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Our full line of these goods have arrived and you are respectfully requested to call and examine them.

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LIFE IN VENEZUELA.

ALL BRITISH AND GERMAN SUBJECTS ARRESTED.

NO REPLY RECEIVED TO THE ULTIMATUM.

PRESIDENT CASTRO EXPECTED TO GIVE IN.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 10.—All British and German subjects in Caracas were arrested yesterday.

Kingstown, St. Vincent, Dec. 10.—The British cruiser Indefatigable, which has arrived here from La Guayra, Venezuela, brings reports that President Castro of that country is defiant and indifferent to the threatened blockade. It is asserted that President Castro is prepared even to expel the German and British residents of La Guayra, and to close that port.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—While the limit of time given to Venezuela in which to make an answer to the ultimatum of Germany and Great Britain is not disclosed, the correspondent of the Associated Press was officially informed that it is very brief. The German Foreign Office still hopes that President Castro will recognize the gravity of the situation and yield at the last moment.

It was said here yesterday that the ultimatum did not fix a time limit of 72 hours for an answer, as stated in the London despatches, but that the officials of the German and British Legations were instructed to leave Caracas at the end of 24 hours after their delivery, if there was no prospect of a favorable reply. This, however, was left to their discretion. The officials could have extended their stay at the Venezuelan capital if they thought it advisable to do so, and the fact that they left is taken to mean that President Castro does not show signs of giving in.

London, Dec. 10.—In an editorial article, The Times, says that in President Roosevelt's recent message to Congress there is a sentence which can scarcely fail to recur to anyone thinking of the position of Venezuela and the threatened sequestration of Great Britain and Germany. It would be difficult to conceive a better illustration of the President's remarks about the "proper policing of the world" than that afforded by the Caracas authorities.

The Times says no one supposes that Great Britain has any other object in regard to Venezuela than to put an end to a state of things which has become intolerable. It is to be hoped that President Castro will be brought to his senses without the use of extreme measures by the British and German warships.

President Roosevelt's recent words may be as effective as the threat of a joint naval demonstration. Whatever the result of the present controversy, adds The Times, the situation, not merely in Venezuela, but with large differences and reservations, in one or two other South American States, is discouraging, and the outlook would be a disillusion to those who hoped much from the establishment of self-governed communities in South America.

Venezuela's powers of resistance to the demands of England and Germany, are not formidable. Her fleet consists of three steamers, two sailing vessels and some small river gunboats. The army comprises 3,000 men, organized in ten battalions, dispersed in twenty towns of the republic and in federal garrisons and ships. There is also a national militia, including every citizen from 18 to 45 years of age. In times of civil war this force has been increased to 60,000 men. In 1889 there were 250,000 citizens able for military service, and the population varied between 1,000,000 and 2,500,000. The total population is about 2,500,000.

ST. THOMAS TO BUFFALO.

Further Details Regarding Plans of the New Railway Syndicate.

Boston, Dec. 10.—Details regarding plans of the St. Louis-People's Railway Syndicate show that the syndicate is now in full control, having purchased 20,000 additional shares privately, and working in full harmony with the principal Boston stockholders, constituting with them a majority of the interest. The first step will be an extension of the road to Buffalo from St. Thomas, Ont., 120 miles, forming connection with the Lake Erie and Detroit River road. Until this is constructed the Pere Marquette will reach Buffalo via the Canada Southern, with which satisfactory traffic arrangements have been made. The next move will be an extension into Chicago, giving the road connection with Chicago belt lines and obviating, tribute to any other system. In the meantime arrangements have been made with the Michigan Central to continue the use of its lines until the Chicago extension is complete.

STOCK FOR THE TRANSVAAL.

British Government Buying Horses and Mules.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 9.—Major E. F. Eckerley of the British army passed through Memphis last night for Lathrop, Mo., where the British Government has concentrated 100,000 mules and horses which have been purchased to restock farms in the Transvaal. The shipment of the animals will begin on January 15. Major Eckerley says it is the intention of the Government to make a second purchase of equal size when the present shipment is completed.

Permanent Force May Be Increased.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The Minister of Militia and the Deputy Min-

ister have been in consultation over a bill to amend the militia act, which Sir Frederick Borden will introduce at the coming session of Parliament. If it should meet with the approval of his colleagues, the measure will probably provide for an increase of the permanent force. The Minister of Militia expressed his personal opinion in favor of such a policy when the militia estimates were under discussion last session, and there is nothing to indicate that his views have undergone any change since then.

THE SULTAN BEATEN.

REBELS DEFEATED THE RULER OF MOROCCO.

Compelled to Retire Towards Fez After a Fight in Which He Lost Heavily.

Tangier, Morocco, Dec. 10.—The Sultan's forces have been defeated with serious loss on the road to Rabat. After defeating the 2,000 tribe recently the Sultan's army encountered another rebel force, and a sanguinary fight followed, with the result that the Sultan's ruler was compelled to retire towards Fez.

Despatches received previous to the news of the Sultan's defeat say that the pretender to the throne, who is at Tangier, has assumed sovereign rights. He has issued a manifesto that he has taken possession of the treasury, batteries of guns and depots of arms, and says that he intends to attack the Sultan's army as soon as his reinforcements arrive. The pretender also has issued postage stamps.

FOUR MINERS KILLED.

RESULT OF A DYNAMITE EXPLOSION AT WILKESBARRE.

Twenty Men Were Hurling in All Directions—The Dead Were Terribly Injured.

Wilkesbarre, Dec. 10.—Four men were killed and ten injured, three probably fatally, by the explosion of a box of dynamite in No. 5 mine of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company at South Wilkesbarre. The men had lowered into the shaft, which is 110 feet deep, a box of dynamite weighing fifty pounds. Phillips took the box off the carriage. It fell and the dynamite exploded. Twenty men near by were hurled in all directions. The dead men were terribly mangled.

SETTLED THE ARGUMENT.

DEPUTY SHERIFF IN CHICAGO USED HIS REVOLVER.

The Wounded Man May Die—Shooting the Result of an Argument Over Politics.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Deputy Sheriff Samuel O'Neill, who already had "killed his man," emphasized a "political" argument yesterday afternoon by shooting and probably fatally wounding Charles Slater, a Criminal Court bailiff. Slater, who was in the vestibule of M. J. Quirk's saloon, 129 Clark street, half a block from the county courthouse. Before O'Neill became a deputy sheriff he had been a detective sergeant at the city hall. His earlier escapade, for which he escaped punishment, was the killing of Michael McNamara at Jefferson and Porquer streets in 1892. At that time he was exonerated by a coroner's jury on the plea that he thought McNamara was robbing a man at the time he shot him. Slater and O'Neill, with Joseph Coffey, a clerk Ahearn, another bailiff, had been in the saloon for some time. The conversation turned to the recent installment of Sheriff Barrett, and the probable discharge of a number of the deputies now in that office who had served under ex-Sheriff Magersdadt. "You people won't last as long as the snow," laughed Slater. O'Neill insisted that he would be in his position long after the snow had melted. One word followed another, until both the men became angry. They were separated, however, and O'Neill was forced out into the alley at the side entrance. Slater was led to the front vestibule and seated behind the cigar case. In a minute O'Neill appeared at the front entrance. He burst through the door, and leaning against Slater's body and pulled a trigger. Slater fell unconscious. The report of the shot attracted the attention of the crowd in the saloon, and many men rushed in from the street. As they thronged through the door O'Neill took advantage of the excitement and escaped. When the crossing patrolmen at Washington and Clark streets reached the saloon the fugitive had disappeared.

Both O'Neill and Slater are members of the Nineteenth Ward Republican organization. It was through this club that O'Neill secured the backing that landed him in the Sheriff's office. He is a powerful man, six feet tall. Slater is much smaller and about the same age. O'Neill drinks heavily at times.

To die without having won a friend—a true and loved heart comrade—is to die a failure. No amount of fame or wealth or power can make up for this lack. To be without a friend is to be without the seal of highest success.

ANARCHISTS TAKEN.

THIRTEEN CAPTURED AFTER A DESPERATE STRUGGLE.

Surprised by the Police—Were Taking Oath to Assassinate King Victor Emmanuel.

Rome, Dec. 10.—Thirteen Anarchists were arrested near Spezia last night, after a desperate struggle. The police surprised them at a meeting while they were in the act of taking an oath, with poignards, to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel. One of the Anarchists and one of the police were severely wounded.

THE WAY OF BRIGANDS.

RUSSIAN COUNCILLOR KILLED WITH AXES.

He Was Too Energetic in the Work of Suppressing the Disorders and Robberies.

Odesa, Dec. 10.—Word has just been received here of the murder of State Councillor Gedeonov by brigands. The State Councillor incurred the enmity of a band of brigands operating in the Caucasus by his energetic work against them. The band accordingly appointed three of their number, named Kolomin, Lubimov and Teremikoff, to put the Councillor to death. The three men boarded the Councillor's train at Baku, murdered the conductor, then hacked the Councillor with axes. Cossacks captured the brigands a few days later. Their trial will shortly be held at Tiflis.

AGAINST SUBSIDIES.

REPORT OF HOUSE OF COMMONS COMMITTEE.

Commercial Skill and Industry Major Factors in Recent Shipping and Trade Developments.

London, Dec. 10.—The report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on steamship subsidies was issued yesterday. Its general tenor is distinctly against the principle of granting subsidies. The committee finds that British shipowners have not suffered much from the fostering effects of subsidies paid by foreign Governments, that commercial skill and industry were the major factors in the recent development of the shipping and trade of certain foreign countries, notably Germany.

SEVEN SAILORS DROWNED.

Steamer Flora Goes Down Near Antwerp—Nine Saved.

Antwerp, Dec. 10.—The steamer Flora was wrecked near here. Seven of her crew were drowned, and nine, including the captain, were saved.

BLAKE AND DAVITT

Called on President Roosevelt and Paid Their Respects.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Mr. Michael Davitt and Hon. Edward Blake, members of the British Parliament, who are making a brief tour of this country, paid their respects to the President. On leaving the White House they expressed themselves as delighted with their call.

Northwest Elections.

Regina, Assa., Dec. 9.—The by-election for Saskatoon, in the Northwest Legislative Assembly, was held today. Mr. Clunkishill, a Haultain supporter, has a majority over Chubb (Independent), with four polls to hear from.

TELEGRAPH BRIEVITIES.

The Toronto Fire Brigade have formed a labor union.

Mr. Alex. Dunlop of Claremont dropped dead at New Hamburg.

The C. P. R. has decided to build a new elevator at Port Arthur.

The Winter Fair at Quelp opened under very favorable auspices.

William Haskett, aged 78, was found drowned in a cistern at Brantford.

Lord Rosebery visited nonconformists not to tamely submit to the education bill.

Another fowling all well has been struck in Raleigh Township, on the Parke farm.

Hon. James H. Ross was elected to Commons for the Yukon by over 500 majority.

Hon. Raymond Prefontaine was elected Commons for Maisonneuve by 2,000 majority.

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THREE BIG FIRES.

WINCEY MILLS AT BRANTFORD DESTROYED.

OLD INSTITUTE CANADIAN AT MONTREAL BURNED.

A \$90,000 BLAZE AT NEW WESTMINSTER.

Brantford, Dec. 10.—The large Wincey factory operated by the Slingsby Manufacturing Company, in the Holmedale, was entirely destroyed by fire yesterday, and the loss will be in the neighborhood of \$90,000. About one hundred persons will be thrown out of employment as a result of the blaze, which was one of the most disastrous that has visited this city in several years. The flames made terrific progress, and practically nothing was saved. It was impossible to move the heavy machinery, and the most valuable of the machines, the cards, were the first to suffer from the flames. The plant of the Slingsby Company consisted of five or six buildings, one large one and four or five smaller ones, some frame and some brick. The main building is a large one of brick, three stories high. The fire started a few minutes after the dinner hour, and the girls and men were at their places. On the third floor the carding machines are placed, and it was one of these that the blaze was caused. Some foreign substance presumably got mixed in the cotton that was being carded, and in a moment the fabric was ignited. The machine was being operated by Mr. Albert Hearn, and he made desperate efforts to stop the fire, but the material on which it was feeding was of such an inflammable character that his efforts were in vain. The mill was totally destroyed, and the loss, which will be in the neighborhood of \$90,000, is covered by insurance.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—A fierce fire broke out yesterday morning about 10 o'clock at 1,313 Notre Dame street, occupied by J. V. Boudrias, spice dealer. There was a high wind at the time, and the thermometer was about ten below, and owing also to the surroundings there were fears for a while of a very bad fire. The neighborhood is known to the fire chiefs as a dangerous one, and no time was lost in responding to the alarm. Less than a quarter of a block away was the City Hall, across the street was the Chateau de Ramezay, on either side and at the rear were other and older buildings, constructed in the days when fire prevention was not a consideration which weighed heavily with architects. To complicate matters, Notre Dame street at this point narrows to almost its least width, a tangle of telephone, electric light and trolley wires blocks very effectively twenty feet above the pavement any manoeuvres with fire ladders, and a steep ascent from Craig street makes it difficult to move heavy engines speedily.

For twenty minutes the fire had things nearly its own way, while the men of the brigade fought to overcome these initial difficulties. The big Salsabee engine took half an hour to get into position, the water tower for forty-five minutes blocked the streets, while a way was being cut through the net of wires overhead, and all this time the flames were growing fiercer and spreading from floor to floor and from window to window.

The building in which the fire started is known as the old Institute Canadian, which in its day played a great role in the Canadian politics. Owing to its liberal tendencies it was condemned by the Roman Catholic Church, and the members were requested to abandon it. Some of them did so, but many refused, and matters came to a crisis when one Guibard, who had been a member, died, and his remains were refused burial in the regular Roman Catholic cemetery, though he owned a lot there. The question was carried to the Privy Council and the Guibard estate won. In the meantime the institute had lost its influence, owing to the opposition of the clergy, and the library was transferred to the Fraser Institute, where it still is. The total loss is estimated at \$50,000. The building is worth about \$20,000. The following were also burned out: Thomas Martin, dry goods; E. Larcheveque, notary; J. R. Doucet, advocate; Alfred Bariteau, collector, and Emile Bariteau, caretaker, and the St. Lawrence Nautical Club.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 10.—Sixty thousand dollars damage was done by a fire at New Westminster. The insurance was \$45,000. The Dupont block, a two-story brick store and office building in the centre of the business district, was totally destroyed, and little of the common stock carried by four stores was saved. The heaviest loser was R. F. Anderson, hardware merchant, the damage to whose stock amounted to \$35,000, with insurance of only five thousand. The Standard Furniture Company sustained a loss of seven thousand, half the Commons for Maisonneuve by 2,000 majority.

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A capacity for hating is as needful to the full-orbed life as a capacity for loving. Except a man know how to hate what is mean and false and selfish and unjust, he cannot know how to live up to the level of the highest manhood.

RAIL MILLS CLOSED.

CANNOT COMPETE WITH GERMAN MANUFACTURES.

Mr. Clergue States that the Free Importation of German Steel Rails is Destroying a Sault Ste. Marie Industry.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 10.—The following official statement of the reason for the closing down of the steel mills of the Algoma Steel Co. was handed out by the President of the company, Mr. F. H. Clergue: "The rail mill has shut down, having filled all orders booked, which have amounted to something over 20,000 tons. The company hope to secure the Temiskaming Railway order, on which to start up again. There being no duty on rails coming into Canada, the present slaughter price of German rails has enabled the Canadian roads to supply their requirements at prices less than cost at the Sault mills. These orders were given to the Sault mills. The Sault mills have cost over \$3,000,000, and over 500 men are thrown out of employment by their closing down."

Town Sues the Banker.

The Town of Oakville has issued a writ against George Andrews of that place for \$9,000, and also seeks an injunction and the appointment of a receiver.

Andrews was a partner of the private banking house of Howarth & Andrews, the manager of which, Mr. Thomas Howarth, committed suicide by shooting himself through the chest, on the side of the banking business Andrews is an auctioneer. It is understood that the deficit in the banking business is about \$35,000.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

Grand Division Meeting in Toronto—Premier Ross Speaks.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—In an open meeting held last night in the Temple Building in connection with the 4th annual session and diamond jubilee of the Grand Division, Sons of Temperance of Ontario, Hon. Geo. W. Ross, who is a Past Grand Worthy Patriarch of the order, delivered an address on temperance reform. He expressed the hope that one of the great features of the recent campaign, that of education, would be continued, and that the young men and women of the Province should be imbued with the merits of temperance. That would bring them a great way towards prohibition. The other speakers were as follows: Messrs. W. W. Buchanan and J. A. Austin, representing the Temperance League; F. S. Spencer, Secretary Dominion Alliance; Mrs. Rutherford, President of the W. C. T. U., and George Spencer, Grand Chief Templar, I. O. G. T. The chair was occupied by J. O. McCarthy, the Grand Worthy Patriarch, and surrounding the platform were the officers of the order. The meeting began with prayer by Rev. C. O. Johnston, after which there was a musical programme, followed by the speeches.

The following officers were elected: Grand Worthy Patriarch, S. Holland, Aurora; Grand Worthy Associate, F. C. Ward, Toronto; Grand Scribe, J. M. Walton, Kettibay; Grand Treasurer, A. D. Weeks, Toronto; Grand Chaplain, J. George Miller, Greenbank; Grand Sentinel, S. E. Cox, Hull; Grand Conductor, C. Currie, Toronto; Superintendent of Young People's Work, Mrs. A. Peters, Hampton.

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