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RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—The Rhodes Scholarship examinations for 1905 at Manitoba University will be held January 17th.

MADE A FORTUNE.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—H. Nelson, a Dane who came here ten years ago with only ten cents, left for Europe today with \$20,000, all made out of his farm.

BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 21.—At today's session of the Breeders' Association, which is being held here, addresses were made by Prof. C. T. Day, of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont., on "The Utility of Swine Breeding," and A. A. Grange, of New York, on "Development of the Young."

DOMINION COAL CO.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—A meeting of the directors of the Dominion Coal Company today declared the usual half-yearly 4 per cent dividend on preferred stock and decided to pass a dividend on common stock in view of the large floating debt of the company. The operations for the last half year were more successful than those of the first.

ENGLISH WRESTLER WINS.

Burlingame, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Frank Gotch, the American champion, tonight lost a handicap match to Jim Parr, the English wrestler, who undertook to throw Parr three times in an hour. He won the first and second, leaving only six minutes and twenty seconds for Gotch to win the final. Parr was in no danger when time was called.

To Increase Its Working Capital

B. C. Packers Association to Prepare for Next Season on Grand Scale.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 20.—It was reported on this date that the British Columbia Packers' Association was yesterday organized by the shareholders to increase its working capital by \$5,000,000 to provide for the pack of 1905. The question of the increase of the working capital was discussed at a meeting of the shareholders at the head office in Jersey City, New Jersey. The major representation of common stock was by proxies held by Mr. A. Jarvis, secretary of the association, and Mr. J. H. Campbell, vice-president of the company. Mr. Jarvis practically held the vote, and the increase of the working capital must be subscribed. A reorganization must take place. Capital was subscribed before a special meeting of the shareholders, which was held at the head office in Jersey City, New Jersey. The major representation of common stock was by proxies held by Mr. A. Jarvis, secretary of the association, and Mr. J. H. Campbell, vice-president of the company. Mr. Jarvis practically held the vote, and the increase of the working capital must be subscribed. A reorganization must take place. Capital was subscribed before a special meeting of the shareholders, which was held at the head office in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Tallow Home From England With Good News Respecting Immigration.

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Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army, via Fusan, Dec. 19.—The capture of the fort was a brilliant spectacle. For weeks the Japanese had been tunneling two shafts to the fort, and on December 19th they captured it.

The two attacking parties were composed of volunteers, and those captured in the fort were treated with respect. The Japanese are changing the formation of their troops, and this makes it more difficult to utilize information brought to the Russian headquarters by prisoners and deserters, but the strength of the Japanese remains about the same.

STRIKE IS OFF.

End of Lockout of Granite Cutters at Montpelier Vermont.

Montpelier, Vt., Dec. 21.—As a result of the ending of the lockout declared by the Barry Granite Manufacturers' Association against the granite cutters in this city and its vicinity, the strikers returned to work today at 7 o'clock, and the strike is off.

A BAD ACCIDENT AT MINNEAPOLIS

Walls Standing After Fire Topples Over With Fatal Results to Many.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 20.—The side wall of the O. H. Peck building on Fifth street tonight, which was left standing by the great fire of last Tuesday night, toppled over in a high gale early today onto the Crocker hotel, a six-story structure adjoining.

The tops of brick and mortar crushed completely down through the floors and all into a mass of debris in the basement. There was no warning of the disaster, and the 14 persons who were sleeping in the various apartments were caught in the crushed structure. Eight of them were killed.

The killed follow: Ham Mason and James Hamilton, employed at Renner's grocery; C. M. Kavanagh, foreman, Daniel's dressed oil mill; Mrs. Jennie Murray; Wm. Emerson, laborer; William Gray, contractor; Joseph V. J. Condon; W. L. Lyall, employed in Daniel's dressed oil mill.

The injured are: Mrs. Carthy Boyce, cut about the face and body bruised; Mrs. M. J. Condon, cut about the face and body bruised; Mrs. E. J. Williams, face cut and badly bruised; Mrs. Anna McNeilly, face cut and badly bruised.

Some of those injured were in the basement, and were taken to the Crocker hospital, where they are being treated. The walls separating the two buildings.

Responsibility for the accident will be the subject of an investigation. J. C. Houghton, city building inspector, had made an inspection of the standing walls yesterday, and had given no orders concerning them. He had earlier ordered the demolition of the other parts of the wall, but it is unlikely to fall. The total loss is \$100,000.

VERSTCHAGIN'S PICTURES.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—Emperor Nicholas has purchased the entire private collection of Verstchagin's pictures, which it was announced, had been offered for sale at auction for \$50,000.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Newburg, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Grace O'Connell, 72, was burned to death in her home tonight by the explosion of a lamp which set fire to a lamp on which she was lying.

Whitewash The Russians

London Thinks This Will Be the Result of the Dogger Bank Enquiry.

Daily Mail Makes Bold Charge Against the Czar's Government.

Brilliant Scene at Reception of the Commission at Paris.

London, Dec. 20.—The prevailing opinion respecting the British navy respecting the inquiry into the Dogger Bank outrage seems to be that the court will find, first, that the British navy was not at fault, and second, that the Russian navy was at fault, mistaking them for Japanese vessels, third, that either the vessels of the Gamecock fleet carried the shot and shell meant for the warships mistaken for hostile craft, or were fired on under suspicion that they were co-operating with those warships, and fourth, that the entire affair was a blunder not absolutely inexcusable, and that, therefore, nobody is deserving of serious punishment.

In a despatch from Hull the London Daily Mail makes the bold charge that emissaries of the Russian government were engaged in the Dogger Bank incident, the ill-fated Gamecock fleet, which was fired on by the vessels of the Russian Baltic fleet. It is the purpose of these agents, the Mail alleges, to induce the fishermen to sign statements to the effect that the Gamecock fleet assisted the Japanese in concealing the presence of torpedo boats on the Dogger bank, and to that end the fishermen are made drunk and money is spent on them with a view to inducing them to sign such statements.

The owners of the fleet have long suspected such activity on the part of the Russian agents, but they have not been able to prove it. The evidence adduced in this manner, the Mail states, will be submitted to the court, which has its first sitting at Paris tomorrow.

The Board of Trade inquiry into the North Sea incident closed this afternoon. It is said that the claims against the Russian government aggregate about \$900,000.

Dec. 20.—President Loubet this morning received at Elisee the members of the international North Sea conference, and the non-arrival of Rear Admiral Davis prevented the American participating. It was expected that Admiral Davis would arrive at Dover from the Finland and cross over to Calais, arriving here a few days ago, but he has not yet done so. He is to go on to Antwerp postponed his arrival until tomorrow. He telegraphed to the embassy that he would reach Paris on Wednesday afternoon.

In the meantime arrangements were completed for M. Loubet's reception at the Foreign Minister Delcasse's breakfast today, but the formal opening of the session, which will probably be postponed until the arrival of Admiral Davis completes the membership of the conference.

The reception of the commission at the Elisee presented a brilliant scene. A guard of colonial infantry drawn up in the courtyard saluted the arrival of the commission. M. Loubet, in the audience chamber, received the members of the commission, and their respective admirals and their respective uniforms of their various countries. The British and Russian admirals exchanged pleasantries.

Admiral Kaszunkoff is a youthful admiral with a keen face and of stocky build. He is a native of the Baltic, and is a member of the Russian navy. He is a member of the Russian navy, and is a member of the Russian navy.

Admiral Beaumont is a venerable and tall, towering above his colleagues. He is a member of the British navy, and is a member of the British navy.

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Bertrand, the defaulting clerk of the department of agriculture, will be given the option of taking his case to the court, or of being sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of years.

Dr. W. J. Beck has retired from the Farmers' Advocate to accept the department of agriculture, and has been succeeded by Mr. McKellar. He first leaves for Selkirk, Ont., where he will be married.

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