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News Summary

Germany has forwarded half a million marks to the famine sufferers in India.

The Lord Mayor's fund in London for the benefit of the sufferers by the Hull-Ottawa fire amounts to £36,000.

Business failures in the Dominion this week numbered nineteen, compared with twenty-three in the corresponding week of 1899.

Queen Victoria has contributed 500 guineas and the Prince of Wales 250 guineas to the Mansion House Ottawa fire relief fund.

Two Chinese vases worth \$40,000 were seized by customs officers at New York on Thursday on a French line pair for alleged evasion of the customs law.

In the parliamentary by-election at Portsmouth Thursday Mr. T. A. Bramsdon, Liberal, defeated Mr. Majendie, Conservative, by 610 votes. The seat had formerly been held by a Liberal.

Col. Aymer, acting major general, said Thursday that there was no truth in the report from Halifax that Col. Vidal was to retire from command of the Halifax garrison and to be succeeded by Col. Cotton.

The five-year-old son of R. E. Tower, of Toronto, was burned to death Friday. The boy was celebrating his fifth birthday with fire crackers in a shed at his father's residence. A pile of rubbish was ignited and the child's charred body was found in the ruins.

As the result of a drunken quarrel a Collingwood, Ont., Wednesday, Mrs. Weldon is dead. Weldon and his son William became involved in a fight and the latter's mother attempted to pacify the pair. She was struck on the head, but by which one is not known. Both men were arrested.

Over one hundred persons are now employed in exploring the great cliff dweller's ruins at Santa Fe, New Mexico. The main building that is being excavated measures 540 x 350 feet, and is four stories or thirty feet high. There are over 700 rooms in it, 192 of which have been excavated and explored.

Mr. Philip, premier of Queensland, has proposed that the several colonies jointly contribute on the basis of their population £10,000 to the Ottawas relief fund. Premier McLean, of Victoria, has willingly agreed. Mr. Holder, premier of South Australia, thinks it would be improper to contribute without the sanction of Parliament.

United States Ambassador Choate has asked Lord Salisbury for an explanation as to the alleged abuse of international right in the case of the American ship Sea Witch, which according to the statement of her commander, Capt. Howe, was boarded by the British warship Wasp within the mile limit of Portuguese territory in East Africa.

John Lutz, of the first contingent, mentioned as among the wounded in recent fighting, is a native of Moncton parish and a son of Mr. Richard Lutz, of the I. C. R. car shops. He and his brother were among the first to tender their services in South Africa. They both passed in St. John. John Lutz is 21 years old and his brother is 18.

The town of Sandon, B. C., having a population of two thousand and located in the heart of Slocan silver lead mining district, was destroyed by fire Friday. All the business part was reduced to ashes and not a dozen houses remain standing in the residential district. The loss will exceed \$250,000. The residents, who are left without food or shelter, have appealed for relief to other towns.

Writing from Carnarvon, Cape Colony, to Bishop Courtney, Halifax, Rev. W. J. Cox, Anglican chaplain to the second contingent, said: "I had to cook our dinner for the staff. It seems and sounds grand, I suppose, chaplain to flying column, but it is funny, I have no doubt, to see the same person, booted and spurred and with dirty grey shirt on, cooking chops and onions. Fortunately, we have now a man, although I have had to buy odd grub, etc. I paid five shillings for two loaves of bread the other day."

Miss Sarah Ann Thompson has been declared entitled to \$2,000 insurance in the I. O. F. on the life of her late affianced husband, C. O. Shaver, Cooksville, Ont. Miss Thompson was named in the policy as the beneficiary. Shortly before his death, however, Shaver made a will directing that the money should be divided among his brothers and sisters. These persons brought suit to recover the amount, but Mr. Justice Meredith finds that the by-laws of the Foresters make no provision for a change of beneficiary by will. He has, therefore, dismissed their action.

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