BRITISH RELIEF FORCE ALMOST WIPED OUT!

Only 30 of a Party of 220 Men Escape Death.

Bad News From Somaliland -- The War Office Despatch Giving Particulars Fonton -Col Plunkett Went Out to Relieve Capt. Olivey, Thought to Have Been in Danger and Was Attacked by Mounted Troops-Gallant | postponed at the request of the de-Charge When Ammunition Was Exhausted.

Aden, Arabia, cable: The Brit- African Rifles; Captain Vizey, of prayer in her room at Kingston last loving cup. ish transport Hardinge arrived here the Second Sikhs; Capain Sime, of night. Four children survive. to-day from Berhera, the capital of Somaliland, East Africa, and confirmed the report of a British de- The two Maxim guns also were lost. Listowel were burned. feat in Somaliland. The officers of the Hardinge say that ten officers and 186 men, out of a total British force of 220 men, were killed recently in an engagement with the Soma-

The War Office Informed.

spatch dated twenty miles westward | bis position without assistance, befollows: "I regret to report that a enemy's forces seem likely to act on flying column under the command of | the offensive. Col. Cobbe, which left Galadi, April ao, to reconnoitre the road to Walwal, had a most serious check on April 7th. On the morning of April 17th Col. Cobbe was at Gumburru, forty miles westward of Galadi, and had decided to return to Galadi, owing to the serious difficulty in finding the road to Walwal and to the shortness of water. He was about to leave his zareba (protected camp) when firing was heard in the direction of a small party, under the command of Capt. Olivey, which had been sent in a westerly direction to reconneitre.

A Relief Party.

"At 9.15 in the morning, Colonel Plunkett, and about 1 in the afterported that Col. Plunkett had been defeated with loss.

"The news has been fully corroborated since, and I have to report the total loss of Col. Plunkett's party, with the exception of 37 Yaos who have arrived here.

Survivors' Stories.

The latest information extracted from the fugitives, is to the effect | that Col. Plunkett pushed on with the Abyssinian border. An Abyssinhis forces to the open country, ian force of from 5,000 to 10,000 men, seven miles westward of Gumbarra, to which two British officers are atwhere he was attacked by a strong | tached, lately occupied a position force of mounted troops and the enemy's infantry, who attacked at | close quarters, He kept back the egemy until he had no more ammunition, when he formed a square and charged with bayonets in the direction of Col. Cobbe's zareba. He moved some distance in this manmer, but a great many men, inclading Col. Plunkett himself, were killed or wounded by the pursuing

At last the enemy's infantry overwhelmed the square and annihilated them all, with the exception of the 37 fugitives above stated.

An Appalling List.

The despatch closes with a list of the "officers and men missing, I and no doubt killed in action," namely Col. A. W. V. Plunkett, Captains Johnston, Stewart, Olivey, Gaynor and Bell, all of the King's reinforcements to Somaliland.

the Indian medical staff; two white | A Toronto Chinaman was burie! privates, 48 of the Second Sikhs with oriental customs. and 124 men of the African Rifles. The Salvation Army barracks at

Col. Cobbe in Peril.

directly and expect to arrive at Gumburra to-morrow at noon. I shall accomplish the extrication of Col. Cobbe, with as much transport as possible, and return to Galadi. I can only carry sufficient water for the march to Gumburru, returning dirrectly. I shall, therefore, be unable to advance against the enemy if the latter holds back."

Later report: A despatch from Aden, Arabia, conveys news of a serious reverse to the British forces in Somaliland at the hands of the Mad Mullan. A Hying column, under Col. Plunkett, consisting of 220 men, was Cobbe despatched Colonel Plunkett attacked, and ten officers and 130 with 160 men of the second battalion | men were slam. The despatch deof the King's African Rifles, 48 men | scribes the disaster as an ambush, of the Second Sikhs and two Maxim | and represents the Moliah's army as guns, for the extrication of Capt. being 10,000 strong. Col. Flunkett's Olivey, it necessary. As a matter of men, with the exception of the offifact, Captain Olivey had not been cers and two British orderlies, were engaged. Col. Plunkett, on joining all Sikhs, Yaos and Somalis. Col. the detachment, continued to push | Plunkett had an intimate acquainton. At 11.45 Col. Cobbe heard a heavy | ance with the country and its inhabfire in the direction taken by Col. | itants, having been in Somaliand since the operations began in 1901. moon a few fugitives coming in re- He trained the Yaos and Somalis, who formed the King's African Rifles, and brought them to a high state of efficiency. The Yaos and Somalis, like most North Africans, are fine fighters, and the manner in which they acquitted themselves at Gumburru was what was to have been expected from their own grit and Col. Flunkett's discipline.

> General Manning has advanced rom Obbia, and the abandonment of that place as a base precludes his retiring eastward if a retreat is operating column, whose base is at Berbera, and its advanced base at Bohotle, must force its way south to support him in case of need. General Manning's column now numbers about 2,000 men. Nothing has been heard of it since it advanced to assist Col. Cobbe, who is likely in a tight position.

The British cruisers at Aden sailed for Berbera to-night. The troopship Hardinge has been ordered to pro-Morriss and McKinnon, and Lieuts, cood forthwith to Bombay to take permits for boxing contests.

Another despatch from Gen. Manning, who, immediately on hearing of the defeat of Col. Plunkett, started for Gumburru with 460 men, says further information reached him from Col. Cobbe to the effect that the latter, with 220 troops, was London cable says: The War Office | encamping with plenty of food and to-day received from Brigadier-Gen- supplies and four days' water. He eral Manning, in command of the has about one thousand camels and British forces in Somaliland, a de- does not think he can withdraw from of Galadi, Somaliland, April 18, as cause the scrub is thick and the

Gen. Manning adds: "I march again

The fight occurred in Italian Somallland, not a great distance from southwest of the scene of the operations to cut off a possible retreat of the Mullali, but they were not with the British expedition.

MRS. BURDICK GETS \$25,000 FROM PENNELL ESTATE.

Insurance Companies Will Not Contest Any of the Policies.

Buffalo despatch: Attorney Chas., for the benefit of Alice Hull Bur B. Sears appeared before Justice Childs yesterday afternoon, and in behalf of J. Fred. Pennell, administrator of the estate of his brother, the late Arthur Pennell, withdrew his objection to the application of the Prudential Insurance Company of suit brought by Attorney Wallace Thayer to recover the \$25,000 insurance made payable to Mr. Thayer in

Mr. Sears also announced that Mr. Pennell would make no objections to the payment of the money to Mr.

quence of the revelation made yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Thayer this money." opened the scaled packet left in his Then that disposes of this mo- by the statutes.

The amount involved in this action is \$15,000. There is another policy for \$10,000, given by the Mutual Life | with Canada. Insurance Company, and Mr. Thayer | Fifteen persons were frozen to has also brought an action against | death during Sunday's snowstorm in the company to recover this am- various parts of Silesia, Prussia. ount. It is believed that there will be no opposition to the payment of this moeny to Mr. Thayer, so that America for an interpleader in the Mrs. Burdick is entitled to and will probably get the entire money left her indirectly by Mr. Pennell.

When Justice Childs took the bench this afternoon in Special Term, Attorney Sears arose and said: "Perbaps the burden is on me to say in Alaska will be court-martialled something in regard to this matter. on charges of selling commissary Sim Lee, alleged to be head of a I will simply say that in behalf of supplies for their own profit. J. Fred, Pennell, the administrator, This action was taken in conse- payment of this money to Mr. Thayer, and abandon all claims auginst the insurance company for

possession by the late Mr. Pennell, then made the order and directed expect that the President of the Bagdad Railroad, has suspended as Madonias be supplied with all they with the lid off. He said he hoped

CANADIAN.

Mrs. Shirley was acquitted at Que- colonial service. bee of the murder of her husband. Plans have been got ready at Montreal for the elevation of the Grand A young Englishman named Chas.

died from injuries receive int Toronto | unanimously. Junction.

against an alleged pool room at To- causing grave anxiety to his family. rento Junction.

eration of Labor were banqueted by | weeks ago. the Mayor and corporation of To-

The trial of Karl Barham for murder at the Cornwall Assizes was

peal was begun before the Supreme says the commander of the Govern Court at Ottawa.

ing since Christmas, was found at Swan Lake, Man. Mayor Urquhart welcomed the Ex- the view of gaining time

ada, and during his visit he will inspect the entire system.

General Laurie has a buil, which he will press in the British Commons during the session, to endedvor to put graduates of coloniat modical colleges on the same footing as those of British universities, in the army, the mavy, and the

Mr. C. R. Devlin, M. P., at the National Convention in Dubin, moved resolution asserting that therelease of Arthur Lynch would tend Partridge was drowned at Rat Port- to secure better feeling among Ir-. / ishmen, irrespective of creed or Terrence McFarlane, a laborer, party. The resolution was carried

The condition of Mr. Justice Lount, The Crown will take proceedings who has been ill for some time, is There has been no satisfactory rally The Executive of the American Fed- since his return from Bermuda a few

forty-nine of which he was located in Ottawa, Sir James Grant was last night entertained to a banquet was found dead in the attitude of sented with an address and a silver

TRIBESMEN AGAIN.

Madrid, April 27 .- A despatch to Argument on the redistribution ap- the Imparcial from Ceuta, Morocco, ment forces at Tetuan has yielded to The body of William Jordan, miss- the demands of the Kabyle tribesmen, who are besieging that port, with

WILLIAM MORTIMER CLARK, K. C., The New Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

Mr. W. Mortimer Clark, K. C., the and became a Q. C. a few years new Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, later. was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, on supposed to be co-operating actively | School, the University of Marischal College, Aberdeen, and at the Uniwas afterwards called to the bar, the press.

Mr. Clark is a prominent Presby-May 24th, 1836, and was educated Knox Church since his arrival in the men who are believed to be rest for shorter hours. at the West End Academy Grammar 1859, being an elder most of that time. He has been chairman of the Board of Management of Knox Colversity of Edinburgh. He is a life lege for twenty-three years, a regumember of the general council of the lar commissioner to the General was found to-day by Chief Flynn, of latter university. He is a son of Mr. Assembly, and for ten years past

John Clark, general manager of the delegate from Knox to the Senate necessary. He must therefore fight Scottish Provincial Insurance Comhis way not thward, or the British co- pany, and founder of the Caledonian in all parts of Europa Erect and in all parts of Europa Erect and Bank. In 1859 Mr. Clark was admitted a writer to Her Majesty's Signet. in all parts of Europe, Egypt and ted a writer to Her Majesty's Signet. Signet. Signet in all parts of Europe, Egypt and to be the chief of the been fined \$1,000, and, in default, In the same year he concluded his diversion in his splendid library, in studies and came to Toronto. He admiration of art, and in writing for

ecutive Council of the American Federation of Labor to Toronto The Toronto Police Commissioners

again discussed gambling and instructed Chief Grassett to refuse the Columbia & Western Railway

passed the British Columbia Legislature yesterday. It is reported that the Western Federation of Miners have ordered a strike at Mr. Dunsmuir's mines at

Cumberland, B. C. Calgary is to have a college organized by the Presbyterians, but undenominational.

Morden. Man., were burned by prairie fire. Two horses and all farm implements, grain, hay, etc., were lost. The family escaped with difficulty.

Canadian Bridge Works, Walker- of his mother, Fox told the authoriville, remains practically unchang- ties he would make a clean breast ed, though the company has been of all he knew about the smuggling gradually filling the places of the of Chinamen in this vicinity.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The German sugar trade expresses alarm at the prospect of a tariff war

Mr. Samuel Hope Morley was elect- of this city, who, it is alleged, is ed Governor of the Bank of Eng- the leader of the smuggiers. The land for the ensuing year.

ern Union is closed because of a strike of messenger boys, accompan- the smuggling operations and the

A number of U. S. army officers Officers of the North American Fire | does business in Fort Erie, Ont. Insurance Co., Hoston, have been notified by Insurance Commissioner Cuming that its financial condition is not up to the standard required

SMUGGLED FROM TORONTO

The bill cancelling the grant to Chinamen Taken Across the Boundary Line.

Buffalo, N. Y., despatch: The operations of a well organized gang of smugglers who have, it is alleged, brought hundreds of Chinamen into Mr. W. McKeown's buildings, near the United States over Niagara River were disclosed to-day by James Fox, 22 years old, while on the witness stand. Fox was placed under arrest while riding on a street car with a "contraband" Chinaman The machinists' strike at the named Bock Can. Upon the advice During his examination Fox told

the authorities that there were regularly organized firms in Canada. who make it a business to bring Chinamen across the Pacific to Vancouver, thence by rail to Toronto. and finally across the border into the United States. Upon the testimony of Fox the Federal authorities have arrested George E. Judson, hearing to-day was merely prelimin-Butte, Mont., office of the West- | ary to a trial, when, it is said, evidence will become public, showing participation therein of persons doing business in New York, Chicago and Toronto. Only a few names were Toronto syndicate, and a man who

Negotiations Off.

WORK OF SLAUGHTER GOES ON IN MACEDONIA.

Fifty-five Men Murdered by a Band Near Petritch.

in the practice of medicine, during | Macedonia, out of revenge for the "murder" of their leader, Capt. Saeff, who was recently killed in an enat the Russell House by the medical gagement in the district of Melmik. Mrs. William Newlands, of Kingston, fraternity of the capital and pre- The band subsequently captured the district chief of Petritch and twenty- | Chamber of the Stats General tofive soldiers, whom they stripped and | day adopted the treaty of arbitration released.

A Bloody Brawl.

St. ePtersburg, April 27,-It is reported here that many men have been killed or injured in a brawl | have been ordered under the decree between troops and marines at Kronstadt. The commandant of Kron. stadt, Vice-Admiral Marakoff, is among the wounded. It is rumored that some officers were killed.

To Expel Mormon Missionaries. Berlin, April 27 .- The Governments leaders of the young Finnish party of Prussia and of the Grand Duchy | They have received notice to leave of Mecklenburg have decided to expel | Finland within a week, otherwise he Mormon missionaries, of whom they will be deported.

Vicana, April 27.-Despatches from there are 145 in Germany and 90 in Sofia, Buigaria, announce that a band | Prussia, on the ground that they are of Macedonians recently surrounded | propagating a form of religious beand slaughtered forty Bashi Bazouks the state and public morals, and be-In recognition of fifty years spent and fifteen gendarmes, near Petritch, cause polygamy is not excluded from who are all Americans, will be allowed sufficient time to settle up their personal affairs.

> One Step Forward. The Hague, April 27 .- The First

between Holland and Venezuela. Severe Measures in Finland

Stockholm, Sweden, April 27.-Despatches from Helsingfors, Finland, announce that further expulsions published on April 16th, prescribing measures for the maintenance of order in Finland. The persons who have been instructed to leave the country include ex-Senator Mechelin, two editors, a former British consul, Eugene Wolff, and several

RUSSIA'S BREACH OF FAITH.

United States Regard Her Course as a Violation of Agreement.

cated the facts to the President and has learned the latter's wishes.

and the documents are on record, | tion.

Victoria, April 27 .- Mr. Jos. Mar- / that the "open door" should be mainister Conger has cabled to Secretary | tained in Manchuria, and that the of State Hay & synopsis of the de- Russian troops should be withdrawn mands made upon China by Russia as soon as peace was restored. Finrespecting control of Manchuria. | shape of a treaty stipulation. It was This account agrees precisely with provided that the evacuation should the press report of Russia's last coup. | take place within three distinct per-Secretary Hay will take no action in | lods. The last Russian soldier should the matter until he has communi- have quit Manchuria on the eighth of this month, according to that treaty. But a plausible explanation for a temporary retention of the The present impression here is remaining Russian troops was ofthat the Russian action is a distinct | fered by Russia, in the claim that breach of faith with the United | the country was still disturbed and States. The Russian Government | that vigorous military methods were pledged itself three times, formally, necessary in the interest of sanita-

Victim One of Band Against Whom Was III-Feeling.

GREW OUT OF COUNTERFEITING

New York, April 27 .- Stronger eviterian. He has been connected with | dence than any yet obtained against ponsible for the death of Madonia the man whose body was found in a barrel in the east side a week ago, the Secret Service, in the form of a

band of alleged counterfeiters. van, is considered by him so imporeven produce it at the inquest, which when rescued by the police. will begin before Coroner Scholer next Monday, but will hold it in reserve for the actual trial of the men. Written from Pittsburg on March

23rd, the letter contains evidence of between Morello and Madonia. appears that Vito Laducca, accord-

from his letter to Morello that he was not satisfactory to the chief of the band. At any rate, in the letter he announced his intention of returning at once to Buffalo, blaming Morello for not having fulfilled certain promises he had made, the exact nature of which does not appear. Throughout the letter there is evidence of bad feeling between

falo address. The fact that Madonia ! from Ottawa. was a member of the band of counterfeiters had been established by other means, but as showing the the leader of the band, the latter is considered of the utmost importance. The Madonia family is reported as being in very straightened circumstances. Yesterday it was said that eigned to Mr. Thayer in trust was will be paid over to Mr. Thayer. will spend about six weeks in Can- to consent to the German conditions. cine as well as coal.

DEAF MUTES STRIKE.

Their Going Out Throws 1,000 Persons Out of Employment. Chicago, Ill., April 27.-At a signal

from their business agent, 150 deaf mute electrical workers employed in the Automatic Electric Company's plant have begun the first deaf mute strike on record. The plant, employing about 1.000 persons, was closed

The mutes are skilled workmen, members of the Telephone and Switchboard Union. They were paid the union wages, but joined the brase workers, metal workers, polishers and buffers and platers in a demand

NOT TOO SEVERE.

Torturer of Children at St. Louis Sent

St. Louis, April 27.-John Earl, was sent to the workhouse

Testimony showed that Earl, who This letter, which was turned over is a showman, beat with sticks and to Assistant District Attorney Gar- straps and burned with a hot iron a boy and girl whom he attempted to train for an acrobatic show. The

LEG TO BE AMPUTATED.

Jos. Martin, M. P. P., Will Undergo Anothe Operation.

Washington, April 27 .- U. S. Minthe close connection which existed tin has decided to submit to the amputation of his leg above the knee. It has lon some time been known that this nione could be counting to evidence obtained by Chief; ed upon to afford him permanent re-Flynn, went to Pittsburg some time | lief, and rather than further postago, and with two companions was pone the inevitable he will underarrested on a charge of passing go the operation during his present counterfeit money, Laducca was dis- stay in the hospital. The trouble charged, but the other two were which makes it necessary has recurred at intervals ever since child-It here devolved upon Madonia, who | hood, its longest cessation being for was then in Buffalo, to go to Pitts- a period of twenty years. It is exburg and look after the interests of pected Mr. Martin will be retired these two men, but it would appear | from active life for his months at

GRUESOME COINCIDENCE.

Brothers Meet Death Under Circum

stances Strangely Similar. Calgary, N. W. T., April 127.-The body of John Christie, a rancher, was found near here yesterday. At the inquest it was concluded he had been It was in Morello's trunk, in the throws from his buggy, which was attic of No. 173 Chrystic street, ! found, along with the horse, near where he fived, that the letter was the body, into a pool of water, and found. There was also found a page, | drowned. His brother died within evidently to n out of a book, on about 100 yards of where he was which appeared the name of Madon- found, under conditions almost idenin, written in red ink, with his Buf- | tieal. The Christies originally came

"HELL WITH THE LID OFF."

close connection between him and British Labor Leader's Opinion of Industrial America.

London, April 27 .- During a discussion of railway rates in the House of Commons to-day. John Burns, they were in need of the netual ne- | labor leader, complained that the cessities of life and that Mrs. Ma- | Board of Trade had not made any donia was wasting away because of experiments with automatic coup-Berlin, April 27 .- The negotiations | the lack of food, Overseer of the Poor | lings. To say they were much ahead which have been in progress for some | Kenngott, sent Inspector Burns to of America in this regard. Mr. Burns and discovered that the money as that it be desied, and the money company, Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, the British Government has refused needed in the way of food and nadi-