

THE TALK OF OLD LONDON

Grand Ovation to the Grenadier Guards.

Nothing Like It Since the Close of the Crimean War.

The Men Looked Very Gaunt and Weary.

Prospects of a Gloomy "Society Season" Home Life of the Czar and Czarina—The British Shipbuilding Record Broken—Horrible Possibilities of the Guillotine.

Special Cable Letter to The Advertiser. London, Oct. 8.—The event of the week, so far as London is concerned, was the return of the first battalion of Grenadier Guards from the Sudan. The crowds lining the streets from Waterloo railroad station to Wellington Barracks, and the enthusiasm displayed, exceeded any previous demonstration of a like nature since the return of the British troops from the Crimean war. There was a

BRILLIANT GATHERING of military chiefs and relatives of officers at the station; but there was such an evident desire to repress anything like exuberance of feeling that their welcome seemed cold—"How are you, old chap?" being generally the most affectionate greeting heard. One lady ran up to an officer as he emerged from the train, threw her arms around his neck and kissed him. He submitted, but rather shamefacedly, as though it was altogether a too demonstrative proceeding for a British soldier to be guilty of. It was when the battalion emerged from the police-guarded station that

THE ENTHUSIASM BROKE OUT in the dense masses of people gathered to welcome the soldiers home, and their march from the station to their barracks was in the nature of a triumphal progress.

On arriving at their barracks, the war-stained Grenadiers received a splendid welcome from the other battalions of guards, whose massed bands played "The British Grenadiers" and "The Return of the Guards." There were

MANY PATHETIC SCENES. The men looked gaunt and weary, instead of the strapping fellows who left London, and there were hundreds of touching reunions of the men with their wives or sweethearts. The second battalion of Grenadier Guards entertained their comrades at dinner, and, as may be expected, there were lively scenes about the barracks until late that night. Many of the returning soldiers brought with them interesting relics of the campaign, in the shape of dervish swords, spears or shields.

RECRUITING BOOM. The recent British military operations have had a most satisfactory influence lately upon the recruiting of the army, especially in the case of the Guards and the Twenty-first Lancers, who distinguished themselves by making a brilliant charge through the dervish army at the battle of Omdurman.

GERMAN CRITICISM. Much interest has been evoked by the German military attaché's report of the battle of Omdurman. He says he was particularly struck by all the operations, except the charge of the Lancers, which he says was absurd. On the other hand, the German officer says the handling of the artillery was absolutely unequalled, and he asserts that the entire British spirit of the troops were beyond all praise.

PROSPECTS OF A GLOOMY "SEASON." The death of the Queen of Denmark and the bereavement of the Princess of Wales, one of her daughters, combined with the fact that there will be no autumn session of Parliament, has made the prospects of the winter season very gloomy. Marlborough House, the London residence of the Prince of Wales, will be closed to all festivities until the end of next summer, and there are no members of the royal family in town. The Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, and the Duke and Duchess of Fife, are all in Scotland, but many other fashionable people, including the Ogden Goeletts, have returned to London.

The two skating clubs, the Princess and Niagara, which form such a part of the winter's gaiety, will open next week.

HOME LIFE OF THE CZAR. A French newspaper publishes a description of the home life of the czar and czarina, which, it says, is very simple. The czar, it appears, often remains at his desk until late at night, and frequently receives his counselors at midnight; but, the paper adds, he rarely finds him alone, as the czarina is generally seated beside him, embroidering or sewing. When a stranger appears, she picks up her scissors and

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spools and prepares to leave the room. The emperor thereupon begs her not to go, but to remain with him, and the czarina silently returns to her seat, puts her thumb on her finger and resumes work with her needle, while her husband discusses matters of state.

SPORTING TOPICS. Lord William Beresford has purchased the celebrated Heath House, at Newmarket, whose stables were so successful under George Dawson, the well-known trainer. Lord Beresford's partnership with Mr. Pierre Lorillard ends this season. Mr. Lorillard retiring from the English turf owing to ill health. He is willing to sell his horses in a single lot to Lord Beresford, otherwise they will go under the hammer.

Mr. Charles Russell, the representative of Sir Thomas Lipton, the challenger for the America's cup, has been interviewed on his return here from the United States. He spoke in a strain similar to that of Wm. Pitt, jun., the yacht designer, who also visited America recently. Mr. Russell says this party met with a most courteous reception in New York. Every suggestion we made was readily met on their part. Mr. Russell heartily concurred in the Yachting World's suggestion of postponing the race if the excursion steamers were unruly and has sent a copy of the suggestion to each member of the cup committee to the New York club. Mr. Russell added that he believed that this committee will do anything in reason to save the yachts from interference.

BRITISH SHIPBUILDING—A GREAT RECORD.

The British shipbuilders have broken the record this year with 595 merchant vessels, of 1,364,250 tons, under construction on Sept. 30, being 361,000 tons above the previous best record, while 92 warships of 375,434 tons are also building. Great Britain's maritime supremacy is shown by the fact that 438 out of the 598 merchant ships are being constructed for British owners.

AWFUL POSSIBILITY. The Medical Journal publishes the report of Dr. Cnel. of Paris, asserting that guillotine does not immediately affect the brain. The French doctor says the blood first comes from the larger vessels of the neck, and that there is hardly any drain upon the circulation in the cranium. The brain, he adds, finds nourishment for an hour after decapitation, during which time the person decapitated retains his or her senses of hearing, smelling and seeing. Absolute death, Dr. Cnel claims, does not ensue for three hours. Thus, it is pointed out, guillotine, instead of a quick death, is one of the most prolonged and horrible forms of capital punishment.

GREAT RECEPTION

Accorded Gen. Kitchener on His Return to Cairo.

Sensational Report Regarding Anglo-French Relations.

Cairo, Oct. 8.—Gen. Kitchener, the commander of the Anglo-Egyptian expedition in the Sudan, arrived here yesterday, having journeyed from Omdurman in record time—74 hours. The streets were lined with troops, and he had a great reception from the residents.

Officers accompanying Gen. Kitchener say that Major Marchand, the French officer at Fashoda, behaved himself with great moderation and courtesy. General Kitchener denies the story that the French at Fashoda fired on the British, mistaking the latter for Dervishes.

Mr. Neufeld, who was a prisoner of the khilifa for a long time, and who was released when the British entered Omdurman, has written from Cairo a strange letter to his brother in Berlin, indicating that his mind had been affected by his privations. He says that he has been rescued to die of famine.

VIA NEW YORK. Cable advices to New York say that the relations between France and England are greatly strained. Lord Salisbury refuses to regard Marchand's occupation of Fashoda as a subject for negotiations.

MARINES AND COSSACKS

Take Possession of the Chinese Capital.

Foreign Admirals Ready to Bounce the Turks From Crete.

London, Oct. 8.—A detachment of 66 Russian soldiers, with two 7-pounders, 25 British marines and 30 German marines arrived at Pekin yesterday, and marched through the city to the quarters assigned to them. They will protect the legations of Russia, Great Britain and Germany. Large crowds witnessed the arrival of the European reinforcements, but there was no extraordinary incident. The Chinese appeared to be cowed.

The Pekin correspondent of the London Times says: There is good reason to fear that the Russian Cossacks, who have arrived here to protect the Russian legation, will be retained as a permanent escort.

Chen Pao Chen, governor of the province of Hu Nan, who is the most enlightened governor in China, and has been active in introducing foreign improvements, has just been cashiered.

EXIT THE TURK. The French, Italian and Russian governments complied with the request of the admirals to send reinforcements to Canoa, France sending 800 men with two heavy guns. This action is taken without waiting for the reply of the Porte to the note of the powers.

The council of foreign admirals has taken the necessary measures to insure the enforcement of the terms of the note presented to the Porte by the representatives of the powers demanding the immediate evacuation of Crete. The presentation of the note and the action of the admirals caused great rejoicing among the Christian population.

Ismael Bey, the civil governor of the Island of Crete, informed the Mussulman notables that the sultan will withdraw the Turkish troops from Crete in accordance with the demands of Great Britain, Russia, France and Italy, who on Wednesday presented to the Porte a collective note, demanding the recalling of Ottoman forces, and requiring an answer within a week of that date.

The Fly has come to the front, 24 ft

SUSPICIOUS OF THE KAISER

Politics in the Coming Imperial Pilgrimage.

A Scarcity of the Staples, Bread and Coal.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 8.—That the Russians regard the trip to Palestine of the German emperor as nothing more than a political scheme, is evident from the following remarks of the Novoe Vremya, of St. Petersburg:

"The political significance of the German emperor's trip to Palestine is beyond all doubt. The inhabitants of the Holy Land and Turkey as a whole are not in the habit of seeing traveling emperors. They are to be impressed in the most striking manner with the greatness and power of Germany."

"The emperor evidently desires to familiarize himself with the situation of the theater of German colonization movement in the near future, although Germany has her colonies in Africa, Turkey and Asia Minor have particular attractions for her government."

"All recent efforts have tended toward the direction of immigration into that quarter. The great powers are concerned in these developments on account of the evidence afforded that Germany seeks to solve the eastern question in her own interest."

"The sensation-making journey cannot be treated as a religious pilgrimage. A new epoch is to be opened in the history of the eastern question."

Berlin, Oct. 8.—The National Zeitung reports that, in anticipation of the festivities planned for the Kaiser's reception and sojourn in Jerusalem, the city is already thronged with crowds of German and Austrian troops and vagabonds.

These men, the Zeitung says, are a dangerous set, who spend their time for the most part in the wine shops, and are forming regular bands of brigands, who commit all sorts of crimes. Unless the Holy City is cleaned of this canaille, concludes the report, before the arrival of the Kaiser in Jerusalem, the lives of his majesty and the imperial party would be greatly imperiled during their visit.

The National Zeitung in another article also expresses the fear that, in consideration of the nervous unrest in the world, a two months' absence of the German sovereign from the fatherland cannot fail to prove detrimental, and is a very risky adventure at any rate.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "Queen Victoria, it is reported here, invited Emperor Nicholas to Balmoral after the funeral of Queen Louise of Denmark, with a view to a personal discussion of the eastern situation; but it is said the czar is not likely to accept the invitation, owing to the critical position of affairs."

Odessa, Oct. 8.—An economic crisis is beginning in Russia, and during the coming winter there is going to be a great scarcity of the two chief necessities of life—bread and coal. The stock of grain will be quite insufficient to meet requirements, and a severe crisis, if not a famine, is expected. Prices of coal have already gone up 20 per cent, and will probably be doubled before the winter is over.

WESTERN ONTARIO

A Jarvis Resident Kicked to Death by a Horse.

Two-Year Old Child Eats Strychnine—Another Drinks Lye—Both May Die An Old Tilbury Resident Gone—Robbery at Brantford.

Mushrooms are now in full bloom. Diphtheria is prevalent at Edville.

Sir Oliver Mowat attended Markham Fair.

Strathroy fair total receipts amounted to \$1,819.00.

The new town clock for Petrolia has been ordered.

The West Middlesex Fair cleared \$500 on the show this year.

The gate receipts at the Mitchell fall show amounted to \$333.

The death is chronicled of Mr. C. R. Van Emdon, in Edmondville.

There are 350 men at work in the Massey-Harris shops, Brantford.

Mr. Thomas Hayes has taken over the Tecumseh House, Wallaceburg.

Apple buyers are paying from \$1 to \$1.50 per bushel for good export apples.

The estate of the late David Maxwell, of St. Mary's, was valued at \$21,000.

The Butler House, Brantford, was burglarized on Thursday night, and a sum of money stolen.

D. H. Bedford, dairyman, near the Windsor race track, had 30 chickens stolen Thursday night.

John Huffman, of Woodstock, 13 years of age, broke his arm on Friday while playing ball at school.

The St. Mary's Journal says: The listless policeman has resigned, having too many bosses to serve.

Wilfrid, infant son of C. H. Drulard, Windsor, swallowed a quantity of concentrated lye. Little hopes for recovery.

Thomas Godkin, cheesemaker of Twin Elm, Ont., who sustained injuries while jumping on Saturday last, died Thursday.

Albert, the 10-year-old son of Ald. Dyer, Chatham, fell from a second-story window on Wednesday, and was badly injured.

Wm. Janette, hotelkeeper, Sandwich, was arrested for selling liquor without paying for his license. He was let go on settling up.

C. Snell, jun., of Exeter, has disposed of the residence occupied by R. C. C. Remaine, in that town, to A. Hastings, for a sum in the neighborhood of \$1,500.

A young Bothwell boy had his leg broken in two places as a result of trying to catch on to a buggy. His leg got caught in the wheel of the conveyance.

Herman Fox, of Colchester, was badly injured in a runaway recently. Two ribs were broken and internal injuries sustained. He was removed home in a dying condition.

The two-year-old child of Mr. Charles Parker, Tilsonburg, ate some bread with strychnine on it on Thursday, and nearly died from its effects. The bread had been prepared for mice.

A little three-year-old daughter of Mr. Glad. Whitaker, Brantford, es-

caped a watery grave Thursday. The little child fell into a cistern and was rescued in an unconscious condition.

Elf Waucaush and Wm. Dodge, the Indians who pounded a comrade at the war dance near Fargo, a couple of weeks ago, were found guilty by Judge Bell, of Chatham, and sentenced to three months in jail.

At the Methodist parsonage, Princeton, on Tuesday evening, Sept. 17, 1898, the rite of holy matrimony was performed by Rev. George Carpenter between Joseph Ballman, of Blenheim, and Edith Taylor, of Blandford.

Mr. George Bush, butcher, of Jarvis, drove his horse into the lake for a drink, but the animal began to sink, and Mr. Bush, who was on the horse, kicked his owner in the head, causing death.

A pretty wedding took place at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Malcolm Munro, of Mossa, on Wednesday, when the youngest daughter, Catharine, was united in marriage to Mr. Duncan Dewar, M. C. R. engineer, St. Thomas. Guests were present from Glencoe, Alvinston, Detroit, Oil Springs, London and St. Thomas.

The death is announced of Angus Grant, of Tilbury East. Deceased had been blind and deaf for some years, which made him almost helpless until the time of his death. It is interesting to note that the first meeting of the Presbyterian congregation in Tilbury East was held in his barn 61 years ago, and deceased has ever since been a consistent member of that church. The earnings of the Toronto Railway Company for September show an increase over the corresponding month last year of \$22,223 40.

CAUGHT ON THE FLY

Mrs. Weist, of Weisenberg, drowned herself in the soft-water barrel.

Hon. J. M. Gibson is likely to be Liberal candidate for East Wellington. The elevation of Mr. Yeo, M.P., of Prince Edward, to the senate, to succeed the late Mr. Perry, is expected.

Ponton, charged with implication in the Napanee bank robbery, will be tried at Napanee, a change of venue having been refused.

It is reported at Montreal that it is not unlikely the government may yet make a contract with the Allan Line for a fast Atlantic service.

Canadian Pacific Railway traffic for the week ended September 30, 1898, amounted to \$757,000, as compared with \$704,000 for corresponding week in 1897. The frame dwelling of Albert Cranston, on the western limit of St. Mary's corporation, was totally destroyed by fire Friday. Loss about \$500; insurance \$300.

A freight wreck on the Burlington road in Indiana, Neb., resulted in the death of Engineer S. S. Brace, Fireman E. J. Walters and brakeman Wm. McCall.

For stealing three cigars a boy named Thomas was sentenced by Police Magistrate Spencer, of Owen Sound to the reformatory at Penetanguishene for three years.

The particulars in the North Bruce election case were filed yesterday. Thos. Watchorn is petitioner and C. M. Bowman (Liberal) the respondent. There are no personal charges.

H. Sidney Everett, son of Edward Everett, is dead at New York, aged 68. He served with distinction during the civil war, and afterward was for years connected with the diplomatic bureau, Washington.

Gov. Cooke, of Connecticut, has issued extradition papers for the return to America of Dr. Nancy Guilford, held in London, England, charged with participation in the murder of Emma Gill, of Bridgeport.

The motion to commit W. J. McKee, Liberal member for North Essex, whose election has been protested for alleged contempt of court, has been dropped, respondent having intimated that he will attend for examination at Osgoode Hall on Wednesday.

There are five vacancies for the Dominion House of Commons. In Ontario there will require to be elections in North Simcoe, West Lambton and West Huron. North Simcoe became vacant through the death of Mr. Dalton McCarthy. West Lambton by the appointment of Mr. E. Lister to the bench, and West Huron by Mr. M. C. Cameron becoming lieutenant-governor of the Northwest Territories, a position which he did not long occupy. In Quebec there are two vacancies. Bagot became vacant by the death of Mr. Dupont, and Montgomery through the elevation of Mr. Choquette to the bench. The next vacancy will be in Prince Edward Island. All the bye-elections will take place next month on the same date. The candidates in West Lambton and North Simcoe are selected, but the government supporters have not yet chosen their man in West Huron. The names of Robert Holmes, J. Cameron and Philip Holt are mentioned. The vacancies in the senate will not be filled until after the elections.

STRATHROY.

Advertiser Agent, J. D. Meekison. Strathroy, Oct. 8.—The Epworth League of Christian Endeavor held a reception in the basement of the church last evening.

Harvest home services will be held in the Baptist Church tomorrow. Special anthems will be sung by the choir and appropriate sermons delivered by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Fothergill.

Dr. Sinclair, of Walkerton, was in town Wednesday.

Last evening a reception was tendered by Mrs. W. T. Cluff, at the parish rooms by the congregation of St. John's Church.

Rev. W. T. Cluff, the new rector of St. John's Church, occupied the pulpit for the first time last Sunday, large congregations being present at both services.

The death occurred in Caradoc on Tuesday, Oct. 4, of Alexander Hutton. The funeral took place Thursday to the Mount Carmel cemetery. Deceased leaves a family of six: James and John, Mrs. A. Langford, and three unmarried daughters, all of Caradoc.

The first payment on the subscriptions to the Front Street Church debt was due on Saturday last. Oct. 1. About \$1,800 was due, and \$2,000 was realized, leaving the debt at \$3,600.

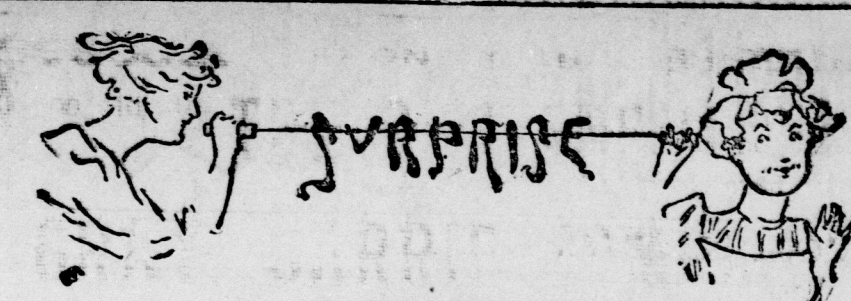
Miss Maud Henderson, supported by an excellent company, will appear in the Mount Carmel cemetery. The play selected for the opening night will be "The True Irish Boy."

Mr. Elgin Weatherill left this week to resume his studies at the University of Toronto.

Mr. James T. Shotwell left on Tuesday morning for New York, to take a post-graduate course at Columbia University.

Miss Louisa Parker and Miss H. E. Thewer are visiting in Sarnia, Windsor, Detroit and Toledo.

The Rev. J. H. Moorhouse, of Christ Church, preaches harvest thanksgiving sermons at Florence and Aughrim tomorrow, while the Rev. H. R. Davis, of Florence, will occupy the pulpit in Christ Church.



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DIME NOVEL IN SEVEN LINES.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Oct. 8.—Joe McKinney eloped with the daughter of Chas. Taylor, who followed and fired on the fleeing pair. McKinney returned the firing, killing Taylor, married the woman at Redfield immediately after, and then surrendered to the authorities.

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