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SITUATION IMPROVED.

Conditions in Madagascar Much Ameliorated—Raider Jameson—The Prince of Naples.

Rebels in Uruguay Sustain a Defeat—Rates by American Transatlantic Liners.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The Westminster Gazette this afternoon in an editorial thanking the city of Glasgow for its early subscriptions for relief of Armenians, and announcing that another appeal for £100,000 will shortly be made by Mr. Gladstone and the Duke of Argyll, concludes: "It is only right to add that the unceasing exertions of Sir Philip Currie, British Ambassador at Constantinople, and his consular staff, have alone enabled the American missionaries to pursue their labors of mercy unimpeded."

Advices received in Paris from Madagascar by the minister of the colonies dated November 15, says the situation had improved around Antanarivo, and that farming has been resumed on the road to Tananariva.

In the French chamber of deputies today, the Premier, in presenting a bill providing for a grant of twenty million lire to the Prince of Naples, the heir apparent, who has just been married to the Princess Helene of Montenegro, said that King Humbert had decided to reimburse the treasury in an equal amount from the civil list. The announcement was greeted with loud cheers.

In the Chamber of Deputies today M. Jourde, Socialist, representing the Chateau vicomte of Seine-et-Oise, moved that the house order the immediate release of M. Chatelet, Parisian deputy, who was arrested yesterday during the outbreak at Carmaux against the visiting Socialist deputies. M. Jourde said this was not a party question, but concerned the dignity of parliament. The motion was adopted by a vote of 285 to 76.

The American line steamship company has issued a circular list of the revised rates of fare of that company. The winter rates are not altered. The summer saloon rates are increased from £17 to £20, children half fare, and the age limit is reduced from 12 to three years. Reductions on general tickets are discontinued. The other transatlantic companies will adopt the same rates and regulations.

Sir John Sloane, who in 1886 devised a number of pictures and statues to the Slieve Donard, projected in a preliminary sketch, the intention of conveying to boards to be opened by his executors in 1886, 1888 and 1896. The last one was opened on Monday, and, much to the chagrin of the executors, who expected to make a valuable find, it was, like the two previous cupboard, empty of all but valueless papers.

Dr. Jameson, the leader of the Transvaal raid, now undergoing a sentence of fifteen months' imprisonment in Holloway jail, and whose sickness has previously been noted, is announced to be in a critical condition.

The luncheon in Paris, which Comte de Montebello, the French ambassador to Russia, who has just returned from St. Petersburg, gave to the Grand Duke Alexis, M. de Giers (of the Russian embassy), M. Hanotaux (minister of foreign affairs), Admiral Gevais and Admiral Dupier, is much paraded, apparently with the intention of conveying to the public the impression that the rumors of the failure of Comte de Montebello's mission to St. Petersburg are unfounded. Nevertheless it appears to be certain that the mission has so far been without result.

The memorial to the late Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Benson, is to take the form of a monument in Canterbury cathedral and the completion of a portion of the Truro cathedral.

There is much speculation among Americans in London as to the next ambassador to the court of St. James. It is hoped with the change in ambassadors that the United States government will find it advisable to change the embassy as well. The present quarters are the ground floor of a dingy flat on Victoria street and do not compare favorably with the splendid houses provided by their Governments to the French, German, Austrian, Russian, Italian, Spanish and Chinese ambassadors.

The result of the election in the United States has brought a windfall to the town of Speyer in the shape of a donation of \$35,000 from Mr. Henry Villard. The pastor of that place has recently been trying to obtain subscriptions to a fund with which to establish a sick children's hospital, and Mr. Villard was approached during his recent stay there. He promised that if McKinley were elected he would give the whole sum required. This promise has been kept and the foundation stone of the new hospital will be laid next spring.

During his visit to Kiel this week, the Emperor went on board the new warship Aguir and His Majesty took one of the regular noon rattlers of the bluejackets and ate the whole of it, consisting of ham, cabbage and potatoes, out of a tin vessel.

The physicians of Holloway jail report that the health of Dr. Jameson is showing some improvement.

It is reported at the Vatican that the Pope has ordered Cardinal Satolli, late papal delegate to the United States, to make a report on the situation of the clergy in America.

A Breelan newspaper publishes an account of a colliery disaster at Zengorra, Russian Poland, in which thirty miners were killed.

The Uruguayan government troops have defeated the rebels near Capilla Barrio, and the revolutionists are believed to be completely demoralized.

ROSSLAND'S DEVELOPMENTS.

ROSSLAND, Nov. 30.—(Special).—The Rossland Miner will issue to-morrow morning for the first time as a daily. It is the first paper in the interior of British Columbia to take full Associated Press reports and has already ample assurance of success. Every town in West Kootenay has sent in large orders, and it is evident that the Miner will largely displace the American dailies which have hitherto occupied the field in West Kootenay. Every inch of advertising space in the paper has been taken. Its news service will include, besides a full Canadian and Associated Press report, special news of the Pacific States. A capable correspondent has been secured in each camp in West Kootenay and the mining news will be complete, reliable and up-to-date. A special feature will be a daily market report showing the change in prices and dealings in mining stocks.

Consolidated St. Elmo looks very fine. The tunnel along its vein to open up the St. Elmo claim adjoining the west has now been driven 250 feet and has already cut three ore chutes, and is now in the fourth. The full face is high grade copper ore. The tunnel has still 70 feet to go to the St. Elmo ground.

J. F. Wardner has secured for his Montreal syndicate an option on the Francis and plant of the Rossland Water and Light Company. The plant consists of the water system and the electric lighting plant, which cost \$70,000. The franchises carry contracts with all the leading mines for the supply of electric power to be generated at the new station at Pend D'Oreille river, forty-five miles from Rossland.

The Atlantic and Pacific exploration syndicate has been incorporated here to acquire mining properties throughout Canada, several free milling properties having already been acquired in the Rainy River district, Ontario. Byron White of the Slocan Star mine, and Campbell, of Winnipeg, are among the leading promoters and only recently returned from Rainy River. The company is organized with one pound shares and is specially designed to reach the English market.

MISSING MEN SAFE.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 30.—(Special).—Lawyer John Shelton and Surveyor Johnson, of Toronto, who were supposed to have been frozen to death in the Seine River district, are safe. Mr. Vaughan arrived in the city to-day, and states that the two men were seen by Indians three or four days ago.

There is no truth in the reported deaths of immigrants at Edmonton from smallpox.

A man named Anderson, in charge of a team of oxen pulling a sled, was on Wednesday evening, had been buried since and it is feared perished in the snow storm of Thursday.

Anthony Craddock's residence at Portage la Prairie was gutted by fire to-day.

Hon. James Smart of Brandon has, it is said, been promised by Hon. Mr. Sifton the deputy ministerial position at Ottawa, to replace Mr. A. M. Burgess.

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ROME, Nov. 30.—Cardinal Satolli declares to be absolutely false all rumors published in the American papers alleging that he made a report to the Pope touching the University of Washington, Archbishop Ireland, Cardinal Gibbons, or other Catholic dignitaries.

SURVEYOR OGILVIE.

Anxiety Regarding His Absence in Alaska—Brewery Licenses in Local Option Towns.

Governor McLellan, of New Brunswick—Salmon Eggs for Honolulu—Scientific Inquiry.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Nov. 30.—A telegraphic dispatch from Winnipeg appears in an evening paper stating that Hon. Mr. Smart, of Brandon, has been appointed Deputy Minister of the Interior in succession to Mr. Burgess. The Premier, when asked what truth there was in the story, replied that he had not heard of the matter and regarded the dispatch as a pure fabrication.

It is by no means settled when Mr. Laurier will visit England. It is possible he may have to cross the Atlantic this winter, but he is not anxious to visit England until next year. Public business, however, chiefly the fast Atlantic steamship question, may render it imperative for him to go. If the journey can be avoided the visit will be postponed until after next session, in which case Sir Richard Cartwright will accompany him. Strange to say the Premier has never visited Europe.

The finance department has run out of new one dollar notes, hence the dirty ones at present in circulation cannot be called in. It will be a month before a supply of new ones will be available.

Two lads named Clarke and Paton were drowned in the St. Lawrence canal to-day while skating. A gallant effort was made by a companion to rescue them.

A number of temporary employes in the railways, post office and agricultural departments walked the plank to-day.

Sir Oliver Mowat and Hon. Mr. Fielding left for Hamilton to-day. The tariff commission resumes to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. Tarte and party returned to Ottawa to-night. The Minister says that he impressed him at the West, as the saying is, by his confidence among the people. He was surprised to find so many young men settled out there all willing to work. Immediately on reaching the city Hon. Mr. Tarte paid a visit to his headquarters.

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—Some anxiety is felt regarding Surveyor Ogilvie's long delay in reaching civilization from Alaska through the route which he undertook to explore to the coast. Last year he set out on his expedition with a load of snow and unendurable cold against him. Word of his arrival is daily awaited.

The Controller of Inland Revenue has notified the Manitoba branch of the Dominion Alliance of a decision in favor of the petition for the closing of a brewery at Neepawa by withholding the Dominion license. Hon. Mr. Joly has decided not only to refuse to renew the license but also to decline to issue local brewery licenses in any local option town.

The High Commissioner has sent a report to the Trade and Commerce department giving valuable information regarding shipments of poultry to England.

Dr. McPhail, professor of bacteriology at Bishop's college, has been authorized by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to proceed to England to complete his researches in the famous pathological laboratory of London in regard to the matter of the blackening of lobsters. Mr. Davies is satisfied with Dr. McPhail's discovery as to the causes of the blackening of the lobsters, and he is therefore announcing it to the public. He has thought it well to encourage Dr. McPhail to further prosecute his researches.

Application has been made to the department of marine and fisheries to send a boat to Honolulu. The department will accede to the request by sending a shipment from the hatchery at New Westminster. It appears that there are many of the rivers and streams of the Sandwich islands in which it is thought salmon would thrive well.

Mr. McGee, clerk of the Privy Council, left to-night for St. John, N.B., to swear in Senator McLellan, the new legislator, Governor of New Brunswick. Mr. King, ex-M.P., succeeds him as senator.

The Mail's Ottawa correspondent says it is good as set off that Hon. David Mills will succeed Sir Donald A. Smith as High Commissioner in London, as soon as the questions now under discussion have been disposed of.

THE SCHOOL AGITATION.

MONTREAL, Nov. 30.—(Special).—A big meeting is to be held here on Wednesday, when the first gun of the anti-school settlement campaign will be fired. The rally will be held under the auspices of the Club Cartier and the chief speakers will be Sir Adolph Caron, Mr. Bergeron M.P., Mr. Monk M.P., Mr. Dupont and Hon. Joseph Royal. Similar meetings will be held throughout the province.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 30.—(Special).—At vespers in St. Mary's church last evening, Archbishop Langevin preached to a large congregation, including many Protestants, a sermon on the school question. The Archbishop spoke along the same lines as at St. Boniface the previous Sunday, repudiating the school settlement as unjust to his people, and appealing to Catholics to make further sacrifices for their schools. Rev. Father Cherrier, of the church of the Immaculate Conception, addressed his congregation on the same subject and in the same strain.

Don't dare with rheumatism. Purify your blood and cure it once by taking a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

KRUGER MEANS PEACE.

Trade in England and the Presidential Contest—Election Riots in Bulgaria.

Canadian Interests as Viewed in England—Social Conditions in India.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—At a banquet at Pretoria Friday evening President Kruger declared that the rumors of impending trouble were untrue and that they had been spread by speculators. All was clear, he added. The London convention assured the independence of the Transvaal, and if a change was desirable he would see that it was arranged constitutionally. Referring to the delay of the Transvaal government in claiming an indemnity from the British South Africa Company in consequence of the Jameson raid, President Kruger said that the delay arose from the desire not to make an excessive demand and because the exact expense was not computed. He ridiculed the report that an invasion of Rhodesia was proposed, and assured his hearers that the mining interests of the country would be fostered.

The St. James' Gazette devotes a leading editorial to the discussion of Canadian interests as affected by the prospects of tariff revision in the United States, and urges the government to do something for Canada, which, it says, is infinitely more important than Guiana and South Africa. Continuing, the St. James' Gazette says: "It would be well before it is too late for the government and parliament to consider whether the Dominion receives the attention it deserves. The consolidation of the Empire is an absolute necessity, yet nothing is doing to accomplish what Mr. Chamberlain long ago promised. What has he done? and what is he going to do for Canada?" Continuing, the St. James' Gazette points out Canada's temptations and refers to the alleged boast of the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie Bowden that she has no chance even of a customs union until Canada joins the United States.

The elections to the Bulgarian soborians were accompanied by serious disturbances, and the troops and police had to be called out to disperse the riotous groups in the provinces, as the result of which many persons were wounded. The police fired into the crowd at Zarobrod, killing several persons.

A telegraphic dispatch from Bombay, in honor of the visit of the Earl of Eglinton, viceroy of India, has had a fearful outcome in the killing of twenty-nine persons and the injuring of many others by a mob of the city during the visit.

In various provinces British and continental trade centres as to the effects upon trade already traceable to the result of the Presidential election, have been made among the leading export houses, at the American consulates, and of the larger forwarding agents. In England the increase in the number of invoices at all the consulates in the first week after the election of McKinley was more marked than during the second and third weeks. But the increase for the second and third week over the same period of October was at many consulates over 50 per cent. Among forwarding agents there is the general belief in good times abroad, many of them having since November made contracts for large amounts of cubic space. Exporters and large commission houses report greatly increased activity.

The Earl of Eglinton, viceroy of India, is reported to be in the Decan. The condition of the people is good, and the pressure upon them is due to prices rather than to the failure of the crops. Since the rain prices have fallen 20 to 50 per cent. in the northern districts.

M. Jarez, the Radical Socialist deputy of Salamanca, other socialist members of the chamber, attempted to address a mass meeting at Carmaux to-day, but the whole party was received with mingled hisses and cheers and were pelted with filth. M. Jarez was the champion of the glass workers' strike of last year, but he has fallen out of favor with his Carmaux constituency by the part he took in the opening of a new co-operative glass factory at Albi, which the Carmaux workmen, view as a rival.

The Constantinople correspondent of the Standard discusses the refusal of admission to the Dardanelles of Greek, Dutch and American ships, which is attributed to Russian influence. The American and Greek subjects, adds the correspondent, "are annoyed at their governments for not showing more energy with a view to obtaining the privileges granted to the block powers."

The fire which broke out in John Holdsworth & Sons' block, Forester square, Bradford, was much more destructive than at first supposed. Forty firms were burned out. The offices of the Anglo-American Cable Company and the Commercial Cable Company were destroyed. The damage done is estimated at \$1,500,000.

At a meeting of the United Trades representatives at Berlin, Herr Molkenberger, member of the reichstag, presiding, a resolution was passed assuring the Hamburg strikers of the solid support of the working men of Berlin.

The Daily Mail states that the fetes at Ehrenheim castle in honor of the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough cost £20,000.

The distribution of the strike funds at Hamburg has begun. Seven thousand marks were received. About 14,000 dockers are now on strike. The boat men on the Upper Elbe decided not to strike.

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GERMAN NAVAL INCREASES.

BERLIN, Nov. 30.—There is little doubt that a parliamentary conflict will occur during the present session of the reichstag over the present budget. The government organs have hitherto denied that a large increase in the navy was intended, but a searching analysis has revealed the fact that the reichstag is asked to sanction an increase of about 200,000,000 marks. The bill asks that this year's expenditures be increased 60,000,000 marks, and the matter is so arranged as to necessitate an additional expenditure of 70,000,000 marks during each of the next two years. These sums are not entirely for the building of new vessels, but are also intended to provide for the expenses of manning them. In parliamentary circles it is believed that the naval expenditures of the next five years will be largely increased if the reichstag accedes to the present demands.

Emperor William, speaking recently of Admiral Von Hollman, secretary of the navy, is reported to have said: "The question of bringing the German navy to the point of being really formidable, not only for defence, but for aggression, is one of the great death of the nation, inasmuch as it involves the gross selling of Germany as much as the state army does, and whoever loves the fatherland will help me to bring this about, as the German navy is not at all adequate for its mission in the future."

This imperial utterance is now circulating in the reichstag circles, and is much commented upon. It is certain that no majority will be found in the reichstag for these proposals. The Centrists and the entire Radical wing are against it, which gives an adverse majority of about twenty.

During the week the government employees of the naval department have repeatedly hinted in conversation with deputies that the rejection of the naval scheme means the dissolving of the reichstag.

In the diet, the government, through Dr. Richter, the minister of finance, is asking for the passage of a bill to enable it to use the yearly surplus, which this year is over 65,000,000 marks, in order to cover deficiencies in any particular departments or to utilize it as a contingency fund for the future.

The Liberals and Radicals are fighting this proposal, as a curtailment of parliamentary privileges, and as fraught with danger to the institutions of the kingdom. It is believed, however, that the government will get the bill passed.

The relations of the Hamburger Nachrichten will not be allowed to pass without judicial inquiry. The Frankfurt Zeitung to-day carried out its charge of having assassinated Alderman Sheppard on the Russian consulate. The paper had been fined \$10 with 325 days' imprisonment at hard labor.

MONTREAL, Nov. 30.—The body of a man named Boucher, of Malone, N.Y., was found on the St. L. & A. tracks near Huntingdon, Que., this morning. He had evidently been stealing a ride on a freight train, and falling off had been killed.

MONTREAL, Nov. 30.—Arthur Thomates was charged at the police court to-day with challenging Robert Berrier to fight a duel with pistols. Both are Cuban cigarmakers. The challenge rose out of an assault for which Berrier was fined \$2.

ONTARIO, Nov. 26.—The Mail's correspondent says the new year knighthoods will include one for Premier Laurier.

CHATHAM, Dec. 1.—John Stringer, one of the oldest and most respected residents of this city, is dead, aged 78. Dr. T. L. Stringer, of Algoma, is one of the deceased's sons.

MONTREAL, Dec. 1.—Caleb Dunning, a prominent resident for forty years died yesterday.

TO EMANCIPATE CUBA.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—A dispatch to the World from Washington says President Cleveland, it is said, is considering a plan for the ultimate emancipation of Cuba that will be honorable to Spain and the insurgents and satisfactory to the United States and the rest of the world. The basis of plan is said to be a tripartite agreement whereby Great Britain is to furnish the money to buy the independence of the island with Cuban bonds guaranteed by the United States, Spain's assent having already been practically assured to the proposition. The commission which is to perfect the plans and see that they are carried out is to be composed of three members.

ATLANTIC PASSENGER RATES.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—To-morrow the agreement entered into last month in London by all the great transatlantic steamship companies goes into effect, and as a consequence rates will be advanced from \$10 to \$15 in the next 24 hours. All the lines are parties to the contract and advance in rates, the abolition of commissions paid to agencies and the lengthening of summer season hope to divide an extra million dollars or two between them. In past years the summer season included only May, June and July; but now it is proposed to extend it so as to include April, May, August and September. Then the ten per cent. reduction allowed to passengers buying excursion tickets is abolished. It was formerly possible for a passenger to buy an excursion ticket to Europe on American lines for \$120. Now the lowest rate obtainable is \$150.