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Births, Marriages, Deaths

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths which are inserted in The Daily Advertiser also appear in The Western Advertiser. Births 25c, Marriages and Deaths 50c.

DIED.

KERNOHAN—In this city, on Thursday, Nov. 17, 1898, Jane Kernohan, relict of the late William Kernohan, aged 75 years.

Funeral on Saturday, from her late residence, 542 Colborne street, at 2:30 p.m.; services at 2 p.m. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

Amusements and Lectures

Advertisements under this heading, two cents per word, or ten cents per line, each insertion.

LOVERS OF ART SHOULD VISIT A fresh collection of water color pictures now on view at the art store of Mr. E. N. Hunt, 190 Dundas street, the work of Henry Martin, A. R. C. A. The subjects are chiefly new, uncommon and interesting: Cathedrals, European Market Places, Marine Moonlights, and other subjects. 92u

PALACE DANCING ACADEMY—SATURDAY afternoon classes for ladies and children will meet Nov. 19, 3:30 o'clock sharp. Special terms for season tickets. Dayton & McCormick.

562 KNOTS—HIGHEST DAY'S RUN IS the speed of the Cunard Liners. Fifty-eight years established and never lost the life of a passenger. This record is wonderful. Christmas excursions by the Etruria and Campania. F. B. Clark, Richmond street, next Advertiser.

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PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING—Rapid teaching; low rates. All who desire a thorough knowledge of the art of dancing should avail themselves of this opportunity. Lessons any hour. R. B. Millard, teacher of dancing, 345 Princess avenue.

Domestics Wanted.

WANTED—A GOOD GIRL—APPLY MRS. Wallace, 372 Adelaide street. 93c

GIRL WANTED—FOR HOUSEWORK—with or without washing. 834 Dundas street. 92c

Meetings.

MASONIC—AN EMERGENCY MEETING of St. John's Lodge, 209a, A., F. and A. M., G. R. C., will be held this (Friday) evening, Nov. 18, at 7:30. Work in the second and third degrees. Visitors cordially invited. J. D. Balfour, M.D., Wor. Master; T. A. Rowat, P.M., Secretary. b

S. O. E.—CHELSEA LODGE MEETS THIS (Friday) evening. Visiting brothers welcome. A. E. Taylor, President. b

MASONIC—KING SOLOMON LODGE, NO. 378, A., F. and A. M., West London, meets this (Friday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Visitors welcome. J. E. Weber, W.M.; W. Nichols, Sec. b

THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS' MUTUAL Benefit Society of Western Ontario. The regular general meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 3 p.m. Nomination of officers for the ensuing year. All members are requested to attend. Robert Coates, president; Alfred Robinson, secretary. 89c zwv

Male Help Wanted.

WANTED — HORSESHOER — IMMEDIATELY—one or two years' experience. Apply 339 Talbot street, London, Ont. 92c

WANTED—MEN TO LEARN BARBER trade—We positively guarantee positions at $60 monthly after only 8 weeks' practice. Also pay car fare to our colleges at Chicago or Cincinnatti; present complete outfit of tools; allow commission from start. Have places for 300 graduates. New field. Write for particulars. Moler Barber College representative, 33 La Fayette avenue, Detroit. 88n

Female Help Wanted.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—A STRONG young woman to help in the Protestant Orphans' Home. Apply 386 Queen's avenue. 93c

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AGENTS WANTED—WE WANT LIVE agents everywhere. No trouble selling our high-grade nursery stock and seed potatoes. Write us before engaging elsewhere. It will pay you. Blackford & Co., Nurserymen, Toronto. zxv

WANTED—TWO HIGH-CLASS CANVASSERS who have been making from $30 to $60 weekly; none other need apply. Linscott Publishing Company, Toronto. 90n

WANTED—CITY CANVASSER—ON SALARY; a permanent position. G. Marshall & Co., 258 Dundas street.

Livery Stables.

LILLEY'S LIVERY—NO. 619 DUNDAS street, East London, Ont. Telephone 606.

THOMAS TREBILCOCK—STAR LIVERY —633 Richmond street. Best hacks, coupes, etc. Light livery a specialty. Careful attention to orders. Phone 423. Open night and day.

Lost and Found.

LOST—THURSDAY—LADY'S GOLD BAND diamond ring, high setting. Reward if returned to 57 Craig street. 93u

LOST — WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON — Fawn-colored collie pup. Reward for return to Geo. C. Gibbons, 257 Dufferin avenue. 92u

LOST—TUESDAY—FROM 304 WOLFE street, small black cocker spaniel. Reward. 92c

Insurance.

A. N. UDY—INSURANCE AGENT—Office over C. P. R. ticket office. Telephone 735.

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J. P. Cook,

173 Dundas Street.

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HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR GENTLEMEN'S cast-off clothing. A. P. Sainsbury, 90 King street. Mail orders attended to

Houses, Etc., To Let.

TO LET—2-STORY BRICK HOUSE—EIGHT rooms. Apply 406 King street, corner Colborne. 92c

TO LET—COTTAGE—WITH 1½ ACRE OF garden, with fruit trees, stable, etc., half mile over Clark's bridge. Apply 311 Oxford street. 93u

TO LET—THREE ACRES OF LAND—NEW house, good driving barn, one mile from Clark's bridge, on Wellington road. Apply Robert Walker, Odell. 92c

TO LET—NO. 409 KING STREET—CORNER of Colborne. Apply on premises. 492n

TO LET—2-STORY BRICK HOUSE—ALL modern improvements, 388 Dufferin avenue. Apply 154 Maple street. 88n

TO LET—THREE FINE NEW COTTAGES; fine locality and central; fitted with all modern conveniences. Also fine 2-story house on Prospect avenue, at low rent. J. F. Sangster, 403 Richmond street.

TO LET—TWO STORY BRICK—286 PICCADILLY street, between Wellington and Waterloo, all modern conveniences. Apply Sterling Bros. 78tf

HOUSE TO LET—323 KING STREET—APPLY 308 King street. 55tf

TO LET—COVERED MOVING VANS—When moving have your furniture and pianos carefully moved. Address 97 Carling street. Phones 1,162 and 1,167.

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WE MAKE SEVERAL KINDS OF BUNS, each kind is worthy your attention. George Peters, confectioner.

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LADIES' LONG-SLEEVED UNDERVESTS, 15c each, worth 25c. Children's White Muffs, 25c, worth 40c. Cunningham's Bargain Store, 778 Dundas street.

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FOR SALE—POCKET KNIVES, DOOR keys. Sewing machines repaired at lowest prices. D. McKenzie & Co., 374 Richmond street.

IMMENSE STOCK STOVES, RANGES, oven baseburners, heaters all kinds selling out. 20 per cent discount. Stringer's, 141 King street.

BOLOGNA, 4 POUNDS FOR 25 CENTS—Small sausage, 4 pounds for 25 cents. Hams, bacon, lard, butter, eggs, cheese and fruits. Lowest prices. Park's, corner Market Lane.

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THE DONS MUST COME DOWN

Peremptory Message From President McKinley

In Regard to the Talk of Sovereignty Over the Philippines

Launch of the World's Biggest Battleship.

The British and American Flags Entwined.

London, Nov. 18.—The Times, commenting editorially upon the Spanish suggestion of arbitration regarding the Philippines, refers to it as "obviously futile and absurd." "The Spanish cabinet," says the Times, "has no real intention of breaking off the negotiations. It is only prolonging them in order to familiarize the public mind in Spain with the inevitable concessions. Certainly there is no need for the United States to send a fleet to Spain, as they could easily enforce submission without that. Spain would be foolish to sulk and thus lose the money compensation America is now willing to pay."

SAGASTA'S SCHEME.

The Paris correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph says: I understand that Senor Sagasta desires to protract the Paris negotiations to the utmost, because he fears, first, that the signature of a peace treaty will be the end of his public life, and, in the second place, because he desires to stave off if possible the fall of the dynasty.

MESSAGE FROM McKINLEY.

A Washington special says: The president cabled a peremptory message to Judge Day that Spanish sovereignty in the Philippines could not be acknowledged, and that future negotiations could only be on the amount of the compensation for public improvements, and on the time Spain needs to evacuate. Of course this carried the implied, if not actual, threat that the United States are ready to resume fighting any time negotiations are broken off. The administration is confident Spain will yield before a warlike squadron could leave America's shores.

MAKING SPAIN COUGH.

The Paris Matin, in reviewing the history of the late war, criticises the American attitude in regard to the Philippine Islands, and says Prince Bismarck on one occasion remarked "that when you have your knee on a nation's neck you should make her cough up all you can," adding: "It is possible the United States now remembers this brutal maxim, and it is also possible the United States has forgotten the rancour, hatred and exasperation it involves."

WILL YIELD UNDER A PROTEST.

London, Nov. 18.—All the special dispatches to the London papers this morning from Paris express the belief that the Spanish commissioners will finally yield, although under protest, to the American demands.

Almost all the Spanish papers deprecate the dilatory proceedings at Paris, and urge the government to yield quickly, since it is impossible for Spain to renew the struggle or to expect European assistance.

It is rumored that the Italian Government has made representations to the powers regarding the pretensions of the United States in the Philippines.

THE CARLIST SCARE.

Madrid, Nov. 18.—At the cabinet council, the minister of justice, Senor Groillard, declared that the fears inspired by the Carlist agitation were absolutely groundless.

SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF THE FORMIDABLE

Portsmouth, England, Nov. 18.—Thousands of people witnessed the launch of the ram battleship Formidable at the dockyard here. She is said to be the largest warship in the world, being 15,000 tons displacement. She is 400 feet long, has 75 feet beam and draws 26 feet 9 inches of water. She cost over £1,000,000, and is estimated to steam 18 knots. A notable feature of the launch of the battleship was the entwining of the British and American flags on the official stand.

The Marquis of Lansdowne, speaking at Plymouth on general politics, referred to his gratification over the Anglo-American friendship. In the course of the speech he sketched the proposed large scheme of improving the home defenses by providing a new type of guns, which would require a smaller number. He said he felt sure that when the government had completed its scheme the country would be prepared for the heavy sacrifices it would entail.

Laugh at Percy. See him! 90n

RUSSO-CHINESE ALLIANCE

Secret Treaty Said to Have Been Arranged.

British Fleet That Assembled at Wei-Hai-Wei Now Leaving—Attendants on the Chinese Emperor Executed.

Advices from the Orient include the following: Japanese papers contain news of an alleged secret treaty between China and Russia. In this treaty the Chinese Government is stated to have agreed that Russian soldiers are to be employed for the defense of the coast and as military instructors. They are to be commanded by Russian officers. The whole expense is agreed to be borne by China.

It is reported that the Japanese Government has decided to co-operate with Great Britain with the object of restoring all things in China to their former status before the recent coup d'etat.

BRITISH FLEET DISPERSING.

A dispatch to the London Times from Wei Hai Wei says that the British squadron that assembled there is dispersing. The Undaunted has gone to Nagasaki, and the Hermione and Iphigenia to Chee Foo. The Narcissus is going to Hong Kong, and the Alacrity, with the admiral aboard, is going to the Kang Tse Kiang. The correspondent remarks regretfully on the complete absence of preparations to defend Wei Hai Wei. The place has been occupied by the British for six months, yet no fortifications have been begun, and the telegraphs are defective, all of which is in striking contrast to the feverish activity displayed by the Russians at Port Arthur.

CHINESE EMPEROR'S ATTENDANTS EXECUTED.

It is learned that no fewer than fourteen eunuchs, who were the emperor's own personal attendants, and on whose devotion he was in the habit of relying, were executed by order of the empress dowager. The reason given why this sanguinary deed has not become widely known is that the executions took place in the court yard of the chief eunuch's office, inside the palace grounds, where refractory and rebellious eunuchs are always attended to. The empress dowager has issued an edict instructing high provincial authorities to diligently protect all places wherever Christian chapels of any nationality may have been built, and ordering that all missionaries in the interior must be properly and politely treated.

RAMPANT REBELS.

The rebels have attacked and looted the town of Kwei Fu, in the Upper Yang Tse Kiang Valley, and have burned the Catholic mission there. No further details are obtainable at present.

The German armored cruiser Kaiser, flagship of the squadron, under command of Prince Henry of Prussia, in Chinese waters, is ashore in Sam Sah Bay. The other vessels of the squadron are assisting to get her off. It is believed that the Kaiser has not suffered serious injury.

The Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, has issued the necessary orders for the enrollment of a battalion of 1,000 Chinese to serve under British officers at Wei Hai Wei, the recently acquired British naval station.

A STRONG TRIO.

The London Times hails Mr. Joseph Chamberlain as the "apostle of better understanding with the United States and Germany," admitting that it rejoices that in view of the part the United States are likely to play in the far east, a cause of possible irritation has been removed by Emperor William's change of plans as to his homeward journey. With regard to Anglo-American co-operation in the far east, the Times says: "Its effectiveness will largely depend upon our ability to do our own share of work and to protect our own interests, without calling upon our friends."

The Berlin correspondent of the Times says: The German attempts to deny the reality and significance of the Anglo-American friendship are now being abandoned. There are certain imponderablia—to use an expression of Bismarck's—which the citizens of other countries residing abroad have already begun to appreciate as the first proofs of the united influence of the two powers in the affairs of the world.

CAIRO TO THE CAPE.

A move is evidently on foot by Germany to procure the Portuguese colony of Angola, on the west coast of Africa. According to the colonial year book, Angola is on the brink of economic disaster, and should revert to a strong power. The book adds that a general collapse of the Portuguese power is only a question of months. England is not expected to interfere in such an acquisition by Germany. In return it is proposed to concede to England a strip of territory along Lake Tanganyika, which lies just east of the Congo State, on the south coast of Africa. This juggling of territory would allow England to realize her dream of a British Africa extending from Cairo to the Cape.

WILLIAM'S TOUR.

London, Nov. 18.—The Daily Mail says this morning: "An important result of Emperor William's tour is an agreement on the part of the sultan to give his benevolent sanction to the Zionist movement. This would seem to indicate the friendly intimacy of the two monarchs and its probable influence upon general politics.

It transpires that when Emperor William passed the Island of Rhodes, where the Khedive of Egypt is staying at present, the emperor telegraphed his regrets at being unable to visit Egypt, also thanking the khedive for the preparations made to receive his majesty.

The Emperor and Empress of Germany have sailed for Pola, from which port they will travel overland direct for home. It is explanied that the emperor decided upon this course because the temperature of the Mediterranean has become considerably cooler, and the danger to the health of the empress by a sudden change from a northern to a southern clime is thus lessened.

THE FRENCH SHORE QUESTION.

London, Nov. 18.—The French shore question in connection with Newfoundland, has been attracting a good deal of attention since Mr. Chamberlain's speech on Tuesday last. There is good reason to believe that the report of the commission, which has lately returned, will prove of grave import. The likelihood is that the question will be included with a number of others in the negotiations between France and Great Britain which are approaching.

CABLE NOTES.

The Imperial Government, is is understood, has no thought of further considering the question of the Pacific cable until Canada speaks.

Nothing has been done here regarding the fast Atlantic service since the Petersen scheme lapsed.

LAURIER AT WASHINGTON

The Press Enthusiastic in His Praises.

Receives an Ovation From a Brilliant Audience—An Eloquent Address —Canadian Patriotism.

The Washington press is enthusiastic in praise of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech on Wednesday night at the inauguration of the School of Comparative Jurisprudence and Diplomacy, in connection with Columbia University. It was a distinguished gathering.

The scene in the lecture hall was indeed brilliant. Flags of many nations were quite appropriately draped around the balcony, while the rostrum was a bed of flowers. Many lustrous incandescent globes shone brightly upon the audience and gave a charming effect to the dashing colors in my lady's millinery.

One of the speakers, Justice Brewer, had referred in his address to America's expansion, and had said, jocularly, that the United States should expand longitudinally, as there was a nice neighbor at the north that would be welcomed into the union.

This gave Sir Wilfrid Laurier an opening. "The Canadian premier," says the Washington Star, "was introduced by President Whitman, and was welcomed with an ovation second only to that extended Mr. McKinley. He is an entertaining and pleasing speaker, diplomatic and adroit, and his references to an alliance between England and the United States awoke the greatest enthusiasm."

Sir Wilfrid declared he could not agree exactly with Justice Brewer that American territorial expansion should proceed at present along the longitudinal lines and include Canada. Like Dr. Whitman, president of the Columbian University, whose birth on Canadian soil made it impossible for him to eliminate the warm spot in his heart for his native land, notwithstanding the fact, he had become so thoroughly American, Sir Wilfrid declared the Canadian heart would ever be true to its own country. The invitation to speak at the opening of a school of comparative jurisprudence and diplomacy was a temptation peculiarly fascinating to him. The establishment of such a school in America, however, he declared must be looked upon in the light of a luxury rather than a necessity, for the history of diplomacy has shown that the American diplomats have not been school-trained, but, on the contrary, were to the manor born.

"And history has also shown," he continued, "that these American diplomats have not only been always able to hold their own with the trained representatives of foreign countries, but very often, indeed, get the better of the argument. It is no flattery to you to say that no nation on earth has done so much for the advancement of international law and the promotion of the ethics that should prevail between the two great countries as the United States. As the chairman has told you, I am here on a diplomatic mission, thanks to the diplomacy of President McKinley. The sores formerly barring a closer knitting of the people of the United States and England have been eliminated, and a new era is dawning in the relationship between the countries.

FLATTERING AMERICAN DIPLOMACY.

"I am the member of a commission which it is hoped will blot out the last of the differences between us. I know not what the result of our labors will be, for we have to deal with American diplomats. The time has come, however, when war between the United States and England would be as monstrous and criminal as your own civil war of a third of a century ago. In that war you fought for the integrity of the union, for the enfranchisement of the slave. Your greatest credit, however, was the moderation shown in victory, an example thus being set to all the world. Not a drop of blood in the civil war was spilled by civil action, but all upon the battlefield. The United States set the first example in thus dealing with its own conquered people, and similar moderation has characterized the English nation ever since.

"There is a bond of fellowship, friendly feeling and kinship now existing between this country and England that will never be broken. It is my wish that henceforth and forever the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack shall float together, but together they shall fold for no cause other than the defense of freedom and the advancement of civilization."

The Star adds that another ovation followed the Canadian premier's close. He made a lasting impression on all who listened to his eloquent and patriotic remarks. His warm welcome demonstrated the public feeling with regard to friendship with England.

THE DREYFUS CASE

Early Return of the Prisoner to Paris Probable.

Paris, Nov. 18.—In legal circles here the belief is expressed that the court of cassation will shortly order the return of Dreyfus to France from his prison on Devil's Island, off the coast of French Guiana, on the ground that it is impossible to carry on the examination of the prisoner by cable, in view of the cost of such a proceeding, as well as in view of the necessary delay.

La Petite Republique says that during the recent trial of M. Zola for libel, Comte Esterhazy was overheard to say that Gen. Bilot, a former minister of war, gave him 80,000 francs for forging the bordereau.

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NEW LIGHT ON THE CZAR'S PLAN

The Proposal It Is Claimed Is Grounded on National Embarrassment.

London, Nov. 17.—The peace conference is to be held, not at Brussels, as proposed by the czar, but at St. Petersburg, and is not likely to meet before the latter part of February or the early part of March. Several foreign governments signified their readiness to take part in the conference in the international peace congress, providing it was held in the Russian capital, rather than in that of Belgium. The delay in the meeting is due to the fact that the Russian programme for the congress is not fully elaborated, and, secondly, that some of the foreign delegates expected would not be able to travel to St. Petersburg in midwinter.

The world benefits by the delay. For while Russia and her subservient ally, France, are preparing for a peace conference destined to reflect glory upon the young czar, they are debarred from embarking in any war.

NEW LIGHT ON THE CZAR'S PLANS.

A private letter written from the British legation at Tokio to a member of parliament here, says the Japanese Government was not at all convinced of the sincerity of the proposal for the peace conference, and, accordingly the Japanese mission at St. Petersburg was instructed to ascertain what was the real reason for its issue.

In reply, the Japanee envoy at St. Petersburg reported that the manifesto was designed first to mitigate the anti-Russian feeling in England, and next to enable the Russian Government to retrench in consequence of the impoverished condition of the treasury, and the certainty of one of the most disastrous famines during the coming winter that has ever been known in the dominions of the czar.

The United States collector of customs at Juneau has been arrested for criminal libel.

CABLE NOTES.

A special cable from London says: It is reported that additional French troops and supplies have reached Fashoda.

Cables from New York give detailed accounts in a sensational form of the defense arrangement at Halifax, in view of the possibility of war. The highest officials in England discredit the sensational news.

Lieut. Gourko, formerly of the Russian navy, who was under arrest for an attempt to murder one of the Russian state secretaries at Monte Carlo, and was awaiting extradition, was found dead in his cell yesterday morning.

A dispatch from Canea says that the appointment of Prince George of Greece as Governor of Crete, is only temporary, the terms of the arrangement being that he shall serve two or three years under the suzerainty of the sultan.

Considerable comment is excited in military circles by the Soudan honors. One remarkable omission is that of Lieut. Girard, to whose splendid work in the construction of the Soudan military railway G. W. Stephens, historiographer of the campaign, devotes two pages in his new book. The royal and official authorities have a great disinclination to augment the number of Victoria Crosses, their great aim being to preserve it as the highest rank of distinction.

Steamship Arrivals.

Nov. 17.	At.	From.
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Lahn	Bremen	New York
Germanic	New York	Liverpool
Italia	Queenstown	Philadelphia
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Peconic	New York	Med. Ports
Patria	New York	Hamburg
Friesland	Lizard	New York
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