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WHAT OF BRITAIN?

SIR WM. VERNON HARCOURT'S PERTINENT QUERY.

The London Standard's Reference to the Speeches by Sir Richard Cartwright and Mr. Charlton.

London, Dec. 12.—Sir William Vernon Harcourt asked a deputation from the steel works at Ebbw Vale yesterday if protection prevented dumping by Germany and the United States what guarantee had they that Canada and Australia would reciprocate along Mr. Chamberlain's lines? How were they to deal with the Canadian dumping of iron? Dumping could not be cured by retaliation. Referring to Mr. Sifton's speech in answer to Mr. Chamberlain's cry that Britain would lose the colonies without a preference he said nothing could be more destructive of a manly self-reliance than the insinuation that Canadians could be bribed to do their duty as citizens of the empire. Nothing could be fairer than Mr. Sifton's statement that it was Britain's duty to Canada a trade treaty would be considered as a matter of business. Mr. Chamberlain's proposed national tie was a tax upon 40,000,000 people for the benefit of Canada. There was no answer (from Mr. Chamberlain and his party) as to what Britain would get in return. In stead of a corn tax making the empire self-supporting, it would raise a fresh competitor against the British farmer. The position of the colonies was that they were willing to raise the tax against foreigners, but not to lower the taxation upon British goods.

The Standard, referring to the speeches of Sir Richard Cartwright and Mr. John Charlton, M. P., says: Mr. Chamberlain has assumed that the Imperial system can only be saved by drawing the links of trade closer. The answer he receives from representative Canadians is that the only advantage they anticipate from his proposal is better access to the markets of the United States.

Mr. A. Jones, M.P., speaking under the auspices of the Tramway Association yesterday, said that the Chamberlain Zollverein was untenable. In the case of Canada everything pointed to the United States and not Britain as her commercial associate.

Mr. Long, M.P., Glasgow, said that Canadian trade with Britain had about doubled under the new preferential system. It was an indication of the success of the preferential policy.

The Daily News, referring to Phillips Thompson's letter on the state of the Canadian labor market, says it is remarkable that such a sustained effort should be made to diminish the flow of emigration to a rich and growing country, and gives an extended reply to the letters by the Canadian Commissioner of Emigration.

BRIDGEMAN KILLED.

Collision on the C. P. R. Near Rat Portage.

Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—The freight accident on the C.P.R. west of Rat Portage yesterday occurred while a freight west-bound was standing on the west end of the Scott bridge. Here it was overtaken by a train from the engine 1,318, which smashed into the caboose. Several cars, including a dead engine, went over. All the trainmen escaped injury, but the bridge watchman, Wm. McPherson, was fatally wounded, and lived only a few moments after arriving at St. Joseph's Hospital, Rat Portage. Deceased was 35 years of age, and unmarried. His mother lives at Dryden.

THEY ARE GOING HOME.

Hundreds of Thousands Leave United States.

New York, Dec. 12.—Twelve hundred steerage passengers sailed from this port on the La Champagne, and 850 on the Lahn, making the total number returning to Europe during the ante-Christmas rush nearly 50,000.

The New York Herald of Wednesday said that up to Saturday last the number of immigrants who had returned to Europe during the year totalled 220,000, the majority Italians, out of arrivals aggregating 84,000. Inquiry among foreign banking houses showed that the most of those returning were fairly prosperous, and it was figured that they were taking with them about \$50,000,000. A number of steamship agents thought the rush was an indication of unsatisfactory conditions, so far as the demand for the class of labor represented by the steerage passengers was concerned, and that they would come back when times improved.

TEN HORSES BURNED.

A Montreal Carter's Heavy Loss—Other Fires.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—The stables, ten horses and teaming equipment of F. X. Vezina, master carter, at 23 Papineau road, were destroyed by fire yesterday. There was no insurance, and the owner says that he has lost the savings of a lifetime.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—There was a serious fire at Hawthorne, six miles from the city yesterday. The Orange Hall, a blacksmith shop and a dwelling house, were destroyed.

MANUFACTURERS' CHANCE.

Peru Will Admit Pieces Used in Machinery Construction Free.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 12.—The Peruvian Government has promulgated a law by which, after 120 days from date, boiler tubes, manometers, steel axles and all the principal pieces used in the construction of machinery will be admitted into Peru free of duty.

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Although the cheapest human hair in the European markets is the Chinese, there is a French imitation of it made of a kind of flax. As this turns green after awhile it needs frequent dyeing.

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Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana do not allow nonresidents to hunt. In Nevada, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Kansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Oklahoma and Indian Territory no license is required. The highest license is that of Wyoming, \$50; the lowest that of Washington, \$1.

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Economic Entomology.

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The Orchard.

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The United States' Action in Regard to Panama.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The birth of the Republic of Panama and its recognition by the United States Government was the subject of a spirited debate in the United States House of Representatives, Mr. Dinsmore (D., Ark.), during consideration of the pensions appropriations bill, severely criticized the Administration in connection with the canal, and Mr. Hitt (R., Ill.), Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, replied in a vigorous defence of the President and his Central American policy. Mr. Williams (Miss.), the minority leader, replied to Mr. Hitt, declaring that the minority did not condone the part taken by the United States Government in connection with the Panama affair. Mr. Hitt said there was nothing hasty or unique in the recognition of the new republic, as it occurred five days after the promulgation of the independence of the republic. He continued: "Now, it so happened in the course of human events, which we do not guide, but which it is believed by many, an all-wise Providence watches and directs, that in this case our duty in good faith under the treaty to keep that highway open fell in with and brought out a consequence which was grave to Colombia. She had invoked that interference before, but it so happened that always heretofore it resulted to her benefit. In this case, that which we have done we did for a motive; for the highest obligation of national faith. It was done sedulously and carefully, but it did result in making it very difficult for troops to come from Bogota. Our Government will not permit anybody on the line of that railway or the crossing of the isthmus who would disturb free transit, and it is because the two things coincide that men who do not look on the matter calmly and fairly will say that we did what we did to injure Bogota, when in fact we did it to keep good faith though it had injured Bogota."

HON. G. E. FOSTER RETURNS.

From His Campaign for Mr. Chamberlain.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—Hon. Mr. Foster returned yesterday from a two months' trip to England, where he had been addressing a series of meetings in support of Mr. Chamberlain's preferential policy. He was well pleased with his reception, which was due to the fact that he was a Canadian and that he had come to discuss a question of interest to the whole empire.

Mr. Foster said that he found public opinion in England much further advanced on the fiscal question than he had expected. This applied to all classes, though three-fourths of his audiences had been workingmen. The people seemed to have an intelligent grasp of the question, and picked up arguments on the—new question of protection with great celerity. He felt that now the colonies had spoken it was due to the electors of Great Britain to give an answer in either the affirmative or the negative on the question of an Imperial preference. He thought Mr. Chamberlain would carry with him the majority of the Unionist party and some from the Liberal party. He thought the rearrangement of parties would be like that in Canada in 1878.

He regretted that he was unable to speak to the Canadian Club on Monday, as he had agreed to address the Sir John Macdonald Club at Montreal on that day. Mr. Foster declined to say whether he would accept the nomination for the St. Antoine division of Montreal.

Oats a Safe Hen Food.

It is strange what fool theories men of good common sense will allow themselves to believe. Listen to this, which comes from one of our veterinary writers: "Oats in the hull will so injure and inflame the lining of the crop of the fowl as to cause death." As a theory, this is bad enough, but when we are told by some poultry editor that we must give up feeding oats because the practice is dangerous, then it becomes ridiculous. As a matter of fact, the hull of the oat is not of an inflammatory nature, and contains nothing that can possibly lead to an inflamed condition. Oats fed whole are not even irritating, as the hull is neither stiff nor sharp, and when moistened in the crop of the fowl becomes soft and pliable.

I have fed oats to hens and to growing chicks for years, and have never had one die from this cause. On the contrary, I believe oats to be not only a stimulating and energy-making food, but a very wholesome one as well. From my experience, which is by no means limited, I have come to believe that oats are one of the best egg-making foods we have; that they are productive of growth when fed to chicks, and that they go a great way toward keeping up the energy and health of the flock. The hull of the oat may not contain much nourishment, but it has some food value and is harmless.

Hens need some bulk to their food, and the oat hulls will keep the food from becoming too compact in the crop and digestive organs. There is no need to resort to the expense of feeding hulled or ground oats, as whole oats are better and cheaper.

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