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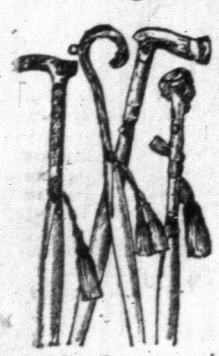
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## THE DISTRICT.

## DRESDEN.

Dec. 17.—Ernest Sharpe, of the Merchants' Bank, Leamington, who has been visiting his parents here for some time, returned home this morning.

Miss Dixon, of Toronto, is spending the holidays with her sister Mrs. J. W. Sharpe.

## TILBURY.

Dec. 17.—Miss Rice and Miss Bell Wilson attended the bachelor's ball in Ridgeway last Friday evening.

Inspector Shaw, of the Merchants' Bank, Montreal, is in town inspecting the branch bank here.

Cameron, the Toronto entertainer, will appear in Anderson's hall to-morrow evening. Proceeds to be devoted to a public school library fund.

The Daily Planet is on sale at Johnston's drug store.

## THAMESVILLE.

Dec. 17.—Mrs. A. H. Drmm was in Chatham Saturday.

C. A. Mayhew has purchased the bakery business of Wm. Anderson.

F. Richards, sr., spent Saturday in Chatham.

While the family were asleep Saturday morning the residence of John Bedder, of Splinter street, took fire and burned to the ground. The family only succeeded in escaping in their night clothes.

Bills are out announcing the St. Stephen's Sunday school entertainment to take place on Friday, 21st Dec.

## WALLACEBURG.

Dec. 17.—The work on the new Presbyterian church is nearing completion, and is a very attractive building.

A. B. Fullmer has purchased the farm owned by Dr. Cornell, of Chatham. This property is situated on the Chatham Estate, at Whitehead, and is considered quite valuable.

Harry Milford has left for Carleton Place, Ont., and expresses himself delighted with California. Mrs. Hay remained with her brother who is still in a serious condition.

Walker Power has returned to his home after spending the summer on the lake.

On Wednesday evening the public

## WAS HE DISGUISED

Late Boer General Declares Churchill Passed As a Minister But the Latter Tells a Different Story.

New York, Dec. 17.—Gen. Pearson, of the Boer commissariat, who chased Winston Churchill in his escape from Pretoria, sat in the audience in the grand ball-room of the Waldorf-Astoria Wednesday evening and listened to Churchill's lecture on the war.

At one place in the narrative in particular Gen. Pearson showed intense interest. He leaned well forward in his seat, shook his head or nodded from time to time, and occasionally tapped the floor with his foot. He never took his eyes off the speaker.

Before the lecture began, when the room was being gradually filled with people, Gen. Pearson said in a low voice:

"I want very much to see Mr. Churchill. I want to get a good look at him. I tried hard to catch him once, rode night and day. At the time of his escape from Pretoria I was stationed at Koomatipoort, where it was my business to search all trains going through for suspects. One day a minister came through. He was seated beside a tall man with a black moustache, very thin; looked consumptive. I remember telling my men not to bother these two. We never interfere with ministers. Then two days later came my instructions to be on the lookout for Winston Churchill, who had escaped from Pretoria. When I said at once, 'It's too late. That man went over the border as a minister two days ago. Mind you, I don't wish to say anything against Mr. Churchill. I admire him greatly. He outwitted the lot of us. But I'm willing to stake my life that he crossed the border as a minister.'"

When Churchill rose to speak the general looked at him keenly, then slightly shook his head.

"We're too far away," he said, "and he had a hat on then. It makes a difference."

Throughout the early part of the lecture Gen. Pearson laughed softly from time to time.

The facts of the capture and subsequent journey to Pretoria were briefly passed over, and it was not until the time came for the escape from the model school that Mr. Churchill again went into details. And these were the details that Gen. Pearson wished ardently to hear. He leaned well forward so as not to miss a word.

"I decided to escape on the 12th of

December," said Mr. Churchill. "I climbed the prison fence where a tree cast a shadow. The Boer sentry stood not ten feet away, but he was turned from me lighting his pipe, and the last thing I saw as I dropped on the other side was the red glow of the match in the hollow of the sentry's hands."

"That's a pretty touch," commented the general, in a hushed voice. "But the discipline is strict in our police. Smoking on duty is severely punished."

Mr. Churchill related how he walked through the town and finally came to a railway station at 11.15. The general remarked it was a long walk to that station.

"What time did he say it was when he escaped? And how about that £70 he said he had with him? The prisoners were searched when they came in. They were not allowed to have any money in prison for fear of bribery."

Mr. Churchill continued with his journey toward the border, told of his hiding by day and traveling by night, freight trains or walking by night, until finally, half exhausted, he was compelled to take the risk of going to a farm house for food.

"I knocked at the door. A voice answered 'Hello.' Now this was encouraging, because a Dutchman who is awakened in the middle of the night doesn't say 'Hello.'"

The general's foot was tapped hurriedly on the floor.

"The door opened," continued Mr. Churchill, "and I entered the warm interior. There stood before me a tall, thin man, with a black moustache."

"That's him," whispered the general excitedly. "That's the fellow. The thin man with the black moustache, the man I told you about who sat beside the minister in the train."

"His name was Hubert Howard," said the lecturer, "and when I told him the facts of the case he said: 'Thank God, we're all British here.'"

"Hubert Howard," said the general, "yes, I know who he is. He was the manager of the Transvaal collieries."

Mr. Howard hid me at the bottom of the coal mines at that place. A friend of his was sending a consignment of wool across the border, and I was loaded into the truck with the wool. In this way at the end of fifty-six hours I crossed into Portuguese territory and my escape was assured."

When the lecture was finished the general still adhered to his first opinion.

"I'll stake my life," he said, "that Churchill escaped as a minister. He can't pull wool over my eyes. But no matter how he did it, he did it well. He fooled me all right."

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New York, Dec. 17.—Marie St. Felix, novelist, will be married Jan. 1, 1901, to Dr. Jerome Morrell Lynch, of this city. The engagement came about in a romantic way. Harriet Louise Husted—Marie St. Felix is a pen name—was married six years ago to G. H. Hollenbeck. They did not live happily together. Mrs. Hollenbeck went to South Dakota last summer and instituted divorce proceedings. Her husband fell ill in New York, and she hurried here to nurse him, notwithstanding her pending suit for separation. She brought him back to health. It was at this time she met Dr. Lynch. When she was freed by the courts her engagement was announced.

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## YOUNG LAD KILLED

Who Formerly Worked in This  
Vicinity.

His Hat and Body Found on the  
Michigan Central Four  
Miles Apart.

Cassopolis, Mich., Dec. 17.—Thursday morning a body destitute of clothing, with the head and one arm severed, was found on the Michigan Central Air line tracks at the junction in this village. The arm was found forty feet distant, and the head and clothing more than four miles from where the body was found. Papers found with the clothing show that his name was George Y. Griffith, a resident of Canada. A cheque book showed that he had on deposit with

Dr. Barnardo, Toronto, \$46.35. He had also a due bill for about \$34, given by Hamilton, in Lucas county, Iowa, due next June, and \$3.16 in money. Justice Reynolds summoned a jury, which rendered a verdict in accordance with the facts. He was about 20 years of age.

The dead boy came out with a number of other Barnardo boys in the summer of 1893. He was in the Home in Toronto but a few months, when he was sent to work near Chatham. He had not been heard from past few months, but it was supposed that he had gone to Michigan, like other Canadian boys, looking for work. Deceased had about \$50 in the Barnardo Home Savings Bank, which will go to the Home.

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Men's fine gray cheviot and blk. beaver dress Coats, handsome finish, \$16 Coats \$13.00	
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