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Married.

In Hamilton, on the 31st January, by the Rev. W. S. Griffin, Fred. M. Wilkinson, son of Mr. J. Wilkinson, proprietor of the St. Thomas Times, to Alnitra, daughter of Mr. Charles Smith, of Hamilton.

By the Rev. W. L. Howes, on the 27th ult. David McNeilie to Sarah Sinders, both of Port Burwell.

Died.

In this city, on the 4th inst., the youngest son of Mr. John McMillan, King street, London East, aged 17 months.

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At Lossington, on the 1st inst., John M. Bruce, barrister.

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The Eastern Question.

The Outlook Not Reassuring.

Armistice Brings Anxiety, Not Rejoicing, in Russia.

The Czar Negotiating for the Turkish Fleet.

The Austrian Navy Getting Under Weigh.

The Fate of England and Austria Hanging Upon the Vote in Parliament.

Change in the Turkish System of Government.

A CRITICAL REVIEW OF THE SITUATION.

Reluctance of the Russian Military Powers to Sign Armistice.

Negotiations Purposely Delayed to Strengthen the Military Position.

Armistice Only Secured by Peremptory Orders from the Government.

An Early Meeting of the Conference Expected.

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Imperial Parliament Last Night.

Progress of the Confidence Debate.

MODERATED TONE OF THE OPPOSITION.

The Debate Adjourned Until Thursday

THE GRECIAN QUESTION.

London, Feb. 5.—In the Commons tonight the debate on the supplementary vote continued.

Unimportant speeches were made by Frederick Stanley, member for North Lancashire, Lord Fitzmaurice, member for Colne, and Birkley, member for Manchester.

Charles Norwood, Liberal member for Hull, said he could not undertake the responsibility of opposing the vote.

Sir Charles Dilke (Radical) declared that the strongest objection to the vote was that it would be misinterpreted abroad.

Alexander Hall, member for the City of Oxford, protested against Eastern Europe being left to Russian ambition under the pretext of religion.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt said:—If the Government, as might seem from the Conservative cheers, intends to enter the controversy with the policy indicated by the last speaker, it means war. If the Government desires a speedy peace, the basis of their policy at the conference must be a recognition of the fact that the perfect independence and integrity of the Ottoman Empire had ceased. He continued:—It is not too late for the Government to—Russia in the conference as the champion of "the oppressed nationalities. The whole country w... "support of policy. He deprecated any ... Austrian interests. If before the ... the debate the Government would ... Russia is negotiating for the surrender of the whole Turkish fleet.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 5.—The cessation of hostilities has produced more anxiety than rejoicing.

Ragusa, Feb. 5.—The Prince of Montenegro has accepted the armistice, and ordered cessation of hostilities.

Constantinople, Feb. 5.—The office of Grand Vizier is abolished and a new ministry formed, consisting of Ahmed Vefik Effendi, President of the Council of Ministers and Minister of the Interior; Server Pasha, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Reouf Pasha, Minister of War; Sodik Pasha Minister of Marine; Kiazi Pasha, Minister of Finance; Namyk Pasha, Grand Master of Artillery; and Safvet Pasha, President of the Council of State. The constitution of the ministry under European forms and designations, seems to indicate a further step in the promised reforms.

Rome, Feb. 5.—The *Popolo Romano* says: —Italy and France have accepted Austria's invitation to the conference.

Trieste, Feb. 5.—The Austrian ironclads England and other powers would have to 64 ten guns, and Hapsburg, 4,558 tons, with fourteen 10 ton guns, are being fitted for service.

Vienna, Feb. 5.—Most of the Powers have accepted the invitation to participate in the Conference. Russia consented at the outset in principle, but has not yet formally accepted.

London, Feb. 5.—A Vienna correspondent telegraphs:—No attempt is made in St. Petersburg to remove the suspicion that the Russian commander in Roumelia deliberably procrastinated the negotiations, in order to take the greatest possible advantage of the military situation. In order to clear the Russian Government of a charge which otherwise might attach to it, that the delays occurred, if not by its order, at least with its connivance, the merit is claimed for it of having finally convinced, by its peremptory commands, the resistance and unwillingness of the army to see an armistice signed, causing it to stop before the very gates of Constantinople.

Nothing is yet known about the line of demarcation and other conditions of the armistice; but, according to hints from Berlin, far greater stress is laid in St. Petersburg on the military than on the political side of the negotiations just concluded. The fact that considerable reinforcements of Russian troops continue to stream through Roumania to Bulgaria; that besides the operating forces in Bulgaria and Roumania, the army of reserves in Roumania is being actively mobilized, and that the creation of 44 fresh battalions, to be formed into four new divisions, has just been ordered by the Czar—all show the importance attached to the military attitude so to be assumed in the conquered territory during peace negotiations. The Czar's speech at a review of the troops at St. Petersburg yesterday seems to point in the same direction. From all this, it may be taken for granted that regard for the military position of Russia during the coming discussions has not been lost sight of in the terms of the armistice. According to a Berlin telegram to the *Pester Lloyd* the passing of the Russians across Constantinople forms part of the stipulations, though this would only be done after the conclusion of peace, and for the purpose of embarking a part of the army there on their way home.

A Vienna correspondent says the conference will probably assemble at the end of February or beginning of March. Count Andrassy wishes it to assemble on the 25th inst., but this is hardly possible unless Russia answers immediately. The powers chiefly interested, except, of course, Russia, intend to insist on the Treaty of Paris being taken as the basis of negotiation.

London, Feb. 6, 6 a.m.—A Vienna dispatch says the Conference Austria will insist on fixing an exact limit to the Russian occupation of the Bulgaria and Danube fortresses. Each State sends two delegates to the Conference.

A Paris correspondent hears from three reliable quarters that one of the terms of definitive peace is the cession of a naval station in the Sea of Marmora to Russia.

Berlin, Feb. 6.—The *North German Gazette* states that Turkey has been invited to send a representative to the Conference.

London, Feb. 6, 6 a.m.—A correspondent at St. Petersburg says:—The feeling of uneasiness with regard to the political situation seems to increase. The attitude unexpectedly assumed by Austria is now known to all.

A Berlin despatch says all the Powers have accepted Austria's invitation to hold a Conference except Russia, whose adhesion may be hourly expected. The Conference assembles almost immediately.

A Vienna despatch says a portion of Suleiman Pasha's troops, still at Kavala, have been ordered to embark for Salonica to act against the Greeks.

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RUSSIA

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION—THE PREFECT OF ST. PETERSBURG FIRED UPON BY A WOMAN.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 5.—While the Prefect of St. Petersburg was giving to-day the usual audience for the reception of petitions, a woman fired upon him twice with a revolver, wounding the Prefect dangerously. The Emperor and Prince Gortschakoff visited him. The city is greatly excited. The woman preserves complete silence in regard to her motives.

THE GRECIAN ATTITUDE

Departure of the Turkish Minister from Athens.

A GREAT PANIC PREVAILING.

Athens, Feb. 5.—The Turkish Minister here designates the action of the Greek Government as a declaration of war. He telegraphed to Constantinople for men-of-war to convey him hence, in consequence of which the Turkish fleet under Hobart Pasha has arrived. The Greek Government is in consternation, and intends appealing to the intervention of guaranteeing Powers. A great panic prevails.

At Athens dispatch says:—The conclusion of the armistice caused consternation, though the Russian Minister here gave a verbal promise that Greece should be included in the peace. The only rational thing for the Greeks to do is to stop military operations immediately, and rely on this promise, and the good offices of Europe; but no order has yet been sent to the army, and the general feeling seems to be in favor of continuing the war at any sacrifice. The position of the Greeks is bad. They can claim the reward neither of warlike achievements, nor of a peaceful policy.

Athens, Feb. 5.—The foreign ministers held a meeting to-day, and resolved to guarantee Piraeus against bombardment if left unarmed, thereby remaining an open port. The ministers adjourned the meeting, to wait for further instructions.

London, Feb. 6, 6 a.m.—An Athens correspondent reports that the Turkish invaders have been ordered to convey from 8,000 to 10,000 troops to the Gulf of Volo to oppose the Thessalonian insurrection, and endeavor to cut off the retreat of the Greek army. The insurrection, however, is gaining ground, and the Greeks are advancing. The Greek Government has resolved not to stop the progress of the troops, unless the great powers promise to maintain order in the Hellenic Provinces, and secure the rights of the Christians in the conference.

...t Derby, receiving the Greek deputation yesterday, said:—I hear the Greek ...the property of Government is destitute ... with drawing of troops from beyond the frontier, and we should do all we can to arrange this difficulty. After I think and hope the question is in a fair way of settlement."

Lord Derby also stated his information was that the Turkish fleet would not leave off Piraeus on Tuesday."

A Vienna dispatch says Hobart Pasha is instructed to bombard the Greek ports, unless the Greek troops are recalled.

An Athens dispatch says there is a great panic here, and the inhabitants are fleeing.

The Railway War.

A NEW ARRANGEMENT ENTERED ON.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—Information was received here yesterday that Mr. Fink has succeeded in adjusting the differences between the New York Central and Grand Trunk Railways in regard to West-bound rates from Boston. Under Mr. Fink's direction the Grand Trunk is allowed the following advantage on rates, taking Boston and Chicago as the basis:—Ten cents on first-class, eight cents on second class, six cents on third-class, and four cents on fourth class. The agents of the National Dispatch Fast Freight Line, which runs over the Vermont Central and Grand Trunk Railroads, are not satisfied with the advantages given them, as the difference will not pay for the additional mileage to be made by their line. But, as the Grand Trunk has agreed to abide by the arrangement, they will probably have to stand it for the present, at least.

Singular Homicide.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 5.—This morning Angus Dawson, a negro, shot and killed a negro who was confined at the jail. Jailor Dawson refused, when the negro began shooting through the door, having his revolver, fired. The ballet, missing the negro, went through the glass door of Con Griffing's grocery store two hundred yards distant, and struck Griffing just below the heart. He ran into the adjoining room, and falling into the arms of his wife, exclaimed, "O, Katie, I'm killed!" and soon expired.

Probable Murder.

New York, Feb. 5.—The body found on the brink of the precipice at the Palisades has been identified as that of Geo. Smithson, an English engineer, "Jack Hall." It is reported that he was murdered.

Woman Burned to Death.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 5.—Mrs. W. A. Harrison was found wrapped in flames at her residence, a few miles from this city, yesterday. The fire was extinguished, but she died without giving an explanation.

The Metropolis Survivors.

Philadelphia, Feb. 5.—About 125 survivors of the Metropolis arrived here to-day. They are now prepared to sail for Brazil in the next steamer.

United States Consul Reports.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The Consul at Glasgow reports that the United States tariff, especially on raw materials entering into American manufactures, is the clock to an almost limitless increase of American commerce under the active enterprise of business men on both sides.

Horrible Domestic Affair.

New York, Feb. 5.—Daniel Dougherty, aged 4 years, died this morning from the effects of scalds inflicted by his mother while throwing hot water at her husband.

Not Charlie Ross.

Baltimore, Feb. 5.—Mr. Ross says that the Demerara boy is not his missing Charlie.

New York Canals.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 5.—The canal toll sheet of 1877, with the addition of making four; leached ashes and petroleum free, and a reduction of 50 per cent. on lime, was adopted by the House to-day.

New York, Feb. 5.—An Albany dispatch says a Company has been organized, and will shortly ask the Legislature for the privilege of building a narrow gauge railroad along the banks of the canal from Buffalo to Albany, with branches from Rochester to Milgrove, from Rome to Carthage, and from Utica to Binghamton, ostensibly for towing purposes.

For the Exposition.

New York, Feb. 5.—The *Times* says the two vessels carrying American goods to the Paris Exposition will both sail on Feb. 23. The American exhibit will be guarded by marines from our vessels at Havre.

FIRES.

East Brookfield, Mass., Feb. 5.—Butterworth & Carpenter's boot and shoe store is burned. Loss on building, $8,000.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—The Academy of Music, on Halsted street, was burned. Loss, $80,000.

SHIPPING.

Larne, Feb. 5.—Arrival, State of Virginia, from New York.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

By Special Telegraph to the Free Press.

Toronto, Feb. 5.

The Speaker took his seat at 3 o'clock.

After prayers and routine,

The following bills were read a third time and passed:—Respecting the Belleville and North Hastings Railway Company; respecting the Toronto Club, respecting the Hamilton Girls' Home, and respecting the Whitby, Port Perry and Lindsay Railway Company.

Mr. Crooks' bill, to extend the Religious Institutions Act to the Church of England in Ontario, was passed in committee.

The House went into Committee of Supply.

On the item of $11,400 for Departmental Examinations,

Hon. Mr. Crooks made a long explanation with reference to the theft of the examination papers, and also with regard to the judicial investigation into the charges against members of the Central Committee and others. Any other form of enquiry but that adopted would, he said, have been unsatisfactory. It would have been useless if not conducted before some person above all influence, political or otherwise. Such person he thought was found in Justice Patterson. The result of that patient investigation was to show that there was no foundation for the charges made against the personal integrity of the member of the Central Committee, and the suspicion of improper conduct on the part of Dr. McClelland and Dr. Kirkland was entirely dispelled; it was impossible that there should not be some evidence in the question of the examiners; but the examination showed there was not the slightest ground for the suspicion that these gentlemen had been acting in collusion.

Mr. Cameron pointed out that the evidence showed that McClelland had obtained questions from Kirkland, and before the enquiry he denied it. It was material to say there was no collusion. It was the duty of the Minister of Education not to give them the benefit of every doubt, but if he found the suspicion of improper conduct well established, in the interest of education, to have them removed. That was the opinion of the country, and the honorable gentleman would not do his cause any good by retaining those gentlemen.

The remainder of the votes for the Education Department were passed, and the House adjourned at 6 o'clock.

THE DUNKIN CONTEST IN LENNOX.

First Day's Polling—Heavy Vote for Repeal.

Napanee, Ont., Feb. 5.—The polling stood at the close as follows, with two small polling places to hear from:—

	Dunkin.	Anti Dunkin.
Tamworth	55	200
Centreville	108	164
Newburgh	84	55
Bath	85	36
Napanee	151	227
Odessa	208	142
Selby	174	197
Amherst Island	18	14
North Fredericksburg	99	129

Adolphustown—Majority for Anti, 54.
South Fredericksburg — Majority for Anti, 76.

Secret meetings are held this evening by both parties, and a hard struggle will take place to-morrow. The Anti-Dunkin party are betting on a large majority for the repeal.

The Watford Copper Fed.

A Company Formed to Sink a Shaft.

Watford, Ont., Feb. 5.—Regarding the find of copper in this municipality, a company has been formed for the potting down of a shaft to test if the copper is in or found in paying quantities. A sulphuret of iron has also been found, mixed with the copper, yielding 70 to 80 per cent. of pure iron.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

Mr. Peter Mitchell Returned by Acclamation.

New Castle, February 5.—Northumberland County—Hon. Peter Mitchell was elected to-day by acclamation.

NOVA SCOTIA.

WHITE FISH FROM OUTARIO LAKES.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 5.—About two hundred thousand white fish have been placed in the Bedford fish breeding establishment, in good condition, from the Ontario lakes.

EXTENSIVE FIRE.

The extensive fish curing establishment of Davis & McAlum, at Murray Harbor, P. E. I., were almost totally destroyed by fire, together with a dwelling house and a large quantity of material. Loss, over $10,000.

MONTREAL

BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—The long established tea importing house of David Robertson is in financial difficulties. Liabilities, $200,000; the assets are nearly as large. The Dominion Oil Cloth Co. are also in difficulty. Liabilities, $300,000; assets unknown.

BUSINESS FAILURES.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—Is S. Woods, Manager of the Dominion Oil Cloth Co., has suspended. His failure will not affect the Oil Cloth Co. to the least, as it is in a good financial position. Woods is a large importer of woollens. His liabilities are estimated at over a quarter of a million dollars.

A writ of attachment has been issued against Leblanc & Robillard, wholesale dry goods, wine and spirit merchants. The liabilities are not ascertained, but will be large.

The Bank of Montreal is the chief creditor of David Robertson, who failed to-day. A composition is likely to be effected.

The total liabilities of R. Mitchell & Co., who failed lately, are $140,000—$50,000 direct and $90,000 indirect. Assets, $100,000.

The estate of W. S. Wood & Co. will leave nothing for the creditors after paying the law expenses connected with the prosecution of the Davisos.

Curling at Paris.

Paris, Ont., Feb. 5.—A match was played here to-day between the Bright and Paris clubs, which resulted in a victory for the latter by seven shots.

OTTAWA.

PERSONAL — OPENING OF THE SESSION — RETURN OF LORD DUFFERIN.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Sir John Macdonald and Hon. T. N. Anglin have arrived.

A meeting of the Privy Council is being held to-day, for the completion of arrangements for the session.

The Governor-General returned to-day, accompanied by a son of President Hayes.

TORONTO

THE REFORM CONVENTION.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—Seven or eight hundred delegates were present at the Reform Convention which assembled here to-day. The greater portion of the day was taken up in organizing and laying down a platform. A number of addresses were delivered by prominent members of the party, which were enthusiastically received.

THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

The examinations of the College of Pharmacy commenced to-day. There are 68 candidates—the largest number since the institution of the College.

THE PICTURE SHOW.

Opening of the Loan Art Exhibition This Afternoon.

Works of Prominent Foreign Artists on View.

Canadian Painters Well Represented.

This afternoon at 2 p. m., the Loan Art Exhibition opens to the public in the Mechanics' Hall, and, for the next week, citizens will have an opportunity of viewing a collection of paintings in oil and water-color, articles of *vertu*, assorted insects and many other curiosities of a most unique character and well worthy of inspection.

THE FREE PRESS has already referred at some length to the exhibition, which, however, deserves more than a passing notice.

OIL PAINTINGS (FOREIGN).

The east room is devoted to oil paintings by foreign artists, and, taking them as they are on the catalogue, and giving what are regarded as the more notable works, it may be observed that No. 2, contributed by Mr. Chas. Goodhue, is a very fine study of rocks, by Allan. No. 6 is a fine specimen of early English art, by George Moreland. It represents a troupe of gypsies encamped in the woods, for rehearsals. The figures are exceedingly well grouped, and, though old, the picture is in a fine state of preservation. Mr. Jas. Griffiths contributed this painting. A fine study of a head is No. 4, painted by Spagnoletti, the celebrated Italian artist, and the property of Mr. J. H. Griffith. "Dinant on the Meuse," by F. T. Lott (the property of Col. Walker), is a remarkably good shaded painting, representing a river scene in Germany, with a town in the distance. The rugged overhangings of the river, the fine atmospheric effect—as if a warm summer haze prevailed—is put on the canvas in a life-like manner. No 14, "A Study of Grapes," by George Lance, one of the finest fruit painters in England, is executed to the life. Mr. Jas. Griffiths is the owner. "Madonna and Child" (No. 15), loaned by Bishop Walsh, is a very delicately executed piece of workmanship on marble—the colors being exceedingly clear. No. 20 is a fine painting of fruit, by D. Hem, one of the best of the celebrated Flemish school. It is over 100 years old, and is in a good state of preservation; Mr. J. H. Griffiths, owner. "On the Seine at Bonnieres," Nos. 27 and 53 are two fine specimens of fruit painting by T. C. Beale, the property of Mr. J. H. Griffiths. "At the Mountain Spring" (54), by J. Hennell, represents a comely country maiden by a shaggy pony's side, whilst away up the rugged hill-side a flock of sheep is feeding. The quiet contented expression on the girl's face, the shaggy coat of the horse, the variegated coloring of the hillside, and the beautiful blue sky, are all brought out in full force. Col. Walker loans this picture. No. 57 is a representation of the "Agnus Dei," of Murillo, by Walters, R. A. It is one of the best imitations of the famous Spanish artist we have seen. Dr. Salter contributes it. No. 58 shows a fine selection of fish, painted with great naturalness. It was loaned by Mrs. Geo. McBeth. In No. 63 we have one of Meadows' choice rural scenes—representing an English cottage, by the side of a road, with several pretty children in the foreground. The effect of the sun, as it pushes its rays down through the trees, on the grassy knolls, is finely brought out. It is a cheerful, pretty scene, contributed by Mr. Jas. Griffiths. "The Interrupted Meal" (69) by W. H. Beach, is a delicately designed piece. A crafty fox, having pillaged some henroost, has just settled down to his meal when he hears the well-known bay of the hounds, which causes him to quit the choice morsel and consider ways and means. The terrified look of Reynard, as he observes the hounds in the distance, is depicted to the life. The surroundings are in keeping. Mr. Jas. Hamilton contributes "Horse and Groom," (No. 84) by Bristow—a life-like representation of the care which the professional groom exercises toward the animal committed to his charge. "On the Grand Canal, Venice," the next painting of note, is by the well-known English artist, J. Vivian, and is contributed by Mr. B. Cronyn. It partakes of Turner's style, and is very finely painted, especially the water.

Sacred art is pretty extensively shown, and several fine paintings are on view. No. 92, contributed by Rev. J. H. Robinson, is a fine old painting by Carlo Dolci, depicting a representation of Christ walking on the sea to meet his disciples. "The Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane" (96), contributed by Bishop Walsh, is a very old work, evidently the best work of one of the Italian masters. But perhaps the most noticeable and meritorious painting in the exhibition is that of "The Holy Family," a magnificent work, after the original by the world-renowned Raphael. It was painted by Carlo Maratti, a well-known Italian artiste, to the order of Bishop Hallenik, whose property it is. On either side of this picture, and represented by Nos. 88, 89, 90, 91, 94, 95, 96 and 97, are a number of sacred subjects, the property of Bishop Walsh, formerly in the collection of Cardinal Fesche, uncle of the First Napoleon. They are in an excellent state of preservation, and are works of great merit. No. 98 (painted by S. Blackburn) represents Calvin refusing to sign the Pope's Legate at Geneva. The grouping and position of the figures are very good, and the coloring is all that can be desired. Loaned by Mr. J. Blackburn.

Leaving the sacred subjects, we come to No. 107, which is a fine rustic scene, "Feeding Time," by A. de Lorme. There are horses in harness, partaking of their mid-day meal at a rack in the barn-yard, whilst in the back ground is abundance of variegated foliage, with quaint old English farm houses, nestled amongst the trees, made doubly attractive by the cheerful, soft sunshine. Rev. J. H. Robinson is the owner. Mr. Haxens contributes a pretty little piece of landscape by R. Wilson. It was received too late to receive a number in the catalogue Nos. 108 and 109 are fine specimens of English rural scenery by J. Meadows, and loaned by Rev. J. H. Robinson. Carlow's "Stiff Breeze," and "On the Sussex Coast," are good specimens of English marine painting. The vessels are very life-like. No's 101, 102, 103, 111, and 113 are mostly pieces of Scotch Highland scenery, in the neighborhood of the great lochs, by the clever Scotch artist, J. McIntyre. They are remarkable for the freeness of style, and variety of color and subject, and have each their meritorious points. No. 105, by the same artist, "Sunlight and Shade," is a really pretty painting, and is worthy of exam