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[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

PEKIN, Dec. 29.—No settlement has been reached regarding the demand for an extension of the French concession at Shanghai. The protest against the granting of the concession, made by Sir Claude McDonald, the British minister, has brought Great Britain and France face to face in China.

The action of the Chinese authorities is sure to depend on how Great Britain supports them.

Indemnity for American Citizens.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—After the ratification of the treaty of peace the President will recommend to Congress to take steps to indemnify the claims of the United States citizens who sustained damage in Spanish possessions formerly the seat of war. Twenty-six millions is the amount estimated for the purpose.

Fourteen Persons Wounded.

HAVANNA, Dec. 27.—Captain General Castellanos issued an order this morning permitting the display of American and Cuban flags inside the line of Spanish jurisdiction. An order will be issued tonight to close all cafes at 10 p. m. Fourteen people were wounded yesterday by people with different kinds of weapons in the streets.

Why All This Secrecy?

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says: "Despite the official announcement that Emperor William started for Potsdam at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, it is asserted that he appeared suddenly at that hour at a meeting of the Prussian cabinet which was being held at the residence of Dr. Von Miquel, Prussian Minister of finance, and remained until after 7 o'clock."

A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.—A correspondent of the Guardian writes that a dreadful accident, and of such a nature that it might have proved fatal, occurred to Mr. Allan McLean, an elderly gentleman residing in Alberton, Lot 14, on Monday, 26th inst. It appears that threshing was going on, and Mr. McLean was stationed on the upper loft of the barn receiving the straw that was being passed above. The machine was stopped for a few minutes and the old gentleman was endeavoring to get down, when in reaching for a beam he mis-estimated his hold and instantly fell with considerable force on the barn floor below, his head and shoulders first striking. For some minutes he lay motionless but shortly regained consciousness and was removed to his residence near by. His sufferings were intense, the injuries being largely internal. It is thought that no bones were broken. The parties working in the building at the moment thought a stone or a piece of timber had dropped, the fall sounded so heavy. How the man escaped instant death is almost a miracle considering the distance and latitude in which he fell. It is hoped that he may soon recover from the effects of the terrible shock.

ACETYLENE BURNS A CHURCH.—The members of the Blackwood Methodist church now mourn the loss of their edifice. Some few weeks ago they put in an acetylene generator, which, for some unknown reason exploded and the church was burned down. When they get a new building they will be quite satisfied with ordinary methods of illumination, oil in their case.—Ex.

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The News Gently Broken to the Cabinet.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—There was a good attendance at the Cabinet meeting yesterday when the three knights broke gently to their colleagues the fact that there was small prospect of reciprocity with the States.

Major H. Mac Davison.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—The following appointment is gazetted: Fourth Prince Edward Island Regiment, Capt. H. Mac Davison, granted brevet rank of Major.

TEN SONS IN THE ARMY.

Queen Victoria's Gift Brings to Light Some Curious Facts.

The gift by Queen Victoria, says the New York Herald, of \$50 and her portrait, which Her Majesty sent to Mrs. Kevelth, of St. Breward, Cornwall, in appreciation of the service of Mrs. Kevelth's seven sons in the army, has had the effect of bringing to light several other cases of large families who have upheld the flag of old England. Whether these cases have been discovered with a view of sharing the Queenly reward or merely to show that there "were others" does not seem to be clear, but the fact is that there have not been a few families in which a large number of sons have fought in the same regiment.

The Battye brothers are believed to have been the most numerous of any one family of fighters. There were ten of these men, and they were all in the army at one time. Battles took off four, but the others went on fighting, and made good records without meeting disaster. One of them achieved signal distinction, being appointed Military Knight at Windsor. This was Colonel Moutague Battye, and his installation took place not long ago.

Eight sons were given by Mrs. Margaret Clark, who died in Plymouth in 1817. Seven of these sons entered the naval service of John Bull, the remaining son donning the uniform of a soldier. The navy boys had harder "going" than the one who fought on land, for in an engagement commanded on one side by Admiral Keppel five of the sons were killed in one day.

A German tried at Samoa.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Washington government, according to a despatch from Auckland, has instructed the United States consul at Samoa to act with greater vigilance, and not to intrust his duties to his British and German colleagues. It appears that the German agent has taken advantage of his colleagues' confidence to land guns and munitions of war without their knowledge, and also to obtain important advantages for German firms.

THEATRICAL.—Price Webber's Boston Comedy Co. gave two performances at the Opera House, St. John, on Monday last, (Christmas Day). They had large audiences.

P. E. I. HOSPITAL.—Mr Chappell's plans of the new P. E. I. Hospital in course of erection are published in this week's issue of the Canadian Architect and Builder.

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A DEADLY JOKE.

They Turned Steam on to Frighten a Fellow Workman.

ANSONIA, Conn., Dec. 27.—A boiler in the Farrel foundry needed repairing yesterday, and Andrew Boyd, a machinist, was directed to do the work. The workman has to enter the boiler through a manhole just large enough to permit his body to pass. He must work in air that speedily becomes foul by the light of a tallow candle.

It occurred to some of Boyd's heedless and ignorant fellow workmen that there was offered a fine opportunity to play a practical joke. They decided to open a valve in a pipe which connected the boiler to be repaired with one in use, and send a little steam in to frighten the machinist. They opened the valve, and steam under a pressure of fifty pounds to the square inch rushed into the boiler where Boyd was. In his confined quarters enough steam could enter in three or four seconds to burn the man horribly.

When Boyd heard the first hiss he raised an outcry which warned the jokers of the danger. They tried to shut the valve, but they could not do so quickly enough. There is no burn so terrible and deadly as that caused by steam. It entails the most horrible sufferings. It attacks the lungs as well as the outer part of the body. Boyd lived only a very little time after he was taken from the boiler.

BOER ROAD TO RUIN.

Increasing Burdens for the Uitlanders—Mr. Kruger Angry.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 27.—Parties have just returned from a visit to Johannesburg and Pretoria, where in well-informed circles the opinion prevails that the government has just contemplated impositions upon Uitlander capital and capitalists; Messrs Kruger and Reitz's programme is said to include greatly increased taxation upon every company, excepting those engaged in the exploitation of concessions granted by Mr. Kruger. It also contemplates a graduated income tax, beginning with 2 1/2 per cent, upon yearly incomes of £1,000. Much uncertainty prevails regarding the financial and political outlook.

Mr. Kruger is adopting vigorous measures to discredit the damaging reports of the conduct of the M'Pein campaign contained in my suppressed Johannesburg message, which was called from Capetown. A war correspondent who telegraphed a corroborative account is now being compelled to retract. There is, however, no question as to the accuracy of the first accounts of the war which were transmitted from the front to the newspapers. They agree so unanimously in their strictures of the campaign that a stringent press censorship has now been established to prevent the publication of the truth. Mr. Kruger is wild at my exposure of Boer incapacity and brutality.

Reign of Terror in Havana.

HAVANA, Dec. 27.—The Spanish troops to-day still further contracted their lines and withdrew to the extremity of the peninsula on which the city of Havana is built. They now occupy scarcely two square miles. The United States troops have moved from the suburbs into the city proper and to-night are patrolling Central Park and the Prado. The whole population is in a state of unrest—the Spanish residents fearful, the Cubans eager to do something to show they have gained their freedom. Major General Crooke has this evening formally taken command of the United States forces in Cuba and has issued the necessary orders.

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