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DAIRY EXHIBIT.
hibition of Dairy Products at Laidner's, January 20 and 27.

Dairymen's Association of British Columbia will hold a Dairy Exhibition at Laidner's, January 20 and 27. The committee request the assistance of all who are interested in dairymen to make the exhibition a success. The annual meeting of the Association will be held at the time, and addresses will be given by dairy experts.

- LIST OF PRIZES.**
- 1. Best 20-lb. tub of creamery butter to creameries of the province, \$20; second prize, \$15; third prize, \$10.
 - 2. Best box of print butter (not less than 20 lbs. open creameries of Columbia), first prize \$15; second prize, \$10; third prize, \$5.

- Division 2—Dairy Butter.**
- 1. Best tub of dairy butter, 10 lbs. price, \$15; second prize, \$10; third prize, \$5.
 - 2. Best 10 lbs. fresh butter (prints), first prize, \$10; second prize, \$5; third prize, \$2.
 - 3. One lb. or more, fresh butter (prints), first prize, \$5; second prize, \$3; third prize, \$2.

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FREE ART CLASSES

The Canadian Royal Art Union Limited, of Montreal, Canada, offers free courses in art to those desiring same. The courses include drawing and painting from still life models and magazine work. These courses are free of charge, and application for admission may be made at any time.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application is made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in session thereat, by the Canadian Railway Company, for an act to amend the Statutes of the Province of British Columbia, in relation to the Canadian Railway Company, by striking out of said chapter section 40 thereof, or by amending the first line of the said section 40, and inserting the figures 1900 in lieu of the figures 1899 in the sixth line of said section.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I, Peter Hertz, of Port Eslington, British Columbia, have deposited with the Minister of Public Works and Colonization, at the site of a wharf proposed to be constructed by me in the Skeena River, opposite to the site of the wharf (commonly called Eslington), in the said province, a plan of the said wharf, and a copy of the same, and that I have applied to the Governor-in-Council for approval thereof.

Farm for Sale—Cheap

ABOUT HALF VALUE OR LESS—150 acres on the Koksilah river, three miles from Cowichan station, B. C. N. 1777. Acres enclosed, 50 acres pasture, 100 acres grass, cleared, 200 acres orchard, 200 acres fence; government road, fishing, etc. Go to be sold, \$10,000. Leave for Scotland, address, D. H. Cowichan Station, Province of British Columbia. Come and see this property tell your price, etc.

THE SAVED SIX

Brave Baker's Assistant Rescues From an Awful Death His Mother and Five Children.
Himself So Badly Burned That He Now Lies in a New York Hospital at Death's Door.

New York, Dec. 27.—Joseph Brady, aged 16, is in Flower hospital in a critical condition, after having saved six lives from death by fire. His father, Louis Brady, was in his home at 37 East 99th street at work early this morning, when a fire broke out in his mother's kitchen. The children, who were with him, fled to the street. He carried the children one by one and dropped them through the window, which was broken by the falling of a window pane. He was then hit through the smoke and flames one more, perhaps not sure that all were out. Then he turned to retreat, but the flames were about to consume him. Rushing through the front of the house he reached the plate glass door that opened upon the stairs which led to the street. The door was locked, and he smashed it with his fist. The jagged glass tore his wrist and blood spouted out from the severed artery. What he did next he himself is almost helpless from his exertions and loss of blood. The police had arrived by this time, and Joseph was hurried to the hospital. He may recover.

A DUEL CAUSES WEAKNESS.

New York, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to the Herald from Paris says: "The duel with swords between Max Regis, mayor of Algiers, and M. Lepic, defeated himself with energy. Six rounds were fought and then the two combatants were brought out; that the duel had to be played out."

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FAMOUS FRENCH CASE SETTLED

New York, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to the Herald from Paris says: "The case of the criminal charge of having wounded M. Olivier, of La Leterne, but condemned to pay \$15,000 damages on a charge of material injury received by M. Olivier. Mme. Paulmier touched the audience deeply by her impassioned reference to the law into her own hands when the abominable article appeared in La Leterne reflecting on the honor of the French Republic. Turcet, he took all the responsibility for the consequences of his defamatory article on himself, and that he was willing to forget his remorse by means of a long expiring voyage."

COVILLE INDIAN RESERVATION.

Spokane, Dec. 27.—Indian Agent Anderson is trying to allot the lands on several Indian reservations peopled by 100 Indians, but not without resistance. The reservation is in the name of the allotments unless the government pays them for the lands. There are 1,500 acres on the reservation, and the Indians have no title to it. The government proposes to allot eighty acres to each Indian, giving them nothing more. The Indians demand that they be paid about \$1,000,000, claiming this under the report of a commission made many years ago. Two chiefs will be taken to Washington to see the president. Under the treaty provisions a number of thriving mining towns, among them Republic, where is located the famous Republic mine.

TWO NEW STEEL PLANTS.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The Record says: Two new steel plants, one in South Chicago, to manufacture steel shells and projectiles by a new process, the other at Kensington, for the production of patent hollow steel car axles, will shortly be built by a syndicate of Europeans represented by Carl and Adolph Mannesman, in conjunction with the Federal Steel Co., of South Chicago, and the Pullman Co., of Kensington. It is announced positively that arrangements between the Mannesmans and backed by four strong concerns in Europe, one of which is Berlin, another in Swansea, Wales, one in Austria, one in Italy, and the Federal Steel Co., which, with the Illinois Steel Co., is a prime factor, have been perfected, and that a tract of land has been purchased in South Chicago, where the two concerns will unite on a gigantic scale to produce armor plates and shells under a secret process of the Mannesmans. It is announced also that three million dollars worth of profits for the federal government will be manufactured by Mannesman and the Federal Steel Co. jointly.

FRUITLESS SEARCH FOR ANDRE.

Stockholm, Dec. 27.—The expedition that was sent out by the Swedish government in search of Andre, the Arctic explorer, who attempted to reach the North Pole in a balloon, and who has not since been reliably heard from, has returned from northern Siberia, where no trace was seen in fruitless efforts to learn the late of Andre and his two companions.

BRITISH COASTS STORM-SWEPT.

London, Dec. 27.—A fierce gale is blowing over the British coast today. The cross channel services have been interrupted and several wrecks have been reported.

THE TROUBLED PHILIPPINES

Tagalog Insurgents in Possession of Calbayog Since Dec. 11.

Manila, Dec. 27.—A steamer which has arrived here from Samar reports that the Tagalog insurgents have been in possession of Calbayog since December 11. Business there is said to be entirely suspended, and all the Spaniards of the vicinity have sought refuge in the homes of a man named Scott, an American. The insurgents threatened to attack the refuge, but refrained from doing so because it was reported that American soldiers were on their way there. One Spaniard, however, was shot and another was pluckily rescued by Scott, who rode fifteen miles and demanded the man's release in the face of an armed mob of Tagalogs, who have been looting the Visayan stores and houses, the leaders of the insurgents being unable to control them. All the efforts made to induce the Visayanos to join the revolution have been fruitless. The situation here, as far as the insurgents are concerned, is serious. The selection of a new cabinet has been entrusted to a Filipino named Mahab, a rampant irreconcilable of unknown antecedents, and bitter opponent of Aguinaldo, especially on the question of the Spanish prisoners.

THREED MAKERS' COMBINE.

The Clark and Coates Concerns Get Together in a Big Monopoly.

New York, Dec. 28.—The great thread manufacturing companies, which practically control the business of the country, are about to combine. The concerns are Geo. A. Clark & Bro., Newark, N. J.; Clark Mill and Spool Cotton Co., with factory in Newark, and the Coates Thread Co. with factory at Paterson. In a circular to the trade these three firms announce that after January first separate selling offices in New York will be abandoned and the business handled by the Spool Cotton Co., at 449 Broadway. The latter company has just been incorporated under the laws of New Jersey. All these concerns were originally English, and have still English connections, but the American business, it is said, is larger than that in the parent country. Their factories, here were established to avoid the heavy tariff on the product.

TROUBLE FEARED IN PARIS

Daily Preparations for a Coup d'Etat—Revolutionary Specialists Organize a Vigilance Committee.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The strike of the grocery employees here has suddenly collapsed. It is stated that many of the strikers obtained their demands.

OFFICERS OF HIGH RANK IN THE ARMY SAID TO DISAPPROVE OF SUCH A MOVE

London, Dec. 27.—Special dispatches from Paris say that in view of the daily preparations for a coup d'etat, the revolutionary specialists have organized a vigilance committee in each district charged with the observation and detection of the anti-republican movement. Counter-preparations are also being made.

AN EDITOR IN TROUBLE.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—The supreme court here today refused a writ of habeas corpus to Editor Warden of the Traveller, who was jailed for 30 days for contempt in commenting on the trial of Engineer Gutschell, who had been found guilty of having caused the railroad accident.

THREE CHILDREN DROWNED.

Phillipsburg, N. J., Dec. 27.—Grove, aged 12, Lacey, aged 8, and Pearl, 6 years of age, children of David Geary, a Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad engineer, were drowned in Morris canal at Fort Golden, near Washington, this county, yesterday afternoon. They fell in while playing on the ice.

ANGLO-FRENCH RELATIONS.

London, Dec. 27.—The Paris correspondent of the Chronicle telegraphs an interview had by him with Sir Charles Dilke, M.P. Sir Charles said when he was in Paris a few weeks ago he found an ominous headshaking respecting Anglo-French relations, but during the last three days he had been joyfully impressed by the change of attitude. He could not affirm there was no dangerous friction between the two governments.

"RUTH ASHMORE" DEAD.

New York, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Isabel Mallon, known to the reading public under the pen name of "Ruth Ashmore" and "Fay," died early this morning of pneumonia. She was one of the editors of the Ladies' Home Journal. Her career as a writer began sixteen years ago in Baltimore, and her early struggles to make a living for herself were full of disappointments.

TO PRISON FOR 19 YEARS.

New York, Dec. 27.—W. A. E. Moore, made notorious through the "Badger" case, in which the proprietor, Martin Mahon, of the New Amsterdam hotel, figured as the victim, was sentenced today to 19 years' imprisonment. He was convicted a week ago in Recorder Joffe's court, where the second trial of his wife for robbery in the same case will take place in January.

EAST ELGIN ELECTION PETITION

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Judges Osler and McMahon gave judgment this morning in the election protest in East Elgin, Ontario, Conservative, being the respondent. The petition was dismissed with costs. The court admitted that several cases of corruption were proven, but no agency. Several persons guilty of corruption will be reported.

BIG SHIPMENT OF OPIUM.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—The steamer Ohma, just arrived from the Orient, carried the largest consignment of opium ever entered at this port. The total weight of the opium is 27,000 pounds, and the duty amount to \$162,900.

FOUR OF FAMILIES DROWNED

Three Children Playing on Thin Ice Are Drowned and the Mother Dies in an Attempted Rescue.

Alexandria Bay, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Yesterday noon three of the children of Charles Hagerman were playing on the ice of the north shore of Wells island, in the St. Lawrence, when it broke and they all fell in and were drowned. A fourth child, who was on shore, just warned others, and ran to the house and notified her mother, Mrs. Hagerman, rushed to the scene, and in her endeavors to rescue the children broke through the ice and she, too, was drowned. The little girl on the shore attracted the attention of William Watson and Charles Kinney. Kinney dove to the bottom of the river and came up with one child on his back. While endeavoring to climb out on the ice the little boy slipped off his back and went to the bottom of the river. Kinney was then saved from a watery grave by means of a plank, which Watson procured near at hand.

Those drowned were: Josephine Hagerman, aged 3 years; Marsh, aged 3 years; Addie Bell, aged 10 years; Bertha German, aged 7 years. The family consisted of Charles Hagerman, wife and nine children.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Civil Service Employees Ask for Statutory Increase of Pay.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—W. F. King and W. W. Stambaugh, of the Marine and Fisheries department, and Mr. Doyan, of the inland revenue department, waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Fielding to ask that the statutory increases be granted members of the civil service. Sir Wilfrid Laurier gave no indication that this would be done, but promised to take the matter into consideration if the present act was to be amended or a new bill introduced.

A SUCCESSFUL STRIKE.

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RUSSIA'S FUTURE POLICY REGARDING THE ORIENT.

Situation May Be Determined by the Report.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—It has been announced that Grand Duke Cyril Vladimirovich, of Russia, first cousin of the Czar, who is a guest at the Palace hotel, having arrived from the Orient yesterday on the steamship Ohma, is on a tour around the world as a representative of the Czar in the interests of a general disarmament of the powers. This is not so. The Prince has been stationed in China during two years past, and is now en route home.

ROBT. BONNER'S SON DEAD.

New York, Dec. 27.—Andrew Albert Bonner, aged 17, eldest son of Robert Bonner, proprietor of the Grand Hotel, died at his home here today of pneumonia.

GEN. OTIS HAVING TROUBLE.

Washington, Dec. 27.—A long cablegram was received during the day from General Otis at Manila, describing the situation there. Its contents were not made public, but it is known that he mentions an outbreak, which gives negative encouragement to the officials, although it is apprehended that Gen. Otis is meeting with difficulty in securing the release of the Spanish prisoners which he was charged to effect.

LIPTON'S NEW YACHT.

London, Dec. 27.—Capt. Archie Hogarth, the former commander of the America's Cup challenger, Shamrock, has been appointed to command the America's Cup challenger, Shamrock. He says the design of the new yacht is perfect, and that she has been specially designed to meet American racing conditions.

MRS. SAUNDERS DEAD.

London, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Saunders, who was the wife of the British consul at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, died recently at Port-au-Prince.

ADMIRAL SAMPSON ILL.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Admiral Sampson is still confined to his room at the hotel by an attack of grippe. The attack is not severe.

TO EXPLORE THE NORTH.

A Tacoma Geographical Association Has Extensive Plans in View.

Tacoma, Dec. 28.—At the monthly meeting of the Alaska Geographical Society, held here last evening, President Arthur C. Jackson, of Seattle, announced that in correspondence between himself and Prof. Davidson, of the University of California, one of the foremost geographical workers of the coast, and president of the Geographical Society of the Pacific, a proposition had developed to enter Alaska with scientific expeditions, probably the coming summer.

The plan was outlined as to have representatives of the leading educational institutions of the coast to send professors, including geologists, zoologists and professors of forestry. One expedition was planned to penetrate the interior toward Kotzebue sound, from near Circle City, one to explore the Copper River region, and probably attempt to ascertain the height of Mt. Rainier, called the highest mountain in the west. Mr. Jackson said it would probably be most desirable to start for Kotzebue in time to get at the headwaters of the Yukon before it opens, and get down to Circle City as soon as possible. The matter of getting government aid or co-operation was also mentioned.

A RIOT IN HAVANA.

Cubans Shoot at Sleeping Spanish Soldiers From the Households—Civil Governor Takes Drastic Steps.

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SAGASTA IS SAD.

Spanish Premier's Deep Grief at Outcome of the Late War.

New York, Dec. 28.—A despatch to the World from the London Mail's Madrid correspondent is as follows: "Intimate friends of Senor Sagasta have supplied the following statement made by him a few days before his illness became serious: 'The time when the peace negotiations were in progress was a time of the greatest bitterness to me. Many a night I could not sleep, and many a day I could not eat, so great was my anxiety, so deep my fears that what has happened would happen. I know the Americans, and I guessed what they were going to do. As a rule a victorious nation makes generous concessions to the vanquished people in order to make their victory more humane and to honor their foe. From the United States we have now no generosity, but only levity and deceit, carried to the extreme of interpreting capriciously an important word in the text of the protocol, in order to violate the principle they had already agreed to. We have had to suffer all this to prevent greater evils. In Cuba our army thought themselves dishonored by accepting peace without having fought against their foe. Now all is ended, and we must look ahead to the future. Elements are not wanting for our regeneration, and our work will be seen in time. The lesson inflicted upon us has been hard, but it will be fruitful.'

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