

# The Semi-Weekly Colonist.

THIRTY-EIGHTH YEAR.

VICTORIA BRITISH COLUMBIA MONDAY DECEMBER 7 1896.

VOLUME XXXVIII. NO. 108

## GERMAN DOCK STRIKES.

A Christmas Gift to Bayard—Fire in Blenheim Palace—Denmark Strictly Neutral.

New Zealand Elections—Disaster in the Pyrenees—England Will Pay Nile Expedition.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—In the Danish Folketing today the premier, Baron von Reetz Thott, replying to Herr Hage, leader of the opposition, said there was no truth in the story published by the Pall Mall Gazette on October 30 that an entente had been concluded between Russia and Denmark, placing at the disposal of Russia in the event of her going to war with Germany, or in a war which would involve France and Russia against the Dreikund, all the available forces of Denmark, with permission to Russia to occupy Copenhagen and other Danish ports. The premier then moved that the government utilize every occasion to convince the foreign powers that Denmark in case of colonial disputes with other states will direct all her endeavors to maintain her own neutrality.

A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Milan, announces that the Luraghiorra Company, bankers of Como, have gone into bankruptcy and it is stated by some of the dispatches that the bank of Como closed their doors at the same time.

Lord Cromer, the British agent at Cairo, has informed the Egyptian government that he is authorized to state that in the event that government deciding to pay to the cause of the Egyptian debt of \$25,000,000 advanced to meet the expenses of the Anglo-Egyptian expedition to Dongola, Great Britain is prepared to advance such sum of money as the Egyptian treasury is unable to provide for that purpose.

The general elections take place in New Zealand to-morrow. The premier, Hon. R. J. Seddon, to-day issued an address to the electors. He declared it to be the idea of colonial statesmen to strengthen the hands of Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in regard to commercial reciprocity with the mother land, adding that the policy affected the well-being of the empire and its dependencies.

The Bremen strikers, at a meeting held here to-day, adopted an agreement concluded with the warehouse company and a committee of strikers for the settlement of the dispute. The strike is therefore over.

Various meetings of strikers were held at Hamburg this morning to consider the situation in view of the refusal of the employers to submit the dispute to a court of arbitration, and it was resolved to call upon the strikers' committee to declare a general strike.

The police of Paris have seized at Gare du Nord large packages of manifestos by Prince Victor Napoleon, bearing the historical date of December 2, and informing the adherents that the time is approaching when France will have to decide between monarchy pure and simple, and that democratic appeal to the people which gave eighteen years of national prosperity.

The London Daily News contains an eulogistic article on the nomination of Sir Samuel Strong, chief justice of the Dominion of Canada, as a privy councillor, which will enable him to sit on the judicial committee. The Daily News comments on the fact that the law does not provide a salary for these colonial judges, and it advocates radical reforms in the legislation amalgamating the Privy Council and the judicial committee into a single great appellate tribunal for all the Queen's dominions.

A Rome dispatch to the Chronicle says: "The Corriere di Napoli reports that Lord Salisbury has offered to buy Erythraea from Italy even at a large price."

There was the usual imposing ceremony at the public consistory at Rome to-day, and the red hats were bestowed upon Cardinal Satolli and other cardinals nominated at the two last consistories. The Pope, at a secret consistory to-day appointed several bishops, including Rev. Edward Odea of Portland, Ore., to be Bishop of Nesquehally, which embraces the state of Washington.

Official dispatches received here from St. John, Antigua, capital of the Leeward islands, says that serious floods occurred in the island of Montserrat. Roads and bridges have been destroyed and 75 persons were drowned.

The Times devotes a couple of columns this morning to a summary of the agricultural report for 1894 of Mr. Morton, U.S. secretary of agriculture. The Times says of it: "This fourth report, as the preceding three reports did, take a broad and statesmanlike view of the duties attaching to the office which Mr. Morton has filled with so much distinction. He appears throughout to have acted on the principle that America and England are so bound by agriculture and commerce that the cement cannot easily, if ever, be broken."

The valuable works of art and furniture in the salon of Blenheim Palace were all removed in time to escape being damaged by fire yesterday, but it is feared the ceiling centre-piece, painted by La Guerre, and depicting the military career of the great duke, has been much damaged. The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough were absent at the time of the fire. The money loss is covered by insurance.

A terrible disaster has occurred in the Pyrenees. A score of Spaniards crossing on foot had reached Cavarrrie, in France, when it is related that with apparent remorse they had left a woman, unable to proceed, with her husband and brother on the snow two hours distant. The guides hurried back to the rescue, and heard calls of help, when a sudden avalanche blocked the mountain pass, so the guides were obliged to return to

## IMMIGRATION POLICY.

Hon. Mr. Sifton Proposes to Carry Out Most Vigorous Operations.

Extensive Fire on Ottawa's Leading Thoroughfare—About Four Hundred Thousand Loss.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
OTTAWA, Dec. 3.—Hon. Messrs. Blair and Davies, who went to the Coast via the Great Northern, visiting Rossland enroute, will return via the C.P.R. It is said that Mr. Sifton contemplates a reorganization of the interior department. It is understood to be the Minister's intention to embark on a vigorous immigration policy, and to appoint Hon. Mr. Smart, of Brandon, as Commissioner of Immigration, giving him full charge of all immigration work, equivalent to the position of a deputy minister.

Fire this morning did \$325,000 to \$400,000 damage in the central part of the city. It broke out shortly after midnight in the basement of Mrs. Turner's confectionery store on Sparks street. The firemen were unable to cope with the blaze, and the fire spread to Macdonald Bros' gent's outfitters, next door. Hilbrook's tailoring store and Ross & Co.'s dry goods store, one of the largest in the city. The Ross building was gutted from roof to basement, portions of the walls only being left standing. The total insurance on the buildings and stock is \$175,000. Traffic on the main thoroughfares was blocked till the middle of the forenoon. The Masonic hall and Scottish Rite rooms were included in the eleven buildings destroyed. The valuable Masonic library was entirely lost. All the insurance companies having local agents are affected by the fire.

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—The ladies of the Aberdeen Association to-day sent out several large packages of reading matter for settlers in the Northwest. The Irish Catholic societies of the city are talking about erecting a hall of substantial proportions wherein the different societies can meet.

Prof. Robertson has returned from his trip to Chicago. He was greatly impressed with the equipment of the American railways for the transmission of perishable goods in cold storage.

Mr. Hogan, M.P., will remain in the city until Sir Richard Cartwright returns to Ottawa, as he is desirous of laying his views on the fast Atlantic steamship question before the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Inquiries at the different banks to-day elicited the information that settlements were promptly met.

The report is current that Speaker Edgar will be the next lieutenant governor of Ontario.

## CAUGHT IN A BLIZZARD.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 3.—Hon. Mr. Sifton has been busy with callers and correspondence since coming to Winnipeg. Among those who waited on him this afternoon was a deputation from the Western Immigration society. The deputation urged claims of the association for a substantial grant in order to pursue its work with vigor. The association believes that a French agent who produced better results than money spent in any other way.

On Monday, December 7, Mr. Sifton will be banqueted by the Liberals of Moosemin. A banquet to the minister in this city will take place at the Manitoba club on Saturday evening.

The trial of the Marquette election, fixed for December 16, has been changed to January 15, 1897.

J. R. McPhail, of Prince Albert, has announced himself as a candidate for Saskatchewan, in opposition to Mr. Davies, the Liberal nominee. Mr. McPhail is also a Liberal.

A Fort William dispatch says that Henry Richardson, a champion long distance walker, passed through there today en route to Toronto. Richardson claims to have walked from New York to San Francisco and is now returning via the C.P.R. track. He was in Winnipeg about two weeks ago.

When Raymond, French Dominion City farmer, was caught in the blizzard of Thursday last with his brother. They took shelter near a stack but were three days without food and both are badly frozen.

## GERMAN STATE LIBELS.

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—The trial of Herr Leckert, Baron von Lutetow, Herr Plotz, Herr Berger and Herr Foellmer, the journalists, charged with libelling Count Zollberg, Baron Marschal von Bieberstein and ex-Prince Alex von Hohenlohe, was continued to-day. Baron von Bieberstein deposed that he knew neither Herr Leckert nor Baron von Lutetow, and later the minister for foreign affairs said that in the supposition that the stenographer attending the banquet was unable to take notes, a French agent wrote the words of the Czar's toast and immediately had it verified by a Russian official. Baron von Bieberstein added that the wrong version of the toast published was solely due to a mistake of the reporter, as two versions of it never existed.

An interview with the chief of police has developed the fact that von Tausch, commissioner of the department of police, traced the incriminating article to the foreign office, and it was subsequently developed that Baron von Lutetow was the author of the assertion that the false version came from the foreign office, and it was there shown that von Lutetow was an agent of the police.

KINGSTON, Dec. 4.—John McKewen, of St. Catharines, county attorney of Lincoln, died in hospital here this morning.

## "MOST UNJUSTIFIABLE."

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U.S. Gov't Report

Crowded Condition of Vancouver Harbor—Visiting Ministers to Be Banquetted.

Chase of a Burglar—Warden of the Penitentiary—From the Interior.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 4.—Mr. Percy W. Evans, of the firm of Evans, Coleman & Evans, was married yesterday morning to Miss Mabel Willon, of Scotland. Rev. L. Norman Tucker officiated. The event was a quiet one, only the immediate friends of the contracting parties being present.

At a meeting of the canners yesterday it was decided to co-operate with the board of trade in banqueting the visiting ministers, and a committee was appointed to draft an address. It is proposed to have the banquet under the joint auspices of the board of trade, the canners and the citizens generally.

General regret is expressed that Mr. Norman Caple is reported to be very ill with a threatened attack of typhoid. Coming at this season of the year when business in his line is particularly bright and after the long siege of family sickness with which Mr. Caple has been visited this is particularly unfortunate. He is expressed that the illness may not be so serious as present indications would suggest.

The Vancouver Operatic and Dramatic society are energetically proceeding with the rehearsal of "The Chimes of Normandy" which will be the next production of this popular company.

At the usual meeting of the board of works held yesterday a considerable amount of street improvement in the direction of new sidewalks in the outlying districts was decided upon.

H. M. S. Icarus is in port engaged in a survey of a portion of the harbor.

At times like this with the Empress and Warrimoo tied up at the wharf, considerable inconvenience is experienced in the matter of accommodation. To-day the gulf ferry had difficulty in finding a berth and the San Francisco boat anchored out in the harbor waiting for a landing.

The recently formed Young Liberal's Association are making arrangements for holding a public meeting to be addressed by Hon. Messrs. Davies and Blair during their stay in the city. Hon. Mr. Peters is also expected to be present.

## WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 4.—As reported in the Colonist's columns this morning the police had an exciting chase after the man supposed, with good grounds, to be the much wanted burglar. That he is well acquainted with the locality is evident by the celerity with which he made good his escape. Two hold-ups, the victims in both cases being ladies, are reported and it would appear that the burglar and the footpad are one and the same person. There is some talk of a citizen's committee being formed to assist the police in capturing the man, and as during his presence in this city there has been no case either of burglary or highway robbery in the Terminal City, it is evident that the same man will be much wanted in Vancouver. The coolness of the burglar is evidenced by the manner in which he made use of the facilities afforded in the Reid & Currie Iron works to make or repair some of his tools.

The board of trade had a meeting yesterday and adopted the address to be presented to the visiting ministers. The delegates appointed to confer with the promoters of the proposed Kootenay railway were also received, and it was decided to insert the notices of application for charter in the newspapers.

The river is still frozen over at Mission, but the Edgar will try and reach Chilliwack on Tuesday. She is trying to make a trip to Ladners to-day. The delay to traffic will interfere with the market to-day it is feared.

Mr. J. C. Whyte has been appointed to succeed the late Mr. Moresby as warden of the British Columbia penitentiary. Mr. Whyte has been identified with the Liberal organization for some time, acting as secretary during the late election.

In spite of adverse climatic conditions a large number of citizens turned out to pay the last tribute of respect to the late Mr. J. S. Clute, sr., whose remains were interred at the Masonic cemetery yesterday. Revs. Dr. Scoullar and Reid officiated, and Messrs. C. G. Major, J. C. Brown, Peter Grant, A. G. Macfarlane, J. A. McMartin and E. A. Wyld acted as pallbearers.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Dec. 4.—Robert Muir, a miner working in Protection Island shaft, was injured while working in the shaft yesterday afternoon. His injuries, however, are thought to be not serious.

The City of Nanaimo brought word from Union yesterday afternoon that a Comox Indian named Johnnie had last night brought up from Deep Bay the body of a klootchman who had evidently been killed by a rifle bullet which had pierced the left arm and entering the

## ROYAL BAKING POWDER

ABSOLUTELY PURE

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Crowded Condition of Vancouver Harbor—Visiting Ministers to Be Banquetted.

Chase of a Burglar—Warden of the Penitentiary—From the Interior.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 4.—Mr. Percy W. Evans, of the firm of Evans, Coleman & Evans, was married yesterday morning to Miss Mabel Willon, of Scotland. Rev. L. Norman Tucker officiated. The event was a quiet one, only the immediate friends of the contracting parties being present.

At a meeting of the canners yesterday it was decided to co-operate with the board of trade in banqueting the visiting ministers, and a committee was appointed to draft an address. It is proposed to have the banquet under the joint auspices of the board of trade, the canners and the citizens generally.

General regret is expressed that Mr. Norman Caple is reported to be very ill with a threatened attack of typhoid. Coming at this season of the year when business in his line is particularly bright and after the long siege of family sickness with which Mr. Caple has been visited this is particularly unfortunate. He is expressed that the illness may not be so serious as present indications would suggest.

The Vancouver Operatic and Dramatic society are energetically proceeding with the rehearsal of "The Chimes of Normandy" which will be the next production of this popular company.

At the usual meeting of the board of works held yesterday a considerable amount of street improvement in the direction of new sidewalks in the outlying districts was decided upon.

H. M. S. Icarus is in port engaged in a survey of a portion of the harbor.

At times like this with the Empress and Warrimoo tied up at the wharf, considerable inconvenience is experienced in the matter of accommodation. To-day the gulf ferry had difficulty in finding a berth and the San Francisco boat anchored out in the harbor waiting for a landing.

The recently formed Young Liberal's Association are making arrangements for holding a public meeting to be addressed by Hon. Messrs. Davies and Blair during their stay in the city. Hon. Mr. Peters is also expected to be present.

## THE LUMBER TRUST.

TACOMA, Dec. 3.—The Central Lumber Company, of San Francisco, which is another name for the big lumber trust that was formed by the large Pacific coast mills a year ago to control prices, has gone by the board. Its usefulness has terminated, and January 1, 1897, will see an end to its existence. This is the consensus of opinion among lumbermen throughout the state.

As far as coastwise shipments are concerned, the trust has already gone to pieces, for within the last thirty days prices on merchantable lumber have been reduced from \$11 to \$6 per thousand. The Central Lumber Company's price was \$11 till a month ago, when the disaffection and consequent cutting of prices on the part of the retail men of California forced the trust to lower its price.

The big manufacturers in the combination cling to the hope that they will be able to hold the combination together for another year, at least, for the foreign cargo trade. The efforts of the managers of the combine are now directed to this end, and it is believed that the corporate existence of the Central Lumber Co. will be continued for another year, but it will have practically no influence on the coastwise trade.

It is generally conceded that both the mills and the dealers profited by the arrangement, but later on the smaller mills and the retailers with limited capital began "kicking." They alleged that the big mills and their California yards were making all the profits in the combination, and they were getting the worst of the deal. A meeting was held a month ago at San Francisco, which was attended by all the prominent lumbermen of Puget Sound. It lasted a week or ten days, and every effort possible was made to hold the combination together. Since then the retailers of California, who had formed an inside combination all their own, have become divided by dissensions and the inevitable cut in prices quickly followed.

The Puget Sound millmen view the situation with alarm, believing that the disintegration of the California Retail Dealers' Association will have a bad effect on their efforts to organize the Central Company for another year. The movement that resulted in the organization of the Central Lumber Company was started by the mills that are interested as stockholders in the Pacific Pine Lumber Co. The latter company controls a large portion of the output of the Puget Sound mills. One large mill on Puget Sound is not a member of the "P. P. L. Company," as it is known among millmen. This is the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Company, of this city. What course it will pursue in the future time alone will tell.

The Semi-Weekly Colonist leads.

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The famous signature of Dr. J. C. Williams is on every bottle.

THE THE GNATURE THE PPER VERY LE OF ORIA CO., MLOOPS RE Agricultural ns, YCLES LANE, Mgr. Tel. 46. CO., LTD. Mining Machinery a Specialty. all classes of Machinery, d. Fittings, Brass Goods, Estimates for Boilers and Vancouver, B.C. Cable address, "Coco." e Cold If your ordered ned with Fibre not add weight few extra cents, few comforting women's and which will defy of winter. ke don't try to ackbone of all ready-to-wear t the warmth, the yard. you anything, hat you want, nning them; not g them. oe Store, opp. City Hall.