

No Time to Lose.

Japs Must Hustle if They Want to Reach Peking.

For the Rigors of Winter Will Close the Road.

Horrible Atrocities Perpetrated by the Chinese Troops.

Manchester Ship Canal Proves a Decided Failure.

England to Have 23,000 Elections in the Next Two Weeks—Living and Miss Terry at Dublin—Zola's Visit to Rome—Disastrous Fog in London.

Rocked by Earthquakes.

PALERMO, Dec. 2.—Slight earthquakes were felt in Catania and other parts of Sicily Friday. No harm was done.

Terrific Explosion.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 2.—The Caulille fornic factory in Beverloo was blown to pieces today. Three persons were killed and twenty others were wounded.

Historian Froide's Will.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The will of James Anthony Froide orders that his literary papers be destroyed, including the unpublished documents concerning Carlyle, which Thomas Carlyle bequeathed him.

Lord Dufferin.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Lord Dufferin's term as British ambassador to France will expire at New Year's, if his Lordship declines to accept a reappointment. Sir Philip H. W. Currie will be transferred from Constantinople to the French capital in case Lord Dufferin refuses.

A Royal Good-Bye.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 2.—The Prince of Wales, Duke of York and King of Denmark left St. Petersburg today. The Czar and Czarina, who went with them to the railway station, were cheered loudly. The Czar and Princess of Wales embraced each other when they said good-bye.

Blaze in a Palace.

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—Fire started at 3 o'clock yesterday morning in rooms occupied by the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha in the Empress Frederick's palace. It was quenched quickly without help from the fire department. The Empress Frederick worked energetically arousing servants and helping clear out the rooms.

Discount Rates.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The rates of discount last week were 1 for 3 months and 4 for 30 days. The continent is withdrawing gold. Silver was dull, American offering and the east not seeking much. The Stock Exchange was busy; most investors were buying freely, especially in mining stocks. American railroad securities were dull.

Zola in Rome.

ROME, Dec. 2.—Emile Zola had a half hour's audience with King Humbert at the Quirinal yesterday. The King said he hoped that the friendly relations between Italy and France would be renewed. He knew that no nation was more anxious for peace than Italy. He rejoiced in regarding President Casimir-Perier as his friend.

A Murderer at Large.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The police have learned that a week ago a man, evidently insane, appeared in woman's attire in the streets of Kensington and tried to stab several women. He slashed two respectable women slightly and killed the disreputable woman whose body was found on Holland Villas road on the morning of Nov. 26. He has not been captured.

Turkey Warned.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The Daily News correspondent in Constantinople confirms the report that Great Britain warned Turkey against violating the Berlin treaty by permitting the slaughter of Armenians. He says Lord Kimberley energetically insisted that the Porte must govern Armenia better. The British consul in Erzeroum, Mr. Graves, has been instructed to watch the commission of inquiry.

Imperial Institute Subscriptions.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The collections from Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia for the Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies and India, which is to stand for all time as a record of her Majesty's jubilee, are good and are expanding. Nova Scotia has sent a little, and New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island have sent still less.

"To Him That Hath Shall Be Given."

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The Prince and Princess of Wales have presented Lady Margaret Grosvenor, daughter of the Duke of Westminster, who is to be married on Dec. 12 to Prince Adolphus of Teck, with a wedding gift of a pearl and diamond brooch. The present of the Duke and Duchess of Teck is a tiara. The Duke and Duchess of York and the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire presented Margaret with a diamond coronet and the Queen sends a diamond brooch.

London in a Fog.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—A dense fog prevailed throughout Central and Southern England yesterday. River traffic was stopped generally. In London several collisions of vehicles occurred in the streets resulting in some severe injuries. An omnibus fouled a gate near Oldham and fourteen occupants were hurled down a steep embankment, the majority being severely injured. Several isolated cases are reported in which persons accidentally fell into docks or canals, in consequence of their inability to see through the fog. Some of these persons were drowned. Many vessels ran aground. In the British channel navigation was suspended.

The Queen Surprised Her Guests.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—An incident occurred at the banquet given at Windsor in honor of

the marriage of the Czar and Princess Alix-Heese-Darmstadt, which is the talk of the diplomatic circle. The guests present at the banquet were surprised to see the Queen proposing a toast to the newly-wedded couple. Rising from her chair contrary to her usual custom her Majesty turning to the members of the Russian embassy said: "I drink to the health of the Emperor and Empress of Russia, my dear grandchildren." The Queen spoke with unwonted vivacity.

Peace Preferable to Conquest.

LAHORE, Dec. 2.—In the course of a long speech Thursday evening Lord Elgin, the Governor-General, said: "We seek to be strong in order to be at peace. We have no ambition for conquest. We do not desire to extend our boundaries. We only wish to cultivate the friendship of our neighbors. From the recent speech of Lord Rosebery we have reason to hope that the time is approaching when all risk of the clash of Russian and British interests in Asia will be obviated. I venture to say that no more welcome intelligence could be conveyed to any lover of India." Lord Elgin eulogized the Ameer of Afghanistan for his loyalty to treaties.

In the Interests of Peace.

A cable from Paris says: Everything that is known in St. Petersburg indicates clearly that an Anglo-Russian understanding has been reached on all that relates to Asiatic questions which will have its counter effect in Europe, and that France will then be able to take part in the arrangement. Thus in the face of the Triple Alliance of Germany, Austria and Italy there has been founded another Triple Alliance between England, Russia and France. By reason of the equality of the strength of the two groups the chances for the peace of Europe are still further increased.

William and Wales.

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—The Prince of Wales is expected to arrive here on Tuesday. Never before has any meeting between him and the Emperor been associated with politics, yet now both court and diplomatic circles concur in the belief that somehow the Prince has assumed the role of mediator. According to dispatches from St. Petersburg the Czar and Czarina, after visiting Copenhagen in June and Osborne in July, will return to St. Petersburg by way of Berlin. That the Emperor does not look with pleasure on the signs of an Anglo-Russian entente is self-evident.

A Worthy Woman.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The tributes from all over Europe to the memory of Princess Bismarck do not exceed the merits of that admirable woman. Her attachment to her masterful husband and his to her have always been of an extraordinary kind. To her he was devoted. From her came to him not only a constant care, but a softening influence on his life. She was the soul of his confidence, his confidante, his loyal, amiable, sympathetic, intelligent, without being pre-eminently intellectual, his confidant and adviser in many high matters. The loss to him in his 80th year and in exile from power is grievous. Earlier it would have been a serious loss to Germany, and it still is, for a very beautiful character lives now only in memory.

Much Money Wanted.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The Russian loan of £15,000,000 will be financed in London, not in Paris. It will be offered in the leading European capitals at 3½ per cent. The French Government projects a loan of £40,000,000, to be issued in the spring at 2½ per cent. The London market is very largely interested in the prospective borrowing of China under indemnity to Japan. According to the Statist £50,000,000 might be borrowed by prolonging the existing loans and mortgaging the free customs revenues. The proceeds of a loan paid in silver would send up the price of that metal considerably unless Japan, following the example of Germany after the defeat of France, should adopt a gold standard.

The Derelict Scare.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The derelict scare has been pretty well laid to rest by the report of the joint committee of the Admiralty and Board of Trade. This committee are unanimously of the opinion that the danger from derelicts in the Atlantic has been greatly exaggerated. Their computations show that not more than sixteen exist at any one time over an area of 10,000,000 square miles, and very much less than nineteen along the Atlantic trade routes. The cost and difficulty of discovering and destroying these few would vastly exceed any benefit to be obtained. They oppose any such undertaking and they do not favor an international conference. They propose, however, that masters of vessels should be required to report all derelicts they fall in with, and that all possible information should be published. Beyond that they decline to go.

Commons vs. Lords.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The minority of the Cabinet which was in favor of giving to the resolution limiting the power of the House of Lords precedence over other measures at the coming session of Parliament, has accepted the decision of the majority and will now favor a long legislative progress, winding up with the resolution on the eve of dissolution. The report that another Cabinet rupture is imminent has little weight outside of the Conservative agitators. Though the Radicals urge that the House of Lords question be immediately dealt with they will shrink from causing a split in the party, for it is now known that it is the design of the Cabinet to challenge the Upper House upon the first rejection by it of any great bill, such as the measure for the disestablishment of the Church in Wales, the Irish Land Reform Bill, etc., that shall be passed by the House of Commons. Parliament will reassemble the first week in February.

A "Dear Friend."

LONDON, Dec. 2.—A lady whose name is not known, and who is living in London apart from her husband, stated in the Court of Chancery this morning that in July last she was residing in London with a man named Clump, who claimed to be a resident of the United States. This man, she states, is now living in Berlin, where he is known by the name of Alexander. The plaintiff alleges that while they were living together she handed to Clump £2,400 in money and a number of valuable securities, and that he soon after left the city, taking with him the cash and securities. Detectives were at once set on his track and succeeded in tracing Clump to Berlin, where it was found he had sold shares of the Louisville and Nashville and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Rail-

way Companies to the amount of £1,400. These stocks, it is alleged, are the lady's property. Upon hearing the statement the court ordered the bank, in which other securities are deposited, not to part with any of them pending further developments in the case. The lady is said to be possessed of £40,000.

An Avalanche of Elections.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—During the next fortnight some 23,000 different local elections are to be held in England, and over 90,000 persons are to be elected to offices, which had not heretofore existed. There has been no parallel since the emancipation of the Russian serfs for such a tremendous alteration in the machinery of local administration. They say that in country parts public attention has been fixed on the impending election of parish and district councils for months, and that voters are keen to put the new institution to democratic use from the outset, but that in large towns, most of all in London, the magnitude of the metropolitanism is only now dawning on the popular mind. In Battersea, for instance, which is John Burns' district, there are over 500 nominations for 120 offices, and if the ballots are printed as in the Parliamentary elections each elector will be obliged to pick out names on a voting paper five feet long.

The Manchester Canal a Failure.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The Manchester Ship Canal is thought by the Times to be both a financial and commercial failure. It has been open eleven months. Its business shows no sign of increase since the beginning, but of late diminishes rapidly. If there were paying business to do there is not sufficient dock equipment. The gross receipts of the canal for a year will be less than \$400,000, less than is needed to pay interest on the first debentures. The debt is \$25,000,000. The resources relied on for reducing it have vanished. The corporation of Manchester has found this great sum and must find more if the undertaking is not to come to a standstill. Five millions are urgently wanted. If they are found the yearly liabilities of the company will be £2,500,000, with a revenue of less than half a million. Whichever way it is looked at the prospect before Manchester is as black as its atmosphere.

Actor Irving in Dublin.

DUBLIN, Dec. 2.—The Dublin corporation entertained the Irving-Terry Theatrical Company last evening. In his speech of welcome the Lord Mayor said that Mr. Irving and Miss Terry had done more than any others to refine the stage and make it an educator of the people. Part of Mr. Irving's reply was: "I regard our visit here as perhaps the most auspicious event of our lives. May God bless this whole noble nation; may prosperity ever be its portion. My soul shall always utter its love for you." Mr. Irving gave £100 to the poor of Dublin. After the performance in the Gayety Theater an address was presented to Mr. Irving and Miss Terry on the stage. The signers of the address include the Lord Mayor, Lord Chancellor, the Chief Justice and six other judges, Lord Weisley, the president of the College of Surgeons and Physicians, the provost of Trinity College, members of the House of Commons, and the sheriff of Dublin. Mr. Irving replied warmly to the presentation speech, and much enthusiasm was manifested. Baron Houghton, the Lord Lieutenant, attended the play, and remained to witness the presentation. The crowd cheered Mr. Irving and Miss Terry when they left the theater.

A Cruel War.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The Chee Foo correspondent of the Central News says the prevalent impression is that the Japanese will abandon the march on Peking. Part of the Japanese fleet has been seen in the Gulf of Wei Hai Wei, but it has made no attack. It is reported that an army of 250,000 Chinese expect to intercept the Japanese on their march to Newchwang. The Chinese surrounded a detachment of 500 Japanese in a town recently and captured them. Probably all the captives were killed.

In describing the fall of Port Arthur it is stated that in the fortress were found a number of mutilated Japanese prisoners and the bodies of women belonging to the ambulance corps dismembered and crucified on boards. The Japanese took scarcely any prisoners. When they entered Port Arthur all the garrison had either vanished or been killed. The flying Chinese soldiers have outraged, pillaged and murdered on every side, sparing in their frenzied cruelty neither women nor children. Japan is resolved to continue the war to the bitter end and to dictate her own terms of peace at Peking.

The London correspondent who witnessed the battle at Port Arthur says wounded Japanese were found at Port Arthur with their heads, hands and feet cut off, and their bodies awfully mutilated. The inhabitants, who had been armed with express rifles and explosive cartridges, resisted in the city, and the houses had to be taken by storm. Many Chinese were killed. The Chinese generals fled when the first fort was taken. Had they surrendered many Chinese lives would have been saved.

Some 18,000 men were engaged on each side. There were 250 Japanese killed and wounded. The Chinese killed number 1,500. The Berlin Voische Zeitung's Tokio correspondent says that German is rapidly replacing English as the principal foreign language in Japan. The Japanese Minister of Education has issued a rescript, substituting German as the head of the foreign languages taught in the universities and high schools. There are seven German professors in the University of Tokio. The London correspondent in Chee Foo telegraphs: All traffic to the northward will cease in ten days, and the Japanese will have to be quick if they intend to attack Peking in 1904. It is reported that the next attack will be made upon Wei Hai Wei, but Gen. Chang, a brave and competent officer, commands the defense of this stronghold, and he is assisted by several foreigners.

A Chinese refugee from Port Arthur says that six generals had equal commands in the defense, and all fought bravely, but the plans lacked combination, hence the defeat. Two generals escaped, one to Chee Foo, where he is in hiding, and the other to Tien Tsin. It is likely that they will be beheaded. The Chinese fear that if peace be concluded now the disbanded troops will plunder the whole country within their reach.

The latest reliable report is that Japan informed the United States Minister that she was willing to negotiate peace.

China has done this, therefore an armistice is probable. The Times hears from Kobe that the Government has published a statement that Commissioner Detring was not properly accredited by China to negotiate for peace and that China must accredit a high official with complete power.

Late Canadian News.

Hamilton May Have a Boodle Investigation, Too.

A Clergyman Suing for \$68 Arrears of Salary.

Mr. James Silex, one of Woodstock's oldest residents, is dead. Winnipeg citizens are moving to provide relief for the poor.

The Royal Pulp and Paper Company, of Montreal, has gone into liquidation. Mr. Samuel List, a farmer in Brantford district, has received word that by the death of a relative in England he is now possessor of \$50,000.

John Kennedy Falconbridge, father of Judge Falconbridge, died on Friday at Richmond Hill. He had been a resident there for many years.

Prospector McKay reports having found considerable mining land between Lake Winnipeg and Hudson Bay. Copper was particularly abundant.

At St. Catharines on Saturday Mrs. August DuLauritz, of Louth, was struck by a runaway horse and so badly injured that her recovery is doubtful.

Mrs. A. Robinson, wife of Bailiff Robinson, of Chatham, died at an early hour Sunday morning from an overdose of laudanum taken Saturday night.

Nothing has been heard from Herbert Wilson or James Smith, who decamped with the receipts of the "Billie Taylor" opera performance at Hamilton last week.

At Montreal on Saturday evening, A. Brodeur, aged 80 years, while walking over Ferdinand street crossing, was struck by the Canada Atlantic train and fatally injured.

The Customs Department charged 50 per cent duty on the bottle of anti-toxin recently imported for diphtheria cases in Montreal. Hon. Mr. Bowell will be asked to remit the duty.

Rev. E. J. Fessenden, of Ancaster, has issued a writ against the congregation of Trinity Church, Chippewa, for a claim of \$628 for arrears in stipend due him during the time he was rector of the parish.

The Montreal police are on the lookout for Albe Raymond, a Frenchman, and director of L'Assommoir College, Boston, who has skipped from that city after having swindled his creditors to the extent of \$20,000.

In Toronto the building permits for November were \$40,850 and for the corresponding month last year they amounted to \$111,090. Up to Dec. 1 this year they amounted to \$969,500, against \$1,343,290 last year.

Thos. Stillwell, a carpenter, who went to St. Catharines some time ago from Toronto, was arrested Friday, charged with the desertion of his wife and child. He was allowed to go on suspended sentence, on promising to be faithful in future.

After an excellent record of 22 years' service as commandant of the Thirty-first Grey Battalion, Lieut.-Col. George Brodie retires, and is succeeded by Major J. P. Telford. Another well known battalion, the Forty-fifth, also loses its commanding officer. The Forty-fifth was organized in 1866, with Lieut.-Col. F. Cubitt in command. The command of the regiment will devolve on Major John Hughes.

It is possible the city council will be asked to order an aldermanic investigation in Hamilton, although nothing has been done in the matter yet. Fred Coleman, the asphalt baron, was in Hamilton just previous to the letting of the pavement contract in Hamilton a few weeks ago, and it is said, at least three of the aldermen took the sum of \$25 each for their votes. On Coleman's return to Toronto from Hamilton, it is alleged he remarked to a friend, "It's pie in Hamilton; the aldermen are easy there."

Father and Daughter Perish.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 2.—By the explosion of a prior oil stove in a tenement this afternoon Luigi Roma, aged 35, and his daughter were burned to death. They were visiting at the house.

Report Won His Wager.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—J. M. Raport, who left New York city on May 10 last on a wager of \$5,000 that he would reach San Francisco on or before Dec. 1, walking the entire distance without spending a cent other than what he earned on the journey, arrived last night with six hours to spare.

Waterworks Revenue Increased.

Friday closed the financial year in connection with the waterworks department. The receipts for the twelve months aggregated \$58,019 87, as compared with \$54,777 29 for the previous year—an increase of \$3,242 58, and an excess of \$2,000 over the estimates of the year. During the last quarter 120 meters were in operation, and the rates from water measured in this manner reached \$2,366 89 during the quarter. The different wards contributed rates for the quarter as follows: Ward 1, \$2,314 54; ward 2, \$2,690 92; ward 3, \$2,764 53; ward 4, \$2,501 60; ward 5, \$1,243 69; ward 6, \$1,249 44. The running expenses for the year will be a little over \$20,000—a slight increase. It is said that the increased revenue will more than pay the sinking fund and the interest on the proposed \$50,000 waterworks debentures.

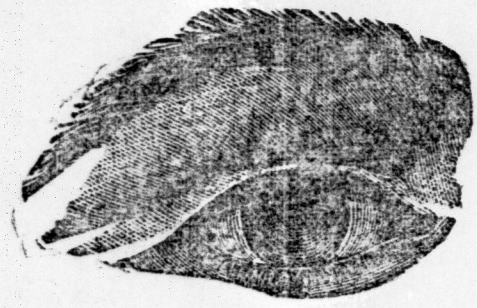
Steamships Arrived.

| Dec. 1. | At | From |
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| Buenos Ayres. | Liverpool. | Montreal |
| City of Lincoln. | Halifax. | Antwerp |
| Taormina. | Halifax. | Antwerp |
| Samara. | Portland. | Glasgow |
| Norwegian. | New York. | Glasgow |
| Australia. | London. | New York |
| Lylian Monarch. | New York. | Havre |
| Dec. 2. | At | From |
| La Touraine. | Havre. | New York |
| Etirra. | New York. | Liverpool |
| Massadan. | New York. | Rotterdam |
| La Bourgogne. | New York. | Havre |
| Edam. | New York. | Amsterdam |

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23-inch Shot Surah Silks, worth 45c, for 25c.
22-inch Shot Surah Silks, Brocades, worth \$1, for 50c.
22-inch Fancy Stripe Blouse Silks, worth 90c, for 50c.
21-inch Pure Silk Black Mervellieux, worth 85c, for 62c.
22-inch All Colors Surah Silks, worth \$1, for 75c.

UNDERWEAR.

Double-Breasted Heavy Undershirts and Drawers, 25c.
Double-Breasted All-Wool Undershirts and Drawers, 39c.
Laced Top Shirts, worth 60c, for 32c.
Men's Heavy All-Wool Socks, 10c pair.

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52-inch All-Wool Cheviot Cloths, only 60c.
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