

## SEVERE FIGHT IN EAST AFRICA

Between Rebellious Natives and a British Force.

A Cane, With Which the Queen Was Struck, To Be Sold at Auction in London—Damaged by the Hurricane in Dublin.

Calcutta, Dec. 29.—Advices received here from British East Africa say that on October 10 a force of rebels attacked a detachment of 30 men belonging to the 25th Baluchis, commanded by Lieut. Hannington, who was marching to Masindi. A native officer and twelve men were killed and nine men were wounded, including Lieut. Hannington, who was shot through the right arm, and had his left hand shattered by a bullet.

The rear guard repulsed the enemy, and the wounded were conveyed fourteen miles to Kisalizi, on the western shore of Lake Kioga, which place was held by a company of Baluchis. The rebels lost one hundred men.

Later the rebels attacked Kisalizi and lost 25 men. The casualties on the British side were two men wounded. Troops, the advices added, were dispatched to pursue the rebels.

The Baluchis engaged originally belonged to Col. Martine's expedition, which left Kisalizi in October, going in the direction of the Nile, with the object of joining Gen. Kitchener's forces. The Baluchis were left behind in Unyore in order to dispose of the remnants of the Sudanese force, which rebelled under MacDonald and took refuge at Unyore.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT WAS POISONED

New York Woman Drinks Cyanide of Potassium.

Sent in a Silver Medicine Bottle—Holder and Marked "Ermco Seltzer"—One Dose Killed Her.

New York, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Kate J. Adams, a well-to-do woman, was fatally poisoned yesterday in her home, 850 Madison street, by drinking from a silver medicine bottle containing cyanide of potassium.

Mrs. Adams was a widow, 50 years old. She lived with her husband, Edward Rogers, general agent in this city of the Hartford (Conn.) Insurance Company. Harry Cornish, a well-known athlete and physical director of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club, bought with the Rogers, Mrs. Adams' package with a bad headache. Her daughter, Mrs. Rogers, advised her to take some bromo seltzer. Mrs. Rogers remembered that there was some bromo seltzer in Mr. Cornish's room. This she got and gave it to her mother, who took a fair-sized dose. In a few seconds Mrs. Adams was in great pain, and evidently suffering from the effects of a strong poison. Dr. Hitchcock was called in by Mr. Cornish. He tried to counteract the effects of the poison, after tasting the alleged bromo seltzer and declaring it to be cyanide of potassium. Mr. Cornish also tasted the poisonous stuff. In a few minutes both Mr. Cornish and Dr. Hitchcock were prostrated by effects of the slight quantity of poison they had taken. Dr. Parker was called in. He revived the two men, but Mrs. Adams died.

Mr. Cornish states that on Christmas Day he received a neat package addressed to himself containing a sterling silver medicine bottle holder in a Tiffany box, and in the holder was a bottle marked "Ermco seltzer." The package was anonymously sent, but this, as he frequently gets presents in this way. It was this bottle that Mrs. Rogers got for her mother.

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"I had female trouble for eight years," writes Mrs. L. J. Deunk, of 223 East College Street, Jackson, Ill. "I was so bad I would lie from day to day and long for death to come and relieve my suffering. I had internal inflammation, a disagreeable drain, bearing-down pains in the lower part of my bowels, and such distress every month, but now I feel strong and healthy woman. Thanks to your medicine. I never forget to recommend it to all suffering women. I consider myself a living testimonial of the benefits of your 'Favorite Prescription.'"

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## OPEN LETTER FROM MRS. BOOMER

Will the editors of the London daily papers be so good as to make room for the following letter upon the subject of the election of women upon the school board?

Sir, I am advised that at the present juncture it would be well for me to offer a few words by way of explanation of my personal relationship towards the effort about to be made in No. 4 ward to get a woman elected upon the school board.

As I have already, upon two occasions, stood side by side with the present candidate, not knowing which of us, if either, might be chosen, and as I have never had any reason to change my opinion that Mrs. Thomas Evans was by far the more suitable woman of the two for the position, it is not likely that I should do otherwise than rejoice that she has consented to stand once more, or that I should hesitate to invoke as I do most earnestly, the help of every one who has a vote in No. 4 ward, to secure her election, be their politics what they may.

I submit that with the special side of education, the practical, personal home-making of an education, the side which takes into account the complex nature of the child, that it is born with fingers as well as brains, and that the same average of both fingers and brains rules in the families of Conservatives and Reformers alike, the question of politics can have no place, whilst at the same time, it is a side which would most naturally commend itself to the woman trustee as being one of the most important departments under the consideration of the board of education.

I have been warned in terms which cannot admit of any double interpretation, that my action in supporting the cause of a woman trustee in No. 4 ward will be the death-blow to domestic science, and that I shall look in vain for help whenever an opportunity occurs to bring the matter before the new board. I am a good Conservative, as all my forebears were before me, and as I hope to be to the end of my days. Consequently it is a matter of regret that by the irony of fate, as it were, it has turned out that the other candidate in the field should not only be a Conservative, but the chairman of the present board; still, even that unlooked-for contingency cannot make me faithless to my promise to support the woman candidate, who has twice taken her defeat so bravely, and who has the pluck to come forward once more.

Pledged to the carrying out of one common end, as she stood by me, so must I stand by her, and I must take the consequences. But of these consequences I have no fear.

When the subject of domestic science came up from time to time for a hearing before the old board, it was treated with a beautiful impartiality, and had to take its occasional pains of encouragement of its hard knock-down blows, from one side, sometimes from the other, just as they happened to fall, and so I suppose it must be until success comes as its reward. I am not going to believe that honest, honorable men will judge it upon anything but its merits, or that they will condescend to sacrifice their honest convictions and reputation for good judgment and common sense, merely because they want to punish the woman trustee for not swerving from a course which has seemed to her the only one possible to her. Thanking you for the courtesy extended in the publication of my letter, I remain, sir, yours, sincerely obliged, H. A. BOOMER.

LAMBETH, TH.

Lambeth, Dec. 28.—One evening last week a number of the most intimate friends of Mr. John Poole, who had upon him, it being the occasion of his birthday. After the usual greeting and good wishes were gone through with, Mr. Alex. Bannatyne read a suitable address, while Mr. A. Shopland made the presentation of a most beautiful and useful gift, which was much appreciated by Mr. Poole, who made a suitable reply.

The Methodist Sabbath school entertainment, consisting of music, recitations, songs, dialogues, and a faro drill, evening, and a faro drill, evening. The tree was well loaded with costly presents. The receipts at the door were \$28 75.

Messrs. Truman and Lafey Van Deinder spent the Christmas holidays at their old home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hunt, of Dorchester, spent Christmas at Mrs. Hunt's father's, Mr. James Burrows. Mr. Fred Piper is home on his holidays.

Mrs. J. S. Williams, daughter and son, of Rochester, N. Y., are visiting Mr. L. M. Vandermade for a few days. Misses E. and L. Brode, of Southampton, are visiting Miss Minnie Hamlyn.

Miss L. Poole, of London, is renewing old acquaintances here.

Mr. Will Ware, editor of the State's Welfare, of St. Louis, and Mr. George Moore, of Kansas, two of Lambeth's old boys, and Miss Lilly Moore, of Hamilton, spent Christmas with Mr. David Low, after which the gentlemen left St. Thomas on an early train for their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Best, of Strathroy, and Mr. Roy Routledge, spent Christmas at the home of the latter.

The Sabbath school of Trinity Church held their annual entertainment Thursday evening, Dec. 29.

The Klondike Club had Klondike weather for their concert last night.

A large number of young people held a very successful skating party on Mr. Harry Poole's open air rink on Monday, Christmas holiday, a few fancy skaters from a distance being present.

Among the number was London's prize skater, Mr. Bert Thomas, who made some fine time although handicapped by a very stiff breeze.

The Messrs. Sadler spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs. Walter Jordan, of St. Thomas.

Dr. Blackwell, V.S., of Glencoe, brought two valuable horses yesterday from Dr. G. A. Routledge and W. B. Woodhull.



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COLD SNAP

One of the Most Sudden Changes in Temperature on Record.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—One of the most sudden changes in temperature in Montreal on record was reported by the observatory at the city hall yesterday morning. At 3 p.m. Tuesday the temperature was 25 above, at midnight 20 above; at 2 a.m. the thermometer registered 10 above; at 7, 3 below, and at 11, 6 below. At the latter hour the velocity of the wind was 30 miles an hour.

STRATHROY.

The annual treat in connection with St. Andrew's Band of Hope will be held in the basement of St. Andrew's Church Friday afternoon.

Dr. Manfred Smith, of Clinton, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Smith, Front street.

A few of the young men of the town purpose attending the ball to be held in the Music Hall, Watford, on Friday evening, Dec. 30.

Mr. Thompson is visiting his brother, Dr. Archie Thompson, Grand Rapids.

Miss Minnie Macintyre, inspector of kindergarten schools, is spending the vacation at her home in Toronto.

Miss Jessie McBeth, accompanied by her sister, Miss Gertrude McBeth, returned to Detroit Wednesday.

Miss Gertrude and Mr. Harry Murby, of Toronto, spent Christmas with friends in town.

The death is announced of Mrs. Susan Alderson, wife of Mr. Thomas Amos Alderson, of Adelaide, at the age of 53 years. The funeral will take place from the family residence, lot 3, corner S. E. R. Adelaide, on Friday morning, Dec. 30, at 10:30 o'clock, for the Strathroy cemetery.

A very pleasant event took place on Monday evening last, at the residence of Mr. Robert Frank, when his daughter, Miss Nellie Frank, was married to Mr. David, of Columbus, Ohio. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives of the bride and groom.

The Rev. Mr. Jordan, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, officiated. After partaking of a dainty wedding supper the evening was spent by the young people in dancing and other amusements.

Mr. Elgin Wetherell, of Toronto University, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wetherell.

Mr. Alfred Andrews formerly of this town, has been re-elected mayor of Winnipeg by a majority of over 500.

MOUNT BRIDGES.

Mount Bridges, Dec. 29.—The Xmas entertainment in connection with the Baptist Sunday school was held in the town hall on Saturday night. The hall was comfortably filled and a good programme was rendered by the children of the Sunday school, assisted by Miss Finch, of Komoka, and Miss Smith, of Mount Bridges. The proceeds amounted to about \$27.00.

The anniversary of the Methodist Sabbath school was held on Sunday last, Rev. W. W. Shepherd, of the Mount Elgin Industrial Institute, preached at 10:30 a.m. to the parents and teachers, and in the afternoon a mass meeting of the school was held in the basement. Rev. W. W. Shepherd, addressed the school. There was a large attendance and a profitable time.

In the evening a Christmas service was conducted in the auditorium of the church. The edifice was filled to its utmost capacity—in fact, it was the largest attendance since the opening day. The choir of the church furnished special Christmas music, and Miss Annie Courtis, of Mount Carmel, sang a solo after the Scripture lesson.

On Monday evening the annual Christmas entertainment in connection with the above school took place in the town hall, and it was a record breaker. The large building was packed almost to suffocation and scores were turned away. This school is known for miles around, and has the reputation of furnishing the best Christmas entertainment of the season; but this year it excelled all its predecessors. The excellent programme consisted of drills, motion songs, dialogues, choruses, solos, quartets, medleys, patriotic songs, etc. After the Christmas presents, which were distributed to a Christmas tree suspended from the ceiling, were distributed, and all went away perfectly satisfied. The proceeds of the entertainment amounted to \$58.

DAMAGE DONE BY HURRICANE.

Dublin, Dec. 29.—In a terrible hurricane, which swept over county Mayo yesterday, the beautiful new Roman Catholic Church at Castlebar, just completed, except the roofing, was blown down. The entire clear story and the outer pillars are in ruins. The damage will amount to thousands of pounds.

TRIED TO GET AWAY.

Walkerton, Ont., Dec. 29.—Robert King, alias H. W. White, the alleged forger on a large scale, and supposed to be a member of a celebrated gang of Chicago crooks, who was arrested at Paisley last Friday, made a futile attempt at jail-breaking yesterday. The turnkey had occasion to visit the prisoners a little earlier than the usual time in the evening, and much to his surprise discovered that King had removed the grating of his cell, and the only thing between him and liberty was a common door-lock. The timely arrival of the turnkey is all that interfered with the prisoner escaping.

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## MATRIMONIAL MIX

Romantic Career of a Young Girl With a Married Man.

Wife No. 1 and Wife No. 2 Give Evidence Against the Man Who Had Promised to Love and Cherish Them Both.

"A matrimonial mix" was the drawing card at the police court this morning, and for over two hours Magistrate Parke listened attentively to an interesting case, a romance of real life. It was a bigamy case, in which the accused is John Drennan, Richmond street, his accuser Colborne Griffiths, father of the alleged wife No. 2. Both marriages are alleged to have taken place on Christmas or Christmas Eve.

Wife No. 1, Mrs. Drennan (nee Miss Sarah E. Herron), took the stand and deposed to having been married to Drennan on Dec. 24, 1896, by Rev. E. B. Ryckman, then pastor of the Wesleyan Street Methodist Church, and produced documentary evidence to prove her statements.

Colborne Griffiths (wife No. 2) said she had known the prisoner about two years and a half. She made his acquaintance while working at 512 Talbot street. One evening he sent her a note, asking her to take a walk with him, as he was a friend of her father's. She did not at first heed his advances, but a message back to the effect that if he (Drennan) wanted to see her he could come to her. Drennan came a couple of evenings after that, introducing himself as Harry Johnston, and they took a walk together. They were often together after that, and when the prisoner visited her father's house he was known as "Harry J. Johnston."

He claimed to have no friends in the city, and a friendship sprung up between them. She had gone out with him two or three times a week, sometimes driving and sometimes walking. The prisoner had said he was an employee of the Free Press, and had pointed out the house on Queen's avenue in which he said he lived. In March, 1897, "Johnston" wanted her to marry him, and she said she had nothing against him. He proposed a trip to Toronto, and the Saturday before Christmas, 1897, they both went to Toronto for the purpose, where "Johnston" introduced her as a lady friend from London. Nothing was said to the prisoner's father or mother about the matter, as "Johnston" had told her that he wanted it kept quiet, so his parents wouldn't "get into it," because if they did they would disinherit him. On Christmas Day, she said, the day after the arrival in Toronto, "Johnston" said he had the marriage license all ready, and he and she went out. They met a young couple on the street, and the four went to the minister's, where she and "Johnston" were married. Wife No. 2 didn't know who the witnesses were, or who the minister was. "Johnston" gave her the wedding ring, and the minister gave her a certificate. Both of these she kept for a couple of months, when "Johnston" took them, telling her she had no proper place in Toronto to keep them. They went to London on Sunday, the day following their marriage. Nothing was said to her father about the marriage, as "Johnston" wanted it kept secret for the reason already mentioned. She continued in service until April 2, when she went home. In May, "Johnston" told her father about the marriage, and after that he ("Johnston") came to see her two or three times a week, something remaining from Saturday night until Monday morning.

A letter was written and dated Sept. 2, 1898, and written by wife No. 2, in which she said the marriage had never taken place, that she knew "Johnston" was a married man, and that she didn't want a married man for her husband when there were lots of single men.

The letter said had been written at the instigation and request of the prisoner, as he said he wanted to show it to his father, so that he could get some money that was coming to him. She claimed that the document had been altered in some respects.

Mr. Griffiths, father of wife No. 2, spoke of his daughter having gone to Toronto with Johnston on Christmas eve, 1897. On their return he met them in the yard, and wished them much joy, under the impression that his marriage had taken place. "Johnston" had said: "Hold on. You're too previous with the joy. We're not married." Johnston had told him that he was a Free Press reporter, and had worked on the paper for twelve years. Witness said he didn't trouble very much about the matter, because he believed what "Johnston" told him, and if he had worked anywhere for twelve years he must be a reliable man. He had also told Mr. Griffiths, on one occasion, that he had married about five years ago, but that his wife was dead. The prisoner had one day told the truth about the matter of his marriage, and asked witness to keep it quiet. Witness had been told that the prisoner was not a reporter, but a coal-truck driver, working for Bowman & Co. He went down there about a week ago and asked for Mr. Johnston. No such man, he was told, worked there, and after waiting round for a while, witness said he saw Drennan.

Mr. Duncan Stuart, of Stuart, Stuart & Ross, appeared for the prisoner, and in cross-examination, Mr. Griffiths said that he had interfered before between his daughter and other young fellows. He had spoken to his daughter about getting married, and that was the reason why "Johnston" told him they were married. After that he came to the house regularly, and sometimes stopped two days.

The case was adjourned for a week.

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