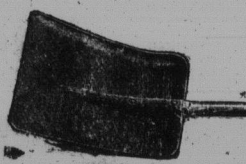


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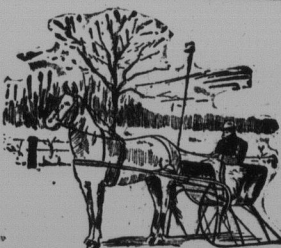
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**FAILURE IN GERMANY.**  
DRESDEN, Dec. 5.—The Dresden Savings and Loan bank has made an assignment. The bank's share capital is 1,000,000 marks. Its depositors number 7,000, with aggregate deposits of 7,000,000 marks.

### ENGLISH LIBERAL PARTY.

It is Now More Hopelessly Divided Than Ever.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The chaotic condition of the liberal party was never more noticeable than at the meeting of the National Liberal Federation at Derby, says the London correspondent of the Tribune.

A resolution calling on the government to announce the terms on which they were prepared to conclude peace in South Africa was not passed without a noisy scene occasioned by differences of opinion in regard to the attitude taken up by Lord Milner. Mr. Emmott, liberal member for Oldham, objected to words declaring it essential, with a view to the conclusion of peace, that a special commissioner should be despatched to South Africa. Cheers and groans greeted his statement and he would accept no vote of censure on Lord Milner, and the chairman was compelled to intervene to restore order. As a matter of fact, the differences between the various sections of the liberal party are not differences on mere matters of detail, nor are they results of the war. The dissolution of the party began in 1885, and the war has hastened its progress, which was retarded for a time by Mr. Gladstone's personal influence.

### FEDERATION OF LABOR.

A Lot of Disputes to be Settled at the Outset.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 5.—The twenty-first annual convention of the American Federation of Labor was called to order shortly after 10 o'clock this morning by President Gompers, and the greatest labor convention that has probably ever been held in this country was under way. It is estimated that 275 delegates are in attendance from this country and Europe, representing 1,503,600 working people. The convention is held in St. Thomas college hall and the delegates marched to the meeting place in a body, preceded by a band of music.

The credentials committee has several complaints to consider. Chief among these protests is that of the United Hatters against the seating of Gabriel Joseph, cigar maker, the delegate sent by the United Labor League of Philadelphia, on the ground that the Philadelphia Hatmakers' union to retain its membership, although it has been suspended by the national organization. In addition, protests have been filed against the representation of the Richmond Central Labor union by some of the colored delegates who assert that that organization has discriminated against colored working people, by refusing to admit colored trade unions to membership. A protest has also been filed against seating the representative of the Chicago Central union. The International Association of Machinists has demanded that the charter of the English Amalgamated Society of Engineers, Machinists, be annulled. It is said the Brotherhood of Carpenters will demand the annulment of the charter of the Amalgamated Woodworkers' union. The International Tile Workers' union will demand jurisdiction over the Mason Workers' union, and the electrical workers will dispute the right of gas and steam fitters to run electric conduit pipe.

There will be a general contact over the question of trade unionism. The larger unions will insist on the right to form mixed unions, and their own control, where the workers in other trades are employed. The deliberations of the gathering are secret and the delegates may be here ten days.

### MAY BE DEAD AGAIN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The Rev. Henry C. Haskell, D. D., superintendent of the American board-mission at Samakow, Bulgaria, has sent the following cable to the world regarding Miss Stone and Mrs. Tsilka: "There has been no result as yet from our efforts to ascertain the truth about the reports that Miss Stone and Mrs. Tsilka are dead. In the present weather, with the snow now fast deep on the mountains, travelling there is slow and dangerous, and I don't expect definite information for two or three days."

### A HOWLING GALE.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5.—The most severe storm of the season raged for 36 hours. Weather forecast officials estimated that the wind velocity off the coast was ninety miles an hour, with gusts reaching 100 miles an hour.

### THOSE LOST BARGES.

As stated in the second edition of last evening's Star, the tug Gypsum King arrived here, having lost the barges Gypsum King and Gypsum Queen off Point Lepreau very early Wednesday morning. She brought barge No. 20 to port with her. The barges are owned by the J. B. King Transportation Co. of New York. The missing barges are 5 or 6 years old. They are built of wood. No. 20 is built of steel. Capt. Blizard of the tug boat thinks that with the change of wind the missing barges will get down through the north channel between Grand Manan and the mainland. The commander and crew of the Gypsum King are Captain James Harvey of Summerville, N. S.; Fred Harvey, his son; Wm. McDonald of Mount Dennis. Capt. J. Carmichael of Canoe, along with Newton Dill of Newport, N. S., Colin Munro of Windsor and a young fellow belonging to Newport compose the crew of the Gypsum Queen. The barges lost had on board 2,100 tons of gypsum.

### MOUNTED RIFLES

Will be Mobilized at Halifax Instead of Ottawa.

Will Submit List of Officers to War Office—An Extensive Kit.

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—An important change in the militia order of last Friday referring to the Mounted Rifles will be made within the next twenty-four hours. Halifax is to be the point of concentration, instead of Ottawa, provided the government gets satisfactory assurances that requisite accommodation is forthcoming. It is thought that the exhibition buildings will be adequate, but before making the change it will be necessary to secure the assent of the Halifax civil authorities. Considering the substantial gain to be derived by Halifax from having 600 men and horses in the city for a month, it is thought the city corporation will place no obstacles in the way of the department.

The reason for the change, the minister explained to the Sun tonight, is that experience has shown it to be necessary for horses to be kept at Halifax for a few days before taken on shipboard. In this instance it will be far easier, once a train load of horses is ready, to send them through to Halifax rather than to give them two railway journeys. In order, therefore, to have the men and horses together all the time, it has been thought desirable to change from Ottawa to Halifax and send the men there as fast as recruited. As soon as the Halifax authorities have been heard from the necessary instructions will be issued. All equipping and outfitting will be done at Halifax.

The Mounted Rifles are to be taken to South Africa on an imperial transport. A private message received in Ottawa today conveyed intelligence that the transport Roslyn Castle, returning from Cape Town to England, had been intercepted at Cape Verde and ordered to proceed to Halifax without delay.

Col. Macdonald, director of stores, is providing a splendid kit for each man. It will consist simply of the war "Canada." This is Col. Evans' choice. Other badges will be a small maple leaf for the collar and a large one for the hat. A signalling apparatus will be taken along.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 4.—Hon. J. W. Longley, president of the exhibition commission, and Mayor Hamilton, chairman of the executive, were considerably surprised and made delighted when informed tonight that the government proposed to make Halifax the place of concentration for the Mounted Rifles, instead of Ottawa. They told the Sun correspondent that the exhibition buildings and grounds would be readily and gladly placed at the disposal of the militia department and that ample accommodation could be easily offered there for the whole six hundred.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—The kit which will be furnished to the Mounted Rifles will be a somewhat extensive one, as follows: the department has provided, by the department, horse blankets, great coats, bandoliers, kit bags, nose bags and boots, brushes of all kinds, button hooks, binoculars, field service caps, gloves and belts, dubbing drawers, frocks of tartan serge, holdalls, knives, forks and spoons, razors, head ropes, field ropes, puttees, picketing pegs, shirts, socks, saddlery, towels, hoof pickers, handkerchiefs, haversacks, jerseys, camp kettles, boot laces, clasp knives, tin mugs, forage nets, trousers, circular tents, waterproof sheets, etc.

The list of the officers of the war office will be forwarded to the war office and not published till approved. The Patriotic Fund Association act of incorporation would have to be amended to allow the new force to benefit.

### WHAT MR. TARTE SAYS.

TORONTO, Dec. 3.—"I am not ripe yet," said Hon. J. I. Tarte, (who was in the city last night on his way back to Ottawa after inspecting the harbor improvements at Port Colborne) when questioned as to whether a deal was on by which he was to be elevated to the position of Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec. "Spencerwood is a beautiful place. I lived opposite it for fifteen years, but you can say I have heard the rumor and that there is nothing in it."

Mr. Tarte also characterized as visionary the rumors to the effect that Hon. James Sutherland would become minister of public works; that Hon. David Mills would go to England to take a seat on the judicial committee of the privy council; that Lieut.-Governor or Jette would become minister of justice, and that many other shakes and shuffles would take place within the next few months.

### RECENT DEATHS.

Mrs. Addie W. White, wife of John White died at her home in Millford yesterday evening, after a brief illness. Mrs. White was the daughter of W. W. Betts, of Parrville. She was in her twenty-fourth year and had been married but a short time.

The death is reported of Mrs. Eleanor Dunlop, wife of Samuel Dunlop, which occurred at her home 37 Leinster street this morning. Mrs. Dunlop was seventy-five years of age.

Alice A. infant child of Dr. and Mrs. Margaret Baxter, died last night, aged six months. A service will be held at the home, Paddock street, this evening, and the funeral will take place at Barnesville tomorrow.

### OUR RECENT GUESTS

Entertained at Luncheon by London City Corporation.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The city entertained the Prince and Princess of Wales this afternoon at a luncheon given in the Guild Hall and presented them with an address of congratulation on the successful tour of the British empire. The Royal party drove from York house to the Guild Hall, in an open landau, escorted by Life Guards. They met everywhere with the heartiest reception from the sight-seers lining the brightly-bedecked and troop-guarded route.

The scene in the library of the corporation's historic quarters where their Royal Highnesses were received by the Lord Mayor, Sir Joseph Dimasque, Leveson or diplomatic dress, uniforms, or judicial robes were worn by the majority of the guests, among whom were the agents general of the colonies. Prominent among the other notables present were Lord Salisbury, Lord Rosebery and Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain.

### A QUEEN'S TROUBLES.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 5.—With the view of allaying public indignation and excitement, semi-official intimations have been circulated to the effect that the Queen Wilhelmina has forgiven her husband, Prince Henry, of the Netherlands, the suggestion being that the public ought to follow suit.

As cabled to the Associated Press at the time, Prince Henry returned to Het Loo, Dec. 2, since when the couple have been dining together and gradually resuming normal relations. Yesterday they walked together and afterwards drove in the castle park. The relations between Prince Henry and the members of the court are, however, very strained. The former cordiality has been replaced by an attitude of frigid politeness on the part of the Prince Consort, and apparently, the gentlemen of the court are equally indisposed to gloss over recent occurrences.

### STRATHCONA'S ILLNESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—According to the London correspondent of the Tribune, Lord Strathcona's condition does not at present give cause for any alarm, but he is still confined to his bed as the result of an injury to his head.

This was caused by a nasty fall just before sailing from Canada a fortnight ago. He will not be able to take part in the reception of the Prince and Princess of Wales at the Guild hall today, or to reside at a lecture on French-Canadians at the Colonial Institute, Tuesday.

### WINDSOR BARK IN TROUBLE.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 5.—The British bark, Bristol of Windsor, N. S., from New York, reported last night, lying off Centfield reef in distress, with sails and sheets frozen and seven of her crew helpless from exposure, were still in the same position at 8 o'clock this morning. It is expected that a tug will go to the vessel from this port during the forenoon, carrying a physician to give aid to the suffering men.

### TO HELP THE BOERS.

SPRINGFIELD, Ills., Dec. 5.—Governor Yates last night issued a proclamation calling attention to the destitute and helpless condition of Boer women, children and other non-combatants now confined in British military camps in South Africa, and calling upon all charitably disposed and humane citizens of Illinois to contribute money, medicine, food and clothing for use of the sick and needy prisoners in these camps.

### THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Dec. 5.—Fresh northwest and west winds, fair and colder, Friday, westerly winds; fine and decidedly colder.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Eastern states and northern New York—Fair tonight; Friday, increasing cloudiness and warmer; light north winds, becoming variable.

### CANADIAN BRIEFS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—A summary of the postmaster general's report shows great extensions of the service, and an increased revenue despite lower rates.

TORONTO, Dec. 5.—The American Hay Co. has bought hay in Ontario for shipment to England from United States ports, but the railway companies refuse to carry it elsewhere than to their own terminals.

### CANADIAN MOUNTED RIFLES.

A number of other applications for enlistment in the Canadian Mounted Rifles have been made to Colonel McLean today. As has been announced, recruiting will begin on Monday next, and until then Colonel McLean will not receive the names of those applying, nor consider any applications made before that day. Those who have already applied for enlistment will be required to do so again at the proper time.

### PERSONAL.

James D. Weldon, proprietor of the Weldon house, Shediac, is in the city. Rev. Geo. M. Campbell returned today from a trip to Nova Scotia.

Rev. J. A. Richardson addresses a meeting at Hampton Village this evening.

Rev. W. C. Gaylor returned from Chatham this morning. Mr. and Mrs. George Kirkpatrick were recent arrivals at Steveston, Montana, from St. John, N. B.

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