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RIO WAS NOT CAPTURED

Insurgent Deserters Captured by the Brazilian Government,

THE MONARCHIST MANIFESTO

Has Done Great Harm to the Insurgents' Cause—No Sympathy With the Restoration of the Empire—Prince Pierre With His Parents.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 23.—While part of the insurgent fleet was proceeding along the coast to the State of Rio de Janeiro a few days ago three officers deserted their ships. They have been arrested by the Government, and have considerable information concerning the condition of the insurgent forces.

Admiral De Gama, the monarchist who commands the insurgent fleet in Rio harbor when Admiral Mello is at sea, has done great harm to the insurgent cause, they say, by his open advocacy of the restoration of the empire. The insurgent forces were demoralized by his manifesto in favor of the monarchy, and many men of the insurgent fleet lost all sympathy with the cause.

The Government forces now hold Bom Jesus, Governors and Macangue Islands. Macangue Island, which is directly north of Armacao, was taken from the insurgents on Wednesday night after a sharp fight. The whole insurgent fleet kept up a hot fire on the Government forces, but only succeeded in delaying somewhat the capture.

The Nictheroy side of the harbor is now in the Government's possession. These important gains have completed the circle of fire around the insurgent forts, Villegaignon and Cobras.

Rio Has Not Fallen.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Flint & Co. have direct advices from Rio de Janeiro and they say there is no truth in the report that Rio has fallen. Brazilian Minister Mendonca, who is in the city, says he has no advices indicating any unusual trouble.

Prince Pierre Visits His Parents.

VIENNA, Dec. 23.—Prince Pierre D'Alcantara, who it was said had been declared Emperor of Brazil by Admiral Mello, today left this city where he attends school en route to Paris. His visit to France has no political significance. He intends simply to pass the Christmas holidays with his parents, the Count and Countess D'Eu at their home at Boulogne Sur-Seine.

MRS. FOY'S EVIDENCE.

She Overhears a Conversation Between Her Husband and Coughlin.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Foy yesterday gave evidence tending to show that Coughlin was a member of the conspiracy which ended in the murder of Dr. Cronin. She swore that the detective often visited her house before and after May 4, 1889, and was always closeted with her husband behind a closed door. Coughlin always came in the evening. In the month of April, 1889, towards the latter part Coughlin called, and Mrs. Foy went out for beer. As she entered the front room the defendant and her husband were sitting alone. She noticed the room was dark and turned to light the lamp. What she heard is told in her own words.

"As I entered the room I saw Dan Coughlin and my husband standing together. I heard these words, 'Remove him at all hazards, but use your own discretion.'

"Who used those words?" was asked.

"The defendant, Dan Coughlin. He was reading a letter and my husband was leaning over his shoulders.

"Patrick Cooney, Joseph McKenna, Martin Burke and Michael O'Connor also called at my house to see my husband alone frequently from February until after May 4. Coughlin came to my house every night, except Sunday, after May 4.

"On May 7 Coughlin said to my husband in my presence how he had fooled Capt. Schrutter about the finding of the doctor's body."

Murdered By Whitecaps.

LYNCHBURGH, Va., Dec. 23.—Pleasant Hendricks, of Babocks, was on Thursday night murdered by four masked men supposed to be whitecaps, and the house burned. After Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks had retired last night four masked men forced their way into the house and knocked the husband down. Mrs. Hendricks fainted and was taken out in the yard while the men robbed the house and set it on fire. When the wife regained consciousness the house was a mass of flames. The blaze attracted the neighbors but it was too late for them to save the house or recover the body, which was found this morning. It is supposed the parties knew he had a large sum of money in the house. To-night four negroes were lodged in the Lynchburg jail charged with the murder. One of them surrendered voluntarily upon hearing that the authorities were looking for him, stating that he was innocent and would feel safer in jail than near the scene of the murder.

Big Fire in Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The large six-storey brick building, fronting on Friend, Canal and Traverse streets, owned by the Wakefield Rattan Co., and occupied by the Boston Chair Manufacturing Co., M. W. Cain & Sons, furniture, G. W. Bent & Co., dealers in cushions, bedding, etc.; John M. Woods & Co., lumber dealers, and the Standard Wire Mattress Co., was burned yesterday. The loss to the building and stock will probably reach $200,000. When the fire started there were 200 employes in the building, but all escaped unhurt.

They Hired in 1812.

PARIS, Ky., Dec. 23.—By the death of Presley Simpson here there are now only two soldiers of the war of 1812 living. Simpson was 95 years of age.

SALEM, Mass., Dec. 23.—Mrs. E. Stanley, widow of John Stanley, the oldest person in Salem, died last night in her 97th year. When the British fleet approached Salem in 1812 she was on Baker's Island, and gave the alarm which resulted in the withdrawal of the hostile fleet.

Won in the Third Round.

LIMA, O., Dec. 23.—Three hundred sports remained up all Thursday night to witness a prize fight at Fort Jennings near here. The principals were the mute slugger from Delphos and John King, of Paulding. The fight was for $500 and the gate receipts. The mute out-classed King and landed a blow in the first round that practically ended the fight, and won it for him in the third.

Lieut.-Governor Fraser Sworn In.

FREDERICTON, N.B., Dec. 23.—J. K. McGee, clerk of the Privy Council of Canada, arrived yesterday and drove immediately to the residence of Hon. J. J. Fraser, where he was received by Judge Tuck and a few friends. After McGee presented the documents, Judge Tuck swore in Fraser as Lieut.-Governor of New Brunswick. The ceremony was performed in private owing to the illness of Mr. Fraser.

Mangled by a Saw.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A painful accident befell Harry Sutherland, shipper at the London Furniture Co., yesterday by which his left hand was badly mangled and he will probably lose part of it as a result. He was in the sawing room and while picking up a piece of wood from a bench placed his hand squarely on a saw.

That Horse and Rig.

BRAMPTON, Dec. 23.—A mild sensation was created here last night when Constable Hurst drove into town with Williams' horse and cutter. A large crowd soon gathered round the conveyance. It was then driven to Hurst's stable, where it will be held pending further investigation.

Do you feel the first muttering of indigestion? Don't wait for it to become chronic. Use K. D. C. K. D. C. company, limited, New Glasgow, N.S., Canada, or 127 State street, Boston, Mass.

WHIPPING THE MATABELES.

Lobengula and His Warriors Are Now Completely Scattered.

CAPETOWN, Dec. 23.—Major Forbes, commanding the force in pursuit of King Lobengula, telegraphed to Capetown yesterday, saying he had repeatedly beaten the Matabeles and that the British forces were safe and well.

Despatches sent from Umshlangani on December 13 and 14 say that many Matabeles were coming in at that point to deliver up their guns and assegais. They were quite submissive and gladly settled in the small kraals to which they were ordered. The accounts of repeated attacks by Matabeles upon Major Forbes' forces are confirmed. Forbes beat them back easily and scattered them in flight. The King's brother, Mnonoto, has submitted with all his followers and cattle to the company's force and surrendered his arms.

Major Forbes and his 120 men arrived at Inyati on December 15. He repeats the narrative already given of Wilson's advance, adding: "When Wilson's messengers arrived I was surrounded and could spare only the twenty men who joined Wilson on the morning of December 5, the attack upon my force was so serious that it compelled us to retreat under fire from all directions and to reform the laager. We had fourteen horses killed and six men wounded."

It will probably be some days before more news will be received concerning Capt. Wilson, who is understood to be making for Fort Charter, as the rise of the rivers has prevented his return to Buluwayo.

FIGHTING WITH DERVISHES.

Three Officers and 100 Italian Soldiers Killed in the Battle.

ROME, Dec. 23.—Italian soldiers had a fight with Dervishes yesterday at the same spot where they fought the Dervishes in 1890.

The force under Commander Arimondi numbers 1,500 men, principally natives, under Italian officers.

It has been learned that three Italian officers and more than 100 soldiers of the Italian army were killed in the battle. Most of the soldiers killed were natives. Among those who were shot dead on the field was Hamid Ali, one of the commanders of the Dervishes in the battle at Metammneh in January 1885. Gen. Baratieri, Governor of Italy's Red Sea colony, starts for Massowah to-morrow.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Rome correspondent telegraphs concerning the conflict between Dervishes and Italian troops:—"There were three distinct engagements, one at Agordat, another at Serobati and the third at Biscia. The Italians were everywhere successful. About 1,000 men are believed to have been killed in the battle near Agordat."

HON. EDWIN STANHOPE DEAD.

He Was Secretary of War in Lord Salisbury's Cabinet.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Right Hon. Edwin Stanhope, Secretary of State for War from 1887 to 1892 in the cabinet of Lord Salisbury, died suddenly yesterday at Seven Oaks, Kent, the residence of his brother, Earl Stanhope.

He was the second son of the fifth Earl Stanhope, and was born in 1840. He had been Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Trade, Under Secretary of State for India, Vice-President of the Committee of the Council for Education, and President of the Committee of the Council for Trade.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Mr. Balfour referred in the House of Commons yesterday to the loss the Conservative party and Parliament had sustained by the death of the Right Hon. Edward Stanhope. Sir William Vernon Harcourt expressed the sorrow of his side of the House at his death, and extolled his qualities as a statesman.

Donations to Vaillant.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Auguste Vaillant, the Anarchist under arrest for causing the explosion in the Chamber of Deputies, which crime he has confessed, has received donations amounting to 3,000 francs since he was lodged in prison.

In the Artic Ocean.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The British Vice-Consul in Archangel informed the Government that Dr. Nansen, the Artic explorer, who is trying to cross the Artic ocean, sailed from Charova, on the North Siberian coast, early in August.

End of the Commercial War.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The correspondent of the United Press has learned from an authentic source that the Russo-German commercial treaty has been completed and has been signed by the delegates.

Warned by Anarchists.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The Municipal Council has been warned by Anarchists that the Town Hall will be blown up before December 30. Special guards have been stationed at the building.

A SENATOR IN DANGER.

Threatened With Death Because of His Stand on the Silver Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—As the result of an investigation by the police authorities of a report that an attempt was likely to be made to kill Senator Roger Q. Mills, the senator's son, and Secretary Chas. H. Mills have been licensed to carry a pistol for 30 days. The trouble grew out of Senator Mills' position on the silver repeal bill. When that question was under discussion a man living somewhere in New Jersey addressed the Senator threatening letters and the language was such as to induce an examination. The New Jersey authorities were communicated with and their replies only confirmed the Senator's reasons for apprehending danger. It was reported that the man had been indulging in some threatening language in New Jersey and had left his home early this week. Upon receipt of this news it was decided that some step toward protecting the Senator's life against the supposed crank should be taken.

A Bank Teller's Defalcation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—State Superintendent of Banks Preston and State Bank Examiner Judson, who have been examining the books of the St. Nicholas Bank, discovered a defalcation of $42,000 on the part of Louis A. Hill, the paying teller. Hill was arrested and gave bail in $20,000.

After a Cariboo.

QUEBEC, Dec. 23.—A cariboo came floating down on the ice with the ebb tide yesterday. It passed the city and floated a mile down. Several canoes made after it. Some men in the first canoe fired at and killed it.

North Brant Reform Candidate.

PARIS, Ont., Dec. 23.—At the North Brant Reform convention held here yesterday W. B. Woods was declared the nominee for the Local elections.

Cholera Spreading in Russia.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Standard says that cholera still spreads in the capital, owing to the consumption of bad fish among the poor and to the infection of the drinking water.

Fired At Officials.

BRIGADE, Dec. 23.—A workman who had been discharged from the rolling mill at Kladowa, fired at and wounded two of the officials connected with the mill. He was arrested.

Vaillant's Accomplices.

ROME, Dec. 23.—The Italian, Rinaldi, who is supposed to have been the accomplice of Pallas and Codina, the Spanish bomb throwers, will be extradited to Spain.

Danish Officer Dead.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 23.—Gen. Lindencrone, a Danish officer who was conspicuous in the Prusso Danish war of 1864, died here yesterday.

Dyspeptics lack strength. K. D. C. restores the stomach to healthy action and gives the dyspeptic strength. K. D. C. company, limited, New Glasgow, N.S., Canada, or 127 State street Boston, Mass.

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MAYORALTY NOMINEES

Nominations of Municipal Governors Throughout Ontario.

THE CHRISTMAS HONOR ROLL.

Those in Cities and Towns Who Will Begin the Year with Either Sweet Victory or Sore Defeat—The Mayors Who Have No Opposition.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Yesterday nominations for municipal offices were held all over the Province. A recent measure passed by the Legislature provides that in such cases where the feast of Christmas falls on the last Monday of the year, the day set apart for the nomination of municipal officers, the said nominations shall be held on the preceding Friday. Following is the list of nominees who will contest the mayoralty in their several municipalities on New Year's day:

Toronto—R. J. Fleming (present mayor) and Warring Kennedy.

Ottawa—Ex-Ald. W. R. Stroud, Ex-Ald. C. R. Cunningham, Ex-Ald. G. Cox.

Hamilton—Ald. Carscallen, Ald. Stewart and Ell. Van Allen.

London—Mayor Essery, George Taylor and George T. Hiscox.

Kingston—W. M. Drennan, Dr. Herald and C. Robinson.

Belleville—Jas. E. Walmsley and Harry Foxwell.

Windsor—D. Willis Mason, Joseph H. Beattie, John Harmon and R. F. Sutherland.

Brockville—D. Derbyshire and J. Culbert.

Blenheim, Kent Co.—J. F. Titus, Geo. Thompson, T. B. Shillington and D. McLachlan.

Chatham—S. T. Martin and H. Smith.

Smith's Falls—R. W. Stacy and S. M. Barnes.

Listowel—S. Bricker, A. W. Fetherstone and Jacob Heppler.

Leamington—T. Freller, C. Mallins and Jacob Gibbons.

Owen Sound—M. Kennedy and J. McLauchlan.

Waterloo—W. Wells and R. Y. Fish.

Woodstock—J. Hay and J. J. Hall.

Milton—J. H. McCallum and S. Dice.

Welland—G. H. Burgar, A. Hendershot and J. H. Hodgins.

Napanee—Dr. R. A. Leonard, T. Jamieson and C. Stevens.

Collingwood — B. Callary and R. N. O'Brien.

Ridgetown—R. R. Lowthian, H. Porter, T. P. Watson and J. Wallace.

Sarnia—R. S. Oliver and M. J. Proctor.

Essex—J. Naylor and Dr. Brien.

Niagara Falls—G. Hanan and S. K. Binkley.

Brampton—J. W. Main, Dr. Mullen, W. H. Holtby and R. Blain.

Trenton—A. W. Hawley, W. S. Jacques, T. A. O'Rourke, J. B. Marian, A. Parent, J. H. Peck, J. Nicholson, T. D. Kinsella, M. B. Morrison and P. J. O'Rourke.

Petrolea—O. Simmons and A. F. Gurd.

Paris—A. H. Baird and J. H. Fisher.

Mitchell—W. R. Davis, J. W. Cull, A. Burritt and J. Hurd.

Arnprior—R. G. Moles, Dr. Cranston and John Harvey.

Cornwall—Dr. Hamilton, S. Crosbie, T. A. Ross and J. Bergin, Q.C.

Pembroke—R. Russell, F. E. Foster and W. O'Meara.

Goderich—J. Butler and C. A. Humber.

Mayors By Acclamation.

Berlin, D. Hilbner; Carleton Place, A. Nicholls; Deseronto, E. W. Rathbun; Sandwich, E. Girardot; Prescott, J. Steel; Ingersoll, J. A. Williams; Almonte, T. W. Raines; Thorold, W. Wilhelm; Walkerville, C. M. Walker; Niagara, H. Pafford; St. Marys, W. M. Moserip; Barrie, A. E. H. Creswicke; Simcoe, A. McCall; Galt, R. Gilholm; Amherstburg, J. G. Mullen; Stratford, J. C. Montieth; Guelph, W. G. Smith; St. Catharines, J. W. Grate.

SUING FOR LIBEL.

Hon. A. R. Angers After Pacaud to the Amount of $25,000.

QUEBEC, Dec. 23.—The Hon. A. R. Angers, Minister of Agriculture, has taken out a suit for libel to the amount of $25,000 against Ernest Pacaud, proprietor of L'Electeur. The action is returnable on the 16th of January. Messrs. Belleau, Stafford & Belleau represent the plaintiff.

Baby Badly Burned.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—The two-year-old baby girl of Dr. Norman Allen was nearly burned to death yesterday. In the afternoon Dr. and Mrs. Allen went out and left their baby in charge of the nurse girl. The girl went out and left the child playing in the room. She returned in a few minutes and was horrified to see the child lying in the coal grate a mass of flames. The child was rescued, but is badly burned about the body. The nurse girl was also burned in getting the child out of the flames. The child will recover, but is suffering intensely.

A Chief Engineer Drops Dead.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 22.—Chief Engineer Morris, of the Government steamer Lansdowne, dropped dead on board that vessel yesterday. He was in his usual good health when he left his residence at one o'clock to go to the steamer. Deceased was over 70 years of age and has been in the Government service for many years. He has been chief engineer of the Lansdowne since she was launched. His son, Malcolm Morris, is chief engineer of the fishery cruiser Curlew.

A Crew's Fight with Waves.

HALIFAX, Dec. 23.—Capt. Florian, of the Dominion Coal Co. barge Alice, which broke away from a steam tug while being towed to Halifax at midnight on December 11, and which arrived here yesterday, makes an interesting report of his buffeting with wind and waves during the intervening time. The wind was blowing a gale, and there was a snowstorm prevailing when the hawser parted and the Alice was left to her own resources off Louisburg, N.Y. Various lights were sighted along the coast and time after time Captain Florian tried to make port, but gales and tempestuous seas carried the barge away. The crew struggled on till the 17th when a steamer was sighted, and on the 18th the schooner Parisian answered signals of distress and took the barge in tow. After great difficulty it finally got into Owl's Head, from whence the barge was towed here. Crew all well.

Conviction of Halliday Restored.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—The Court of Appeal restored the conviction of Brewer Halliday, of Guelph, for selling two glasses of ale to be consumed by two visitors at the brewery, thus reversing the decision of a lower court which removed the conviction. The appeal was pushed by the Ontario Government with the object of preventing liquor being retailed out or given away at breweries.

Rough Shipping of Sheep.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 23.—Two carloads of sheep arrived by the Intercolonial yesterday for a St. John butcher, but when the cars were opened, 21 were found dead. They were shipped from a point on the Buctouche and Moncton railway. The animals were badly cut and almost bare of wool.

Policemen Robbed by Tramps.

OSKALOOSA, Ia., Dec. 23.—A gang of 13 tramps held up and robbed the deputy sheriff and two policemen here of all their valuables. One tramp was fatally shot. The town is overrun with the vagabonds. The militia has been called out to protect the town.

Four Killed in an Explosion.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 23.—The boiler at the Alexandria lumber mills, across the river from Knoxville, exploded yesterday. Four men are known to have been killed.

Are you troubled with dizziness, emptiness, flatulency, flushings, fulness, general distress? Take K. D. C., the king of dyspepsia cures. It is guaranteed to cure you or money refunded. Sold by E. C. Mitchell.

Lemon jelly, marmalade, at Redden's.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Those Thousand Islands.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 22.—(To the Editor): It tires me to hear the kicking that has been done by the "News" and other papers during last summer and at the present time and the persons writing those articles show plainly that they are not acquainted with the subject. One paper says if the government sells the islands that speculators will purchase them and holding them for an advance in price will never improve them with cottages, etc., while another makes the wail that if sold the architecture or coloring shown upon the cottages which they would erect would not suit Millet, Bellini, Titian or any other great artist should they happen this way. A writer "F" in last week's "News" states that the islands opposite Leeds mean the beautiful Admiralty group. Allow me to tell this writer that the government has not offered but one small island (two acres) in this group for sale in the last ten years and there are none for sale now. In keeping with this display of knowledge "F" charges the government with selling the islands by numbers only so that a few government supporters only could tell which to buy. Here again "F" shows ignorance of the subject. The government employed surveyors, who measured the islands, made maps of the same, which were lithographed and distributed freely amongst the public. In every instance where the name of an island was known it was called by such name, and where islands had no name numbers were used to designate them, and the numbers were painted in large white figures upon a conspicuous rock on each island, so that any intending purchaser could find it without any trouble; besides the advertisement fully described each island, giving its name, if it had any, its area in acres and decimal, its situation from well-known points, describing its foliage, fishing grounds, etc., and the men who did this were present at the sales to give additional information, if required by the purchasers. So you see how groundless "F's" charges are and what folly it is for one to rush into print with so little knowledge of the subject. "F" further states that local officials will have a good deal to say in fixing prices. This charge is just as unfair as the ones confuted above. The government had capable men value those islands and their valuation was fixed as a reserve bid, and no person, grit or tory, could obtain one for less than that sum, either by private sale or by auction, and just here, for fear my readers begin to think I am a government supporter or one of the local officials referred to by "F," allow me to state that I am a grit and not after one of the islands.

Now I ask which is best for the preservation of the Thousand Islands: To sell some to parties who on an average have as æsthetic a taste as these kickers, and who would protect the timber, etc., or to leave them as at present to be burned by campers leaving fires on the islands to run all over them with the first strong wind destroying and not leaving a vestige of foliage or grass, such as Myers', Huckleberry, Potato and other islands near the Fiddler's Elbow are to-day, or to have all the timber and trees of every description chopped down and stolen as Pillsbury and other islands I could mention have been. Pillsbury island (5½ acres), with good soil, has not a tree on it large enough to make a fishing rod. By the way, this island was offered for sale and no man would bid a dollar on it.

There are two sides to every question. The government at Ottawa may commit wrongs but they deserve no censure in this instance. They are acting squarely in the matter and were it not for the value of your space I would advance many arguments to show that the kickers are making a great cry about nothing. The public need not be afraid of the government giving away all the islands. If they did the "News" would, in all probability, have selected one before now.—GRIT.

HAD A CLOSE CALL.

A Boulder Slid Down the Mountain Side and Smashed a Tender.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—The passengers on the Canadian Pacific express which arrived, last night, from British Columbia, had a thrilling experience while passing through the Rocky mountains. While coming through the Fraser pass an immense boulder came rolling down the mountain side. It struck the tender, sweeping it away, and wrecked the engine. The passengers were terrified at their narrow escape. The train was delayed eight hours waiting for another engine. It should have been in Montreal at one o'clock yesterday afternoon, but did not reach here this morning. Owing to the storm it was detained also at St. Martin's junction by a freight train ahead being blocked in the drifts.

WILL MR. BLAKE SUCCEED?

Talk of Our Edward Succeeding the Talented Justin McCarthy.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—During last session a rumor was afloat that the member for South Longford had wearied so much of the bickering and strife amongst the Irish members of his party, that on his return home "out of the world" Canada, South Longford would have to look for another representative to fight its part in the struggle for Irish Home Rule. "Tay Pay" gave voice to a mild denial occupying about ten lines in the Sun at the time. No other newspaper seemed to think the matter of sufficient importance to mention the rumor.

But now an entirely different opinion is held. It is quite frequently talked of in political circles that Mr. Blake may possibly be the successor of Justin McCarthy as chairman of the party. He has many supporters for the position, and his chances of election are increasing in strength lately. Timothy Healy alone is a kicker. His opposition to Mr. Blake has been most pronounced. In fact it was due solely to the antagonism exhibited by Mr. Healy that Mr. Blake intended to remain in Canada on his return after last session. His opposition is said to be due entirely to jealousy of the clever Canadian statesman.

TO RE-ORGANIZE THE LEAGUE.

The Central Body of the Imperial Federation Will be Revived.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A move to reorganize the central body of the Imperial Federation League will be made at once. The London branch, which lately resolved to disband, issued a circular yesterday with a view to the reconstruction of the league. The basis of the new arrangement is to be commercial union between Great Britain and the Colonies. The first aim of the new regime will be the holding of periodical conferences.

Explosion Again at Waltham Abbey.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A powder magazine at Waltham Abbey, belonging to the Government, exploded recently, resulting in the death of several persons and the wounding of a number of others. Yesterday the magazine of a private cartridge factory at the same place blew up. Several persons were injured, one of them so severely that no hope of his recovery is entertained.

Fire in Woodstock.

WOODSTOCK, Ont., Dec. 23.—Last night, shortly after the Tucker Comedy Company had closed their performance and the audience had dispersed, the rear portion of the new opera house was discovered to be on fire. The fire burned fiercely, and notwithstanding the efforts of the firemen, the building is a total loss.

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 23.—The fire which broke out in the opera house, last night, resulted in the entire destruction of the building. It was owned by E. W. Walbourn, was built only a year ago at a cost of $25,000 and was insured for $10,000. Only the front of the building is standing.

Given Away.

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R. J. Fraser is visiting in Peterboro.

A SCOTTISH VERDICT.

The Charge Against Alfred J. Monson "Not Proven"

AND HE WILL NOW GO FREE.

Monson Was Not a Murderer, But He Was a Perfect Peer of Perverters—The Verdict Received With Cheers by the Crowd.

EDINBURGH, Dec. 23.—In the trial of Alfred J. Monson for the murder of Lieut. Hambrough at Ardlamont, Lord Justice Clerk, in summing up the evidence, referred to the extraordinary proposal of Lieut. Hambrough to form a partnership with Sebright, which he said showed the grandios, absurd notions held by the deceased respecting the largeness of the estate he would inherit. The next episode touched upon was the obtaining of a judgment against Lieut. Hambrough at the instance of Mrs. Monson and its sale to Tottenham at a quarter of its value. Monson had deceived Tottenham in respect of taking the Ardlamont estate in the letter of July 23, when he stated that he had completed the lease, whereas no negotiations had taken place. His object evidently was to induce Tottenham to send him £250, nominally to pay the deposit, but really to provide an insurance premium.

After referring to other details of the Ardlamont lease, the judge said that up to that stage the story was a sad one of untruthfulness and dishonesty. Monson's affairs from this time were in a desperate condition. He failed to carry out the purchase of the life interests. It had been proved that Monson was aware that the assignation of the assurance would be absolutely worthless if Lieut. Hambrough died before he attained his majority. If the question of motive was displaced or if it was doubtful, the evidence was enormously in the prisoner's favor.

After the Lord Justice Clerk had finished the case was given to the jury and they retired for deliberation. They were out only about three-quarters of an hour when they returned with the Scotch verdict, "Not proven."

There was a large crowd present and the verdict was received with cheers.

AN INTERESTING CASE.

The Action of Smith & Wesson Against Arms Makers in Belgium.

LIEGE, Belgium, Dec. 23.—The action of the American firm of Smith & Wesson, fire arms manufacturers, against the Belgian firm of Delchef, opened yesterday in the correctional tribunal here. The plaintiffs charge that the defendants counterfeited their weapons, stamping the name of the firm "Smith & Wesson" on inferior goods and selling them at low prices. The defendants are the principal arms makers of Liege. They plead that the marks used upon the weapons manufactured in Liege have been used for the past twenty years and cannot be confused with the Smith & Wesson marks. The Liege workmen, they say, mark weapons specially when orders are so given by Liege merchants in fire-arms. They declare that a confusion of the marks is impossible. Besides the difference in the marks, the Liege traders sell their weapons for 50 francs and the Smith and Wesson revolvers for from 50 80 francs. Furthermore, the Liege product bears the stamp of Belgian. Mr. Racklot, agent for Smith & Wesson, was called as a witness. He was challenged on the ground that he was prejudiced. Smith & Wesson demand the sums of 5,000, 1,000 and 25,000 francs damages, besides the insertion of the judgment in the papers. The pleadings will cover days.

The Triple Alliance.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A despatch from Rome to the Times says: There seems to be no disposition in high circles here to construe Prime Minister Crispi's declaration at the opening of the Italian Parliament as adverse to the triple alliance. It was a complicated situation that brought Crispi back to office. Italy's good faith has never been doubted here, nor her firm resolve to fulfill her obligations as an ally to Austria and Germany. The fact that the Prime Minister omitted to refer to the triple alliance is considered to be of no consequence. It is too early, the despatch adds, to discuss the prospect of a renewal of the triple alliance. It is probable that statesmen would not be justified at present in giving a definite opinion on the subject.

Creditors Cornering Colonna.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—When Prince Colonna, Mrs. J. W. Mackay's son-in-law, sold the furniture of his Paris house recently, M. Brossault, a wine dealer, was pressing him to pay a bill of 4,500 francs for liquors. The Prince promised to pay the money in a few days. Three weeks passed and M. Brossault applied for a writ of attachment. Last evening a court official visited the Prince's house and placed on the wine cellar door the official seals, which it is a felony to break. Other creditors of the Prince are said to have applied for writs of attachment upon his wines. The Princess also is reported to have applied for a writ, because she might be held answerable if she allowed the wines as assets to be removed from the house.

The Maybrick Case Again.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The representative in this city of the United Press had an interview with Solicitor Harris in regard to the case of Mrs. Maybrick. Mr. Harris said: "We have communicated with the Home Office asking for an independent inquiry into the case at which the Crown and Mrs. Maybrick should be represented by counsel. Mr. Asquith, the Home Secretary, has promised to consider the application. We have strong accumulative evidence that Mr. Maybrick was a regular arsenic taker."

The Insurgents in San Domingo.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 23.—Details are scant regarding the rising against President Heureaux of San Domingo. The latest advices received here are to the effect that the movement is well under way and that the Government has not yet succeeded in suppressing it. Gen. Morales, who was exiled by President Heureaux and who went to Turk's Island, has gone back to San Domingo for the purpose of aiding the insurgents.

The Pope Will Denounce Anarchy.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says the Pope is preparing an address which he will deliver at the Christmas eve reception of members of the Sacred College. He is expected to denounce Anarchism vigorously.

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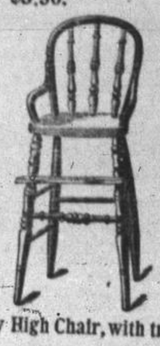

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Papa—What is it going to be?

Tommy—A nice padded slipper.

OTTAWA BUDGET.

The Trade Returns—Prizes to Successful Modellers of Vessels.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—The trade returns for the month of November, as well as for the five months of the fiscal year which have passed, show a considerable increase. Last month there was exported a total of $14,964,502, or $9,134,578 than during November of last year. For the five months ended Nov. 30th, Canada's exports reached $