

CONNAUGHT IS TO COMMAND

His Grace Stated to Take First Place in English Army.

ACCORDS WITH WISHES OF THE QUEEN

Roberts and Wood to Be Shelled in Order That a Member of the Royal Family May Be in Position of Commander-in-Chief.

(Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, Dec. 15.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Army circles are deeply moved by the prospect that the duke of Connaught, Queen Victoria's youngest son, may soon become the commander-in-chief of her majesty's forces.

General Sir Evelyn Wood, Mrs. Charles Stewart Parnell's brother, as adjutant general of the forces, has been acting commander-in-chief since Lord Wolseley's retirement and will continue to act until Lord Roberts arrives and assumes the duties.

It is known that it has long been the queen's earnest desire that a member of the royal family should be in supreme command of the army. Lord Roberts' retirement was thus guaranteed. Formerly there was rotation in that office and men like the "great duke" of Marlborough and the duke of Wellington held the position for the prescribed term of three years and then gave way to someone else.

But in obedience to the queen's wish the duke of Cambridge, her kinsman, was made permanent commander in 1856 and held the place forty years, finally being forced by public opinion to resign because of his advanced age—he was 73 years of age.

WESTMINSTER IS TO MARRY

Romantic Story of His Love for Sheelagh West is Soon to Have Happy End.

(Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, Dec. 15.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The engagement of the duke of Westminster to Miss Sheelagh West, which was announced two years ago, and recently formally confirmed by the bride-elect's mother, is a happy ending to a romantic story.

The late duke, desiring a grand alliance for his grandson, sent him to South Africa to Sir Alfred Milner, who in 1898, hoping the separation would cure him of his preference for Mrs. Cornwallis West's fascinating daughter. When the old duke died the new duke returned to England last winter. His attachment remained unaltered, and he went back to the war, but his mother, Countess Grosvenor, who also disapproved the match, prevailed upon him to postpone the wedding until he was safe home from the war.

Furthermore, when he was returning to this country a month ago it was significantly announced in the press that Miss Sheelagh West had left England for a lengthy stay in Russia with her sister, Princess Henry of Pleiss. But no sooner had the duke regained his native soil than he offered such amends to Mrs. West that the engagement was formally promulgated.

Countess Grosvenor still keeps aloof, and the only occasion on which Miss Sheelagh has been in public since the announcement was in company with the young duchess of Marlborough, whose ingenuously cheerful fact, he wanted to marry Miss West before going back to the war, but his mother, Countess Grosvenor, who also disapproved the match, prevailed upon him to postpone the wedding until he was safe home from the war.

RAVOLET BOUND FOR AMERICA

Brutal French Murderer Thought to Be on His Way to New York from Antwerp.

(Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) PARIS, Dec. 15.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—It is thought that Martin Ravolet, the noted desperado, escaped some days ago aboard the New York-bound steamer, possibly a Red Star liner from Antwerp. Ravolet, who was a butcher by trade, three months ago killed a man and wife, his customers, over a dispute as to the quality of his meat, then fled to Antwerp.

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wounded with a shotgun three officers who were trying to arrest him. He behaved bravely in prison until one morning he overpowered, gagged and bound his keepers, changed uniforms and coolly walked out. Although he had but fifteen minutes' start when the escape was discovered the search was fruitless. A farmer returned the guard's uniform, he having been compelled to give to Ravolet civilian every year. The murderer had two brothers, also desperate lawbreakers, who may have given him passage money.

COUNT ZEPPELIN'S AIR SHIP

German Inventor Talks of the Improvements He Has Made on His Navigable Balloon.

(Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) BERLIN, Dec. 15.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Count Zeppelin, in an interview in Stuttgart, made the following statement concerning his air ship:

"All the defects indicated by the first three experiments have now been remedied. In the future no gas valve will open at the wrong time, no water-cooling apparatus will break, no rudder will become entangled in the balloon covering.

"In other respects, my balloon fulfills all reasonable conditions required of an aerial ship destined for long journeys. It floats well in the air, is sufficiently strong and safe, can be steered, and possesses the desired velocity, which, if necessary, can be increased.

Captain Von Siegfried has calculated a velocity of 7.5 metres per second. The courses will, however, never be straight, and, as a matter of fact, the velocity was 8.5 metres for the widest curve, or one and a half times as great as the speed of the steamers on Lake Constance.

"With such a velocity the ship could be used about 200 days out of every year, and during half of the remainder for sailing with the wind.

"Improvements in manufacture and the installation of the newest Daimler motors, show a saving in weight of 300 pounds and two-horse power instead of six-horse power, which the motors hitherto used for the balloon have given. This represents a saving in weight of 700 pounds and an increased horse power from thirty-two to seventy. There is now the possibility of obtaining six-fold the power with the same weight as the present machines.

"The practical aim of my ship is not competition with the railway or steamers. It will only come into use when these fail—for instance, for a carriage post between Germany and Scandinavia, when the harbors of the Baltic are frozen.

"Its most important application would be for military purposes. It would be of great value for the defensive capacity of a country if by means of the navigable balloon the approach of hostile armies or fleets could be detected when still hundreds of miles distant.

"As soon as the aerial ship has demonstrated its utility all nations will compete for its possession, and the money invested will return a handsome profit. If my ship is abandoned before it has shown what it is capable of doing, it will be a long time before another inventor will undertake the expense and trouble of resuming the experiments.

About \$15,000 has been received by Count Zeppelin for further experiments. Trade will be resumed in the spring, and it is calculated this sum will suffice for twelve ascents.

ABSINTHE ON THE BAD LIST

French Chamber of Deputies Decides to Abolish Its Manufacture and Sale.

(Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) PARIS, Dec. 15.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The Chamber of Deputies at last has voted the death of the "green fairy, absinthe." It was done by means of a short amendment proposed by Vaillant, a socialist deputy, during the debate over the new law regulating the sale, manufacture and taxation of beverages.

Vaillant's amendment read: "The manufacture, importation or sale of all liquors, alcoholic or drinking mixtures declared injurious by the Academy of Medicine, or containing substances so declared, in any quantity whatsoever, is hereby forbidden."

No debate followed. The café keepers and manufacturers had done powerful lobbying, but as the socialist group threatened to expose the bribery concealed behind the fine imposed about individual liberty and rights of many legitimate industries, the amendment was carried by a small majority.

The principal noxious drink denounced by the Academy of Medicine is absinthe. I also found on the academy's list "American liquors known as gin, rum, cocktail and sherry flip." The last report concluded: "Government permission to sell morphine and poisons in general without restriction could not produce ravages comparable with these compounds." Wine, beer, cider and pure brandy and whiskey were not condemned.

The academy, it is expected, will make a fierce fight when the bill reaches the senate.

FEMINE LAWYERS POPULAR

First Two Admitted in France Are in Great Demand by Parisian Litigants.

(Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) PARIS, Dec. 15.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Mlle. Jeanne Chauvin failed to present herself on Thursday to be sworn in as a lawyer, thus disappointing a large and fashionable audience gathered to witness the ceremonies. Mlle. Petit is the only woman who so far has taken advantage of the new law. Mlle. Chauvin will do so next week.

I called on both ladies to inquire how they liked the law. Each was installed in a fine office and each has a secretary and typewriter in her room. Mlle. Petit was compelled to open offices separate from her husband's, the French bar regulations forbidding partnerships on the ground that they tend to make the profession mechanical.

Mme. Petit showed me a pile of more than 200 requests for her services which had arrived since she was admitted to practice. They were mostly from ladies. Divorce cases were comparatively few. Mlle. Chauvin also acknowledged a great demand for her services, but says that, excepting in two or three cases, with opportunities to establish a brilliant reputation, she won't practice this year, her time being mostly taken with a professorship at a girls' university.

Both ladies were astonished to find that most of the thieves and murderers now in prison are sending urgent appeals to them, evidently thinking their womanly charm will count with a jury.

DREYFUS AND ZOLA MEET

Private Interview Between the Two Leading Actors in a Great National Drama.

(Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) PARIS, Dec. 15.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Dreyfus and Zola, who always declined to meet him because he was fighting for principle and not persons. Neither will give details of the meeting. Dreyfus expressed his gratitude with tears in his eyes. Zola expressed sympathy. They were together ten minutes.

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In our flannel department we have many things that would be very acceptable as a gift, combining usefulness with desirability.

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What would make a more acceptable gift than a pair or box of nice hose.

Plain cotton or lisle, fancy lisle or silk will be found here in values that we know are good.

Fancy lisle, 50c to \$1.75 pair. Beautiful colors in silk hose at \$2.00, \$2.50 up to \$5.00 pair.

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New suitings, all choice new weaves, 25c, 50c yard.

New novelties, you cannot make any mistake among these daily novelties, 25c, 50c yard.

TRAINMEN MAY JOIN STRIKE

Belief Grows at Topeka That Other Branches May Go Out in Sympathy with Operators.

(Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 15.—Opinions concerning the telegraphers' strike have materially changed today. Instead of the indifference which has been manifested by some of the railroad officials during the last few days, a disposition to be constant on the alert has shown itself.

The officials of the Santa Fe have at last become convinced that the strike means something. The cause of this is the unrest prevailing among the engineers, conductors and brakemen. It is regarded as almost a certainty that some of these workers will go on a sympathetic strike within two days unless the differences between the company and the operators are speedily adjusted.

The reason of the trainmen for taking this step is not thought to comprehend so much sympathy for the operators as it does their own interests.

As far as can be learned there have not yet been any conferences held between the telegraphers and the representatives of the trainmen's organizations. There is an air of mystery about all the transactions, however, which make it amount to a practical certainty that there will be something done within a short time.

President Dolphin, when asked by an Associated Press correspondent tonight, said: "It is a little while. The telegraphers never felt so good at any time during the progress of the strike as they do right now. We recognized from the start that we had a hard fight, and we did not go into it unadvisedly and without a knowledge of

Christmas Selling

sensible things for giving, and plenty of extra help that we have had under training for over a month to make buying quick and easy for you.

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BLACK DRESS SILKS. We hope to sell you many of these handsome black dress silks for Christmas. You know the kind we carry—just as we recommend them. Silks are one of our hobbies, and in the whole history of our store, it has been one of the strongest features—Reliable silks at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50 yard.

Handsome Black Dress Goods

Judging from present indications, the number of black dresses we are selling for Christmas is about double that of any former season.

Certainly there is nothing so well worth owning for both service and durability as black—two special numbers for Monday.

HANDSOME MOHAIR NOVELTY—never sold for less than \$1.00—Monday 50c yard.

PARISIAN NOVELTY—Beautiful, thoroughly serviceable for September skirts or full costumes—never sold for less than \$2.25—Monday's price \$1.75 yard.

Sterling Silver and Ebony Novelties

Now is the time to buy your Christmas presents. This department is full of choice gifts for Christmas—the small things that cost little and are very useful.

Sterling Silver Novelties—Tooth brushes, nail files, darners, rolling blotters, shoe horns, call bells, seals, letter openers at 25c, 50c, 75c \$1.00 each.

Salve jars at 25c and 50c each.

Tooth brush and tooth powder bottles at 40c and 50c each.

Solid ebony articles with sterling silver trimmings.

Nail files, tooth brushes, blotters, darners, button hooks, 35c each.

Hat brushes at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 each.

Military brushes, in pairs, at \$2.25, \$3.00 and \$3.50.

Another lot has ebony handles and sterling silver trimmings, at 25c each.

Among these are nail files, tooth blotters, blotters, darners, letter openers and button hooks.

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Women's black silk umbrellas, neat, stylish and serviceable, silks are extra values—\$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 up to \$12.50 each.

Do not forget our line of fancy colored umbrellas—every one is new, bought for the holidays.

Comforts and Blankets Down Quilts

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Merritt's Health Comforts—filled with wool—at \$4.50 and \$5.50 each.

Beautiful Plaid Blankets—at \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$6.50 a pair.

Fancy striped Cotton Blankets for bath robes—at \$1.00 a pair.

Fine Bed Comforters at \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.00 each.

Fine white Bed Comforters at \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00, \$10.00, \$11.00, \$12.00 a pair.

Indian Robe Blankets—beautiful and odd. A few left at \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50 each.

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SHAKEUP OF NEW YORK POLICE

Fifteen Captains and Many Inspectors Ordered to New Posts by Chief Devery.

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