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President's References to Various Matters Received With Pleasure

NO INDICATION

OF TARIFF WAR

Finance Minister's Budget Task Made Easier By the Message

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—With President Taft's message to Congress, insofar as it relates to matters between Canada and the United States, satisfaction is expressed in political circles here. The President's pronouncement was awaited with considerable interest, and it is felt that there is nothing in it which justifies the assumption that there is to be a tariff war. It is stated authoratively that the government is gratified at what it considers to be the broad manner in which the President has discussed administration of the maximum and minimum clause of the American tariff.

Mr. Taft's statement that the term "unduly discriminates" gives the President and the proposed and the president of the proposed that the president actions are supplied with sufficient gas, while Kansas towns are suffering from a shortage. The Topeka

American tariff.

Mr. Tatt's statement that the term "unduly discriminates" gives the President great latitude in determining what really constitutes such undue preference is officially stated to be exactly the interpretation given the law by members of the government in Otabers of the government in Ot-

In political circles the message in the terms delivered is regarded as making much easier Mr. Fielding's pronouncement in the budget on Tuesday. Had it been menacing in character it would doubtless have exercised an influence on the character of the finance minister's budget deliverance.

Australian Miners' Strike SYDNEY, Dec. 8.—The common-wealth arbitration board has decided that it has no jurisdiction to inter-vene in the mine's marks.

Railways in Assiniboia

REGINA. Dec. 5.—Today was a routine day in the legislature and little of importance was considered. The announcement by the minister of railways that the Grand Trunk Pacific would build the Biggar-Battleford branch next year, and that three railways are now heading for the Cut Knife country, comprised the statement of the government, and the greater part of the day was spent in committee.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—The funeral of J. J. Muldoon, the heaviest man in Canada, who died last Monday, took place at Quyon, Que., this morning. Owing to his great weight, 460 pounds, it was impossible to get the specially made coffin into a hearse, and the remains were conveyed to the cemetery in an open vehicle. The weight of the coffin and body was so great that it had to be taken out of the house on rollers.

Warning For Ontario.

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PARIS, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels say that King Leopold is slightly improved. The entire right side was paralyzed yesterday, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and the attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

LOOKS LIKE INSANITY

Kansas Gas Goes Abroad.

suffering from a shortage. The Topeka situation grew serious this affernoon. Hospitals are without fuel, and stores

/aluable Property Overlooking

Empress Hotel Grounds Realizes \$100,000

Publication of Tariff Reform Some Butte People Engaged in Waltz-ing Contest Dance For Fourteen Hours. Forecast Changes the Situation

> UNIONISTS HOPE FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 8.—After dancing continuously for fourteen hours and 41 minutes without nourishment, three of the 53 couples that started last night in a "Marathon" waltz contest, to see which pair could waltz the longest, were stopped today by Mayor Chas. H. Nevin on the advice of physicians. Six of the women contestants at the end of several hours were taken to a hospital, one suffering from a ruptured blood yessel and another from muscle paralysis. Several other femile contestants were exhausted physically, and all but three pairs had ceased the waltzing grind before officers interfered. The women presented a fearful sight during the last hours of the dancing. With eyes bloodshot and bodies swaying, their male companions were barely able to keep their feet. Nearly five hundred spectators crowded the hall where the contest took place. Radicals Centre Opposition on the Proposed Taxation of Food

Mr. Chamberian's Original total free admission for Canadian and other colonial cereals is abandoned in favor of what is called a substantial preference, which will not free them from the whole of the two shillings duty on mported grain. British revenue neagriculture are named as dictating this

Flour may have a higher duty than wheat. The duties on manufactured imports are, according to this forecast, to range in three simple stages from 5 to 15 per cent., according to the amount of foreign labor used in them. The total revenue obtaintable is estimated at from sixteen to twenty millions sterling.

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Radicals make a great play with the forecast as divulging Mr. Balfour's secret, and seek to rouse feeling against food taxes, but this has been their chief line of attack all through the by-elections which nevertheless resulted favorably to tariff reform.
It may be confidently stated that the forecast only approximately indicates the policy Mr. Balfour will carry through. The Birmingham Post says the moderate character of these tariff reform proposals will turn many votes against the government when considerable consider

NEW LIEUT. GOVERNOR WILL ASSUME OFFICE

Hon. Thomas W. Paterson, newly appointed Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, will on Friday morning at 11 o'clock be duly sworn in, and o'clock be duly sworn in, are assume the honors and responsibilities of his high position, Mr. James Dunsmuir laying down without regret the cares and gold lace which, the latter more particularly, have latterly proved irksome to his soul. to his soul.

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The simple and informal ceremony incident to the change in succession of His Majesty's representatives in this province, will as customarily, take place in the Executive Council's Chambers, the new lieutenant-governor benew lieutenant-governor benew lieutenant-governor benew lieutenant-governor benew lieutenant-governor benew lieutenant-governor benew lieutenant-governor by Mr. Rudolphe Bourdeau, Clerk of the Privy Council of Canada, who will arrive tomorrow evening for that purpose.

Stamps Make Confusion.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—As far back as memory of living man goes, Birmingham has been the home of unauthorized programmes. Today the political withstanding the plain instructions is ham has been the home of unauthorized programmes. Today the political folds were fluttered by the enunciation in the Birmingham Post, which has long been the especial organ of the Chamberlain family, of a detailed tariff policy which it says the next Unionist ministry may be expected to adopt. In the main the forecast follows the lines of tariff commission's report, giving a decisive place to the preference.

Mr. Chamberlain's original idea of free admission for Canadian and other local programmes. Today the political or held at post offices for postage. Notwith such a post offices for postage. Notwith such as post of the pack of the plain instructions is sued in connection with the sale of the Red Cross stamps, great numbers of letters are being mailed bearing these classifications and must be treated as unpaid matter. Matter bearing Red cross stamps is not admitted to the mails for Great Britain, even though the regular postage is attached. It is admitted to the German mails only when the Red Cross stamps are attached to the back of the letter or parfer admission for Canadian and other letters are being mailed bearing these le

Railway Commissioner's Order. OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—The railway commission at the request of the town council of Eganville, Ont., ordered the erection of a new station there and the placing of the tracks was indicated in certain parts of the town. The C. P. R. agreed to do this.

Alleged Sale of Senatorship.

BERLIN, Ont., Dec 8.—At the sitting of the assizes the counsel in the Merner-Ratz case appeared before the chief justice and stated that the parties had arrived at a settlement and the action was dismissed, each side paying their own costs. This was the case where Merner, the plaintiff, son of the later Senator Merner, alleged in his statement of claim that Mr. Ratz promised film \$2,800 in two payments if his father was induced to retire so that he (Ratz) could get the senatorship. Senator Merner did resign, but the money was not paid over, according to the plaintiff.

MORE WORK ON

Engineering Staff is Redistributed on the Coast Section

Position of Australia and New Zealand on the Naval Ouestion

ONE FLEET UNIT

Premier Ward's Offer of Dreadnought For Imperial Purposes

OTTAWA, Dec. 6 .- The official report of the Imperial Defence conference has been received here. It contains the correspondence between Great Britain and Australia and New

Canadian Horse Reserve LONDON, Dec. 6.—A military correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette suggests that the war office establish a Canadian reserve of 50,000 horses, including 5,000 trained remounts for to cavalry at a cost of \$500,000 a year. U. S. Minister to China.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Announcement was made at the state department today of the appointment of William J. Calhoun, of Chicago, as minister to China. Mr. Calhoun has accepted the appointment and the Chinese government has indicated its pleasure in receiving him. Imperial Commercial Council

Imperial Commercial Council
LONDON, Dec. 6.—Sir Alfred Spicer
has returned from Australia, where he
presided at the congress of chambers
of commerce of the Empire. He says
he favors the idea of establishing an
imperial commercial council so that
the work of the congress, which meets
every three years, may be followed
during the intervening period. Californian Chosen.

BUDA PEST, Dec. 6.—The medical faculty of Buda Pest university has offered the chair of experimental biology to Prof. Jacques Loeb of the University of California. Prof. Loeb lectured before the international medical congress at Buda Pest last September and delivered a course of lectures at Buda Pest university in June.

Snow in California. REDDING, Cal., Dec. 6.—A omenal snowstorm ceased at

Great Britain and Australia and New Zealand, which was not contained in the Canadian bluebook.

It was provisionally arranged that Australia should provide a fleet unit to consist of one armored cruiser of the new Indomitable type, three unamored cruisers of the Bristol type, six destroyers of the river class, and three submarines, C class.

The vessels are to be manned as far as possible by Australian officers and seamen. The members required to make up the full complement for immediate purposes should be lent by the Royal Navy. In peace time, and while on the Australian station, this fleet unit would be under the exclusions fleet unit would be under the exclusions of the King's regulations similar to the King's regulations and be under naval discipline, and when with vessels of the Royal Novy the

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FIFTIETH YEAR

Merger of Companies Operating in Boundary District is Spoken Of

GRANBY'S OFFER TO B. C. COPPER CO.

Union of Companies Would Make Larger Profits Pos-

NELSON, Dec. 8.—The amalgama-tion of all the Boundary copper pro-ducers has been looked upon for some time as a coming issue in the not distant future, as it is believed in the mining and smelting of such low grade ore better returns could be obtained for shareholders in the various companies by consolidation of the man

agements.
With the acquiring of the control of the New Dominion Copper Company by the British Columbia Copper Company, the feasibility of such a merger bemes greater, as it only remains for the Granby Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company to secure 51 per cent. of the British Columbia Copper district, and thus unite the large cop

ommand of settlement of the admiralty, the Commonwealth Australian fleet unit should form a process of the admiralty, the Commonwealth Australian fleet unit should form a process of the admiralty, the Commonwealth Australian fleet unit should form a process of the admiralty, the Commonwealth Australian fleet unit should form a process of the admiralty of the ad made overtures to the British Columbia Copper Co., offering them one share of Granby for ten shares of British Co-lumbia, for a controlling interest. This

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The delay in reaching a final settlement on all the questions involved in the Hankow-Sze Chuen railway loan is chargeable to the altogether unexpected objections