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ELFVENTH YEAR

PARNELL AND O'BRIEN MEET

THE CONFERENCE PROVES TO BE OF AN UNEXPECTED NATURE

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Parnell and O'Brien met this afternoon for a private conference which lasted half an hour. They then had luncheon together, seeming to be on very good terms.

After luncheon it was unanimously decided that only Irish members of Parliament should take part in the conference, consequently Messrs. Scully and O'Brien were excluded from the meeting.

It is not expected any definite information of the result of the negotiations will be made known tonight.

The conference was conducted in a very animated manner. Many telegrams were sent during the day to London by both Parnell and O'Brien.

Both parties will remain here over night. Parnell and his friends will go to London to-morrow, and O'Brien and Gill will depart for Paris to-morrow.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Pall Mall Gazette states that Parnell proposes that his formal resignation as chairman of the Irish Home Rule League should precede his withdrawal from the chairmanship until the next general election is held.

THE STRIKE PRACTICALLY OVER

Striking Scotchmen are Discouraged—Traffic Improving—A Serious Assault.

Glasgow, Dec. 30.—The railway strike continues to improve from the standpoint of the railroads. The strikers are evidently discouraged. The North British Co. is slowly but surely reopening its closest routes, and the passenger and freight traffic is improving hourly.

The Glasgow and Southwestern Railroad has reinstated many of its men, and this is being done in order to cause a stampede of the strikers.

The North British Railway Company has sent a message to the Midland Company asking for further assistance during the strike on the North British line.

To-night the outlook for the railroad strikers is very gloomy. It is believed that the service is gradually assuming its normal condition, and that the strike will soon close.

Lady Dora died at London, Dec. 30.—Lady Dora died at a noted hotel. She laced at the historical ball at Brussels on the eve of the battle of Waterloo.

Severe Weather in Europe.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The weather now prevailing throughout England is the severest experienced in this country since 1815.

Not So Bad as Painted.

HAMILTON, Dec. 30.—The irregularities in the coal supply are being made up by the papers, are not nearly as serious as reported.

Notes from Osquedo Hall.

Mr. Justice Robertson yesterday handed out judgment in the *Osquedo* case.

Notes of Announcements.

Duncan B. Harrison and John L. Sullivan will appear at the Academy of Music on Friday and Saturday, with music, in the former's grand opera, "Homes of the World."

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FREE CAKES AND ALE

Canadian Exhibitors from Canadian Flour and the Associated Exhibition.

Mr. Adam Brown, M.P., honorary commissioner to the Jamaica exhibition, was in the city for three hours last night on his way to Ottawa.

"This will be my last trip to the Capital before I sail for Kingston. All my arrangements are now about completed, and I am sure to be a credit to our country. I have just purchased a large portable oven (the Hubbard), and we will take bread on the spot from Canadian flour for distribution among the people of the island."

Mr. Brown will take passage in the good ship Junata for school boys from London to Kingston on the 10th. This is the shortest and quickest route, and will save him the time to avail himself of Prince George and the North American squadron will be in the city on the 10th.

Another Answer to the Globe's Misstatements About the Scheme.

Editor World: I notice that "Old Mother" has been in opposition to the reclamation scheme.

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FIERCEST FIRE SINCE 1666.

TOOK PLACE IN THE ENGLISH MARKET, TORONTO, YESTERDAY.

The Total Loss Will Exceed Two Million Dollars. A High Wind Adds to the Fury of the Flames—Many Warehouses at Blackfriars Bridge Destroyed—Useless Fire Engines.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—A terrific conflagration, second only to that which in September, 1666, broke out in Pudding-lane and ended at Pie-corner, broke out here at 2 1/2 this afternoon. The scene of the fire was in Queen Victoria and Thames-streets, at Blackfriars bridge. The fire originated in the building occupied by C. Davidson & Son, paper and paper manufacturers and purveyors to the Admiralty.

This building extended back to Upper Thames-street. It was a large structure and was completely gutted, as was also that of the adjacent premises, including the pipes and gutters of tobacco, at 121 Queen Victoria-street, old St. Benet's Church, and the premises of the late Mr. W. H. Hill, a well-known firm of stationers.

The fire spread rapidly, and in a few minutes the flames were seen to be spreading in all directions. The fire was so intense that it was impossible to get near it. The fire engines were useless, and the fire was not extinguished until 11 o'clock.

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THE WELLED WOMAN.

A Strange Story Which Reached Meta Sheerly's Wife.

St. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 30.—A well-to-do man gave one of the sons of Hugh Stewart, Patrick-street, a package of candy the other day and the mother, the oldest daughter, a small tin of candy, and it is not known who the possessor of the candy was.

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THE MAYORALTY CONTEST.

A.D. MACDONALD ISSUES AN ADDRESS TO THE RATEPAYERS.

His Position on Sunday Cares—The Financial Situation—The Street Car Franchise—Who is the Parish Priest?

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