# POOR DOCUMENT

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BTILL A DEMAND FOR MORE

to that body. With regard to our foreign relations and dependencies in the fareast he takes a wide and statesmanlike view of the whole matter. His attitude

TRIAL, THEATRICAL CONING.

Business Demands More Specie Than is in Sight-Exchange Very High-Comments on the President's Message-What Congress

that just now any such campaign would be quickly brought to grief by prohibitive rates. The bank reserves are much below the usual average of the season. Trade activity retards the return of funds from activity retards the return of funds from the interior. The treasury continues to absorb money, and the offer to buy bonds affords only partial relief, as holders have other uses for them than the interest they pay. In short, there is a large and perfectly healthy demand for money, which can not freely be met because of a cumbersome and antiquated currency system which prevents expansion or contraction according to the needs of the moment. January disbursements will amount to probably \$150,000,000, preparations for which will keep money more or less active meanwhile. Still another factor of importance must be reckoned with, and that is foreign exchange. Sterling has advanced owing to the high rates in London, the Bank of England rate of discount being at its highest point since the London, the Bank of England rate of discount being at its highest point since the Baring panic. It cannot be said that this stringency is due to weakness or fear, but rather to a prudent determination of the Bank of England to protect its gold reserve and prevent demands from the Argentine or elsewhere. Trade activity is almost worldwide so the demand for gentine or elsewhere. Trade activity is almost worldwide, so the demand for money on this account is not limited to the United States; and with a partial cessation of the gold supply through the Transvaal war it is not surprising that London should take means for self-protection. Gold exports from the United States may happen, but do not seem probable, for money rates would quickly harden in response to any such movement. As said above the local market is not likely to get any relief through the medium of to get any relief through the medium of foreign exchange for some time to come.
There are fair offerings of bills against remittances and manufacturing exports while There are fair offerings of Dins age.

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The supply of grain and cotton bills is much below the average. Conditions are somewhat strained in Berlin, and a pinch there or in London would of course be to some extent reflected here.

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Advocates of the garrote and guillotine all had their say before the discussion was alosed.

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The president's message has won more approval than usual. His clear utterance for the gold standard, his prudent yet progressive attitude on foreign affairs, and his advice to congress to give the emonopolistic trusts careful attention—the three most important topics, treated without a partisan touch—all show that he is fully partisan touch—all show that he is fully entitled to the confidence of the people. The present session of congress has much important work before it. Foreign questions will occupy much of its time, and domestic problems will require some serious thought. As a disturber of business this congress, however, promises to be less this congress, however, promises to be less serious than usual. On the contrary, it is serious than usual. On the contrary, it is probable that one of its acts will be to put the country squarley on the gold standard and take the first step towards securing and take the first step towards securing a scientific currency system. When this is accomplished, there will be renewed cause for confidence regarding the future. The passage of such a bill will certainly be favorable to all business interests. Until easier rates for money are in sight, however, buying of securities should be conducted with extra caution.

The president's message is well written and conservative document and should be satisfactory to the great mass of the Am-

satisfactory to the great mass of the American people. All the questions to which he refers are presented in a full and com-

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of these is the one relative to the gold
standard and upon which he declares hunself in words so clear and expressive as to
leave no room for misunderstanding.

The president has now fulfilled his election pledges and conformed to every rendition of the policy to which he committed
himself when nominated for the position
which he has thus far so nonorably and
faithfully filled. One of his most import
ant implied promises in the course of the faithfully filled. One of his most import ant implied promises in the course of the policy which he prescribed for himself, more expressively after his election, was the proseperity of the country. This intention has been realized almost beyond the dreams of avarice, when we consider the frightful depression which brought the country almost to the verge of bankruptcy during the two years preceding his advent to the presidential chair.

President McKinley promised to maintain the gold standard. He has done so despite the most vigorous opposition; also,

tain the gold standard. He has done so despite the most vigorous opposition; also, to adjust the tariff to the requirements of our industries, and to stop the outflow of gold from the treasury, bringing the receipts and expenditures of the government to counterbalance each other. And he did all this despite the intervention of a warr with a foreign power, the affairs of which he managed like an experienced general.

Washington, Dec. 12.—United States Minister Hunter at Guatemala has reported to the state department that disported to the state department that

He now hands the trust question—that great bete noire of business and labor interests—over to congress and recommends upon all the questions now before the peo ple should enlist the support of the entire ountry.

### A DEAD FARE

Horrible Discovery of a New York

Paris, Dec. 11.—The minister of the colonies, M. De Crais, in the Chamber of Deputies, today, during the continuation of the debate on the colonial budget, replied to various critica, saying in effect, that the government was incesantly occupied with schemes for the defense of the colonies and thought France's colonial empire was now complete and large enough to be disputed by none. It was quite unnecessary, he added, to launch new unilitary expeditions. France, in his opinion, ought to confine herself to developing the vast territories she already possesses."

# A CHRERFUL DISCUSSION.

Lawyers Condemn Electrical Execution, Preferring the Axe cr Guillotine.

New York, Dec. 12—At the annual meeting of the New York Society of Medical Jurisprudence, last night, Attorney Roger M. Sherman, in an address, most strenuously opposed executions by electricity, declaring that the interval between shocks was an eternity of anguish to the victim. He asserted that the time would come when the dynamo would have to be supplanted by the axe.

MANCHESTER COMMERCE PUT INTO HALIFAX FOR REPAIRS.

Propellor Blades Gone-The Monteagle, With Mails, Reports Very Bad Weather and a Rough Passage-To Take Deals at Halifax.

Halifax, Dec. 12-The weekly mail Halifax, Dec. 12—The weekly mail steamer from Liverpool, Dec. 2, via Moville, 3rd, arrived tonight at 9 o'clock, after an unusually rough passage, westerly gales and rough seas prevailed all the

and strain badly. Sunday last another heavy gale was met.

The Monteagle brought three saloon passengers, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson, and William Cunningham, the latter being bound for St. John. She has about 100 tons cargo to discharge here and will also take in quantity deals, etc., before proceeding for St. John. She will get away about noon tomorrow. Captain Taylor, formerly of the Lake Superior is in command.

in command.

The Manchester liner Manchester Commerce, from Shields, Nov. 29th, bound to
St. John, N. B., put in here shortly after
midnight for repairs, having lost two
blades from her propellor. She will be docked in the morning.

CENTRAL AMERICAN UPRISING SUPPRESSED

### BOSTON LETTER.

The Democrats May Lose Today's Election as a Result of the Split-Tremont Street Merchants Making War on the Subway-A New Theatre.

Making War on the Subway—

May do is Worrying Business Mon.

New York, Dec. 9—Some disappointment is expected at the tardiness which the stock marking favorable conditions.

With threstal prosperity in all parts of the country, it has been reasonably and generally supposed that higher participations with the stock marking favorable conditions.

With threstal prosperity in the property in the pro nonor. But this is the price that mus THE PREACH COLOBIAL MINISTRY

Thinks France Has Enough Colonies—Development Needed More

honor. But this is the price that must be paid for the neglect of duty, and the non-application of those checks, and guar antees which alone can save a municipality from disgrace and dishonor. Under the rule of the present party the debt of the city has been increased to over \$30, 000,000. Of course there is considerable to show for this in new bath houses.

to show for this in new bath houses, parks and driveways. The American ple have a great deal to know and learn in the way of municipal reform and if for the Intercolonial Railway in this city, the acommodation given by the Grand some measure of energy and application. Trunk railway is entirely inadequate for Trunk railway is entirely inadequate for the increasing business.

At the time the sub-way was completed At the time the surface tracks on Tremont street were taken up and the cars ceased running. Now an agitation has been going on for some time to have them put down again.
At present storekeepers complain of loss
of trade. Shoppers, they say, will not
walk long distances to their stores and, as a result, visit other places to buy goods. Sales have fallen off 25 and 30 per cent.. There is quite a difference of opinion among the citizens with reference to this question. As a rule the property owners and storekeepers on Tremont street are a unit to have the tracks back

The old Providence depot on Columbi The old Providence depot on Columbus avenue has been put to a unique purpose. It is at present fitted up as an art gallery and a varied collection of paintings representing scenes in the life of Christ are now on exhibition. The paintings are by an artis of renown and the collection well

worthy of a visit by lovers of art.

The old libary building on Boylston street has been torn down and a new theatre will soon rise in its place to be

theatre will soon rise in his place to be known as the Lyric.

This the last week of Henry Irving's engagement and the theatre is crowded nightly with a large and fashionable audience. The actor and Miss Terry are favorites with Bostonians and have the entire with the carief functions of the tree to many of the social functions of the Hub. Last night the Merchant of Venice was given with all that wealth of detail and skillin ar augement of mene so char cteristic of the great actor.

We are still on the top wave of

perity, although we are paying dear for it in the increased cost of living. This of course comes hard on those who are living on fixed incomes. One pleasing note, however, is heard in the advance in wages of ly gales and rough seas prevailed all the way. On the 8th a furious gale raged from 10 p. m. till 6 a. m. of the 9th with terrific squalls, confused and mountain ous seas which caused the ship to labor and strain badly. Sunday last another heavy gale was met.

> shadowed this week by the political squabbles of Murphy and Collins incident to the approaching election for mayor.
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> The worst feature in the war news is the false reports on bulletin boards put out by some papers who have no regard park last night, lay down on the mound for truth or honor. No wonder you folks where the garden blooms in summer and on Canadian soil want an Associated press W.S.

PAPER MILL WHICH RUNS ITSELF Economical Way of Doing Business on a

Connecticut Farm.

around it. A look in the base and around it. A look in the visitor then wandered over the mill, hoping to find some one to whom he could talk business. The machine was huming along, and it seems the second in the ed impossible that there should be no one in attendance. But even shouting failed to bring forth signs of life, and Mr. McCormick was about to leave when spied some men in a hay field some

distance away.

"I say," he called out to the nearest one when he got within hearing, "who runs this mill?"

"I do," was the reply.

"Well, who's the owner?"

"Do you mean to say that the mill runs itself?"

siderable damage about the city and vessels that were out in the Bay last night have found it very rough as the storm caused a high sea. There was quite a roll on in the harbor, but no damage to the shipping is reported.

A number of fences were blown down about the city. A large bill board on Mill street fell about 8.30 with a crash. The streets were almost deserted while those who ventured out found the task of holding an umbrella up very difficult and the wrecks of many rain protectors litter the streets.

was blown down by the force of the gale about 9 o'clock. It broke off six feet from the ground and fell with an awful crash, carrying down and destroying a section of the iron rail, and completly blocking the walk. A lady who was passing had a narrow escape from injury.

Quebec Demands a Separate Depot and a Resident Freight Agent.

the annual meeting this afternoon, passed a resolution instructing the secretay to adlress the minister of railways and canals asking for the estabthe requirements of the increasing business. This city also asks for the appoint ment of a resident freight agent to attend solely to their freight business.

DIVIDENDS DECLARED.

New York, Dec. 12-The directors of the American Steel and Wire Co., have declared a quarterly dividend of 12 per cent on its preferred stock, payable Jan. 2. New York, Dec. 12—The directors of the Federal Steel Co., today declared a dividend of 3 per cent on the preferred stock, payable Jan. 20. President Cary made a payable Jan. 20. President Cary made a statement to the effect that it is the expectation of the directors to declare a dividend on the common stock as soon after Jan. 1 as may be legal and in com-formity with the rules of the stock ex-change on the bases of five per cent per

described as young, pretty, and of an artistic temperament, went into Prospect where the garden blooms in summer an drank three ounces of carbolic acid. No reason is given for her suicide. In her pocket-book was found a poem referring to death.

SPANISH PRISONERS

Washington, Dec. 12.—The War depart

mill which buzzed merrily in a shady dell, with everything clean and sweet around it. A look in the office showed SOMETHING FOR NOTHING ABSOLUTELY

"Why, I am, to be sure."

The heavy southwest gale and rain Delegates to the American Federation of Labor in Session at

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11.—Nearly 200 delegates representing all branches of trade unionism with an estimated total nembership of nearly 800,000, were seated membership of nearly 800,000, were seated at writing tables scattered over the floor of Harmonie Hall today when the 19th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor was called to order. In the absence of both President Gomper and Vice-President McGuire the gathering was called to order by James Duncan, of Baltimore, second vice-president.

ORGANIZED LABOR.

Quebec, Dec. 12.-The board of trade at Liberals Return Two Men by Large

Toronto, Dec. 12.—Four bye-elections to fill vacancies in the dominion house took place today. The result was an even division. The Liberals won two seats by large majorities. The returns show East and West Elgin have returned Conservatives, but by very narrow margins. The South Ontario—Dryden, (Liberal) 352 majority.

South Brant—Preston, (Liberal) 430 lowing year. He was a hard and conscientious worker and has devoted a great deal of his time to the duties of his office, serving on the committee on claims, public property, and accounts. This year Mr. Ahern is a chairman of the public property committee, chairman of the special committee on municipal baths and also member of the finance and park committees. It is mainly through Alderman Ahern's efforts that the public bathing has been provided tor and his re-

ive) 21 majority. East Elgin—Brower, (Conservative) 58 majority.

## SHIPPING NOTES.

Coastwise lumber rates are fairly well sustained, though the demand appears of a less urgent character, this being attributed to the approaching holidays, and the usual suspension of labor at the mills about this period of the season. The sea-

dange on the bases of five per cent per cannow.

To DEFINE THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

Washington,Dec. 12—The government of Great Britain has designated I. Ming. It was a stronger at 10 table at the mills of Great Britain has designated I. Ming. It was a stronger at Ottawa, as the representative of her majesty's government in the delimitation of the provisional boundary line between Alaskan are made the representative of her majesty's government in the delimitation of the provisional boundary line between Alaskan are made the rare of the government of the terms of the government of the containt of the terms of the government of the containt of the terms of the government of the terms of the government of the terms of the government of the containt of the terms of the government of the terms of the government of the containt of the terms of the government of the containt of the terms of the government of the terms of the government of the terms of the government of the containt of the terms of the government of the terms of the government of the containt of the terms of the government of the containt of the terms of the government of the containt of the terms of the government of the containt of the terms of the government of the containt of the terms of the government of the containt of the containt

the boy, "but them welts he made on me is just the kind mother used to make!" [Chicago Tribune.

LORD SALISBURY AT A CABINET

London, Dec. 8.—The cabinet held a two hours' session today. Lord Salisbury has recovered his health sufficiently

TO DINE DR. BORDEN.

Montreal, Dec. 11.-The militia officers of the Montreal district will tender a banquet to Hon. Dr. Borden at the Windsor Hotel, Tuesday, December 9.



### OTTAWA NEWS.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.-The premier has re-Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The premier has received a communication that a deputation is coming up from the Montreal Corn Exchange to protest against the course followed by the Montreal harbor commissioners in granting to the Connors syndicate, of Buffalo, a term lease of an important portion of the harbor property for the erection of an elevator.

Three senators are said to be very ill and will not likely be able to be herewhen parliament meets. They are Senwhen parliament meets. They are Senators Gowans of Galt, Sullivan of Kingston, and Sir Frank Smith, of Toronto.

FORMERLY OF ST. JOHN.

A recent issue of the Cambridge (Mass),
Times contains an article introducing Mr.
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for the board of aldermen. A good picture of Mr. Ahern is also given. He is
well known and respected in St. John,
where he spent some years in charge of
the Collier publishing business in the
gates were then declared seated. After
adoption of a resolution of sympathy for
President Gompers, the annual report of
Mr. Gompers was read by Vice-President
Duncan and the convention took a recess.

BY ELECTIONS

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maritime provinces. The Times says:
"Mr. Ahern is very popular socially
and among the many societies with which
he is identified; the most prominent are
the St. John's Laterary Institute, Knight's
of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Catholic Union, the Quincy
School Association, Past Members of St.
James Lyceum, the Ancient Order of Hibernian and the Royal Arcanum. A recent issue of the Cambridge (Mass)

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He has always taken an active interest Majorities, the Conservatives Two
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Brant—Preston, (Liberal) 430 bathing has been provided for and his return to the board would indeed be wise, Elgin—McDiarmid, (Conservat-because of the interest he has manifested in the health of our citizens by providing such bathing facilities. He is also gerative interested in the proposed all the year round baths.

> RAT-HUNTING IN DENMARK. Pests Are So Numerous That People Are Paid to Kill Them.

against rats is being prosecuted with vig-or. It was originally started in Copen-



