

A Treaty For Trade

Sir Ernest Satow Proposes Draft of an Arrangement With China.

Sister of Charity Tells of Massacre of Little Boys.

United States Would Like the Negotiations Transferred to Washington.

Shanghai, Jan. 7.—Sir Ernest Satow, British minister to China, has proposed to the Chinese foreign office the draft of a commercial treaty with China based upon the following conditions:
First—Freedom for all coasting vessels...
Second—Freedom for all vessels on inland waters...
Third—Permission to import foreign salt...
Fourth—Adoption of regulations concerning Chinese investments in foreign concerns...
Fifth—Steps extending China's exports and imports...
Sixth—Protection of treaty ports...
The draft has not been accepted by the Chinese foreign office regarding it.

London, Jan. 7.—A Sister of Charity, writing from the Maison de Jesus Enfant at Ninig Po, November 20, describes the massacre at Naikin of 100 little boys. Some of them, she says, were roasting alive in the burning of their parents, who were killed. Others, led by a brother, escaped to the orphanage outside the city, but all were killed and the place was burned. Despite threats of torture and the frequency of most painful deaths, declares the Sister, apostasy was wonderfully rare.
The United States government has proposed to the powers, says the Washington correspondent of the Daily Mail, to transfer the Chinese negotiations from Peking to Washington.

The British foreign office considers the reported agreement between Russia and China regarding the Manchurian province of Feng Tien as merely referring to military agreement of a purely defensive character. There is nothing in the possession of the foreign office to show that any such agreement has the sanction of Russia and China.

In the opinion of the foreign office, there is likely to be a great deal of discussion before the Chinese imperial personages finally agree to the penalties insisted upon by the powers.
Peking, Jan. 7.—The report that the Chinese court had instructed the Chinese peace envoys to refuse to sign the joint note of the powers to China is confirmed. The court returned to the objections of southern viceroys, which are the same as the court in Prince Ching's how, informed the court that it was too late, and a reply from the court is expected shortly.

Count von Waldseer says that China's request through her representatives to foreign courts, that the expedition should cease, cannot be complied with at present. No expedition, he asserts, are sent out without adequate cause. When there are actual instances of disorder, troops are sent to interfere, this being the only means of preventing, what he declares to be a necessary protection to life and property.
This afternoon agreements identical for each side were signed in Beijing, China. Those close to Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang say they have decided to sign, even if that, says the news, without regard to the latest orders from the court. Others, who are apparently equally close, say they will not sign, maintaining, as they do, that there are two factions surrounding the court, equally strong, and that it would be impolitic for the Chinese plenipotentiaries to present to act for themselves.

WESTMINSTER VETERAN DEAD

Sergt. Major McMurphy Passes Away at a Ripe Old Age.

Ottawa, Jan. 7.—(Special)—Sir Charles Tupper sails for England on the 17th. He has sold his Ottawa residence to Dr. Montizambelli, director-general of public health.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Westminster, Jan. 7.—Sergt-Major McMurphy, late of the 1st Battalion of the 45th Foot, died at 5:30 to-day at his residence here after 45 years' illness. He came to British Columbia in 1855 with the Royal Engineers, and after the disbanding of his regiment, settled in New Westminster with his family. He held several positions under the government, the principal one being government superintendent of road construction, and he was in active employment until age compelled him to retire.

He was 88 years of age at the time of his death. He leaves a widow, 11 children and 14 grandchildren. His children are John McMurphy, Mrs. Charles Digby, Mrs. W. Turnbull, Donald McMurphy, Robert McMurphy, William McMurphy, Mrs. A. T. Murcheson, Mrs. C. B. Eastman, George Douglas McMurphy, James McMurphy, and Mrs. (Rev.) J. E. Hicks, of Victoria West, all but the last mentioned living in New Westminster. Sergt-Major McMurphy was widely known and highly respected throughout the province, and having been stationed at so many different places in the province, British Columbia might be said to be his home, although, in the words of his son, Mr. John McMurphy, Westminister was his headquarters.

The old soldier always took a keen interest in the militia, and only last Wednesday he attended the banquet in Westminster to the men from South Africa.

TRADE WITH BRITAIN.
Statement as to the Value of Imports From and Exports To Canada.

OUT ON STRIKE Trouble at Pictou Coal Mines Over a Dismissal.

Pictou, N. S., Jan. 7.—The strike is on again at Pictou mines. One man who went out on strike first, refused to help the manager keep the mines clear of water. When the man went back to-day, he was refused work. Hence all men went out again.

TAMMANY DENIES Committee Says New York Officials Have Not Collected Blood Money.

New York, Jan. 7.—The charges that members of the Tammany Hall and New York officials have been collecting "blood money" from gambling houses and other disreputable places of the city, was officially denied by a Tammany committee. The committee also repudiated the charge that the money was collected from the gamblers and divided with Richard Croker and other members of the Tammany organization.

AN INSURANCE CASE

Important Decision in Regard to a Fire Risk.
Washington, Jan. 7.—The supreme court to-day decided the case of the Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Co. v. Kearney & Wyse, involving the validity of the clause in a fire insurance policy requiring the assured to keep an inventory of his effects in a fireproof compartment, and holding the policy void if not. Kearney & Wyse were hardware dealers in Ardmore, and lost their property in a fire on Monday night. The fourth circuit decided that this occurrence did not invalidate the policy, and the supreme court affirmed this opinion.

NEWFOUNDLAND

Enormous Quantities of Snow Impede Railway Traffic.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 7.—The weather continues severe. This winter has been very trying, snow is piled in tremendous quantities in many sections of the island and enormous difficulty and expenses are involved in moving trains, which have a constant struggle in order to combat the storms successfully.
Sir Henry Edward McCallum will leave early in March to assume the governorship of Natal. The resignation of Sir John Bramston, who was chairman of the royal commission of inquiry into the French question in 1898.

Collapse Under Weight of Snow

Several Roofs in Vancouver Cave in But Damage Not Great.

Heavy Storm Raging and Ground Covered Thirty Inches on Level.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Vancouver, Jan. 7.—To-night a heavy snowstorm is raging and the snow is about 2 1/2 feet on the level. Several flat roofs have suffered, the more serious ones having the collapse of Lee's carriage house, on the west side of the city. One hatch almost new, was smashed by pieces. Other roofs were reported to have caved in, and should it rain, more will follow.

John Scullto, who committed suicide on Monday in Seattle, was buried in the same place as the body of a Roman Catholic, and according to the teaching of that church, he forfeited his right to burial by a Roman Catholic priest, owing to his act of self-murder. He was buried by a Protestant minister.

Two suspects were arrested in Seattle yesterday on suspicion of having goods stolen in Vancouver in their possession. Officer Butler, of Vancouver, who is in Seattle, will inspect the goods.

The charge of burglary against the notorious Seattle crook, Rex, has been through, and Westminster has claimed him on a charge of rolling a man for \$500.

J. C. Nixon, for the third time, wins the Tacoma bankers' cup for 10 highest scoring birds at the Vancouver poultry show.

Premier Dunsmuir left for the East to-day in company with Attorney-General Elbert.

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Toronto, Jan. 7.—The Evening Telegram's London cable says: The total value of imports into Great Britain from Canada during last year was \$18,554,000, exports to Canada, \$5,022,000.

Anxious For Peace

Central Peace Commission at Kronstad Issues Circular to Boers.

It Points Out That Obsolete Majority is Causing Great Misery.

And Appeals to the Burguers to Accept the Inevitable.

Capetown, Jan. 8.—The central peace commission at Kronstad has issued a circular, in the course of which it says:
"The time has arrived for the inhabitants of Orange River Colony to make an effort to avert their country from further destruction. The country is literally a vast wilderness. The farmers, ruined and facing starvation, are obliged to go to the towns for protection, and huge refugee camps have been formed by the British for them. This misery is caused by an obsolete majority, who will not bow to the inevitable."

The circular points out that the British will never restore independence to the republics and base upon the burguers the duty of surrendering and accepting the terms offered.

The recent kraander congress at Worcester is criticized in the circular as misleading the Boers and giving false impressions. In conclusion, the committee says:
"The British government is willing to settle matters in a way not ungenerous or humiliating to us. We appeal to you to appoint another congress and to nominate a commission to visit Mr. Bulwer and Gen. Dewet and try to persuade them to accept the terms Great Britain offers."

"These two men are the only obstacles to peace. We ask you to believe us in our sincerity. We are not willing to have any peace, but we are willing to have anything if we can get it. We have continued and have encouraged the burguers with a hope that we would get European assistance. It is your duty to get all communication with the outside world. You know, and we know, how unimportant that is to you. It is your duty to assist us to make him understand this. We appeal to you to end the unhappy state of affairs which is plunging everybody into poverty and despair. We appeal to you because we know you are able to assist us in the right manner."

The committee includes W. E. Seyel, late assistant chief commandant; three members of the kraander and two justices of the peace.
It is reported that the Boers have reached their own country, in a party of 2000, the village of Piquette. The country around Kimberley is being cleared of people, live stock and food stuffs. A commando of 15000 men, with 100000 head of cattle, is reported to have left Kimberley. It is reported that all residents of Vryburg who are unable to supply themselves with provisions for two months must be brought south.

London, Jan. 8.—Lord Raglan, under secretary of state for war, who was interviewed to-day by a representative of the Association for the Peace, and the trend of events in South Africa and the possibilities of peace, and the action the war office is regarding the current situation in all respects, is published as follows:
"The condition of affairs in South Africa is a serious one. It is well known that the war office is not in a position to fight in the ordinary way against a potent enemy. The situation is, however, not such as to require us to make any such declaration. We are in a position to make any such declaration, and we are in a position to make any such declaration."

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Baron d'Anothan, the Belgium minister here, in an interview, denied that he had accepted any such declaration to Gen. Zurlinden. He admits that he sent his government cuttings from newspapers and magazines to Gen. Zurlinden, but that throughout his career he remained loyal to the Belgian cause. He also stated that he had not accepted any such declaration to Gen. Zurlinden, and that he had not accepted any such declaration to Gen. Zurlinden.

TO ANNEX BELGIUM

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THE MANITOBA SCHOOL ACT

Some of the Churches Agitating for More Religious Teaching.

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—High representatives of the Anglican, Catholic and Presbyterian churches are considering representations that there is not sufficient religious teaching in the public schools. About ten years ago the provincial school law was changed, making the school secular and allowing only certain portions of the Scripture to be read, and this at the option of school boards.

There is a growing feeling among the heads of the leading churches that religious exercises have to be much curtailed and neglected. The Catholic and many of the Anglicans and Presbyterians are very pronounced. It was the Greenway government which carried through the present school act, while the present premier, Mr. Roblin, was strongly opposed to it. Any attempt, however, to introduce changes will meet with tremendous opposition in all parts of the province.

ASTOR'S GIFT

Subscribes Five Thousand Pounds for Tommy at the Front.

London, Jan. 8.—In response to an appeal of the Princess of Wales for further contributions to the fund for the families of the men at the front, Mr. William Waldorf Astor has contributed £5,000.

THOSE REPUBLICS

Venezuela and Colombia Reported on the Verge of War.

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 7.—Letters received here from Panama say the relations between Colombia and Venezuela are very much strained in consequence of the latter's connivance with and the assistance being given to the revolutionists in the former country. Not only Colombian troops are being moved to the border. The rebels are still receiving large supplies of arms and ammunition through Venezuela.

Up-to-Date Styles at WEILER BROS.

Our first consignment of Fall Goods in the Upholstering, Drapery and Curtain line are now on sale, and we can only say that for coloring, artistic effect and value we have surpassed ourselves in these last purchases.

Latest Novelties From Paris, Berlin, London.

WEILER BROS.

Ontario's New Mayors

Howland Wins Hands Down in the Toronto Civic Election.

Ald. Morris is the Winner in Ottawa—Results in Other Places.

Special to the Colonist.
Toronto, Jan. 7.—Howland was elected mayor by a plurality of 4,224, in a vote of nearly 25,000. The figures are: Howland, 12,300; Spence, 8,070; Macdonald, 544; Shaw, 600; Woodley, 224. The contest was exciting through the sudden desertion of Shaw by his newspaper supporters, but the electors showed little interest, the vote falling considerably below last year's, although the polls were kept open till 7. Macdonald, who was thought by many to be completely out of it, made an unexpected good run, beating Spence in Ward 28. A curious feature of the election is that the electors confirmed by a vote of 13,683 the appointment of Howland as mayor, the matter upon which Spence had taken a strong and consistent stand; in fact, he was champion of municipal ownership. The experiment tried to-day of keeping the polls open till 7 won popular approval; upwards of 6,000 votes being cast in the extra two hours. The vote was about 1,600 smaller than last year, but the city council is considerably changed.

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ORIENTAL COMMISSION

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WILLIAM POLSON DEAD

He Was Founder of the Big Iron Works—Other Deaths.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—William Polson, founder of the Polson Iron Works, died at his residence to-day, at the age of 66. After filling important posts in Cobourg, Peterboro and on the Marjora & Grand Junction railway, he in 1883 started the iron works.

New York, Jan. 7.—Frederick Clark Withers, one of the most famous architects of the United States, died to-day at his New York home. He was born in England 73 years ago, and came to this country in 1833.

STILL SNOWING.

Nansimo Has Two Feet of White Covering on the Streets.

Nansimo, Jan. 7.—(Special)—Heavy snow has fallen all night, making the present depth from 24 to 26 inches. The labor party on Saturday night expressed the new daily newspaper to be issued at the end of the present month. It was also agreed to take the existing Semi-Weekly Herald plant. The promoters have raised \$20,000 already.

At the board of trade conference here on Saturday night, Superintendent James Wilson of the P. E. B. Telegraph Company, Vancouver, had a complaint made to him of the serious inconvenience to business by the closing of the telegraph office at 9 p.m. He was asked to keep it open later. Mr. Wilson said he would take the matter up with the Montreal authorities.

KILLED HERSELF.

Young Woman in New York Commits Suicide.

New York, Jan. 7.—Ada Lemmon, 24 years old, committed suicide in a hotel room to-day this afternoon by shooting herself with a revolver. The young woman lived on West 110th street with her widowed mother and her brother.

RETALIATION. Germany Intends to Meet States With Protective Policy.

Berlin, Jan. 7.—The Berlin newspapers report an alleged interview granted by Prince Cerbert Bismarck to a representative of Il Corriere Della Sera, of Milan, in which the Prince is reported as asserting that the great German industrial organizations, with the approval of Emperor William and Count von Bulow, imperial chancellor, have compromised with the agrarians, and will meet the United States with a sharp protective policy. Sixty per cent on grain is mentioned as an illustration.

THE ROSLYN CASTLE.

No Sign of the Transport Up to Midnight.

Haltifax, N. S., Jan. 7.—No sign of the Roslyn Castle up to midnight.

DEPORTED.

Filipino Officers and Civilians to Be Sent Out of the Country.

Manila, Jan. 7.—Gen. MacArthur has ordered the deportation of Gen. Ricardo Alcaraz, of the Philippine army, to the island of Guam. Nine regimental and four sanitary aids officers, with eight civilians, including Tris, Lescon and Mabini, notorious assistants of the insurgents, have also been ordered to be deported. It is Gen. MacArthur's intention to hold most of the active leaders of the rebellion who have been captured in Guam until peace is declared. The construction of a rebel prison at Olongapo, in addition to those at Manila, will be begun shortly.

SUBMARINE TRIALS.

French Naval Experiments Said to Be Satisfactory.

Chebourg, Jan. 7.—Important trials of submarine boats took place here to-day. The minister of marine, M. de Lanesan, and the minister of war, Gen. Andre, came to Chebourg especially to witness the experiments. After an examination of the submarine, boat Morse, M. de Lanesan boarded the Narval and proceeded to the roadside, where a number of surface and submarine manoeuvres were carried out. Gen. Andre, who accompanied the minister, showed great interest in the submarine tests, and the electors showed little interest, the vote falling considerably below last year's, although the polls were kept open till 7. Macdonald, who was thought by many to be completely out of it, made an unexpected good run, beating Spence in Ward 28.

Those Victorians who showed their interest in the machine, saw to it that their votes were cast for the machine. The machine was given its first practical test at the municipal election in Ottawa, Ont., and proved a great success.

THE USEFULNESS FULLY PROVED

Farwell Automatic Ballot Box Tried at the Oshawa Election.

Oshawa, Jan. 7.—The Farwell automatic voting machine was given its first practical test at the municipal election in Oshawa, Ont., and proved a great success.

The inventor of the machine is Dr. A. Farwell, formerly of Harrison Hot Springs, but now Toronto. He had been in ill health for two years, and had visited German baths and Southern California in search of health.

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GOLD STANDARD.

Mr. Overstreet of Indiana Introduces a Bill in the United States House.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Representative Overstreet of Indiana, who had charge of the gold standard bill in the house, introduced to-day a bill to maintain the parity of the money of the United States. This measure seeks further to strengthen the gold standard and insure the continued parity of gold and silver by providing for their exchange ability at the treasury. The bill provides that all gold and silver coins of the United States, except subsidiary coins, shall be exchangeable for each other at par at the treasury of the United States at the rate of the holder. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, the secretary of the treasury may employ any part of the reserve fund, gold coin and bullion, established by Sec. 2 of the Act of March 14, 1900, entitled "An act to define and fix the standard of value of the money of the United States, and to maintain the parity of all forms of money issued or coined by the United States to refund the public debt and for other purposes," and money received in exchange for gold or bullion under the provisions of this act shall be held in said reserve fund and not paid out therefrom in the manner provided by the United States in said Sec. 2 of the Act of March 4, 1900.

YACHTING.

British Amateur Sailing Will Fight Hard For Laurels.

London, Jan. 5.—Denny Bros. are increasing their precautions to prevent anything looking out regarding the construction of Shamrock II. No great progress appears to have been made so far, although a dredger is engaged in clearing a channel outside the yard 22nd feet. There is much interest in racing circles over L. C. Currie's challenge for the Shamrock cup, which will be held in Montreal. He is determined as Sir Thomas Lipton to leave no stone unturned which could give him the cup. He is building no less than three boats, one at Healy, one at Cowes and the other at Stevens' Yard. The Shamrock cup may be built next July. Mr. Currie hopes to have the very best talent for the contest.

Roers Release Prisoners Taken a Week Ago.

London, Jan. 5.—The Boers have released the prisoners captured at Helvetia on December 29.

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Africanders Intend to Send a Commission of Members to Engl.i.

Spanish Republican Party Wants to Support First Arbitration Proposal.

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Capetown, Jan. 7.—The Boers have announced that their present intention is only a light patrol prepared to an invasion in force by Gen. Dewet. The latter's influence over the Dutch is so enormous that there is no doubt his actual presence would result in a general rising.

Cape Town, Jan. 7.—The editor of Omsland, the principal Afrikaner newspaper, has been arrested on the charge of sedition.

At a meeting of the Afrikaner leaders to-day, it was resolved to send Messrs. G. Merriman, former treasurer of the Cape Colony, H. V. Sauer, former commissioner of public works, and J. H. Hofmeyer to England to represent the state of affairs in Southern Africa to the government, parliament and people of Great Britain.

Gen. Buller has arrived here to complete the organization of the colonial forces. It is reported that 1,500 Boers are now near the town of Sunderland, and that other parties are close upon Richmond. The invaders are reported at Calcutta and are expected to enter the Orange river in a few days.

Scouts report that the Boer commandos have been dispersed. The Buffersport district, number 5,000 martial law has been proclaimed in the district. The Boer general is making speeches in South Germany in behalf of the Boer cause and arousing great sympathy. The meetings which he addresses adopt resolutions protesting vigorously against the overthrow of the two republics. The resolutions are being telegraphed to Count von Bulow and Mr. Kruger.

Madrid, Jan. 7.—The federal republican party has introduced resolutions in the senate and the chamber of deputies, declaring that Spain should adhere to the state of affairs in Southern Africa to Great Britain and the Boer republics, either coming from Holland or some other quarter. It is said that if no such proposal is forthcoming, Spain should take the initiative.

DEATH OF PHIL D. ARMOUR

The Famous Chicago Packer Dies of Heart Failure.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Philip D. Armour, the millionaire packer, died this evening at his residence on Prairie avenue. He had been recovering from pneumonia. His last illness was a severe attack of heart failure, which he had had since he visited German baths and Southern California in search of health.

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