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Germany's Autocratic Ruler Meets His Match.

The Reichstag Refuses to Surrender Its Privileges.

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The Lepers' Friend.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 16 .- A monument to Father Damien, the lepers' friend, was unveiled today in Leuvian.

The Manitoba School Question. LONDON, Dec. 16 .- The Privy Council's decision of the Manitoba school question has been postponed, probably until after Christmas.

France and Madagascar.

London, Dec. 16 .- The Times correspondent in Paris telegraps: It is stated a telegram arrived here last night announcing that the Queen of Madagascar was ready to accept unreservedly the French conditions. She had resisted hitherto, it was said, owing to her Ministers' assurances that France would not make any attack.

A Steamer Captain in Trouble. HAVRE, Dec. 16 .- Capt. Santelli, of the General Transatlantic Company's steamer La Touraine, was sentenced today to be imprisoned for one month, to pay a fine of 1.000 francs, and to be deprived of his certificates for one month for sinking the fishing vessel some time ago. The imprisonment was remitted under the Offense

Funeral of Count de Lesseps. Paris, Dec. 16 .- The funeral of the late Count Ferdinand de Lesseps, who died on Dec. 7, at La Chesnaye, took place yesterday in the Church of St. Pierre de Challiot. outside of Paris. The church was crowded. The casket was surrounded by many floral offerings. After the funeral ceremonies the remains were lowered into a vault which

had been prepared for their reception. Plural Voting Did It. LONDON, Dec. 16 .- The defeat of the Liberal candidates for seats in the Commons for North Lindsay or Briggs division of Lincolnshire, and for Forfarshire has convinced the Liberals of the necessity for registration reform-the one-man-one-vote principle, and the holding of all elections on one day. The Brigg and Forfarshire seats were won by the Unionists under

the plural voting system.

Conservatives Chagrined. LONDON, Dec. 16 .- The success of the Russian loan has caused the deepest chagrin among the Conservrtive financial firms, which attempted to boycott it. They claim to have succeeded in stopping English subscriptions to a large extent, and state that not one-sixth of the loan was hid for here, including the Rothschilds' own share, the overwhelming bulk of subscriptions being from France and Germany.

Money Cheap. LONDON, Dec. 16 .- During the past week the Bank of England has lost \$2,-500,000 in gold, taken for export, but the monetary position is nevertheless easier than ever. This is due partly to the ancicipation that the present movement of gold from America this way will continue, though there is considerable difference of opinion among financiers on this point. The bank rate has never stood at such a low figure at this time of the year since the extraordinary low point reached in 1876. Silver has been very weak re-

A Hollow Scheme. LONDON, Dec. 16 .- As a result of the consultation of the Unionist leaders it has been privately decided to call up as a breach of privilege on the opening of Parliament, Lord Tweedmouth's rejected offer of \$10,000 to the Nationalist party, revealed by Hon. Edward Blake in his New York speech. The object of the Unionists is to inflame again the defunct controversy respecting the Gladstone-Tweedmouth checks. The motion is only possible by the consent of the Speaker, which, owing to its patently hollow char-

acter, he may refuse. The Czar and the Jews. LONDON, Dec. 16 .- At a meeting of the Russo-Jewish committee yesterday, at which Sir Julian Goldsmid, member of the House of Commons for the south division of St. Pancras, presided, private communications with relation to the condition of the Jews in Russia were presented. According to these communications the new Czar's decrees had resulted in greatly ameliorating the condition of the Jews. His Majesty, it was stated, had ordered a modification of the actions taken under the May laws and the laws in regard to the

expulsions from Russia. Serious French Defeat.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 16 .- The steamship Danomey, from West Africa, arrived here, and brings news of the serious defeat of a detachment of 800 French troops near the Grand Bassam River on the southern part of the ivory coast. The French expedition was on its way to Kong when it was attacked by a powerful native chief with a large following. During the engagement eight Frenchmen and a large number of Senegalese troops and natives were killed. he French retired toward the Grand Bassam. When the steamer left rein | sayst The sudden death of Sir John Thomp- | guest of the Princess of Walts. | Agents wented.

forcement of 200 French cavalry was on

the way to assist the expedition.

France Wants to Come In. LONDON, Dec. 16.-Now that some basis for a better understanding between Russia and England has been reached, France seems anxious to come in on the ground floor. That if anything must be the meaning of M. Blowitz's telegram in Wednesday's Times urging that England, France and Russia have great interests in common and in opposition to Italy and Germany. Frenchmen know that there is no hostility in England towards France, and French animosity is largely the creation of Parisian journalism. They may well, if obliged to choose, prefer a closer understanding with England to a loosening of the bonds which they fondly believe unite them with Russia, but to put forward the Prince of Wales as the chief diplomatist in such negotiations is to discredit the whole

Joe's Silly Blunder.

London, Dec. 16. - Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the Liberal-Unionist leader in the House of Commons, has drawn upon himself universal ridicule by mistaking the ironical observations of Lord Rosebery that the Unionists possessed all the wealth, intellect and intelligence of the country, while he doubted if there existed a single Liberal able to spell words of two syllables. This sneer at the pretensions of Unionists Mr. Chamberlain took seriously, and in reply wrote to the Times, that paper publishing his letter in the biggest type. Among other things in his letter Mr. Chamberlain said. "It is awful to think of the destinies of a nation being committed to such ignorance." Mr. Chamberlain's letter has caused much amusement amongst Liberal

papers on all sides. The British General Election. The New York Sun's London special says: Persons who are shrewd judges of English politics expect the general election manifesto to be issued by the Government within a week. That a crisis of some sort is imminent is almost certain. It is not longer denied that a certain section of the Cabinet favor an immediate appeal to the country. Reports of Harcourt's defection continue to make a serious division in the Liberal party. Lord Rosebery was interrupted several times during last night's speech by cries of "Where's Harcourt?" It is not publicly known here that Rosebery made a private visit to Harcourt in the middle of the week and spent the night discussing the situation with the doughty Chancellor. The impression is gaining ground that Rosebery is anxious to retire from the

Kissed Her Like a Mother. LONDON. Dec. 16 .- Miss Thomp daughter of the late Sir John Thompson,

accompanied by Senator and Mrs. Sanford, visited Windsor Castle yesterday by command of the Queen. They were received by Col. Clark, the equerry in waiting. He conducted them to the room where the late Sir John Thompson was sworn in as a member of the Privy Council, and in that room the party was received in audience by the Queen. Her Majesty was deeply sympathetic, drew Miss Thompson towards her and kissed her affectionately on both cheeks like a mother. The Queen also expressed her deep and sincere personal condolences with Miss Thompson. The scene was most touching. The guests afterwards visited, by desire of the Queen, the mauso-leum at Frogmore, to which they were conducted by the Queen's equerry.

The Armenian Inquiry. London, Dec. 16 .- The Standard's Con

stantinople correspondent says Sir Philip Currie, British ambassador to Turkey, has induced France and Russia to join England in her humanitarian campaign in the teeth of German opposition.

London, Dec. 16.—Lord Rosebery has asked F. S. Stevenson, M.P., as chairman

of the Anglo-Armenia Association, that s deputation be appointed at the mass meet ing to be held here tomorrow to submit to Lord Kimberley, of the Foreign Office, the

resolutions there adopted.

The first resolution will record the in dignation caused by the Porte's continued violation of the principle of humanity and expresses regret that the 61st article of the Berlin treaty is allowed, owing to the indifference of the signatory powers, to re-main so long inoperative. The British Government will be called upon to take the initiative in insisting on the immediate introduction of definite reforms in Armenia in accordance with the pledges given at

Berlin by Turkey.

The second resolution will demand conperted and vigorous action by the powers. In the third resolution the meeting will raise a protest against the continued refusal of the Foreign Office since 1889 to publish the consular reports relating to Armenia, and will call for early information.

A Rebuff for the Emperor. roted yesterday afternoon on the application of the public prosecutor for permission to punish the Socialist members who, on Thursday a week ago, upon the opening of the Reichstag, refused to rise and cheer for the Emperor, the universal opinion was that the Government had made a serious mistake in demanding that the Reichstag forego its constitutional preregative and institute punishment of Liebknecht and the other Socialists on the charge of lese the adverse decision of the Reichstag com mittee, to which the matter was referred, had a tremendous influence upon the members, and therefore nobody was surprised when the Reichstag adopted by a vote of 168 to 58 the report of the committee recommending that permission be not granted to the public prosecutor to take action against cision can hardly be over-rated, as it is not merely a defeat of the Government proposal, but a distinct rebuff for the Emperor he was the author of the attempt to make which the people are asking themselves. His well-known obstinacy of character his movements, but they gave no trouble gives promise that he will not sit quietly whatever during the journey. under this reverse, and a remark which he made in the course of an animated afterdinner conversation at the officers' mess of twenty years; William Farris, twenty stay at Hanover, the middle of the week, Curtis Dunstan, sixteen years. All were is attracting attention. His Majesty said: convicted of train robbery. The remainder my officers will meet them unflinchingly." | crimes.

A Startling Statement! New York World's London special

son, the Canadian Premier, according to information from an authoritative private source communicated to the World correspondent which leaves no room for doubt, was directly due to the tedious formalities attending the royal council at Windsor.

The session was abnormally long, lasting l hour and 25 minutes, during the whole of which time, according to usage, all present save the Queen were compelled to stand in a respectful attitude without moving.

The severe strain told on the youngest and most robust of courtiers present and completely exhausted the Canadian Premier. When released from the council chamber he staggered to a chair, his ghastly appearance exciting alarm. He immediately became sick and died in seven minutes. The accounts of his death were toned down for the public in order to obviate the true conclusion that this distinguished official was a martyr to the Queen's insisting upon a rigorous observance of

When Mr. Gladstone, the late Prime Minister of Great Britain, expressed inability to stand the fatigue he was permitted to sit during the royal functions at Windsor castle, but the Queen never relished departing from it, even in his case. The Queen herself of late years is always noticeably exhausted by the length of the councils, and the older Ministers avoid them whenever it is possible.

A Healthful Sign.

London, Dec. 16 .- A healthy sign of the influence of public opinion upon the wealthy classes was given this week. Some time ago the Countess of Warwick, better known, perhaps, as Lady Brooke, a dear friend of the Prince of Wales, lost, or had stolen from her, a magnificent sable cloak. The police description of the missing garment gave its value as \$4,000. Several democratic newspapers of no particular influence made unkind comments upon the extravagance of a woman who spends so much money for one article of dress. Some even went into statistics as to the number of people who could be fed a week for \$4,000. Time was when any countess, for the matter of that, in this country, would have gloried in the mere cost of her garments, and would have been made happy by every newspaper recording it, but even aristocracy is sensitive to such matters now. The Countess of Warwick was much shocked at the idea that anybody supposed that she squandered \$4,000 upon herself, and caused this paragraph to be inserted in the papers. "The cloak was a wedding present. I should have thought it wicked to have given so much for a single garment when there is so distress and misery prevail-The letter of disclaimer does her ladyship credit, and it is only just to state that since her husband succeeded to the earldom she has set an example to her order by the way in which she has looked after the poorer tenantry on the extensive estates in Essex and elsewhere. The Earl of Warwick, like most landowners, has been bit hard by the general agricultural depression, but the majority of territorial magnates made the reduction in their previous bloated incomes an excuse for neglecting the poor al-

The Japs' Forward Movement. LONDON, Dec. 16 .- The correspondent of the Central News at Anton g telegraphs as follows: The Empress and the imperial harem have left Pekin for a place situated twenty miles west of the capital. The Emperor is also believed to have left Pekin secretly. He is known to be in bad health.

The New York Herald's Shanghai special says: In well-informed quarters it is considered that an armistice between the two belligerents is not unlikely, although the Japanese are advancing slowly but surely toward Pekin.

The second army, which is advancing from the Liantung Peninsula, is now within two days' march of Ninchwang. The first army is operating in Manchuria, a few miles away to the northeast, and is driving the Chinese before them in spite of the severe winter weather.

LONDON, Dec. 16 .- The Central News correspondent in Antong telegraphs late in the evening of Dec. 14: In accordance with Gen. Nodzu's instructions the Fong Huang garrison, which was confronted on Dec. 12 by 4,000 Chinese, began the attack on the enemy at daybreak this morning. The garrison was 1,400 strong and was commanded by Col. Tomoyasn. The main battle took place at Yih Min Shan, five miles from Fong Huang. The Japanese attacked with spirit and defeated the Chinese, driving them to Timatsch. The

Japanese loss was 3 officers killed and 70 privates killed and wounded; the Chinese 250 killed and wounded and 30 prisoners. The Japanese captured four field guns. Chinese prisoners say that the Chinese commander has under him more than 4,000 Karin troops who are in every way superior to the Chinese. Gen. Tachimi's brigade is now moving southward to turn back the Karin fugitives. No BERLIN. Dec. 15 .- Before the Reichstag | news is obtainable from the left division of the first army, owing to the interruption of telegraphic communications.

The Central News correspondent in Shanghai says: "The first and second Japanese armies are reported to be suffering greatly from the cold. The Central News hears from its correspondent in Shanghai: Pekin telegrams say that two Japanese armies are con-

Tsin and Newchwang. majeste. It was known on every side that PECULIAR LOT OF PASSENGERS.

centrating preparatory to attacks on Tien

Some Thirty-wo Prisoners Travel in Special Car-Bill Cook's Henchmen in the Party.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 16 .- Col. George Frump, United States marshal, accompanied by eight deputies, arrived in Detroit yesterday morning with 32 United the Socialists. The significance of this de- States prisoners from Arizona. They are to be confined in Detroit House of Correction. The car was especially prepared for their accommodation. On the inside steel himself, as it is an open secret that bars had been arranged across each of the windows so that the escape of any of the the Reichstag surrender one of its privi-leges. What the Emperor will do in view In the gang were four of Cook's famous In the gang were four of Cook's famous of this moral slap in the face is a question train robbers, including the "Skeeter," who was Cook's trusted lieutenant in all

"Skeeter" has a 30-year sentence to serve. The others are: John Snyder, the King's Regiment of Uhlans, during his years; Elmer Lucas, fiteen years; Dark days are at hand , and I hope all of of the prisoners were sent for various

> The Dowager Czarina will visit England in March. During her stay she will be the

Quebec to Have a Monument of Gen.

Police,

Already \$5,000 has been subscribed in Montreal for the Lady Thompson jund. Wm. G. Moncrieff has been appointed iquidator of the Southwick Oil Company. Mr. David Stewart, a well known Paris citizen, died in his barn on Saturday from heart disease.

The smallpox scare has entirely subsided in Strathroy. No fresh cases have been

reported. W. W. Ogilvie, president of the Montreal Board of Trade, has subscribed \$2,500

to the Thompson national fund. Edward Houghton, the young newspaper artist who shot himself in the Star office,

Toronto, died on Sunday afternoon. At Jarvis on Saturday night Will & Jones' cold storage warehouse and buildings were burned. Loss about \$12,000. Judge Senkler, of St. Catharines, has

been appointed chairman of the Provincial Board of Conciliation and Arbitration. A reward of \$500 will be offered for the conviction of the person supposed to have started incendiary fires in Belleville some

weeks ago. Thos. Armstrong, a night mail clerk at Hamilton, was run over in the Grand Trunk yard there on Friday and had both

legs taken off. The court in Toronto has been asked to construct the will of the late Thomas Best, who died some three years ago. His estate

is valued approximately at \$250,000. Mgr. Begin, co-adjutator of Cardinal Taschereau, has formally condemned the French Opera Company in Jacques Cartier. The mandament was read in all churches Sunday.

Thomas C. Radcliffe, Thamesville's chief of police, dropped dead in C. A. Mayhew's store Saturday night. Deceased had been troubled with heart disease for some years. He leaves a wife and two children.

The Quebec City Council has unanimously adopted the report of the special committee recommending that permission monument there to Gen. Montgomery.

A test was made of the new gas well at Leamington on Friday afternoon and the flow was found to be 1,000,000 cubic feet per day. It is located at Seacliffe, the terminus of the Michigan Central Railway branch. John D. Woodside, agent of the London

Life Insurance Company, had his left hand completely smashed by the wheels of a trolley car Saturday evening in Toronto. In attempting to alight from a moving motor he fell and his hand was caught beneath the wheels.

While doing his daily round in the man's ward in the Beauport Lunatic Asylum, Quebec, on Friday, Dr. Vallee was assailed by a mad patient, who struck him with a long piece of lead pipe. Fortunately one of the guardians prevented the pipe from striking with full force. Nevertheless Dr. Vailee received a nasty gash.

NEW LIGHT

On the Toronto Aldermanic Scandal.

The Edison Companys Agent Makes Some Sensational Statements.

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—There was a sudden revival of interest in the boodle investigation when late on Saturday evening Mr. Nesbitt announced that an important witness had come to town, and as he could only stay a few hours an evening sitting of the court had been arranged by Judge MacDougall. Accordingly soon after 7:30 Mr. Marshall D. Barr, for some time general agent in Canada of the Edison Electrical Company, and now engaged in business in the United States, appeared. He is the gentleman who entered into an agreement with Messrs. Hall and Hewitt y which they were to use their influence with the street railway for a consideration of \$4,000 and secure the contract for car

equipment for the Edison Company. Mr. Barr told how at first the Edison Company or gentlemen connected with the company proposed te tender for the To-ronto franchise, and how after an interview with Mr. Everett Mr. Muir, of the Edison, advised him not to do anything further along that line, nor worry about the order for equipment, as the Edison Company was sure to get it. Finally after a great deal of correspondence the Edison Company did get the contract at the rate of \$1,850 per car for 200 cars. This contract yielded a profit of \$1,000 per car to

Edison Company.
On being asked if this was not a mistake Mr. Barr repeated most emphatically that it was not, and that he was selling electric equipments now in the United States at 2650 per car.

This means that the Edison Company, on work that cost \$172,000, made \$200,000 profit, and the natural inference is that a large part of this profit was the price paid for the Edison Company's friends' withdrawal from the position of competitors for the franchise.

Mr. Barr also gave the first direct proof of questionable relations between aldermen and the Kiely-Everett syndicate. The not result of Mr. Barr's evidence is to show that Mr. Everett, for some reason explained by him, permitted Ald. Hall and Hewitt to control in some degree the letting of a street railway contract involving hundreds of thousands of

The West Algoma Petitions.

TORONTO, Dec. 116 .- An order has been made changing the place of trial of the West Algoma election petitions from Port Arthur to Toronto. The trial comes off at Osgoode Hall on Tuesday.

Steamship Arrivals.

Dec. 15.	At	From
Salier	New York	Breme
Elbe	New York	Breme
Marcala	New York	Hambur
La Burgogne.	Havre	New Yor
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DRYGOODS CARPETS

What's it likely to bring? What to give? Time to think it over, turn thoughts into trading-parcels---packages, All over our stores there are signs of its nearness. Departments have donned their holiday, gift-giving garb, and stocks have been doubled and trebled to meet the demand that is and will be. For three weeks we have been busy buzzing travelers and warehouses, studying the interests of be granted American citizens to erect a buyers of sensible Christmas gifts. The result is a most complete holiday stock and lowest prices. Do you think we would lead the trade eleven months in the year to be overtaken on the last lap? The cream of Holidaying Drygoods is here for your enjoyment.

> Much to See. Much to Enjoy. Much to Praise. Much to Admire.

This gift-giving idea is changing---Has changed. If would have seemed funny years ago to be advertising

Heliday Hosiery Holiday Silks Holiday Gloves

Holiday Linens Holiday Rugs Holiday Dress Goods

Holiday Ties Holiday Umbrellas Holiday Furnishings Holiday Millinery

Holiday Handkerchiefs Holiday Cloaks

But it's pertinent now. They are the things everybody is buying. Holiday things take the useful turn more than ever this year. We're getting more and more utilitarian. In any event, whether your need be one of sentiment cr practical utility, this emporium gives you abundance of choice dress things or wear things for young and old---representing the best and nicest of the worla's products.

On, up, from one degree of taste and knowledge to another, until the "something" for each and everyone has been chosen. No single interest has been overlooked. The store caters for the holiday business of '94 with the grandest, most comprehensive assortment of good, nev things ever shown the ladies of London.

Remains For You To Shop Early.

The Great Drygoods and Carpet House of the West.