

# 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—Col Plunkett Went Out to Relieve Capt. Olvey, Thought to Have Been in Danger and Was Attacked by Mounted Troops—Gallant Charge When Ammunition Was Exhausted.**

Aden, Arabia, cable: The British transport Hardinge arrived here to-day from Berbera, the capital of Somaliland, East Africa, and confirmed the report of a British defeat 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 Somalis.

**The War Office Informed.**  
London cable says: The War Office to-day received from Brigadier-General Manning, in command of the British forces in Somaliland, a despatch dated twenty miles westward of Galadi, Somaliland, April 18, as follows: "I regret to report that a flying column under the command of Col. Cobbe, which left Galadi, April 10, to reconnoitre the road to Walwal, had a most serious check on April 7th. On the morning of April 17th Col. Cobbe was at Gumburra, 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 zarba (protected camp) when firing was heard in the direction of a small party, under the command of Capt. Olvey, which had been sent in a westerly direction to reconnoitre."

**A Relief Party.**  
At 9.15 in the morning, Colonel Cobbe despatched Colonel Plunkett with 160 men of the second battalion of the King's African Rifles, 48 men of the second Sikhs and two Maxim guns, for the extrication of Capt. Olvey, if necessary. As a matter of fact, Captain Olvey had not been engaged. Col. Plunkett, on joining the detachment, continued to push on. At 11.45 Col. Cobbe heard a heavy fire in the direction taken by Col. Plunkett, and about 1 in the afternoon a few fugitives coming in reported that Col. Plunkett had been defeated with loss.

**Survivors' Stories.**  
The latest information extracted from the fugitives, is to the effect that Col. Plunkett pushed on with his forces to the open country, seven miles westward of Gumburra, where he was attacked by a strong force of mounted troops and the enemy's infantry, who attacked at close quarters. He kept back the enemy until he had no more ammunition, when he formed a square and charged with bayonets in the direction of Col. Cobbe's zarba. He moved some distance in this manner, but a great many men, including Col. Plunkett himself, were killed or wounded by the pursuing enemy.

**An Appalling List.**  
The despatch closes with a list of the officers and men missing, and no doubt killed in action, namely Col. A. W. V. Plunkett, Captains Johnston, Stewart, Olvey, Morris and McKinnon, and Lieutenants Gaynor and Bell, all of the King's

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

## Insurance Companies Will Not Contest Any of the Policies.

Buffalo despatch: Attorney Chas. 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 America for an interpleader in the suit brought by Attorney Wallace Thayer to recover the \$25,000 insurance made payable to Mr. Thayer in trust.

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

This action was taken in consequence of the revelation made yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Thayer opened the sealed packet left in his possession by the late Mr. Pennell, and discovered that the money assigned to Mr. Thayer in trust was

# NEWS IN BRIEF

CANADIAN.

Mrs. Shirley was acquitted at Quebec of the murder of her husband. Plans have been got ready at Montreal for the elevation of the Grand Duke of Edinburgh to the rank of a young Englishman named Chas. Partridge was drowned at Rat Portage.

Terrence McFarlane, a laborer, died from injuries received at Toronto Junction.

The Crown will take proceedings against an alleged pool room at Toronto Junction.

The Executive of the American Federation of Labor were banqueted by the Mayor and corporation of Toronto.

The trial of Karl Barham for murder at the Cornwall Assizes was postponed at the request of the defence.

Mrs. William Sewlands, of Kingston, was found dead in the attitude of prayer in her room at Kingston last night. Four children survive.

A Toronto Chinaman was buried with oriental customs.

The Salvation Army barracks at Listowel were burned.

**Argument on the redistribution appeal was begun before the Supreme Court at Ottawa.**

The body of William Jordan, missing since Christmas, was found at Swan Lake, Man.

Mayor Urquhart welcomed the Ex-



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Mr. W. Mortimer Clark, K. C., the new Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, on May 24th, 1836, and was educated at the West End Academy Grammar School, the University of Marischal College, Aberdeen, and at the University of Edinburgh. He is a life member of the general council of the latter university. He is the son of Mr. John Clark, general manager of the Scottish Provincial Insurance Company, and founder of the Caledonian Bank. In 1859 Mr. Clark was admitted a writer to Her Majesty's Signet. In the same year he concluded his studies and came to Toronto. He was afterwards called to the bar,

and became a Q. C. a few years later. Mr. Clark is a prominent Presbyterian. He has been connected with Knox Church since his arrival in 1859, being an elder most of that time. He has been chairman of the Board of Management of Knox College for twenty-three years, a regular commissioner to the General Assembly, and for ten years past delegate from Knox to the Senate of the University of Toronto. Mr. Clark has travelled very extensively in all parts of Europe, Egypt and Palestine, and when at home finds diversion in his splendid library, in admiration of art, and in writing for the press.

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Mr. C. R. Devlin, M. P., at the National Convention in Dublin, moved a resolution asserting that the release of Arthur Lynch would tend to secure better feeling among Irishmen, irrespective of creed or party. The resolution was carried unanimously.

The condition of Mr. Justice Lount, who has been ill for some time, is causing grave anxiety to his family. There has been no satisfactory rally since his return from Bermuda a few weeks ago.

In recognition of fifty years spent in the practice of medicine, during forty-nine of which he was located in Ottawa, Sir James Grant was last night entertained to a banquet at the Russell House by the medical fraternity of the capital and presented with an address and a silver loving cup.

# TRIBESMEN AGAIN.

Madrid, April 27.—A despatch to the Imperial from Ceuta, Morocco, says the commander of the Government forces at Tetuan has yielded to the demands of the Kabyle tribesmen, who are besieging that port, with the view of gaining time.

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