

## CANADA A BIG FAVORITE IN AUSTRALIAN MARKET

Great Demand for Our Make of Farm Implements.

FIRMS SHOULD HAVE MEN ON GROUND.

Trade Commissioner Sees Splendid Opportunities for Enlarging Present Trade if Manufacturers Show Enterprise.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Features of Canadian trade with Australia, its present and its future, are dealt with at length in a report to the Trade and Commerce Department by D. H. Ross, commissioner at Melbourne. At the outset Mr. Ross emphasizes anew the desirability of Canadian houses having direct representative in Australia. Dealing with agricultural implements, he states that Canadian manufacturers occupy the preponderant position in that line because of the undoubted value of their machine. A decided growth in motor car importation is noted. In 1910 the value was \$44,607; in 1911 \$61,563, and in 1912, \$162,325. Mr. Ross points out that Australians like furniture characteristic of North America, but slow deliveries from Canadian factories is a recurrent complaint and hence orders are given frequently to more expeditious shippers. In Canadian made pianos the trade is fluctuating and unimportant.

Lumber imports from this country decreased by \$20,000 last year. This is explained by a curtailed shipment of British Columbia fir white Washington and Oregon Great Britain and by quoting lower rates. There are indications that the 1913 and 1914 importations of Canadian hardware will show considerable expansion. The Australian news print while commanding a good market in the commonwealth shows a falling off compared with 1908, showing a preference to be obtained a stronger hold on the Australian market.

Trade Commissioner Ray of Birmingham reports that over to the West Indies, various manufactures and produce hitherto exported to the West Indies from Great Britain and foreign sources will now be diverted to Canada.

Mr. Ray expresses the opinion that Canadians should make efforts to hold their share of the Scottish leather market for which the United States is making strong bids.

## FIND BODY OF MAN MISSING FOR WEEKS

Remains of Jack McDonald Discovered in State of Decomposition, Near a Fallen Tree.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 21.—The body of a man, later identified as that of missing Jack McDonald, was found yesterday near New Waterford.

The discovery was made near the Langan shore, about one hundred yards from the sea, and in what is known as Tambroke's field. The remains were found lying beside and partially hidden by a fallen tree, and judging from the position in which the body was found, it is conjectured that probably the deceased had stumbled over the tree and died where he fell.

The remains are very much decomposed and it cannot be said with any degree of certainty whether the deceased met his death from foul play or not.

It seems to be established that the body had not been in the sea so that any theory as to drowning will probably be discounted. The first informant was that the deceased man's name was Young, but later it was reported that the remains had been conclusively identified as those of Jack McDonald, who mysteriously disappeared about the first of November.

LARGE QUANTITY OF CHRISTMAS GOODS BURNED

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 21.—Nearly a hundred thousand dollars worth of holiday goods burned today in a fire which swept through the seven story annex to the department store of the C. F. Shreve, Company. The loss on the building is estimated at \$50,000.

GETTING QUITE ORDINARY.

Fresno, Calif., Dec. 20.—Lincoln Beachy looped the loop four times in a biplane here today. He also flew upside down for an eighth of a mile.

## WHEAT CROP OVER THREE BILLION MARK

World's Production 108.9 Per Cent. of Last Year — All Crops Show Good Increase

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—A cablegram received by T. K. Doherty, commissioner in Canada, from the International Agricultural Institute, gives the total production of wheat in Germany, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, France, Great Britain and Ireland, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Roumania, Russian Empire, Switzerland, Canada, United States, Japan, Algeria, India and Tunis as 3,569,000,000 bushels, or 108.9 per cent. of the production of the same countries last year.

The production of rye in fifteen countries is 1,235,000,000 bushels, or ninety-nine per cent. of that of the same countries last year; barley in nineteen countries, 1,524,000,000, or 107.7 per cent.; oats in nineteen countries, 4,302,000,000, or 102.3 per cent.; corn in twelve countries, 3,044,000,000, or eighty-two per cent.; sugar beet in twelve countries, 10,25 per cent. of last year; cleaned cotton in United States, India, Japan, and Egypt, 102.1 per cent.

## CANADIAN TRADE SHOWS BIG INCREASE

Big Gain in Products of the Farm During November — Fisheries Best in Dominion's History.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Special—Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of customs, has issued the monthly trade statement for Canada, showing a substantial increase in total trade for November, the total was \$111,459,000, compared with \$108,072,000 for the corresponding month in 1912. For the eight months of the present fiscal year, ended November 30, the aggregate trade was \$777,624,000, as against \$713,614,000 in the same months of 1912.

Domestic agricultural products exported in November totaled \$33,417,000, as against \$24,175,000 for the corresponding month of 1912. Exports of domestic animals and their products for November were \$7,795,000, for the corresponding month of 1912, these exports were \$4,839,000. The exports of manufactures for November also show a substantial and healthy increase. They were, domestic manufactures \$4,601,000, as against \$3,830,000 for November, 1912. There is also a substantial increase in the exports of the products of the mine, fisheries and forest.

For the eight months of the present fiscal year, ending November, the exports of agricultural produce easily take the lead. During this period domestic agricultural exports were \$142,335,000. For the corresponding eight months of the last fiscal year domestic agricultural exports were \$98,349,000.

During the eight months of the present fiscal year the exports of domestic animals and their products were \$38,824,000 compared with \$33,949,000 for the corresponding period of 1912. The fisheries were never in a more flourishing condition. For the eight months of the present fiscal year we exported of domestic fish \$13,556,000 as compared with \$10,498,000 for the corresponding eight months of 1912.

Imports for November exclusive of coin and bullion were \$50,202,000 made up as follows: Durable goods, \$22,338,000; free goods, \$17,863,000; for the corresponding month of 1912, the imports were: Durable goods, \$38,471,000; free goods, \$20,845,000, making a total of \$79,316,000.

The imports for the eight months ending Nov. 30th were: Durable goods, \$294,625,000; free goods, \$146,111,000, making a total of \$440,736,000. For the corresponding eight months of 1912 the imports of durable goods were \$323,319,959 and of free goods, \$152,231,000, making a total \$475,550,959.

## JAPAN TO NEW YORK VIA PANAMA CANAL

Tokyo, Dec. 21.—Japan has decided to inaugurate a steamship service with its terminus at Boston by way of Panama. The steamers will call at New Orleans and New York.

## NOVA SCOTIA CAPTAIN LOST OVERBOARD

Captain Richards Carried Away by Heavy Sea—Son at the Helm Sees Father Perish.

Halifax, Dec. 21.—The Nova Scotia schooner John Parker from Barbados has arrived here with her flag at half mast for the loss of her Captain, Jas. Richards, of Lahave, who was swept overboard and drowned on the passage. On December 11 Captain Richards was taking his reckoning when a heavy sea broke over the ship taking the captain with it. The captain's son was at the wheel at the time and shouted a warning to his father, but it came too late.

## ACQUITTED OF MURDER IN NEW JERSEY

Joseph Moriarity Freed of Charge of Killing Wife of Gardner on Gould Estate.

Toms River, N. J., Dec. 20.—Joseph Moriarity, also known as William J. Leehan, was acquitted by the jury on a charge of murdering Mrs. Caroline Turner, wife of a gardener on the estate of George Gould at Lakewood.

The jury was out an hour and ten minutes. Its verdict caused an uproar in the court room, which could not be controlled for five minutes.

The case of the prosecution, the defense contended, collapsed at last night's session, when witnesses for the prisoner testified that Moriarity had been home all afternoon on the day of the murder. One of the witnesses said she had heard Mrs. Turner's voice shortly after ten o'clock of the same evening and that the woman had then been one of the occupants of an automobile which ran into her yard and collided with a tree, lending color to the claim of the defense that Mrs. Turner had died as the result of an automobile accident or was the victim of violence at the hands of an automobile party.

## ATTEMPT TO BURN YARMOUTH CHURCH

Fire Set in Chancel of "All Saints"—Had Been Vacant For Over Twenty Years.

Halifax, Dec. 21.—An attempt was made this morning at one or two o'clock to burn the old Roman Catholic church on Barnard street, at Yarmouth. The fire was set in the back part of the church in the eastern end of the chancel wing, but was extinguished before any damage was done.

The building has been vacant since the completion of St. Ambrose church on Albert street in 1890. The old church was known as "All Saints" and was erected in 1846. Another attempt was made to burn a building near the Halifax and Southwestern Railway freight shed last night.

## WRECKAGE TAKES FIRE

C. N. R. Derailed in the West — Coaches Ablaze, Passengers Climb Through Windows to Safety.

Lorette, Manitoba, Dec. 21.—Canadian Northern train from Duluth, Minn., and Fort William, Ont., was derailed near here today and five coaches and a baggage and dining car overturned into the ditch. The wreckage caught fire, but the two hundred passengers escaped through windows, scratches and bruises, and helped extinguish the flames. A relief train from Winnipeg returned there tonight with the passengers. A broken rail caused the accident.

Three day coaches and all the hand baggage belonging to the passengers were destroyed by the fire before bucket brigades had subdued the blaze.

## WILL FIRE ON SHIPS BRINGING AMMUNITION

A Mexican Constitutionalist Agent Sends Out Warning — Another Rebel Attack on Tampico is Feared.

Mexico City, Dec. 21.—The rebel forces are crowding close on Tampico and a formal attack may be expected shortly. The report received by the government last night that the assault had begun was not questioned, as it was assumed at the place that this was the rebel plan, but it has developed that the officer who made the statement became confused over a minor engagement at a point some miles from Tampico.

Two minor engagements have occurred between Tampico and Atamira, twenty-three miles to the north, and the federal, according to the war office, were victorious in both. It is also announced by the war office that General Salazar has defeated the rebels between Cosojos and Hermosillo, in the state of Coahuila, to the north of Torreon.

Government officials express pessimism as to the chances of the negotiations for a loan in Europe, but the conservative and unofficial element profess to see in it little that will assist President Huerta in operating the government for any great length of time, since this loan is to meet interest payments on bonds.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Roberto Pasquero, confidential agent here of the Mexican constitutionalists, has instructed the agent of the party in London, Miguel Corvaburias, formerly Mexican minister to Russia, to advise Lloyd's maritime insurance agency that steamers of any nationality bringing munitions of war contracted for by the Mexican government will be fired on by the Mexican constitutionalists.

The agency here refused to say whether the constitutionalists expected to buy any ships for the purpose of blockading ports held by the federalists, but it was made plain that artillery and land forces would be stationed in the future to fire on foreign ships if they carried arms for the Huerta government. This course, according to the constitutionalists here, would be justified under international law.

They say they intended their caution chiefly for shipments that might come to the constitutionalists here, would be better able to prevent arms from being landed.

International complications are likely to arise if constitutionalist land forces open with their mountain artillery upon foreign ships, but as there seemed to be no immediate possibility of such a contingency officials displayed little interest in the subject.

## FELLED BY A CLUB AND THEN SHOT

Fort Plain, N. Y., Man Came to Help of Daughter and Was Slain by Her Assailant.

Fort Plain, N. Y., Dec. 21.—A crime that has aroused the countryside was discovered early this morning, when Helen Barrett, 29 years old, succeeded in freeing herself from gag and ropes at her home, six miles east of Fort Plain, where after she was attacked last night, her father was attacked by a man or men in search of money. The victim was John Barrett, sixty years old. He was clubbed and shot through the head. His money, a considerable sum, he had hidden behind a wall, was untouched.

Helen Barrett was stunned by a blow of a club while reading, between nine and ten o'clock last night. Her father was slain when he came to her aid. The daughter did not know who committed the crime, and the authorities have had to work without a clue.

## SHOT FIRED AT MINISTER PENETRATED BIBLE

Blairville, Pa., Dec. 21.—What is believed to have been a deliberate attempt to assassinate Rev. Dr. R. E. McClure, pastor of the Blairville United Presbyterian church, and president of the Indiana County Anti-Saloon League, failed late last night when a bullet fired at the minister penetrated a Bible, which he carried under his arm, and made a slight abrasion upon Dr. McClure's left side. The authorities are searching for two men, one of whom fired two shots at the clergyman, and who dropped his hat in escaping.

Dr. McClure is widely known over this section of Pennsylvania through his activity in anti-saloon crusades.

## ITALY'S KING GIVES LESSON IN DEMOCRACY

Refuses to Have "Mona Lisa" Sent to Palace, But Goes to See it at Ministry.

Rome, Dec. 20.—On hearing that King Victor Emmanuel had expressed a desire to see "Mona Lisa" when Leonardo Da Vinci's masterpiece was brought to the ministry of fine arts here today from Florence, Signor Credaro, the minister of fine arts immediately said: "Do no such thing," answered His Majesty. "The King can go where he pleases."

The King, accompanied by his first aide, General Brusati, was among the early arrivals at the ministry to admire the painting. Afterwards the painting was inspected by the cabinet ministers, senators and the members of the diplomatic corps and their families.

The "Mona Lisa" will be officially delivered to Camille Barre, the French ambassador to Italy, tomorrow, in the presence of the Marquis Di San Giuliano, the Italian minister of foreign affairs and Signor Credaro. It then will be placed on exhibition at the Borghese Museum.

## BANK ROBBERS WERE OUT TEN DOLLAR BILL

Gave it to Teller So As to Distract Attention, Had to Take Quick Leave and Left it Behind.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 21.—A gang of robbers yesterday morning entered the Robson street branch of the Bank of Ottawa in this city, but failed to get away with any money. In fact they left a small souvenir in the shape of a ten dollar bill. It was just after the bank opened at 10 o'clock that two young men approached the teller's desk, and pushing through a ten dollar note, asked for change. The teller reached for his cash and at the same moment each of the two men produced a revolver and commenced shooting. The teller ducked under the counter. The robbers fired five shots and tried to reach the hills but could not. People in the neighborhood began to rush towards the bank and the robbers still firing started away. They escaped in the fog which was heavy at the time. The bank still has the ten dollar bill brought in by the robbers.

## BRING TALES OF AMBRIM EARTHQUAKE

Eye Witnesses Tell of Horrible Scenes as Inhabitants Were Buried Under Stratom of Molten Lava.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 21.—Incoming steamers bring terrible details of the recent volcanic eruptions on the island of Ambrim, in the New Hebrides group, in which 500 natives lost their lives. Witnesses of the disturbance describe it as having been so sudden and violent that they expected to see the whole western side of the island disappear.

With a terrific roar, which was followed by a rapid succession of artillery-like detonations, all the craters of the volcano entered into full activity, spouting flames and lava and throwing out huge boulders.

Great streams of lava soon were floating down the slopes, cutting off the villagers from escape. In one instance two torrents of the molten mass joined and made an island of one entire section of a village. Here fifty or sixty persons perished. Flames shot into the air to a height of a thousand feet, illuminating the whole scene of destruction.

The bay after the eruption was filled with dead fish and large numbers of dead turtles. The water in the river was hot. The British hospital buildings were wiped out of existence, but previous to their destruction the doctors plucked removed all the patients to a launch and escaped with them.

## LOWER RATES BETWEEN CANADA AND AUSTRALIA

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Special—A reduction in parcel post rates between Canada and Australia will go into effect on January 1st. The rate to and from Vancouver for two pound packages is reduced from forty-eight to thirty-eight cents, for three pound packages from seventy-three to forty-eight, five pounds from \$1.21 to seventy-three cents with corresponding reductions up to ten pounds, for which the old rate of \$2.67 is reduced to \$1.46.

## FIRE DEVASTATES FAIRLY PORTSMOUTH DOCKYARD

British Shipyard Swept by Million Dollar Blaze.

PORTSMOUTH, ENGL., Dec. 21.—A fire involving damage variously estimated at from \$1,250,000 to \$2,500,000 devastated the famous dockyard Saturday night, and resulted in the loss of two lives and the destruction of the century-old semaphore tower, which, in the pre-telegraph days, was the great signalling station between the fleet and the Admiralty.

An examination of the ruins today disclosed the fact that two of the three signal men who had remained in the tower to summon help when the fire broke out, were burned to death. The third managed to make his escape through the smoke and flames to an adjoining roof and there fell unconscious. He was subsequently rescued.

Nothing is known as to how the fire originated. When it was first observed from the deck of the new battle cruiser Queen Mary, it had already obtained a good hold on the inflammable material in the left and saloon. All the fire fighting apparatus in the dockyard was rapidly brought into action, and the efforts of the men were devoted to preventing the fire from reaching the main store at the end of the burning building, which was filled with thirty thousand tons of heavy oil. After many hours most strenuous work the fire was gotten under control.

It had then reached within eight feet of these tanks. The flames were finally extinguished about three o'clock Sunday morning.

The huge wooden semaphore structure surrounding the rigging tower was a blazing beacon within half an hour after the outbreak, and collapsed on to the roof of the main tower and building, converting the whole into a fiery mass. Fire parties were sent to the dockyard from all the warships in the harbor, and the battle cruiser Queen Mary, on which burning brands were falling, was towed out of the danger zone.

Many valuable models of old warships recorded relating to Nelson and Carlier, and naval relics were destroyed.

## SCIENTIFIC YACHT BACK FROM CRUISE

After Ninety Thousand Mile Voyage Scientists Bring Back Record of Important Errors on Charts.

New York, Dec. 20.—After a three and a half years cruise about the world during which she travelled 82,000 miles the non-magnetic yacht Carnegie of the Carnegie Institution at Washington dropped anchor today in Erie Basin, South Brooklyn.

During every day of her trip, through frigid and torrid zones, scientists aboard the 155 foot auxiliary yacht took magnetic observations, and they brought back with them records of important errors, particularly in the charts showing the compass variations over the Indian ocean.

Correction of these errors will prove of great importance to navigators. William J. Peters, of the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism of the Institute, who commanded the vessel, said tonight:

The vessel, its sails weatherstained and frayed, and its hull bearing plain evidence of the adventurous course it has had, will be thoroughly overhauled during the winter in preparation for another long trip.

Mr. Peters will immediately prepare his report of the magnetic observations for the Institute. The more important variations which were found have already been sent by wireless or cable to the various governments of the world for the use of navigators. Whenever the yacht touches land, observations were made through the courtesy of the different governments, and Mr. Peters said the expedition met with the greatest courtesy at every port it touched.

The Carnegie has practically no magnetic metals in its make up, save the small auxiliary engine used to supplement the 12,000 feet of sail she carries. The yacht is 155 feet over all, with a displacement of 568 tons.

## CENTURY OLD SIGNAL TOWER WIPED OUT

Two Men Who Remained to Summon Help Perished in the Flames — Models of Old Warships Are Destroyed.

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## GIRL'S DEATH ADDS TO THE MYSTERY

Finch Girl Who Disappeared in Toronto Found Unconscious and Dies Without Explaining Circumstances.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Anna Jokinson, the Finnish girl who mysteriously disappeared on December 4 last, while out walking in the northern part of the city, was found today. She was lying in an unconscious condition at Bellington avenue and Forest road. The girl was breathing when she was first found, but was dead when Dr. Bond reached the scene.

The unfortunate girl never regained consciousness after she was found. The chief coroner was notified and promptly ordered an inquest.

The circumstances surrounding, finding, and death of the girl furnish a mystery unparalleled in local annals. There was not a mark of violence on the body, but the eyes had a vacant stare as of one who had died slowly under unnatural circumstances.

The girl's disappearance caused grave alarm to her friends, and rumors of white slavery methods were heard. A local Finnish society recently offered a reward of \$500 for any information as to her whereabouts.

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