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Arzyle square, King's Cross, London, declared he would go away from home and never return.

When he last met the girl, he told her his fellow clerks had been joking him, and asking if it was a case of "in memoriam." That night Smith drank strychnine and fell dying on the doorstep of Miss Shepton's home, which was also in Arzyle square. He was taken into the house, but died in a few minutes.

A jury accepted the view that deceased took the poison only with the intention of frightening the girl, and not intending suicide.

There has been a renewal of the stormy weather on the northern coast of France, and general shipping companies of minor importance have been reported.

## Another Expedition

To Deal With Chinese Officials Who Sert Insulting Messages to Allies.

Negotiations With Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching Not Yet Opened.

(Associated Press.)  
Peking, Jan. 4.—The foreign ministers met almost daily but nothing has been decided yet regarding the discussion of details of the demands of the joint note with the Chinese plenipotentiaries.  
Colonel Talloch, with a force which includes a detachment of Austrians and a company of Japanese, is about to start on a punitive expedition to Kao Li Ying, from which place, on December 15th, shots were fired at a patrol and the officials sent insulting messages to the allies. The sending of the expedition is looked upon as the correct thing, despite the acceptance of the joint note by the Chinese.

Sir Ernest Satow, the British minister, is unwell and hopes to resume his duties in a short time.

No Confirmation.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—With reference to the report that Count von Waldsee had been killed by an officer of the allied troops, it is semi-officially declared that a rumor to that effect has been current for a week past, but that the government has no corroboration of it. Count von Waldsee reviewed the British soldiers on January 1st.

Russia and Manchuria.

New York, Jan. 4.—A special cable to the Herald from London says: "Russia's new agreement with China is accepted here as proof that, notwithstanding her pledges to maintain China's integrity, she means to absorb Manchuria. Those who urge the partition of China urge that England should secure absolute control of the Yangtze valley, but none seem to think Manchuria is worth fighting for. Whatever may be the extent of British influence in Southern China, they say, Russian influence will predominate in North China."

Story Contradicted.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—The officials of the German foreign office know nothing of the Paris rumor to the effect that Field Marshal Count von Waldsee has been murdered by an officer of the allied troops, and they absolutely contradict the story.

Praise For Americans.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The British ambassador has communicated to the secretary of state a dispatch recently received by him from the Marquis of Lansdowne, commending the gallant conduct during the attacks on the legation quarters in Peking, of Rev. F. D. Gamewell, of the American Methodist mission, and Mr. Herbert Squiers, secretary of the United States legation.

The Marquis says that Sir Claude Macdonald, the British minister to China at the time, reports that the Rev. Mr. Gamewell carried out the entire defenses of the British legation and that those defenses have excited the admiration of the officials of various nationalities who have inspected them.

H. Squiers acted in the capacity of Sir Claude's chief of staff after the death of Capt. Strout, of the Royal Marines, and Sir Claude is said to report that "he cannot speak too highly of his zeal and abilities."

The barricades on the Tartar wall were designed and cut away by him, and the plan for the entry of the troops which was conveyed to Gen. Gazelee by a messenger left down from the wall.

London, Jan. 4.—The Daily Mail publishes a statement from Mr. Willard, its correspondent in Peking. He accuses the Chinese of using the military to send expeditions to different points of the country, ostensibly to protect native converts, but really to get an opportunity for whole squadrons have had their share in all the phases of looting and gives the evidence of United States officers, whose names he withholds, in support of his charges.

Why China Accepted.  
St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—The Novoye Vremya characterizes the Chinese acceptance of the peace terms of the powers as being a formality due to the "China" inability to oppose the European armies. The paper adds that the next catastrophe is probably not far distant, and that it will far surpass the recent reverses.

The entire Russian press prophesies pessimistically, and fiercely attacks the German plundering and vandalism and the destruction of the libraries and other monuments of the ancient civilization by the German and other troops.

Indemnity Question.  
Washington, Jan. 4.—The state department is making a strong effort to secure an understanding among the powers to settle as a basis for the adjustment of the question of indemnity to be paid by the Chinese government. The principal difficulty in the way is believed to be the enormous indemnities demanded by the powers. The efforts of the Chinese government to secure better terms, so far as they tend to protract the negotiations, are also expected to have the effect of adding considerably to the amount to be paid in the end. This is because the expense of maintaining the foreign military establishments in China

probably will be assessed against the Chinese government. It is believed that the bill of Germany will be far the largest.

The Massacres.  
Shanghai, Jan. 4.—The French intend to send a force overland from Tsooping to Chen Tu, should the Chinese court go there.

It is reported on the best authority, says the Chinese newspaper, Chung Wei Chi Pao, "that foreign powers, probably the British, will resort to force, first seizing Chu Ran, unless the persons guilty of the massacre of Christians at Chinnow are beheaded."  
It is considered possible that Sir Ernest Satow, the British minister to China, is moving in the Chinnow affair. Among the bank notes which the Chinese paid to the foreign consuls as indemnity for the missions destroyed at She Tung were 50 notes that had been raised to £15, and £10 notes that had been raised to £100.

Paris, Jan. 5.—The foreign office is advised from Shanghai, under the date of January 3rd, that advice from Sian Fu confirm the reports of the execution of Yu Hsien, the former governor of Shan Si, guilty of massacring about fifty missionaries, whom he had invited to accept his protection on December 18th, by order of the Dowager Empress. Prince Tuan is still at Ning Hai. There are 80,000 Chinese regulars at Sian Fu. The court has made no preparations to return to Peking.

Took Many Guns.

Tien Tsin, Jan. 4.—The German expedition, which started on Christmas day for Lien Cheng Hsu, under the command of Col. Greuber, returned on Thursday. Col. Greuber reports the capture of forty-three Krupp field guns, and the destruction of 2,000 rifles and large quantities of ammunition.

## Steamer Wrecked

The Iagua, Which Ran on Duxbury Reef, Will Be a Total Wreck.

Sixteen of the Passengers and Crew Are Safe—A Sailor Killed.

(Associated Press.)  
San Francisco, Jan. 5.—The steamer Iagua, which left this city yesterday afternoon for San Diego with a cargo of general merchandise, was wrecked some time last night on Duxbury reef, just outside the Golden Gate, and all on board, with the exception of Chief Engineer Burrill, are believed to have perished.

Burrill was washed ashore on an overturned boat, after being in the water for two hours. There were between 30 and 40 persons aboard.

The Iagua sailed from Eureka several days ago for San Pedro, and put on her way to land some passengers. As soon as that duty had been attended to Capt. Basch put to sea again.

How the disaster occurred is not known, but there was a heavy swell on outside the Heads last night, and it is probably that the unfortunate vessel drifted too near the reef in the haze that overcast the water, and was thrown on the rocks by the swell. She is a total loss.

Chief Engineer Burrill reached the shore and telephoned to William C. Mullan, representative of the vessel in this city, saying that the steamer was in distress and asking for assistance. Tugs at once started for the scene of the disaster. Burrill was reported from Point Reyes that the vessel had gone to pieces.

How the engineer got ashore no one seemed to know, but it was reported possible that others from the wreck might have reached points of safety unreported.

Only One Life Lost.

San Francisco, Jan. 5.—Steamer Iagua, which was ashore last night, lies upright on Duxbury reef, 20 miles north of San Francisco. The life-saving station reports that men are seen on the deck. Seventeen people were on the Iagua when she left here, two passengers and a crew of fifteen. Only one life is reported lost, a sailor named Chris, killed last night while attempting to land in a small boat. Two of them landed safely through the night, leaving 14 people on board. They have made no attempt to get ashore, but are waiting the arrival of the life-saving crew from San Francisco. The steamer will probably be a total loss.

BLOWN TO ATOMS.

(Associated Press.)  
Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—A frightful explosion of powder took place today in the Chemical Co., whose works are located at Thompson's Point, N. J., twelve miles below this city. The building was demolished, and three workmen in it at the time were blown to atoms. Several workmen in other buildings were hurt by the force of the explosion, but none seriously.

AMMUNITION CAPTURED.

(Associated Press.)  
Capetown, Jan. 4.—A quantity of ammunition has been captured from an invader sympathizer in the neighborhood of Paarl.

## Roberts Has Free Hand

Will Make Whatever Changes He Thinks Necessary at the War Office.

Work in Africa Likely to Keep Kitchener Busy for Many Months.

(Associated Press.)  
London, Jan. 5.—The holiday season was indeed rendered gloomy by fogs, the only redeeming feature being the homecoming of Lord Roberts. Society is returning to town with the house parties in none too good humor, most of the days having been spent indoors, anathematizing the weather.

General Kitchener is not going to take command of the British troops in India. The work ahead of him in South Africa is expected to occupy all his energy for many months to come. General Sir Arthur Pover Palmer, the acting commander-in-chief in India, will probably shortly be confirmed to that command, unless Lord Roberts interposes, which is not likely.

There is much talk in the papers and elsewhere of Lord Roberts insisting on fuller privileges as

Commander-in-Chief of the Forces than was accorded to Lord Wolsley, but the Associated Press learns that he has done nothing of the kind. He accepted office on the same terms as his predecessor, though the personal relations existing between him and the government officials assure greater co-operation than was possible with Lord Wolsley.

The work of re-organizing the war office will be left almost absolutely to Lord Roberts. The adjutant-general, General Sir Evelyn Wood, who is personally responsible for the recent action regarding Major-General Sir Henry Colville, who was asked to resign, but refused to do so, as a result of the Yeomanry surrender at Lindley in May last, is likely to be one of the first to go. It is thought he will do so with honor.

More troops are to be sent to South Africa. The present plan is to

Dispatch Infantry.

This the most capable officers in the service devotedly hope Lord Roberts will frustrate, substituting cavalry which is so much needed.

One of the largest parties witnessing Lord Roberts' parade was held at the house of Commander Richardson Clover, the United States naval attaché, in Park Lane, where nearly fifty persons were entertained at luncheon, including several American and members of other embassies.

The Admiralty is closely following the developments of the American navy. The latest instance is the purchase of a large steamer, now building, for the purpose of transferring them into distributing and repairing craft. The Globe congratulates the authorities on adopting this plan, and trusts many similar vessels may soon be added to the British fleet, quoting the testimony of Rear-Admiral Geo. W. Melville, chief engineer of the United States navy, on the subject of their usefulness in the Spanish American war.

The increase in the cost of

Membership of the Stock Exchange from 590 to 600 guns has caused a discussion as to whether it would be better to adopt the system in vogue in New York. It is pointed out that this insures the members being of large means, and also provides a satisfactory asset in case of failure. The lack of the latter commodity caused serious difficulties to many an old established London firm this week. It is doubtful, however, if such a conservative body as the stock exchange will bring itself to adopt a change so radical.

Few millionaires in England or other countries live in such princely style as Mr. Whitaker Wright, the moving spirit in the collapsed London and Globe group. In London he has a miniature palace, in Park Lane, the drawing room of which is a copy of the famous cabinet Du Roi of Louis XV. It took three years to complete and

Cost Many Thousands.  
At Godalming he owns a country seat worthy of Monte Christo, on which six hundred workmen are now engaged. In London he has a miniature palace, in Park Lane, the drawing room of which is a copy of the famous cabinet Du Roi of Louis XV. It took three years to complete and

Underground Railway Work,  
which they hope to have in good shape by the time Mr. Yerkes arrives here in March.

The delays in the plans for the electrical installation on the district underground railroad are said to be due to insufficient capital, and have caused a reiteration of the rumors that Mr. Yerkes will take a hand in the scheme.

## BOERS IN CAPE COLONY.

The Western Commando is Reported to Be Moving Towards Calvin—Dewet's Whereabouts Unknown.

(Associated Press.)  
London, Jan. 5.—Lord Kitchener reports to the war office under date of Preoria, January 4th, as follows: "The Boers have re-appeared along the railway in the neighborhood of Rhenoster, but it is doubtful if Dewet is with them."

With regard to the situation in Cape Colony, the western commando seems to be making towards Calvin, and the eastern party appears to have broken up into small parties. Another small body crossed the Orange river west of Alival North, yesterday."

Capetown, Jan. 5.—An urgent meeting of the cabinet was convened at noon to-day after a long consultation between the British High Commissioner, Sir Alfred Milner, and the Premier, Sir J. Gordon Sprigg. An important announcement is expected.

WILL RUN ON THAMES.

London Paper Says United States Syndicate Is to Provide Summer Steamer Service.

(Associated Press.)  
London, Jan. 5.—The Daily Express, which continues to publish instances of English and other European contracts for iron works and the like going to the United States, announces to-day the probability that an American syndicate will provide steamer service on the Thames.

## Coal But Not Fields

No Truth in Report That J. J. Hill Has Purchased Crow's Nest Properties.

Arrangements Have Been Made to Supply Great Northern Railway With Coal.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Jan. 4.—Robert Jeffrey, one of the capitalists interested in the Crow's Nest coal fields, interviewed regarding a report from St. Paul that J. J. Hill had taken possession of them, says there is no truth in the story; that the sale of the fields has never been mooted, and that the origin of the report is probably due to the fact that negotiations have been completed with Mr. Hill for the purchase of 40 carloads per day for Great Northern consumption from the coal fields.

Toronto Presbytery has unanimously endorsed Dr. Warden for the next moderator of the general assembly. He was nominated by the Montreal Presbytery a short time ago, and it is likely his appointment will be unanimous.

Clark Wallace and E. F. Clarke were tendered a banquet by local Orangemen last night in honor of their reelection to the House of Commons.

The Russian general estimates that the population of Ontario for the year just closed will total 2,350,000.

A remarkable decrease in deaths from diphtheria, compared with 1897, is shown by the figures just compiled by the provincial board of health authorities. In 1897 there were 1,786 deaths from this cause. Last year the deaths from this cause only totalled 509.

Increased isolation and the discovery of the anti-toxin remedy have brought about the change.

The mail manufacturers and hardware dealers of Canada began their annual meeting yesterday. The wire nail industry was the subject of yesterday's discussion. Other nail industries will be discussed at subsequent meetings. It was stated that although the present government reduced the duty on nails forty per cent, manufacturers report a prosperous year, and can still undersell the American article.

Woodstock, Jan. 4.—Magistrate Field, of this town, was yesterday sent up for trial by Magistrate Morrison, of Ingersoll, charged with neglecting to return the specific charge is that he failed to put in \$3 costs on a case in which J. Denman was defendant.

Simcoe, Jan. 4.—G. C. Shyne, aged 16, was accidentally shot dead by his brother Edward, aged 18, at North Walsingham, five miles from here, yesterday.

Identifying. It was the act of loading a breech-loading double-barrelled shotgun, when the cartridge accidentally discharged, the contents striking Grover with fatal effect.

Clatsam, Jan. 4.—A coroner's jury returned a verdict of drowning in the case of Pat Kennedy, who it was thought had met with foul play, but censures chief James, of the fire department, for not attempting a rescue. The chief left the scene with a book and ladder truck and appliances before Kennedy was rescued.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—A charge of killing and murdering Mrs. May Atchison has been laid against Chas. O'Reilly, the fireman, who was last week charged with doing bodily harm to the woman. O'Reilly is alleged to have brutally assaulted Mrs. Atchison, which caused her death.

## Going to The North

Force of the Burghers Has Retired From Cape Colony Across Orange River.

Kitchener Wants Men to Guard the Rand Mines—Pursuing Gen. Dewet.

London, Jan. 5.—The new commander-in-chief, the Earl of Kitchener and Pretoria (Lord Roberts) is already immersed in his arduous duties at the war office. He will take no holidays.

There is no further news from Lord Kitchener, who, according to a Cape-town dispatch, is calling for five thousand men to guard the Rand mines.

Enlisting in Cape Colony continues active, and 500 men will leave Capetown for the north within the next few days.

Information regarding the invasion is scanty. Col. Williams attacked the eastern invaders on January 1st near Middleburg, but failed to dislodge them. He has since been joined by Lieut-Col. Grenfell, and the Boers have retired.

Gen. Brabant has arrived at Graaf Reinet. Advances from Maseru, Basutoland, dated yesterday, say that three separate columns are still pursuing Gen. Dewet, but with no success beyond taking 28 prisoners. Cannon firing is continually heard.

The British have deserted Ficksburg, taking their stock of grain across the border, and the Boers have looted the town.

According to the Daily Mail's correspondent at the Hague, the directorate of the Netherlands South African railway has applied to the Amsterdam courts for a suspension of payments.

Lord Roberts, in a communication to the public, expressing his thanks for the reception tendered him, eulogizes the contributions of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Association, seconding the efforts of the Prince of Wales to take care of the families of the men who are fighting.

The Daily Chronicle advises that favorable attention should be given to a movement reported by its Montreal correspondent to induce Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Dominion premier—to proceed to South Africa as a commissioner empowered to intervene with a view to the restoration of peace.

The following colonial office appointments were announced last evening: Sir Alfred Milner to be governor of the Transvaal and British high commissioner.

Hon. Sir Walter Francis Hely-Hutchinson (governor of Natal and Zululand since 1893) to be governor of Cape Colony.

Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Edward McCullum (governor of Newfoundland since 1898, and aide-de-camp to the Queen since 1900) to be governor of Natal.

Major Hamilton John Gold-Adams (resident commissioner of the Bechnanaland protectorate) to be lieutenant-governor of the Orange River Colony.

Russians Killed.

Capetown, Jan. 4.—Two hundred Boers have crossed the Orange River, going north.

The Russian commandants, Petrovsk and Duploev, were killed in the fight at Utrecht on December 25th.

Taken Discharge.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—Eleven members of the Canadian Mounted Rifles have taken discharge in South Africa. They are: Privates H. L. Charlton, R. Thevenet, C. J. Foran, J. A. Laroque, A. C. Maloney, H. V. Miles, C. Bell, M. S. Will, A. A. Donnelly, B. J. McKenna and H. J. Brown.

Mr. Chamberlain sent a cablegram to Lord Minto that widows and dependents of the Canadian soldiers who died through the war are eligible for grants from the Royal patriotic fund.

To Welcome Troops.

Halifax, Jan. 4.—The troops coming on the Roslyn Castle will be met at the disembarkation pier at the dockyard by the military and civic authorities, and will be escorted to the armories by military and militia forces with bands.

The line of route will be gorgeously decorated. Disembarkation will take place on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, and dinner will be served at the armories, after which the men will leave in three special trains.

EXCITING RUNAWAY.

Lady Violet Elliott Thrown From a Sleigh.

special interview with Lord Salisbury to confer on the subject.

London, Jan. 4.—United States Ambassador Choate to-day presented the Hay-Panncote treaty amendments to the secretary of state for foreign affairs, the Marquis of Lansdowne.

FIGHT ON A STEAMER.

One Somali Killed and Twenty-Six Wounded—Eighty "Boys" Jumped Overboard.

(Associated Press.)  
Beira, Portuguese East Africa, Jan. 4.—On the arrival of the German steamer Hoertzog at Beira, with 130 Abyssinians and Somalis for the Rhodesians, the "boys," as they are called, were informed by the firemen that they would be compelled to work in chains. Thereupon they refused to go ashore. Portuguese police and troops were summoned, and a big fight ensued. The "boys" barricading the foredeck, Victory rested with the police after an hour's fighting. One Somali was killed, and 26 were wounded. Nine of the police force were wounded.

Subsequently it was found that there were only 50 "boys" on the steamer, the remainder having jumped overboard.

THE PLAGUE.

There Have Been Fifteen Fatal Cases at Vladivostok.

London, Jan. 4.—The reports of an outbreak of the plague at Vladivostok are confirmed. There have been 19 cases, of which 15 have been fatal. Four plague patients are still in the hospital and numbers are isolated.

Owing to a renewal of the plague at Smyrna, a quarantine has been imposed by Turkey and Greece on arrivals from that port.

## Danube In Collision

Steamer Ran Into an Iceberg, Smashing in Two Plates on Starboard Bow.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Jan. 5.—Steamer City of Seattle, Capt. Connell, arrived this morning from Skagway with 40 passengers, 15 of whom were from Dawson.

She brought news of very rough weather and much trouble with floating ice. Steamer Danube, of Victoria, as well as the Dirigo, met with a severe accident. She was passed at Juneau by the City of Seattle discharging freight in order to lighten her bows. She had run head-on into an iceberg in Gastineau channel, smashing two of her plates on the starboard bow. She had taken a foot of water into the hold, but by removing the freight the broken plates were put above water. Temporary repairs were to be made and the Danube will continue her trip Skagway.

There was a heavy nor-easter blowing when the Seattle passed the Topeka. Captain Connell thinks that if a sou'-east gale came up the vessel would go to pieces in very short order. Another hole was punched into her hull, just under the engines, when she was let down again after the pumps gave out in the first effort to raise her.

Angus Cameron, who left Dawson on December 21st, says that no definite news has been heard of Dr. Ballinger, who is supposed to have been murdered on the trail after being robbed. Cameron was with a party of three others, and while there is nothing certain, they claim to have seen Ballinger on the trail ten days ago. They say he was known to have had practically no money when he left Dawson, and probably lost what little he did have in some way at present unknown. Cameron's party were escorted by a man who exactly answered Ballinger's description, who was broke. He obtained \$5 from two members of the party. He had been sick and his feet had been frozen and were very sore, which may have accounted for his delay, if he was really Ballinger. The man would not give his name.

MINERS ON STRIKE.

(Associated Press.)  
Gallup, N. M., Jan. 5.—The men employed at the mines of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co. have struck. Several hundred men are out.

Aspen, Col., Jan. 5.—The miners of the Star mine have struck because of the attempt of the owners to enforce a ten-hour day system.

FILIPINOS CAPTURED.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The following dispatch was received at the navy department this afternoon from Admiral Remy:

"Manila, Jan. 4.—An attack of the morning of the 3rd by the 4th Infantry, marines and navy at Cavite Viejo, resulted in the capture of one lieutenant-colonel, two majors, five captains, one lieutenant, 48 private insurgents and four Ladrones."

THERE WAS NO MUTINY.

London, Jan. 4.—The admiralty officials say it is not true that a mutiny has occurred on board the British battleship Barbut, as reported from Hongkong. They say a "minor disturbance" took place on board the Barbut, implicating a few men. They were reputedly in the rest. Three men are held under arrest.

United States Ambassador Will Interview Lord Salisbury on Canal Question.

(Associated Press.)  
New York, Jan. 4.—Ambassador Choate has just received his instructions on the Nicaragua question by mail, says a London dispatch to the World. He will ask for a