

SUNDAY IN LONDON

What is Going On in the Leading Churches of the City.

ADELAIDE STREET BAPTIST Church—Pastor, Rev. Thomas S. Johnson. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

ASKIN STREET METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. J. W. Holmes, pastor. Christmas services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

CENTENNIAL METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. George Jackson, pastor. At both services, Special Christmas service of music by the choir.

CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. Walter M. G. Galloway, pastor. At 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Bible Class and Sabbath School at 3 p.m.

COLBORNE STREET METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. A. K. Birks, pastor. The pastor will take both services.

DUNDAS CENTER METHODIST CHURCH—The pastor, Rev. Dr. Saunders, will preach. Morning subject, "Seeking the King's Palace."

EMPRESS AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH—T. E. Harrison, pastor. Morning service, "The Daystar." Evening, "Brotherly Help."

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—E. Clarence Oakley, pastor. Morning, Christmas sermon on "The Coming of Christ."

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. J. V. Smith, D.D., pastor. Rev. C. H. Yarnall will preach at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

GERMAN LUTHERAN—Rev. J. S. Herald, pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. in Duffell Block.

HAMILTON ROAD METHODIST CHURCH—Christmas services. The pastor, Rev. S. J. Allen, will preach.

KING STREET PRESBYTERIAN Church—Rev. Thomas A. Johnston, pastor. Morning, "God's Christmas Gift."

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. J. G. Stuart, pastor. Morning service, 11 o'clock, subject, "Jesus' Road."

MEMORIAL CHURCH, CORNER of Queen's avenue and William street—Rev. C. Owen, B.A., rector. Fourth Sunday in Advent.

NEW ST. JAMES' PRESBYTERIAN Church—Rev. J. M. McWhorter, pastor. Services conducted by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

SOUTH LONDON BAPTIST CHURCH—Worship at 11 a.m.; subject, "The Secret of Victory."

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN Church—Rev. Robert Johnston, D.D., pastor. The pastor will preach at 11 a.m.; subject, "Has Christ Brought Peace to the Earth?"

ST. JAMES' CHURCH—SOUTH LONDON—Rev. C. Owen, B.A., rector. Morning service, 11 o'clock.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL—MORNING—"Venite" (Ouseley). "Benedictus" (Beatty). "Gloria" (Dean). Evening—"Magnificat"

Pocock Bros.' XMAS SALE

TAUBOT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. A. T. Sowerby, Ph.D., LL.D., pastor. 11 a.m., Christmas sermon and music by the choir.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION—Auditorium, Bethel Church. Rev. C. H. Yatman will speak to men only on "Judas Iscariot."

PUBLIC MEETING IN AUDITORIUM—Auditorium, Bethel Church. Rev. C. H. Yatman will speak. All welcome.

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PERSONAL.

FORWARD—FOR THE DETECTION of a conviction of a malicious party or parties who have circulated the report that I discharged my bartender, J. Winston, because he belonged to the union.

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CHRISTMAS IN OLD ENGLAND

Will Be Merry, Though the Metropolis is a Very Dull Spot.

The Fashionable World Has Invaded the Country Houses—Revival of Odd Old Customs, Including the Dance in Servants' Hall—Mr. W. R. Hobbs and the Furniture Company—Mrs. Maybrick's Case.

[Special Cable Letter.]

London, Dec. 22.—There will be a merry Christmas in England, though in consequence, London is already one of the dullest spots in the United Kingdom. The fashionable world has incontinently deserted the metropolis and sought refuge in the country places.

REVIVAL OF OLD CUSTOMS.

There will be such a round of house parties as has been unknown for several years. They will be accompanied by the revival of the queer, old customs which, a century ago, made the season the occasion for unrestrained merry-making among rich and poor alike.

ROYAL GATHERINGS.

At Osborne, the Queen will be surrounded by the Duke and Duchess of York, the Princess of Battenberg and several of her grandchildren. At Sandringham, the Prince of Wales will entertain the Duke and Duchess of Fife and their children with royal Christmas trees.

Welbeck Abbey, Biemham palace, Hatfield House and all the stately homes of England's aristocracy are filling up with scores of guests prepared to make the most of Yuletide. Balls, amateur theatricals and entertainments without end have been arranged, conspicuously among which is the old England custom of

A DANCE IN THE SERVANTS' HALL.

At the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire's, Earl and Countess Spencer's, the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry's and other places of the nobility, Christmas eve will be marked by the strange spectacle of butlers dancing with duchesses, footmen with countesses, and grooms with the daughters of belted earls, while ladies' maids, chamber maids and cooks will hang on to the arms of cabinet ministers and other male heads of illustrious lines. The ancient practice of the landlady enjoying the servants' quadrille had almost lapsed, except in the case of a few families.

CAUSE OF THE REVIVAL.

The revival is, perhaps, no little due to the increasing necessity for pampering the British servant. The Onlooker says the householders now have to study the comfort of their domestics as much as their own, and quotes the country house where a set of rooms is especially allotted to them for recreation, comprising a ballroom, music room, library and billiard room, in which a marker is kept for the servants' sole use.

MRS. MAYBRICK.

Once again Mrs. Florence Maybrick spends an unhappy Christmas in her prison cell. In spite of the various reports her chances of liberty are no brighter than last year. Secretary Hay has forwarded to Mr. Choate

several private letters which will shortly be presented to the new home secretary, Mr. Ritchie, in accordance with the custom of approaching each new occupant of that office, but the Associated Press learns there is no chance of anything being done so long as Lord Hailesbury is lord high chancellor. Were the cabinet before, it could only refer to the crown's chief adviser, Lord Hailesbury, who apparently made the Maybrick case the basis of a feud with the late lord chief justice, Baron Russell of Killowen, and cherishes it just as bitterly now as before Lord Russell's death. When a new chancellor is appointed Mrs. Maybrick will have a good chance of freedom. The Duchess of Bedford, who is reported to be especially interested in Mrs. Maybrick, tells the Associated Press that she only sees the celebrated prisoner in the course of her regular visits to Aspley House, not especially in the interest of her case, and does not intend to express any opinion as to her guilt or innocence.

CANADIAN FURNITURE COMPANY.

W. R. Hobbs, head of the recently formed Canadian Furniture Combine, now in London, has decided that the Canadians have no need of the assistance or co-operation of English financiers, which was originally projected. A significant fact, showing Canada's progress, is that sufficient funds are easily obtainable there, while the new law, coming into force Jan. 1, in the United Kingdom, imposes an almost prohibitive taxation on new corporations.

NEW PERIS.

Another American woman is likely to be soon elevated to the British peerage, as Lord Salisbury intends to recognize the Right Hon. Arthur Hugh Smith-Barry's services to his party, by putting him in the House of Lords. Mr. Smith-Barry married the widow of Mr. Arthur Post, of New York, whose sister, Mrs. Adair, is also well-known in London society.

Others mentioned for a peerage include Mr. Henry Cosmo Orme Benson, chairman of the Southeastern Railway, and Mr. James Lowther, M. P. Lord Salisbury has already created 30 peers. If the present rate is kept up the Upper House will soon be in numerical superiority over the Commons.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIMES.

About forty pantomimes will be produced in and around London during the holidays, "Cinderella" being the most popular production, no fewer than nine versions being presented. Nearly all the theaters are already doing a crowded holiday business. Phyllis Rankin had a most cordial welcome on her return to the English stage, when she appeared in "Floradora" at the Lyric Theater Thursday, but she was manifestly nervous, and did not make much of the part of Lady Holywood.

Prohman's production of "Alice in Wonderland" at the Vaudeville, Wednesday, with Ellaline Terriss as Alice and Seymour Hicks as the Madhatter,

was not successful from the critics' standpoint. "Mr. and Mrs. Davenport" continue to attract fashionable audiences. The Prince of Wales witnessed the performance Thursday.

A DISASTER AT TURKEY CREEK.

Raymond Reaume Finds His Three Little Children Drowned—Fall Through a Hole in the Ice.

Windsor, Dec. 21.—Three children were drowned at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon in Turkey Creek, below Ojibway, five miles down the river from here. They were the children of Raymond Reaume, a farmer whose property is on the river front. The little ones were playing with a hand sleigh and drawing one another on the ice in the creek. Under a bridge they ran into an air hole and all were drowned. Mr. Reaume noticed the disappearance of the children, and finding their sleigh in the creek, he at once recovered the bodies. Dr. Sampson, of Windsor, quickly responded to a call for aid, but the children had been in the icy water too long to make resuscitation possible. The children were Julia, aged 8; Frances, aged 6, and Eugene, aged 4.

CALLED AWAY

Death in England of Dean Lauder—Germany's Oldest Field Marshal Dead.

[Special to The Advertiser per C.P.R.] Ottawa, Dec. 22.—A cable was received this morning by Rev. Mr. Loucks, of Christ Church, stating that Dean Lauder died this morning at New Brighton, England. He had been ill for some time.

A VETERAN GONE.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Count Von Blumenthal, the oldest field marshal in the German army, died last evening on his estate at Quelendorf, Duchy of Anhalt.

ENGINEER A. C. MUIR.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 22.—A. C. Muir, chief engineer of the Esquimaut graving dock, is dead.

Merely Mentioned.

The Ontario Government has appointed George R. Van Zant, of Markham, governor of Toronto jail, in succession to the late John Green. Chief of Police Powell, of Ottawa, who recently secured control of boxing matches, says that prize fights will be no longer in order in that city. Sir James Grant, of Ottawa, has been elected president of the St. John Ambulance Association in Canada, in place of the late Sir George A. Kirkpatrick. The marriage of Rev. Donald Macdonald, principal of St. Andrew's College, Toronto, to Miss Parfitt, of London, will take place in Montreal on Wednesday, Dec. 29.

Mrs. A. Price, wife of the C. P. R. superintendent at Toronto, has disappeared, and her friends are in great distress over her absence. She has been nervous and ill-spirited of late. The Farmers' Co-operative Pork Packing Company, employing about 30 men, has commenced operations in Brantford. The factory is a magnificent one, and prospects for a busy season are exceedingly bright.

W. James Cooper, a retired real estate agent, aged 73, while crossing Sherbourne street, Toronto, at mid night Friday slipped and fell, striking his head heavily on the pavement. He died before medical help could be secured. George S. Bliss, Windsor, agent of the Singer Sewing Machine Company here, has been arrested at the instance of the district manager of the company on the charge of being short in his accounts. Bliss says he has offered to pay \$200 of the shortage over to the Singer Company, and to give security for the remainder of the amount, but that this offer has been refused.

FIRES THAT DID MUCH DAMAGE.

Two Stores and a Dwelling Destroyed at Dorchester.

Serious Losses at Hanover and Toronto—A Baby Fatally Burned in Brooke.

Dorchester, Dec. 22.—Fire broke out yesterday in the building occupied by Mr. G. B. Birch, over the general store kept by him on the south side of the principal street. About 10 o'clock he went into the cellar and attended to the furnace, and also to the fires in the house and store, which, in all appearances, were in their usual condition. About twenty minutes afterwards the place was all a blaze, starting from a drain in one of the rooms upstairs. So quickly did the flames spread that Mr. Birch was unable to save any furniture, and the goods in the two stores, brick and frame, one of which was underneath the Oddfellows' hall, and the other adjoining the main street, were all lost. Birch's dwelling was over both stores. The door of the safe in the store was defective, and \$15 in bills in a tin box, valued at about \$40,000, including a watch, a day book, which was saved by means of a long pole while the place was on fire. The building was owned by Messrs. P. and W. of London, and was insured for \$2,000. Stock and furniture partially insured.

Word of the fire was sent to Chief Roe, of the London fire brigade asking for assistance, but there are no fire engines in London except one belonging to the G. T. R. car shops.

AT TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—A fire loss by the burning of the picture frame factory of Matthew Bros. & Co. yesterday, is estimated at about \$40,000; insurance, \$18,350. The injured, who are in the hospital, are doing well. Those hurt were: Fred W. Hitchcock, 212 Queen street west, leg injured; Fred McGee, 222 Dovercourt street, face and neck burned; Wm. Palk, 1110 King street west, arm badly cut; John Stevens, 1051 Dundas street west, Wilson, Howard McMillan, C. Tremblay, Patrick Moroney, F. Cook, Michael Mulholland, Chas. Linnell and Arthur Armstrong, all injured, less severely. James Davis, 61 Jersey avenue, had his back badly sprained, and is now at the Emergency Hospital in serious condition. All except seven of the men were able to leave the hospital after treatment.

AT HANOVER.

Hanover, Ont., Dec. 22.—The loss as a result of the fire here Thursday night is lower than at first estimated, but is still very heavy. Knechtel Furniture Company, on building machinery and stock, \$150,000; insurance \$80,000. Graff & Wepler, drygoods and groceries, loss \$5,000; insurance, \$3,000. R. E. Vrems, hardware, \$1,000; insurance, \$3,500. Thos. Poselman & Co., flour and feed and groceries, \$2,000; insurance, \$500. Chas. Deople, grocery store and dwelling, \$2,700; insurance, \$1,500. Greutzner Furniture Company, retailers, \$3,500; insurance, \$2,000. E. H. Greutzner, undertaker, \$1,000; insurance not known. H. Greutzner, electrician, \$600; insurance not known.

H. Meador, blacksmith shop and wagon shop and show rooms, \$2,000; insurance, \$1,000. R. G. Vincent, lost a machine used for manufacturing the diamond bed spring, which he had spent ten or fifteen years in completing. Loss \$500. No insurance.

Other losses are F. Foster, residence; J. Meyers, household furniture; Mrs. Heller, household furniture; Presbyterian Church; Disneg & Doulin, chair factory.

BABY PERISHED.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Atkinson, west half of lot 3, con. 13, Brooke, was totally destroyed by fire Friday night. The father of the child, and as a result one child has since died and two others are in a very critical condition. Mrs. Atkinson went to bed on a sick neighbor, leaving her husband with the children. Mr. Atkinson left the three children alone, overcome by heat and smoke the room in which they were found being ablaze. He succeeded in getting them out, but not before they were severely burned. The children were aged five years and six months, three years and one year and seven months respectively. The baby died. The eldest child is not expected to recover, while the second child is reported to be improving.

JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

Meirose Methodist Sabbath school will hold their anniversary services on Dec. 28. Rev. S. Knott, of Alton, will preach morning (10:30), and evening (7:30). An open session of the school will be held in the afternoon at 3 o'clock; also on Monday evening, Dec. 24, a grand concert will be given by the school. All are welcome. While feeding a corn-husking machine at Drew's farm, near Stratford, the other day, John McHattie, a young farmer living three miles west of Newbury, met with an accident, which resulted in the loss of his left arm. A mill he was wearing caught in the rollers, and hand and arm were drawn into the machine, being so badly mutilated that the arm had to be amputated three inches from the shoulder.

Thursday afternoon Mr. John Healy, of the fourth line, Adelaide next to the house of refuge, son of Councilor Healy, of Stratford, was feeling a 5-horse power cutting-box, and got his right hand in the knives, so that a cutting hand was cut off clean just above the wrist. Two doctors found it necessary to amputate the arm about halfway between the wrist and elbow.

A bill has been prepared for introduction in the Georgia Legislature providing for the use of the Australian ballot at all future elections.

JOINT NOTE NOT SIGNED

Delay Due to an Objection From Washington.

Minister Conger Says That Foreign Military Control Is Worse Than Chinese Government—Emperor Said To Be En Route to Peking.

London, Dec. 22.—Dr. Morrison, in a long dispatch to the Times from Peking dated Dec. 20, gives extracts from the joint note. After a long preamble, recounging and condemning the outrages, he proceeds to quote the demands, which are virtually identical with the ten set forth in the dispatch to the Associated Press from Tien Tsin, dated Dec. 14.

NOTE NOT YET SIGNED.

A Peking dispatch of the 21st says: Once more there is a pronounced hitch in the proceedings. The preliminary joint note has not yet been signed.

BLAMES WASHINGTON.

London, Dec. 22.—"The delay in signing the preliminary joint note," says the Peking correspondent of the Morning Post, writing yesterday, "is due to an objection from Washington. Mr. Conger, however, has telegraphed his government, urging a speedy settlement on the ground that foreign military control is worse than Chinese management."

SICK OF SIAM FU.

"Prince Ching says that Emperor Kwang Su and his empress dowager are both anxious to leave Siam Fu, as the accommodation there is poor, and their environment unfavorable. He points out the private and government property seized in Peking is quite equivalent in value to the indemnity demanded by the powers. Sir Robert Hart saw Prince Ching yesterday and advised him against dabbling with the powers in regard to the punishment of the guilty officials. Prince Ching thought the execution of two or three possible and the lifelong imprisonment of Prince Tuan quite certain.

BOUND FOR PEKING.

A dispatch from Tien Tsin to the Frankfurter Zeitung, dated today, says: Prince Ching, interpreter, asserts that Emperor Kwang Su, accompanied by the Empress Dowager, left Siam Fu, Dec. 19, bound for Peking.

SMASHING THE BOXERS.

A dispatch from Field Marshal Von Waldersee dated Peking, Dec. 19, says: Quindell's column, marching from Shan Hae Kuan, successfully encountered a force of Boxers Dec. 14 at Yung Ling, near the eastern imperial tombs. Fifteen Boxers were killed. One thousand Chinese regulars, under Fang Do Ling have been driven out of Lu Tai. They fled to the mountains northwesterly, on Gaudel's approach.

NOTES.

Grave fears are felt regarding the health of Li Hung Chang, owing to a severe cold he caught recently. It is generally believed that the Chinese got their information as to what is done at the meetings of the envoys through some one connected with the Russian legation.

The Kilties' Band.

The members of the 48th Highlanders' Band of Toronto must have been somewhat disappointed at the size of the audience at the Auditorium, comparing as it did with the thousands who everywhere greeted the band on its recent tour through the United States. What the audience lacked in numbers, however, it made up in appreciation, which is expressed so heartily, and which Bandmaster Slater so graciously responded to, that the programme embraced fully double the original numbers. The performance of the band was as much a revelation to the London audience as it must have been to the citizens across the line, showing as it does that Canada possesses a musical organization that is second to very few bands on the American continent. Not only does the band particularly excel, as might be expected, in the rendition of Scottish music, but its work in the "Masanello" overture and the "La Benediction des Poignards" of Des Huguenot enables it to rank in high-class concert work with the other well-known touring bands. The Scotch dances of Pipe-Sergt. Johnston, champion Highland dancer of the world, and the pipe-playing of Pipe-Major Beaton, champion bagpiper of the world, were especially gratifying features of the programme to the large Scotch element in the audience, while the unaccompanied male choruses by the choir of the band were as pleasing as they were unique and novel. The programme was as follows:

- Scotch reel in costume.....
- Pipe-Sergt. Johnston, Musicians' Diablen, Garner and Clark.....
- Overture—"Masanello"..... Auber
- Reminiscences of Scotland..... D. Godfrey
- Mareh—"Frangese".....
- Cornet solos—"The Children's Home".....
- Plew Gently, Sweet Afton..... Cowen
- Musicalian Herbert Jackson Flumerfelt.
- Scotch dance—"Highland Fling".....
- Pipe-Sergt. Johnston.....
- Fantasia Militaire..... Des Leiharde
- Unseer Kaiserin..... Lehnhardt
- Male chorus, unaccompanied—"The Boys of the Old Brigade".....
- "Scots Wha Hae"..... "Annie Laurie".....
- Selections on the great military Bagpipes by Pipe-Major Beaton.
- Grand Scene des Huguenots—"La Benediction des Poignards"..... Meyerbeer
- March—"Husarenritt".....
- "Salome".....
- Scotch dance—"Word Dance".....
- Pipe-Sergt. Johnston.....
- Male chorus (unaccompanied) — "Ye Banks and Braes".....
- "Dixie".....
- "My Love She's but a Lassie Yet".....
- March—"With Sword and Lance".....
- Descriptive piece—"A Hunting Scene".....

The concert given by the band in the afternoon was well attended, and the programme rendered was equally enjoyable as the evening's. The band left this morning for Toronto, where they give a concert in Massey Hall this evening. On Jan. 2 they leave on another tour through Eastern Ontario, then to Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, down through the Atlantic seaboard states to Florida, and west again as far as Kansas City.

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ILDERTON.

Ilderton, Dec. 22.—The teachers and pupils of Grace Church, Ilderton, are busy preparing their programme for the concert they intend giving on Christmas Eve, in the Oddfellows' Hall. A cantata entitled "The Old and the New Santa" will be rendered in up-to-date style. Dialogues and recitations are included in the programme. The most important event of the evening's entertainment will be the revealing of the secrets of the Christmas tree. All are welcome.

There will be no end of holiday jubilation on the various New York exchanges this afternoon. A monster cakewalk will be the feature of the floor of the Consolidated Exchange.

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The Christmas Festival.

We welcome now the greatest festival of the Christian year, the one which is practically observed and commemorated by all sections of the Christian Church. It is not our present purpose to discuss the question as to whether it is advisable for the Church to have an ecclesiastical calendar, in which the year is portioned out in respect to saint days or holy days, and divided into sacred and secular, the sacred again into fasts and feasts. There is much diversion of opinion in the churches on this matter. On the approach of the Festival of Peace we avoid such controversies, or at most apply to them the saying, "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." We note just now the fact that Christmas is pretty generally observed; that the old puritanic opposition to this Christian festival has been modified or has passed away.

A few of stiff convictions may regard this as a decline in spiritual religion. For ourselves, we welcome it as we are prepared to welcome anything which, even for a little while, brings all Christians into harmony, and makes them feel that they are one. By universal consent Christmas is the festival of family life, of peace and kindness, of good-will to men and glory to God. To have this largely recognized and soberly acknowledged, even for a brief space is good. The religious, then, as well as the sober festive observance of this great day, is to be commended.

The one thing that has tended to bring this about has no doubt been the great attention paid during the century to the life of Jesus Christ. From all points of view this unique life has been considered, and some of the books to which it has given rise have been really great literary productions. Other, and yet closely related reasons, have been the increasing prominence given to the human and social sides of religion. Christmas celebrates the human side of the divine life, and it is a social, not an individual observance.

In our own century, that is the century just passing away, there have been one-sided attempts to suppress the divine side of the Christian religion and to crush individualism, and these attempts have often been made in the name of humanity and socialism. Religion that has not the divine behind it, and the individual life below it, must wither; but these human and social aspects are also essential, and they find a noble incarnation in the Christmas festival. That festival implies the promise and even strength of childhood, the sacredness of motherhood, the pure glory of the home, the approach of God in human, gentle forms; in fact, it implies all that is sweetest and tenderest in religion. It rebukes harsh sectarian strife, and speaks of that "enthusiasm of humanity" which, as it becomes more intelligent as well as sincere, tends to bring together men of different races and creeds. At Christmas we feel in a special manner the hatefulness of war, and long for a deep, abiding honorable peace.

We welcome, then, this significant day, and wish for our readers joy in their homes and real progress and prosperity in their lives.

More Hints to Wealthy Men, Graduates Et Al.

We observe that the appeals are chiefly being made to the wealthy men in the community and not to the state. May we gently hint to the Torontonians that they should note this fact. The local millionaires have the opportunity. Will they embrace it?—Advertiser, re Toronto University.

HINT NO. 2.

Kingston has given to Queen's University, in the course of the last twenty years, \$150,000. Toronto has twelve times the wealth; why does it not give in proportion, \$1,800,000?

HINT NO. 3.

Queen's graduates have given to their Alma Mater an average of \$100 each. President Landon has summoned his 10,000 alumni to resist "the aggression" of Queen's. Suppose he should summon them to give \$100 each? There is a million more.

In view of the fact that—according to

the audit of Toronto University—the Province has given it already \$2,660,000, it would be worth \$6,000,000 and over, were these two hints taken. The "local millionaires" would probably give another million or two; and the Province could then be asked for another million.

A Foolish Canard.

What does Sir Wilfrid Laurier want with the armed escort to Australia? The thing is ridiculous. He is going to a civil function, one that magnifies the intellectual side of life, and the military spectacle would be altogether out of place.—Kingston Whig.

Our National Ideal.

The keynote of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speeches at Halifax and elsewhere was national unity, and it is needless to say that on his lips unity was not used in the narrow sense of uniformity. Though not admiring the late Conservative leaders' methods of conducting the last campaign, the Prime Minister could well afford to pay a tribute to Sir Charles Tupper as a strong, able man, with whom he had fought many hard battles. The Prime Minister in his speech showed a sincere loyalty to, and genuine enthusiasm for his own country. He thinks that the British institutions we possess are better than those of the United States; and he is not ashamed of the country, and rejoices much in the bracing climate, which may be the means of producing a strong race. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has dreams of conquest also, but it is not the conquest of war. War may at times be a stern necessity, and Canadians have shown that they can be loyal and heroic in war, but the paths of peace are the paths we prefer to tread, and the development we look for is commercial rather than military. Countries at the present day are not conquered by war, but by commerce; and it is no dream to conquer Europe by Canadian commerce. "This is what I suggest to you, my fellow-Canadians: Our programme must be to develop our country, to build up all its resources, to bring up everything in it to make Canada one of the greatest, wealthiest nations of the earth."

These are wise words. It is important to develop the resources of the country, and to train its youthful manhood to honorable usefulness as well as success. Unity in the broad sense of the word is an essential condition of such real national development. Loyalty to the empire, friendship with the United States and unity among ourselves, this is a programme worthy of a statesman, and in his attempt to carry it out the Prime Minister of Canada will have the sympathy of intelligent citizens. There must still be political differences among us, and political battles, but these can be fought and settled in a manner worthy of enlightened men, so as not to contravene the great principles of liberty on which the life of the nation rests. If we conduct our discussions fairly and fight our battles nobly, these also will play an important part in our national development. For of nations, as of men, it is true that they do not live by bread alone. A lofty plane of political action and a noble social life are as much part of our ideal as commercial success. We know that Canadians can respond to wise leadership and go on to still greater triumphs.

The Farmers' Institutes.

Some idea of the excellent work that is being done by the Farmers' Institutes for the improvement of agricultural conditions, by promoting the interchange of ideas among its members and placing at their disposal the results of the latest scientific research and practical experiments in connection with the leading branches of farm industry, may be gained from the report of the superintendent of Farmers' Institutes for 1899-1900. This volume, in addition to giving many details as to the growth and progress of the organization, contains selections from 358 addresses given at the meetings held during the season, covering a great variety of subjects in connection with agriculture, live stock, dairying, horticulture, poultry, etc. These papers embody the experience of the leading practical farmers and others engaged in kindred pursuits, and the results of tests and experiments made by professional instructors and scientists on the more advanced lines. The list is such an extensive one that it would be impossible to mention any considerable proportion of the contributors whose addresses have been embodied in this volume, but among the most valuable and interesting are papers by such well-known authorities on general agricultural matters as John McMillan, Barlow Cumberland, Henry Glendinning, Duncan Anderson and John I. Hobson. In the Live Stock Department are papers by Prof. John A. Craig, J. S. Woodward, James Tolton, A. P. McKetchen and Simpson Rennie. Dairy matters are discussed by Prof. H. H. Dean, A. C. Hallman and W. C. Shearer. The Orchard and Garden by Prof. H. H. Dean, J. E. Orr, G. C. Gaston and A. W. Peart. W. R. C. Graham and Prof. Gilbert take up Poultry for Home and Foreign Markets. In the Women's Department,

Miss L. Rose, Miss E. Maddock, Miss A. Hollingsworth, Mrs. F. M. Carpenter and others have written some very practical and interesting articles. The appreciation of the Farmers' Institute as a means of material and social improvement is shown by the continued increase of membership, which has grown until now there are registered in the Province nearly 19,000 members. There were 715 meetings held during the year, which were attended by 133,982 persons. A noteworthy feature is the organization of Women's Institutes on practically similar lines to the Farmers' Institute, the pioneer movement in that direction having been inaugurated in Saltfleet Township, Wentworth County, where the first Women's Institute has done excellent work. This was closely followed by the ladies of South Ontario and later by an organization in North Grey, East and West Durham, Halton, Peel, East and West York, Amherst Island, West Bruce and East Victoria, where flourishing institutes are now in operation. Some of the admirable papers contributed at these meetings on "Domestic Science" and "Household Economy" are reproduced. The report is one of the most elaborate and comprehensive documents of the kind yet issued, and its character affords a pleasing evidence of the advanced stage of the farming industry in the Province and the disposition of the farmers to keep abreast of the times and avail themselves of the resources of culture and information now at their disposal.

The Nativity.

(By George W. Armstrong.)

City of the sainted dead, Bethlehem! as prophets said (David's City, royal line), Should be born the Christ divine, And the son of God sublime, Came in God's appointed time. Though He fills all time and space, Men could find for him no place But the stable of an Inn, With its stall, and hay, and bin; And His bed of straw was made— In a manger He was laid! Shepherds in the fields that night Saw a most resplendent sight, And they heard an Angel's word, Saw the glory of the Lord. For it round about them shone, Dazzling as the noonday sun, And they heard his message grand— Tidings unto every land, Tidings unto people all, On this great festival hall: Unto you is born this day One who shall cleanse sin away; King Anointed, Living Word, Jesus Saviour, Christ the Lord! Suddenly an Angel band, From the glorious Beulah Land, Clothed in garments pure and bright, Spotted as a ray of light; And a heaven-made song they sing To the Lord, the Heavenly King, And to Him their voices raise, Songs of triumph, songs of praise— Glory to the Lord Most High, Ruler of the world and sky; And on earth there shall be peace, And good-will shall never cease. Mountains, valleys, hills and plains, Echo with the glorious strains— Greatest song e'er sung on earth— 'Twas the song of Jesus' birth. London, Ont.

Man's Growing Unimportance.

There is one place where a man counts for very little, where his personality is hardly a factor, and where his influence is at a distressing minimum; and that is at a wedding. This has long been so, but the matter is growing rapidly worse, and the presence of men at a marriage ceremony is becoming less and less necessary. In fact, they are being almost entirely eliminated in quite recent weddings in ultra-fashionable circles. At a marriage in New Haven a few days ago, the bridegroom, the bridesmaids, ribbon girls, flower maidens and other feminine attendants. That wedding was followed by another, in which a woman preacher officiated, showing that a male clergyman is not indispensable, and there has been suggested an innovation that is likely to put a "best woman" in place of the "best man." That will draw the sex line down to the bridegroom—who never has been anything but an awkward figure at a wedding. Though there has as yet been no move to dispense with him, this is not impossible. If we can credit the story of a negro "wedding" that comes from Virginia, as told by one of the lady guests. "It was a lovely wedding. The elite was all there in such gorgeous dresses, the music was fine, and the refreshments were just superb," she said. "And the bride?" "Oh! she was just too lovely for anything. You should have seen that dress and veil, and those orange blossoms."

SUPER TOOK A MEAN ADVANTAGE.

A supernumerary in Richard Mansfield's company who had been, to use a Scotch phrase, continuously and continually "heckled" by the manager and rehearsal and been the object of alleged displays of stupidity on the stage, was informed that a near relative of his had departed this life and left him a competence, so he decided to leave the dramatic profession and to quote him, become respectable, relates the Chicago Chronicle. Before leaving he determined to take his revenge on Mansfield for the attacks on his smug prop that gentleman had made. The play was "Richard III." and the super was one of the soldiers who leads away the Duke of Buckingham when the king orders his demise. "Off with his head!" and this was the super's opportunity. Advancing, he touched his helmet in the style of a footman and replied loudly and generally: "That'll be attended to, old chap. We'll take care of old Buck. It'll be all right," and retired gracefully. When the infuriated Mansfield came off to commit murder he found the super had fled.

NUMEROUS VESSELS WRECKED

On the Storm-Swept Coast of Great Britain.

Royal Rebels Caught—Ashanti Chiefs Secure the Queen Mother and King Kokofu—Queen Victoria's Health Declining.

Comassie, Dec. 21.—The loyal chiefs have captured the Ashanti king mother and the rebel King Kokofu, and hope soon to capture the remaining rebel chiefs.

ITALIAN SOLDIERS IN SLAVERY. Rome, Dec. 22.—Italians who have returned from Abyssinia report that many prisoners taken in the war are still in a state of slavery, working for taskmasters in the interior provinces of the negro's dominions.

SUICIDE OF A PRINCESS. Odessa, Dec. 22.—Princess Vladimir Eristoff, wife of a noted swindling prince, who fell into disgrace, has committed suicide, leaving a letter, saying she preferred death to dishonor. Eristoff was banished from St. Petersburg, and went to Odessa, where he gained the hand of the daughter of Gen. Kryloff, who did not know of his disgrace. When she learned the truth she killed herself.

TO STIR UP THE KURDS. London, Dec. 22.—Gen. Osman Pasha, who led the Kurd rising in 1878, told a representative of the Daily Mail that he would leave London today to head another rising to free Kurdistan from Turkish rule. "I hope for English sympathy," he said, "if not for more than a mere support in the struggle against the despotic Turks, who, combined by Russia, have compelled the brave, warlike Kurds to act the part of assassins toward their brother Armenians."

STORM SWEPT. Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 22.—News has been received here of a destructive storm which swept over the interior of Costa Rica last week. Miles of railway were damaged, fruit plantations were injured and communication with Port Limon was cut off.

GREAT GALES IN BRITAIN. London, Dec. 22.—The White Star line steamer Cufic is still riding heavily at anchor a mile southwest of the Skerries. The steamers Somerhill and West-ernland are now riding safely in West Bay near Weymouth, after a fearful night. The coast guards were kept busy from midnight to daylight.

The British ship Clan Macfarlane, after being abandoned, drifted on a sandbank north of Southport. Her sails were blown to shreds. The Dominion line steamer New England had such a bad time in the channel that several of her crew were injured. Communication with Scotland was cut off and the Mersey ferry boats suspended service. In Belfast great damage was done to property, many persons were injured and Belfast lough is crowded with vessels seeking shelter. The British steamer Ailsa, of 1,831 tons, Capt. Bovey, is aground off Skibbereen.

Today (Saturday) the telegraph wires are being slowly restored and news is arriving. The gale has done great damage generally in the north of England and Scotland. A Glasgow correspondent says: Not since the storm which destroyed the Tactledge has such a gale reigned in Scotland. High walls have been wrecked in Glasgow. At Coat Bridge, ten miles east of Glasgow, several people have been killed, while numerous other places—roads and chimneys have been destroyed and persons injured. Some of the buildings of the University of Glasgow were seriously damaged, and every telegraph wire, telephone and electric light is interrupted. The steamer Regent from Skibbereen to the ashore of Sherkin Island in the British steamer Ailsa, which sailed from Penarth, Dec. 19, for Bermuda.

THE QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY. The Queen, who is entertaining a family party at Osborne House, will have many of her grandchildren with her at Christmas and will have a full round of visits until the end of January, says a cablegram to a New York newspaper. She is expected to start for Cleveley early in March, and not to return until the close of April. The Queen's appetite, which has always been good, is reported to have failed, and other signs of the increasing infirmities of old age are mentioned. She is described as having aged rapidly during the last few months and as being exceedingly feeble. The reports may have little foundation in fact, but the authorities named for them are people of high station. The reports indicate a real solicitude in the Queen's household in regard to her health, and serious doubts respecting her ability to make the journey to the Riviera. There is reason to believe that the Queen has been seriously upset by the death of her grandson in South Africa, for he was her favorite grandchild.

CABLE NOTES. Dr. E. C. Thompson has been elected without opposition to the House of Commons from the north division of Monaghan, in succession to the late Daniel Macauliffe. Sierberg, the millionaire banker of Berlin, who has been on trial for a long time past, was found guilty of gross immorality and was sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment and loss of citizenship for five years.



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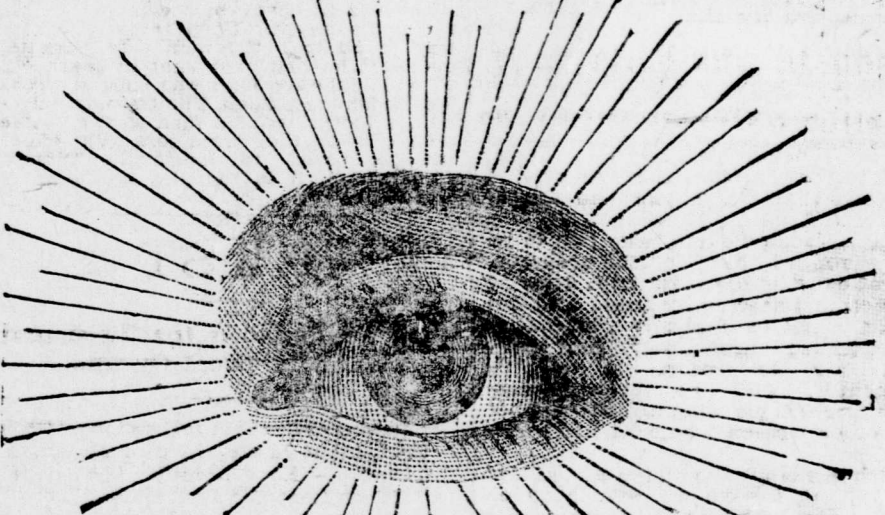
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THE MARKETS.

Local Market A. M. HAMILTON & SON'S REPORT. London, Saturday Dec. 22. Wheat, white, per bu. 61 1/2c to 62c

Today's grain session was a little quiet, receipts being light and prices just about the same.

Wheat, white, per 100 lbs. 1.03 1/2 to 1.05 1/2. Wheat, red, fall, per 100 lbs. 1.03 1/2 to 1.05 1/2.

A great throng of people moved in and out among hundreds of heavily-laden vehicles on the Market Square this morning.

Butter was an important factor on the market this morning. It was in strong demand, and prices were quite adequate.

PROVISIONS. Cheese, per lb. 12 1/2 to 13 1/2. Butter, per lb. 19 1/2 to 20 1/2.

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Will be THE BEST if you use PURITAN FLOUR. This is a fact.

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LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

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THE DAIRY MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 21—Cheese, 10c to 11c. Butter—Townships, 20c to 21c; western, 18c to 19c.

AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Will Conclude the Reception to Soldiers.

The reception committee met last night to perfect arrangements for the reception to the soldiers of the Lake Champlain.

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AROUND THE CITY.

SEVERELY BURNED. Mr. Wm. Morris, of Byron avenue, had both hands severely burned while working about a generator at the London Street Railway power house, recently.

SHOPLAND—BOWERING. Mr. Albert E. Shopland and Miss Bertha Bowering were married at the Westminster parsonage, Lambeth, Wednesday evening.

AT HARDING HALL. Dr. Clarke, of Trinity University, Toronto, gave a most delightful and instructive lecture on Kingsley's "Water Babies" at Harding Hall yesterday morning.

WM. STEVELY & SON'S GIFT. On Friday evening, as the employees of Messrs. Wm. Stevely & Son called at the office to receive their weekly wages, Mr. Samuel Stevely presented each of them with a turkey, with the compliments of the firm.

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TO-DAY'S MARKETS

English Markets. Ruling prices for the past week. The following table shows the quotations per cental at Liverpool for the three previous market days. In the case of wheat highest prices are given.

Table with columns for Wheat, No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7, No. 8, No. 9, No. 10, No. 11, No. 12, No. 13, No. 14, No. 15, No. 16, No. 17, No. 18, No. 19, No. 20, No. 21, No. 22, No. 23, No. 24, No. 25, No. 26, No. 27, No. 28, No. 29, No. 30, No. 31, No. 32, No. 33, No. 34, No. 35, No. 36, No. 37, No. 38, No. 39, No. 40, No. 41, No. 42, No. 43, No. 44, No. 45, No. 46, No. 47, No. 48, No. 49, No. 50, No. 51, No. 52, No. 53, No. 54, No. 55, No. 56, No. 57, No. 58, No. 59, No. 60, No. 61, No. 62, No. 63, No. 64, No. 65, No. 66, No. 67, No. 68, No. 69, No. 70, No. 71, No. 72, No. 73, No. 74, No. 75, No. 76, No. 77, No. 78, No. 79, No. 80, No. 81, No. 82, No. 83, No. 84, No. 85, No. 86, No. 87, No. 88, No. 89, No. 90, No. 91, No. 92, No. 93, No. 94, No. 95, No. 96, No. 97, No. 98, No. 99, No. 100.

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Latest Weather Probabilities

SHOWERY ON SUNDAY. Toronto, Dec. 22-10 a.m.—Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the lower lakes region: Strong southeasterly westerly winds; fair and mild today.

LATE LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. Will McKeown, of Victoria, B. C., who is attending the Toronto College of Pharmacy, is visiting this city, City Clerk Kingston. A leading member of the R. E. O. P. A. said today that that organization would have no state of nominees this year. Other members said that the matter was not yet determined.

SOME FAINT CLUE

To the Identity of the Men Who Kidnapped Young Cudahy.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 22.—A number of witnesses living in the vicinity of the vacant house in which young Eddie Cudahy was held a prisoner have given full corroborative descriptions of two of the three men seen about the place several days prior to and the day after the kidnapping.

B. K. Munshaw, an employee of the Cudahy Packing Company, living in the next block, saw two of the men a number of times. One of them called at his house to inquire about the vacant building, and Munshaw directed him to the owner of whom the house was subsequently rented for a month.

"I am positive that both worked at the Cudahy plant some time ago," he said. "Further than that, I believe I can lay my hands on one of them in a very short time."

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CROWDED OUT.

A number of reports of Christmas entertainments in the public schools were crowded out of this issue. They will appear on Monday.

CHARGE DISMISSED.

At a session of the county judges' criminal court this morning, John McDowell, tried on a charge of stealing some books and papers from Warren Jenkins, his former partner, was discharged.

FROM DAWSON CITY.

Mr. Lewis W. A. Clark, a successful Klondike explorer, has been visiting friends in this vicinity. Among others he called upon his cousins, Mr. William Blyth, of Adelaide street, and Mr. John Hopkins, Hamilton road.

DEATH OF LEVI SKELTON.

Levi W. Skelton, an old M. C. R. employe, died of Bright's disease this morning at his residence, 424 York street. He was aged 57 years. He leaves a widow, son, Alex. R., employed at Masurat & Co.'s, and one daughter, Miss Minnie, a teacher at Simcoe street school.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

An innovation will mark the Irish Benevolent Society's annual distribution of Christmas cheer this year. The members have collected nearly 300 names of deserving people, and instead of having them come for the cheer it will be sent to the homes by the committee.

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It has long been a lay custom to attribute pain in the back—lumbago—to disease of the kidneys. Yet physicians well know that very seldom indeed does a pain in the back indicate renal disease. It is true that pain in the back frequently accompanies renal disease, but cases of lumbago are far more frequent than cases of nephritis. Pain in the back is very frequently rheumatic in its nature, and it is so regarded by physicians in the great majority of instances. It will thus be recognized that this system is

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At Harding Hall.

A very successful meeting of the Athenae Society of Harding Hall was held on Monday evening. The members were pleased to welcome many of the parents and regretted that owing to the limited space in the college chapel they were unable to issue invitations to their friends. The following programme was rendered and met well-merited applause: French Hymn—Roc Seculaire... The school. Instrumental Solo—Pizzicati Violet Moore and Gladys Kennedy. Recitation—Dick's Christmas... Thorpe Chorus—The Nightingale Song... The school. Dumb-bell Drill by Physical Culture Essay—Ancient Christmas... Dorothy Betts. Solo—Angel Voices... May Mathewson. Instrumental Solo—Pas des Echarpes... Chamindane Florence Lamont. Recitation—The Trapper's Story... Miss Green. Presentation of Prizes. Essay—Modern Christmas... Marjorie Gibbons. Start Drill Physical Culture Class. Chorus—Joyfulness... The school. It was a happy moment for the fortunate ones when Mrs. Wells presented the book prizes to her Bible class. These were won by Lillian Puddicombe, Nenone Carling, Beatrice Moulie, Marguerite Merritt, Marjorie Betts and Jean Allard.

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Table with columns for ship name, origin, arrival date, and agent. Includes ships like Hamburg, New York, Parisian, Lucania, Yokohama, etc.

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A Large Force of the Enemy Disappeared in the Cedarberg Mountains.

Gen. Brabant Ordered to the Front--Baden-Powell Starts for the Transvaal--Stead Talks About Mr. Kruger--Canadians May Be Home for Christmas.

London, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from De Aar, Cape Colony, says that the Yeomany have driven the Boers out of Houtkraal the enemy retiring westward.

From its Cape Town correspondent the Daily Mail has received the following: "The second invading force was designed to occupy Bristown; but being checked by the De Aar troops, it has dispersed into the Cedarberg Mountains.

"An enormous concentration of troops is being made upon the Belt country occupied by the invaders, but it is not likely that the Boers will offer battle in large numbers. There is a renewed demand for the wholesale proclamation of martial law."

BEATEN OFF.

A Johannesburg dispatch says: The Boers attacked Zumboni Dec. 18, but were beaten off.

London, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from Cape Town, dated the 21st, says: "At Thornaxia Gen. French has routed 500 Boers with four guns and a pom-pom."

ORDERED TO THE FRONT.

A Cape Town dispatch says: Gen. Brabant, commander of newly-raised colonial division, has been ordered to the front, and will start tomorrow.

Gen. Baden-Powell will start for the Transvaal tomorrow.

The Boers detailed a train at Barmpton, killing an inspector and others.

OPEN REVOLT IN CAPE COLONY.

London, Dec. 22.—"We understand that private, reliable advices have been received in London," says the Daily Mail, "to the effect that virtually all the districts of Cape Colony in the vicinity of the Orange River are in more or less open revolt, and that there is likely to be sharp fighting on a rather large scale before the invasion is crushed."

"The tactics of the Boers in rallying as many as possible of the Dutch in the back country, to their cause are proving successful."

The Canadians.

TIERED OF IT.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—In a report received at the militia department from Major Ogilvie, in command of the 1st Battalion, the major says that Lord Roberts expressed a wish that they would remain a few weeks longer. This was on Nov. 12. On the following day the major reported that all of the left and center sections, with the exception of eight, wanted to go home. The right section would volunteer as a battery, but if the battery goes they all wanted to go except two, who wished to be transferred to corps in the Transvaal.

After seeing the worst part of South Africa, and not getting into the Transvaal, the men were tired of the country.

An order-in-council has been passed making Lieut. Pitt, Lieut. Col. MacDonald, Dr. Nelson and Lieut. Col. Cotton, all of department of militia, "colonels" for their valuable work in command of the 1st Battalion of troops to South Africa.

MAY REACH TORONTO TUESDAY.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—The announcement that the Elder-Dempster steamer Lake Champlain, with nearly 300 members of the first Canadian contingent, was reported off Cape Race, Newfoundland, at 10 o'clock this morning, coupled with a second announcement that the militia department have decided that the troops shall land at Halifax, removes all doubt as to whether the Ontario members of the contingent will be able to reach home before Christmas. Cape race is 26 hours run from Halifax, so that the first glimpse which the contingent will have of their native shore will be about 10 o'clock on Saturday night. It will not take the western men long to swallow the much-debated pint of beer, and they have quite a margin left for festivities in Halifax. If they leave that town on Saturday night, it will be quite easy for them to reach Toronto by Tuesday morning. Those of them who leave Halifax before Sunday night may reach the western city much earlier.

Oom Paul's Position.

STATED BY STEAD.

London, Dec. 21.—Wm. T. Stead has just returned from The Hague, where he has had a long conference with Mr. Kruger, and has ascertained at first hand the views of Mr. Kruger and his counsellors as to the present situation and future prospects. Stead has written the Associated Press in part as follows:

"First of all, nothing is decided about his visit to America. The president Kruger has not abandoned all hope of securing the support of the governments of the civilized world in his demand for arbitration. Upon the last government absolutely refuses to say a word in support of the principles which they solemnly laid down at The Hague conference. Mr. Kruger will not partake in popular demonstrations. Mr. Kruger is emphatic in disclaiming any desire to involve other nations in war in behalf of the Boers. What he asks is that the governments which at The Hague declared their determination to use their efforts to secure amicable settlement of disputes by means of mediation and arbitration should make a united effort to bring the verdict of the civilized world to bear on Great Britain.

"I cannot put their position better

than in the words of one of Mr. Kruger's counsellors: 'England is our accuser. England is the sole witness against us. England is the judge. England is the executioner, and England hopes to profit by our death. We appeal for arbitration before the world. We are fighting for arbitration to humiliate England, and to expect the sympathies of the civilized world.'

"I found Mr. Kruger hale. His hearing is not so good as it was. His mind moves somewhat more slowly, but every now and then he has flashes from his eyes, and you hear deep, resonant voice, which has so often rallied the burghers in battle. Queen Wilhelmina is kindness itself. She has displayed pluck, in remarkable contrast to the timidity of many of her official advisers. I found the old man's spirits unshaken by his reverses. He disclaimed any desire to humiliate England, and said they only wanted their rights.

"It may interest Americans to know that Mr. Kruger's appeal to the civilized world would be received everywhere with unanimous enthusiasm were it not for the deep-rooted distrust and jealousy of the dynasties of Hapsburg and Hohenzollern against the president of the republic. If he were a king the courts would be open everywhere. This feeling, it is well to note, is not shared by Russia. The Boers will not listen to any proposals for a compromise. They are unanimous. Failing independence or arbitration they will prefer to die fighting."

THE INVASION OF CAPE COLONY

Memorandum Issued by the War Office.

How the Boers Manage to Evade Their Pursuers—Further Advance Likely to Be Stopped.

Cape Town, Dec. 22.—A government memorandum makes the following announcement:

"The principal seat of action has been transferred to the northern part of Cape Colony. Early Dec. 16 a large force of Boers, under the command of Gen. Buller, moved from the Orange River toward Burgersdorp. A British force followed, to avoid which the Boers turned westward and occupied Houtkraal Dec. 18, but they were defeated the town the same day on the approach of the British, and marched in the direction of Steynsburg.

"The Boers, however, have been intercepted, and find difficulty in moving in any direction, as Steynsburg, Burgersdorp, Stormberg, Rosmead and other towns are now strongly held by the British, and the Orange River has risen considerably in their rear.

"Another 2,000 Boers crossed at Sandfontein, making for Coolesburg, but on the approach of a British force they diverged and occupied Philipstown, Dec. 19, cutting the telegraph wires between the two towns. The British followed, and the Boers reached Houtkraal station and cut the line there.

"The Boers' reinforcements have been sent to De Aar and Hanover, and it is expected that further invasion will now be stopped, except in the case of scouting parties which may still be sent to the westward, and obtain much needed supplies.

"Hitherto there has been very little fighting, as the enemy, in every instance, has retreated before the British. They took our garrison of 20 men at Ventersdorp prisoners; but the Magersfontein garrison repulsed their attacks, inflicting heavy loss. After some hours fighting and a refusal of a demand to surrender."

ENEMY'S BRILLIANT DASH.

Bloemfontein, Thursday, Dec. 19.—The details of Gen. Dewet's escape from the encircling British columns describe one of the boldest incidents of the war. When Haasbroek's command was joined by the Boers, the British force of 2,000 men, Gen. Knox was only about an hour distant, and the Boer situation seemed desperate; but Dewet was equal to the occasion. Dispatching Haasbroek westward to make a feint at Victoria Nek, Dewet prepared to break through the British lines, and to reach the coast. Suddenly a magnificent spectacle was presented. The whole Boer army of 2,500 men started at a gallop in open order through the neck. President Steyn and Gen. Fourie led the charge, and Dewet brought up the rear. The British guns and rifles boomed and rattled incessantly. The Boers first crossed the eastward river, but encountering artillery they diverged and galloped to the foot of the hill where the fire of only a single gun was effective.

"The whole maneuver was a piece of magnificent daring, and its success was complete in spite of the loss of a lieutenant and 25 prisoners.

"The British force detached after Haasbroek, came in contact with the commando at nightfall. The burg-voers were equal to the occasion. The Yeomany galloped among the retreating Boers, using their revolvers and the butt-end of their rifles with great effect.

"An incident of the fight was the gallop of a British ammunition wagon right through the scattered Boers, the gunners using their revolvers freely."

In Cincinnati there is talk of automobile lines to compete with the street cars.

EXPLAINS THE CANAL TREATY.

Senator Lodge's Statement Regarding the Amendments.

He Denies That Any Hostility Toward Great Britain is Contemplated.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Senator Lodge, in charge of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in the senate, made a statement which in part follows:

"Let me first say that the amendments were not dictated by hostility toward England, and still less were they in any degree a reflection upon the secretary of state, whose patriotism, purity of purpose, knowledge, accomplishments and high achievements in dealing with our foreign relations, especially in China, are fully and cordially recognized by men of all parties and all shades of opinion in the senate. The amendments were made by the senate solely because in its opinion they were necessary for the avoidance of any question as to the control of the canal, and consequently for the sake of peaceful and harmonious relations with the rest of the world on that subject.

"The vote by which they were adopted shows this. The second or Davis amendment passed by a vote of 65 to 11, and the other two were adopted without division. The first amendment is a simple declaration that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty ceases to exist, and is superseded by the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. The object of the latter was to remove the former as an obstacle to the construction of the isthmian canal. Some good judges thought that the American people, treaty did this completely as it stood. Others believed that certain portions of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty still remained in force. The amendments desired to get rid of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty finally and beyond question.

"Under Article II of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, as it stood, we were clearly bound, if engaged in war, to permit a hostile fleet if it succeeded in getting inside the three-mile zone, to pass unimpeded through the canal. This may or may not be a practicable question, and it is of no consequence whether it is or not. It was a solemn promise to permit a hostile fleet to seize the canal. That promise we either intended to keep or else we made it knowing that under the stress of war we would not keep it. If we meant to keep it, then it was a promise no nation ought to make. If we knew that we should not keep it in time of war, then it was a dishonest and false promise, and a violation of the treaty itself. This was the purpose of the second or Davis amendment, which entirely dispensed with the promise to permit a hostile fleet to seize the canal. That promise we either intended to keep or else we made it knowing that under the stress of war we would not keep it. 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