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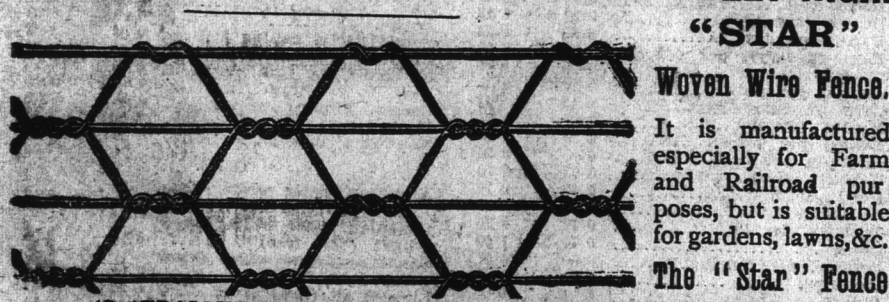
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OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—General Gascoigne informed me tonight that he had not heard a word of any proposal to send a Canadian regiment to China. He regarded the cable report as a newspaper canard.

The Ontario elections are to take place next month. Dissolution occurs immediately at the close of the present session, about the middle of the month.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy will meet at Montreal to consider the pope's encyclical on the school question. The mandement will be read in all the churches next Sunday.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—Instructions have been issued to city postmasters not to send to the dead letter office any letters for postage. The empire which may be mailed short of postage under Hon. Mr. Mulock's three cent per ounce proposal of a few weeks ago. Possibly some people may not have heard of the cancellation of the postmaster general's proposal. For the present about paid letters will be sent forward to their destination, the postmaster affixing the necessary stamps to make up the deficiency in postage.

A representative of the Sun called at the post office inspector's office yesterday and enquired about these instructions. The officers in charge stated that they had certain private instructions, but they did not feel at liberty to give them to the press. The postmaster was visited and was also disposed to be resident in the matter.

SAFETY IN BUYING SEEDS.

There is no other way to measure the value of seed than by the value of the crop. A good crop simply cannot come from poor seed. Second-rate seeds will waste good land, good fertilizer and good labor, and the crop won't pay expenses. Now, as the practical farmer cannot afford to waste time testing seeds to find out whether they are true to name, sound and clean, it stands to reason that the only safe way to buy seeds is to seek the protection of a name that has stood for reliability in the past. The great seed house of D. M. Ferry & Co., Windsor, Ont., has sold seeds all over Canada and the United States for the last forty-two years, and the steady growth of the business is a sure indication that Ferry seeds have given satisfaction. Ferry's Seed Annual for 1898, a standard guide for farmers and gardeners, containing much valuable information, is sent free to persons writing for it.

MR. KING WINS.

Judge McCleod delivered judgment on Monday morning in the case of Sloan v. King. He briefly reviewed the evidence of the plaintiff, saying that if the gift and the loan were proved there would be a legal liability. The motion of the plaintiff's statement, it appeared to be incomplete in that while she set up that the letters in evidence were replies to letters sent by her requesting the repayment of the \$5,000, yet it did not appear from the former that there had ever been any demand of that sum. In fact, the letters enclosing the money appeared to be just what they pur-

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ported to be, gifts from time to time. The theory of the payment of interest was likewise unsupported. On the other hand, Mr. King explained the circumstances connected with the \$17,000. It was drawn about two years before the time mentioned by the plaintiff. Of this sum the defendant proved \$12,000 was given in \$1,000 to Sweeney, to pay the men and \$5,000 forwarded by express, also that he never had such a sum in the plaintiff's house. Taking all the evidence together, his honor felt that he could do nothing else than decide that the defendant never gave the plaintiff \$5,000; that plaintiff never loaned defendant \$5,000; that no interest had been paid and that defendant did not owe plaintiff anything. He, therefore, ordered that a verdict be entered for the defendant.

A. W. Macrae for plaintiff asked for a stay of process, with all rights reserved. This was granted. Pugsley, Q. C., A. W. Macrae and J. A. Sinclair appeared for plaintiff. Curry, Q. C., and A. W. Baird for defendant.

HE LOST BOTH CASES.

In the city court Thursday Daniel Hatfield, a man about forty-five years of age, was the plaintiff in two civil suits of a novel character.

Mr. Hatfield's first suit was against a Mrs. Seymour, an elderly widow. The particulars stated that the claim was for \$5 sent to her husband, B. P. Raymond, who defended the suit, objected to these particulars, but said he would prefer trying the case out. When the plaintiff took the stand it was shown that the alleged loan was made about fourteen years ago to Mrs. Seymour's husband, who has since died. He lived for several years after the loan, but Mr. Hatfield had never collected the sum, and now wanted it from the widow. Mr. Hatfield at this point informed the court that he had been an invalid for eight years, and all the doctors he had tried them all could do him no good, but some African medicine had put him on his feet again.

Mr. Hatfield's second suit was against James Clark. This proved rather more formidable than the other. Mr. Clark is a son-in-law of Mrs. Seymour. Long years ago, some time before the big fire of 1877, Mr. Hatfield was paying attention to Mrs. Seymour's daughter, who is now Mrs. Clark. He says he gave her a ring (he wasn't quite sure whether or not it was an engagement ring) and a gold watch. She accepted these articles, he said, and afterwards married Clark. Since his recent recovery by the virtue of the new remedy, he had started up to clear up his affairs, and he now brought suit for \$20, the value of the watch, and \$5 for the ring, which he had bestowed on Miss Seymour. He admitted the ring only cost \$4, but after so many years he thought it was a reasonable charge for the use of it. Mrs. Clark admitted receiving the articles, but said both were gifts and so long a time had elapsed she did not know what became of them. Needless to say, the plaintiff lost both cases.

Esleikah has not been seen in Massachusetts Bay for thirteen years.

Tom—Will you call for help if I attempt to kiss you?

Maude—Yes, if necessary; but I don't see why a big strong man like you should require any help.

WAR IN THE AIR.

British Regiments Ordered for Service in India at Once.

It is Reported that an English Ship Has Fired on a Russian Man of War.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Daily Graphic asserts "on authority" that the British squadron was definitely instructed to assemble off Chemsulpo to support a strong British expedition with Corea on the dismissal of McLeavy Brown, British superintendent of Korean customs, who under the advice of the British consul has twice received the notice of dismissal served upon him.

With regard to Port Arthur, the Daily Graphic asserts there is every reason to believe the Russians will adhere to their pledge to evacuate at the end of the winter, and there is the sector of England. Either does the government regard the occupation of Kiao Chau as calling for action, because British interests are not threatened. According to the Daily Graphic both the foreign offices and the admiralty are agreed upon this point.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—According to recent estimates the reserve forces of the British navy number 28,000 men. Of this number it is calculated that least ten thousand would be required in case of war to complete the manning of the warships of Great Britain, which are understood to require a complement of 110,000 men, whereas only 100,000 men are said to be actually in service. The naval reserve problem has long been discussed by British authorities, and the general opinion appears to be that the number of men available is far short of the number which would be required in case of war.

In addition to the men of the naval reserve, Great Britain has a large reserve fleet and a number of reserve merchant cruisers, including the Capatania, Lucaena, Umbria, Maesic, Teutonic, Empress of India, Empress of China, Empress of Japan, Himalaya, Australia, Victoria and Acadia.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Daily Mail has received telegrams from Hong Kong and Tientsin denying the French occupation of the island of Hai Nan, but it regards it as morally certain that Hai Nan was occupied about a fortnight ago, when Port Arthur was occupied by the Russians, the colonel commanding the expedition, General Hannemann, is reported to have said that the number of men available is far short of the number which would be required in case of war.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Singapore, dated yesterday (Thursday) says: "The news that the French had occupied the island of Hai Nan was received here from Saigon (capital of French Cochinchina) on the 29th. The French mail boat Ernest Simon, before the latter left Saigon on the 25th, a French cruiser arrived there with either Admiral Bedolliere or letters from him to the French governor of Saigon. The Ernest Simon layed for an hour at Saigon in order to receive the governor's despatch relating to the hoisting of the flag on the island of Hai Nan to the French governor."

"The cause of the delay was known only to a few of the officials on board the Ernest Simon, but inadvertently the French Consul in Saigon, M. de la Roche, who is a French officer here (Singapore), was bound to secrecy, let the matter out. It is believed that the French hold the telegraph office at Ho Kow (Ho Kow) and prevent communication to Hong Kong. The cable between Hai Phong (Tonkin) and Saigon is broken and under repair, and it is therefore impossible for Admiral Bedolliere to telegraph the news of the seizure to Saigon."

"Admiral Bedolliere, with the warships Bayard and Descartes, left Hong Kong on Dec. 11. He called at Hai Phong on Dec. 12, and attended the meeting of the defence committee at Hai Phong about that date, when the seizure of the island of Hai Nan was decided upon."

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A letter from Kobe says: "Military manoeuvres of great magnitude were executed in Japan last month for the first time since the war with China."

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LONDON, Dec. 31.—A special despatch from Shanghai says that communications are constantly passing between the British and Japanese of ficers, and it is understood that the Japanese ministers are trying to effect a rapprochement with England on the basis of a joint guarantee of reform in Chinese administration.

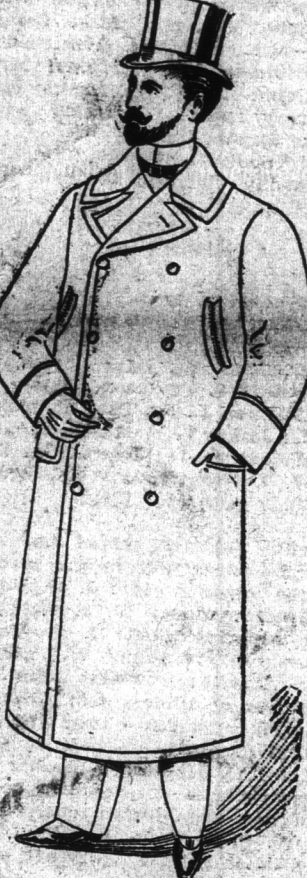
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A despatch from St. Petersburg says that on Thursday, Emperor Nicholas granted an audience to the Chinese minister, Yang Yu, who handed the Emperor a personal letter from the Emperor of China. It is reported there that the conversation turned on the proposed Chinese loan.

The St. Petersburg Herald announces that some Russian vessels have left Port Arthur and gone into harbor at Taitien Wan, with China's consent, the harbor at Port Arthur

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WASHINGTON.

Permission Given for Detachment of U. S. Army to Cross British Territory.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Assistant Secretary Melickjohn today presented Clifford Sifton, the Canadian minister of the interior, to the president. Mr. McKimley greeted Mr. Sifton with cordiality, but did not discuss with him in any manner the objects of his visit. Later Mr. Sifton took lunch at the British embassy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—St. Julian Pauncefote sent an official communication today to the secretary of state announcing that the British government will permit the detachment of the United States army to cross British territory in making the Klondyke relief trip. The detachment will be accompanied by a representative of the Canadian government as an escort while passing over British soil.

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ESCAPED FROM JAIL.

RICHMOND, Jan. 3.—The three tramps held in jail to await their trial for assaulting Conductor P. B. Hedden of the I. C. R. made their exit last night by cutting a hole through a twelve inch wall close to the cell window. The sheriff and constables are scouring the country in all directions, but at a late hour tonight nothing had been learned of their whereabouts.

The Daily Mail, commenting editorially on the foregoing despatches from Rome and Cairo, suggests that the Marchand expedition has gone beyond Fashoda and reached Khartoum. "It

is impossible," says the Daily Mail, "for the expedition to have fought its way there, and it can only have arrived in alliance with the Khalifa, thus creating a very serious situation."

A despatch from Cairo on Friday announced that a French expedition had occupied Fashoda on the Nile about 400 miles south of Khartoum, and that it was reported among the natives that the French were descending the river.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 2.—It is announced that M. Kurel Alexieff has been invested with full powers "to promote the development of the commercial relations between Russia and Corea in competition with British and Japanese influence, and to aid in furthering the prompt construction of the projected orthodox church at Seoul."

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says: "It is reported that China has given consent to Russian surveys for a railway to Port Arthur as a branch of the Russian trans-Manchuria railway and not a mere extension of the Chinese Tien Tsin railway. It is also stipulated that the route is to avoid Mukden, the capital city of the Chinese dynasty."

LONDON, Jan. 3.—In response to the request of Sir Herbert Kitchener it has been arranged to send four battalions to Cairo to replace those despatched to take in the British advance toward Khartoum. The one sent from Malta and Gibraltar, and two others to be stopped while en route for home from India.

The morning papers' editorials comment upon the gravity of the situation which compels an advance before the railway has been completed. The Times suggests that it would be safer to send a larger force.

The Morning Post calls the force insufficient, and points to the suspicious attitude of the Marchand expedition which, it is reported, has occupied Fashoda. It says: "If the expedition has advanced in defiance of the authority of the French government, its members are filibusters and must pay the penalty. If, however, they have any sort of sanction, it is time for Great Britain to make her views clearly understood."

A despatch from Cairo says: "While it is hoped the Derwishes will make their projected attack, it is considered likely that on learning our preparations to meet them they will prefer to remain in their stronghold at Motmek."



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The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "I learn from private sources that the Italian foreign office has received information that Emperor Menelik has summoned the Abyssinians to arms in support of French enterprises in equatorial Africa, and especially the plans of the Russian Count Leontieff, governor of the equatorial provinces of Abyssinia."

Menelik himself is setting out at the head of an army, and it is believed his movement marks an expedition against the Angophite Ras Mangasola, who has provoked the Negus Menelik, calculating upon the remission of the Italian government, purposes an advance toward the coast."

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