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ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1024.
In the matter of the estate of the late Kanapattipillai Valappillai of Moolai deceased.

Channugam Kathiravelupillai of Moolai Petitioner.

1. Teywanaipillai wife of Channugam Kathiravelupillai
2. Chivaminathar Kathiravelupillai, highway time-keeper, Serendib, Selangore, his wife
3. Chivaganipillai, of Moolai
4. Ramanathar Kanapattipillai of do
5. Chittampalam Kovindar and his wife
6. Kathiravelupillai of do

This matter of the Petition of Channugam Kathiravelupillai praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased Kanapattipillai Valappillai coming on for disposal before C. E. Wilmot Esq., District Judge, on the 11th day of November 1899 in the presence of Mr. T. C. Changanapillai proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the Affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 8th day of November 1899 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the husband of one of the heirs of the said intestate and as such is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the respondents or any other person shall on or before the 18th day of December 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.
Signed this 11th day of Nov. 1899. O. EARDLEY WILMOT, District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1026.
In the matter of the estate of the late Ramanathar Valappillai of Maravanpulo deceased.

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1. Chivakanipillai widow of Maravanpulo
2. Kanthar Munkessee and wife
3. Kulanthathachan of do

This matter of the Petition of Velappillai Ramanathar of Maravanpulo praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased Ramanathar Valappillai of Maravanpulo, coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmot Esquire, District Judge, on the 20th day of November 1899 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Conke Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the Affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 14th day of November 1899 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the son and one of the heirs of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the respondents or any other person shall on or before the 22nd day of December 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.
Signed this 20th day of Nov. 1899. C. EARDLEY WILMOT District Judge.

ORDER NISI

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1025.
In the matter of the Estate of the late Kathiramer Tampapillai of Thavalai deceased.

Arumugam Kanthar of Muntivil, Petitioner.

1. Muteru Chupper and wife,
2. Thiankumutte of Thavalai, Iyattalai,
3. Muteru Kathiramer and wife, "
4. Thievanai of "
5. Saravani Chupper of "
6. Saravani Chellai of "
7. Velanar Valliparam and wife "
8. Sivakamipillai of Kodikamam
9. Kanthar Arumugam of Muntivil, Respondents

This matter of the Petition of Arumugam Kanthar of Muntivil praying for letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased Kathiramer Tampapillai of Thavalai, Iyattalai, coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmot Esq., District Judge, on the 20th day of November 1899 in the presence of Mr. Tambiah S. Conke Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the Affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 14th day of November 1899 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the next of kin of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondent or any other person shall on or before the 22nd day of December 1899 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.
Signed this 20th day of November, 1899. C. Eardley Wilmot, District Judge.

ORDER NISI.

In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1028.
In the matter of the Estate of the Arumugam Paramu of Karadive deceased.

Valiyammal widow of Arumugam Paramu Kathir, Petitioner.

1. Arumugam Kanthar of Karadive
2. Ramanathar Chitnakudidi his wife
3. Teywanai of do
4. Veynavaalar Munkessee of do

This matter of the petition of Valiyammal widow of Arumugam Paramu of Karadive praying for letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased Arumugam Paramu of Karadive coming on for disposal before C. Eardley Wilmot Esq, District Judge,

on the 30th day of November 1899 in the presence of Mr. T. C. Changanapillai Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the Affidavit of R. Tamotarampillai dated the 20th day of November 1899 having been read it is declared that the Petitioner is the widow of the said intestate and as such is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to her unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 9th day of January 1900 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.
Signed this 30th day of November 1899. O. E. WILMOT, District Judge.

Local & General.

Weather. The last fortnight has given us but little rain. The wind has been blowing from the north east and there have been several pleasant days. Considerable rain is due in the next fortnight if December is to have its average rainfall. The paddy is looking finely and for the present there is water enough for the growing plants.

Home Missionary Society. The 14th annual report of this Society connected with the Wesleyan Church has been printed and shows a successful year. The Society started its year in Oct. 1898 with a balance in hand of Rs. 164 and closed with a balance of over Rs. 200. The total amount raised for the year was about Rs. 765 which is certainly an encouraging feature. The field of operations is the Mannar district and the reports of the Agents are very hopeful. May God's blessing attend its efforts in the ensuing year.

Jaffna F.N.S. Hospital. A General Meeting of the shareholders of this Institution will be held on the 14th inst. to consider the question of allowing the Colonial Surgeon to supervise the affairs of the Hospital.

The Honble Lionel F. Lee. It is with regret we record the death on the 4th inst. of Mr. Lee who was the Treasurer of the Island. He died of heart disease the day before his 54th birthday. The funeral was very largely attended.

The Transvaal War Fund. The Colombo Committee have sent in Jaffna several subscription papers to raise money for "the war fund." The District Judge and Police Magistrate Jaffna in particular have raised large sums and we trust that a decent amount will be sent from Jaffna for the above good object.

Treasurer of the Island. Mr. C. E. D. Pennycook has been provisionally appointed as the Treasurer in addition to his duties as Post Master General with effect from the 5th inst.

Local Examination. The Senior and Junior Local examinations are being held in the Queen's house commencing from the 11th inst.

Ceylon Technical College. An entrance examination for the course in Surveying and Levelling for the year 1900, will be held at the Technical College, Colombo, on Monday Jan 8th.

Northern Railway. It is possible that a deviation from the course originally fixed may be arranged, bringing the line within a comparatively small distance of both Chillo and Pattalam.

Dispensary for Women and Children. On the 1st inst. a dispensary was opened by Mrs. Rutnam M. D. at 101 Dam street. The Rev. T. Moscor presided and among the speakers we noticed Miss. Dr. Young of Jaffra. There seems little question that there is need for such an institution, and we wish Dr. Rutnam all success in her undertaking.

Medical. Dr. Paranesinghe Medical officer recently of Ptolemy has been transferred to Kangesanturai.

Bacteriological Institute. This institution which was presented to the Ceylon Government by Mr. J. W. Chas. De Silva, will be formally opened by His Excellency the Governor, but no arrangements have been made as yet as to the date. The Institute is a handsome upstairs building standing opposite the old Lunatic Asylum near Welikad, and Dr. H. M. Fernando will be in charge.

Missionaries. Rev. G. G. and Mrs. Brown, Dr. A. Young and Miss. H. Root arrived in Jaffna on the 11th inst. and went at once to their respective stations. The Christians of Uduppallai and Aeluvai had decorated the front verandah of the mission house where they received Mr. and Mrs. Brown and read them an address of welcome. Later on, the girls of the Boarding school gave an address. At Uduppallai the school and mission house were decorated in honor of Mrs. Brown's arrival and the Christians of the station and the girls of the Boarding school gave her a cordial welcome. At 4.30 p.m. Rev. Wilmot Esq. welcomed the Lady Doctor with appropriate ceremonies. Three days later the Christians of Batticaloa assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ritchcock and extended their greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Brown who were visiting the station. Saturday the Christians of Chavagacheri, Varnaval, Usan and Ninnai gathered together at the Chavagacheri mission house to welcome all four of the new missionaries. We wish one and all success in proclaiming the gospel of our blessed Master.

Boarding schools. The Colleges and Girls Boarding schools are closing for the usual Christmas holidays.

Ecumenical Association. This association comprised of pastors and delegates from every American mission church, will meet on Thursday January 4th, 1900.

The Star. We have purposely delayed printing this No. of the Star three or four days in order to bring it nearer to Christmas. The next issue will be on Jan. 4th 1900. We hope to be more prompt in putting in an appearance on the regular date in future than we have been in the past.

இதன் மூலம் புத்தகம்.] யாழ்ப்பாணம், தஞ்சாவூர் இஸ்லாமார்கழி யின் கருத்து திங்கட்கிழமை. [சங்கிமை, ௨௫]

நத்தாராட்களத்துவருகின்றமையால் அடுத்த ச
ங்கிலை புதவருட முதங்கிறமையில் வெளியாகும்.
வையொப்பக்காரர்கள் தமதுயரது பணக்கோயுறப்
பிவக்கும்படி தயவராய்க் கேட்கின்றோம்.



“வேழகவலக்” புனைக்கப்பட்ட பின்வரும் தே
திகளில் மாற்றப்பாணத்திலிருந்து பாம்பன்
வரியாய் கொயம்புக்குப்போகவிருக்கின்றது

விளம்பரம்.

கிலங்கள், மரிகள் விற்கவிரும்புவோர் இவர்களிட
மொப்பவித்தால் ஏனத்திலாவிலும் வேறுவனவாகவா
யிலும் தகுந்தவினைக்குயிறுக்கொடுப்பார்கள்.

சுருதி ம. (ஸ்ர) மராகழி ம^{ர்} சுகி உ.

The Boers and the South African Republics.

“இருண்டகண்ட”மென்றழைக்கப்பட்ட ஆயிரக்கா
லின் தென்பாகத்தைப்பற்றி ஆசிரியர் ஆதீசாப்பாஷ்வி

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போவதற்காகப் பெய்தல்.
அந்நிலையான திவ்யதாசனத்திலிருந்தும் நீகிழ்பெரு
நிலையெழுமிருப்பதற்குள்ளாகவே நம்முடைய போ
தன் பவனது நன்காப்பாடு பெறும் முறையாக, பிரகா
சவரபிரகாசனம் படிக்கும் சமயத்தில் குருநாத
தவாரியுடைய அருள் புகுந்திப்புகழையுடைய, கெய்
தனாகிய தெய்வதவாரியுடைய நாமம், போவதற்கு
நிலைதொழுகையாகியும் நதி அபிமானமுடையதாகி
யும், துள்ளி தவிர்ப்புடையதும் புகழ்தந்தாக்குபி
சுவை தவாரத்தினுள் பெருமியுள்ளிருக்கும், கோபையி
தான்கு லுதிய இடம்பெருந்தெரு நுடைய கவையா
திரையாக, தவாரத்தினால், குள்ளாக, வெறுமையு

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தேன் ஆசிரிக்க யுத்தம்,
War News.

ஒவ்வொரு சங்கீதவியூகம் காம் கூறும் புத்த அமர்
ச்சாங்களைத் தன்ருயி விளங்கிச் கொள்வதற்கு, புத்த
மாடக்குயிட்க்கொடி பற்றிய பேராதிய அறிவு இறுத
தல்வேண்டும்மாதங்கயல் அல்லி-க்கள் துள்ளிக்கொண்
ட எவ்வெத்திரையிலிருக்குற்றையினால் சுருக்கிடு
துவேம்.

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THE HOLIDAYS.

The holiday season is drawing nigh, and our schools for higher education are, one by one, disbanding for two weeks or more. It is the season for joy and mirth in Christian lands, and is becoming more and more such in the countries of the East. 'Christmas comes but once a year,' and every one, young and old, rich and poor, in Christian countries will be busily employed in preparing for the festivities of the Christmas season. It is the birth day of Christ the Lord, and though we are prone to put this thought in the back ground, we still keep the spirit of the Christ child more or less prominently in view in the very act of bestowing our gifts. The Royal Babe was a gift to all mankind from the Father above, and His whole life was given for others. So while we give our little gifts let us remember the great gift of His love to us, and lift our hearts in gratitude to Him for this priceless boon. Christmas should be a happy day. No strain of sadness or sorrow should jar upon the perfect harmony of the day. It is the day of the argel song, "Peace upon earth, good will to men," and tho it may be with tears still let us sing and make music in our hearts.

In Jaffna, as we have more than once pointed out, the day is not observed as it should be among our Christians. Very little difference is made between that and other days. We wish it might be celebrated more as a festival day—a day of interchange of gifts however slight—a day of universal rejoicing—a day of perfect peace. If once we can get into the spirit of the day all will be well. And a better preparation to such a day could not be made than by putting aside malice and envy, hatred and jealousy. Let the Christian forgive the wrong done him by his brother and cherish but the kindest feelings. Let him put aside all envy and jealousy and in honor prefer his brother. And the peace of God will possess his soul and he will be ready to enjoy most truly the happy Christmas tide. To all our readers we most sincerely wish a very

"MERRIE CHRISTMAS."

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

At the St. Andrew's dinner held at Hatton on the 30th ult. the Governor was present and made an excellent speech, a few extracts from which we give our readers. His Excellency was not forgetful of the interests of the Colony when he was home.

"I tried to promote them, to the utmost of my power. I tried to promote them in two ways, a negative and a positive. The negative was in dispelling delusions and in refuting libels on its fair name and reputation; and the positive was in obtaining the sanction of the Secretary of State to a magnificent scheme of progress."

You are told that Mr. Chamberlain has arbitrarily and tyrannically forced down your throat certain public works which you do not wish, and in order to carry them out he is metaphorically grabbing your surplus.

This grabbing of the surplus is a nightmare. Mr. Chamberlain, you are told, has grabbed your surplus for many years to come and it will be impossible to carry out any useful works required or to help any distressed industry. That is that side of the picture, now look at this. You have appropriated certain railways. Mr. Harcourt Skrine is not here, I think. (Laughter). Then, I venture to ask, do you approve of the Northern railway? (Voices: Yes). You approved of the Kelani Valley railway; you approved of the Udappussellawa railway. These are the railways which Mr. Chamberlain has tyrannically forced down your throats. Then as to irrigation all that Mr. Chamberlain proposes is that certain works which are to be undertaken in the course of the next eight years. Now, as to the grabbing of the surplus. The railway and irrigation works are to cost twenty millions. He says that out of your future revenue two millions, in the course of six or perhaps seven or eight years, should be furnished, and that your surplus revenue for the last three years is for the 2½ millions. By spreading that over six years, it would not come to more than £400,000, and that, I think, will leave you.

A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT TO PLAY WITH.

By-the-by this reminds me, I was told that at a recent meeting of the Chamber of Commerce I was quoted as saying that we had too much money. Too much money! Why, I should like to have ten times the money. I am afraid I have detained you too long. I would like to refer to a speech I made at St. Andrew's dinner last year. I am not going to repeat it. I alluded to the great dangers by which we were threatened—

THE PLAGUE AND THE WAR.

I told you then that Plague was knocking at our doors. I told you that the Government would spare neither money nor trouble in warding off plague if we could. Well, gentlemen, how have we redeemed our pledge? We spent money like water, and although plague has attacked localities all around us, to the right and left, to the front and rear of us, it has left Ceylon severely alone. (Applause). I am told that is not such a thing as a

grateful planter. But if there ever was an occasion for which gratitude might be expected, it is on account of this plague. We undertook the very responsible step of closing the Northern route. That entailed enormous expenditure. I wish some of you, when in Colombo, would see the camp at Ragama, and then you would have some idea of the elaborate nature of our preparations. It is an interesting fact that during the twelve months that the North road has been closed, there has not been a single case of cholera in Ceylon. (Applause). Last year I also spoke of the danger of war. War clouds were then hanging thickly and darkly upon us. The storm has now burst, but from a very different quarter to that which we expected. We have already accomplished a feat which is unprecedented in the history of the world. England, 6,000 miles from the scene of operations, has sent out an army of 50,000 to 60,000, and soon between 70,000 and 80,000 more. (Applause). In the meantime we have sustained heavy losses. War is a series of ups and downs and with a brave enemy, such as that which we are now fighting, it would be absurd to expect that it should be nothing but a series of triumphs. (Hear, hear.) But the real issue will soon be decided. General Buller and his brave troops will soon sweep away all resistance and establish the supremacy of England in South Africa on a firm and immovable basis. (Applause). But when that is done, and when the sword is returned to the scabbard, then it will be the duty of the civil administrator to conciliate our defeated enemy, to wipe away all bad feeling, and to bind together in one community the whole of the peoples of Africa, giving them equal rights and equal privileges under the protection of the English flag. (Applause). That is the noble task they have to perform, and it is most desirable that we should not embitter the present feelings so as to make that settlement impossible.

FAREWELL TO REV. D. AND MRS. W. T. GARRETT R.A.

[Communicated.]

The Jaffna Central College Staff sent round invitations announcing a meeting to bid good-bye to the Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Garrett, R.A. In the beautifully decorated Hall of the College, this pleasing and interesting function came off at 6 p. m. on the 11th December.

The College Staff, students and other ladies and Gentlemen went in a procession to the Rev. Gentleman's residence and from there conducted him and Mrs. Garrett, with native music, to the College platform. Sir William Twynnam K.C.M.G. kindly occupied the chair. Sweet Tamil Lyrics composed for the occasion by Pandit Tampu of the College, started the proceedings and the Rev. Mr. Martin read a portion of the Bible and offered prayer. The Chairman then called on Mr. J. K. Channugam B.A. Head Master of the College to read and present the address which was very handsomely printed in silk. (copy annexed) Mr. Channugam read the address with much feeling.

The Chairman then called on the following gentlemen to speak in support of the address, who spoke in the following order. Revs. Robson, J. T. Appapillai, Dr. William Paul, Messrs. J. H. Leake, K. C. Kadi-gamur, and Rev. G. J. Trimmer and the chairman concluded the speeches ably summing up the services of Mr. Garrett. All testified to the thoroughness and earnestness with which Mr. Garrett did the varieties of work he was engaged in, as Missionary Principal, Lecturer, and as a scholar, and Y.M.C.A. and the successes he has achieved. Presents were given to the Rev. and Mrs. Garrett and the audience gave a hearty round of cheers to the departing friends.

Mr. Garrett, who was intensely moved on his behalf and that of his family, made an excellent reply thanking for the expression of love regards and presents, and said he was glad they left faithful hearts behind. Then the national anthem brought the meeting to a close.

The function was indeed very touching, full of interest and highly pleasing. The music in Tamil and English was very edifying. Decorations spoke highly for the enthusiasm of the Boys. Notwithstanding the wet weather, there was a large and respectable gathering. Great credit is due to the head master Mr. Channugam, the teachers and students of the College for the worthy manner in which they got up and executed the "send off" to their learned Principal.

To the Rev. W. T. Garrett, B. A.
Principal, Jaffna Central College.

Dear Sir,

We the Masters and Students of the Jaffna Central College desire, on the eve of your departure on furlough to England, to express our feelings of sorrow at your repatriation from us, and to own the debt of gratitude and affection, which your kind and considerate conduct has laid us under.

We will not here attempt, Sir, to enumerate the various improvements effected in the work of education since your appointment as Principal of this College. We are thankful to mention that numerically, materially and academically, the College has progressed beyond our most sanguine expectations. It is impossible for the result to be otherwise when we remember that the government of the Institution has been entrusted to one, whose whole life has been consecrated to the service of the Master, and whose zeal for the work and cordiality towards his Colleagues and Students have created an esprit de corps, which is rare in this country.

When we remember, Sir, how nobly and disinterestedly you have allowed College duties to usurp your leisure hours, how generously at times, you have suffered pecuniary loss in the interest of the College, how firmly, but affectionately you have maintained strict enforcement of discipline, when we remember how easily you forgot the classroom and allowed us to enjoy the genial warmth of your home life, how freely and how heartily, yet without loss of propriety you have joined in our games on the play ground and above all, the ring of sincerity that has characterized your Christian life, and teaching—we cannot help grieving over this temporary separation.

We should be wanting in our duty, Sir, if we fail on this occasion to refer to our obligations to one, who has been wedded to your work and has been your companion in service. By her constant cheerfulness and sympathy she has endeared herself to us, and by her interest in the College's teaching and examining its classes, as well as by the encouragement she has given us in our sports, Mrs. Garrett

has done not a little to elevate the tone and moral discipline of the College. It is our conviction, Sir, that in no small measure the successful results of the late Government Examination and the present efficiency in the singing at the College worship are due to her patient exertions.

We confidently expect that such incessant toil and high example for the regeneration of the youth of this country, may bear fruit in many a noble and worthy life. This should be your crown of rejoicing in the day of the Master's coming.

In conclusion, we would pray that the Lord Almighty may vouchsafe to you and your dear wife and children journeying mercies, a happy reunion with your friends, and that you may be permitted to return with renewed strength to the work which is so dear to your heart.

May we ask you and Mrs. Garrett to accept these tokens of our love and respect as a souvenir of your stay amongst us.

We beg to remain,
Dear Sir,
On behalf of the College.

A FAMOUS CHRISTMAS HYMN.

Stabat Mater Speciosa.

The two medieval hymns which begin with *Stabat Mater* are both dedicated to the Virgin—one to Mary at the cross, the other to Mary at the cradle. One is a Good Friday hymn, the other a Christmas hymn, which sings the overflowing joy of the mother at the cradle of the new born Saviour. While the former has been known and loved for five centuries, the latter has been buried in obscurity until 1852 when it was brought to light in a work on the Franciscan poets by a French scholar.

This hymn expresses in words what we see in Correggio's wonderful painting in the Dresden Gallery "The Holy Night"—and its message to us in these later days is the same as in the olden times,—"Peace upon earth, good will to men."

We give less than half of the whole hymn,—

STABAT MATER SPECIOSA

Full of beauty stood the Mother
By the Manger nest or other,
Where the Little One she lays;
For her infant son's elation,
In its fervid jubilation,
Thrills with ecstasy of praise.

O what glad, what rapturous feeling
Filled that blessed Mother, kneeling
By the Sole Begotten One!
Now, her heart with laughter bounding,
She beheld the work ascending,
Saw his birth, the glorious Son.

Jesus lying in the manger,
Heavenly armies sang the Stranger,
In the great joy bearing yart:
Stood the Old Man with the Maiden,
No words speaking, only laden
With this wonder in their heart.

Mother, fount of love still flowing,
Learn, with thy rapture glowing,
Let me sympathize with thee.
Let me raise my heart's devotion,
Up to Christ with pure emotion,
That accepted I may be.

All that love this stable truly
And the shepherds watching duly,
Tarry there the living night;
Pray, that by thy Son's dear merit,
His elected may inherit
Their own country's endless light.

—Translated by Dr. Neale

FOREIGN NEWS.

Transvaal. In the west Lord Methuen has had a series of successes. The Boer position at Graspan was stormed on the 25th Nov. and captured after desperate fighting. The losses were heavy on both sides. On the 28th Nov. Lord Methuen defeated the whole Boer force at the Modder river. The Boers numbered over 8000 and were strongly entrenched. After desperate fighting for ten hours, the Boers were driven from their position. The casualties must have been very heavy. Two or three days previous the garrison at Kimberley made a sortie and defeated the Boers with but slight losses. There will still be considerable fighting before the English reach Kimberley and the large force of Boers in the way make the situation very serious. The losses at the Modder River battle have not yet been made known to the public.

In Natal less has been accomplished. The English are advancing on Estcourt and the Boers, finding the British too strong are retreating on Ladysmith. A telegram of Nov. 26 reports the Boers as having mounted a third big gun and expecting the fall of Ladysmith within a week. The bombardment is doing increasing damage and the situation is considered critical. A sortie from Ladysmith resulted in the slaying of two of the guns of the Boers with very little loss to the English.

India. A severe shock of earthquake was felt in the northern part of India which did little damage. Plague is increasing in Calcutta as many as 11 deaths being reported for one day. The famine is quite serious in the Bombay Presidency, and the Government is making every effort to relieve the people.

Soudan. The English attacked the forces of the Khadifa on the 25th Nov. and completely routed the enemy. The Khadifa was killed, and 9,000 prisoners taken. Osman Digna escaped.

England. The German Emperor has left £300 for wives and children of non-commissioned Officers and men of the Royal Dragoons. The royal party left England for home on the 28th Nov.

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