

Winter and War.

The Rigors of One Increase the Horrors of the Other.

Moukden Reported To Be in a State of Anarchy.

Liverpool Will Improve Its Atlantic Steamer Docks \$182,500 Worth.

The Young Nephew of Col. Sanderson, M.P., To Be Tried for Murder.

Duel to the Death Between Italian Army Officers.

Peter's Pence.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Daily News correspondent in Paris says that the Peter's pence, after dwindling slowly for many years in France, fell suddenly from £72,000 in 1893 to less than £40,000 in 1894.

The Czar's New Departure.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 3.—It is reported that the Czar intends to summon to St. Petersburg the prominent officials and personages of all the provinces of the empire in order to ascertain the exact situation and the desires of the people.

To Be Tried for Murder.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Reginald Sanderson was committed for trial today for the murder of Augusta Davies, whose throat he cut in Holland Park road on the night of Nov. 25. Sanderson, who is barely 21 years of age, is a nephew of Col. Sanderson, M.P.

Business Better in Australia.

A report upon the state of general trade received from United States Consul-General Marata, at Melbourne, indicates that business is becoming healthier in Australia. Credits are being reduced and a sounder basis laid down for future trading. The prospects of the grain crops are splendid.

The Fool-Killer Saved a Job.

GENOA, Jan. 3.—Two Italian army officers, Tofani and Vergori, fought a duel to the death near the French frontier on Tuesday morning. Sabers were the weapons. The meeting lasted nearly an hour, and was ended by Tofani's severing Vergori's carotid artery. Vergori died on the ground and Tofani is dying from loss of blood.

Mr. Gladstone Has a Fall.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—It was learned today that Mr. Gladstone had a serious accident last week. He stumbled over an open drawer, cut his forehead, broke his spectacles and was unable to see for several hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone took a drive of three miles in an open carriage yesterday, and on Monday they will leave England for Cannes, where they will be the guests of Lord Rosal.

France and Madagascar.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—A Cabinet council was held today, at which M. Hanotay, Minister of Foreign Affairs, laid before the Ministers a protest from the Premier of the Hova Government against the occupation of Tamatave by the French, which the Premier declared was a violation of the treaty between France and Madagascar. A dispatch was also read from Commander Bismant stating that the Hovas had murdered an English trader near Tamatave, and informing the Government of his intention to declare a state of siege at Diego Suarez.

Liverpool Dock Improvements.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 3.—The Liverpool Dock Board has resolved to expend \$182,500 in improvements, which will enable Atlantic steamers to embark their passengers upon a landing staging instead of bringing them ashore by means of tenders.

Chairman Glynn, of the board of works committee, said that the improvements in question were merely the first steps in a great plan formed in expectation of remarkable developments in the Atlantic trade. The board, he said, contemplated preparing accommodations for steamers 1,000 feet long, which would be able to make the voyage from America in three and a half days.

Winter Increases the Horrors of War.

A dispatch from Hiroshima says it is impossible to send back to Japan the sick and wounded of the second army. The coast is icebound and communication by either sea or land is impossible. In consequence of this condition of things the invalids will be treated in field hospitals until the spring. Meanwhile the sick and wounded of the first army will be sent to Japan, there being ample means of communication and transportation.

A dispatch to the Central News from Shanghai states that Moukden is in a state of anarchy. The Chinese and Manchow soldiers frequently attack one another, and many bloody fights have taken place. Within a short time 11,000 additional soldiers have arrived there, and with each fresh arrival matters become worse.

THOUSANDS HOMELESS!

Terrible Destruction by Earthquakes in South America.

Over 1,000 Houses Destroyed in San Juan—Scores of Persons Killed or Injured.

PANAMA, Jan. 3.—The correspondent of the Star and Herald at Quito, Ecuador, writes under date of Nov. 27: An earthquake today, lasting 37 seconds, did great damage. Tulcan Church was destroyed. Fourteen bodies have been taken from the ruins. Many persons were killed and injured.

Echoes from the recent earthquakes at San Juan and Rio Ja in the Argentine Republic still continue to come in. In Rio Ja the inhabitants are in a dangerous condition, and in removing the debris. For some days after the earthquake the heat was intense, and the city was enveloped in a cloud of dust. During the shocks it was like the rolling of a ship at sea in a heavy squall. The dust clouds darkened the air, and cries and lamentations were heard on all sides. In the confusion members of the same families became separated, and it was a long time before they were reunited. Many of the houses tumbled down, and those that remained standing have the walls or roof cleft asunder.

In the city of San Juan the wine deposits were smashed, casks burst, and the liquid flowed in torrents through the streets. All who had the means fled from the city, and the farm houses in the departments that suffered the least are crowded with fugitives. New springs opened up and streams of water have suddenly been found.

Of the 2,249 houses in San Juan 436 are reduced to heaps of ruins, and the others are more or less injured, many beyond repair. There are not twenty houses in the city intact. All the churches are down or threatening to come down.

Serious Scorchers.

Destruction of a Palatial Residence in Springfield, Ohio.

The Delevan Hotel Fire Caused by Carelessness.

Blazes in Belleville, Ont., Buckingham, Que., and Other Localities.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Jan. 3.—The palatial residence of Hon. P. P. Mast was gutted by fire this morning. Loss \$225,000; partly insured.

BELLEVILLE, Ont., Jan. 3.—The dwelling of J. K. McArger, second deputy reeve of Thurlow, in the first concession of that township, was burned this morning. Loss probably \$3,500.

BUCKINGHAM, Que., Jan. 3.—Fire broke out in Cosgrove's block about 12 o'clock last night and destroyed Lawrence's general store, Fournier's shop and Elais' hotel. Lawrence carried a stock of \$13,000, and lost even his wearing apparel. Blair lost everything. Mrs. Blair and the children had a narrow escape.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The Times says of the Delevan Hotel fire: The fire started in the elevator well, into which some thoughtless person had thrown a burning match or a lighted cigar or cigarette. The first to see the result of this bit of carelessness was Will L. Lloyd, of the New York Central Railway. "I saw," said he, "a bit of flame no larger than your name, then came a sharp puff, which was followed by the roar and hiss of the flames, and a blinding volume of smoke. In two minutes' time one half of the hotel seemed to be a seething mass of flames."

COFFEYVILLE, Kan., Jan. 3.—Fire this morning destroyed seven two story and three story brick buildings, including the Masonic block. A man named Eastley, who owned the Indian Territory, was dangerously hurt by falling walls. Loss, \$100,000.

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—Fire broke out this afternoon in the bakery house of G. E. Foster on Duluth avenue. Loss between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

AN ASYLUM FIRE.
ANNA, Ill., Jan. 4.—The center section and the south wing of the Illinois Southern Hospital for the Insane, comprising over half of the building, were destroyed by fire early this morning. All the patients to the number of 500 were, it is thought, safely rescued. It is reported that a female attendant named India Anderson has been burned, as no trace of her can be found. Loss \$350,000. The physicians, officers and employees in the burned building lost nearly all their personal effects.

Late Canadian News.

An Old Man Fatally Mangled in Toronto.

The Ruthven Gas Gusher is Claimed to Produce 1,000,000 Cubic Feet Daily.

The Ontario Natural Gas Company have struck another gusher near Ruthven. The flow, it is claimed, will be 1,000,000 cubic feet daily and the pressure 400 pounds.

Mr. John Billings, jun., of Hamilton, was married in Owen Sound on Wednesday to Miss Josephine, eldest daughter of Mr. S. J. Parker, treasurer of the county of Grey.

While the Rev. Prof. Worrell was officiating at a memorial service in St. James' Church, Kingston, a sneak thief purloined his purse, money, scarf and gloves from the vestry.

Wm. Armstrong, aged 73, living at 9 Cunningham avenue, Toronto, was walking over the C. P. R. crossing near his house Thursday morning, when he was run over by an engine. Both his legs were cut off below the knee and his right arm broken. He will die.

Oscar's New Play.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Oscar Wilde's new play "The Ideal Husband," was produced at Haymarket Theatre last evening. It was splendidly staged and well acted and obviously pleased the house. The plot is slight, but the dialogue is clever and full of epigrams.

Trouble at Homestead Averted.

BRADDOCK, Pa., Jan. 3.—Trouble was threatened at the Homestead and other plants of the Carnegie Company. The men at all the plants have been reduced three or four times since the big strike of July, 1892.

A late dispatch says the trouble at the Homestead Steel Works of the Carnegie Company has been settled.

Funeral of the Late Premier.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 3.—There were no carriages in the procession which followed the late Premier's remains to their resting place, and the procession took half an hour to pass a given point.

Premier Bowell did not attend either the service at the cathedral or the funeral, being confined to the house by serious illness.

Seriously Indisposed

Startling Reports Regarding the Canadian Premier.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell Unable to Attend Sir John's Funeral.

His Condition Said to be Critical, but Late Telegrams Modify the Statement.

SERIOUSLY ILL.

(Associated Press Dispatch.)
HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 3.—Sir Mackenzie Bowell is confined to the house with a severe cold and bronchial troubles. The doctor prohibited him from exposing himself in the open air. It is officially stated that he is seriously ill.

IN A SERIOUS CONDITION.

(United Press Dispatch.)
HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 3.—Sir Mackenzie Bowell's condition is critical. He did not appear in the funeral procession today.

RECOVERY DOUBTFUL.

(Associated Press Dispatch.)
MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—A special dispatch to the Star from Halifax says: "Sir Mackenzie Bowell, the new Premier, is dangerously ill and his recovery is doubtful."

THE NEWS TONED DOWN.

(United Press Dispatches.)

HALIFAX, Jan. 3.—At 5:30 it is learned that the Prime Minister's condition is much improved. He is suffering from sore throat, which was overtaken yesterday by talking. Adhering to doctors' orders, he did not appear in the funeral procession. He eats regularly three times a day.

INTENSE EXCITEMENT AT OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—There was great excitement in this city this afternoon over the report from Halifax that Premier Bowell was seriously ill. Crowds gathered around the telegraph and newspaper offices, while the evening papers issued extra editions. The excitement was, however, allayed on receipt of a dispatch at 5:30 p.m. that Sir Mackenzie Bowell was not seriously ill, although confined to his room and under medical treatment.

THE PREMIER'S AILMENTS.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 3.—In regard to Hon. Mackenzie Bowell's illness the United Press representative called at the residence of T. E. Kenney, M.P., where the Premier is stopping, and is elongation of the Mackenzie's ailment is elongation of the Premier's ailment. He was awakened this morning by a choking sensation and had a severe fit of coughing, which alarmed Kenney's household, and medical aid was speedily summoned. Relief was soon obtained and Mr. Bowell is much better this evening. It was said, however, that his illness would prevent his returning to Ottawa for a few days.

A Protest.

South London Wants More Street Railway Service.

Mass Meeting in the Grand Avenue School.

Mr. Little's Decided Stand on Many Questions—Other Candidates Heard.

The electors of the eastern section of South London held a meeting in the Grand Avenue school house last night to protest against the last bid made by the street railway company for the electric tram line to Clark's bridge, but the residents over the river want it extended to Maryboro Place. They considered their demands as only fair, and the meeting was the result. It was very orderly throughout. The aldermanic and majority candidate of the district, Mr. George Pritchard, opened the meeting by presenting the following resolution:

"That in view of the unsatisfactory outline of the electric street railway service in the eastern division of South London, this meeting, strongly urge our representatives in the City Council not to agree to any service which does not extend over Clark's bridge on High street to Maryboro Place with a provision for subsequent extension as a belt to the Wortley road."

Mr. Pritchard briefly spoke of the need for a line over the bridge. The place was thickly populated and should not be restricted to a stub line. No opposition whatever was offered to the resolution, and on Mr. Joseph Dudley seconding, it was carried unanimously.

THE ALDERMEN HEARD FROM.

Ald. Geo. Shaw told the electors how he had waited on Mr. Everett and asked him to run the line to Maryboro Place, and how he had moved for the same in the council. He would continue to fight for it if elected. He then spoke of the doings of the board of works. He was almost convinced that the east end of the ward had not got fair play, and promised, if re-elected, to pay more attention to it. He favored an electric road and cheap fares.

Mr. J. W. McCullum, a new applicant for fares, spoke strongly in favor of cheap fares. He promised to promote the ward's best interests if elected.

Mr. J. W. Justin also spoke for the railway.

Ald. Edward Parnell was given a good reception. He thanked the electors for past favors and asked a renewal on Monday next. Ald. Parnell referred to the fact that two of No. 6 ward's representatives had been chosen chairmen of civic committees, which showed the good sense of the electors in choosing their aldermen. What was wanted was men who would serve the whole ward fairly, and not one quarter, as had been stated by some of the speakers.

Mr. Parnell then went exhaustively into the street railway question, and showing that he had always looked after the best interests of his constituents. "And if I am re-elected," he said, "I will not leave one

stone unturned to secure for South London a good electric service which will be a boon." Continuing, he denounced the strong ward feeling which had been shown by some aldermen, and which had been such a great hindrance to many necessary works. He favored cheap fares rather than a percentage, because the former would directly benefit the masses, while a percentage would benefit very few and then to a small extent—quoting statistics to support his views. The speaker then dealt with the economical workings of No. 3 committee. The allowance was \$41,000—just \$1,563 less than in 1893. A better electric light service had been secured. The former price per lamp per year was \$94. When the contract expired a big fight ensued with the electric company, but the price was reduced to \$79 25. The number of lights was then increased 57, and the cost to the corporation was only advanced about \$1,000 over 1893. Ald. Parnell briefly touched upon other matters and was loudly applauded.

Mr. Edmund Weld went into street railway matters on the same lines as he did at Treblecock's Hall.

Mr. R. H. Hensell, of the Trades and Labor Council, asked the candidates if they were (1) in favor of a 60-hour clause in a street railway agreement; (2) in favor of the assessment roll; and (3) the letting of contracts to city firms on condition that a standard rate of wages be paid.

Affirmative replies were received from every candidate.

R. K. COWAN AND J. G. JUDD.
The only two candidates for Board of Water Commissioners who have attended the ward meeting—Mr. R. K. Cowan and Ald. J. G. Judd—were next heard. Mr. Judd gave an account of his stewardship during his life in the council. He defended the actions of his colleagues—Ald. Parnell and Shaw—and asked for a renewal of the electors' confidence.

Water Commissioner Cowan was given a rousing reception. He spoke briefly and said he had made no mistakes during his term of office which he was willing to admit. (Laughter.) He was ready to answer any questions.

"What will be done," asked Mr. Geo. Pritchard, a member of the R. E. O. F. A., "about the fine for non-completion of the pumps?"

"As far as I am concerned," replied Mr. Cowan, "there will be no fine imposed. Mr. Yates has gone broke on the contract. All the moneys due him are already mortgaged."

"Well," continued Mr. Pritchard, "if the contract had not been limited, could the price of the work have been reduced?"

"No," I do not think so," said Mr. Cowan. "I was informed that the work could not have been finished sooner."

Mr. Pritchard was satisfied with Mr. Cowan's explanation.

THE MAYORALTY.
Mr. Jones spoke first, and was given a good reception. He defended the extension of the waterworks system's machinery by comparing the services and revenue of 1881 with 1894. He advocated securing a good electric street railway service throughout the city, because if it was not secured with the franchise it might not come for ten years.

MR. J. W. LITTLE.
Mr. Little was given a very enthusiastic reception. He said all the questions likely to come before the new council had been thoroughly discussed. In regard to the street railway matter he was exceedingly anxious that a settlement should be made as soon as possible, and that every section of the city should receive a good service.

The radial system of electric lines was fast coming into use, and he could not see why London should not have one. He wanted a good bargain, and would exercise the greatest care to prevent any company getting an undue advantage of the city.

Mr. Little then dealt with the statement of the Free Press that if elected he would not have time to serve the city. This he emphatically denied. It could be gross dishonesty on his part to seek the office if he could not do it justice. He pledged himself to do full justice to the office if the ratepayers should decide to intrust him with it. (Cheers.)

With regard to the Trades and Labor questions Mr. Little repeated his previous statements. He favored the 60-hour clause, and went further by saying that fire and a half days a week was plenty for a laboring man. The payment of a standard rate of wages by contractors doing city work also met his approval. Cheap labor did not pay. When the men were well paid the employers got better work.

In answer to questions put by several electors, Mr. Little expressed himself agreeable to the publication of the assessment rolls. It would do no harm and would do away with favoritism.

The meeting broke up at 11:20.

SOLDIER ACTORS.

Creditable Amateur Theatrical Entertainment at the Barracks—A Pleasant "At Home."

Last evening Lieut. Col. Smith and the officers of the Royal Canadian Regiment entertained a large number of their friends to an amateur dramatic performance at the Barracks. Although the night was stormy the attendance was large. The different roles were taken with no mean talent and ability, and the amateur tone of the acting was hardly noticeable.

Col. Smith's character impersonations were surprisingly good. Sir Charles Young's comedy, "Childhood's Dreams," and a laughing comedietta, "Bubbles," by Charles S. Fawcett, were put on the boards with the following casts:

CHILDHOOD'S DREAMS.
Lady Richmond, & W. C. Furness.
Dorothy, her sister, Miss Dora Leard.
Peter Barwise, Q. C. Smith (Royal Canadian Regt.).
Hugh Colerayne, Captain H. A. aged 32.
Major Denison (Third South Stafford Regt.).
Scene—Drawing-room in Lady Richmond's house in Mayfair.

BUBBLES.
Sons, & W. C. Furness.
Promoter, Mr. Frank Reid.

CHRISTOPHER HOGG, Esq., a retired pork butcher, & W. C. Smith (Royal Canadian Regt.).
Bob, his son, & W. C. Smith (Royal Canadian Regt.).
Sir Phynagum, & W. C. Smith (Royal Canadian Regt.).
Company, & W. C. Smith (Royal Canadian Regt.).

Major Denison (Third South Stafford Regt.)
Scene, a servant, & W. C. Smith (Royal Canadian Regt.).
Adele, Talbot's daughter, & W. C. Smith (Royal Canadian Regt.).
Polly, Hogg's niece, & W. C. Smith (Royal Canadian Regt.).
Mrs. Hogg, & W. C. Smith (Royal Canadian Regt.).
Scene—Hogg's villa at Brixton.

Refreshments were served in the officers' mess room, and everybody was delighted with the evening's entertainment.

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