

NO CAUSE FOR SERIOUS ALARM

Alarming Reports Regarding Russian, Japanese Difficulties Exaggerated

Paris, Jan. 2.—Dr. Monoto, the Japanese minister to Russia, in an interview published today was quoted as insisting that the alarming reports of the state of the Russo-Japanese negotiations regarding the fisheries, navigation and other questions, were not warranted. He predicted a successful conclusion of the commercial treaty and denied that Japan had excessive demands, such as the opening of the whole of the Amur river to commerce. Japan, however, the minister pointed out, did insist upon the opening of the Sungari river, which drains Manchuria, as a natural corollary of the treaty of Portsmouth, and as establishing the principle of the open door. He considered that the questions growing out of the interpretation of the words "rivers and inlets" in the treaty and the consulate and passport regulations as being of a minor character.

Bishops Discuss Situation in France

Paris, Jan. 2.—A plenary council of the French Bishops, to discuss the situation of the church in France, has been summoned to meet January 15th at the Chateau de Lamette, where Louis XVII and Marie Antoinette passed their honeymoon.

Record Crop in Kansas

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 2.—The report of the Hon. F. D. Coburn, secretary of the Kansas state board of agriculture, shows that the crop in this state during the past year beat all previous records. Though the corn yielded some three million bushels less than the previous year its value was far above that of any crop previously raised in the state. The value of farm produce and live stock are estimated at \$424,222,767, or more than \$15,000,000 in excess of the preceding year. The total yield of wheat is estimated at 93,292,980 bushels. The all around increase is 43 per cent.

NO HOPE IN THIS

Winnipeg, Jan. 2.—The Canadian meteorological service observations taken at seven o'clock this evening, Winnipeg time: Port Arthur, 30; snowing. Winnipeg, 24; snowing. Minnedosa, 14; cloudy. Qu'Appelle, 6 below; cloudy. Swift Current, 22 below; clear. Battleford, 14 below; clear. Prince Albert, 4 below; cloudy. Medicine Hat, 24 below; clear. Calgary, 20; clear. Edmonton, 22 below; clear. The weather remains extremely cold in Alberta, Saskatchewan and over British Columbia, while from Manitoba to Lake Superior snow is falling heavily. The very cold weather will now spread over Manitoba. Dawson, 22 below 16 below. Athol, 22 below 12 below. Victoria, 28 34. Vancouver, 14 31. Barkerville, 28 below 10 below. Forecast—Manitoba, fair and decidedly colder; Friday very cold; Saskatchewan and Alberta, fair and continued cold.

Winter seems to be here in real earnest. The coldest dip that we have had this winter was early Wednesday morning when the thermometer went as low as 28 degrees below. Last night at six o'clock the thermometer registered 20 below which was four lower than on the previous evening at that time, so the probability is that the mercury will sink lower than 28 between seven and eight o'clock this morning. The weather man holds no hope of a let up in the cold weather.

Wedding in Calgary Yesterday

A very pretty though quiet wedding took place at the Central Methodist Church on Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. G. W. Kerby, between George Bolton of Calgary and Miss Ora Malnes, Lethbridge. The wedding repeat took place at the residence of Mr. W. F. Scott, C.P.R. Roadmaster, and only relatives of the parties were invited.

SCHWAB MAKES A GOOD RAID

The Illustrious Millionaire Seizes a Mine in Mexico

New York, Jan. 2.—After his visit to the Santa Eulalia mining district in Mexico, Mr. Schwab arrived here today and announced that he now has full control of the San Roy mine and other well known silver claims in that district. He has also announced his intention of erecting a huge smelter to treat the ores from his mines. Most of Mr. Schwab's property is in the Chihuahua district.

CHILD LABOR IS BEING REGULATED

A big Reduction Being Made in the Hours of Labor

Charleston, S.C., Jan. 2.—The campaign against child labor is having its effect in the cotton mills of this state, for it is now estimated that more than two thirds of the spindles have agreed to reduce the working hours from 66 to 64 hours a week and to 93 hours in 1908. It has also been announced that the hours in 1910 will be 60 but the scale of wages will not be altered.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The prize medal recently conferred upon President Roosevelt by the Norwegian storking has been received at the white house. With the medal is a diploma setting forth the award. The prize, which approximates \$1700 has not yet arrived.

The prize medal is beautifully engraved and lettered. It contained about \$250 of gold. On one side is a raised face of Nobel, the author of the prize, and on the other is a representation of two men fighting, and a third attempting to part them. Around the outer edge of this side are the words "Pro pace et fraternitate gentium." The medal and diploma will be retained by the president, while the prize itself will be placed as a nucleus for a fund to promote peace between capital and labor.

Laudikhana, India, Jan. 2.—Upon the Amir reaching the frontier on his first visit to India since the accession of King Edward, the latter telegraphed his great satisfaction at the visit.

"As indicating the friendly relations between your Majesty and my government, I hope very cordially that your tour will be a pleasant relief from your cares of state."

Great preparations have been made everywhere to give the Amir a magnificent impression of the country, and thereby strengthen the bonds between Great Britain and Afghanistan. The Amir is said to have so increased the Afghan armaments as to be able today to place nearly half a million in the field.

Panama, Jan. 2.—Georgia, daughter of the minister here, Mr. Squier, was married today by Bishop Junguito, to Harold Outler Whitman.

HOW BRITISH FARMERS GET THE WORST OF IT

Cannot Get Goods to Market as Cheaply as Others

London, Jan. 2.—At a meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society today Lord Tredegar, who presided, stated that the decay of English agriculture was due to three causes. First there was the fact of foreign governments maintaining state departments for the assistance of agriculture organized on an extensive scale and amply supplied with funds, while Great Britain did little or nothing. Second, there was the fact that foreign food can be brought to the British consumer cheaper than food produced on British soil, so that the British farmer is actually at a disadvantage, having to pay higher taxes and rates than the foreigner, and into the bargain, more for the cost of moving his goods to the market. Third, there was the fact that everywhere abroad the farmer was protected by a tariff. The meeting decided to frame a bill to protect the British agriculturists.

Returns of Cities, Towns and Villages

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Table listing population returns for various cities and towns in Alberta, including Gleichen, Irvine, Lavo, Leavings, Leduc, Lille, Lloydminster (part), Macdonald, Manora, Marjory, Millar, Morinville, Mountain View, Nanton, Penhold, Riversdale, Rosenroll, Rouleauville, Stafford, Stavely, Sterling, Stettler, Taber, SASKATCHEWAN, Regina, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Arcola, Battleford, Carnduff, Caron, Carlyle, Davidson, Estevan, Francis, Hanley, and MANITOBA, Winnipeg, Brandon.

Table listing population returns for various cities and towns in Saskatchewan, including Birtle, Carberry, Carman, Dauphin, Emerson, Gladstone, Hartney, Minnedosa, Morden, Morris, Neepawa, Portage la Prairie, Rapid City, Selkirk, Souris, St. Boniface, Virden, and Incorporated Villages: Boissevain, Deloraine, Elkhorn, Gilbert Plains, Gretna, Killarney, Manitow, Melita, Pilot Mound, Plum Coulee, Stonewall, Winkler.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce. Capital paid up \$10,000,000. Assets 21. Oct. 1906 over \$18,000,000. R. E. WALKER, General Manager; ALEX. LAIRD, Ass. Gen. Man. 163 branches in Canada, United States and England. 21 branches in Alberta. IN THE SAVINGS BANK DEPARTMENT. Deposits of \$1.00 and upwards are received and interest is allowed at current rates. No delay in making withdrawals. C. W. ROWLEY, Manager Calgary Branch.

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CALGARY! CALGARY!

The Commercial and Industrial Centre of the Last Great West, 840 miles distant from Winnipeg and 641 miles distant from Vancouver. Without a rival, without a competitor, without a peer. The centre of a vast country, rich in grain and cattle. The distributing basis of immense coal timber and mineral districts.

Calgary has 12 banks, 85 wholesale houses and 25 manufacturing industries. With an educational system which is unequalled. It has 3 fire halls and 3 branch post offices. A street railway is about to be constructed which will serve East, West and South Calgary. This will mean a belt line of about 12 miles in length. The G. T. P. have declared their intention of reaching Calgary at an early date. The C. N. R. is determined to become established here in the near future. Both companies are fully warranted in putting forth every effort in order to keep pace with the unparalleled development which is taking place in this part of Greater Canada. Calgary is favorably situated at the foot of the Rockies, with a climate unsurpassed. Watch her grow! Her population in 1890 was 4,000, her population in 1900 was 7500, her population in 1910 will, at a conservative estimate, reach 50,000. Buy Calgary property while you may. It will double and treble itself in price in a short time. It has been the rule in the past and will be the rule in the future. The tremendous influx of immigration compels it. Get in on the ground floor.

The magnificent suburb known as South Calgary, which until recently was under the control of parties in England and which is part of an estate which must be closed up, will now be placed on the market and thrown open to the public. Three thousand lots are now being offered for sale. Said lots will be sold at prices varying from \$35.00 to \$60.00 per lot, according to location and value. Terms half cash, balance in three and six months, with interest at 8 per cent. Some of these lots are worth \$200.00 each, none less than \$50.00 each. This is the greatest snap ever offered the public. You cannot lose money, you are bound to make money. You cannot help it. It is merely a question of whether you make a profit of 100 per cent. or 800 per cent. Adjoining this property is the contemplated terminus of Jim Hill's road, which will reach Calgary from Fernie, passing through a splendid coal, timber and mineral district.

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