it is still doubtful whether he will accept, having well earned his rest and pension.

MORE WAR TALK IN THE FAR EAST

Due to Russia's Delay in Replying to Jap Proposition.

RUSSIAN FLEET AT CHEMULPO

Complicates the Situation—Many Sensational Rumors Reach London—Mikado Ready for War.

Yokohama, Dec. 9.—Advices received here from Tokyo today, say Russia's reply to Japan's proposition has not yet been received, and it is not believed there that it will be finally decided, but will probably necessitate further negotiations on the subject of minor details. It is believed that unless Japan's minimum demands are virtually conceded, the cabinet at Tokyo may decline any amendments. In any case a section of the Japanese Diet is expected to impeach the cabinet for its apparent lack of aggressiveness, but the result is doubtful, as the Government can dissolve the House if the Opposition threatens to embarrass its foreign policy. Japan, generally, is calmly awaiting Russia's reply, ready to end the suspense one way or the other, but resolved not to yield anything of her present moderate stand.

London, Dec. 9.—The Tokyo dispatch announcing the arrival of a Russian fleet off Chemulpo was communicated to the foreign office here and was received with apprehension, though it was not confirmed by any foreign office dispatches from the far east. It was said that if the information from Tokyo is correct, it would almost certainly nullify any negotiations, however pacific, now proceeding between Russia and Japan. The Japanese regard had no confirmation of the Tokyo report, and Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, said to the Associated Press he was inclined to discredit it.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 9.—The correspondence between Baron Rosen, Russian minister to Japan, and Admiral Alexeev, Russian vice-admiral in the east, concerning the modification of Japanese demands was dispatched from the far east yesterday. Owing to the time taken in the transmission of correspondence the submission of the Japanese negotiations may be delayed several days.

London, Dec. 13.—The correspondent of the Times at Tokyo says that two Russian naval attachés, Mr. Pavlov, the Russian minister to Korea, accompanied by the admiral commandant of the Russian fleet in the Pacific, are believed to have renewed his visit to the Japanese government. The Times' Shanghai correspondent reports that a leading native journal asserts that an edict is about to be issued notifying the viceroys and governors of the intention of the court to reorganize the foreign ministry. No further news has been received here showing that the reported reorganization of the government at Chemulpo has any significance beyond that indicated in recent dispatches. The names of the vessels which have arrived at Chemulpo are not given.

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MEN'S D. B. TWEED SUITS AT \$8.45.

In fine all-wool, in the very latest shades and patterns, splendid linings and trimmings. No other store can touch them at the price. Regular price and good value \$10. Saturday..... **\$8.45**

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In Imported English Worsteds, Tweeds and Cheviots, in the most-wanted shades, goods fully shrunken, splendidly trimmed and sewn with silk. At this season's perfect-fitting garments. Were splendid value at \$12. Saturday..... **\$9.95**

MEN'S SUITS, S. B. SACKS AT \$5.95.

Pure All-Wool Canadian Tweed Suits, in dark, olive and gray mixtures, in the single breasted smart style. Regular \$7.50. Saturday..... **\$5.95**

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EAST WILLIAMS BAPTISTS

Church Reopened—Finely Finished—Pastor Resigns.

The reopening services of the East Williams Baptist Church, which were held last Sunday, were a decided success. The church was packed to its utmost capacity. The preacher of the day was Rev. G. B. Davis, B.A., of Woodstock, a former pastor of the church, who gave two very helpful and inspiring addresses.

On the Monday evening a bountiful supper was served in the church, followed by a very excellent programme by local artists and the Poptar Hill choir. The church itself is finished off beautifully, and it is expected when all pledges are redeemed to open free from debt, which speaks well for the generosity of the people and reflects

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The anniversary services of the Methodist Sunday school were held last Sunday and were well attended. On Monday night an entertainment of unusual merit was given by the children, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The statistical and financial reports were very encouraging. Short addresses were given by Rev. Alden, the respected superintendent, by Rev. Mr. Hosie, of Ivan, and Rev. W. N. Scott, of Lobo.

We are rejoiced to hear that our esteemed school teacher, Mr. McGugan, is to remain with us until the summer holidays. He has been training his pupils for some time for an entertainment to be given in the school on Friday, Dec. 13. The children will be assisted by several well-known entertainers, and we trust the community will show their appreciation of Mr. McGugan's successful services by crowding the school.

Rev. W. N. Scott, the pastor of the First Baptist Church, has resigned and will preach his farewell sermons on Sunday, Dec. 27.

The large insurance companies now insist that individuals are more dangerous risks in the matter of tuberculosis if they are 25 pounds under the normal weight than if they are the descendants of families with tuberculosis heredity on both sides of the house, when not intimately associated with tuberculosis.

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