

SIR SAMUEL BAKER DEAD

Sketch of the Busy Life of a Famous African Explorer.

London, Dec. 30.—Sir Samuel White Baker, the distinguished African explorer, died this afternoon at his residence at Newton-Abbot, Devonshire.

Samuel White Baker was born in London, June 8, 1821, and was educated at a private school in Germany. In 1847 he established an agricultural settlement and sanitarium at New Era Eilia, in the mountains of Ceylon.

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A GRATIFYING SHOWING.

The Year Just Closed has been a Most Prosperous one for the North American Life Assurance Co.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—As Canadian financial institutions close up their year's work their reports will no doubt be closely scrutinized to ascertain how they have been affected by the stringency and financial disturbances that have prevailed throughout most of the year.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Winter Immigration Work in the Western States—Military Matters.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—A conference took place yesterday at the Interior Department between Mr. L. D. Armstrong, immigration agent and lecturer for the C. P. R. in the United States; Capt. Holmes, the Government superintendent of immigration agencies in the United States, and Mr. A. M. Burgess, Deputy Minister, at which plans for winter work in the western states were discussed.

The militia general orders to be issued to-morrow bear the impress of Major-General Herbert's firm hand in one or two particulars. For instance, the position of staff-sergeant as a "rank" is done away with.

Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, during his Australian tour, collected a mass of valuable information upon trade and commercial questions, which he will embody in a report to Parliament. The Minister and his secretary have commenced work already upon this material.

All artillery stores, equipment, etc., in possession of field batteries or battalions and companies of garrison artillery (districts 9, 10 and 11 excepted) will be inspected annually by the inspector or assistant inspector of artillery, and

the number, state and condition of the stores, etc., on charge is to be verified in comparison with the entries in the store ledger. Inspections of stores and munitions of war in military store charge, ordered to be made in all the provinces during the month of January each year, will be made at any time between the 1st of January and 1st of May, at the discretion of the deputy-adjutant-generals commanding the several districts.

SOUTH AMERICAN NOTES.

tidings from Rio Janeiro and Other Brazilian Points—Battles Fought, etc.

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Advices from the south state that the insurgent General, Saraiva, defeated 3,000 men under General Lima on the frontier of Para, and is now pursuing them. Letters dated at Rio Grande do Sul, Dec. 23, say there are 1,000 soldiers in that city and 4,000 insurgents in the neighborhood.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 30.—Fire in J. James' tailoring and gents' furnishing store on Park street last night did damage to the building and stock, totalling \$2,500; partly insured. P. Flanagan, who owned the building and who resides with his family over the store, barely escaped with his life.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 31.—Fire broke out about 11 o'clock Saturday night in the second story of the building on the south-east corner of Sandwich street and Ouellette avenue. The ground floor, on the corner, is occupied by F. Girardot, tobacconist, and the adjoining store by McLean, dry goods.

Thamesville, Ont., Dec. 31.—The Columbia Handle & Turning factory, owned and operated by W. H. Bradden, of St. Thomas, was destroyed by fire to-night. Cause of fire unknown. Insured in the Waterloo Mutual.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Early this morning fire took place in the large furniture warehouse of A. Jette, on Montcalm street. The place was filled with a very large stock of inflammable material, and soon the building was a mass of flames.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 30.—Baillie's stables, near here, were burned early this morning. Twelve fine horses perished, including the celebrated Partisan, owned by Gen. Eckert. Gen. Eckert also lost two other valuable horses. Total loss, \$120,000.

New York, Dec. 30.—Early this morning the racing stable belonging to V. Hallock, situated on the Dundee drive between Clifton and Paterson, N. J., were destroyed by fire and ten valuable animals were burned.

Pierce Natural Gas Explosion.

Valparaiso, Ind., Dec. 30.—A terrible explosion occurred this evening at the East Chicago pumping station of the Indiana Natural Gas Company's pipe line. The pipes in this station have been leaking for some time, and this morning workmen were sent there to repair the leak.

Strange Story from the Sea.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 30.—The sailors of the barque Antoinette, which arrived here Thursday from Rio Janeiro, entered a complaint at the police court to-day against the first mate and steward of the vessel for stealing their clothes. They also say they were badly treated by the captain. On the night the vessel sailed from Barbados there was raised a cry of "Man overboard." It proved to be Lynch, a sailor. How he got into the water no one knows.

McLeod Wins the Wrestling Match.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 30.—Sebastian Miller, the Bavarian hercules, and Dan McLeod, the well-known catch-as-catch-can wrestler, met in a mixed wrestling match for \$500 a side last night. The conditions were one bout at Graco-Roman and one catch-as-catch-can, the man winning the quickest fall to have choice of style in the final bout. It was not necessary, for McLeod won the first two falls, the Graco Roman in one hour and thirty minutes and the catch-as-catch-can in a trifle over four minutes.

Worth Ten Dollars a Bottle.

Any person who has used Polson's Nerviline, the great pain cure, would not be without it if it cost ten dollars a bottle. A good thing is worth its weight in gold, and Nerviline is the best remedy in the world for all kinds of pain. It cures neuralgia in five minutes, toothache in one minute, lame back at one application, headache in a few moments, and all pains just as rapidly. Why not try it to-day? Large bottles 25c. Sold by all druggists and country dealers. Use Polson's nerve pain cure, Nerviline.

Western Lumbermen's Grievances.

Eau Claire, Wis., Dec. 20.—The meeting of lumber manufacturers of Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls has resulted in a resolution was adopted that, whereas the Wilson Patent factored lumber in the market, the lumber manufacturers of any other district should not be allowed to

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MORSE'S BEST SOAP advertisement featuring an illustration of a woman washing her face and text describing the soap's benefits for skin.

BOWMAN, KENNEDY & CO advertisement for Christmas trade goods, listing various items like tea, coffee, and silver sets.

Marshall Bros Tea and Coffee advertisement with a logo and contact information.

DR. DOREN WEND'S Hair Magic advertisement describing a hair dressing and restorative product.

Huron College advertisement for a course of instruction in bookbinding.

Hub Restaurant advertisement for European style dining.

CAMPBELL'S QUININE WINE advertisement for a medicinal tonic.

CHINESE RESTAURANT advertisement for dining in the city.

PUBLIC NOTICE advertisement for a great bargain sale of stock, including details about the sale and contact information.