

**THE MORNING GUARDIAN.**

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**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

The MORNING GUARDIAN will not be issued on Monday next. We therefore take the present occasion to extend to all our best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Now that it has been demonstrated that balloons can successfully cross the English Channel a leading French newspaper declares that the problem of the invasion of England is solved. This is really funny.

Manitoba's dairy commissioner reports an output this year in that province of \$87,000 lbs of creamery butter and about the same weight of cheese. The butter realised an average of 18 cents, and the cheese 8 1/2 cents. The two items make over \$250,000. A considerable amount of farm dairy butter was made apart from the creameries.

The bank note circulation in Canada in 1896 was \$31,456,297, and the average Dominion note circulation during the same year was \$22,196,704, making a total paper circulation of \$53,653,001. By the latest published bank statement the circulation of the banks was \$42,350,948, and the circulation of Dominion notes was \$24,692,154. This makes a paper circulation amounting to \$67,043,102, or an increase of \$13,390,201, since 1896, equal to 25 per cent.

The Stanley has gone on the Georgetown route, probably from sufficient cause. With close and prompt train connections we may still have a fairly good mail service for a time, but the transfer of the mails to the Capes route is inevitable within a short time. Last winter's service via the Capes was so efficient that some think it might be preferable to have the transfer to that route made at once, as we might in most cases receive our mails from Western Canada earlier in that way.

A cable letter intimates that Sir Alexander Campbell Bannerman will succeed Sir William Vernon Harcourt as the Liberal leader in England. He is described as a safe man with an exceptional grace of Scottish humor, and well versed in parliamentary tactics. The difficulties of the position are admittedly great. The Non Conformists who form so large a portion of the Liberal party in England, cannot be induced to work in harness with the Irish Nationalists. The former are sick of the Home Rule agitation, which John Dillon is again forcing to the front. In fact the opposition is distinctly weak and disunited, while the ministerial party is strong and cohesive. It may be that a new leader can bring order out of the present chaos in the Liberal camp.

A local exchange remarks upon the fact that in October and November the withdrawals from the government savings banks largely exceeded the deposits. This is common enough at this time of year and for some months to come. But if we take a longer range for our comparison and go back to the time when the Laurier government came in, say first July 1896, we shall obtain the following results: There was then in the P. O. savings banks \$28,392,930, and in the government savings banks \$17,866,389, making a total of \$46,259,319 of the people's savings held by the government. The latest returns in the Canada Gazette show \$34,175,018 in the P. O. savings banks and \$15,228,692 in the government savings banks, making a total of \$49,403,710—a gain of \$2,604,391. This is by no means alarming.

Hon Mr Mulock, now the accredited author of imperial penny postage, is 55 years of age, having had the fortune to be born in Ontario in January, 1843. He is a lawyer by profession, a Q. C. by creation of the Ontario government in 1890 and an L.L.D. of Toronto University. He is also one of the wealthiest members of the Canadian Commons, to which he was first elected as member for North York in 1882 and since re-elected at the successive general elections by large majorities.

It is given out from Washington that the International Commission had agreed before they separated, upon a treaty settling many of the questions in difference between the two countries. Of course it must need be a compromise, in which neither party will obtain all they desire. No mention is made of reciprocity in the announcement. The Commissioners are consulting their respective governments during the adjournment, and it is expected that when the commission re-assembles after the holidays a definite treaty will be signed. After that it will have to pass the ordeals of the Washington Senate and the Canadian Parliament.

It is a feature of the imperial expansion of the United States that the White House in which so many presidents of the nation have been housed, is no longer thought to be grand enough for the Chief Executive. Plans have been prepared for a presidential palace that when carried out will rival the most splendid palaces of the old world. The site selected for the palace is Meridian Hill, the centre of the amphitheatre of hills surrounding the city of Washington. It is thought the work of construction, which will cost many millions, may be entered upon before the incoming of the next administration. Already the illustrated newspapers are publishing cuts of the presidential palace. With the White House will disappear another relic of republican simplicity.

Two cent domestic postage is Hon. Mr. Mulock's New Year's gift to Canada. We had all along suspected that the Postmaster General had the two cent rate temporarily concealed in his department, to be brought forth at an early day. It is none the less welcome because it comes a week after imperial penny postage. It no doubt makes easier accounting to start the plan with the first of January. Now we can send letters to almost any part of the English-speaking world for two cents! The writer of this paragraph remembers when his father received an ordinary half ounce better from a brother in Toronto, with two shillings and nine pence postage to pay on it. The letter was three weeks on the way. The world has moved since then.

Probably the best solution of the French Shore question is that now suggested by a Parisian journal, that the French rights on the shore shall be bought out, and with them the French possessions of St. Pierre and Miquelon. The latter island is small and contains but seven or eight hundred people. St. Pierre Island has a population of about 3,500. These islands are troublesome to both Newfoundland and Canada by being made the base of extensive smuggling operations. Doubtless France would want much more than their real value for the surrender of the shore rights and the islands, but even if the price ran into the millions a peaceful purchase would be much less costly than the war which might possibly arise out of the French Shore question.

Toronto Freeman Testify.  
M. McCarter, Lombard Street, Fire Hall, Toronto, dated March 4th, 1897, states:—“Am subject to very painful conditions of stiffness and other troubles resulting therefrom, but I am glad to say that I have found a perfect remedy in Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. I trust this may be of benefit to others.”

**Shot by a Comrade.**

The family of the late Capt. William Cooke, of Moncton, are in receipt of further particulars surrounding the sad death of that young officer in East Africa. The London Telegraph, Mail, Post and Chronicle, of Dec. 16th, contain an extract from the Central News, to the effect that Capt. Cooke was not shot by a native, as at first reported, but by a brother officer, who was suffering from temporary insanity at the time. The Daily Chronicle under the heading “Captain Kills a Brother Officer,” says:

“The Central News says news has reached London of a terrible tragedy which occurred at the end of September in the Uganda Protectorate. It appears that Capt. Dugmore, late of the Royal Navy, and an official of the Protectorate, owing to the excitement and hardship which he had undergone during the recent Uganda campaign, lost control of his faculties and in a moment of aberration, shot Capt. Cooke. The latter officer died shortly afterwards, and as the result Capt. Dugmore was arrested. At the time that he committed the act Capt. Dugmore was at Machabos. He, in fact, was being conveyed there by his friend to be placed under medical treatment. After his arrest he was brought to Mombessa to await his trial. While at that port, however, his illness became more serious and it was found impossible for him to plead. On Thursday, November 10th, he died and was buried the same day. The cause of death was, in addition to brain disorder, hemiplegia and general exhaustion.

Capt. Dugmore had been in Uganda for a very long time and was better acquainted with the country than any other European.

Mrs. Cooke is also in receipt of a very kind letter from H. Farnell, of the British foreign office, London, detailing substantially the same account of her son's death. Mr. Farnell says Captain Dugmore had at first apparently covered from his mental aberration, but was sitting with some comrades. Capt. Cooke among the number, the officer suddenly sprang to his feet, seized a rifle and fired before a hand could be raised to prevent him. The shot took effect on Capt. Cooke, who was killed instantly.

**U. S. Troops For Manila.**

NEW YORK, December 29.—Although Colonel Kimball, deputy quartermaster general, has not received definite orders from Washington regarding the transportation of troops to Manila via the Suez canal route, he is pushing preparations to that end. Two steamships are being fitted for transport service to Manila and will be ready to sail from this city with troops about January 10. They are the Mohawk, now on the ways at Bath, Me., and the Mobile, purchased by the government at the opening of the war and at present running regularly between Havana and Savannah Ga.

The transports will take the fourth, twelfth and seventeenth regiments of regular infantry. The fourth and half of the seventeenth will ship on the Mobile, and the twelfth and remainder of the seventeenth on the Mohawk. These four regiments are at present at Fort Sheridan, Columbus barracks, Ohio; Jefferson barracks, Missouri, and Fort Cooke, Nebraska.

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