

# Many Perish!

Disastrous Floods Prevailing in Queensland.

Serious Loss of Life and Destruction of Property.

British Blue Jackets Have a Skirmish with Somalis.

The Liberals Lose the Member for Huddersfield.

Sir John Abbott's Annexation Record Revived—Dillon Disapproves of the Claim for Amnesty Until the Question of Home Rule is Settled—A Wheat Tariff Outside the Dreams of British Politicians.

The Little King Convalescent. MADRID, Feb. 5.—King Alfonso, who is ill of scarlatina, is reported today to be convalescent.

Fighting in Guinea. LISBON, Feb. 5.—A dispatch from St. Thomas says that the Hottentots recently attacked Mosamedes in Lower Guinea.

Settled the Somalis. LISBON, Feb. 5.—A dispatch from Zanzibar says that a band of Somalis attacked and beat the Kikuyu agent of the British East Africa Company and his guards.

The Umbria at Queenstown. QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 5.—The Umbria which arrived yesterday, will go on the docks for repairs and sail for New York March 4.

Only Six Votes for Zola. PARIS, Feb. 5.—Elections to choose successors to Ernest Renan, Camille Roussel and Xavier Marmier as members of the French Academy, resulted in the election of Viscount Henri de Bourcier, the poet, and M. Thureau-Dangin, the historian.

Sir J. Abbott's Record Revived. LISBON, Feb. 5.—The Chronicle, in commenting upon the bill introduced in the United States House of Representatives, providing for commercial and political union between Canada and the United States, says that Canada's desire for annexation is less strong now than it was when Sir John Abbott so peculiarly signed the famous manifesto in Montreal in 1849.

Unique Rumanian Custom Observed. BUCHAREST, Feb. 5.—In accordance with the ancient Rumanian custom the wedding of 32 peasant couples, representing the 32 districts of Rumania were celebrated today in the presence of Prince Ferdinand and his bride. After the marriage ceremony the couples drove in 32 carriages, decorated with flowers to the royal palace, where a wedding dinner was served.

A Liberal Loss. LISBON, Feb. 5.—The Conservatives won a signal victory yesterday by capturing Huddersfield, which had gone Liberal in 1885, in 1886 and in 1892. The contest was for the seat made vacant by the death of William Sumner, Liberal.

Events in Egypt. LISBON, Feb. 5.—The blue book laid before Parliament, dealing with recent events in Egypt, shows that the Khedive, if he had succeeded, in defiance of England, in changing his Ministers, intended to dismiss all British officials. The blue book also shows that Lord Rosebery and M. Waddington, the French ambassador, had several snappish interviews, M. Waddington disputing the right of England to fetter the Khedive and objecting to the high-handed methods of Lord Cromer, the British representative at Cairo.

No Use for a Wheat Tariff. LISBON, Feb. 5.—Lord Salisbury opened the Liverpool electric railway yesterday. Afterward, at the Liverpool Town Hall, in reply to an address from the Chamber

of Commerce, Lord Salisbury referred to the increased difficulties with which the British merchants had to contend in the face of foreign competition. Lord Salisbury said that a tariff on corn was absolutely outside of the dreams of any politician. He questioned both the morality and expediency of the use of tariffs as a weapon against other nations, and mentioned instances in illustration of his argument the fiscal wars between France and Italy and France and Switzerland as producing disaster to all concerned. Lord Salisbury defended the colonial extension of English rule. The whole world he said was benefited by British colonization, as should other nations obtain the colonies they might not use them in the same generous manner as the English, but might nevertheless around with a wall of brass against English commerce.

The Financial Pulse. LISBON, Feb. 5.—Discount was firmer during the past week at 1½ for three months and 1 for six. Gold continues to be in demand. France and Austria taking in the market whenever an opportunity offers. Home requirements favor a continuation of easy rates, and there is no prospect of a serious drain from the Bank of England. Silver has been fairly firm in spite of increased supplies. The bank exchange during the week prices generally were firm and there was a more hopeful feeling. American railway securities were in good demand at increasing values for the leading bonds of the better class.

Fatal Floods in Queensland. BRISBANE, Feb. 5.—Incessant rain for several days has caused floods throughout Queensland. Part of the city under water. In the low lying districts many houses are submerged to the second floor and the water is still rising. The towns of Bundaberg, Ipswich and Dunda are threatened with total demolition. All domestic animals have been drowned. A large stock of human life is reported, but nothing definite can be ascertained as to the total number. A mine near Dunda was flooded and seven miners were drowned. In Ipswich many houses have collapsed. Goods are entirely under water and the inhabitants have taken refuge on the hills. Hundreds are homeless and without food. The loss of property is enormous. Cattle have been drowned by the thousands. Railways have been washed out and telegraph lines have been broken. All travel has been stopped. Most railways have stopped running trains.

John Dillon's Advice. LISBON, Feb. 5.—John Dillon, anti-Parnellite member for East Mayo, in a speech at Burnley today, deprecated the attempt to force the amnesty question upon the Government at the present crisis.

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## Our Ottawa Special

Serious Illness of Gov.-Gen. Stanley's Son.

Undevout Way of Keeping the Sabbath at the Capital.

McCarthy May Break Out in Unexpected Spots at Any Moment.

(Special Editorial Correspondence by Telegraph.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—A sensation was caused last night when it was announced that a cablegram had been received announcing the serious illness of Hon. George Stanley, second son of the Governor-General, at his brother's residence in London. The disease is brain fever. The afflicted young man only left Ottawa a few weeks ago. When the news came a toboggan party was in progress at Rideau Hall, and it was immediately terminated. The invitations issued for a state dinner were also withdrawn. I learn on inquiry at the Governor-General's residence to-night that another cablegram has been received, saying the patient is somewhat easier. Unless news comes of a decided improvement by to-morrow, Lady Stanley will leave at once for England.

Mr. McGregor, the genial member for North Essex, has almost recovered from the effects of the severe accident he met with some time ago. He is a favorite here. Few men have clearer views on public questions affecting the farming community than this Western M.P.

The newcomers are surprised at the way in which Sunday is observed in some quarters. To-night, as I write, a full dress dinner party is in progress at the Russell House. The host is Hon. Mr. Ives, President of the Council, and the guests embrace several Cabinet Ministers, one or two applicants for the vacant lieutenant-governorship of New Brunswick and a number of Conservative members.

There was a lively time in the House of Commons this morning, when one of the caretakers discovered a stream of water flowing down stairs into the quarters of Col. Smith, sergeant-at-arms. The frost during the night was intense and the water pipe leading to an unused bath burst.

D'Alton McCarthy has not yet arrived, but is expected by to-morrow morning's train. A shrewd parliamentarian said to me to-night: "The newspapers have a good deal to say about McCarthy. Let me predict this: McCarthy will make far less than is expected of him." This may have been well founded, nevertheless I find that many M.P.s believe McCarthy will break out in spots at a very early day.

So far there is no intimation when the writ for South Middlesex will be issued, but the general impression is that it will be brought on with a rush.

Monday Afternoon Dispatches. OTTAWA, Feb. 6.—The gossips were set busy this morning when the arrival of D'Alton McCarthy was chronicled. I interviewed the member for North Simcoe, but as usual he declined to speak of his probable course in the House. A significant move on Mr. McCarthy's part is rumored. He has occupied a prominent seat on the Government side next to Mr. Daly, Minister of the Interior. I hear that he intends to move nearer the eastern door to a seat in the vicinity of Col. O'Brien, his Muskoka admirer.

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British Conservative leader has cleared the atmosphere, and gives renewed hopes to the believers in freedom of trade.

Wm. Gibson, the genial M.P. for Lincoln, detained at home by domestic affliction, is expected down to-morrow. Mr. German, ex-M.P. for Welland, arrived in the city today.

SMOKE AND ASHES. Mysterious Explosion and Fire in Guelph.

A \$700 Blaze at Bayfield, Ont.—Destructive Fire Near Rochester.

GUELPH, Feb. 5.—Shortly after six this morning a terrific explosion occurred in Pringle & Chinn's hardware store, Wyndham street. The report was heard some of the city and plate glass windows opposite were smashed. Mr. Pringle, who was sleeping over the store, had to escape through the skylight. Had it not been for the several more business places would have been gutted. Not an article was saved. The stock in two flats of E. R. Bolter & Co.'s adjoining was damaged by water. The building owned by Maurice O'Connor. Loss, about \$5,000; insured for \$4,000. Loss on Pringle & Chinn, in stock, about \$10,000. Insured for \$8,000.

BAYFIELD, Ont., Feb. 5.—The house occupied by James T. Sturgeon, the property of Rev. Mr. Ryan, took fire this morning and was burned to the ground. Most of the household effects were destroyed. Loss, \$700; insured.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Fire broke out in the Deland chemical works at Fairport yesterday. The plant was entirely destroyed, estimating a loss of \$200,000. The works destroyed covered three acres of ground and gave employment to about 150 persons.

PORT COLBORNE, Ont., Feb. 5.—The Erie glass works lately started here, took natural gas for fuel, took fire last evening and were totally consumed. Loss about \$50,000; partially insured.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Feb. 5.—St. Jude's Episcopal Church burned down to-day in an hour. Loss \$10,000; insurance \$2,200.

CHATHAM, Feb. 5.—Saturday night at 8 o'clock the watchman in Gray & Son's large carriage factory discovered fire in the dust of W. Chorney's grocery. The fire brigade succeeded in putting out the fire after flooding the basement and ground floor. Loss covered by insurance.

Telephone—House, No. 373; Store, No. 545.

## KEARNEY'S HERBAL HAIR TONIC

KEARNEY'S, after Feb. 5.—The iron roller mill belonging to Abraham and Marks Harris and Abraham Goldman at Ironville burned last night. Loss \$120,000; insurance \$90,000.

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GLEEFULLY CAUGHT. The Toronto Jesse James Gang Under Lock and Key.

And a Quantity of the Stolen Property Recovered—Detective Duncan Feroz Out the Audacious Quartet.

TORONTO, Feb. 5.—The gang of masked and armed daylight robbers who during the last five weeks have committed a couple of daring robberies in jewelry stores and attempted the robbery of a bank, and finally returned a box of the stolen jewelry to one of the burglarized stores with a note of defiance to the detectives, have all been in jail since early this morning. The evidence against the gang is complete and overwhelming.

The capture is the work principally of Acting Detective Duncan. Some days ago that put him on the watch in regard to a young married man named Bennett living in the east end. He noticed three men in the habit of frequenting the house and shadowed them to their lodgings named Kelly, alias Archer, who lived together, aged 21 and 29, and the third named Norris, a young married man of 23. Bennett, the leader of the gang, is 25.

Yesterday Duncan, accompanied by an officer, went to Bennett's house, who refused admission unless they had a warrant. The detective produced the warrant and the investigation revealed not only the robbers, slugs and other appliances of the trade, but a quantity of the stolen valuables. Bennett and his wife and baby were taken to jail and then a strong body of officers made for the houses of the three others supposed to be implicated. They were all found sleeping in bed, each of them with a loaded revolver, which, however, they had no chance of using. Masks and handbags were found in their rooms. None of the four made any attempt at resistance. The wife and baby of Bennett were allowed to go home when the three accomplices had been arrested.

A special visit to Bennett's house to-day discovered a value from Ammon Davis, the jeweler first robbed, hidden in a heap of snow outside the back door. The value was opened and found to contain a large quantity of jewelry. The robbers will appear in court to-morrow morning.

Frozen to Death. HARRISON, Mich., Feb. 5.—While searching in a blizzard Friday for his missing daughter, Henry Grammer perished almost within reach of his own door. His 12-year-old daughter left the house just before dusk. Failing to return the father went in search of her. The snow lay over a foot deep on the ground and was falling thickly, and the wind was blowing 40 miles an hour. Later he was found frozen stiff. The daughter has not yet been found.

Mrs. W. C. Whitney, wife of the ex-Secretary of the United States Navy, died at her home in New York at 3 o'clock this (Monday) morning. Mrs. Whitney's death was due to affection of the heart.

## Too Early for Comfort.

Mrs. Woodliffe's Fancy Goods Store Destroyed by Fire.

Narrow Escape of Five Occupants of the Building.

Was It Inconceivable or Accident?—Raiders Were on the Premises—\$76 in Cash Disappears—Loss and Insurance.

Residents in the neighborhood of the corner of Wellington and Dundas streets were awakened at about 3:30 this morning by repeated cries of "Fire!" Quite a crowd of people was soon on the spot and witnessed the total destruction of Mrs. Woodliffe's fancy goods store.

SOPHIA WOODLIFFE, 262½ Dundas street, who was on that fatal night, was the first to discover the fire from the outside, and at once sounded fire alarm. Unbox No. 5 in the immediate vicinity. Unfortunately, from some unaccountable cause, the alarm did not sound in any of the streets of the fire brigade arrived in answer to a telephone call from the Metropolitan Hotel. By this time the flames had made great headway, and consequently the whole store was badly gutted.

SOON AFTERWARD ESCAPES. Mrs. Woodliffe, her two young children, and two boarders, Mr. and Mrs. Lumbleton, were asleep directly above the burning store. Mrs. Woodliffe was the first to awake, and knowing at once that danger was near, aroused the others. The entrance to the house was through the store, and this means of escape was therefore cut off. The fire reached the room between the store and the dining-room at the back, and thus the rear entrance was also unavailable. The only means of escape was by climbing out of a back window, sliding down an icy roof and then jumping or dropping into the snow beneath. This plan was adopted by the five occupants of the building.

Meanwhile there was quite a panic in the adjoining boarding houses kept by Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Stenberg. The numerous boarders hustled to and fro gathering their belongings into trunks and valises. Many made their appearance in scanty attire. All the guests in the Metropolitan Hotel were aroused.

THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. A coal stove situated in the front portion of the store was at once named as the cause of the conflagration. An ADVERTISER reporter saw Mrs. Woodliffe after she had partially recovered from her nervous shock. She stated positively that there had been no fire in that stove since she came to the store, and that she had been in the store since 8 o'clock last evening. The

BACK WINDOW WAS UP, and it was evident that some marauders had taken possession during the hours of the morning. They had provided themselves an ample meal, had left an old shirt for a new one, and \$76 which had been left in the till was missing. This may have been burnt, as the counter was entirely consumed by the fiery element. Mrs. Woodliffe is confident that some person set fire to the store.

THE STOCK IN THE STORE and a piano in the adjoining room were valued at about \$1,500. Mrs. Woodliffe carried \$1,000 insurance. The store is owned by Mrs. Thos. Knowlton, of Detroit, and Mrs. Herbert Taylor, Queen's avenue, city. The stock in the store was valued at about \$500, and is fully covered by insurance. Mrs. Woodliffe will have the sympathy of many friends and customers. She has been in business in London for nineteen years.

Disastrous Train Wreck. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 6.—A disastrous wreck of freight trains occurred at 2 a.m., at Williams Station, twelve miles outside of Cumberland, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The dead are George Wallace, engineer, and John Nez, conductor.

Ontario Orange Grand Lodge. TORONTO, Feb. 5.—Representatives of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West, and a company appointed by the Supreme Grand Lodge of Canada were in session here Saturday to transfer from the Grand Lodge of Ontario West the present Insurance society and to convert it into a permanent connection with the Supreme Lodge.

An Ocean Search. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 6.—The Pacific Mail steamship San Juan left here last evening to search for the City of Peking now nearly two weeks overdue. She carried half a dozen expert machinists, engineers and metal workers with shunting and such other machinery as is likely to be required in repairing the City of Peking if she has met with an accident in her machinery department. The pantry and storeroom were fully stocked.

Black One Year, White the Next. CANTON, Miss., Feb. 6.—A woman appeared on the streets here yesterday who attracted much attention. She has a perfectly white face and hands and short kinky hair, with the features of a negro. The woman said that she was born black and remained so until she was 15 years old, when she suddenly turned white, remaining so for one year, when she turned black again. Since that time she is alternately white and black, not alone in spots, but changes color entirely. She is fairly intelligent, and says she has never taken a dose of medicine. She lives near Salts Station, on the Canton and Aberdeen road. She says she cannot stand the sun, and wears a double veil and heavy gloves. She says if the sun was to shine upon her skin for one minute it causes it to blister at once. She has been examined by physicians, who are unable to account for the change in her color.

## REMOVAL.

An invitation is extended to all to visit us at 216 Dundas street, northwest corner of Clarence (Brown & Morris' old stand).

We opened our new Drug Store on Saturday, Jan. 31. We will be happy to see all our old friends and customers.

As in the past, we will endeavor to keep an absolutely pure and fresh stock of Drugs and Chemicals, quality to be of first importance.

In our new premises we are opening many new lines of Toilet Goods, Hair Brushes, Exquisite Perfumes, etc., all at remarkably low prices.

Dispensing Prescriptions is with us a specialty. Please remember the new address.

CAIRNCROSS & LAWRENCE, CHEMISTS

216 DUNDAS STREET, Northwest Corner of Dundas and Clarence Streets

THE OPEN FORUM.

To the Editor of the ADVERTISER:

On account of the resignation of two of the school trustees, it becomes necessary for the city council to appoint two trustees to fill their places. Now, would it not be wise for our worthy aldermen to select two men of business ability and intelligence, seeing that the trustee board has so much business of vital importance to look after, as well as the expenditure of so much money? Hoping that a wise selection may be made, I remain, yours truly,

CITIZEN.

Blizzards in Dakota. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 6.—North and South Dakota and Western Minnesota are experiencing the worst blizzard of the winter.

Big Bank Failure. ROME, Feb. 6.—The Banco Associatione of Florence has failed. Its liabilities amount to 2,000,000 lire. It is suspected that the bankruptcy of the concern is fraudulent, and the manager and cashier have been arrested.

The Consular Seal System. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—Secretary of Treasury Foster has requested the Secretary of State to request the United States consuls in Canada to personally seal cars containing merchandise destined for the United States and which is transported under the consular seal system. In his message to Congress on this subject the latter day President Harrison quoted from a letter by Secretary of State Foster upon this particular in which he said that it was impossible for the consuls to do this work.

Congress and Annexation. NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The Herald's correspondent at Washington telegraphs that he has made a careful poll of Congress regarding the Hawaiian matter with the following result: In the Senate 83 members were seen, 5 being absent. Of the former 20 were decidedly in favor of annexation, 35 expressed a preference for a protectorate, 3 were against either annexation or protectorate, and 35 refused to place themselves on record at the present time. In the House the poll was taken only as to the question of annexation, this being the only question upon which the House would be called upon to decide. Eighty-three of the representatives were in favor of annexation and 46 were against it, and 77 were members of both houses showed a unanimous sentiment against control of the islands by a foreign power.

Words for Young Spellers. Stand up scholars, now, and spell, spell phoneticly and knell; Or take some simple words as chilly, Or gaffer, or the gardenilly. To spell such words as sylligism, And lachrymose and synchronism, And pentateuch and saccharine, Apocrypha and celadonine, Lactiferous and cocty, Jeune and homeopathy, Paralysis and chloroderm, Phthisis and pachyderm, Metempsychosis, gherkins, basque, Is certainly no easy task. Kaleidoscope and Tennessee, Kamschatka and dispensary, Liphthous and crystals, And etiquette and sassafras, Infallible and pyralism, Allons by and rheumatism, And cataplasms and beleaguer. Twelfth, eighteen, rendezvous, intrigues, And hosts of other words are found In English and on classic ground. Thus being straitly admonished, Thermopylae, cordilleras, Suite, hemorrhage, jalap, Havana, Cinquifolium and ipocucana, And Hapsbachneck and Rhinoceros, And Schyrikul and a thousand more, Are words that some good spellers miss In dictionary lands like this. Nor need one think himself a scroyle If some of these he happens to miss.

Herman Lang, a young farmer living close to Leavenworth, Kan., died Saturday night from hydrophobia after suffering intense agony for 24 hours. He was bitten by a rabid dog last August.

ROLLING UP.

The weekly sales of C. W. C. We don't intend to tire you by detailing the many money, time and labor-saving advantages possessed by C. W. C. If you have made a careful application of directions on each packet you know something of them; if you have not, you are to be pitied. To those who are to follow the lead, "behind the times," and there is no doubt that you are to follow the lead of your intelligent neighbors and use

C. W. C. WASHING COMPOUND