

PRODUCTION GROWS AMONG CHINESE

Empress Gives 'Or' Adopt Suppressive Measures

SUPPORT NEEDED

Some Quarters That Will Hurt British Trade

Dec. 27.—The dowager empress...

Public agitation along the lines...

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RECOVERY FROM FINANCIAL PANIC

Reports on Condition of New York State Banks Are Satisfactory

INCREASE OF RESERVES

Few Depositors Make Withdrawals From City's Savings Banks

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Fatal Boiler Explosion

Halifax, Dec. 26.—The third victim of the boiler explosion at Glace Bay died this morning. The young man's name is Samuel McDonald. He was a native of Prince Edward Island.

Suit Over an Island

Toronto, Dec. 26.—A despatch received states that the suit against the Venice of America Land company, involving the title to 3,000 acres of Harrison's Island in the St. Claire flats, began at Mt. Clements today. The island was originally bought from the Indians by ancestors of Jacob P. Harrison, who is one of the parties to the present litigation. The case is being tried by about 200 cottagers in summer.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 26.—Mark B. Reid, who was three months ago sentenced to nine months in jail for recommitting a railway accident near Guelph, secured his release from the Guelph Jail on Tuesday night and was able to spend his Christmas with his family here. Reid's arrival was a big surprise.

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Many Passengers Including Victoria Travellers Arrived by Japanese Liner

HAD HEAVY SHIPMENTS

Over Six Hundred Tons Landed Here—Russians Not Permitted to Land

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Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 26.—Jake Sutherland, who is to be hanged tomorrow morning for the murder of Andrew Riedyk, is nervous and sullen tonight. He still professes to be innocent, but refuses to talk to anyone but his spiritual adviser and relatives. Only a few visitors are permitted to see him, and the authorities will be present at the execution.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—The fire in the Schoenberg coal mine at Baird's station, near here, which suddenly broke out last Sunday, endangering the lives of 100 miners, was extinguished today. The mine was severely damaged and extensive repairs will be necessary before work can be resumed.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26.—William Bell, an animal trainer known to circus men throughout the country, dropped dead here last night of heart disease. Bell was well known as "Texas" and was one of the few men who could control "Rajah" the famous man-killer elephant.

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VALUING PLANT OF BELL COMPANY

Manitoba Government's Expert Makes Progress With His Work

DECISION EXPECTED SOON

Premier Roblin Says no Other Company Has Promise of Charter

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CHINESE ACTION ON LOAN CONCESSION

Measure Taken to Suppress Agitation in Interested Provinces

IMMIGRATION FOR PAST SEVEN YEARS

Figures Show Increase in Proportion of English Speaking People

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—The Canadian immigration figures for the past seven years are decidedly interesting and encouraging. They are:

Year Total English Speaking

1901 49,000 46,000

1902 67,000 58,000

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1904 183,000 148,000

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FIRE DESTROYS FAIR BUILDINGS

Main Exhibition Palace, Poultry and Machinery Halls Lost

WORK OF INCENDIARIES

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