

WIRED UNDER THE WAVES

The news flashed across the ocean by cable. O'Brien out of order—liberalism in Spain—in defiance of Gladstone—Robinson at Naam.

A SORTIE AT SAUKIN.

The Rebels Repulsed—Fifteen Killed—No British Loss. CAIRO, Dec. 4.—The rebels attacked Saakin at midnight Wednesday, the sortie lasting three hours when they were repulsed with a loss of fifteen killed and a large number wounded.

PROTECTION IN FRANCE.

Proposed Increase of Duties on Foreign Goods. PARIS, Dec. 4.—The committee of deputies decided to propose to the chamber an increase in the duty upon foreign corn from 2 francs 40 centimes per centner to 4 francs 70 centimes per centner.

MEETS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 4.—General Warren sent here to command the forces which are to operate against the Boers, arrived today and was greeted with an enthusiastic reception.

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE COLONY.

London, Dec. 4.—The case of Capt. Dudley and the mate of the wrecked yacht Mignonette, who killed the boy Parker to keep themselves alive, and against whom a verdict was found in accordance with the facts, was heard today by a full bench of the court of appeal.

CHINA'S MEAN DEED.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—A Hong Kong despatch says the Chinese agent who has abandoned all hopes of mediation between their government and France, and have referred to the case of the judges were twelve men of the French fleet and relieving force of the blockade, Germans held various posts on board the fleet, one of them commanding a ship under the Chinese admiral.

LIBERALISM IN SPAIN.

MADRID, Dec. 4.—Gen. Serran presided last night at a meeting of delegates of the dynasty left from all parts of the kingdom. Speeches were made by several members denouncing the demonstration as very significant; it has agitated the state and parties.

MADAME HUGUE'S VICTIM.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—Moris, shot by Madame Hugue, suffers most acute agony. He utters piercing shrieks all night long, and drinks milk curds and rum with great avidity. His left hand is tied to prevent him tearing the bandage from his head. His right arm is paralyzed.

ENGLAND AND THE NIGER.

BERLIN, Dec. 4.—The memorial of Male, asserting the claims of England to the Niger country, created an excellent impression among the delegates to the Congo conference. A decision in favor of England is considered certain.

BIAMARK ON GLADSTONE.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—In the common Ashmead Bartlett gave notice that he would call the attention of the house to the disparaging remarks made by Bismark in the Reichstag yesterday upon Gladstone and his cabinet.

POISONING THE FRENCH.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—Gen. De Lisle telegraphs that an imperial decree urging the natives to poison the French has been placarded in Loeh Nau. It was issued, he says by order of the viceroy of Kwang Tung.

THE SKY CROFTERS HEARD FROM.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The sky crofters are declaring in favor of the no rent policy. They maintain that the island by right belongs to them.

CABLE NOTES.

The Austrian budget shows a deficit of 16,000,000 florins. Snow has stopped railway communication between East Prussia and Russia.

THE FRANCHISE BILL PASSED THROUGH COMMITTEE.

The franchise bill passed through committee in the house of lords yesterday. Trade riots have taken place at Twente, on the African gold coast. Twelve men killed.

THE COLLEGE BARRON.

Dion Boucicault and his excellent company made a good-sized audience happy at the Grand opera house last night when his own play of Colleen Bawn was presented. Mr. Boucicault's stage Irishman, as we before remarked, is unlike anything else on the boards. There is the tiptoe of genuine merit all through it—clean, sane, artistic and very enjoyable. The play ran very smoothly throughout, and will be presented again to-night.

IS IT MURDER?

A Remoter shot by an Indian in the Woods Back of Kingston. KINGSTON, Dec. 4.—Monday morning John McDonald, one of F. McLaren's teamsters and an Indian known by the name of White Duck, started to drive from the house of White Duck, and while going along the driver dropped his whip on the road. The team was stopped, and the driver got out of the vehicle to get the whip, and in doing so the gun discharged, and the bullet entered McDonald's side, coming out at the neck, and killed him instantly. The Indian, it is said, was horrified, and drove hurriedly to the shanties and explained what had happened. The body was taken care of by employes, but the Indian was allowed to go.

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GARNER'S BUBBLE BURST.

His "Confession" Investigated by the Commissioners. Detective Hodgins and Newhall "mentioned" the Board Recorders the Foreman of an obstructive committee. The much-talked-of investigation into the alleged complicity on the part of two of our city detectives with the tenor George Garner was taken up in the police court room at 11.50 yesterday morning before the three police commissioners. The charges of Garner, which were first made and defended at the trial of Eric by Sgt. McMahon of the Hamilton police force and copied down by Mr. Creaser, crown attorney of Westworth, turned out to be all moonshine, and the convict did not stand up to a standing examination. When the facts were related to Mr. McLaren, however, he thought it would be well to have the matter investigated. Consequently he sent to Kingston for a coroner, and this morning Dr. Irvine left for the scene of the accident. There is a feeling that White Duck shot McDonald intentionally. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS.

ILL-MANNERED AND IN NEED OF QUININITY. A Trustee's Rough Characterization—What Minister Visits the Schools?—The Christmas Holidays. At the public school board meeting last night there were present: Chairman J. H. Stone, Messrs. Mass, Brown, Hamilton, Hill, Lee, Hoden, Galley, Metcalf, Whitehead, McDonald, Bxall, James, W. Martin, Potter, Meredith and Dr. Ogden. The finance committee presented a report recommending the appointment of returning officers for the election of public school trustees, and fixing polling places for the elections. The report also recommended that houses be allowed the following lady teachers in be equalized their salaries with the city teachers since the annexation of the village of Woodbury, and Miss Foster, of Bolton street school, and Miss Edie of Mabel street school. The report was adopted.

YOUTHFUL TILL-TAPPERS.

A Brace of Them Captured Last Night—Proceedings. There is a gang of daring young till-tappers operating in the city at present, and the police captured two of them last night. At 6.15 as Policeman Armstrong (44) was passing F. Bergman's bird store, 104 King street west, he noticed a youth in the back counter of the store were in the rear at supper. The policeman took the youth in custody, and he gave his name as Curtis, 17 of 101 Jarvis street. About an hour afterward the till in the store of Michael Sullivan, Queen street east, was carried off by a couple of the gang, and thrown into a vacant lot. The store was recognized, and Detective Cuddy was notified. He secured the till in the store, and returned to police headquarters at 10 o'clock he found one of the youths in the store, and the other was in the street. He was looked up and gave the name of Wm. Carr, aged 17.

THE COUNTY COURT.

Judge McDougall began the jury sittings in the county court yesterday. John Nolan against John Kelly was an action to recover \$200 rent on a farm in Thorold township. Defendant put in a counter claim of damages. Verdict for defendant for \$27. Mr. Marsh for plaintiff, Mr. Ritchie for defendant.

John Fisk and Co. against Wm. Thompson of Eiderley township, county of Bruce, was an action to recover \$188 and interest on a promissory note alleged to have been made by defendant to the