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TREMENDOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY IN ENGLAND.

Buildings Blown Down and People Killed in the Streets—Many Shipwrecks With Loss of Life.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Last night's gale was accompanied by heavy seas along the coasts. The telegraph lines are much damaged. The gale was especially severe in Scotland, Ireland and North Wales. In the midland counties of England huge trees were torn up, and there was a great destruction of property and personal injury; also some loss of life in that section. At Derby the roof and chancel of the church of St. Chad were demolished. The congregational church was also damaged. At Rotherham the parish church was much injured. Many huge chimney shafts were demolished at Manchester, Leeds, Bury, Hudsey, Stamford and Leicester. A large gas holder near Bradford was capsized. Two large chemical works at Widnes were damaged.

Fears are entertained regarding the safety of several channel steamers. A ship was sunk in the Thames. The carriage works at Leicester were destroyed. At Birkenhead great damage was done. The chief officer of a steamer was blown upon the quay and killed. In Liverpool cabs were overturned and many buildings damaged. The parapet of the tower of the cathedral at Lincoln was blown down. At South Shields vessels broke adrift and three wherries sank.

The ship Liverpool, Capt. Davidson, from Quebec for Greenock, was totally wrecked near Stranrear, Scotland. Nineteen of the crew were drowned. One man and a boy were saved. A portion of Portsmouth is flooded. Nearly all the chemistry stacks in Hull were overthrown. Two persons were killed and several injured. At Birmingham two persons were killed and a number injured. Three persons were killed at Manchester by a falling house. At Dewsbury three persons were killed. At Chester a man was blown down in the streets and killed. Two persons were killed at Liversedge. Several houses at Nottingham were blown down.

A boat was wrecked while entering Galway harbor. Four persons were drowned. At Newry the gale destroyed much property. The lamp posts in the streets were bent.

At Kildwick another gasometer was demolished. The postal telegraph inspector was cut in halves at Leeds. At Bradford monuments in the Undercliffe cemetery and a portion of the depot of the Midland railway were blown down. Several vessels were docked.

Several vessels docked in the Mersey were damaged. Two vessels were wrecked at Dunure, near Ayr, Scotland, and two men drowned. Lowell and West Lancashire and in the Garsland district on the Wye river are flooded. At Glasgow the damage to property is very great.

An Educational Suffrage in Spain.

MADRID, Dec. 12.—The royal speech at the opening of the cortes will announce an extension of the suffrage to all able to read or write who pay taxes; proposes a bill for civil marriages and trial by jury, and declares the relation of Spain with all foreign powers to be friendly; that the dispute with France relative to the treatment of the king has been satisfactorily arranged, and that the relations now existing between the two countries are friendly, as befitting two adjacent nations with common commercial interests; and that Spain will endeavor to increase her cordiality with France if possible.

A British Crew in Danger.

PENANG, Dec. 12.—The captain and second engineer of the British steamer Nizero, which stranded on the coast of Achene, are safe. Twenty-five of the crew are in the hands of a hostile rajah, and are in imminent danger of their lives. The British gunboat sent to assist the crew has returned to Oelih, and reports that the Nizero has been plundered and destroyed.

Sir Stafford Not Surprised.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Replying to a resolution of the orangemen of Blackpool, Lancashire, Sir Stafford Northcote writes that he cannot wonder at the irritation of the loyal Irishmen at the unfair treatment they have received while striving to support the unity of the empire.

The French Take Two Spanish Islands.

MADRID, Dec. 12.—It is rumored that the governor of the island of Fernando Po has telegraphed to the government that a French vessel has taken possession of the islands of Annobon and Corisco in the gulf of Guinea, which belong to Spain.

Death of Parnell's Brother-in-Law.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 12.—Capt. Robert Dickinson, an Irish political refugee, and brother-in-law of Parnell, was found dead in his bed to-day. The remains will be conveyed to Ireland to-morrow.

THE OLD WORLD IN BRIEF.

Chief Mampoer, convicted of treason by the Boers, at Petoria, has been hanged.

A flood in the river Scheldt has overflowed the quays at Antwerp and flooded the adjacent streets.

Government employes at Suakim are charged with furnishing the rebels with arms and ammunition.

Four priests, four merchants, a schoolmaster and nine peasants have been executed at Belgrade for rebellion.

The father of the emperor of China, who is at the head of the war party, has assumed control of Tonquin affairs.

Earl Granville, speaking at a liberal meeting, said the Alabama award was one of the highest triumphs of diplomacy.

M. Ferry has telegraphed Admiral Courbet to commence active operations in Tonquin at once, and prosecute them with vigor.

Nothing has been decided at the Vatican with respect to the crown prince's visit, but it will be embarrassing to King Humbert and the pope.

The Anglo-Egyptian bank has offered the Egyptian government a loan of £10,000,000 to construct a canal parallel to the present Suez canal.

Cyvoet, the anarchist concerned in the explosion in the restaurant of the theatre Bellecour at Lyons, Oct., 1882, has been found guilty and sentenced to death.

Baker Pasha despairs of an advance from Suakim with his present force, and will act entirely on the defensive until he feels strong enough to march across the country.

A STRIKE AGAINST RATES.

The Printers on the New York Tribune Go Out Because Non-Unionists are to Be Brought In.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—All the compositors on the Tribune, numbering eighty-six, left work at 6 o'clock to-night. Subsequently three men went back and eleven were procured from the outside, making the total force at work on the paper fourteen. The cause of the strike is stated to be a threatened attempt on the part of the foreman, Thompson, to get men from out of town to take the places of union men in the office. It was rumored a large party of compositors were to be brought on from Baltimore to-night and that to-morrow the union men would be discharged. This rumor is said to have been confirmed and the union consequently ordered the men out. Committees were appointed to intercept the expected parties from Baltimore and induce them to join the union. It is said an unfriendly feeling has existed between the cumpositors and the foreman ever since the success of the former two months ago, when the office passed to the control of the typographical union. Every effort is to be made by the men to prevent the importation of new hands.

THE FRENCH IN TONQUIN.

Admiral Courbet's Instructions—Return of M. Tricou.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—The Gaulois says that Admiral Courbet has been instructed to propose a renewal of negotiation to the Chinese. If the proposal is refused Courbet is to seize Bacninh, Sontay, and Hung Hoa. When these are captured fresh proposals will be made. If they also are repeated Bourbet is to take one of the five large Chinese ports. Neither Canton or Shanghai is to be taken, because Ferry is averse to offending the friendly powers. Courbet will confine himself to operations deemed necessary to obtain satisfaction from China.

Deputies adopted the budget of the ministry of marine. During the debate Admiral Peyron, minister of marine, stated that he would shortly ask for a credit for the maintenance of troops in Tonquin for six months.

Tricou, the late French representative to China, has arrived at Marseilles.

The Marquis Tzeng attended M. Ferry's weekly reception to-day. Subsequently he had an interview with M. Ferry lasting half an hour.

It's stated Premier Ferry has informed President Grevy that Great Britain has resolved to intervene between France and China only after an agreement on that subject with Germany and America.

Religion in Politics.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 12.—The national reform association to-day adopted resolutions that God, the sovereign, has vested the government of the world in His son Jesus Christ; to ignore the supremacy of the bible in civil affairs is to disown the kingly authority of Christ; God's authority should be recognized in the United States constitution, otherwise the enactment of laws which would abolish easy divorces, polygamy and intemperance is prevented.

Salvationists in the Dock.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 12.—The trial of the members of the salvation army arrested yesterday began to-day. There was a large attendance at the court. The accused were charged with a breach of the peace. They pleaded not guilty. Policeman Sullivan testified that he considered the songs of the army blasphemous. With the permission of the court the accused sang one of their songs.

Tit for Tat.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 12.—The French labor delegates to-day visited Yale college and the city hall. Sargent, a large hardware manufacturer, refused to allow the delegates to visit his factory because when in France the manufacturers there did not permit him to go through the factories. At the Winchester arms factory permission was also refused to go through the works.

Conscious Guilt.

HILLSBORO, Ill., Dec. 12.—Miss Bond appeared in court this afternoon. When Montgomery saw her he trembled and attempted to raise his hat to hide his features. Miss Bond was utterly prostrated at the sight of him and fainted. She had to be carried from the room.

The National Republican Convention.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The republican national committee has selected Chicago, June 3, as the place and date for holding the next national convention to nominate candidates for president and vice-president and adopt a platform and transact other business.

The Western Union.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—At a meeting of the directors of the Western Union company to-day President Green stated that the number of investors in stock had increased 300 since Oct. 16. Over three-quarters of the entire capital stock is now in the hands of investors.

A Coming Champion.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 12.—Edward McLaughlin to-night defeated John Randolph Hisser of New York in a thousand point game of billiards, French caroms, for $250 aside. McLaughlin went out in fourteen innings, running 805 in the last. Heisser only made 134.

A Liberal Gain.

IPSWICH, Dec. 12.—West (liberal) was elected to parliament to-day to succeed Cobbold (conservative) deceased.

Wages and Wage Workers.

Wages have been reduced in Carling's brewery at London.

The C. P. R. locomotive engineers continue on strike. All the shops along the line have been shut down, and 1500 men are out of employment. Traffic is suspended.

The general manager of the Canadian Pacific railway says the directors will not accede to the demand of the locomotive engineers in the west for higher wages.

John Swim is a miser who won't sink if money can keep anyone afloat. He lives in West Jefferson, O. He is a small man, 70 years old and has the appearance of a tramp. He married when very young. His first wife and two children died early in life. He married again, but soon separated from his second wife, who is now in the poorhouse. Swim left the practice of law and became a rag-picker. He is worth $200,000. He hasn't slept on a bed for thirty-five years.

BANDITTI OF THE BORDERS

A TOWN RAIDED IN THE EARLY EVENING.

Four People Shot Dead—Nonchalance of the Robbers, Who Gaily Ride Away With Their Plunder.

TOMBSTONE, Arizona, Dec. 10.—One of boldest outrages ever recorded has just taken place at Bisbee, near here. There is no doubt that two robbers were in the town during the day engaged in planning for the raid. Their descriptions have been obtained and several citizens of Bisbee can readily identify them if caught. The robbers, five in number, rode into town, coming from the south, about 7.30 in the evening. They dismounted at a lumber yard just below Castenado's store, hitched their horses and proceeded leisurely to the latter place. Three of the miscreants entered the store in which at the time were six or seven persons. Drawing revolvers as they entered they ordered the inmates to throw up their hands, which order was complied with with alacrity. One of them then, commanded the bookkeeper to open the safe. He replied that he could not as he did not have the combination. An other of the robbers then pointed to Joe Goldwater, who was in the store at the time, and said: "There's the ——— ——— that can open it." Three revolvers were immediately leveled at his head and orders given: "Open that safe." Joe lost no time in complying, and when it was opened one of the robbers produced a sack and ordered their unwilling helpers to assist in emptying the contents of the drawers and boxes into it. A cigar-box nearly full of Mexican money was tipped over in the operation, when one of the bandits exclaimed: "Why don't you shoot the old ———?" After the safe had been despoiled of its valuables one of the bandits went into the back room, where Castenado, the proprietor of the store, was lying in a bed suffering from an attack of rheumatism. He was ignorant of what had taken place in the front room, but an order to "Get up out of that and throw up your hands," soon gave him an inkling that something was wrong. Castenado replied: "I can't get up. I am sick with rhematism in my shoulders."

Have you got anything about you?" bluffly demanded the robber, bringing his six-shooter in close proximity to Castenado's head.

"Not a cent," replied the latter.

The robber then thrust his hand beneath the pillows and brought to light a buckskin sack containing over $700 in gold coin. Turning to leave, the robber said, "There, ——— you? be quiet and you won't be hurt," and then rojoined his companions in the front room. Meanwhile a terrible scene of bloodshed had been enacted in the street. J. C. Tappenier, an assayer, and the inventor of a portable assay furnace, and who was well known in Tombstone, was coming down the street toward the store. One of the robbers left to guard the outside ordered him to throw up his hands. Tappenier started to run, but was shot dead before he had taken a dozen steps. D. T. Slith, who with his wife had arrived in town but a few hours previous, was across the street in a restaurant. Hearing the firing, he came out to ascertain the cause, and was ordered to go back, but continued to advance, saying: "I am a deputy sheriff."

"You are the kind we are looking for," replied one of the robbers, and both immediately commenced firing at him. He was killed instantly, one shot striking him in the center of the forehead, another passing through his body, and the third taking effect in the right arm. Seeing a man he called Indian Joe standing across the street, the robbers commenced firing at him, but he ran away, and escaped with only a slight flesh-wound in the leg. J. A. Nollie, otherwise known as "Tex," was standing with a team in front of the store during the firing, and was shot through the body, but Deputy-Sheriff Hatch thinks he was struck by one of the bullets intended for Indian Joe. Mrs. Roberts, a boarding-house keeper, hearing the disturbance, came to the door, which is of glass, and was looking out when she was struck by a stray shot and mortally wounded, dying yesterday morning. The murderous bandits did everything in the most leisurely manner, the events described occupying ten or fifteen minutes' time. They wore heavy overcoats, and all save one wore masks of handkerchiefs drawn over their faces. The object of their infamous mission accomplished, they departed with their plunder, which Mr. Castenado says amounted to from $2300 to $2500. They mounted their horses and departed in apparently no great hurry in the direction from whence they came. At 9 o'clock they were seen to pass Milk ranch, five miles distant, laughing and chatting among themselves, having been an hour going five miles. A vigorous pursuit has been organized, and several parties are now on the trail of the robbers, which leads toward the Chiricahua mountains. Nollie died this morning, making four killed in this murderous raid.

Crime in Ireland.

The recently-published statistics of crime in Ireland show, for the first time since 1876, a falling off in the number of offences of a serious kind. The rise since the year mentioned had been steadily progressive, until, from 6261, it had reached in 1881 the large number of 11,915 cases. Last year, however, the number had fell to 10,606. On the other hand, the lighter offenses classed under the heading of cases "disposed of summarily" show, as compared with 1881, an increase of 11,368, the total number of cases being 217,551. An analysis of the returns brings out very strikingly the greater criminality of the towns as compared with the rural districts. In Dublin the criminal offenses, in proportion to population, exceeded those of the adjacent county by more than 73 per cent; and even in Limerick, where the excess of crime in the suburban over the adjacent rural district was least, the excess amounted to more than 31 per cent. A curious feature of the returns is the evidence which they afford of how far greater is the prevalence of malicious offenses in some parts of Ireland as compared with others. King's county enjoys the unenviable distinction of being by far the most given to offenses of this kind—the cases last year being equal to 9 1-5 for every thousand of the population. This is just 92 times more, having regard to population, than the number of malicious offenses in Cork city, and 46 times more than in Belfast.—London Daily News.

DOMINION DASHES.

The Latest and Best News Found in Our Canadian Exchanges.

A movement is afoot in Hamilton for the erection of a first-class hotel. It is needed.

The corporation of Winnipeg sent $250 to go towards the relief of the fire sufferers at Rat Portage, Man.

J. J. Ross, of Quebec, has been called to the senate for the Laurentides division in place of the late Mr. Price.

Maria McCabe, the Hamilton child murderer, is employed in the kitchen at the Kingston penitentiary.

The laundry of the Ursuline academy at Chatham, Ont., was burned yesterday. Loss $900; insurance $2000.

The receipts of the dominion exhibition at St. John, N.B., were $45,000, about $40,000 less than the expenses.

The C. P. R. has finally adopted the Kicking Horse pass and the work will be prosecuted with vigor in the spring.

The Ontario party has distributed assessment papers at Rat Portage with a view of legalizing the coming civic elections there.

Rev. Leonard Gaety has sold his eighty acre farm in East Flamboro for $6500, and proposes in April to move to the North-West.

The city council of Kingston has approved of the principle of woman suffrage both in parliamentary and municipal election by 10 to 9.

It is probable that Dr. Wilson's dismissal by the dean of Ontario will lead to the organization of a reformed episcopal congregation at Kingston.

Kate Maloney, aged 20, was found in the woods in Restigouche county, N.B., after having wandered about there for 21 days without food except the gum from the trees. Her feet are badly frozen.

Francis Martin, an employe on the Grand Trunk railway, was struck on the track at Montreal yesterday morning as he was passing over it by a shunting engine and instantly killed.

Sarah Tompset, aged 3, died at 54 Caroline street, Hamilton, yesterday from the effects of a dose of carbolic acid given it by its father during the night in mistake for cough mixture.

The Rat Portage Progress speaks boastingly of the fact that there are now as many marriageable girls in the town as men. It, however, regretfully observes that there is a danger of lads and lasses becoming dudes and dudines.

The recently established Rat Portage Argus is no more. When it was started the Progress of that town became out and conservative. It now announces that it will once more become independent. Our contemporary can evidently make its opinions to order.

A man disguised as a woman entered Campbell's liquor store at Paisley, Ont., and asked for a "glass." While the proprietor was engaged in getting the required article, the "woman" reached over the counter and extracted from the till a bag containing $60 in silver.

Abner, second son of Jared Lloyd, postmaster at White Rose near Aurora, was found dead on Tuesday with a gun by his side. He had gone out to shoot partridges and it is supposed that in getting over a fence the butt of his gun struck on the ground and the jar caused an explosion. He was shot in the abdomen.

Henry Smith, a traveler on his way from Vermont to Dakota, was charged at the police court this morning at the instance of a brakeman with stealing the globe off a hand lamp. The brakeman failed to appear and the prisoner was discharged, but a revolver found on his person was confiscated.

The petition against the return of Col. Tyrwhitt to the commons for South Simcoe was tried at Barry on Tuesday before Mr. Justice Armour. A number of witnesses had been heard, when Mr. Bethune on behalf of the petitioners asked that the case might be dismissed without costs. This was agreed to. Col. Tyrwhitt, therefore, retains his seat.

Hugh Sutherland, M.P. for Selkirk, and P. J. Brown of Ingersoll came by fisticuffs the other day in a law office at Winnipeg. Sutherland twice struck at Brown, and each time Brown held him by the throat until Hon. J. W. Sifton interfered and got him to leave go. On parting Sutherland said he would run a knife into Brown the next time they met.

At the annual meeting of the St. George's society in Winnipeg on Dec. 7, C. J. Brydges was elected president, Acton Burrows and W. Nelson Hood vice-presidents and H. F. Slater secretary. The receipts of the society were $170.50 and the expenditures, for temporary relief $7, for badges $24, and for printing and advertising $7.55, leaving a balance on hand of $131.95.

George Mitchell, the lad who died in Hamilton from injuries inflicted by Rachel Babcock, was a juvenile forester, and his brethren as well as a number of the senior members of the order attended the funeral on Sunday. At the church of England cemetery they were met by the superintendent, who said that there was no place to bury the body. The boy's mother, in her distress, had given him orders which were misinterpreted, and the wrong grave was opened. The body had to be left in the dead-house.

FIGHTING IN HAYTI.

Bombardment of Jacmel—Stubbornness of the Insurgents.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 12.—Fighting continues in Hayti with varying results between the government troops and the rebels. A schooner from Kingston, Jamaica, with provisions for the insurgents was captured and five of her crew of eight shot. On the 19th ult. the government forces began the bombardment of Jacmel. Until the 21st the insurgents remained silent, the shells having demolished tho outworks of Fort Tallavigne. At the the last report Jacmel was still resisting, although suffering severely. It is reported here that there has been a severe engagement between the Desalines and La Patriex, that the paddle wheels of the latter steamer were damaged, and that a shell killed seven men on her deck, and that she proceeded to Jacmel. The Desalines also, it is said, sustained serious damage, besides having her commander killed, and proceeded to Port au Prince.

All the difficulties respecting the porposed new Ruskin museum at Sheffield have been removed. In a recent interview which the ex-mayor of Sheffield had with Mr. Ruskin, the latter reaffirmed his willingness to vest the buildings and its contents in trustees for the town, and to allow the museum to be erected much nearer the centre of the town than the existing one. A guarantee fund of £5000 has been obtained to secure the erection of the new museum.

A HETEROGENEOUS ARMY.

THE FORCES OPPOSED TO EL MAHDI'S VICTORIOUS TROOPS.

Baker Pasha's Forlorn Hope—An Agitation Arising in Arabia—The Prophet Marching on Darfour.

CAIRO, Dec. 12.—El Mahdi is preparing to send ten thousand men to Darfour and another ten thousand to subdue the Kabbish tribes.

Baker Pasha's force consists of 2300 gend'armes, of whom five hundred are mounted and 1500 are black troops and four thousand bedouins with five guns. This is additional to the force at Suakim. Col. Sartoris commands the gend'armerie and Seebeher Pasha commands the blacks and half of the bedouins. The latter will advance to Berber from Suakim, while the other half of the bedouins under Husscin Pasha will go up the Nile recruiting bedouins on the way. The two forces will try to effect a junction between Berber and Suakim.

The khedive in an interview to-day declared El Mahdi an obvious impostor. The Cairo government has received news that El Mahdi is advancing on Darfour with 10,000 men.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 12.—The news of the defeat of the Egyptian army is spreading in Arabia. Numbers of recruits have joined the insurgents in Yemen and Hedjaz. The governor of Hedjaz has telegraphed for reinforcements. The porte will not send any troops to Egypt unless asked to do so, but will attempt to prevent communication between Arabia and the Soudan.

PROMINENT PERSONS.

Rosa Bonheur is again reported dangerously ill.

Sir Charles Hall, ex-vice-chancellor of England, is dead.

Johann Strauss came near losing his life from nicotine poisoning recently.

The German crown prince yesterday from Granada started for Cordova.

Frederick Clay, the comic opera composer, is suffering in London from an attack of paralysis.

Mr. C. P. Howell, barrister, late of this city, has been appointed claims agent of the Canadian Pacific railway.

Col. Geo. W. Williams, colored, who recently wrote a history of his race in America, has just been admitted to the Boston bar.

Patti sang in Ernani at Philadelphia on Monday night and the receipts were $10,200. Hundreds of people were turned away.

The New York World thinks that Edwin Forrest would turn over in his coffin if he knew an English actor was wearing his watch.

Henry Irving's audience at the Boston theatre on Monday night, when he appeared as Lonis XI. washionable but not over large.

Tennyson once said, "When I was a young man a lord was looked upon as a small God Almight. Thank heaven, that's fast changing."

Ur. Smeulders, the papal delegate, arrived at Montreal yesterday from Quebec and had a reception in the church of Notre Dame, which was largely attended.

W. H. Vanderbilt gave a brilliant ball on Tuesday evening at his New York residence. Mrs. W. H. Vanderbilt and her daughter, Mrs. Seward Webb, received the guests.

Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., arrived at Bermuda on the 6th inst., in his yecht, the Sunbeam, having traveled 5828 miles under sail and 2405 miles under steam.

When recently asked to dine at the royal palace at Copenhagen Mr. Tennyson was unable to accept the invitation from the characteristic but sufficient reason that he had no dress coat with him.

Col. Herchimer and Nicholas Flood Davin attended a banquet at Winnipeg. The man of wrath proposed the health of the man of war, and the latter thought the best response was to shake hands across the bloody chasm.

The editer of the Omaha morning daily, which issues "every day in the year," writes: "We are coming to the conclusion that a newspaper man is not a person. He has no right to celebrate on holidays or worship on Sundays."

Mrs. Burns Macdonald of Glencoe, a direct descendant of the chief of the clan who fell in 1692, has just erected a Celtic cross at Glencoe where the Macdonalds were slaughtered. It has hitherto been unmarked, strange to say.

Baron Nordenskjold is understood to be contemplating as his next adventure in exploration a voyage to the south pole in 1885. This expedition would cost at least £1,000,000, as a ship of special type would have to be built for its purpose.

Mr. Brander Matthews' play, which has been accepted by the manager of the Court theatre, is said to be the only play by an American that has been seen in England before its production in America since John Howard Payne was employed at one of the Dondon theatres.

Mr. Ashbaugh, a friend of Will Garleton, the poet, learns that the latter is about to publish a volume of poems on city life. "He will take it up as Dickens did, only in verse." Mr. Ashbaugh, who lives at Carleton's old home, Hillsdale, Mich., estimates that the poet has made $150,000 by his pen.

Noah Woods, a drunkard whose habits had separated him from his wife and family, took a shot gun on Tuesday night and bombarded the house where his wife lives on Cavan street, Port Hope. Beyond breaking several windows, fortunately the brute had done no harm when he was taken in charge by the police.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes' birthplace, the "old Holmes house" at Cambridge, is to go, the Harvard university buildings crowding it out of existence. It was built in the year 1638 or thereabouts. One of its owners, Jonathan Hastings, who lived in it from 1737 to 1742, is said to have originated the word "Yankee," using it to express excellence, speaking of a "Yankee good horse," or "Yankee good cider," and the students are supposed to have disseminated the word.

At a meeting of the Royal Colonial institute on Tuesday Lord Lome read a paper on "Our relations with Canada and the great colonies." The attendance was the largest and most brilliant that had ever been seen at a meeting of the institute. The Prince of Wales was in the chair. Prior to the meeting the noble marquis was entertained at dinner by the council of the institute. His lordship was very highly complimented after the reading of his paper and many pleasant things were said of Canada.

Mathematical and Physical Society.

A meeting of the mathematical and physical society of Toronto university was held in one of the lecture rooms on Tuesday evening. The attendance was good. This society, which owes its origin to W. J. Loudon, B.A., is in a prosperous condition, almost all the mathematical men in the university and a number from the school of science taking an active interest in it. Prof. J. Galbraith, the new president, from his long experience in dealing with mathematical subjects, has created an interest throughout all the years. To Prof. Galbraith is due the credit of bringing out the men of the lower years, who formerly held aloof from the society. After the nomination and election of new members on Tuesday evening Prof. Galbraith dealt with "Hooke's Law." The professor explained in a clear manner the nature of this law, giving examples in illustration and then, assisted by J. MacDougall, B.A., performed experiments by means of a small rubber tube, demonstrating the fact that "the extension produced by any given force is proportional to the force." Mr. Seymour of the second year took for his subject the "Second Book of Euclid," classifying the propositions in a neat manner and explaining Pott's method of solutions by algebra. J. W. Reid, B.A., fellow of pure mathematics, gave elegant solutions of two difficult mathematical problems. T. G. Campbell, B.A., fellow of physics, gave a neat solution of a problem on "Determinants," and explained a short method of solving a certain class of "Simultaneous Equations." Some good solutions of problems were also given by R. A. Thompson, I. K. Martin and N. H. Russell. A lively discussion of the above subjects then took place among the members, when some new features were brought out. W. J. Loudon, B.A., demonstrator of physics, and former president of the society, then gave notice that at the next meeting of the society, he would introduce a motion that a committee be appointed to formulate a petition to be laid before the mathematical graduates of Toronto university for the purpose of founding a scholarship in mathematics and physics. The meeting was the last one to be held this term.

A Horse-Car Driver Assaulted.

Tuesday night a man under the influence of liquor entered a Spadina avenue and Bloor street car near Church street. He saluted the driver with "Hello, chummy," and passed inside and pretended to go to sleep. The driver entered, roused him up and asked for his bare. The sleeper responded with a curse and he was put off. He then took the next car, and meeting the first driver on his return near King street on Spadina avenue he jumped unto the platform, and producing a club belabored the driver and swore at him terribly. The driver, whose name is Harry O'Donnell of 94 Sydenham street, was severely injured and Dr. Ball, who attended him, has doubts of his recovery, there being an indication that erysipelas will ensue. No trace could be found of the man who assaulted him.

Heaps of Trouble.

John Daupe, general store, Flesherton, assigned in trust. T. J. Carroll & Co., wholesale jewellery, Hamilton, assigned in trust. B. Allen & Sons, general store, Owen Sound, assigned in trust. H. P. Wilson, harness, Ridgetown, assigned in trust. Field & Davidson, saddlery, hardware, Hamilton, compromised. James Russell, spices, Toronto, compromised at 60 cents on the dollar. D. Bell & Co., organs, Toronto, called meeting of creditors for Dec. 14. C. Mead & Co., furriers, Toronto, stock sold at 75 cents on the dollar. J. H. Mooney, wool merchant and tanner, Montreal, failed. Morris Waterpower Manufacturing Co., Morris, sheriff in possession. Wait & Flager, hotel, Rat Portage, assigned in trust. James Johnson, hat and cap manufacturer, Yonge street, assigned in trust. Mr. McSween, general storekeeper of Woodville has also assigned. E. Elgere, in the same business at Caledonia, has called a meeting of creditors.

C. L. S. C.

The Toronto central circle meets this evening at Shaftesbnry hall and will be addressed by Mr. W. Houston, M.A., upon representative characters in Greek history, viz., Ulysses, the adventurer; Solon, the lawgiver; Pericles, the statesman; Demosthenes, the patriot; Philip, the nationalist; Socrates, the cosmopolitan; Paul, the christian Hellenist. All persons interested in educational or literary pursuits are cordially welcomed at these circle meetings.

Christmas Clerks and Carriers.

Yesterday ex-Ald. Boustead swore in six extra clerks, and six extra carriers for one months service in the Toronto post office to meet the great increase of work which comes upon the post office during Christmas and New Years. There names are: Clerks—Alfred Symonds, Tilden Bright, Richard Dillon, Henry T. Harris, Alf. C. Doer, Walter Sparks. Carriers—Henry Bino, Edwin Meadows, H. Billinghunt, James Fahey, James Cuthbert, Alex. Sheppard.

Police Court Pointers.

Richard Levick, who stole $90 from Angus Fraser of Oakville, was stowed away in the Central prison for six months. Jane Harding, an old time drunk, got 60 days. Pat Walsh stole goods from his father, and was laid on the shelf for 4 months. Joseph Dalton was bound to the peace, having threatened the life of Thomas King. Margaret Anderson, keeping a house of ill fame, and Ella Jones inmate, each $20 and costs; Annie Steen discharged; two frequenters were discharged. Several cases were adjourned.

Osgoode Hall Briefs.

The court of appeal has adjourned until January 8, but in the meantime will hear election cases on any day fixed by counsel.

J. E. Rose, C.C., was yesterday sworn in as a puisne judge of the common pleas division of the high court of justice.

Justice Ferguson gave judgment in Allan v. McLean yesterday. He found that McLean, Shaw & Co's. judgment against the Muir estate was valid, and dismissed the plaintiff's action with costs.

The Ball To-Night.

The calico ball under distinguished patronage in the pavillion of the gardens to-night will be a brilliant affair. Excellent arrangements have been made, and judged by balls of previous years under the same auspices it ought to be even better.

DOOM OF THE AVENGER.

DETERMINED EFFORTS TO SECURE A RESPITE.

An Important Technical Point—Demeanor of the Condemned Man—Prepared for the Worst.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The point will be raised that the jury in the O'Donnell trial should have been composed of six British subjects and six aliens. American citizens of Irish birth or parentage resident in London are about to wait upon Mr. Lowell and urge him to use his influence with the British government to obtain a respite for O'Donnell, even if proofs of his American citizenship do not arrive before the day fixed for the execution. O'Donnell continues calm in his demeanor, and pays marked attention to the priests who visit him. He seems to be prepared for the worst.

Mrs. O'Donnell, who recently arrived from Philadelphia, visited her husband yesterday and will probably have another interview before his execution. O'Donnell is in good spirits and still has hopes of being respited.

It is understood the home office has sent a letter to Mr. Justice Denman, who presided at the trial of O'Donnell, asking the opinion in regard to the sufficiency of the evidence submitted by the prosecution to support the charge of wilful murder. The judge it is believed in reply has given his opinion that the evidence fully justified the verdict. Father Fleming, O'Donnell's spiritual adviser, visits the prisoner twice daily. Mrs. D'Donnell paid another visit to her husband to-day. The sheriffs are completing their arrangements for the execution on Monday. Binns, the hangman, will arrive in London on Saturday. Only two members of the press will be permitted to witness the execution.

O'Donnell was visited by his brother yesterday. The branches of the Irish national league in London have resolved to request the government to stay the execution of O'Donnell on the grounds of a discrepancy in the evidence of the witnesses and an informality in the judge's charge.

A SCENE IN COURT.

The Crown Counsel in an Irish Trial Made to Retract.

DUBLIN, Dec. 12.—The trial of Elliott and others, charged with conspiracy to murder Wm. Smythe, was resumed to-day. Dr. Boyd, counsel for the prisoners, complained that O'Brien, counsel of the crown, had called him a "D—— coward," and challenged him to contradict it outside. The chief justice said the language was scandalous and improper. O'Brien retracted the words.

Miss Mather as Julia.

The Hunchback was put on last night with Miss Mather as Julia. She played the part in good form, her appearance in the first act showing a pleasant conception of the country-bred girl, while her acting later on in the scene between Julia and Clifford the secretary exhibited genuine dramatic power and talent. Mr. Milnes Levick in everything he does, does well, and his rendition of the hunchback part was no exception. Old Mr. Davidge as Fathom was capital. But young Mr. Salvini is trying too much. He has had a double duty, to learn to speak English and to learn to act, and as yet he has accomplished neither. He may succeed, but it is really trying to watch and hear him at present. There are scores of young actors who could support Miss Mather with ability and who would be glad of the chance, but the management evidently thinks Salvini's name is a good one to conjure with. Theatre goers are getting tired of hearing foreigners mouthing good English and the Rhea, the Salvini junior, and similar rackets are growing musty. With the exception of Mr. Levick and Mr. Davidge, both old stagers, there is too much juvenility, too much amateuriety, so to speak, in this company, and yet from their heralding one would imagine that a metropolitan stock company had struck the town.

County Court Cases.

In King against Ramsay, a case of alleged illegal distress, the jury yesterday gave a verdict for $30 to plaintiff. Taylor against Harris was an action to recover $150, the value of a safe purchased from a Mr. Hamm, who had not paid the manufacturers for the article. Non-suited. In Booth against Lowry plaintiff sued for $175 wages due as farm laborer. Verdict for plaintiff for $60.

Before Judge Boyd without a jury, Lang against Patterson, an action on an account, was not completed.

Hurt by a Hack.

A man was knocked down and run over by a hack at Yonge and St. Joseph streets last night. He was badly hurt and rendered insensible. On being removed to the Red Lion hotel and examined it was found that several of his ribs were broken. The police of No. 5 station did not know his name. Neither have they found out who the hackman was.

Probable Aldermanic Candidates.

St. John's ward: Edward McKeown and Michael Niven. St. Lawrence ward: Wm. Ryan. Trot 'em out, gentlemen.

THOSE NEW Q. C'S.

"Excuse me, my lord, until I consult my junior," was the remark made by one of the newly appointed queen's counsel while conducting a case in the court of appeal yesterday. There was a pause for a moment, followed by an audible titter from all present when it was discovered that the Q. C's "junior" was a gentleman fifteen years Scotty's senior in the profession.

One of the recently appointed Q. C's draws a curry comb over his red bag every night in order to give it a frayed appearance. But not finding this satisfactory, he has hired a bulldog to chew it.

GET OUT YOUR MACKINTOSHES.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, TORONTO, Dec. 13, 1 a.m.—*Lakes: Fresh to strong southwest to west winds; fair, very mild weather with local showers, more especially in the northern portion; cooler, northwest winds to-morrow.*

SAFE OVER THE SEA.

Date.	*Steamship.*	*Reported at.*	*From.*
Dec. 12	Switzerland	Antwerp	New York
Dec. 12	Erin	New York	London
Dec. 12	Labrador	"	Havre
Dec. 12	Cephalonia	"	Liverpool
Dec. 12	Lake Huron	"	"
Dec. 12	Bolivia	Glasgow	New York
Dec. 12	England	Queenstown	"