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THE THUNDERER'S WARNING

The London Times, as will be seen by a despatch printed on another page this morning, is deeply moved by Mr. Fielding's intermediate tariff. Since 1897, when our British preference elicited a chorus of praise from the Old Country, including some very pretty verses by Mr. Kipling, the British have welcomed the concessions made in their favor but have made no move to reciprocate.

RIGHTS AND MANNERS

Several questions that should be settled in the near future are raised by the action of the United States immigration officials in stopping at the border a Canadian whose ticket showed that he was traveling between two Canadian points.

TO PREVENT STRIKES

When a stubborn company and a stubborn labor union lock horns both frequently suffer considerable loss, but as a rule the patient public suffers most and pays the cost of the bills, directly or indirectly.

LINKS OF EMPIRE

Let us get acquainted with one another. This is the imperative of Sir Sanford's contributions to the navy and some about a fiscal union, the great Canadian engineer believes the best way to promote and preserve imperial unity is to establish an Imperial intelligence service.

an example along the line of Imperial tariff making, but they have done no more than direct attention to it. As for the Times' declaration that the Empire will go to pieces if at the forthcoming conference Great Britain shall not adopt some measure of protection as a bond of empire, this conception of the situation is overwrought.

HOW MUCH DOES YOUR DOLLAR BUY?

The number of dollars any individual possesses, or earns, during a year continues to command more attention than the really more important question, how much will a dollar buy? There is prosperity and prosperity in the United States, where just now production and business activity generally are at flood tide, there is a healthful tendency to look below the surface in examining what commonly is accepted as proof of existing prosperity among all classes.

Table with 3 columns: Item, Dec. 1, 1906, Nov. 1, 1906. Rows include Breadstuffs, Meats, Dairy and garden, Other food, Total food, Clothing, Metals, Miscellaneous, Total.

There is a noteworthy increase for the month and a still larger increase for the year; and if comparison were extended back to the low-price point of nine years ago an increase would be shown of almost fifty per cent. in the prices of what the people have to buy.

THE HERETICS

It would not do, we are told now by several eminent publicists, for the churches to devote much of their time to heretic hunting. One heretic—if he be a big one—every ten years or so is enough to put on trial. For it would appear that though one heretic in the pulpit may lead many astray, his influence is likely to be increased considerably by a trial accompanied by unbounded advertising of his views at a time when public sympathy inclines toward the accused.

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either party to the dispute, but its publication, along with the facts leading the board to reach its conclusions, would, it is felt, be pretty certain to cause the award to be accepted by those at odds. It is a great step forward to make such an investigation compulsory and to provide such machinery as would pave the way for a satisfactory settlement without the loss, inconvenience and violence which frequently attend the struggles between labor and capital.

THE CHURCHES AND MONEY

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seers from Southern Europe going through the immigration list at Ellis Island. Unless these changes for the better are made before long there will be a popular demand that these officials be compelled to transact their business on the American side of the line. The detention of trains may be a grave matter from the transportation standpoint, but it will not have the slightest weight with New Brunswickers if the present causes for complaint continue. One popular sentiment takes form in a matter of this sort a representative government will be compelled quickly to respond to it.

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Stores open every evening till 10 o'clock

St. John, Dec. 19, 1906

OVERCOAT SALE IN FULL SWING Prices Cut \$2.50 to \$5.00 Each

This overcoat sale is drawing large crowds of buyers who are getting genuine snags. There is a long cold winter ahead of us, and this is an opportunity to get good warm stylish overcoats at less than factory prices, overcoats in which you can face any amount of cold weather and yet be comfortable. The sizes are broken and we have grouped them together at the following cut prices:

Table with 2 columns: Original Price, New Price. Rows include \$20.00 Overcoats (now \$15.00), \$18.00 Overcoats (now \$13.00), \$15.00 Overcoats (now \$10.40), \$13.50 Overcoats (now \$8.75), \$12.00 Overcoats (now \$8.75).

Men's Suits, all the leading styles, at \$3.95, 5.00, 6.00, 7.50, 8.75, 10.00, 11.00, 13.50, 14.00, 15.00, 16.00, 17.00, 18.00 to 20.00. Boys' 2-Piece Suits, \$1.85 to 5.50; 3-Piece Suits, \$3.50 to 8.00. Boys' D. B. Reefers, \$1.85 to 5.50. Men's Reefers, \$3.50 to 8.75. See our Mufflers, Ties, Sweaters, Cardigans, Shirts, Gloves, Etc. A fancy box free for each gift purchase.

J. N. HARVEY, 199-207 Union Street, Opera House Block

N. B. APPEALS BEFORE SUPREME COURT

Arguments Finished in Pilotage Commissioners vs. Cumberland Railway—Allcroft vs. Adams Now Up.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—In the St. John pilotage commissioners vs. Cumberland Railway Company, the court reserved judgment after hearing counsel for the appellants, and without calling on counsel for the respondents for any argument.

Allcroft vs. Adams was next taken up. The appellants had established a vessel factory at West River (N.B.), and having need of a foreman who had experience in the business, on certain representations, engaged the respondent, plaintiff, at \$3,000 per year. After Adams had been at work for six weeks he was discharged for incompetency, and he brought action for salary and damages for wrongful dismissal.

At the trial, before Judge Landry, without a jury, the issues were found in favor of the plaintiff, and a judgment for \$1,070 was entered. An appeal to the full court resulted in equal division of opinion among the judges, and defendants' appeal on the grounds that they were not bound by the engagement as alleged by the plaintiff, that he was lawfully dismissed and that defendants had been deceived and imposed upon in respect to engaging the plaintiff, Fred R. Taylor for respondent.

The arguments were not concluded at the hour of adjournment.

Mr. Santa Claus

(James J. Montague in N. Y. American.) Oh! Santa Claus is ming, with a sleigh-load full of toys. And popcorn balls and candy canes for little girls and boys. The Eskimo burrah at him, the walrus winks his eye. The Indian bows away in line to watch him gallop by. While off the stars a ten-ton whale at anchor rides all day. To ferry Mr. Santa Claus right over Baffin's Bay.

So don't forget to go to bed when mother tells you to. And don't forget to do the things you know you ought to do. Don't eat that pie or eat that pie that looks so dreadful good; Behave yourself, you men and little lads; should. It's terrible to see no, but don't forget, because if you are bad you'll wait in vain for the saint.

The bells his leaping reindeer wear are jingling forth a tune. The Arctic wolf yelps out "Good-by!" beneath the northern moon. As rumbling everlastingly and crunching through the snow. Past the seals and walrus harrowed lights his feet-foot chargers go. And now and then he catches round and from the ice he has led his brown reindeer. A little pack of presents for the baby Eskimo.

So never pull your sister's hair or rudely say "I won't." Don't say you want to stay in bed when mother says you don't. Don't snatch your baby's dog, take care to wash your face. And always put each toy at night exactly in its place. An awful burden such things are, but do not fail, because Dad children get no visit from old Mr. Santa Claus.

The Kiosk-It-All

Most aggravating customer was Nicholasus Brown. Who knocked it all, an' bound to have his say. "The kiosk-It-All, no'thing's that ever come to town. But Brown he'd git to see it, night or day. He'd make a pig to git his suit 'fore any of the rest. An' when the curtain riz upon the play, An' all the actors got to work a-od' of their best. He'd stick in his aggravatin' way. An' when the most excitin' part of all was 'gittin' near. An' folks was stin' nervous an' perplexed, Old Brown he'd whisper loud enough for every one to hear. 'I'll bet you I kin tell what's comin' next.' 'Thar wasn't any curin' him. He'd be the name in church. Or anywhere he happened fur to be; For like an old poll-parrot set a settin' on his perch. He'd squawk to all his critics: 'Talk is but when the 'grin' wuz gon' round last. In winter wuz a year. It tickled on to Nick an' took him down. An' then he got religion, fur he thought his end wuz near. An' sure enough that wuz the end o' Brown. His folks wuz all a-gathered round, an' jest. While Deacon Jones wuz readin' of a text. The sick man smiled, an' 'Well, Jim done writed here, 'fore now, ' he said, 'I kin done tell you I kin tell what's comin' next.' '—Catholic Standard and Times.

History

(W. Carman Roberts, in University Monthly.) Her golden hair falls about her face. Made light within that shadowy place. But on her garments lay the dust Of many a vanished race. Her deep eyes, gazing straight ahead, Saw years and days and hours long dead. While yellow and green, and red. And ever from the shadows came. Perhaps to piece her heart like flame; The great has fanned her with their wings. The voices called her name. But yet her look turned not aside. From the black deep where dreams abide; Where worlds and pageantrics lay dead Beneath that wondrous side. Her elbow on her knee was set. Her strong hand pressed her chin, and yet. No man might name that look she wore. Nor any man forget.

Little Marie—What's that long thing?

Small Willie—Oh, that's a tulle top. Little Marie—What's that good for? Small Willie—Why, it enables any one to see a whole lot further by bringing everything nearer.—Chicago News.