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MARKETS.

Farmer's Pro corrected.

Table listing market prices for various commodities including flour, sugar, and other goods.

EUROPE AND CUBA

Great Britain Advised to Offer Her Good Offices to Spain and the States.

Colonies to Take Part in the Big Celebration Next Year—Other Events.

London, Dec. 28.—The attitude of the United States towards Cuba continues to be the enmeshing subject of discussion in political circles here and on the continent. The crisis has revived recollections in Paris of the ill-fated Mexican expedition, and interviews in this connection with the imperialists, Gens. Basil and Callifet, M. Emile Olivier and others have appeared in the French Press. Ex-Queen Isabella of Spain, is quoted as having expressed the belief that the ideal of Napoleon III, was the union of the Latin element as a counterpoise to the immense spread of Anglo-Saxon influence. Her Majesty is reported to have said on the Mexican expedition personally disquieted me in the direction of Cuba. You may add that tentative negotiations for the purchase of Cuba began before my abdication, and revived at the moment when Spain was criticised as having been provoked by international struggles.

The leading London weeklies devote much space to the Cuban situation. The Statist thinks there is very little prospect that Spain will consent to abdicate her authority in Cuba, and urges Great Britain, with or without the consent of some great European powers, to offer her good offices to the United States and Spain. The Statist attaches little importance to the general continental objections that the United States' right of interference would be dangerous to every European government's possessions in America, and says: "Unless one or more of the great powers are prepared to forcibly oppose American interventions more verbal objection will not carry weight. In case of war Spain will be absolutely ruined in the end. The best friend of Spain is he who tries to induce her to come to some arrangement with the United States. Comment has been provoked by the feeling shown at the London County Council's recent meeting, when the chairman of the public works committee suggested that tenders for new fire engines be invited from any other English sovereign, and he will make statement in the house of commons early in the coming session.

It is stated in Canadian circles that the proposal of the Toronto navy league, that the royal navy be recruited from colonial as well as home seamen, has been coolly received by the imperial authorities. Naval experts are credited with seeing many difficulties in carrying out the scheme, and according to the Manchester Guardian, they are doubtful of the alleged abundance of good material in the colonies, even in the case of the seafaring population of Newfoundland. It is not thought that the colony would yield the class of men needed for the navy, while in other colonies it is said the men likely to volunteer would be of very indifferent stuff.

It is announced as a result of a conference between the Belgian minister for marine and the company, which has undertaken to build the canal which is to make Brussels a seaport, that work on the proposed new water route to the Belgian capital will be commenced early in 1897.

The dispute between the Italian government and Prince Sciarra, respecting the latter's right of sending out Italian masterpieces of his art gallery, has been finally settled. A sensation was caused some time ago by the prince secretly disposing of several important paintings. According to the new agreement the prince presents the nation with about a dozen chefs d'oeuvre, and in return the embargo placed upon the sales of the others will be removed.

Christmas day here was sunny and was quietly spent. Many of the old customs were followed out in the true spirit of the English Christmas. At Queen's College, Oxford, the ancient ceremony of bringing in the boar's head was solemnly gone through in the presence of the university deans. At Rochester poor travellers enjoyed the Watts charity, in the shape of a good, old-fashioned dinner and a present of fourpence. In Liverpool 20,000 hotpots were given to the poor, and the impoverished people of this city were well cared for through thousands of free breakfasts, dinners, etc., in many parts of the metropolis. In the London workhouse 104,533 paupers enjoyed the Christmas celebration, particularly the beer and tobacco features, and 492 hospital patients were made as comfortable as possible under the circumstances.

It develops that Hubert Cracken- thorpe, the actor who mysteriously disappeared in Paris during the month of October, and whose body has been found in the river Seine, committed suicide in a fit of frenzy on receiving a letter from his wife announcing her intention of marrying another man. It is believed that he jumped into the Seine from the Pont Concorde after wandering all night in the Champs Elysee. The London newspapers say he was lately much in company with the wife of a leading London actor. The titles of some of his works, "A Dead Woman," "The Struggle for Life," etc., would seem to indicate that he was of a morbid turn of mind.

Another action for breach of promise will occupy the attention of the law courts at the next session. The plaintiff in the case is Miss Mabel Duncan, an actress now appearing at Daly's theatre in the "Geisha," who sues Captain

IMPERATIVE DEMAND

The Sultan Must Enforce Reforms or the Powers Will Take Charge of Turkey.

Abdul Hamid Holding Out as Long as Possible Against the Ambassadors.

Armenian Prisoners Being Released in Asia Minor and Constantinople.

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—The Russian ambassador, M. de Neidloff, on Saturday acting in concert with the representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany and Austria, had another audience with the Sultan. The Russian diplomat began by warning the Sultan and the Turkish government if the revenues voted for payment of the Turkish debt were touched, European control of the finances of the empire would become inevitable. M. de Neidloff further informed Abdul Hamid that the Czar had guaranteed his personal safety and engaged himself to maintain the Sultan's supremacy, in the event of severe measures being necessary on the part of the powers. The Sultan, however, remained obdurate as far as consenting to concede to any measure of control by the powers, financial or otherwise. To this the Russian ambassador replied that the condition of the Turkish empire placed the throne and caliphate in imminent peril. Thereupon Abdul Hamid remained, impressively: "I may be the last caliph, but I will never become the second khedive." In addition to these warnings M. de Neidloff sent a note to the Turkish government and palace and the utmost significance is attached to it in diplomatic circles. He pointed out the precise terms and the necessity for the Sultan following the advice of the powers, who are acting in complete agreement on their plans for improving the situation, and warning them once more that the Sultan's refusal to do so would involve disagreeable consequences. The ambassadors of the powers will meet in future twice a week until their complete recommendations. The envoys are acting together and will henceforth maintain the strictest secrecy regarding their deliberations or any action taken or contemplated, not even informing envoys of other powers as to the decision reached. These latest steps on the part of the powers are once again reported to have produced a profound impression in the Yildiz Kiosk. In pursuance of the amnesty decree, Armenian prisoners in Asia Minor and this city and vicinity are being released in bunches of five.

ATLANTIC & PACIFIC. The Company is Given Thirty Days in Which to Settle up. San Francisco, Dec. 28.—The final decree of foreclosure and sale of the Atlantic and Pacific railroad was filed in the United States circuit court on Saturday. This is the last of a series of similar decrees which have been made in suits between the same parties and for the same action in every district in which the line of the Atlantic and Pacific has property. It is ordered that unless \$2,582,843.16 is paid by the railroad to its debtors within thirty days the entire property shall be sold at auction at Gallup, Bernalillo county, New Mexico. The foreclosure proceedings were instituted by the United States Trust Company, of New York, to cover the interest on an issue of bonds. The bonds were with interest at 6 per cent, payable annually. The issue was filed in trust by the Mercantile Trust Company, and was known as the mortgage on the western division of the railroad. A second issue, with terms similar to the final, was taken by the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Company.

THE MAILS ROBBED. And the Thieves Got Away—Letters Dropped From a Steamer. New York, Dec. 28.—The World publishes the following: Several business firms have wondered why important letters, collecting large sums of money, had been delayed in the mails. They have received their letters but not the enclosure stamped with the waters of the bay in which they had been tossed for two or three days before being picked up. The letters had been opened, the money inside transmitted by the firms' correspondents in Chicago, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Philadelphia and Pittsburg taken out, after which the mail had dropped the letters in the bay. Investigation made at the postoffice confirmed the story. The robbery is evidently one of the largest and clearest ever known in the history of the department, and the total loss reaches thousands of dollars. The postoffice officials admit this much, but decline for official reasons to say anything further.

ROUGH PASSAGES. Arrival of the British Ships Simla and May Flint at Ftisco. San Francisco, Dec. 28.—The British ships Simla and May Flint dropped anchor in the harbor on Thursday after a terrible voyage up the west coast of South America, in which the Simla was roughly handled and nearly wrecked and the Flint lost a week in a heavy sea, which swept the deck from stem to stern.

The Simla comes from Liverpool, which port she left 134 days ago, and the Flint was 135 days out from New York. Apparently the vessels got into the same heavy gale, which is reported by both masters to have been the most severe experienced by them in many years. On Sept. 22, when in latitude 34 degrees south, longitude 47 degrees west, the Simla encountered a very heavy gale which lasted three days. On the 25th a big sea broke over the deck disabling five men. The injured sailors were in their bunks for more than a week. On Oc-

ATLAS BANK.

Other Concerns Show Their Confidence by Offering Assistance.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—William D. C. Grannis, president of the Atlas National Bank, which institution, as announced in these dispatches, is to go into voluntary liquidation, has been identified with the banking interests of Chicago largely for a quarter of a century. His reputation for business sagacity and integrity has been everywhere acknowledged. In the present condition of affairs Mr. Grannis exhibits the confidence and esteem of every banker in Chicago and their offer of liquidation is an evidence of the confidence reposed in him. Mr. Grannis is 70 years old. He was born at Hatley, province of Quebec, and came to Chicago in 1852.

MOB LAW.

No Less Than Seven Men Lynched in Kentucky Within a Week.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 28.—Alfred Holt, colored, alias, Alexander, who murdered Police Officer A. White, was taken from jail by a mob Saturday morning and hanged to a tree. The men knocked at the jail doors, and informed Deputy Jailor John Ashby, Jr., that they had a prisoner they wished to look up. Thus thrown off his guard, Ashby opened the door, only to face two big revolvers. He was overpowered and the men taken from his custody. Pleading for life, Holt was taken out of jail to the courthouse yard. He was given ample time to pray. Then a rope was placed around his neck and he was swung high in the air, and in ten minutes he was strangled to death. Then the mob mounted horses in neighboring streets and alleys and left town as quietly as they came.

Holt's crime was committed the morning after election. White was killed with his own pistol, taken from his pocket by Geo. Basket, a negro, and handed to Holt. Holt's trial began this week, and the commonwealth rested Thursday, after producing conclusive evidence of the negro's guilt. Including Holt, seven men have met death at the hands of mobs in Kentucky in about a week. Last Saturday Henry Findley was called to his door near Mayfield, and shot to death by a mob. Two days before the same three Proctors were indicted at a mob in Logan county, two being hanged and the other shot in his cell. Sunday night Jim Stone was lynched at Mayfield, after a guarantee of safety had been made. Monday night, Tuesday night Will Snett, a negro boy, was brutally shot to death near Mayfield.

TALKED RECIPROCITY.

Hon. Mr. Fisher had a Conference with Chairman Dingley.

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 28.—The Commercial Washington correspondent writes that before the Canadian minister of agriculture, Hon. Sidney Fisher, and the quarantine commissioner, Duncan McEachern left Washington they had a conference with Chairman Dingley of the ways and means committee. The conference was not formal in any way, nor was it held by the direct sanction of the Canadian government, but the subject of a new reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada was talked over at length. The Canadian officials expressed a desire for the restoration of intimate trade relations between the two countries under conditions that should not do injury to the interests of either. Governor Dingley expressed a desire for reciprocity as far as could be granted without injury to the interests of American farmers and manufacturers, but said there were a good many things to be considered before a satisfactory treaty could be made. There was some further discussion on articles which might be made reciprocally free upon entry to either country but no definite programme was agreed upon. The Canadian agreement now has a commission taking testimony regarding the effect of the existing Canadian tariff law.

CHINESE IN TORONTO.

Laundrymen Organize to Shut Out Chinese Competition.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—At a meeting of the proprietors of the principal laundries of the city it was resolved to request the civic authorities to enact a by-law imposing an annual tax of \$70 on all public laundries, and also compelling them to conform to certain conditions. The object aimed at is the checking of the inroads at present being made into the laundry business by the Chinese.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The Conservative leaders in Winnipeg and at other provincial points are actively preparing for the western Conservative convention to be held in this city about January 20. It is understood the convention is called at the request of Sir Charles Tupper, and there is a possibility that the party chieftain will journey to Winnipeg to be present.

Walkerton, Dec. 28.—F. C. Messner, a private banker here, whose solvency has never been suspected, has assigned. The liabilities are believed to be \$90,000, and assets \$40,000.

London, Dec. 28.—A special dispatch from Rome says a landlubber destroyed the village of Santa Ana de Piagon, demolishing 118 houses and rendering 150 families homeless. No loss of life is reported.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Alderman Thomas J. O'Malley, of the Twenty-second ward, was to-day indicted by the grand jury for the murder of Julius Colander on election night in November, 1894. O'Malley's indictment has created a sensation. He was elected to the council last spring with the endorsement of the Municipal State League and has a good record.

James McGee, Lordean, is at the Or-

BISHOPS' MANDATE

Excommunication of Those Read L'Election Looked for by the Politicians.

Likely to Lead to Serious Trouble in the Eastern Provinces—Ottawa's Election.

Papers in Connection With the Election of Boyd in Macdonald, sent West. Ottawa, Dec. 28.—(Special)—The ex-communication of those who read L'Election in the province of Quebec was looked for here by leading French Liberals, who have been watching the trend of affairs between the bishops and the politicians. It is expected that this action will assist in the provincial elections—the course which Bishops Labreque, Lafleche, Blais, Gravel and Beggin have taken. The country is face to face with a crisis and the people will be asked "whether there is to be civil and religious liberty in the country. This is the plain view French and English-speaking politicians take of the matter here. They do not think the people will decide with such inexperienced men as Bishops Labreque and Blais, nor with old and infirm men like Bishops Lafleche and Gravel, whose names are familiar all over Canada in connection with the Manitoba school case, and Bishop Begin. It is well known here that the articles for which L'Election has been condemned, were written by priests. It is also well known that David's book had been approved by theologians at Rome. The Liberals now have clear ground to work upon. They will require to fight for civil and religious liberties, relying upon all free men to support them in this course. The French-Canadians who are anxious for liberty will be obliged to look to the future and take their children from those institutions which are under the control of the bishops.

James G. Foley, deputy clerk of the crown in chancery, left to-day for Winnipeg with all the ballots, papers, etc., in connection with Boyd's election. It is important that someone should go from here to testify to the condition in which the papers were received from the returning officer.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Great indignation is being expressed among the better class of French-Canadians without regard to party about the ex-communication of L'Election, the principal French-Canadian Liberal organ in Canada. The proprietor, has dispatched a messenger to Rome to make an appeal to the propoganda, but as the excommunication for the present virtually kills the paper among the Catholic masses the Liberals have immediately started another French Liberal paper. The New paper will be called La Revanche, and the trouble caused by the excommunication of L'Election of Quebec by the Quebec bishops is spreading. La Patrie of this city comes out with a two-column defence of the Catholic church in which it calls upon Liberal Catholics to revolt. It calls the excommunication the beginning of a war to the death and offers itself and its financial and intellectual resources to aid in the war. The article was written by the proprietor of the paper, ex-Mayor Beaugrand, member of the legion of honor, while ill in bed this morning.

Quebec, Dec. 28.—La Soleil, the new French-Canadian Liberal paper which has taken the place of L'Election, came out this morning. It was sent to all the subscribers of L'Election under another name. This shows the plan of campaign which the Catholic Liberals intend to inaugurate against the hierarchy, should the bishops excommunicate La Soleil they will drop that and immediately start another paper. The general opinion is that the action of the bishops has done the church more harm among the French-Canadian people than any previous act of their.

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THE REAL ASSASSINS

Mme. Stambouloff Denounces Government Who Planned Death of her Husband.

Summoned as a Witness, She Demands That the Real Assassins be Tried.

Sofia, Bulgaria, December 28.—Last night Mme. Stambouloff, widow of the murdered ex-premier of Bulgaria, whose alleged assassins are on trial here before the mixed tribunal which is hearing the case. Mme. Stambouloff, when the trial commenced, declined to attend, but in response to repeated requests she attended the sitting of the court yesterday, dressed in the deepest mourning, a long black veil concealing her features. When her name was called numerous sobs fell upon the assemblage. The widow rose and shaking with passionate emotion she said: "You have insisted upon my presence. I am here. I have nothing to say because I do not wish arranged before your honorable court those who are known to be the real assassins of my late husband. You know them, Mr. President, and you, too, Mr. Prosecutor-General. Is it not so? You know them and all the world knows. Where are they? I don't see them here." Then with a gesture full of fire and indignation the unfortunate lady exclaimed, pointing to the alleged murderers of her husband: "Acquit these miserable people. Summon before your court guilty men, who are at present the government. I have nothing to add; I will now withdraw."

These utterances of the grief-stricken widow of the great statesman, known as the Bismarck of Bulgaria, who was literally hucked and shot in the streets of this city on July 15, 1895, and who died on July 15th after his hands had been amputated, caused the deepest impression upon the audience, which was composed of people belonging to the higher rank of society.

The presiding judge, prosecutor-general, public prosecutor, or counsel for the defence, were so dumfounded and unprepared by the terrible earnestness of the black-laced female figure, who so forcibly denounced the methods employed in seemingly punishing the murderers of her husband, that they were unable to put a single question to her. She left the court room, a living picture of grief, demanding vengeance from a tribunal from which she knew too well, but little or nothing was to be expected. The tragic address of Mme. Stambouloff was a matter of general comment in the government newspapers to-day. But the key note of their remarks, taken from the leading organ of Prince Ferdinand, is that the wife and friends of Stambouloff ought to have taken measures for his protection, who the government newspapers add, "labored under mental derangement, or was so convinced of his own misdeeds that he sought death in the streets."

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