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LIVELY TIMES IN EGYPT.

ENGLAND DETERMINED THAT TURKEY SHALL NOT INTERFERE.

Evidently the Last Straw—Activity at All the British Naval Stations—Bustle and Excitement at the War Office.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The excitement caused by the unusual occurrence of a council at the war office on Sunday was greatly increased to-day by the report that the government had decided to resist any attempt on the part of Turkey to occupy any portion of Egypt or land troops in that country. There is considerable bustle and excitement at the war office. Orders have been sent to Chatham, Portsmouth and Woolwich, which have caused much activity at those naval stations. Other battalions of troops at Malta have been ordered to embark at once on the steamship Poonah for Alexandria, and other troopships are under orders to be ready to move at a moment's notice. Indications all point to stirring events in Egypt. There is no doubt that the ministry is determined not to allow Turkey to interfere in Egyptian affairs by placing an armed force in any portion of Egypt.

Another council was held at the war office to-day on the Egyptian question. Orders were sent to the transport Geelong at Suez to prepare to convey troops thence to Suakim. A force of 1200 soldiers is going to Suakim. It is expected they will be used to open the road to Berber.

Lord Wolseley Wants Reinforcements.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Information was obtained to-day from one of the attaches of the war office from which it is fair to assume that the government expects quite lively times in Egypt during the present campaign against the mahdi. The gentleman stated that Lord Wolseley had sent urgent telegrams to the war secretary requesting the immediate despatch of reinforcements for the purpose of holding Osman Digna in check and preventing that aggressive lieutenant of the mahdi from harassing his rear or cutting up the roads behind him. "Gen. Wolseley," said the informant, "has indicated all along that he expected some hard fighting before the campaign ended, and has never lost an opportunity to impress the home government with the importance of sending out several other battalions in addition to the force already in Egypt." The above is partially confirmed by the receipt by the central news agency of a despatch from Malta stating that the commanding officer at that place had received a despatch ordering the immediate embarkation of another battalion of troops for Alexandria.

Fehmi Fehmi Interviews Granville.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Fehmi Pacha, the Turkish minister of justice, who has come to England on a special mission concerning Egypt drove in state to the foreign office to-day. The Turkish ambassador introduced Fehmi to Lord Granville. A long conference ensued. After this conference Count Munster gave a long explanation to Lord Granville of Germany's views on the Egyptian question.

The ambassadors of all the powers have now presented to Granville the replies of their governments to the English proposals concerning Egypt.

EDMUND YATES' IMPRISONMENT.

The Rules and Regulations That He Will be Obliged to Observe.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Orders to the governor of Holloway prison took effect to-day in regard to Edmund Yates. The celebrated society editor is put on an allowance of half a pint of wine or one pint of malt liquor a day; visits from friends must be arranged by the visiting magistrates, and he can receive only one newspaper daily. His letters will be regulated by the governor's orders. He is to take exercise by himself in the first class misdemeanants' ground, to rise at 6.30 and retire at 9 15. The rules may be relaxed by medical authorities if his health suffers from prison treatment.

Survivors From the Moorsom.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Eleven persons who were in the missing boat of the wrecked steamer Admiral Moorsom, have been rescued in an exhausted condition. They had been in the boat since Thursday night. The survivors of the steamer who were rescued by the ship Santa Clara complain that they were badly treated on the latter vessel.

An Apology from Greece.

ATHENS, Jan. 19.—The king has sent an aide de-camp to apologize to Nicholson, the British charge d' affairs, who was assaulted on Saturday by a gendarme. The British anthem will be played on the occasion. The gendarme will be degraded and imprisoned for two months.

CABLE NEWS.

Admiral Peyron, French minister of marine, will resign Jan. 27.

Russia intends to occupy Duelport island, south of the Corea, as a naval station.

The German reichstag has appointed a committee of 28 to examine into the labor question.

Sir Wm. Armstrong, inventor of the Armstrong gun, is about to start large steel works near Naples.

The Skye crofters held a meeting at Portree yesterday. A resolution was adopted declaring the recent concessions offered by the landlords were inadequate.

At the funeral of Edmund About, the distinguished author, yesterday at Paris, a deputation of the Academie Francais appointed to act as pall-bearers refused to serve because there was no religious ceremony.

The notes sent by the powers to England, in addition to replying to the English proposals ask England to convene a European conference as soon as possible for the friendly discussion of the measures proposed to ensure freedom of transit on the Suez canal during peace or war for all European nations.

One More for the Next Census.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 19.—W. S. Pate, proprietor of the Pate, Madden Bros' dry goods establishment, is missing. He is supposed to have gone to Canada, leaving $35,000 in debts. The store was closed by the sheriff this afternoon.

Yet Another.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—It is rumored John McLaughlin of Titer's law office, who obtained $25,000 from General Baines, senior counsel for ex-Senator Sharon in the divorce case for a spurious agreement, has absconded with the money and gone to British Columbia.

THIRTY-NINE MILES AWAY.

Nubs of News Collected in the City of Hamilton.

HAMILTON, Jan. 19.—The managers of the Ontario rolling mills have issued a circular stating that the mill will henceforth be run strictly on non-union principles. Men who wished to work were requested to report at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. None of the men reported.

Complaint is made of the miserable heating arrangements in the public schools. In the Central, Main street and Cannon street schools at noon the thermometer stood at 6 degrees below freezing.

Two idiots have been kept in the jail respectively nine and nineteen months awaiting an opportunity to be taken to Orillia.

Mother Mandlebaum continues to reside on Main street. This morning she received from the customs authorities the jewels which have been in their keeping since the day of her arrest. The duty, amounting with expenses of the investigation to $614 20, was paid by her.

At the annual meeting of the Hamilton branch of the Evangelical alliance, held this morning, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. J. W. A. Stewart, president; Rev. J. W. Hunter, D.D., vice president; Rev. D. H. Fletcher, secretary; James Walker, treasurer.

A fellow named Robinson, claiming to be a minister of the old methodist episcopal church from the Napanee district, has been imposing on the clergy of the city and succeeded in collecting quite a sum of money. He is of medium height, cleanly shaven, with fresh complexion and brown hair, and wears a light-colored overcoat.

John Drexlar is under arrest for brutally assaulting John Miller, his stepfather, and has been remanded pending the result of the latter's injuries, Miller being frightfully cut about the face.

Justice Armour in discharging the grand jury spoke very highly of the Hamilton police and Chief Stewart.

The new city council was installed today.

The thermometer at the head of Jolly cut at 7 this morning registered 8° below zero.

The James street sewer has been completed to the foot of the mountain and the fumes can be seen making their way up the face of the mountain and meandering in graceful curves round the top.

On going up the James street steps a strange fetish odor is perceptible altogether foreign to this part of the city.

MANITOBA'S MUST.

Mr. Pope Warned That the Distinctive Appellation of the Provincial Wheat "must" Be Maintained.

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 19.—In view of the proposed efforts of the Toronto and Montreal boards of trade to have the name of Manitoba hard wheat changed to Canadian hard wheat, the following protest has been sent to the minister of agriculture on behalf of the grain dealers and the Farmers' union of this province: "The farmers and grain dealers of Manitoba are strongly opposed to any interference on the part of the Toronto and Montreal boards of trade whereby the wheat of this province should be deprived of its name. The name of Manitoba hard cannot be dispensed with, and the people of this province will determinedly oppose any attempt on the part of Ontario to derive an advantage in the grading of their wheat at the expense of Manitoba. Manitoba hard wheat has a distinctive reputation which must be maintained."

THE RAILWAY RATE WAR.

One Dollar from New York to St. Louis and Cincinnati.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19.—The Pennsylvania railroad has made no change in through first-class passenger rates to the west, but continues to sell immigrant tickets at one dollar from New York to Chicago, St. Louis and Cincinnati.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The Red Star steamship line is selling steerage tickets from New York to Antwerp, or vice versa, at $10 with $4 commission. The Cara line is selling tickets at $10. The other lines adhere to the $15 rate. The Erie railroad will not meet the reductions made by the Pennsylvania company. Other roads still adhere to the rates of Saturday.

One hundred and thirty immigrants by the steamship Britannic were handed $13 on each ticket to Chicago on their arrival at New York yesterday. They bought new tickets for a dollar.

Burglars at the Capital.

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—Three young men of respectable parents named William Brown, Robert Brown, brothers, and R. A Waller, of this city, were arrested early this morning charged with being the perpetrators of the burglaries that have occurred recently in the city. They were caught in the printing establishment of Mr. Mortimer last night and were afterwards arrested by the police in their beds. They appeared in the police court this morning and pleaded not guilty. The case was enlarged until Wednesday.

A Human Sacrifice.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 19.—A few days ago it was announced from Creston that the adventists of that community had discovered the end of the world to be at hand, and the leader of the faith had left Chicago to participate in the ascension which did not result as predicted. The little band has now collected in one dwelling, and is engaged in constant prayer. The rumor is afloat in Creston that a young girl named Karl is to be offered up as a sacrifice for her unbelief. The police are under orders to keep strict surveillance over the squad.

Romantic, but Foolish.

MARTINEVILLE, Ind., Jan. 19.—Young Robertson, recently a student at the Troy Polytechnic institute, who was said to have married and run away with a woman of bad repute, is now breaking stone on a railroad near here for $20 per month. His father, who is one of the wealthiest men in Indiana, offered him half his fortune if he would desert his wife and return home. The boy refused, and was disinherited. He says the story that his wife was a loose character is false. He means to show the world that he can take care of himself.

The Winter Port Receives a Warning.

HALIFAX, Jan. 19.—The mayor has a letter from the inland revenue department of Ottawa saying that if the city does not take immediate steps to regulate the storage and use of petroleum the department will be under the necessity of seizing and confiscating all the petroleum in Halifax.

RYAN MEETS SULLIVAN.

THE CONTEST STOPPED BY THE POLICE IN THE FIRST ROUND.

Paddy and His Friends Believe the Boston Bully would have been Whipped—Ten Thousand People Present.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The mayor sent a letter to the police commissioners to day stating that he had been informed Sullivan and Ryan, who had previously fought a prize fight in another state, were to spar at Madison square garden to night. The mayor said he deemed it his duty to instruct the commissioners if they were not empowered to prevent the contest they should at least not allow the performance to degenerate into a slugging match.

Long before the doors of Madison square garden were opened to night several thousand persons had gathered on the outside in order to secure a place in the garden from which the glove contest between Sullivan and his old time opponent Paddy Ryan could be witnessed with profit. A corps of police under Capt. Williams kept the crowd in order until the gates were opened, when there was a rush for the interior, and soon the crowd was packed in tightly as sardines. Around the outer railing of the ring all the noted sports of the city were present. And among those from outside were "Parson" Davis, Col. Tinpane of Troy and a host of others equally well known. Five hundred friends of Ryan arrived from Troy on a special train, while fully fifty sports came from Chicago to see the mill. The throng poured steadily into the garden, and it required the utmost efforts of the police to preserve order. The streets were lined with men unable to procure admission discussing the relative merits of the pugilists in an earnest and spirited manner.

P. F. Sheedy, Sullivan's manager, offered $1000 to $250 before the performance began in favor of Sullivan, and offered to make the wager five times over. No one took him up. Among the police officials the impression appeared to be that the contest would be brought to a summary close if Sullivan attempted to slug Ryan. The Trojan's friends were loud in their praises of Ryan's splendid condition. At 8 45 p.m. Capt. Williams advanced within the railing surrounding the elevated ring. Roscoe Conkling sauntered in and was an interested spectator of the proceedings. At 9 o'clock the crowd inside had reached 8000 and the visitors were still demanding admittance. The vast audience grew impatient and manifested temper by prolonged hissing.

The stage exercises were opened by Pete McCoy and Mike Gillespie, who pummelled each other vigorously for three rounds.

After what seemed an interminable delay a murmur of applause ran through the hall, and Sullivan jumped over the ropes followed by his trainer Tom Delaney and Dan Murphy of Boston. The champion looked to be in good condition. When Ryan made his appearance he was greeted with cheers and waving of hats. He was attended by Jimmy Patterson and Ed. Mallahan. John Scannell was master of ceremonies. The police declined to allow the time keeper to act. Ryan's massive proportions showed up to good advantage, and he was evidently a favorite with a great many.

It was after 10 when Scannell shouted "Time," and both men advanced to the scratch and shook hands, smiling grimly at each other.

First round—Sullivan led off with the left for Ryan's bread basket, but the latter neatly dodged the blow. Ryan made a feint and tapped Sullivan heavily on the right jaw. The champion grew redder and angrier, and Ryan noticing this fought close to his opponent, evidently with a view to prevent Sullivan from getting in the terrific blows for which he is celebrated. Both men fought fiercely at close range, showering blows thick and fast upon each other, the enthusiasm of the crowd increasing in intensity with the severity of the blows.

The pugilists had not been pitted against each other over a minute when Inspector Thorn jumped over the ropes followed by Capt. Williams, and with uplifted clubs separated the antagonists. They were forced to their corners reluctantly and Capt. Williams stripped their gloves off. "This is no fight," shouted Sheedy, Sullivan's backer. Both boxers were hurried into the centre of the ring, where they were made to shake hands. "I would have won the match," said Ryan, "if the authorities had not interfered." This appeared to be the general impression among many of those assembled, and the Trojan was lustily cheered. The receipts, which amounted to $11,000, are in Sheedy's hands and he will be likely to retain them, as the contest came to such a sudden end. The crowd left in a fairly good-humored mood, although there were many who denounced the action of the police in interfering. No decision was given.

Hanlan Speechifies.

At Albert park, Lagoon, Melbourne, on Nov. 5, about 5000 persons assembled at the aquatic carnival expecting Beach, Hanlan and Laycock would compete. Beach did not give an exhibition, but Hanlan appeared in his skiff and rowed up and down the lake a few times. Beach was introduced from the balcony of Edwards' boathouse by Mr. Markham as the champion of the world. Hanlan was then called upon and received quite an ovation. It was the second time, he said, that he had appeared before the Victoria public, and he thanked them very sincerely for their kind reception. He did not take part in any of the races, although his name appeared as a competitor in the professional sculling race, because he was not in condition; and he was determined never again to take part in a match unless he was in condition. He had been beaten by Beach, but he was glad to say they were on the best of terms; and although he was determined to do his best in the next match to beat Beach, whatever the result might be, he hoped they would still continue friends. He would like himself and Beach to have a match on the lake, and he was willing to enter into such a match to row a mile against Beach or any man in the world for £1000 a side.

The Dwyer Brothers Said to Have Split.

From the Spirit of the Times.

It seems to be the general opinion of every one about town who knows anything that the Dwyer Brothers are not the unit they were formerly. "Things have never been lovely in the Dwyer camp since that dispute about Miss Woodford," remarked a well-known turfite the other evening as he puffed his cigar leisurely at one of the up-town resorts. "You remember the two mile heats at Sheepshead. 'Phil' wanted to start the mare. 'Mike' didn't. Neither did Rowe. He was afraid she'd break down and washed his hands of it. She won, but the race settled her, and that made sore feelings. The fact is, the Dwyer boys were spoiled. They had got to regard as a good season nothing short of a clean sweep of all the stakes, like they had for four or five years. Burton was a flat failure. They bought Panique, and he was another. Then Barnes and Kinney went to pieces, and their 2-year-olds ditto. They weren't used to that sort of thing—it rattled 'em. The Dwyers haven't fallen out exactly, but you see the entente cordiale as regards stable matters doesn't exist as it did. Why have they engaged two trainers, McCabe and Stoops, and why have they divided the stable, eh? That looks funny, don't it? Never heard anything of that kind under the old regime."

As Close a Match as Could Be.

The Torontos and the Granites faced each other in a friendly contest on the outside ice of the latter club on Monday afternoon, Jan. 19. Four rinks were played and the result, after three hours' play, was a tie, each side making 74 points. The score is below:

TORONTO.		GRANITE.	
Davidson		J. Oliver	
J. C. Forbes		G. Musson	
J. O. Howard		W. Lawrence	
T. McGaw, skip....	14	G. W. Lillie, skip	24
W. Christie		R. McClain	
C. W. Postlethwaite		J. A. Mills	
Capt. McCorquodale		W. Dick	
Capt. Perry, skip..	21	C. C. Dalton, skip	17
W. A. Shepard		C. H. Grantham	
J. T. Matthews		J. L. Hughes	
E. E. Hargreaves		G. H. Bertram	
John Wright, skip..	18	W. F. Davison, skip	21
Rev. Mr. Campbell		J. Hedley	
John Bain		G. Helliwell	
Wm. Bayly		N. B. Dick	
Jno. Riddell, skip..	21	W. Blackenach, skip	12
Total.....	74	Total.....	74

Trotting at Woodbine.

The track at Woodbine park is in great shape. Genial Tom Best was busily employed the whole of yesterday superintending the harrowing and rolling. Every afternoon races take place between gentlemen owning horses with a turn of speed, and the scene as they rattle over the crisp level snow is one of the merriest and gayest that can be imagined. Even the drive down, either along Eastern avenue or the Kingston road, is thoroughly enjoyable, the roadway being grand going and free from the customary disagreeable elements such as dust, ruts, etc. During the next few weeks a number of prizes will be trotted for and sweepstake races will take place, so that the sport will be well sustained. A better place than Woodbine park for enjoying a drive and testing the speed of your nag could not be devised.

General Notes.

Despite the loss sustained from Lord Falmouth's retirement from racing, the horses under Matthew Dawson's training won upwards of $150,000 last year.

In the account of the dog sports in yesterday's World it was stated that Geo. Cooper's Oscar defeated John Olcott's Pride of Eglinton in the terrier class. This was a mistake. The Pride defeated Oscar easily.

At the concert and tug-of-war contest held in St. Andrew's hall on Friday evening the team of the Irish Catholic Benevolent union were again successful by defeating the Emerald Beneficial association team, winning the first and second pulls by one and twelve inches respectively.

At a meeting of the St. Thomas driving Park association on Saturday evening, H. H. Evely was elected president; W. W. Disher, vice-president; C. Arkell, secretary-treasurer; and Messrs. D. M. Barnes, H. Borbridge and C. P. Geary, trackmen.

At a cocking main in Long Island the other night, a master of ceremonies announced that henceforth in order to elude the police and Bergh all rooster fights would take place on a steam-barge, where they would be less liable to interruption. The man evidently has no respect for a revenue cutter.

F. A. Folger of Kingston, Ont., has just paid a large sum to J. H. Metcalfe, M.P.P., for a yearling colt, sired by Wiser's Bellwood, out of Aunty Betsy. The latter is by Harper, by Lexington. The colt is a most promising one and already gives evidence of good trotting qualities.

A considerable number of quail are now on exhibition in the window of the London house. They were imported from Tennessee by Mr. Humpidge, and are to be turned loose in the spring to recuperate the rapidly decreasing coveys of the game little "Bob White" in the western district. One hundred birds will also be sent to Bothwell.—London Free Press.

Mr. J. A. St. John of St. Louis has forwarded to Bell's Life in London, a challenge on behalf of Jacob Gaudaur to any sculler in England, the race to be for $2500 a side, and to be rowed on the Thames river, London, next September. Although he is willing to go to London without receiving anything for expenses, Mr. St. John will allow $300 to the party accepting if the race is rowed in America.

The stakes of the Kentucky Trotting-Hore Breeders' association, which closed at Lexington on January 1, show lists up to the standard. The Lexington stakes, for 2-year-olds, to be trotted in 1885, closed with sixty-four nominations. The Kentucky stakes for 3-year-olds, closed with eighty-four, the stakes to be trotted for in 1885. The entries for 1886 are eighty-two in number. The Blue Grass stakes for 1885, for 4 year olds, closed with 141 entries, and for the event of 1887 eighty-two are entered. Nominations in the Stallion Produce stakes are: For foals of 1882, ten entries, and for foals of 1883, twenty entries. The association is now discussing the advisability of opening stakes for 5-year-olds and yearlings.

After More Swag.

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—Hon. Messrs. Church and Morrison, of the Nova Scotia government, are here as a delegation from that province demanding better terms, and also endeavoring to get a settlement with the dominion in regard to the outstanding debts between the two governments.

The Soulanges Elections.

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—It is understood that the writs for the Soulanges election have been issued, and that it will take place on Feb. 5. The supreme court decided last week that Bain, the sitting member, was unseated, owing to bribery and corruption.

Heavy Failure in the Book Trade.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Richard Worthington, publisher, has assigned; liabilities $300,000; nominal assets $400,000.

MAYOR MANNING AT WORK

INDUCTION OF THE NEW CITY COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1885.

His Worship's Inaugural Address—A Breeze on Civic Economy—Striking the Standing Committees.

Mayor Alexander Manning and his new council were duly installed at the city hall yesterday. There was a large number of prominent citizens present, and the usual number of people with axes to grind were on hand. His worship took the oath of office in his private room shortly before 11 o'clock. Judge Boyd administered it. The mayor entered the council chamber at 11 o'clock under the escort of Ald. Baxter and Adamson. His worship was attired in a brand new broadcloth suit of the Q.C. cut, and he carried in his hand a draped beaver. It was said Mr. Manning would revive the befrilled sleeves and shirt front so well known in the days of the late Mayor Morrison, but this was not the case, as his worship wore a plain boiled shirt, a regulation pair of cuffs and a white tie. Thirty-five members of the new council were in their places and subscribed to the declaration. Ald. Shaw was the only absentee, being away on account of illness.

The council sat till 1 p.m. and then adjourned till 2 o'clock while the standing committees were being struck. The new council and its friends were christened with champagne and sandwiches provided by his worship. Quite a number of corks were pulled, and the contents of the bottles stowed away.

Mayor Manning delivered his inaugural address just after the council opened. He assured the aldermen that he would advocate strict economy in every department, and retrenchment wherever possible, consistently of course with a due regard for the city's requirements. He would aid them in every possible way in promoting every work which would add to the health and cleanliness and good government of the city. He would especially insist upon greater cleanliness of the thoroughfares. Amongst the most important matters that should engage their attention was thorough repairing of the engine house, pumping wells, crib and wooden conduit pipes at Hanlan's point, so as to secure an unfailing supply of pure water from the lake. The construction of a trunk sewer was urgently demanded to divert the sewage from the bay to some point east of Ashbridge's bay. He recommended the council to invite leading citizens to a conference as to the best course to adopt in carrying out this work, and to obtain the assistance of the most eminent engineer in sewage works. In order to get rid of the present nuisance until the principal work is completed, he would suggest that the present sewers discharging into the bay be continued out to the end of the wharves by close piling covered over, to deep water, which would remove all offensive odors. The cleaning of the city was a matter of the utmost importance.

As head of the council it was his duty to report on the condition of the finances. He asked their attention to the treasurer's report of receipts and expenditures for the past year as compared with the year 1883. It would be found that in almost every department of expenditure there had been a large increase, which, if continued in the future and during the period of depression, must result in increasing the taxation to a point beyond the legal limit of two cents in the dollar, the present rate being 18 mills, including the local improvement rate, as he believed the debenture debt had increased from $2,600,000 in 1873 to $7,000,000 in 1884. He called particular attention to the fact that the annual increase in the value of real and personal property subject to assessment is not keeping pace with the very great increase in the rate of expenditure. For instance, the demand for school purposes, exclusive of buildings, was in 1873 $58,995. In 1884 it was $184,000, being one fifth of all the ordinary taxes collected. The police department was $21,236 in 1873 and $134,296 in 1884. The rate in the dollar had increased from 12½ mills in 1873 to 15½ mills in 1884, with 2½ mills for local improvements in 1884. The population had increased from 67,000 to 95,000 from 1873 to 1884. The general debt in 1884 was $6,202,808, with a local improvement debt of $837,430—a total of $7,040,239. He recommended to the council that they apply to the legislature for power to control the expenditure of the police and public school boards.

They should carefully consider how far the proposed annexation of Parkdale would benefit Toronto. If they had to incur a large expenditure and assume any additional liability, he thought they had better remain as they were, but if they could unite on a reasonable basis the union might prove of mutual advantage. He thought the work of street watering could be done cheaper and to better advantage by letting out at contract. The waterworks expenditure was very large, the cost of fuel alone amounting to the enormous sum of $52,000 during the past year. He strongly recommended the appointment of a competent manager to this department. He would, as soon as possible, investigate the complaints against the police commissioners. He would recommend the doing away with the local improvement initiative principle, compelling citizens to make improvements when they did not ask for them. He referred to the large increase in the number confined in the jail. He did not think assessors should re-value lands every year. He thought two aldermen from each ward would be sufficient. Also, that a permissive bill be obtained from the dominion parliament regarding the Esplanade, and also to make application to the legislature for the abolition of tax exemptions. [Applause.]

A number of communications were received, and twenty-three notices of motion were given. Resolutions were carried requesting the property committee to report to council as to the advisability of selling or otherwise dealing with the block of land owned by the city at the head of St. George street; requesting the legislative committee to report to council respecting the entry of deeds of land before registration; requesting the markets and health committee to report to council as to the best and most economical mode of doing the scavenger work of the city? whether by hiring horses and carts, or by hiring corporation horses to do the work; and instructing the property committee to report to council on the question of the purchase of a new site, and the erection of a fire hall thereon in accordance with proceedings taken by the council of last year in the matter.

Ald. Baxter was appointed the city's representative on the Northern railway board, Ald. Allen on the Toronto, Grey and Bruce, Ald. Sheppard on the Midland, Ald. Shaw on the Ontario and Quebec and Ald. Hall and Piper on the harbor trust board. Ald. Hall and Hastings complained that all the plums were being given to the conservatives. There were pickings in all these appointments. The following is the composition of the standing committees:

Executive—Ald. Defoe (chairman), Adamson, Walker, Steiner, Irwin, James, Elliott, John Woods, Pepler, Saunders, Denison, Sheppard.

Works—Ald. Carlyle (chairman), Hall Verrall, Steiner, Hunter, Frankland, Jones, M. J. Woods, Baxter, Hastings, Barton.

Fire and Gas—Ald. Mitchell, Adamson, Maughan, McMillan, Piper, James, Smith, John Woods, Brandon, Shaw, Galley, Johnston.

Property—Ald. Irwin (chairman), Defoe, Lambe, Maughan, McMillan, Taylor, Elliott, Mackenzie, Pepler, Saunders, Sheppard, Denison.

Markets and Health—Ald. James (chairman), Mitchell, Allen, Verrall, Gormley, Irwin, Jones, M. J. Woods, Baxter, Shaw, Carlyle, Johnston.

Waterworks—Ald. Walker (chairman), Hall, Lambe, Gormley, Hunter, Taylor, Smith, Mackenzie, Brandon, Hastings, Sheppard, Barton.

Exhibition—Ald. Mitchell (chairman), Adamson, Maughan, McMillan, Piper, Frankland, Smith, M. J. Woods, Brandon, Saunders, Galley, Johnston.

The chairman of the fire and gas committee was not chosen, owing to the absence of Ald. Shaw. He and Ald. Adamson are candidates for the position, and it is probable the latter will be successful. Ald. Maughan said politics were again cropping up and the conservatives collared all the chairmanships.

Reception Committee—Ald. Denison, John Woods, Saunders, Piper, Defoe, Sheppard, Taylor, Smith, Lambe, Pepler, Maughan, Steiner.

Legislation Committee—Ald. Mitchell, Walker, Saunders, Denison, Baxter, J. M. Woods, Piper, Gormley, Galley, Lambe, Elliott, Frankland.

Representatives in the Horticultural Society—Ald. Denison, McMillan, Piper, Barton, Gormley, Elliott, Hastings, Pepler, Sheppard, Johnston, Saunders, Steiner, Defoe, McKenzie, Franklin, Brandon, James.

Free Library Board—Ex-Mayor Boswell, John Taylor.

Court of Revision—Ald. Baxter, Irwin, Allen, Verrall, Denison.

Court House Committee—Ald. Hastings, Defoe, Allen, Taylor, Walker, Gormley, Hunter, Jones, J. Woods, Pepler, Carlyle, Denison.

The council adjourned at 3.20.

Parkdale's New Municipal Solons.

At 11 o'clock yesterday morning Reeve Macmath, Deputy-Reeve Booth and Councillor Beddome took their declaration of office, and afterwards Messrs. Terry and Clark had to be drummed up by Inspector Kenzinger, who arrived before noon and subscribed to the necessary documents. Previous to their arrival a bylaw (No. 235) appointing H. S Langton clerk and treasurer for the ensuing year was passed. The reeve said Mr. Langton had filled his duties faithfully and correctly during the past year. He was appointed at a salary of $1000 per year. He gave bonds in $15,000. J. W. Fenwick, the reeve's appointee, and F. Wilson, by the council, were appointed auditors at a salary of $100 each.

The committees struck were:

Finance Committee—Beddome, Booth, Clark.

Fire, Water and Gas—Booth, Beddome, Terry.

Board of Works—Clark, Booth, Beddome.

Health and Police—Terry, Beddome, Booth.

The following notices of motion were introduced by Councillor Clark: For the reinstatement of Williamm Tilney as assistant to the inspector. That a book be kept at the clerk's office by the inspector to record all work done and location of same by employes. That no official or member of the corporation shall take advice of the solicitor without an order in council, unless they pay the cost themselves. That the clerk prepare an inventory of all local improvements done in the municipality.

Councillor Clark took objection to certain local improvement bylaws passed by previous councils, particularly those effecting his own property on Victoria crescent. After various other enquiries by the newly-elected advocate of municipal reforms, the village fathers adjourned.

Street Lighting in Philadelphia.

Contracts for furnishing the city electrical department of Philadelphia with supplies for the ensuing year were awarded by Chief Walker on Jan. 10. The United States company was awarded the contract for furnishing twenty-six (26) lights on Delaware avenue at 59½c. per night, and the British Electric Light company was given the contract for 17 lights on Poplar street, between Delaware river and Sixth street, at 58½c. per night.—The Electrical World, Jan. 17.

Not the "Grand Old Man."

Yesterday we were pleased to see one of Toronto's old representative firemen, who was once dubbed by the Globe as "the notorious Alex. Jacques," but who is more popularly known on the continent as the "Old Man." He says the old corners are still to be seen, but the village has grown a bit since the days of '37, and he misses the old familiar faces, many of whom have gone out with the silent majority. The "Old Un" looks good for twenty years yet.

A and B's Sheep Division.

"McVenn" sends in the following problem, his answer to which is, however, incorrect. We shall be glad to have him send in the correct solution. A has a certain number of sheep; B has a certain number of sheep. A says to B: Give me one of yours and we will have an equal number. B says to A: Give me one of yours and I will have twice as many as you. How many had each?

Answer—B has 5; A has 4.

Fast Women Sent to Jail.

Millie Stewart was sent to jail for five months by the magistrate yesterday for keeping a disorderly house at No. 10, Bond street. Minnie Robinson and Nellie Fulton, inmates, were discharged. Alice Bywater, a wayward girl who frequented Stewart's place, was sent to the Mercer reformatory for six months.

The Alleged Ballot-Box Stuffing.

John Wiggins and Robt. Franks pleaded not guilty to manipulating the ballot-box in Division 8, St. David's ward, in the police court yesterday. They elected to be tried by a jury, and a hearing was set down for to-morrow.

A Conundrum for Our Readers.

Editor World: Will the readers of your paper kindly inform me which is the longest word in the English language?

Toronto, Jan. 19. A CONSTANT READER.

IS THERE ANYTHING IN IT?

AN ENGLISH PLOT TO DESTROY THE AMERICAN LEGATION.

The Strange Conversation That a Visitor to London Overheard in a Tenement House.

With the mail matter received by The World yesterday was the extraordinary communication given below accompanied by a preliminary note as follows:

This is sent to The World in advance of any other paper, in the hope that they will honorably abstain from trying to identify the writer or assist others to do so, as his identification with such a confession would be political, professional, and social ruin.

We can assure our mysterious correspondent that it is not our intention to start a private detective agency, but we cannot help thinking that it his story be true he should have found some means of communicating with the legation, in order that the house where he overheard the conversation might have been watched and Mr. Lowell and his subordinates put on their guard. However, that is none of our funeral, but here is the story, which can be taken *au serieux* or any other way that may suit the reader:

The recent fire at the American legation offices, London, may have something to do with the circumstance I am about to relate. A few weeks ago I was in London and took shelter one evening about 6 o'clock from a sudden shower in a doorway in the Strand. A handsome girl of about 20 was seeking shelter in the same doorway. We got into conversation, and I agreed to accompany her home. She led me through some narrow streets north of the Strand passing Long Acre, and turned into a narrow court-yard with high tenement houses on both sides. Entering one of the houses, I found myself in a small room, two sides of which were thin board partitions, evidently dividing up what had been a large, handsome room. Its furniture was old and mean, the walls whitewashed, and as far as could be conveniently reached was papered with pictures from the illustrated papers. The girl summoned an old hag from the depths below, who brought in beer, biscuits, cheese and two bottles of wine at my expense, which I fear I partook of too freely, as I must have fallen asleep. When I awoke I was alone and in total darkness, and, hearing voices in the adjoining room, I kept quiet and listened. Two men were in earnest consultation. From their voices I judged one to be a man of education and position, and the other a cockney of the lower orders, his remarks being plentifully sprinkled with oaths. I could not hear every word that passed, but I heard enough to inform me that a plot to blow up the American legation offices in London, and possibly the American Exchange was in progress. The aristocratic voice distinctly agreed to meet the other party the day after the job was done and pay him one thousands pounds. Whether the job was to blow up one or both of the places mentioned I could not clearly understand. The aristocratic voice complained in the clear deliberate tones of an educated Englishman how easily access could be gained to the waiting room (of the legation I supposed), and the necessary material carried in a box go up to resemble the London directory, and quietly laid down and left to do its work of debauchery. This is the pith of an hour's conversation. After which the parties went out together, leaving me quaking with fear. After waiting a quarter of an hour I also groped my way out and found my way back to the Strand about half an hour before midnight. Since then I have daily watched the papers to see if the plot was successful. Nor have I ever mentioned these facts to a living soul, being not unwilling to see our American friends get a taste of dynamite, but I fear the plot has miscarried and my silence will be no longer necessary. I therefore give these facts to the world.

PERSONAL.

C. J. Pusey of New York is at the Queen's.

Sheriff Deeds of Simcoe is at the Queen's hotel.

Lt.-Col. A. E. Panet of Ottawa is registered at the Queen's.

Henry George will deliver farewell lectures at Glasgow and Liverpool.

Prof. Huxley is much better. He intends to go from Naples to Amalfi soon.

John McCullough is steadily regaining health, and all idea of placing him under the control of guardians has been abandoned.

Prince Charles Murat, son of the Russian prince of the same name, is dead. He was only 9 years old and died from diphtheria.

M. Gambetta's house at Ville d'Avray is to be kept in exactly the condition in which it was when the great statesman died there a year ago.

It is announced that the duke of Edinburgh will publish a collection of poems dedicated to the duchess of Edinburgh, entitled "Love Songs of a Violinist."

Arthur Edward Henry Grey Egerton, earl of Wilton, died at London yesterday in his 52d year. He will be succeeded by his brother, the Hon. Seymour Egerton.

The German emperor is confined to bed with a severe attack of hernial trouble which afflicted him for many years. The physicians are extremely uneasy about his condition.

Mr. Gladstone was expected in London yesterday, but it is now regarded as uncertain when he will leave Hawarden. Meantime much comment is being made on his absence from Downing street at the present critical juncture.

Considerable anxiety prevails in church circles at Rome over the alarming illness of the pope. He is confined to his bed with fever, occasioned by a severe attack of rheumatism, and grave fears are entertained lest the attack may prove fatal.

Mr. Gladstone, though sick by cable, is not only well, but fresh by post. A private letter from Mrs. Gladstone to a friend in New York, dated Hawarden, Dec. 26, 1884, and just received, says: "I am sure you will rejoice in knowing that Mr. Gladstone is very fresh and well."

It is rumored that Samuel J. Tilden has willed his country seat Yonkers, known as Greystone, to be used as a political educational institution. The course of study will include the political history of the past, biographies of great statesmen and a knowledge of all the important legislation of U. S. law-makers.

Although Prince Albert Victor of Wales will enter as a student at the Inner Temple, he will not go through any examinations necessary previous to a call to the bar. It is intended that after leaving Cambridge university he shall receive a commission in the Grenadier Guards. He will perform the ordinary duties of an officer, and at the Prince of Wales' request, he will be treated in exactly the same manner as any officer of his rank.

IT OUGHT TO BE DONE.

That venerable and plaided old gentleman known as John Laidlaw is desirous of being sent as a Canadian commissioner to the Antwerp exhibition. The citizens of Toronto know the old boy well, and they would be delighted if Sir John gave him the appointment for at least seven years.

An Old Dedication.

To the Marquis of Lansdowne, in grateful remembrance of nearly forty years of mutual acquaintance and friendship, this volume is inscribed, with the sincerest feelings of affection and respect, by Thomas Moore.

Fair But Still Cold.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, TORONTO, Jan. 20, 1 a.m.—*Pressure has given way over the northern portion of the continent since last night and remained nearly stationary elsewhere. The weather has been generally fine and very cold from the lakes to the Atlantic and somewhat milder in the Northwest territories.*

Probabilities: Lakes—Fresh to strong westerly to southwesterly winds; generally fair weather, not much change in temperature.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Liverpool: Circassian from Baltimore.
At London: Greece from New York.
At New York: City of Montreal from Liverpool, Richm