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40TH YEAR, NO. 392. LONDON, ONTARIO, FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 1903. WHOLE NO. 16783.

Births, Marriages, Deaths.

MARRIED.

BRIDGMAN—McBROOM—On New Year's Day, at the residence of the bride's parents, 242 Hyman street, by the Rev. George J. Bishop, assisted by Rec. A. J. Saunders, of Listowel, Charles S. Bridgman, of New York City, to Maida Helene, daughter of Mr. George McBroom, city.

DIED.

PIGOT—At the family residence, on Jan. 2, 1903, Blanch Irvine, widow of the late John Pigot, and daughter of the late Richard Irvine, late of H. M. customs. Funeral on Saturday, Jan. 3, at 3 p.m.; services at 2:30 p.m.

KERNOHAN—On Thursday, Jan. 1, 1903, at Victoria Hospital, John Kernohan, in his 46th year.

Funeral from his late residence, lot 1, con 3, Westminster, on Sunday, at 3 p.m., to Dorchester cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. 83u

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC.

GRAND---Tomorrow, Matinee & Evening
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HOCKEY SPECIAL.
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HOCKEY—
STRATFORD VS. 7TH REGIMENT,
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MEETINGS.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY OF RICHARD Coeur de Lion Preceptory, No. 4, will be held in Knights Templars' quarters, Ontario Loan and Debenture Company's building, Dundas street and Market Lane, this (Friday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock. W. T. Stenberg, registrar. b

REGULAR MEETING OF ST. JOHN'S, 209a, A., F. and A. M., G. R. C., this (Friday) evening at 7:30 in the Masonic Temple. General business and degrees. Visitors welcome. S. J. Southcott, W. M.; T. A. Rowat, Secretary. b

THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE election of officers of the London Horticultural Society will be held in the rooms of the Entomological Society, Y. M. C. A. building, Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. R. W. Rennie, secretary. 82u

MACCABEES—A PUBLIC JOINT INSTALLATION of officers for 1903, of Forest City Hive, No. 320, L. O. T. M., and London Tent, No. 17, K. O. T. M., will take place in Maccabee Hall, Duffield block, 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 2. All welcome. 82u

FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETINGS will be held at Lambeth, Jan. 14; Ilderton, 15th, 1903. For particulars see posters. A. B. Scott, president, Vanneck; R. H. Harding, secretary, Thorndale. 80k

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The London Advertiser.
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WELLAND CANAL.

Tenders for Supplies for the Year 1903

Sealed tenders for supplies, addressed to the Superintending Engineer Welland Canal, St. Catharines, will be received until 20 o'clock on Friday, the 8th of January, 1903, for the supply and delivery of various articles of Timber, Hardware, Castings, Fuel, Paints, Oils, etc., for use on the Welland Canal and its branches for the year 1903.

Specifications, forms of tender and other information may be obtained at the Superintending Engineer's office, St. Catharines, on and after Monday, the 22nd December, 1902.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

L. K. JONES, Secretary.
Department of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, December 19th, 1902.

Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the department will not be paid for it. 801

PROCLAMATION!

To His Worship the Mayor:

The undersigned electors request you to summon a meeting of the ratepayers in the City Hall on the evening of Friday, the 2nd January, 1903, at 8 o'clock; and in the East End Hall on the evening of Saturday, the 3rd January, 1903, at the same hour, for the purpose of discussing matters relating to the municipal campaign.

S. J. BELL,
M. S. DEVLIN,
JOHN HOLLAND,
CHARLES McKERLIE,
H. A. CLARK,
and others.

Gentleman,—In compliance with the above request, I hereby summon meetings of the electors at the places and time above specified, for the purpose named. ADAM BECK, Mayor.

Mayor's Office, London, Dec. 30, 1902. 81c-xvt

Another Setback.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—The ticket-of-leave system has got another setback, the second in a very short period. Leopold Apps, a ticket-of-leave man, who resides in Hull, was arrested Wednesday night for the theft of $25 on the person of Felix Brozeau. He appeared before the district magistrate and was remanded till Jan. 3 for trial. Three years ago Apps was sentenced to two years in the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, but was released after serving six months of his term.

Hagyard's Yellow Oil is good for man or beast. Relieves pain, reduces swelling, allays inflammation, cures cuts, others fail. y

TWO WIVES LEFT BY A VICTIM OF G. T. R. ACCIDENT

Both Claim Wilson Morton's Body and Will Make a Fight for His Estate.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—It develops that Wilson Morton, of Chicago, one of the victims of the Wanstead wreck, was a bigamist. His first wife lives on Fallis avenue in this city, and the second resides in Hamilton. The first marriage took place in Toronto in 1874, and the second in Hamilton in July, 1901.

The Hamilton woman was Miss Morley Mutten, and she married Morton on the strength of an alleged divorce obtained by the latter in Chicago. Morton's wife No. 1, on learning of her husband's death, lost no time in making a claim for the body, and the Grand Trunk authorities giving up possession, together with any documents and baggage, the body was brought to Toronto and the funeral took place on Tuesday.

The Hamilton woman, who is only 22, is expected to claim the estate and also any damages that may be due from the Grand Trunk Railway, on the ground that she was Morton's legal wife. Morton was about 52 years old.

KING EDWARD VII. FORMALLY PROCLAIMED EMPEROR OF INDIA

Splendid Spectacle on Plains of Delhi.

A MESSAGE FROM HIS MAJESTY

Gorgeous Scene in the Great Amphitheater—A Magnificent Military Display.

Delhi, India, Jan. 2.—Tens of thousands of people from the City of Delhi and from villages far and near began gathering at daybreak yesterday on the great plain outside the city. There they waited patiently for the supreme announcement of the durbar, that King Edward was Emperor of India. Soon the plain was filled with crowding masses of people and the brightly colored clothing of the vast throngs covered the space with gorgeous hues. The crowd on the plain was composed largely of the common people, but among it could be seen the retainers of the various rajahs who had assembled for the function.

The attention of all was fixed upon the white amphitheater in the center of the plain, where the announcement was to be made. The amphitheater was odorned with gilded cupolas and surrounded by batteries, squadrons and battalions of the India army. Beyond the amphitheater, in the distance, could be seen great numbers of elephants, camels and horses. So vast was the multitude that the troops appeared as mere splashes of color. The arrival at the amphitheater of the Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, and other dignitaries and the princes was one of the brilliant episodes of the day. The princes were clad in silks and adorned with jewels, and their horses and carriages were brilliant with trappings of gold.

GORGEOUS SPECTACLE.

The spectacle within the arena was most striking and gorgeous. The Pathan chiefs and the Sirdars were resplendent in brilliant raiment. Soldiers, civilians and visitors from far distant countries were included among those within the amphitheater. Upon the entrance of the veterans of the Indian mutiny there was tremendous enthusiasm, and as the arrivals marched to their places the bands played national airs. The carriage of the Duke of Connaught, who represented King Edward, was escorted by a detachment of cavalry. As the duke and duchess were driven around the arena the assemblage gave them an enthusiastic welcome. Amid the acclamations of the people the duke took his seat at the left of the throne, while the duchess proceeded to a place behind the throne.

When the great amphitheater was filled and the hour for the announcement drew near, the multitude within and without awaited expectantly the first act of the proclamation ceremony. Then the

APPROACH OF THE VICEROY

was heralded. Preceded by members of his body guard, clad in white, blue and gold, and under the command of Major Grimston, Lord Curzon appeared at the entrance of the arena in his carriage. The postilions wore uniforms of scarlet and gold and the carriage was drawn by four bay horses. The viceroy was escorted by Sir Pertab Fingh. Alighting from his carriage Lord Curzon mounted the dais with golden lions, and around which were placed massive silver footstools. The throne itself was surmounted by a canopy of white and gold. When the viceroy reached the throne the National Anthem was played, and a salute of 21 guns was fired. When the spectators had resumed their seats after the anthem there was a flourish of trumpets from the heralds, and Major Maxwell, at the command of the viceroy, read the proclamation opening the durbar. The royal standard was then raised on high and the Imperial salute was fired. The massed bands marched by playing, bonfires were started by the troops outside and it was announced that King Edward was

EMPEROR OF INDIA.

There was another flourish of trumpets, and Lord Curzon arose and stood for a moment impassive. Then, in impressive tones he delieved a speech and read the message from King Edward. In his address the viceroy announced the coronation of the King. He extolled the loyal Indian people and prophesied prosperity for the Indian Empire. He said also that it had been decided not to exact interest for three years on all loans made or guaranteed by the Government of India to the native states in connection with the recent famine. The viceroy announced also the abolition of the Indian staff corps, which has long been an army sinecure.

After the King's message, which was then read by Lord Curzon, his majesty said that the Prince and Princess of Wales would shortly visit India. He regretted his absence from the durbar, and sent his greetings to his Indian people. In conclusion King Edward said: "I renew the assurance of my regard for the liberties of the Indian people; of my respect for their dignities and rights; of my interest in their advancement, and of my devotion to their welfare. These are the supreme aims and objects of my rule, which, under the blessing of Almighy God, will lead to the increasing prosperity of my Indian Empire and to the greater happiness of its people."

CHEERS FOR HIS MAJESTY.

As the viceroy finished reading the King's words, the assembled people broke into cheers for the King and Emperor. The cheering was taken up by the multitude outside the amphitheater, and was long sustained. There then followed the presentation of Indian princes to the viceroy and the Duke of Connaught, and political officers paid homage to the sovereign.

This ended the ceremony, and the royal cortege then left the arena, followed by the delegates from foreign powers and the Indian princes.

The whole ceremony was favored with brilliant sunshine. Lady Curzon was dressed in pale blue chiffon, trimmed with passementerie. She wore a flower hat. Lord Curzon was in full political uniform, with cocked hat. The Duke of Connaught had on a field marshal's uniform and the Duchess of Connaught wore a costume of cream lace over white silk, with silver trimmings and a cream toque.

When the Curzons reached the dais the viceroy and the Duke of Connaught saluted each other and Lady Curzon courtesied to the Duchess of Connaught.

Lord Curzon spoke for 30 minutes, standing most of the time with one foot on a silver footstool. During the reception of the princes and chiefs, Lady Curzon and the duchess stood behind their husbands, not participating in that part of the ceremony except in the case of the Begum of Bhopal (a Mohammedan princess), who was thickly veiled. After the presentation of the notables, the viceroy and the Duke of Connaught stepped forward and shook hands with Lady Curzon.

Lord Kitchener, after the ceremonies, entered his carriage and was driven to Delhi.

VICEROY A "KNOCKER."

London, Jan. 2.—Lord Curzon has brought down on himself the wrath of the furniture dealers of Great Britain by a disparaging allusion in his speech at the opening of the art exhibition at Delhi, Dec. 30, to "Tottenham Court Road furniture, its cheap Italian mosaics and flaming Brussels carpets," and appealing to the maharajahs to furnish their palaces with Indian work, rather than those British products. Sir John Blundell Maple, M. P., who is governor of a firm of furniture dealers, leads the attack on the viceroy, and clinches his indictment with showing a letter, dated at the viceregal lodge at Calcutta, ordering carpets for Lord Curzon himself, and requesting that the order be duplicated yearly. Other documents show that Court Road chairs and that the whole of the viceregal lodge at Simla is furnished from the same source.

SPIRITUALISTS' RITUAL

Unique Marriage Performed at Toledo, Ohio.

By Authority of the Spirit World and Earthly Law.

Toledo, O., Jan. 2.—The marriage ceremony which made Mrs. Helen Gutowski and Anthony Klaniecki, both well known here, man and wife, was performed by the ritual of Spiritualism at the Spiritualists' Church in Memorial Hall. Mrs. Loe J. Prior, of Washington, performed the ceremony, first addressing the congregation on the beauties of spiritualism. At the conclusion the bride entered on the groom's arm, accompanied by attendants.

Mrs. Prior declared herself ordained by the spirit world and earthly law to perform the service. Vows were then exchanged by the contracting parties and they were dismissed amid rounds of applause from the congregation.

MARRIED IN THE DARK.

Akron, O., Jan. 2.—George Sapp and Mary Bradshaw were married Saturday evening in total darkness. The novelty was not of their own choosing, but was all due to the temporary failure of the gas supply. The couple went to the office of Justice E. Koplin and found him in darkness. They made known their mission, and he being familiar with the ceremony, tied the knot without taking the trouble to borrow a lamp or lantern.

Morgan at the Helm.

New York, Jan. 2.—The International Mercantile Marine Company, organized by J. Pierpont Morgan, and with Clement A. Griscom as its president and directing chief, took actual control Jan. 1 of the management of the various lines combined, says a Press dispatch from Philadelphia. One of the first moves of public importance, Mr. Griscom says will be a rearrangement of sailings to give a fast passenger and mail steamship service from both sides of the Atlantic each day except Sunday. It may take a little time before this daily service can be inaugurated. When it is, it will be important to travelers and business men, as it will mean a regular foreign mail delivery with no break.

ROPE AND BULLET CASTRO'S AIDS

Venezuela Reeks With Dead—President Shows Little Mercy to Opponents.

Caracas, Jan. 2.—President Castro, who has been putting off his return to the capital on one pretext after another, has arrived here. The people, with whom he is exceedingly unpopular on account of his merciless rule, received him with scant demonstration. On the other hand, the soldiers gave him an enthusiastic welcome. Salutes were fired and bands played. The president drove through the city in an open carriage, unguarded, and accompanied by Gen. Miraflores.

Throughout Venezuela conditions are lamentable. Castro's mandate is the only law, and he shows scant mercy. He has filled the jails with his political opponents. Executions take place everywhere. The soldiery is able in this way to gratify personal spite or disappointment. Within sixteen miles of road close to the capital 85 corpses can be counted today. These unfortunate persons have been either hanged or shot. The country elsewhere reeks with the dead.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

"Southern Enchantment" at the Grand Opera House.

Do all Gus Hill's shows include a fool initiation ceremony? Must all coon shows contain an unsophisticated mark and a designing grafter? These two questions come naturally to the mind after seeing "Southern Enchantment" at the Grand yesterday. The last of Mr. Hill's productions seen here was "Alphonse and Gaston," and it too included a roughhouse interlude, supposed to represent the initiation ceremony of a secret society. Again, the two coon shows last seen here—"A Trip to Coontown" and "The Hottest Coon in Dixie"—are both hung upon the same slender peg of plot. One could pick many flaws in "Southern Enchantment"—as, for instance, the fact that there is no "enchantment" visible about it—but what's the use? Its knockabout, rough-and-tumble, catch-as-catch-can proceedings seemed to please the holiday audiences, and even the seasoned and jaded theatergoers present could not restrain their laughter at the grotesqueries of the comedians. Ernest Hogan, "the unbleached American," who has written several popular ragtime ditties, takes the part of George Washington Bullion, while Billy McClain enacts Grafton Smooth, whose motto is "Be ever up and doing—especially doing." The other members of the company fill their roles creditably, while the pretty melodies of the piece are well suited to their voices. The scenery was gaudy but pleasing, and the costumes good. Some of those used in the second act looked suspiciously like those used in "Alphonse and Gaston."

Delightful New Year's Concert at the Auditorium.

A large audience gathered at the Auditorium last night to enjoy the fifth number of the popular concert course. An artistic programme was furnished by Marian Short, reader, of New York; Louise Leslie Mackay, soprano, of New York; Rosada Noor Taylor, contralto, of London, and Henry S. Saunders, 'cellist, of Toronto. Miss Short's readings, particularly her humorous ones, at once established her as a favorite with her audience. Mrs. Leslie, who is not altogether a stranger to a London audience, repeated the success of her former appearance here. She was presented with a beautiful bouquet of carnations. Miss Taylor's two solos were received with favor, and Mr. Saunders' numbers were rendered with his usual artistic spirit. The company will appear at the Auditorium tonight in a complete change of programme.

Marks Bros. Drew Big Holiday Audiences.

Two monster audiences filled the London Opera House yesterday to witness the holiday performances given by the Marks Bros., and the best supporting company they have ever had. The business done exceeded even that of the Christmas Day engagement. The audience gave every evidence of satisfaction with the bill presented, "In Duty Bound," being given in the afternoon, and "An Irish American Gent," in the evening. Tonight "East Lynne" will be put on, with Miss Katherine Standish in the role of Lady Isabel, a part in which she has won success. A children's matinee will be given tomorrow afternoon, with "Paradise Regained" as the bill, while at the concluding performance on Saturday night the prize ton of hard coal will be given away to the holder of the lucky number.

"CASTE" TOMORROW.

The famous comedy "Caste" will be presented at the Grand tomorrow afternoon and evening. The production will be under the direction of George H. Brennan, whose recent revival of "The Country Girl" with Robert H. Ferguson and Kathryn Kidder in the leading roles is still fresh in the minds of theatergoers. Mr. Brennan was also associated with Daniel V. Arthur in the revival of "She Stoops to Conquer" with Stuart Robson as Tony Lumpkin. The present revival is more notable than any of its predecessors. The company will include several players who have starred successfully in their own productions. Those included in the cast are: Mary Scott, Robert V. Ferguson, Countess de Castelvecchio, William Hazeltine, William A. Evans, Lawrence Griffith and Sadie Handy.

"SWEET CLOVER" MONDAY.

"Sweet Clover," the pretty rural comedy drama, will be presented at the Grand on Monday evening. The Toronto Globe said of it: "With Otis B. Thayer and Blanche Hall in the leading parts and a good supporting company, the drama went as effectively as ever. The play affords good opportunity for natural pathos and quiet comedy on the part of the chief actors. The leading scenes were received with great applause."

THE "PRISONER OF ZENDA" COMING.

Of all romantic dramas extant, possibly none has enjoyed the continuous prosperity and favorable criticism that has been accorded to the "Prisoner of Zenda." From the night of its first presentation, when E. H. Sothern began a limited engagement in New York city, which finally culminated in a run that extended far into a second season, until the present time, this famous romance still maintains the first rank in the dramatic offerings of its kind. The "Prisoner of Zenda" will be presented at the Grand Tuesday evening.

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President Castro's Answer Is Satisfactory to Berlin—Feeling at Rome.

Berlin, Jan. 1. — President Castro's reply to the powers is substantially an unqualified acceptance of their proposals to arbitrate and the accompanying conditions. The foreign office here received his answer today, and is satisfied with its spirit. A further interchange of views, preparatory to signing the protocol, will take place in Washington. The only really important question to be settled is what shall be done with the blockade. A continuance of the blockade is relied upon to hasten the conclusion of the arbitration preliminaries, especially on the part of Venezuela.

Rome, Jan. 1. — Foreign Minister Prinetti this afternoon received through Ambassador Meyer, Secretary Hays' communication of President Castro's acceptance of The Hague arbitration in principle, but with an additional proposition which the Government at Washington does not support. While reserve is maintained at the foreign office with regard to the Venezuelan matter it has been learned that the foreign office considers the additional proposition made by President Castro as not likely of acceptance. Communications on this subject are now being exchanged with Germany and Great Britain.

CASTRO TALKS.

Caracas, Pa., Jan. 1. — President Castro was interviewed today regarding the rumors that he had refused to accept the proposals of the powers to refer the Venezuelan issues to The Hague court. The President denied the rumors, and said: "If a settlement is not reached it will be because a settlement forms no part of the plan of the allies. In this case the prolongation of the present situation would be disastrous for all concerned. The solution of the present difficulty depends more on the allied powers than on Venezuela."

Line Open Today.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—San Francisco and Honolulu are now connected by cable. The first words passed under the ocean a few moments after 11 o'clock last night. The wire worked perfectly. The first message received was from Governor Dole to President Roosevelt. It was merely a formal greeting and congratulation from the people of Hawaii to the people of the United States from one chief executive to the other. The line will be open for business today.

United States Consul Goodnow at Shanghai has been made the object of formal attacks by the American Association at Shanghai. The principal charge is that he exacted excessive fees for transferring a vessel from the Chinese to the American flag. Goodnow makes vigorous denial.

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