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HAS KHARTOUM FALLEN?

THE INDICATIONS INCREASING THAT IT HAS NOT.

What Members of the British Cabinet Stated Yesterday—Gen. Gordon and The Rebels Announced in Combat.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—The Times considers the report that Khartoum had fallen and Gordon been taken prisoner as extremely doubtful. This view, it thinks, is especially reasonable in the absence of advices on the subject from General Wolseley. The Times traces the report to the Bosphore, an Egyptian and dubious French organ, which may have given the Europeanized version of the Arab rumors recently current in Cairo. Lord Granville assured the press to-day that the government had received no confirmation of the news up to noon to-day, and nothing has been received at the government offices in regard thereof. A despatch to-day from Dongola makes no mention of the reported fall of Khartoum. It says, however, that the Mahdi at last accounts was collecting forces around Khartoum, and had summoned Gen. Gordon to surrender. The Mahdi has intercepted two messengers despatched by the British to Khartoum. The same despatch declares that a large force of rebels was at Berber and the rebels had possession of the wells on the caravan route between Debbah and Khartoum. After the crops are harvested the Mahdi's forces will be largely increased.

The Daily News has a despatch from Debbah stating that Gen. Gordon attacked a large force of rebels at Andermann, and after eight hours' fighting put them to flight. Gen. Gordon had twelve vessels well manned. The rebels numbered 25,000. They had four Krupp guns, one of which burst during the engagement. When the messenger left the rebels were returning to renew their attack, having obtained reinforcements to nearly double their original strength.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—The rumor that the Khedive had sent a telegram to the government announcing the fall of Khartoum and the capture of Gen. Gordon is authoritatively denied.

In the house of lords this afternoon, Earl Granville said that the government had no reason to believe the report of the fall of Khartoum and capture of Gordon was true.

Lord Salisbury, referring to the instructions given by the government to Gordon, said it appeared to be the intention of the government to abandon all the Egyptian garrisons in the Soudan.

Earl Granville denied that the government had any intention to abandon Khartoum, but admitted it had no intention to prolong the campaign in order to rescue Sennaar or other garrisons.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—The Times' Alexandria correspondent states upon careful inquiry that he learns that the report of the fall of Khartoum originated from the following source: A French merchant, formerly French consul at Khartoum, learned from a messenger who lately arrived from Khartoum that Gordon was in want of provisions and forced a sortie. He reached Berber. Col. Stewart was able to push further north, and Gordon started to return to Khartoum, and when near Shendy he learned that Khartoum had been handed over to the rebels. Gordon found himself unable to retire or advance, and was killed there.

CAIRO, Nov. 3.—Another Canadian voyageur has been drowned while passing the rapids at Wady Halfa.

CAIRO, Nov. 3.—Wolseley arrived at Dongola to-day, and held a conference with the mudir.

Important Fenian Letter.

DUBLIN, Nov. 3.—Frederick J. Allen was to-day remanded to await trial. Evidence was produced showing that he wrote a letter to the headquarters of the fenians in Paris giving an account of the receipts in cash for fenian purposes and an account of the avengers' expenses. Among the avengers' names Joe Mullett and Patrick Malloy appeared. The letter detailed the quantity of arms belonging to the various fenian centres in Ireland, and the number of men composing them. At Kilkenny it said there were 332 members; at Dublin 650; at Louth 503.

The Home Rulers Cause a Scene.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—In the house of commons this evening Sexton (home ruler) moved an amendment to the address urging that the criminal law of Ireland, especially as regards the composition of juries, shall be impartially administered. A violent scene ensued, during which Healy (liberal), Biggar and Marum (home rulers) were repeatedly called to order.

German Anarchists.

BERLIN, Nov. 3.—The eight anarchists, charged with blowing up the Niederwald monument, have been removed from prison at Elberfeld to Leipsic. A plot was discovered to force the prison at Elberfeld and release the culprits. Several persons implicated in the plot have been arrested.

The French Chambers.

PARIS, Nov. 3.—It is reported that Mr. Ferry has decided to dissolve the chamber of deputies in February. A pour parler between the union and republican leaders in the senate resulted in their giving consent to a dissolution of that body. President Grevy also consents to a dissolution.

Bismarck's Fighting Doctor.

BERLIN, Nov. 3.—Professor Schweninger, Bismarck's physician, challenges Dubois Reymond to fight a duel on account of remarks made by the latter on the appointment of the professor to a chair in the Berlin university. Reymond refuses to fight.

Reinforcements for Tonquin.

PARIS, Nov. 4.—Five thousand three hundred troops to reinforce the French army in Tonquin start before Nov. 15. A second instalment starts a fortnight later.

Bad News for Travelers.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—Negotiations are in progress between the various Atlantic steamship companies to raise the passenger tariff between Europe and America.

Russian Anarchist Troubles.

KIEFF, Nov. 3.—The chief of police has been dismissed on account of laxity in his duty in connection with the recent troubles with university students.

Cholera in France.

PARIS, Nov. 3.—Three deaths from cholera occurred at Ovan, and ten at Nantes since midnight on Sunday.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

Capt. Griffith of the steamship Teutonia was arrested in Brooklyn for setting men to work on Sunday at discharging the cargo.

At Allentown, Pa., Charles Dietrich and his family of four persons have been poisoned by eating Bologna sausage. Their condition is serious.

New York bankers believe that the importation of gold now being made into the Uni ed States will reach $40,000,000. The steamer Oregon brought a million dollars in gold. The steamer Republic, which leaves Liverpool to-day, has half a million dollars in gold on her.

Edward Howe is dying at the New York hospital from the effects of a scratch from an ant-eater which he received while employed at the aquarium on Coney island in September.

At Greensburg, Ind., David Baker shot a pickpocket who attempted to rob him while marching in the republican parade on Saturday night. The thieves returned the fire, wounding Baker so badly that he died.

Lynching Cattle Thieves.

DENVER, Nov. 2.—Meagre information of a terrible lynching affair at Rock creek, in Summit county, has reached here by two or three different routes; but beyond the assertion that seventeen men were lynched at that point on the charge of cattle stealing nothing is known. Rock creek is in the Gore mountains, a sparsely settled region in the northern portion of Summit county, and the means of communicating are slight. The information, although lacking particulars, is believed to be reliable.

Trubbel in de Church.

NEWARK, N.J., Nov. 3.—A row occurred at Bethany colored church yesterday. Wm. Jackson, the pastor, has been charged with misappropriating the funds and the trustees locked him out of the church. He crawled in at the window and reached the pulpit, when Trustee Allen attempted to dislodge him, but the pastor knocked him out with the bible. A pitched battle followed and the police finally quelled the disturbance.

Wall Street Before the Election.

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—Wall street presented an animated appearance to day and excitement ran high. The street was crowded with members of the various boards discussing the politics. At intervals cheers would be given for Blaine, then for Cleveland. Considerable money was wagered.

Twenty-five Soldiers Shot.

LIMA, Nov. 3.—Recent advices state that Caceres' infantry battalion at Cuzes mutinied. The uprising was suppressed by cavalry. Five officers and twenty soldiers were shot. Bolivia has refused Caceres assistance and his money is exhausted. His men are without pay and he must succumb shortly.

No Evolutionists Need Apply.

TUSCOLLOSSA, Ala., Nov. 3.—The presbyterian synod of Alabama, by a vote of 41 to 19, passed a resolutiou condemning the teaching of the doctrine of evolution. Two directors of the seminary at Columbus, who favor the doctrine of evolution, were replaced by those holding an opposite belief.

Coal Mine on Fire.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 3.—A fire has been in progress in the Knoxville coal mine near this city since Saturday. The flames are spreading. A large number of cars were destroyed. The fire is the work of incendiaries, which saturated the walls of the mine with petroleum.

Triplets While in Her Teens.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 3.—Marie Cusimano, an Italian emigrant yet in her teens, gave birth to triplets on the train arriving here yesterday. She had with her three other children born a year ago.

Brignoli's Funeral.

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—The funeral of Brignoli took place to-day. It was largely attended by members of the theatrical profession. Clara Louise Kellogg sang the closing hymn.

Street Car Strike.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 3.—The street car drivers struck to-day for $60 a month. They are now paid only $45. Only a few cars are running.

No More of South Africa Wanted.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—Earl Derby informs a deputation of South African merchants to-day that the English government had no intention of abandoning any portion of her South African possessions, but could not extend the limit of her control beyond the present boundaries; also that the government refuses to entertain their appeal for the annexation of Zululand or to establish a protectorate over the Zulu country.

What She Might Expect of Him.

From the New York Sun.

George had proposed and been accepted. "Well," she said, "I can sing and play on the piano and harp, can paint, and at the seminary I was up in the fine arts and political economy and logic, and I can crochet beautifully and play lawn tennis, and, and —that's about all, I think. Now, tell me what are some of your accomplishments, George?" "I haven't got any." "Not a single one?" "Well," he said, with a sigh, "if the worst should come to the worst, I think I might be able to cook."

Unjournalistic.

From the San Francisco Post.

As our great eastern contemporary James Gordon Bennett hopped into the Palace hotel coach the other day, after his brief sojourn here of forty-eight hours, a gentleman said to the porter who had brought down 'Jim's" satchel: "So that's the boss journalist, is it?" "Journalist?" replied the porter, with great contempt; "he's no journalist—he's a perfect gentleman. He gave me $5."

Information by the Yard.

Postal cards are useful, but their use may be carried to extremes. The dentist gets himself over a postal and writes: "Dear Madam: Your teeth are done." The hair man writes: "Madam: Your wig is ready." The optician grins and scrawls: "Mrs.——: I will send your glass eye to-morrow." What are letter-carriers and postoffice clerks to think of that sort of information?

Walking-sticks hollowed out and filled with rum are the latest agony of fashion. That explains why so many men go around sucking their canes.

THE HUNT CLUB JUMPERS

ENTRIES FOR THE THANKSGIVING DAY STEEPLECHASES.

A Good Program of Sport on the Cards—General Admission Reduced to 25 Cents—Other Sporting News.

The entries for the Toronto hunt club's steeplechases at Woodbine park closed at M. A. Thomas' last night. The farmers' steeplechase did not fill, and the club will give instead an open mile and a quarter handicap flat race, top weight 125 lbs. The meeting ought to prove a successful one. The general admission will only be 25 cents. The entries for the other three races are as follows:

The Hunt Cup—R. Bond, b.m. by Hyder Ali, 6 yrs.
J. C. Smith, b.g. Charlie Ware, by Reveller.
J. G. Worts, br.h. J. G. W., by Sir Charles, dam by Jack the Barber.
F. A. Campbell, br.g. Starlight, 6 yrs., by Oysterman.

Hunters' Flat Race—A. Shields, br.g. Nettle, 5 yrs., by Warmanby.
T. P. Phelan, b.g. Repeater, by Reveller, dam Regan.
O. B. Sheppard, br.m. Lady Hanlan, by Warmanby.
A. P. Thomas, g.m. Fearless, 4 yrs., by Terror.
G. P. Short, br.g. Colonna, by Cologram.
J. C. Smith, br.m. Jeannette, by Terror.
Grand & Walsh, br.m. Brown Bess, 5 yrs., by Reveller.
R. Bond, b.g. Butler, 6 yrs., by Dr. Butler.
R. Bond, b.m. Fleurette, 6 yrs., by Hyder Ali.
F. A. Campbell, g.g. Gray Friar, 5 yrs., by Terror.
Jas. Laut, b.g. Baron, 4 yrs., by Terror.
J. G. Worts, br.h. J. G. W., 5 yrs., by Sir Charles—dam by Jack the Barber.

Green steeplechase—R. Bond, b.g. Butler, 6 yrs., by Dr. Butler.
G. P. Sharp, b g. Colonna, aged, by Cologram.
F. B. Lysons, br.g. Mohawk, by Judge Durrell.
F. Britton, g.g. Desire, by Cologram.
Chas. Smith, br.m. Flirt, by Reveller.
Jas. Laut, b.g. Baron, by Terror.
J. G. Worts, br.h. J. G. W.
F. A. Campbell, gr.g. Gray Friar.
F. A. Campbell, b.g. Royal Oak, 6 yrs., by Victor Hambletonian.

Telegraphic Chess Contest.

A telegraphic chess contest, in which more players will participate than in any previous match, will be played between the Quebec and Toronto chess clubs shortly. It is expected that the match will start on Nov. 17. The members of the Toronto chess club look forward to the contest with strong hopes of a victory for Toronto.

A contest between the Toronto and Hamilton chess clubs will take place on Thanksgiving day at the rooms of the Torontos in the Free library building.

A Big Day for Mutuals at Brighton Beach.

BRIGHTON BEACH, Nov. 3.—First race, ⅞ mile, Robert Brewster 1, Miller 2, Miss Daly 3; time 1.21½; mutuals paid $49.20. Second race, mile and one furlong, Unknown 1, Little Dan 2, Metropolis 3; time 2.03½; mutuals paid $81.15. Third race, 1⅛ miles, Little Fred 1, Jim Carlisle 2, Ecuador 3; time 2.18¼. Fourth race, 7 furlongs, Blue Bell 1, Pericles 2, Adele 3; time 1.36. Fifth race, mile, Little Minch 1, Delilah 2, Kind Fan 3; time 1.48¼.

To Beat Weston's Record.

NEW YORK Nov. 3.—Noremac, the pedestrian, started at 11 o'clock to-day, on a wager of $2,000, put up by Paul Boynton and Herbert Carpenter, to beat Weston's record of 5,000 miles in 100 days, at Midlothian hall. He is to walk at least 51 miles every day in 15 hours.

At 11.45 Noremac had covered 51 miles and retired until morning.

Maud S. on Her Muscle.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 3.—Maud S. trotted a trial mile in 2.13¼ to-day. She will trot to lower her record on Thursday.

Notes.

Fast double teams are scarce.

A backward season for horse clipping.

An English cricket team has gone to Australia.

The hounds will meet this afternoon at Englinton, on Yonge street, at 3.30.

There is talk of a match to a finish between Mike Cleary and Pete McCoy.

The celebrated Australian race horse Martini Henry is troubled with incipient curb.

There are 444 entries for the Washington park, Chicago, races next June and July.

H. H. Baxter, M. W. Ford and C. A. J. Quickberner, of the New York athletic club, propose going to England next June.

The eighth annual meeting of the National Norman horse association will be held at the Grand Pacific hotel, Chicago, on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

The game of baseball is not likely to ever gain very much popularity in France. The average French boy is so much afraid of getting hurt that he eschews even the game of football.

Ghost and De Barry, two thoroughbreds, hitched double to skeleton wagon, ran a mile at New York in 1.54, beating the time of Murphy's thoroughbred team, J. O. Nay and John J. Quinn, half a second.

Lord Russell, the 3-year-old brother to Maud S., is a handsome bay in color. He is destined for the stud. Lady Russell, his sister, is a gray 2-year-old and Russia is a yearling gray filly. Miss Russell, the dam of Maud S., is again in foal to Harold.

A distinguished party gathered at the residence of R. Honey, in the city of Mexico, recently, to witness the christening of the first thoroughbred foal dropped in the country. The colt is by Princeton, out of imp. Castaway, color dark bay, large star in forehead and hind heels white. He was christened Anahuac.

The executive committee of the American Jockey club contemplate making extensive alterations at Jerome park before next spring. A civil engineer has already staked off the ground for making the turns around the north field smoother. The track will also be changed so as to bring the horses into full view on every part of the course from the stand.

Reinstated.—[Claims for entrance money paid or settled.]—J. P. Charles, Allegheny, and the b m. Diamond (pacer), suspended July, 1884, by order of the Exposition driving park, Allegheny; J. H. Sauling, Philadelphia, and the b. g. Brandy Boy, September, 1884, Monmouth county agricultural society, Freehold, N.J.; Edwin Hart, Philadelphia, and the b. m. Ella Medium, Oct. 6, 1884, agricultural society of the state of Delaware, Dover.

Expelled.—[For fradulent entry.]—By order of the Cleveland Driving Park company: L. B. Goodrich, an implicated party in the entry of the blk. m. Minnie Moulton, alias Baby Mine.

HOME FROM EPHESUS.

Inspector Ward and His Men Arrive Last Night.

The 8.35 train on the Toronto, Grey and Bruce division of the Canadian Pacific steamed into Union station last night only five minutes late. There was a knot of policemen in plain clothes gathered on the platform. They were there to welcome Inspector Ward and ten comrades from the riotous whisky pranks which they had easily quelled up at Michipicoten. The scene of friendly greeting was in strange contrast to the work that Sergeant Greogry and half a dozen men were performing at the same moment at the Rossin house corner.

The men all looked healthy. The World greeted several of them, and learned that they had a very rough time of it indeed. They were well enough fed, but there was absolutely no sleeping accommodation for them in the miserable little hamlet up on the north shore of Lake Superior. They had to lay on the bare cold floor with only their overcoats for cover. (They may thank the citizens of Toronto that they are provided with such warm serviceable coats.) The posse received a very uninviting greeting on their arrival the first night. While at supper they were attacked by the rioters. Sixteen shots were fired at the building. Their cook was slightly wounded in the arm, but none of the men were injured. They charged on the rioters and captured nine of them. The ringleaders escaped to the American side at the Sault. Nothing more of a stirring nature occurred during their stay and on Thursday last the posse set sail for home on the steamer Magnet, arriving in Owen Sound on Sunday morning. Nine of the twenty or so rioters were tried, and five were committed for trial by the magistrate. They were brought to the Sault on the Magnet.

In the meantime three of the ringleaders who had crossed to the American side were arrested and handed over by the American authorities. They were locked up with the others in the Canadian jail. The Toronto men in all their dealings with the rioters did not fire one shot. The posse was put to considerable anxiety in guarding their prisoners, and also guarding against surprises from the rioters, as the building in which they were quartered was surrounded by high rocks. The posse, however, have not many good words to say about the expedition. Inspector Ward proved himself the right man in the right place.

The World asked Policeman Noble, one of the posse, what the rioters fired at them on the night of their arrival.

"Mon, dear," he said, "look at these. They belong to their repeating rifles."

The officer displayed a handful of death-dealing looking bullets about four inches long. "If we ever got one of these in us, it would have been good day."

The posse was drawn up in line on the platform and dispersed by Inspector Ward. The latter went straight to Major Draper's house and made his report. To a World reporter the chief expressed every satisfaction with the conduct of his men.

STEALING SCOTT-ACT VOTES.

Ballot Boxes Stolen—Removed From Goderich and Orangeville.

GODERICH, Nov. 3.—Considerable excitement was caused here to-day by the discovery that the court house had been broken into on Sunday night, and three ballot boxes, awaiting the official count, stolen. The boxes had been placed in the grand jury room on the first floor, and the entrance was made through the window, the glass of which was broken. The majority is so large that the theft cannot affect the result of the poll.

ORANGEVILLE, Nov. 3.—During Sunday night parties broke into the office of the returning officer here and stole five of the ballot boxes containing returns of the vote on the Scott act in Dufferin. There was great excitement in town when the news leaked out. The boxes stolen represent 150 majority for the act; with them the returns show 805 majority.

The Cat in Winnipeg.

On Thursday last John McCormack, a prisoner in the provincial jail at Winnipeg, was flogged by order of Attorney-General Miller for attempted escape on the day previous. There is a good deal of indignation in Winnipeg over the matter.

Free Press: It is unnecessary to comment further at present on this beastly business; but we warn those responsible for it that the like had better never occur again in Manitoba.

Sun: No matter where the reporter turned after the news had spread that the flogging had taken place, he was accosted by people boiling over with indignation at the action. To flog a man, they said, for simply trying to regain his liberty was an outrage upon humanity, and should not be tolerated in this christian country.

Fatal Accident to a Farmer.

BRIGHT, Nov. 2.—Samuel Skillings, a farmer two miles from Bright, fell from over the lays in his barn on Saturday and was injured so severely that he died on Monday.

A Great Building Room.

City Commissioner Coatsworth yesterday issued building permits to the amount of $50,000. W. S. Lee will erect three detached brick dwellings and brick stable on East Mutual street near Carlton street, to cost $7000; S. Herbert, five pair of semi detached three-story brick dwellings on Richmond street, west of Peter; cost $25,000; J. Hewlett, four semi-detached two story and two single brick dwellings on Richmond place, near John street, cost $20,000; W. S. Thompson, a brick two-story and attic house on Huron street; cost $4000.

In the Hands of the Enemy.

An old pensioner named Edward Gordon marched into No. 3 station last night, and delivered himself up as a prisoner of war, saying he had no home and no friends, and he wished to help Governor Green to earn his salary during the winter.

Mlle. Rhea's Repertoire.

Rhea will be at the Grand all next week. Her repertoire is as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday matinee, and Saturday evening, Yvonne; Wednesday and Thursday, Frou Frou; Friday evening and Saturday matinee, An Unequal Match.

The Night Schools Opened.

The night schools opened last night, and were attended by a large number of pupils. At some of the schools a number of young roughs attended with the intention of kicking up a row, but they were soon ejected.

Herr Rubinstein, when tired of his triumphal progress through Europe, retires to his villa near St. Petersburg, and there, surrounded by his family, he prepares for the next campaign.

THE NIAGARA SMUGGLERS

THE OPERATIONS BETWEEN TORONTO AND BUFFALO.

Ladies Who Cross Frequently on the Chicora—A Special U. S. Agent in Town.

It has long been suspected that smuggling has been carried on by parties resident in this city. No positive evidence has yet been secured that would warrant the authorities to move against certain individuals who, during the past summer, have been closely watched. Enough, however, has become known to prevent a repetition of the offence, and if further attempts are made next year by the parties suspected they will find themselves in the meshes of the law.

It is only during the summer months that such smuggling can be profitably carried on in this vicinity, said a well-posted gentleman to The World yesterday. You see it is very easy for a person to go over to Lewiston on the morning trip of the Chicora. He can remain there until the afternoon, and this gives him ample time to meet confederates. He can conceal about his person enough small articles to make the trip profitable, and at the same time not excite the suspicion of the customs officer. Another thing, he can have small costly goods forwarded under a fictitious name by mail or express to Lewiston, and there is always a "friend" willing to come down to the boat to greet him on its arrival. The friend can conveniently transfer the articles and take his departure. Of course, the real smuggler never leaves the boat, and the customs officer has not his suspicions aroused.

Women are expert smugglers, and generally manage to successfully escape detection. During the past summer a number of ladies, residents of Toronto, make periodical visits to Buffalo, Lewiston and Rochester, ostensibly for the benefit of their health. After a few days visit to the neighboring republic they would return via Chicora so much improved in health and physical appearance as to cause the customs officers on the boat to wonder how rapidly flesh can be laid on in the land of Uncle Sam. When these same ladies were encountered on their King street promenade some days afterwards their too solid flesh seemed to have melted into the air. These ladies may not have been smugglers, but their frequent trips and physical transformations have put the authorities on their track.

A well-known Rochester man, about town, recently boasted, in a hotel parlor in that city, that he landed a yacht load of jewlery and choice cigars near Mimico point, from whence they were carted to this city. Of course too much credence cannot be placed in his statement, but there is nothing improbable in it. Under cover of darkness anytime during navigation a dozen schooners could be run in near the shore and unloaded at any place between the Humber and Oakville.

The Niagara frontier is the favorite haunt of the more daring and pretentious smugglers who are a well organized gang, thoroughly familiar with every landing on each side of the river. This gang have for years eluded the vigilance of the best detectives and revenue officers of both the United States and Canada. Occasionally a seizure of coal oil or whisky is made, but none of the gang have been brought to justice. A Buffalo paper recently stated that Uncle Sam lost annually $50,000 by smuggling operations on the Niagara river. What the dominion loses is a matter of conjecture, but it must exceed the sum mentioned as being lost to the United States.

A special officer of the United States treasury department recently visited this city for the purpose of unearthing some smuggling operations that were said to be carried on by parties residing here and in Hamilton. The scheme was a neat and clever one, and succeeded because of its simplicity. All that was necessary was to lift up the cushion part of the seat in the Pullman and deposit the contraband articles under it, then let down the cushion, and the bold smuggler resumed his seat, and when the customs officer came round looked as innocent as a lamb.

A Humbug at the Grand.

Roland Reed is a clever young man, he has a clever play in Humbug, and he carries a clever company with him. This cannot be said of every star. He was received by a big house last night, and he pleased his audience thoroughly. Humbug is a farcical comedy written by Marsden. It contains a witty dialogue and is replete with laughable situations. There is no lag of humor in Humbug, and Roland is the boss Humbugger. If you don't believe this ask the manager of the Toronto electric light company. During the play Mr. Reed introduces several original songs. The engagement of the company last all week, with Thursday and Saturday matinees. To-night the presidential election returns will be announced from the stage of the theatre. The cast of Humbug is as follows:

Jack Luster	A Humbug — Roland Reed
Ned Ramsey	S. S. Bloch
Jackson Luster	Fred Hight
Albert Worth	Ed. B. Jack
Dick Podds	O. L. Jenkins
Judge Shaw	Jos. Gobay
Jacob Barts	O. L. Jenkins
A Servant	Chas. Patterson
Mrs. Arminda B. Ponsby	Miss Alice Hastings
Nettie Shaw	Miss Blanche Vaughan
Mrs. Judge Shaw	Miss Annie Mortimer

Berkeley Street Methodist Church Y. P. A.

The Young People's association of the Berkeley street methodist church held their first literary entertainment of the season last night. A code of rules was adopted and different committees appointed for the ensuing year. A short program was then gone through. A recitation entitled, The Arabs Farewell to his Steed, by J. H. Watt, was encored, as were also solos by the Misses Parr and Brecken. A Winters in a mouth-organ solo ably sustained his reputation as a thorough master of that instrument, as was evidenced by the hearty outbursts of applause on the part of the audience. The meeting was brought to a close by the doxology and pronouncing of the benediction by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Starr.

Young Men Discussing Tax Exemptions.

B. Lynch, the first vice-president, presided at the regular meeting of the Young men's liberal club held in their rooms in the Arcade building last night. The attendance of members was large. A debate on the subject "Resolved, that all tax exemptions be abolished," was held, in which a good many took part. J. T. Brown lead the affirmative and J. T. Edgar the negative. A vote was taken which resulted in favor of the negative.

THE "MISSING WITNESS"

In the Guelph Customs Case Turns Up at Last.

According to the Guelph Mercury of Saturday, the "missing witness" in the Lyon custom house investigation turned up in the Royal city on Friday. This witness, who was formerly book-keeper for Lyon, is the man who is said to have, at Lyon's instigation, endeavored to bribe the customs officials at that port. At any rate, such is the evidence given before Inspector Mewburn last week. On reaching Guelph, Lyon's ex book-keeper left at once with Collector Hefferman for Hamilton, at which point Inspector Mewburn was interviewed and the statement of the "missing witness" taken in full. That statement, according to the Mercury, implicates the subordinates of the Guelph custom house to a much greater extent than was at first supposed, and also bears out the fact that Lyon had for some time been entering goods at much below their value. What the result of the investigation will be is hard to tell until Inspector Mewburn makes his report to the department at Ottawa, but it is understood that the inspector, while exonerating the collector, will recommend the dismissal of both Fraser and Banting, who, it is said, are the parties who assisted Lyon to carry out his plan of defrauding the revenue. Banting is at present confined to his house by illness, and another landing waiter has been appointed in his place. Fraser, it is said, has been suspended by the inspector. Both Lyon and the "missing witness" were in the city yesterday anxiously awaiting the next move of the inspector, who seems determined to probe the matter to the bottom. Book circles are much excited over the event, as it has been no secret among the trade that for many years Lyon has been entering his goods at the customs at much below their real value.

Exhibition Liquor Cases.

The case against the occupants of liquor booths on the exhibition grounds was put through another stage at the police court yesterday. James Melrick, one of the defendants, was fined $20 and costs. In H. J. Hill's case Mr. Booth, a member of the Toronto industrial exhibition association, testified that Mr. Hill had received from the association authority for obtaining a license to sell liquor during the exhibition. The magistrate held that Mr. Hill had no personal interest in the business of the other defendants and was simply acting as the representative of the association. In the other cases there was no valid excuse. Mr. McLaren, counsel for the prosecution, obtained an adjournment till Nov. 11, when the cases against Walter Briggs, Jas. Frawley, John Kennedy, Owen Sheffer, Thos. E Scholes, Wm. Martin, John Ayre, Mrs W. Glenn, A. G Wooten, Turnbull Smith, Walter Grant and John Gaby will be also heard.

The Forged Order Dodge.

The gang of crooks infesting the city are bound to work it from end to end. On Saturday afternoon a small boy entered R. Walker & Son's and presented an order purporting to come from Score & Son, asking that thirty yards of imported trousering worth $3.25 a yard be given to bearer. The clerk suspected the order was forged, and told the boy to go back and ask if a smaller quantity would do. The telephone was put in use, and it was ascertained that the order was a forgery. When the boy returned and said to give him the amount in stock he was questioned as to where he was sent from. He said the man was waiting in Leader lane, and a constable was called, but when the trio reached the lane the man could not be seen.

Three Victories in Three Years.

Æ. Irving, counsel for the prosecution, while addressing the jury in the case of Lizzie Smith, who was acquitted on a charge of child murder, paid E. Galbraith, who had been appointed counsel for the defence by the judge, a high compliment, saying he had worked up an ingenious defence, where another man would not have had legs to stand upon. Galbraith is a young man, and has only been practising three years, but in that time he has won three murder cases in succession, and he is now looked upon with respect by older members of the professiou. The Smith case at Shelburne was his first victory, the trial of Mrs. Jeffrey, charged with murdering Curr on Edward street a short time ago, the second, and the last the Smith case.

The Light Fantastic.

Prof. J. Yorke Brown, the dancing master who is to open his classes in the academy at the Grand, on Wednesday next, has already a number of classes throughout the city, and upon the arrival, on Tuesday next, of Prof. E. Riordan, from Boston, who is about to take up his residence in this city, will be able to arrange for a number more private classes. In the meantime, the general classes for ladies and for gentlemen will begin this week; also juvenile class for misses and masters will begin on Saturday next, at 8 p.m. Circulars, cards of references, can be had by addressing, Academy, Grand opera house.

Injured While Stealing a Ride.

A small boy carrying a parcel of school books under his arm was stealing a ride on a Spadina avenue bob tailed car yesterday afternoon, and in his anxiety to watch the driver, fell off and narrowly escaped being run over by a passing wagon. As it was his left ankle was sprained and he limped away crying.

Gathering of the Parsons.

At the meeting of the Toronto ministerial association yesterday Rev. R. N. Burns, B A, read an able paper on the "Intermediate state." The paper was followed by discussion, in which nearly all the members present took part. Rev. Robert Wallace occupied the chair.

Its Twentieth Anniversary.

The twentieth anniversary of the Toronto Young Men's Christian association will be held at Shaftesbury hall this evening at 8 o'clock. Hon. S. H. Blake, Rev. Dr. Vincent and F. Schiveres of Brooklyn will deliver addresses.

The Jubilee Concert.

Undoubtedly the concert which the Jubilee singers will give at the pavilion Thursday afternoon (Thanksgiving day) will be their best. An unparalleled program is published. Read it.

A Big Presidential Bet.

A bet of $1000 even was put up in a prominent hotel last night on the result of to-day's presidential election. The money was furnished by a syndicate of four on each side.

DOINGS OF OUR DADDIES.

A NOVEMBER NIGHT'S SITTING OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

A Brilliantly Lighted Chamber in which to Transact Civic Business—The Bill of Fare.

The light furnished by two of the Toronto company's lamps made the city council room as bright as day when Mayor Boswell commenced the business last night.

Ald. Hastings and McConnell complained about policemen being sent out of the city at Mr. Mowat's bidding. Four office-seekers put in appeals for the vacant chair in Mr. Roddy's office. The Scottish and Ontario Investment company demanded the replacement of a plate glass window fractured by an inebriate who fell on his way to No. 1 station. R. McKinna, a King street east merchant, put in a notice of action for damages on account of a cellar flooded. Ald. Defoe brought down a resolution to appoint two valuators to assist Commissioner Maughan in fixing the assessment of St. Matthew's ward property. This gave several a chance to denounce E. A. Macdonald before Ald. Defoe decided not to press his motion.

When Ald. Walker brought in a bylaw to appoint an arbitrator to value the courthouse site land at the head of Bay street Ald. Davies objected to shoving the measure through without giving the members time for consideration. His arguments were sustained by Ald. Millichamp, Blevins and Lobb. Ald. Walker, Mitchell and Moore were contra. After a sultry debate the council decided, by 16 to 13, in favor of sending the bill through. As a two-thirds majority is requisite for such a course, Ald. Davies succeeded in his effort. The executive committee's recommendation allowing Captain Simpson the $50 paid by him for a license for the steam ferry Mazeppa was struck out. The gas lamp ordered by the fire and gas committee for the corner of Bloor and North streets was charged to the Ontario and Quebec crossing St. Paul's ward, after a long argument.

The council adjourned after passing the by-law prohibiting whistling, with an amendment exempting factory whistles.

A TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLAR DRUNK.

How "Bob" Yarwood Entertained His Friends in New York.

The papers are all talking about young Yarwood, the defaulting teller of the Merchants' bank at Belleville. A World reporter has all along been acquainted with one of "Bob's" (as he was called) escapades in Toronto and New York, but has not seen fit to publish it until this morning. The story is enough to make the hair of the Merchants' bank directors stand on end. Talk about Coal Oil Johnny. He was but a patch on Yarwood as a spendthrift, during a visit he made to Toronto and New York last August. He began to pour out his apparently unlimited pile in Toronto, and when he reached New York, where he met and joined four young Canadians, he made Gotham fairly howl. The fast houses in 37th and 40th streets were turned into wine palaces. He only remained a week, but was soon known all through the neighborhood as "Bob the Dandy." At the Coleman house and first-class restaurants the dinners he paid for were more than princely. He purchased watermelons and filled them with champagne. Nothing in New York was too rich for him. If his party were only going a block it would be in cabs, and the jehus, sizing up their man, did not forget to charge him fancy prices. In fact his week's spree in New York cost over $1200, or $200 per day. The party with him did not know where he got his wealth, but suspected all was not right. One of Yarwood's stories was that his father had just died and left him the money.

The Belleville Bank Absconders.

A more careful examination of the books of the Belleville branch of the Merchants' bank shows that the two absconding clerks had stolen over $12,000. The books of the branch were badly doctored and full of false entries.

PERSONAL.

Sarah Bernhardt has returned to Paris.

Mdme. Patti has arrived at New York.

Sims Reeves is 63 years old and can still sing.

Jas. Sutherland, M.P., South Oxford, is at the Rossin.

The Empress Augusta is an ardent admirer of Carlyle.

Blaine likes to write, but he draws the line at autograph-hunters.

Lord Rosebery will shortly be offered a seat in the English cabinet.

A prominent member of the Tennessee bar was recently taken for a tramp.

E. W. McMullen, president of the Central Ontario railway is at the Rossin.

Lord Lytton was the first man to introduce lace frills and canes into England.

Thos. McCrossin, warden of the Penetanguishene reformatory is at the Rossin.

The illness of Sir Moses Montefiore is of a very grave nature. Queen Victoria yesterday telegraphed inquiring as to his condition.

M. Renan, in arguing, always admits that his adversary is right, and then proceeds to demolish all the theories of his contestant.

William Cullen Bryant's memory was honored yesterday, the anniversary of his birth, in the planting of trees on the public grounds at Roslyn, L. I.

The Brussels Patriote says the king was attacked on Saturday with nervous disorder. His health has been much shaken by anxiety arising from the political crisis.

At a recent meeting of the association for the advancement of women at Baltimore, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe was elected president, and Dr. Jenny K. Trout of Toronto, vice-president for Canada.

Hugh Conway's real full name and age appear at last to have been made known authoritively. The Critic says he has written to Oscar Fay Adams that the name is Frederick John Fargus, and that he was born in Bristol in 1847.

Rev. James J. Moriarty of Syracuse will celebrate the nineteenth anniversary of his ordination as a priest at the residence of his aged mother, 322 East Fifty-first street, on Nov 11. He has hosts of friends who love to do him honor.

The princess of Wales, during the regatta season at Cowes, set the fashion of movable waistcoats and cuffs. Their navy-blue costumes for yachting were so arranged that by buttoning on red, white or blue waistcoats and cuffs a variety of costume could be easily effected.

Hugh John Getting Stout.

From the Regina Leader.

We had the pleasure of a call on Tuesday day last of Hugh J. Macdonald, barrister, Winnipeg, son of Canada's distinguished premier, who has been having a long cruise through various parts of the territories. He looks much the better of his knocking about, being quite sunburned and stouter than when we last saw him

More Rainy Weather

Probabilities for the lakes—Increasing, easterly winds, cloudy to rainy weather; colder north and west winds to-night or to-morrow.