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MONKS MALTREATED

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CANADIAN NATURAL GAS

Imports—Decision by an American Judge Respecting Admittance of Gas from Dominion.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—Justice Peckham to-day handed down his opinion in the case of the United States vs. Buffalo Natural Gas & Fuel Co., appealed by the United States from the decision of the circuit court of appeals for the second circuit. This case involved the right of the gas company to import gas from Canada by means of pipes under Niagara river free from duty. The opinion classifies natural gas as crude bitumen, and has the effect of admitting it free from duty under the tariff law of 1898.

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CANADIAN BREVIETTES

Montreal, Jan. 1.—In his New Year Pastoral letter Archbishop Bruchesi says that after mature consideration he has decided to interdict all banners for any purpose. He explains that it will likely be said that this prohibition will deprive many charities of precious help. But he believes God will bless them, and that people will give as in the past, but without thinking of advantages for employees with any one may receive from these affairs.

Toronto, Jan. 1.—Timothy Eaton, head of the big department store, died this morning at his residence, aged 75. He was born in 1816 and was one of the founders of the three-cent stamp after the present supply is exhausted.

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WHO SUNK THE MAINE?

A Spanish Judge Accused of Having Complicated the Destruction of the Warship.

New York, Jan. 4.—The following is from the Herald: Havana, Tuesday.—The city is much excited tonight by an open charge made in the Reconcitrado, the organ of Cuba Libre, that Zecarias Brasmas, a Spanish judge, now a fugitive from Havana, was actively engaged in the plot which resulted in the destruction of the Maine. El Reconcitrado to-day gives a sketch of Brasmas' career previous to last February, charging him with various crimes. The paper will say to-morrow what Brasmas had done in Havana and how he got there. It says that Brasmas was directed against any save Brasmas. He had a house near the corner of the Calle de la Reina, where he had a public bar. The plot against the Maine was concocted and arrangements completed by Brasmas and his associates. Brasmas was in the Laon theatre with friends at the moment of the explosion. "Champagne was drunk in honor of the fact that the Maine was sunk," it says. "Brasmas was very vaguely implying of one another what had happened. Brasmas' name was mentioned before the Reconcitrado inquiry, but not sufficient evidence was shown for his arrest. The Reconcitrado and all reference to him was suppressed in the published report."

Chicago, Jan. 4.—A couple known as Baron and Baronesse de Bara lived in Chicago from June 1st until November 25th, last year, and conducted, according to the post-office officials, one of the greatest confidence games ever perpetrated in this country. Inspector Stuart has been working on the case for three weeks. It is estimated by these officials that the couple have secured at least \$50,000 by their schemes and work done in two months. The victims it is asserted, live in England and Scotland, and number thousands. It is claimed by the post-office officials that the Barons presented himself as the head of the Edison phonograph company, and that by his means he had secured the Scotland defrauded his correspondents out of sums ranging from \$1 to \$100. The numerous letters that arrived in Chicago after their departure were ordered to be forwarded to a small town in Connecticut or else to New York city, where they were never opened. The case was one of the first complaints of the fraud game in.

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