

for 31. At Devonport the City team opposed the home team, who scored 121, of which Warren made 64, the highest score of the day. City have lost one wicket for 32. It will thus be seen that all three senior matches present an open appearance, so that there should be some interesting cricket on the second day, next Saturday. A word of praise is due to Mr. H. J. Yates, the caretaker of the Domain Cricket Ground, for the excellent state of the ground.

**SOUTHERN CRICKET.**

**WELLINGTON, October 29.**

The cup contests were continued here on Saturday. In the Midland v. Wellington match Wellington's first innings totalled 130, Richardson (44), Mahoney (28), S. Hickson (19), C. Gore (11) being the double-figure scorers. Stirling was leading by 32 on the first innings. Phoenix defeated Old Boys by 65 runs. The winners' second innings totalled 152, while Old Boys were disposed of for 68.

**CHRISTCHURCH, October 29.**

The senior cup cricket matches were continued on Saturday afternoon. The batting was very poor on the whole. Notwithstanding their moderate total of 147, the Midland occupy the commanding position against United. H. Lawrence made no less than 81, compiled without a chance. Olyvier, Fisher, and E. Franklin divided the wickets for United. The latter had an hour's batting, and fared disastrously, losing five wickets for 41 runs (Weston not out 10). Bromley met with great success with the ball. At St. Andrew's Park the home team made an excellent start against Lancaster Park, and had 73 up before a wicket fell. In spite of this their total only reached 187 (Reese 34, Kinzig 21, Fowke 15, and Macdonald 10). For Lancaster Park, Callaway and Wilding divided the wickets. At the call of time the Lancastrians had lost seven wickets for 119 runs (H. C. Bailey 30, Wilding 24, Barrett not out 11, and Redpath 19).

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Whittaker Wright's trial has been postponed until November to enable him to prepare his defence.

France is preparing judicial arbitration treaties with Italy, Holland, Sweden and Norway.

The death is announced of the Right Hon. William Edward Hartpole Lecky, P.C., M.P., the famous historian, at the age of 64.

The official estimate of the English hop yield is 8½cwt per acre, giving a total production of 421,078cwt, as against 683,390 cwt last year.

The New Zealand Agricultural Company proposes to reduce its capital by one-half, returning the shareholders 10/ per share.

A Siemens electric car on the Zossen railway, in Germany, put up another record, attaining a speed of 123 miles an hour.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier states that the Canadian Government must consider the building of an all-Canadian route to Yukon, the capital of the Klondyke mining district.

The United Irish League has selected Mr Patrick Dempsey to oppose Mr Arnold-Forster at the election following on the appointment of the latter as Secretary of State for War.

King Leopold's mission to Vienna in regard to the attitude of Great Britain on the question of the Belgian rule in the Congo Free State has ended in failure. The Emperor Franz Josef contented himself with advising the King of the Belgians to refer the question to the Arbitration Tribunal at The Hague.

William Booty, an elderly London solicitor, was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude for misappropriating £25,000 of his clients' money. He speculated in building to the extent of a quarter of a million. The deficiency is £144,000, consisting largely of trust money.

Mrs. Frances Day was sentenced at Exeter to six months' hard labour for gross and unnatural cruelty. It appeared that this person exposed her daughter, who is 14 years of age, in the garden all night, and charges were also proved of burning and cutting her flesh, and other barbarities.

**GENERAL CABLES.**

**SCANDINAVIAN EMPIRE.**

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" states that it is proposed to create Prince Charles of Sweden King of Norway, and then unite Sweden, Norway and Denmark into a Scandinavian Empire, with the King of Denmark as first Emperor, the object being to resist the Russian conquest of the peninsula.

**THE VICTORY DAMAGED.**

The obsolete battleship Neptune, while being towed out of Portsmouth Harbour, broke adrift and rammed Nelson's old flagship Victory, which is now used for exhibition purposes, 12ft below water-line. She began to fill and was towed to the docks.

**DEATH OF MRS SPURGEON.**

Mrs. Spurgeon, widow of the late Rev. Charles Haddon Spurgeon, of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, is dead.  
[Mrs. Spurgeon was closely associated with her husband in his work, and took an active part in the well-known "Book-Fund," and in various missionary movements initiated by the famous preacher.]

**SOUTH AFRICA.**

Violent language was used at the Synod of the Dutch Church held at Capetown. The exploded charges of barbarities were revived, and some of the speakers declared that the Afrikaners' day had now come. One minister said that thousands of his "sisters" had been murdered, and that the Lord of Revenge would visit it on the guilty.

**WHITTAKER WRIGHT'S CASE.**

The case in which Whittaker Wright, company promoter, was charged with fraud came on at the criminal sessions before Mr. Bernard Bonanquist, K.C., Recorder of the City of London.

The Recorder, in his charge to the jury, said that he hoped that the facts disclosed would prove a solemn warning to persons in high position not to lend their names to commercial undertakings without first obtaining a practical knowledge of their scope and intention.

The allusion of the Recorder was clearly to the involving of a great diplomatist and statesman, the late Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, in the affairs of the Globe Company, floated by Whittaker Wright and others.

**DOWIE'S MISSION TO NEW YORK.**

Dowie's vituperative attacks on dergymen, Freemasons, journalists, and others exasperated an audience of 5000, and much disorder occurred.

A guard of eighty followed the carriage to the hotel, fearing that the prophet would be mobbed. The meetings are a fiasco, and there is little prospect of Dowie's five millions being forthcoming.

Tremendous disturbances took place at Dowie's meetings.

Half of his followers are ill with colds. Dowie has declared that those who were not recovering rapidly would be considered lacking in faith, while others, who recover early will be regarded as "shining lights."

Several wealthy converts have joined the movement.

**A DASTARDLY ACT.**

At the Staffordshire Autumn Sessions Ernest Edalji, solicitor of Birmingham was again brought up on sundry charges of maliciously wounding horses and cattle.

The depositions of the previous hearing, and the fresh evidence, showed that the prisoner, who is the son of the highly educated Hindu vicar of Great Wyrley in Staffordshire, had deliberately planned the mutilation of a large number of cattle and horses. This he had carried out with razors, hooks, and other sharp instruments, the injuries in some cases being terrible.

The jury recommended the prisoner

to mercy on account of his social position. Sir Reginald Hardy, the chairman, refused, however, to accept this rider, emphasized the gravity of the outrage, and sentenced Edalji to imprisonment for seven years with hard labour.

**THE FAR EAST.**

Preliminary arrangements have been completed for the expeditions summoning or a portion of the two years' Russian infantry reserves.

Many insurances are being effected at Lloyd's against risk of seizure, capture or detention on the voyage to Japanese and Russian ports in the Far East.

Much speculative shipment of coal to the Far East is also going on. Lloyd's officials do not, however, believe in the imminence of war.

The "Daily Mail's" Tientsin correspondent states that Japan has notified China that if Russia does not evacuate Manchuria Japan will likewise take Chinese territory.

The British and Japanese Ministers here are urging Corea to open Yonampoh as a treaty port, and include within it the Russian concession, thus overcoming the dilemma in which Corea placed herself when she granted Russia exclusive concessions in non-treaty ports.

The Foreign Minister of Korea is favourable to the proposal to open Yonampoh to foreign trade.

The King locks himself in his palace, and consults his fortune-teller at every emergency.

**THE ALASKAN AWARD.**

Lord Alverstone and three American Commissioners signed the Alaskan Award. Sir Louis Jette and his Canadian colleague abstained, considering that the finding with regard to the islands at the entrance to the Portland channel and the mountain line not judicial. They complain that Canadian interests have been sacrificed because the awarding of the islands of Kannagunut and Sitka to the United States gave America command of the Portland channel, Observatory inlet and the ocean passage to Port Simpson, destroying the strategic value to Canada of Prince of Wales and Pearce islands. They also complain that the tribunal selected a line of mountains northwards of Portland channel, far back from the coast, clearing all bays and inlets and means of access to the sea, giving the United States complete land barriers between Canada and the sea from Portland channel to Mount St. Elias.

The "Times" says that the attitude of Lord Alverstone shows that Canadians could hardly have hoped for a more favourable result from an actual Court of Arbitration. The decision is practically a ratification of the status quo. It is an inestimable gain to have

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