

Conflicting Interests

Comment Caused by the American-German Convention.

Crisis in the Relation of Italy and the Vatican Looked For.

Russia Preparing to Declare a Protectorate Over Corea.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The Herald's Paris dispatch says: The news of the signature of a commercial convention between Germany and the United States has made a deep impression. People here are asking each other whether Germany, who has already signed treaties of commerce with Austria and Italy, and who is on the point of contracting others with Belgium and Switzerland, intends to combat French trade interests wherever she meets them. The prevailing optimism on certain points has been succeeded by a widespread feeling of inquietude. In political circles peace is not thought nearly as probable as it was lately.

According to reports which the French Government has received from its agents in England, it is taking a lively interest in the movement of Radicals in favor of the abolition of the concordat. On making inquiries regarding the reasons of this curious fact the Government has ascertained that England is equally interested in the attacks of Italy on the Vatican. It would seem that England still expects to derive profit from a crisis which might lead the Pope to take refuge in Malta. While avoiding all official interference in the matters at issue, she is working by secret and indirect means to bring about this crisis, but she is wasting time. The departure of the Pope from Rome is not within measurable distance, and if it did occur would do no good to England.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 8.—Advice from Corea state that Russia is preparing to declare a protectorate over the Korean Peninsula, the object being to secure a sea-port further south than Vladivostok. Port Hamilton has been selected by the Russians as a naval station.

THE RAILWAYS

Movements of the Magnator—How the New Tunnel Works—The G. T. R.'s Rolling Stock.

The Grand Trunk has set apart a splendidly appointed private car for the use of Mr. Dunlop McIntyre, the new Canadian director, and it was in this car that he and Mr. Scott set out upon their pleasure trip the other morning.

Mr. W. Wainwright, assistant general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, has returned to Montreal from his western holiday. He was accompanied by his friends, especially in Chicago, in a manner to indicate that his popularity grows no less.

The resignation of Mr. W. C. Rineason as general passenger agent of the Erie Railway will take effect on the 15th inst., and Mr. D. J. Roberts will probably be appointed to succeed him. Mr. Rineason will have charge of the passenger traffic of the Erie, Delaware, Virginia and Georgia, and the Queen and Crescent systems.

The Canadian Pacific will double-track between Winnipeg and Port Arthur, a distance of 400 miles.

Grand Trunk through passenger trains now pass through the Erie tunnel, and everything is working in first-class shape. The trains are well handled at both ends of the tunnel. When the first passenger train passed through, Messrs. Hobson, Larimer, Tiffin and other Grand Trunk railway officials were present. The tunnel generally is giving first-class satisfaction.

The Illinois Central Railroad has issued an order prohibiting the loading of its cars for eastern points into the Lake Shore, Michigan Central, Nickel Plate and Wabash roads.

Charles M. Heald, general manager of the Detroit, Lansing and Northern and Chicago and West Michigan, accompanied by Mrs. Heald, is traveling through Michigan in private car, recovering from a very serious illness.

The Grand Trunk Railway authorities contradict a statement now going the round of the papers, that the Grand Trunk has loaned 2,000 cars for through traffic to the Chicago and Grand Trunk for the purpose of local shippers. Not one car has been loaned to any company for through or any other traffic. The company have increased their stock by 2,000 cars of double the ordinary capacity, and with all modern improvements, and during the past two years, and now have a total of 100 freight cars.

Their shops have been the whole of this year worked to their fullest capacity, and the rolling stock is now in splendid condition. Local requirements have never been so well met, nor have there ever been so many Grand Trunk cars at work on its railway. The Grand Trunk people claim that as they can make, and that they are doing everything in their power to move freight expeditiously.

Another Rail Off the Fence.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The Journal des Debats says: We are informed that Germany has concluded with the United States a commercial convention by which there will be an exchange between the two countries of favored nation treatment. The United States will allow the free importation of German sugar in consequence of this agreement, and American cereals imported into Germany will pay only 3½ instead of 5 marks.

A Matter of Smoke.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The new tobacco regime established by the Persian Government is meeting with much opposition from the people. The Mullahs in particular are greatly opposed to the new order of things, and they have ordered the people to abstain from smoking. This order has been generally obeyed, with the result that the sales of tobacco have greatly fallen off. Tobacco merchants who are guilty of selling the prohibited article are liable to be expelled from the country.

Successful remedies always find unscrupulous imitators. Ask your dealer for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and take no substitute. They are a never-failing blood-builder and nerve tonic.

At exhibitions in 1891, K. D. C. has been awarded a silver medal and five diplomas—the highest awards for any medicine.

FOUGHT HIS LAST FIGHT.

Benjamin F. Butler Seriously Ill at His Home in Lowell, Mass.

General Benjamin Franklin Butler, the famous law lawyer, soldier, Congressman and Massachusetts politician, is approaching the end of his long and notable career. He is seriously ill at his home in Lowell, Mass., and his family and friends are gathered around him. He has been unable to leave his house for several weeks, and his condition is grave. He has been under the constant care of his physician ever since, and it is unlikely that he will leave his room. General Benjamin F. Butler was born in 1818, and served in the Mexican and Civil wars. He was a member of Congress from 1863 to 1875, and was Governor of Massachusetts from 1875 to 1883.



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was born in New Hampshire on Nov. 5, 1818. He is a graduate of Waterville College, and a lawyer by profession. He was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1853 and to the State Senate in 1859. He fought in the war as brigadier general and major general. In 1862 he assisted in the capture of New Orleans, and he was made governor. He was elected to Congress in 1866, and subsequently several times. In 1882 he was elected governor of Massachusetts.

THOUSANDS SNEEZING.

Influenza Epidemic in Hamburg and Australia.

Twelve Thousand Victims in One City—Deaths and Suffering.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—It is estimated 12,000 persons were ill with influenza in Hamburg last week. Fatal cases, however, were few. The epidemic is spreading in Australia, and the influenza continues to rage with unabated violence throughout the colonies, and the epidemic is causing many deaths.

Among other things, the influenza is spreading in the United States. In one district there are over 7,000 cases and the deaths number several hundred.

The Most Rev. Dr. Carr, archbishop of Melbourne, has been confined to his bed, suffering from a severe attack of influenza. The disease is particularly violent in some country towns, where, in many instances, whole families are prostrated. Hitherto cases have been confined to those attending in years, but there is now a change, and all classes are being attacked.

A man named Allan was admitted to the hospital from Goomalgarra suffering from the malady. He died in half an hour after admission. Doctors say that the epidemic is increasing in violence. Five hundred school children at Collingwood are prostrated. The population of the municipality of Wollumban, which includes Newport and Spottiswoode, is about 15,000, and it is estimated that the bulk of them are prostrated.

At Sydney nearly all the employees in the mint have been seized with it. The work in the water and sewerage departments is almost at a standstill in consequence of the absence of many of the officials, who are away on sick leave.

At Broken Hill much trouble is being experienced at all the mines along the line through a great number of the miners and the surface hands being laid up with influenza. Block's mine is working short-handed to the extent of over 100 men.

THE PORT HURON COUNTERFEITERS.

PORT HURON, Dec. 7.—The examination of the alleged counterfeiters, Yeager, Taylor and Finnan, was held at the office of Commissioner Harris. Taylor and Yeager were held to appear before the grand jury in \$1,000 bail each. Finnan was discharged, no proof being shown that he was in any way implicated. The officers say that Yeager is again trying to play innocent, as he did when he was arrested with the noted counterfeiters. He is now serving a ten years' sentence in Jackson. Yeager at that time was pronounced insane, and was released.

THE NEW YORK EXPLOSION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—It is feared Russell Sage received a permanent injury to his right ear from the explosion in his office Friday. Dr. Mun is inclined to believe the drum has been fractured. In all other respects Mr. Sage's condition yesterday was much improved. In searching the effects of Wm. D. Southworth, the anarchist, a letter from the controller of the Prince of Wales was found. The crank, as a Freemason, had evidently written the Prince for money. This is the letter. Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S. W.—The controller of the Prince of Wales is directed to inform Mr. Southworth that his letter to the Prince of Wales applying for aid had been forwarded to the grand secretary, Free Mason House, to whom all such communications should be addressed—May 6, 1891.

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TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

Critical State of Affairs in Rio Janeiro.

Chinese Fire on a British Post—Terrible Distress in Russia.

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GREAT CALES

Visit the Coasts of Great Britain and France.

Vessels Sunk, the Country Flooded and a Number of Lives Lost.

A heavy gale has prevailed in the south of England and in the English Channel throughout the afternoon and evening. A repetition of the recent disasters is feared. A terrible storm is raging all along the French coast. Herring smacks at Fecamp are in extreme danger. One has already foundered, and her crew of 24 persons were drowned.

Rockets were being sent up from a vessel in the Mersey and life boats sent out to assist her. A barge has gone down at the mouth of the Thames and her crew perished. A vessel has been stranded at Shoreham, but her crew are safe. Thousands of acres of waste land is under water in Dorsetshire.

In Farnley district trees have been uprooted and houses unroofed. The Victoria is trying to land at Calais and the pier and had to put out to sea. She has 21 passengers on board. Some time after she put out to sea the vessel was again sighted to the northeast of Calais. She was showing signals of distress. Several tug boats were dispatched to render her assistance.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

Substantial Progress Made by the Order During the Past Year.

BRADFORD, Ont., Dec. 9.—The grand division of the Sons of Temperance of Ontario met here yesterday in annual session. The grand secretary's report shows that there has been an actual net gain of 2,192 members since last meeting and that 45 new divisions have been organized and four dormant divisions reactivated. The grand treasurer reported that the revenue for the year has been \$3,823 94, and the expenditure \$3,247 34, leaving a balance on hand of \$576 60. A public reception was tendered to the delegates.

CAUSED BY WORRY.

Suicide in South Easthope—A Sad Story.

STRATFORD, Ont., Dec. 9.—The man who cut his throat with a jack knife at the residence of Mr. Henry Tractell, in South Easthope, on Friday night, died at the hospital yesterday morning. Mrs. Thomas H. Tractell, of Toronto, arrived at the hospital yesterday morning. She is her husband's wife. Wallace said her husband was a farm laborer in the States, and to better their condition they came with their only daughter, a little girl of 12 years, to Toronto, about two weeks ago. An immigration agent there sent the husband to a farmer named McKay, near Princeton, Oxford county, who wanted a man, but when he arrived there he found that the position had been filled. He then started off in the direction of Ayr, seeking employment. When he reached that place he was worried over the pitiable condition of himself and family in a strange country without money or employment or friends, and began to tell upon his mind and he exhibited signs of insanity. Wandering on the case that evidence is insufficient to support the charges in the petition except insofar as the charge against Campbell is concerned, and I feel that I could hardly ask the court to void this election upon the testimony involving, as it does, the disqualification of Campbell himself, if your Lordships find that that act—a corrupt one—was really done by him.

THEY CRY QUILTS.

Petition and Cross-Petition in the North Middlesex Election Trial Dropped.

Counsel for Respondent Does Not Press the Charges on the Second Day—The Evidence.

Tuesday Morning.

When the court opened this morning a short consultation took place between Messrs. Aylesworth and Lister.

Mr. Aylesworth said—My Lords, since the court rose last night I have had an opportunity of examining the evidence expected here for the purpose of supporting this charge. I find on going through the case that the evidence is insufficient to support the charges in the petition except insofar as the charge against Campbell is concerned, and I feel that I could hardly ask the court to void this election upon the testimony involving, as it does, the disqualification of Campbell himself, if your Lordships find that that act—a corrupt one—was really done by him.

Mr. Aylesworth—I ask the judgment of the court.

Justice Rose—The petition must be dismissed.

Mr. Aylesworth—I presume the costs will be placed on the petitioner.

Justice Rose—Yes; the usual result must follow.

Mr. Aylesworth—There is a cross-petition, but no particulars have been filed on it. At any rate there is no desire to proceed with it, and I ask that it may be dismissed. I understand my client does not ask for costs.

Justice Rose—Very well. We will take up the East Middlesex petition at 10 o'clock sharp to-morrow morning, or, as I understand the changes are numerous, better commence at 9.30.

This was agreed to and the court rose.

COMMUNION CUPS.

A Cleveland Preacher Makes a Radical Departure.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 8.—A novel feature in communion service was inaugurated in the Southwestern Avenue E. Church Sunday morning. It has been customary in the Methodist Church to serve communion wine to all partakers from one cup. Rev. H. Webb held that it was as much a part of the service as the bread, and he decided to drink from the same cup, and on the ground of decency, good taste and politeness, he furnished each member who attended the service with a separate cup. There were 72 in all, and the cups would not go round, so some of them had to be washed. Some of the conservative members are inclined to grumble at the departure from orthodoxy.

THE POLITICAL SLATE.

A Candidate for John A. Macdonald's Seat—Mr. Hargratt Unseated in West Northumberland.

The Liberals of King's county, Nova Scotia, having again nominated Dr. F. W. Borden as candidate for the House of Commons.

The Privy Council sat on Monday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lord Stanley attended at the Governor-General's office from 2 to 3 p.m., and had a conference with the Premier.

The Executive Committee of the Conservative Association of Kingston has nominated J. H. Metcalfe, M.P.P., as candidate for the Dominion House.

In the Supreme Court at Halifax the time for hearing the Lunenburg case was fixed for April 6, at Lunenburg. McMillan vs. Thompson, the Antigonish case, is to be heard at Antigonish, April 12.

The West Northumberland contested election trial was concluded to-day (Tuesday), resulting in Mr. Hargratt (Lib.) being unseated.

A bottle of Angostura Bitters to flavor your lemonade or any other cold drink will keep you free from dyspepsia, Colic, Diarrhea and all diseases originating from the digestive organs. Be sure to get the genuine Angostura, manufactured by Dr. J. G. B. Siefert & Sons.

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CONGRESS—The New Speaker.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Mr. Crisp (Dem.) was yesterday elected Speaker of the United States House of Representatives amid a storm of applause.

Chatham Presbytery.

COMBER, Ont., Dec. 9.—The winter meeting of the Chatham Presbytery was held in St. Andrew's, Chatham, yesterday. Rev. Mr. McIntosh, of Sarnia, accepted a call from Dover. The induction will take place Dec. 22. Rev. Mr. Nattress was appointed delegate to the annual meeting of the Presbytery, L. W. F. M. S. to be held in Windsor in January. Mr. Nattress presented the claims of Knox College library. T. B. Stewart heartily recommended for work in the Northwest, did not approve of the appointment of foreign mission