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All our Christmas Goods are fast disappearing. Why? Because they are sold at just one-half what they are marked. We still have a few left, also some Dolls, Picture Books, Toys and Games. The last goes tomorrow. Price is no object.

The Presents were awarded Monday to the Leader's morning customers as follows: The Doll to Mrs. J. A. Leach, 1025 Newman street, ticket No. 1,882; the Silk Skirt to Miss Abbie Phillips, Rossmore, ticket No. 2,000; and the Silk Waist to Mrs. B. Normie, 1211 1/2 First Avenue, ticket No. 2,387.

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DON'T BE DECEIVED.—Many people entertain the idea that "anything will do" in the way of glasses. They imagine they see well, think it impossible for any one to improve their sight. We have many such persons fall into our hands, who almost invariably have brought a mistake that entirely retards or hinders their eyes. They have failed to get such vision before simply because they have never had their eyes SCIENTIFICALLY examined and PROPERLY FITTED. H. CLAY EVERSOLE, Optician, 708 Second Avenue.

FINANCIAL PANIC IN LONDON CAUSES A GREAT SENSATION.

Marquis of Dufferin and Ava Is Chairman of the Finance Corporation the Failure of Which Sent Many of the Strongest British Firms to the Wall.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The London and Globe Finance Corporation, Limited, has suspended payment. When the brokers yesterday delivered stock purchased on account of the London and Globe and asked for payment, they received checks which were dishonored. This was followed today by the failure on the stock exchange of twelve firms, as follows: Haggard, Hale & Pixley, Garle & Driver, Douglas, Jr., & Co., Cornfoot Brothers, F. A. Cohen, Hockey & Buckingham, Gunn & Aubrey, Richards and Sloper, Baker & Smith, F. C. Watts & Co., Flower & Co. and F. Bouilly & Co.



THE MARQUIS OF DUFFERIN AND AVA.

The first-named is a big firm with important connections. It is feared a number of smaller jobbers will be affected. While the difficulties of the firms closely connected with the London and Globe division were largely discounted, the repeated fall of the hammer since yesterday caused a great sensation. It is feared the full list of failures is not yet known.

Almost the whole interest on the stock exchange today centered in the West Australian market. In a condition of which sympathetically affected the others. All the shares of the London and Globe group toppled, especially Lake Views and La. No. 2. The shares of the latter were yesterday quoted at 25, but today they are unsharable at 4. The London and Globe is also heavily involved in the British Columbian market. The situation is not yet cleared up, as the rumors of arrangements to assist the London and Globe are not credited in well informed circles. There is the greatest indignation against Mr. Whitaker Wright, who is the fountainhead of the concern, and others of the London and Globe group. There has been somewhat of a recovery in Lake Views since last evening.

LORD DUFFERIN'S PLIGHT.

The chairman of the London and Globe Finance Corporation, Limited, is the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, the former governor general of Canada, and British ambassador in Paris. The failure of the concern of which he is the head adds one more sorrow to the closing chapter of his life, for he is today preparing to start for South Africa, in company with Lady Dufferin, in consequence of the serious condition of his sick son, Lord Frederick Temple Blackwood, lieutenant in the Ninth Lancers, who was wounded Monday, at Glenfontein. It is scarcely a year ago since Lord Dufferin lost his eldest son, the Earl of Ava, who died at Ladysmith. He is now encompassed by family grief, to which are added these serious financial troubles.

TWENTY-EIGHT FAILURES.

The failures today involve twenty-eight members of the stock exchange, and are equally divided among jobbers and brokers. It is generally regarded in the mining market as being the blackest day since the Baring smash, which was disastrous to all departments. Today's crisis, however, did not extend to the other markets, though a number of them closed depressed. Americans were incidentally affected, owing to some of the firms which failed being interested in American securities.

The London and Globe is said to be largely interested in the Baker Street-Waterloo electric railroad, and the trouble is partially attributed to the money it has tied up in that road.

SHIPS IN DISTRESS CAUSE MUCH ANXIETY.

MANY OVERDUE SHIPS ARE BEING DAILY REPORTED.

Glory of the Seas and America Believed to Have Met With Mishaps and Friends of Captains and Crews Are Greatly Exercised.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The ship Eclipse got in from Tacoma after a long run of twenty-two days. For sixteen days she had a succession of south-south-east gales. Off Cape Blanco she was swept from stem to stern, and a portion of the bulwarks was carried away.

The ship Berlin was twenty days getting here from Tacoma, and her captain also reports a succession of southeast gales, lasting fifteen days.

The schooner Lena Swezy, twenty-four days from San Blas, for Gray harbor, put in to land on Dec. 29. The schooner Mary Bidwell left the Colquille river twenty-two days ago, and ran into the gale as soon as she got outside. Three times she got up as far as Mendocino City, and each time was driven back.

Once she was on her beam ends, but the wind blew away the jib and foresail, and she righted. Oil bags were used forward and aft, as the waves were coming from all directions. The oil prevented the sea from breaking aboard, and that saved the vessel.

The Glory of the Seas left here on December 4, and the America on December 7, both bound for Comox, B. C., in ballast. The storms that detained the south-bound fleet should have sent them north in from five to six days. So far neither vessel has been heard from. The friends of both Capt. Hart and Capt. Harding are very much exercised over this fact, as the Chilean bark Temuco has arrived at Port Townsend partially dismantled, and with her deckload gone, and reports a vessel bottom side up off Vancouver shore. The chances are, however, that the Glory of the Seas and the America were driven away past the straits of Juan de Fuca and are now beating their way back.

Today reinsurance on the overdue ship Rotterdam took jump from 80 per cent. to 90 per cent. She is out eighty-six days from Yokohama, for Portland, Or.

Another vessel was added to the overdue list this morning. This is the Athara, a ship bound from Newcastle, Australia, to Panama. She is now out 113 days, and is quoted at 15 per cent.

The only other ship on the list, the Castle Rock, is sixty-three days out from Hongkong, bound for British Columbia. She is quoted at 15 per cent.

Heavy Snow Storm.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 29.—The heaviest snowstorm that has raged in this section of New Mexico for years has been

MR. CUDAHY GETS ANOTHER LETTER.

Abductors Threaten to Kidnap Another Child.

MUST WITHDRAW REWARD

Warn Mr. Cudahy That Pursuit by Police Must Cease.

Bold Action of the Criminals That May Lead to Their Apprehension—Mr. Cudahy Turns the Communication Over to the Omaha Chief of Police—Will Not Withdraw the \$25,000 Reward—Desperate Battle Between Cowboys and Citizens in an Arizona Town—Leader of Former Riddled With Buckshot

OMAHA, Dec. 29.—E. A. Cudahy, the millionaire packer, has received a second communication from the men who kidnaped his son. This time, as formerly, the letter contains a threat, and says in substance that unless he withdraws his offer of \$25,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of each of the three bandits, they will kidnap another of his children.

The letter refers to the failure of the police to get anything like a tangible clue as to the identity of the kidnapers. It scolds at the idea of Pat Crowe being one of them, and mentions the ease with which the "first job was pulled off," and concludes by saying that if Mr. Cudahy is as wise as he showed himself in the first instance, he will comply with the request, and withdraw the reward at once.

This letter is written with pen and ink, on the same kind of yellow paper as the first and evidently by the same person. It was found by a servant of the Cudahy household, early on the morning of Thursday, December 27. Someone called up the house by telephone, and asked if Mr. Cudahy was in. The servant answered that he was not, but later on "other" came the voice over the telephone, "you can go out in the front yard and you'll find a letter there, near the gate. It's addressed to Mr. Cudahy. See that it is delivered to him personally, and to no one else."

The servant went out at once and found a letter. It was in a plain white envelope and was addressed:

"Mr. E. A. Cudahy, Senior, Personal and Private."

Mr. Cudahy, who was then at his packing house in South Omaha, was summoned home at once. No one was permitted to see the letter at first, except Mr. and Mrs. Cudahy.

Mr. Cudahy's intention at the time was to keep its contents to himself, as the bandits had requested, but later he thought better of it, as he believes that in the hands of the police it would prove a valuable clue, so this afternoon he took a consultation with the chief of police, Chief Donahue into his confidence. They held a consultation at the chief's office, which lasted nearly three hours. The chief was seen afterward, but refused to disclose the nature of the subject discussed.

RIDDLED HIM WITH SHOT.

Leader in a Holdup in Arizona Is Filled With Lead by Men.

BISBEE, Ariz., Dec. 29.—At Silver Creek, a camp on the line of the Southwestern railway, about twenty-eight miles below Bisbee, a shooting occurred Wednesday in which Tess Johnson, better known as Kelly, was shot twelve times by Clint Mitchell and Louis Senette.

Johnson had attempted to hold up Mitchell's saloon, and had shot the bartender, John Roberts, twice through the hips with Mitchell and Senette's aid. Roberts, Winchester and a double-barreled shotgun, loaded with buckshot, and took up the fight. Johnson fell at the first volley fired, his friends on the outside sought cover, and a general fight took place.

Mitchell and Senette succeeded in holding the cowboys at bay until reinforcements arrived, when the cowboys left. Two of the cowboys on the outside were wounded but were not brought to Bisbee. Roberts was brought into Bisbee on a litter and lies in a precarious condition at a hospital.

A large number of cowboys have been seen going to the district of Silver Creek, and more trouble is expected from them. Justice of the Peace Williams, accompanied by eight deputy sheriffs, left early this morning for the scene of the shooting.

CRIMES IN KANSAS CITIES.

Three Women Held Up, a Little Girl Maltreated and Another Burned With Violence.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 29.—Three women held up by highwaymen, one of whom is dying from injuries received, a girl attacked by an acid thrower and another girl assaulted, is the record of crime in the Kansas cities for the past few hours.

FAMOUS SIRDAR IS ACCUSED OF DEFECTIVE GENERALSHIP.

Sensational Attack Made by British General Colville Upon the Conduct of the War in South Africa, and the Mistakes Made by Lords Roberts and Kitchener.



GEN. COLVILLE.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Major Gen. Sir Henry Colville, whose resignation has been demanded by the war office, has refused to resign, and came to England from Gibraltar, arriving at Plymouth today, to demand a trial by court-martial to establish the responsibility for the yeomanry disaster at Lindley last May, which made a counter strike at the war office in its haste to come home to demand a free inquiry, and does not intend to be made a scapegoat for sake of the staff. He avers that the Lindley disaster could never have happened had he been informed of Lord Roberts' intention. The primary cause of the surrender, he says, was the insufficient information given by the headquarters staff to Col Sprague and himself, and he declines to accept the blame. He lays out the facts and blames others.

Gen. Colville and his influential friends, in and out of the army, are thus beginning a campaign against the new secretary of state for war, William St. John Broderick, Lord Roberts and Gen. Kitchener. It is expected to be fought out with some ferocity in parliament.

EXONERATED BY WAR OFFICE.

After he returned from South Africa, Gen. Colville says he fully acquainted the war office with the facts. After some time he was informed by Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood, the adjutant general, that Lord Lansdowne, then secretary of state for war, had directed him to say that Gen. Lord Wolseley, the commander-in-chief, approved of Gen. Colville's resuming his Gibraltar command. He learned unofficially that an army board of five of the highest officers of the war office had considered his statements, and Lord Roberts' dispatch on the subject. His reappointment was the result of the inquiry. For his intense surprise, Adj. Gen. Wood, on December 21, notified him that William St. John Broderick, the newly-appointed secretary of state for war, held him responsible for the loss of the yeomanry, and ordered him to quit his command immediately and hand over his resignation.

Gen. Colville, who is all agog over this latest development in South African affairs and a greater sensation is expected.

BLAMES HIS SUPERIORS.

"On my pointing out that I had obeyed his orders to the letter," declared Gen. Colville, "he said his orders were only intended as a guide."

Gen. Colville alludes to some of the yeomanry being millionaires, and quotes Lord Roberts as saying it was his duty to sacrifice his force for the yeomanry.

"It will be remembered," Gen. Colville says, "that the corps d'elite numbered 500, and my force nearly 600. I am sure that the corps d'elite was a defective work."

Lord Roberts has left Gibraltar for London, and will arrive there at about the same time as Gen. Colville, who has recently been ordered from his post at Gibraltar.

CHINA WILL ACCEPT CONDITIONS OF POWERS.

SHANGHAI NEWSPAPERS STATE IMPERIAL COURT WILL YIELD.

Asserted That Emperor Kwang Hsu Has Ordered the Immediate Decapitation of Huen Yuen, the Former Governor of Shansi.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 29.—Chinese papers here state that the court has decided to accept the conditions of the powers, but nothing has yet been officially announced. It is asserted that the emperor has ordered the immediate decapitation of Huen Yuen, formerly governor of Shansi, who was previously degraded and banished.

POWERS WILL THWART PLANS OF DOWAGER.

Her Appointment of a New Emperor for China Will Not Be Recognized.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Some months ago the empress dowager designated the young son of Prince Tuan as the successor of the late Emperor. Although the name given in the dispatches as that of the new emperor differs from that named by the empress dowager some time ago, they may be one and the same, as imperial names refer to the dynasty and change on appointment to the throne, that of Kwang Hsu being different from the name he bore before he ascended the throne. Should the change be confirmed, it would be a high-handed act, and one not likely to be countenanced.

In the present condition of affairs such a procedure by the empress dowager would be an offense against China as well as the powers. Under the ancient system of China the emperor is able to name his successor, at times going outside of the imperial family, although under the present dynasty it has been the custom to designate the son and heir as the successor, or, in the absence of a son, to select a member of the imperial family.

Kwang Hsu is the nephew of the former emperor, who had no sons, and designated the youthful nephew to succeed him. But in the recent disturbed conditions of the empire the ancient usages appear to have been lost sight of, and in September, 1898, the empress dowager executed a coup d'etat, and took the reins of government in her own hands, practically displacing the emperor. Later the empress dowager named the young son of Prince Tuan as the successor to the throne, and now, according to the press dispatches, the empress dowager has displaced the emperor with a new successor.

The previous designation of the empress dowager have not been such as would permit intervention by the powers, although the emperor has made appeals to Great Brit-

SIR ROBERT HART ON CHINA SITUATION.

Believes Imperial Court Will Yield to All Demands Made by Powers.

PEKING, Dec. 29.—Sir Robert Hart, director of Chinese customs, has returned to his post, frequently sees Prince Ching. He says Prince Ching expects a definite reply from the court for the first time. The powers will probably make a few further objections, though he thinks both Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang will advise some change in the negotiations.

It is doubtful now whether Li Hung Chang will be able to attend the meeting of the plenipotentiaries. But with the powers becoming more pronounced, and the lower portion of his body is completely paralyzed, though it is officially announced each day that his condition is improved, it is a fact that he has not appeared out of doors since he was first taken ill. His friends say they believe he will not completely recover, and think another commissioner must be appointed.

The refusal of Dr. Mumm von Schwartzstein, the German minister in China, to return the buildings and grounds belonging to the Peking Club, lent as barracks for the German marines, causes adverse criticism at the legations. Another building has been requisitioned for the marines. The minister recognizes certain proprietary rights of the club, but as the buildings belong to the German legation he thinks it may be necessary to keep them for a possible enlargement in the future of the legation, giving in exchange for the premises the Peking Club building. The club has notified Dr. Mumm von Schwartzstein that it would demand 600 marks a month rental, beginning with November.

BRILLIANT SPECTACLE PRESENTED IN PARIS.

Return of the Comedie Francaise to Its Old Home Proved a Brilliant Event.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—A brilliant spectacle was presented at the Theatre Francaise tonight on the return of the Comedie Francaise to its old home, which has been rebuilt on scientific methods since it was gutted by fire last March. The occasion was celebrated by gala performances, and it is doubtful if the historic playhouse ever held a more distinguished gathering of representative Frenchmen.

The chief of state and Mme. Loubet occupied the principal box, while the king and the Belgians made a special trip from Brussels to attend the function, engaging the baginore formerly belonging to his

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