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LETTER FROM LONDON.

Sharp Winter This Year.—General Booth Criticised.—The Russian Bear and the Hebrew Lamb.

[Special Correspondence of the DESERET NEWS.]

The metropolis is having a "sharp winter" this year, and while the fogs have not been so lasting and dense as is usually the case, the rain and snow fall has not been moderated. But with a smaller proportion of the first named, the deficit has been made up with frost, which, while far short of that registered on the thermometer in Utah's valleys, is yet more piercing. This may be understood when six degrees of frost, or with the thermometer at twenty-six degrees above zero, there were many cases of freezing to death in England during the past fortnight. During the "sharp" weather, however, there was some sunshine, and the bracing atmosphere was enjoyable, particularly out in the parks or on the hills in the city.

There has been snow for Christmas this year—an event which is far from an absolute certainty at this season of the year. In the business thoroughfares it was all that the metropolitan scavengers could do to clean the streets for traffic; and even with their well-directed efforts, it was slush! slop! slush! along the walks for a great portion of the town. There may be places that stand abreast of London for getting the sidewalks and streets cleaned of the effects of rain or snow, but it is doubtful if any are ahead. Thousands of men with willow brooms and other implements brush and scrape the snow and mud into piles, whence it is gathered and carted off to be used for manure. The work of getting it away from the public thoroughfare is carried on with such regularity that, although the workmen do not move with alacrity, yet it goes on steadily.

Sleighs—that is, the "cutter" are unknown here, but in the outlying districts there has been good "sleighing," and the boys failed not to take advantage of it. The frozen ground, too, was frozen, and made the roads almost as smooth as glass. The pedestrian certainly had to take the best care of himself if he would avoid measuring his length on the pavement.

Each year a swimming race is arranged for Christmas day on the Serpentine, in Hyde Park. Think of it this season, when the ice was thick enough to sustain a person's weight. The day following Christmas—Bank Holiday, or Boxing day—was taken advantage of by skaters, and thousands of them skimmed over the ponds and artificial lakes. It is estimated that over 100,000 skaters enjoyed the sport in the Metropolitan parks on the 26th. The official report says that there were 40,000 on the Serpentine, and 30,000 on the Regent's Park lakes. At the first mentioned place skating by torchlight was engaged in by hundreds of people in the evening. There were many accidents on the ice, some of them fatal. One feature of the day at River Glen, was the ten mile championship skating race. There were twelve competitors, the winner being Tom Pickering, of Lincolnshire, who made the ten miles in 39 minutes and 7 seconds.

While the cold spell is being utilized by the people for their advantage, so far as they can, though it brings suffering to many who are poorly provided for, yet the Salvation Army do not seem to be greatly benefited by the cool atmosphere. On the contrary, the polemic warfare with respect to Gen. Booth's "In Darkest England" scheme, is waxing decidedly warm. Strong men are coming out and indicating its weak points, until one cannot help but see that it has nothing else. The irresponsible mode of handling the cash is a bone of contention. "Make all checks payable to Wm. Booth," was the order from the army headquarters, and while it was all right when the Salvationists were donating themselves, yet when they came to call on others for vast sums of money, a grave suspicion was aroused as to whether the "general" had sufficient business capacity to handle the funds for the benefit of those outside of his family.

Then the impracticability of his plans began to be discovered; and the fact that it only proposed to empty the cesspool, and not to prevent its refilling, came out. One objection after another was raised and the "general" is "up to his eyes" in making explanations. But he is getting decidedly the worst of it, and knows it. So his conclusion to all is for them to do as they are bid and ask no questions. This did not exactly suit those who have been directing the affairs of men, as the attack against the scheme has increased in vigor, though it is carried in comparative quiet. Added to this a disagreement in the ranks of the Salvationists themselves, necessitating a change in some of the general's staff. Thus the wheel turns, and the plans of men "gang aft agley."

The Britishers of the metropolis feel that they have been snubbed, and that too by a foreman whom they do not consider worthy of their steel. By sympathy, the whole English public feel that they have been insulted. The offender in this instance is the Russian autocrat. There are others, too, besides Englishmen, who have an idea that the Muscovite is "getting too large for his trousers," and needs a dressing down. As the readers of the NEWS are already aware, a large number of representative Englishmen held a meeting at Guildhall, presided over by the Lord Mayor, and made a respectful request of Alexander III. that he allow a little humanity to enter into his treatment of the Jews within his dominions. The Czar's reply was, in substance: "Mind your own business, or you'll get something not greatly to your liking."

Madame Novikoff, who is very near to the throne, wrote a letter to the London Times, and its wording is in strict harmony with the Czar's position. In it she says:

"I repeat that a great military power, having at her disposal an army of two millions of well disciplined and drilled soldiers, whom no European country dares attack single-handed, can face calmly, and even good-humoredly, both the wild attacks of unscrupulous politicians, and mistaken protests of philanthropic meetings, though these be as imposing and brilliant as the Lord Mayor's Show itself."

Now John Bull don't like to be taunted with "You don't dare to," especially when it comes from a representative of semi-barbarism; and, doubtless, if he gave way to his feelings, he would brush in such a way against the Russian bear as to make the latter think a Kansas cyclone had caught him above ground. But though British dignity is ruffled, yet the act that brought forth the Russian's assault was not that of the government, therefore Britain's honor is not at stake. But the threat has made a sore just the same, and Punch is not slow to take advantage of it. First there is a full page cartoon, entitled "The Russian Wolf and the Hebrew Lamb." The cartoon represents a trembling Jew, with "sufferance the badge of his tribe," clearly written in his demeanor, being cuffed by a stalwart Russian, while in the background stands "Dame Europe" pityingly regarding the incident. Next come the following lines:

The quality of mercy is [illegible],
It dropped [illegible] from Lord Mayor's lips
Upon a Russian [illegible] strength is [illegible],
[illegible]
Of [illegible] for the [illegible]
The [illegible] monarch [illegible] than chopped [illegible];
His [illegible]—two million of armed men,
Which [illegible] with awe and with [illegible]
[illegible] philanthropy that [illegible] of [illegible],
But mercy is beneath the [illegible] care,
It is a [illegible] to the hearts of Czars.
Force is the attribute of the "God of Battles,"
And earthly power doth then show likest heaven's
When Justice mocks at mercy. Therefore, Jew,
Though mercy be thy prayer, consider this,
That in the course of mercy few of us,
Muscovite Czars, or [illegible],
Should hold our places as imperious [illegible]
Against humanitarian Englishmen
And Jews gregarious. Thou do pray for Mercy.
Whose ancient Books instruct us all to render
Eye for eye justice! Most [illegible]!
Romanist Marquis, Presbyterian Duke,
And Anglican [illegible], [illegible] up
With Tabernacular [illegible] Tuffy,
And [illegible] from the North.
Mingled with [illegible], Agnostic Peers,
And lawyers [illegible],—
A Lord Mayor's Show of Pool Pro [illegible],
All to play Mentor to the Muscovite!
Master of many millions! Oh, most [illegible]!
Are we Turk dogs that they should do this thing?
In name of Mercy! [illegible]
I have [illegible].
As [illegible] says, with "[illegible] edged dagger,"
To mitigate humanity's [illegible],
With airy epigram, and store old friends,
GLADSTONE, and WESTMINSTER, MANNING and [illegible],
That [illegible] is still O.K.
A Portia—a la Zion! Hath [illegible] passed it?

Meanwhile, Russia goes on robbing and perpetrating still grosser outrages upon the Jewish race, heaping "full and running over" the cup of her own calamity.

The harvest of fires in London is augmented by the railway accidents, hitherto so rare, but now following each other in rapid succession, and from the most unaccountable causes. The system which has heretofore kept England so free from this class of disasters seems to have suddenly failed of its purpose, and there is a rustling about among railway managers to change the order and preserve the railway reputation for safety in travel. But a new and overwhelming danger approaches. The great strike on the lines to Scotland shows the immense power which is in the hands of overworked employes. A few of the strikers are prosecuted for refusing to work for the company, but that only invites the others to take revenge, and a feeling of dread and uncertainty is settling down on the railway owners and managers.

The labor question is thus keeping well to the front. The dockers' strikes, the weavers', the colliers, and all the others are causing a turmoil. The effect of the disorder thus caused is just showing on the surface, but is increasing as the days go by. Just now another feature, however, looms up. The capitalists say that, while the laborer claims he gets too little for his work, he has been given employment when his services were really not needed. Therefore the employer reduces the number of his employes, and thus adds to the suffering thousands. It is estimated that 100,000 men have lost employment in this way, and the order of the London and East India dock company, discharging all employes who have been in the service less than ten years, will add to this number.

England has a law requiring that all dogs wear muzzles. The friends of the canine species have been working, however, and the Board of Agriculture has secured a modification of the law so that a collar with the owner's name on it will now be sufficient. Thus do the dogs get another chance till the society for the prevention of cruelty to children find a new case of hydrophobia, and the muzzling question will come up again. Meanwhile the friends of the good dogs will continue their labors in increasing the accommodations of the Orphan Dog's house near Gravesend.

The telephone which was to have connected France and England by January 1st is not yet completed, and probably will not be opened for use till the latter part of January. Twenty-five miles of the overland line from London to St. Margaret's bay is completed, leaving five miles to be put up by a force of fifty men. The cable across the straits of Dover is not yet down, but the work is also being hastened there. The great difficulty found in the tests that have been made arises from induction. It is now claimed that this has been overcome, and that within a few weeks at the farthest London and Paris will be connected by telephone, and will have a service in that line that is unexcelled anywhere on the globe. Thus do the inventions and discoveries of the nineteenth century bring the world of mankind in closer contact with each other, and that which once was miraculous to us prove to be in perfect harmony with nature's laws.

J. H. A.

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Lv.	Ogden	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ar.	Salt Lake	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lv.	Salt Lake	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ar.	Provo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lv.	Provo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ar.	Green River	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lv.	Green River	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ar.	Grand Junction	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lv.	Grand Junction	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ar.	Glenwood Springs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ar.	Leadville	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ar.	Pueblo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ar.	Col. Spgs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ar.	Denver, Col. Mid	[illegible]	[illegible]

West Bound Trains.		No. 1. Pacific Mail.	No. 3 Pacific Express
Lv.	Denver	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lv.	Col. Spgs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lv.	Pueblo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lv.	Leadville	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lv.	Glenwood Springs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ar.	Grand Junction	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lv.	Grand Junction	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ar.	Green River	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lv.	Green River	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ar.	Provo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lv.	Provo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ar.	Salt Lake	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lv.	Salt Lake	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ar.	Ogden	[illegible]	[illegible]

LOCAL TRAINS.
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Leave Salt Lake [illegible] a.m. and 11.25 a.m., [illegible] p.m. Returning, arrive Salt Lake [illegible] a.m. [illegible] p.m., [illegible] p.m.

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